

MINUTES

**SOUTHEAST MISSOURI
MINISTERS' CONFERENCE,
AUXILIARY CONFERENCE
AND
YEARLY MEETING
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

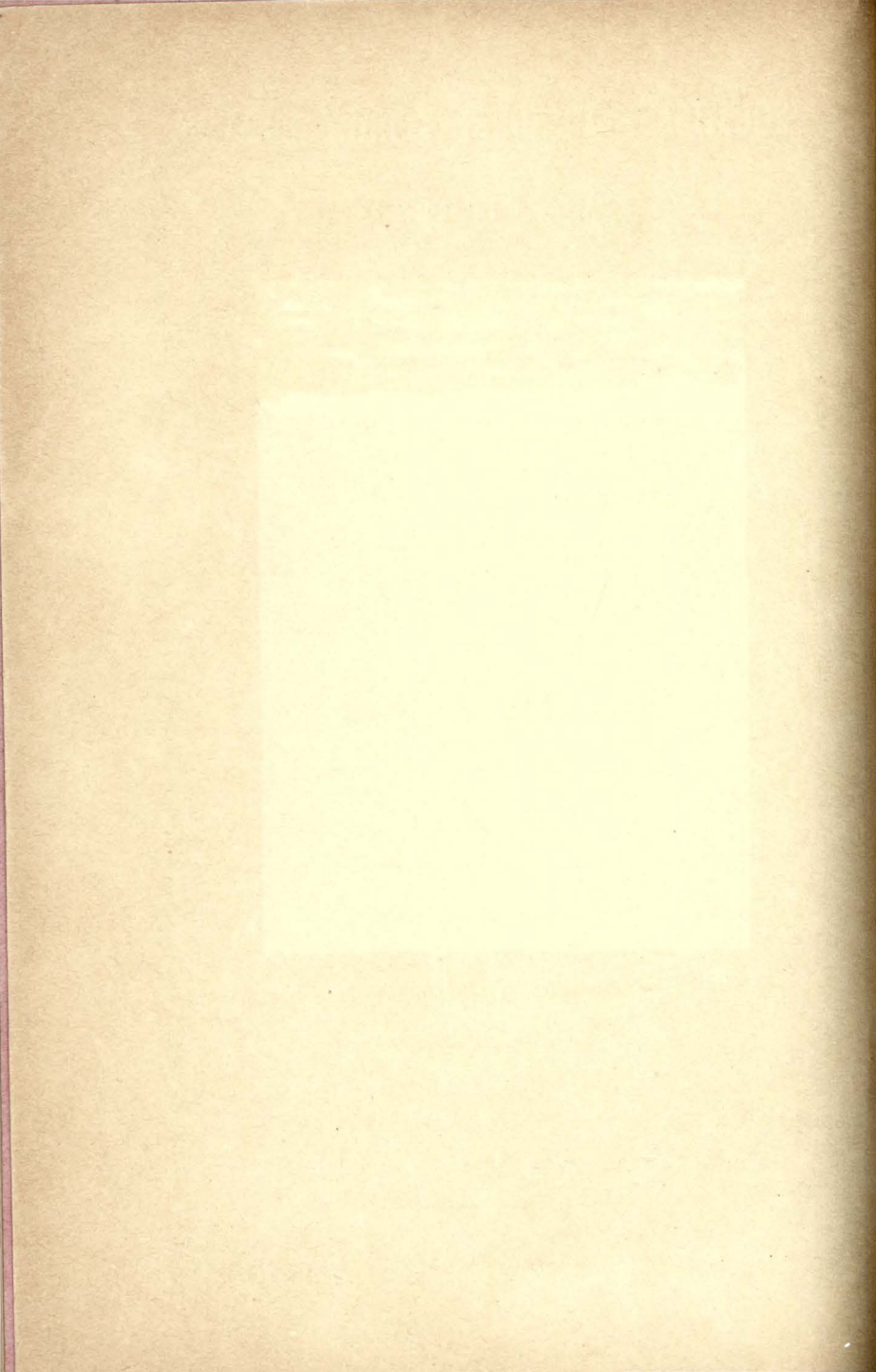
1951

**When Convened With
UNION LIGHT CHURCH
Near Patton, Missouri**

**The next Annual Session of this Association will
convene at the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church.**

**The Introductory Message to be by Rev. James
Barker, with Rev. Mark Lewis, Alternate.**

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM—MONETT, MO.



SOUTHEAST MISSOURI YEARLY MEETING

OFFICERS

Moderator	Rev. Harry Beatty Frédéricksburg, Missouri
Assistant	Rev. James Barker Esther, Missouri
Secretary-Treasurer	Rev. Albert Halbrook Mine La Motte, Missouri
Statistician	Rev. Albert Halbrook Mine La Motte, Missouri

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Woodrow Matthews	3 years
Rev. J. F. Miller	2 years
Rev. F. C. Zinn	1 year

* PROCEEDINGS *

The Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptists convened with the Union Light Church near Patton, Missouri, beginning on Wednesday evening, August 22, 1951, at 7:45 p. m. through August 24. Services called to order by the clerk who asked Rev. Mark Lewis to conduct the devotional part of this service. Sis. Eunice Miller led in prayer after which the welcome address was given by Bro. Clinton McCormack with response by Rev. Robert Hill. Bro. Lewis read for Scripture reading from Deut. 6. Special class singing by the Union Light Church led by Barney Davis. Songs sung were, "A Beautiful Prayer" and, "On and On We Walk Together," followed by prayer by Bro. Walter Pirtle. A quartette number "Rock of Ages" was rendered by Harvey, Edwin, Robert and William Hill.

Rev. Harry Beatty was presented as the messenger for the evening who read for his Scripture I Cor. 1:18-25 and then Rev. Truman Huffman led in prayer. The sub-

ject for the evening was "The Sufficiency of the Gospel and Its Power for these Perilous Times." After an instructive message the hymn, "Let Him In," was sung for an invitation to the unsaved. Benediction by Rev. J. F. Miller.

Thursday—9:30 A. M.

Called to order by Moderator, Rev. Harry Beatty. Devotional service conducted by Rev. William Hill with singing led by Rev. James Barker. Song sung No. 26, "I Am Thine O Lord" and No. 238, "We'll Work 'Till Jesus Comes." Scripture reading by Bro. William Hill from Romans 12:1, 2.

The moderator assumed charge of the service and after reading some selected Scripture asked for the adoption of the pre-arranged program which was granted. Rev. Eunice Edwards was appointed by the clerk as assistant clerk. The letters from St. Francois and Madison County Quarterly Meetings were read. Motion made and sustained to receive the letters and to seat the delegates.

A Pulpit Committee was appointed as follows: Bros. Frank David, Robert Sharp, and Avery DeWitt.

Election of officers: Moderator—Rev. Harry Beatty, Assistant Moderator—Rev. James Barker, Secretary—Treasurer—Rev. Albert Halbrook. Rev. Woodrow Matthews was elected as member of the Executive Board for a term of three years.

A Committee on Committee was appointed as follows: Revs. J. F. Miller, Mark Lewis and Lester Ferguson.

The Pulpit Committee reported that Rev. Robert Wilfong, missionary to Cuba, was to bring the 11:00 o'clock message.

While waiting on a report from Committee on Committees, the assistant moderator led in the singing of "Where the Soul Never Dies."

Statistician report read and accepted. Rev. Albert Halbrook elected as Statistician and that ten dollars be paid as a permanent honorarium to the Statistician.

Rev. Woodrow Matthews led in the singing of hymn No. 83, "Joy Unspeakable."

The report of the Committee on Committee was read and accepted.

Business suspended until 1:30 p. m.
Benediction by Rev. Harvey Hill.

11:00 A. M. Service

Devotions conducted by Rev. James Barker with singing of hymn "I Love To Tell The Story," and No. 238, "What a Friend We Have In Jesus." Prayer by Sis. Eunice Edwards followed by hymn, "Heaven Holds All To Me."

Rev. Robert Wilfong delivered the message of the hour reading for his Scripture lesson Gen. 26:17-22, and urged the people to be pioneers for God.

While singing "When We All Get to Heaven," the congregation shook hands with Bro. Wilfong. An offering of \$35.15 was placed on the altar to help send Bro. and Sis. Wilfong back to Cuba.

Benediction by Sis. Mildred Hilderbrand.

1:30 P. M.

The Woman's Auxiliary had charge of the afternoon service. After adjournment of the Woman's Auxiliary the moderator assumed charge and the business of the Yearly Meeting was resumed.

A written report of the Madison County Sunday School was read and accepted and verbal reports from the St. Francois County, Truimphant, and Castor Township Sunday School Conventions were read and accepted as information.

A partial report of the Business Committee was read and accepted to be discussed item by item.

On motion item No. 1, 2, and 3 were tabled until the following day and action taken on item No. 4. Item No. 4 adopted.

Motion made and sustained to suspend business and adjourn. Benediction by Rev. J. F. Miller.

Thursday Evening—7:45

The Thursday evening service was under the direction of the Woman's Auxiliary.

Item No. 4 was carried out and a standing vote of thanks was given to the Union Light Church and community for their splendid hospitality.

Friday—9:30 A. M.

Services called to order by moderator with singing of hymn No. 172, "Rock of Ages" and hymn No. 102, "Bles-

sed Assurance," led by Rev. Barker. Prayer by Rev. C. B. Dees followed by Scripture reading and comments from Luke 13:6-9 by Rev. Lester Ferguson.

The moderator took charge and called for the items of the partial report of the Business Committee that had been tabled. Item No. 1 adopted (see reports). Item No. 2 adopted (see reports). Item No. 3 adopted (see reports).

Motion made and sustained to receive the Woman's Auxiliary report as information to the body.

The report of the Temperance Committee was read and accepted to be adopted item by item. Item No. 1 adopted (see reports). Item No. 2 adopted (see reports). Item No. 3 adopted (see reports).

The report of the Denominational Enterprise was read and accepted to be discussed item by item. Item No. 1 adopted (see reports). Item No. 2, adopted (see reports). Item No. 3, adopted (see reports). Motion made that we refer the Nomination of the Commission as stated in Item No. 3 to the Denominational Enterprise and let that Committee nominate names for the Commission.

11:00 A. M. Service

Devotional conducted by Rev. Robert Wilfong. Songs sung No. 12, "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart," and No. 35, "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms". A duet number, "A Beautiful Prayer" was rendered by Rev. and Mrs. Robert Hill.

The message of the morning was delivered by Rev. Robert Hill. Text, Proverbs 22:28, "Remove not the ancient landmarks, which thy fathers have set." This was a very spiritual message.

While singing, "Footsteps of Jesus," a fellowship handshake was enjoyed. Benediction by Sis. Rose Sharp.

Friday Afternoon

Reconvened at 1:30 p. m. with singing led by Rev. Robert Wilfong. Songs sung No. 20, "He Keeps Me Singing." Scripture reading by moderator from Heb. 13:5-10. Prayer by Rev. Robert Wilfong.

Business was resumed with action on the items of the Denominational Enterprise report. Item No. 4, adopted. Motion made and sustained that this item be published in the Free Will Baptist Gem. Item No. 5, adopted.

Offering and pledges to the amount of \$59.18 was taken to purchase a refrigerator and stove for the Youth Encampment. Motion made and sustained that \$25.00 be given from the Yearly Meeting funds to help purchase the refrigerator and stove.

On motion the final report of the Business Committee was read and accepted to be discussed item by item. Item No. 5, adopted (see reports). Item No. 6, adopted (see reports). Item No. 7, adopted (see reports).

The reports of the Ordained Ministers were accepted. Motion made and sustained to adopt the report of the Credentials Committee.

The report of the Obituary Committee was read and accepted with prayer offered by Rev. John Long in humble submission to God's will in the passing of our departed fellow Christians.

The report of the Promotional Secretary and Treasurer of the Southeast Missouri Foreign Missionary Conference was recieved as information to the body.

The following were elected to comply with Item No. 3, of the Denominational Enterprise Committee: Rev. James Barker, Rev. Robert Hill, and Harold Baldwin.

On motion the report of the Nominating Committee was read and the delegates elected.

The letter from the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting to be sent to the State Meeting was read.

Motion made and sustained that we accept the invitation of the Fellowship Church to convene there next year for the Yearly Meeting.

Rev. James Barker was elected to preach the Introductory Message at the next Yearly Meeting with Rev. Mark Lewis as alternate.

A Yearly Meeting book which contained the registration of Ordained Ministers was brought to the attention of the body with a view that it be given future consideration.

Motion made and sustained that the Introductory Message of the Yearly Meeting be delivered on Thursday night of the same week of the Yearly Meeting and that we convene on Friday and Saturday.

The minutes of the Yearly Meeting was read and accepted and Treasurer's report also read and accepted.

Motion made and sustained that we adjourn. Benediction by Rev. Woodrow Matthews.

REPORTS

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

Committee on Committee:

Committee on Committee appointed as follows: Revs. Mark Lewis, J. F. Miller, Lester Ferguson. Motion carried to accept this Committ's report as follows: Business Committee—Revs. Harvey Hill, James Barker, Lester Ferguson, Woodrow Matthews, C. B. Dees.; Denominational Enterprise—Rev. Robert Wilfong, Rev. Robert Hill, Lucille Beatty; Credentials Committee—Clinton McCormack, Robert Sharp, Mildred Killian; Nominations Committee—Thelma Lewis, Rose Sharp, Norma Kennedy; Obituary Committee—Mildred Hilderbrand, Bertha Souden, Christina Halbrook; Temperance Committee—Rev. William Hill, Rev. John Long, Avery DeWitt.

Business Committee:

We, your Business Committee beg to submit the following:

1. We recommend that due to the neglectfulness of the pastors and churches of our F. W. B. in the observance of the doctrines as outlined in our F.W. B. treatise, especially Communion and Feet Washing, that these practices be adhered to more strictly.

2. We recommend that the Minister's Certificate of Standing be made the size and type of the Minister Conference card.

3. We recommend that article No. 3 of the Constitution be revised as follows:

The letters from the Quarterly Meetings are read and the delegates seated. All ordained ministers and their companions and licensed ministers who are in good standing and full fellowship with some church in the Yearly Meeting, together with ordained deacons, church clerks, and church treasurers, shall, by viture of their authority, be standing delegates in the Yearly Meeting.

4. We recommend that a standing vote of thanks be given tonight to the people of the Union Light Church and community for their splendid hospitality during this session.

5. Since Rev. Bill Hill has been called to pastoral duties in the Cave Spring Association, we recommend

he be given a letter of dismissal and commendation from this association to the Cave Spring association.

6. We recommend that each ordained minister must meet the following standard to obtain their certificate of standing. They must preach 12 sermons per year unless physically handicapped or in the service of our country.

7. We recommend that the Missionary Committee be recognized as a part of the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting for one year and be given a place on the program to report.

8. Be it resolved the officers of this Yearly Meeting be given a standing vote of thanks for their efficient service during this session. Signed: Rev. L. A. Ferguson, Rev. James Barker, Rev. Harvey E. Hill, Rev. C. B. Dees, Rev. Woodrow Matthews.

Temperance Committee:

We, your Temperance Committee wish to recommend or submit the following.

Item 1. We recommend that our people be temperate in dress as becometh saints of God, that we might be a living example to the world. Titus 2:1-4.

Item 2. We recommend that before spending money for pleasure let us think of the need for our Bible College, Foreign Missions and our local churches.

Item 3. We recommend that we as Free Will Baptists abstain from all worldly amusements. Signed: Rev. William J. Hill, Rev. John Long, Bro. Avery DeWitt.

Denominational Enterprise:

We, your Committee on Denominational Enterprises recommend the following:

Item 1. That each Sunday School Convention sponsor a Teacher Training Institute.

Item 2. That each Free Will Baptist League sponsor an extension program to organize Leagues in their district.

Item 3. That a commission of three be elected for one (1) year to investigate the possibilities of organizing Free Will Baptist churches and work in conjunction with the Home Mission Boards of the Quarterly Meetings. The Commission appointed was composed of the following: Rev. James Barker, Bro. Harold Baldwin, and Rev. Robert Hill.

Item 4. That this Yearly Meeting go on record as

favoring the establishment of National Headquarters with offices in Nashville, Tennessee and with nationally owned, controlled and operated press.

Item 5. That this Yearly Meeting buy a gas stove and refrigerator for the Missouri State Youth Camp and the Executive Board of this Yearly Meeting have the responsibility of purchasing these items. Signed Rev. Robert Wilfong, Rev. Robert C. Hill, Lucille Beatty.

Obituary Committee:

We, your Committee on Obituary, beg leave to submit the following. Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom has called from our midst our dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, be it resolved that we bow our heads in humble submission to His will. Deceased are as follows: Mrs. William Schnurr, Mr. William White, Mrs. Ida Manley, Mrs. Emma Wilfong, Mr. George Hamblen, Mrs. Ollie Reeder, Mr. O. B. Womack, Mrs. Florence Brooks, Mrs. Laura Moore, Mr. Henry Rehkop, Mr. Wiley Coffey. Signed: Mrs. Hilderbrand, Mrs. Bertha Souden, Mrs. Christina Halbrook.

Nominating Committee:

We recommend the following names for delegates to the State Meeting and in case they can't go please place some one else. Mr. and Mrs. Frank David, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Pinkston, Sis. Mildred Hilderbrand, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Schaffer, Mr. and Mrs. Beabout, Marie Sherill, Mary Regh, Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt, Mr. and Mrs. John Vick, Norma Kennedy, Christine Freyman, Hazel Scott, Gussie Hamblen, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hesselymeyer, Ada Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Matthews, Alice Stevens, Edith McCormack, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Templeton, Mr. and Mrs. William Pirtle. Signed: Thelma Lewis, Rose Sharp, Norma Kennedy.

Credentials Committee:

Having carefully considered these reports, we, your Committee on Credentials, beg leave to submit the following report and recommendation: Having examined each minister's report separately, we recommend that Ministerial Cards of Standing for one year be granted the following ministers: Revs. F. C. Zinn, O. D. Matthews, William J. Hill, Albert Tucker, Albert Halbrook, Harvey Hill, Lester Ferguson, Robert Wilfong, B. R. Scott, James Miller, John Long, Eunice Edwards, Loy Smith, S. A.

Hand, George Hibbitts, Woodrow Matthews, James Barker, Harry Beatty, Robert C. Hill, C. B. Dees, Roger Reeds, Mark Lewis. Signed: Robert Sharp, Mildred Killian, H. Clinton McCormack.

Divine Service Committee:

Robert Sharp, Avery DeWitt, Frank David.

CONSTITUTION

This organization shall be known as The Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptists and shall be composed of the St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting and the Madison County Quarterly Meeting.

Article I

When the delegated body shall meet in regular annual session for the transaction of business, the Moderator, or in his absence, the assistant Moderator, shall call the meeting to order and invite all to take part in congregational singing.

After a sufficient number of hymns, the Moderator shall read, or have read, some suitable Scripture, then prayer shall be offered.

-Article II

Five or more delegates from one or more churches of each Quarterly Meeting comprising this Yearly Meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. However, a lesser number may adjourn from time to time.

Article III

The letters from the Quarterly Meetings are read and the delegates seated. All ordained ministers and their companions and licensed ministers who are in good standing and full fellowship with some church in the Yearly Meeting, together with ordained deacons, church clerks, and church treasurers, shall, by virtue of their authority, be standing delegates in this Yearly Meeting.

Article IV

When all delegates, both elected and standing, have been seated, the body will then proceed to elect officers as required by rule number one governing the organization. All officers elected shall be instructed in the duties of the offices to which they have been elected. The in-

STATISTICAL REPORT OF CHURCHES OF SOUTHEAST MISSOURI YEARLY MEET

- From July 1, 1950 to July 1, 1951 -

Legend: "" is good; "!" is fair.*

	Southside	Berkeley City.	St. Louis 3rd.	Richwoods ...	Fellowship ...
State of religion	*	*	*	*	*
Membership July 1, 1950	136	75	149	18	134
M'brs. rec'd. July 1, 50 - July 1, 51	38	29	4	18	27
Number baptized	14	17	2	12	9
Number dismissed by letter	4	2	1		2
Number excluded					
Number deceased					4
Resident members	149	73		30	155
Non-resident members	21	28	17	6	
Total membership July 1, 1951	170	100	149	36	155
Number of tithers	41	24		8	40
Condition of prayer meeting	*	*	*	*	*
Condition of League	*	*	*	*	*
League membership	95	62	33	33	68
Condition of Home Mission	*	*	*		*
Home Mission membership	21	19	13		24
Condition of Sunday School	*	*	*	*	*
Number of pupils enrolled	140	120	172	53	160
Number of officers	4	4	5	4	8
Number of teachers	8	8	10	4	9
Number of ordained ministers	3	2	1	1	2
Number of licensed ministers	3		1		
Number of ordained deacons	4	5	5	2	7
Amount paid pastor	3,019	1,732.50	3,020	531	3,180
Amount for evangelistic work	288.10	428.00	350.00	204.25	462.79
Amount for building & repairs	1,073.93	1,030.45	6,916	80.49	4,089.33
Amount for incidentals	1,459.96	393.98	3,559.43	331.64	3,729.41
Value of church property	8,800	6,500	18,500	1,200	50,000
Amount for foreign missions	108.08	137.48	222.39	40.95	1,800
Amount for home missions	135.00	42.50	62.17	20.00	73.14
Amount for missions					
Amount for education	15.00	22.00	60.00	17.48	78.80
Amount for superannuation					
Amount for public'n (S.S. lit., etc)	221.10	89.00	141.13	58.64	788.96
Amount for unified fund	263.43		168.47		
Amount for youth encampment ...	130.00			45.00	
Amount for orphanage			42.00		
Amount for state entertainment ..	20.00				
Amount for minutes	34.00	8.00	5.00	4.00	

DeLose	Leadington ..	Ausbury	Fredericktown	Copper Mine .	Mill Creek ...	Mine LaMotte.	Twin Oak ...	Union Light .	Old Bethel ...	Marble Hill ..	Total
54	42	96	378	71	73	135	57	27	19	16	1,668
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	2	4	5	21	8		1				108
1			12								25
2								1			3
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43	42	87	275	86	80	63	43	20	17	10	1,369
11	4	13	97	7	4	71	16	7	2	8	320
54	46	100	372	93	84	134	59	27	19	18	1,820
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9		19	16								136
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3	3	3	8	8	3	3	5	5	3	2	85
7	6	7	9	7	5	4	3	9	4	3	114
2	1	1	6	1	2	2	1	1			29
			1	1		1					10
3	2	3	5	3	3	3	1	2	1		54
30	1,015	1,235	2,760	820.75	780	1,040	240	364.10	76.45	588	25,735.15
	90.18	120.00	425.00	219.23	120.00	132.89	81.37	160.74	92.25	286.61	3,761.78
10		117.46	1,200	244.88	25.00	77.98	191.00		10.00	368.31	16,943.51
16	27.99	458.46	850.00		254.00	81.53	9.00		5.60	68.14	13,466.94
0	1,800	3,500	20,000	6,500	1,000	1,800	1,000	10,000	700	2,500	165,300
0	198.67	158.37	400.00	59.15	111.00	29.31	15.00	109.30			4,281.07
4	13.91	90.00	75.00			26.20				10.29	1,005.87
			222.46						16.18		248.64
0	13.76	182.50	85.00			13.77					603.71
		23.75									23.75
6	43.18	76.81	280.00	57.37	109.50	23.07	17.52	111.16	22.00	18.13	2,348.06
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	12.00	2.00	2.00	16.00	8.00	11.00	2.00	4.00		4.00	122.00

struction to be given by the Moderator, or someone qualified to do so.

Article V

The Moderator elected shall at once take charge of the meeting and shall, when present, preside over all meetings. In the absence of the Moderator, the assistant Moderator shall preside over the meeting.

Article VI

The Moderator shall appoint all committees unless otherwise ruled by the Body.

Article VII

The Moderator shall have the privilege to solicit the help of any minister or delegate present in appointing committees.

Article VIII

After the organization has been completed, corresponding messengers and visiting brethren from other religious bodies are invited to a seat in council. Should there be letters of greetings or reports from other bodies they may at this time be read.

Article IX

All items of business coming to this Yearly Meeting, except routine business, must come through the Business Committee or a Committee appointed for that special purpose.

Article X

Before any question can properly be discussed by the delegated body, it must be before the body by a motion properly sustained. All questions are settled by a majority vote of the delegates present. When a question is properly before the body, any regular delegate has a right to speak on the subject. No person shall be allowed to speak more than five (5) minutes on any subject at one time, and not more than twice on the same subject without special permission from the Moderator.

Article XI

The Moderator shall have power to stop all discussions that are leading to confusion.

Article XII

All ordained ministers who are members of this South-

east Missouri Yearly Meeting are required to submit in writing a full and complete report of their ministerial activities to this body while in annual session. These reports shall be examined by a Committee on Credentials and submitted to the body for approval. Failure to make said report forfeits their rights to a Certificate of Ministerial Standing.

Article XIII

Official papers of this Yearly Meeting must be signed by the Moderator of the Yearly Meeting and the Secretary.

Article XIV

Each Quarterly Meeting belonging to the Yearly Meeting shall be entitled to two (2) delegates for the organization and two (2) delegates for each one hundred (100) members or major fraction thereof belonging to the said Quarterly Meeting.

Article XV

Any person who is a delegate to this Yearly Meeting, wishing to speak on any subject properly before the Body, shall arise and address the chair, by saying, "Brother Moderator" or "Brother Chairman" and shall speak no farther until they have been recognized by the Moderator.

Article XVI

This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds majority vote, provided that one day's previous notice of proposed change or amendment has been given.

BY-LAWS ADOPTED FOR THE BODY

Known As

The Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting of the Free Will Baptist Church, and at the present date, composed of the Madison County Quarterly Meeting and St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting of the Free Will Baptist denomination.

No. 1. Governing the organization. The officers of this Yearly Meeting shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Secretary, and Treasurer. There shall also be an Executive Board of three or more members who are

actively engaged in work of the Free Will Baptist Church in Southeast Missouri.

No. 2. The Moderator and Assistant Moderator shall be elected annually and shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified.

No. 3. Choice of these officers shall be made by nomination and by legal vote. In case where there is but one nominee the officer shall be elected by acclamation.

No. 4. The Moderator and Assistant Moderator shall not be elected jointly, but shall be elected separately by nomination and by legal vote.

No. 5. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by nomination and by legal vote as the Moderator and Assistant Moderator. He or she will hold the office for one year, and be paid a salary agreed upon by him or her and the body. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be the same person. It shall be the duty of said officer to keep an accurate record of the proceedings in a book or books furnished him or her by the body. The said officer agrees faithful to discharge all the duties of the office willingly in the interest of the cause of the Free Will Baptists everywhere.

No. 6. The Executive Board shall be elected as other officers but shall serve a term of three years; terms to expire alternately. It shall be the duty of said board between sessions of the Yearly Meeting to be in charge of the work in a general way. They shall act as an advising body for each local body composing this Yearly Meeting. They shall at all times have at heart the cause of Christ and the Free Will Baptist denomination and in all cases act without partiality or respect of persons.

They agree to discharge their duty or duties faithfully, to work according to the leadership of the Holy Spirit and the usages of the Yearly Meeting that they are to serve. Should money or any other property of the Yearly Meeting be entrusted to them they shall handle, hold, convey, and convey said property with the greatest possible care, and will be able at all times to give a full and complete report of all property to the proper authorities.

No. 7. These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds majority vote, provided that one day's previous notice of proposed change or amendment has been given.

PROCEEDINGS

Of The MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The Southeast/Missouri Ministers' Conference met in its Eleventh Annual Session, Augst 21, 22, 1951, at the Union Light Church, near Patton, Missouri.

Tuesday Evening—7:45 P. M.

Services were called to order by the President, Rev. Harvey Hill, with congregational singing led by Bro. Barney Davis. Songs sung were No. 35, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," and No. 61, "Sunshine in the Soul." Prayer by Rev. J. F. Miller followed by hymn No. 102, "Blessed Assurance."

Welcome address by Rev. C. B. Dees.

Response by Rev. Albert Halbrook.

Special number "A Manison Over the Hill Top," by Bro. and Sis. Dale Davis.

Rev. Woodrow Matthews led the congregation in "Amazing Grace," then proceeded to deliver the Introductory message for the Ministers' Conference announcing for his theme, "The churches' obligation to the pastors," with Scripture reading from Matt. 16; Eph. 5; and I Thess.

Following the announcements the congregation was dismissed by the shaking of hands.

Wednesday Morning—9:30

Services were called to order by the President, Harvey Hill with singing conducted by Rev. William Hill. Songs sung were No. 83, "Joy Unspeakable," and No. 16, "I Surrender All." Prayer by Rev. C. B. Dees.

The President then asked that the Secretary-Treasurer read the Constitution and By-Laws.

Motion made and sustained that Bros. Mark Lewis, C. B. Dees, Robert Wilfong, Don Hill and John Purdom be accepted as members.

The minutes of the preceeding Ministers' Conference was read and approved followed by roll call of members. Thirteen members were present.

The president called for the election of officers and after prayer by Rev. J. F. Miller the members of the conference proceeded to elect.

Election of Officers as follows:

President, Rev. Harvey Hill; Vice President, Rev. Harry Beatty; Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. Albert Halbrook.

The following members were appointed as Business Committee: Rev. Harry Beatty, Rev. C. B. Dees and James Barker.

Business suspended until called of the chair. Benediction by Rev. Robert Wilfong.

11:00 A. M. Service:

Service opened by Rev. Robert Wilfong conducting the singing. Songs sung were No. 12, "Since Jesus Came into My Heart," followed by prayer by Rev. William Hill. Hymn No. 20, "He Keeps Me Singing" was sung followed by Scripture reading from Phil. 3:1-14, by Rev. Wilfong. Prayer by Rev. Albert Tucker followed by hymn No. 22, "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus." Rev. Mark Lewis took the stand to deliver the message of the morning announcing for his subject, "The marks of a true minister," with Scripture reading from II Tim. 2:1-7. Benediction by Rev. Woodrow Matthews.

1:30 P. M.

Services called to order by the President. Prayer by Rev. John Long.

Rev. J. F. Miller led in discussion on "Pastoral problems," after which business was resumed. The recommendations of the Business Committee was read and accepted and adopted item by item.

Item No. 1. Since Rev. William Hill has been called to pastoral duties in the Cave-Spring Association, we recommend he be granted a letter of dismissal and commendation from this Ministers' Conference.

Item No. 2. We recommend that Section No. 4 of the By-Laws titled "Meeting" be changed to read as follows: This Ministers' Conference shall meet in its semi-annual meeting on Saturday before the third Sunday in November and its Annual meetings on Saturday before the third Sunday in May.

Item No. 3. We recommend that the Ministers' Conference pay its proportionate part of the printing of the semi-annual and the annual meetings along with the Yearly Meeting.

Item No. 4. We recommend a standing vote of thanks be given the officers for this session and the people of Union Light for their hospitality during this session.

After the adoption of these items motion was made and sustained that we accept an invitation from the Southside Church to convene with them in November for the Semi-Annual Meeting.

Motion made and sustained to accept the Treasurer's report. Balance in treasury \$30.02.

Motion made and sustained to adjourn. Benediction by Rev. William Hill.

President, Rev. Harvey Hill
Sec'y-Treas., Rev. Albert Halbrook

PROCEEDINGS

Of The

WOMAN'S DISTRICT AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Woman's District Auxiliary Convention met in its Third Annual Session on August 23, 1951 with the Union Light Church. Theme for the Convention: "That His way may be known upon the earth."

Thursday Afternoon

The regular session of the convention was called to order by the president.

Sis. Gussie Hamblin led the congregation in singing, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms."

Devotional thoughts from Psalms 67 were given by Mrs. Georgia Hill. Prayer by Sis. Eunice Miller.

Special numbers, "When I've Gone the Last Mile," by Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Miller and a reading, "The Preachers' Wife," by Sis Hazel Scott.

Inspirational topics were presented as follows, "Giving ourselves to prayer," Sis. Christine Fryman. "Denying ourselves," Sis. Eunice Edwards; "How we as women can reach the unsaved," by Sis. Alice Stephens.

The convention officers sang "Jesus Call Us," and a declamation was given by Annette Cox.

Business session. Minutes of previous session approved as read. Committees appointed as follows: Business—Eunice Edwards, Hazel Scott, Elizabeth Hesselmeier. Obituary—Gussie Hamblin, Christine Fryman, Virgilene Ragsdale. Nominating—Mary Regh, Bertha Souden, Eunice Miller. Committee for program for 1952 session—Eunice Miller, Thelma Lewis, Hazel Scott.

Reading of treasurer's report accepted by vote. Reading of statistical report approved as read.

Nominating committees report for delegates to the State Convention accepted as follows: Mable David, Virgilene Ragsdale, Hazel Scott, Sylvia Hill, and Mary Regh. Action on Business Committee report as follows: Motion made and sustained to adopt items 1, 2, 3 and 4. One item tabled. Motion carried to adopt the report of the Obituary Committee and that congregation stand in a moment of silent prayer in humble submission to God's will.

Sis. Lucille Beatty elected as president for the coming year. Motion made and sustained that the remaining present officers be retained for the coming year. They are 1st vice, Genell Scott, 2nd vice, Elizabeth Hesselmeier, 3rd vice, Eunice Edwards, 4th vice, Hazel Scott, 5th vice, Lee DeWitt, Sec'y-Treas., Georgia Hill, Corres. Sec. Erma Lee Hogan.

Adjournment of afternoon session.

Thursday Evening

Call to order. Congregational singing of "Standing on the Promises," and "What A Gathering." Devotional was given by Sis. Beatty using 1st Corinthians 3:1-11. Prayer by Rev. J. F. Miller.

Special quartet singing, "Oh What A Saviour," and "Hide Me Rock of Ages," by Revs. Bob and Bill Hill, Edwin Hill, and Howard Kennedy. Sis. Beatty introduced the speaker for the evening, Rev. Harvey Hill using Psalms 67:2, as his text, "That thy ways may be known upon earth." At the close of the message, the congregation sang "Victory in Jesus."

Presentation of playlet, "Betty's House Party," by the Fredericktown Go-Tell Auxiliary.

Benediction by Rev. Woodrow Matthews.

Mrs. Georgia Hill, Sec'y-Treas.



