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Yearly Meeting

Of

Southeast Missouri

Free Will Baptist

1953

When Convened With
SOUTHSIDE CHURCH

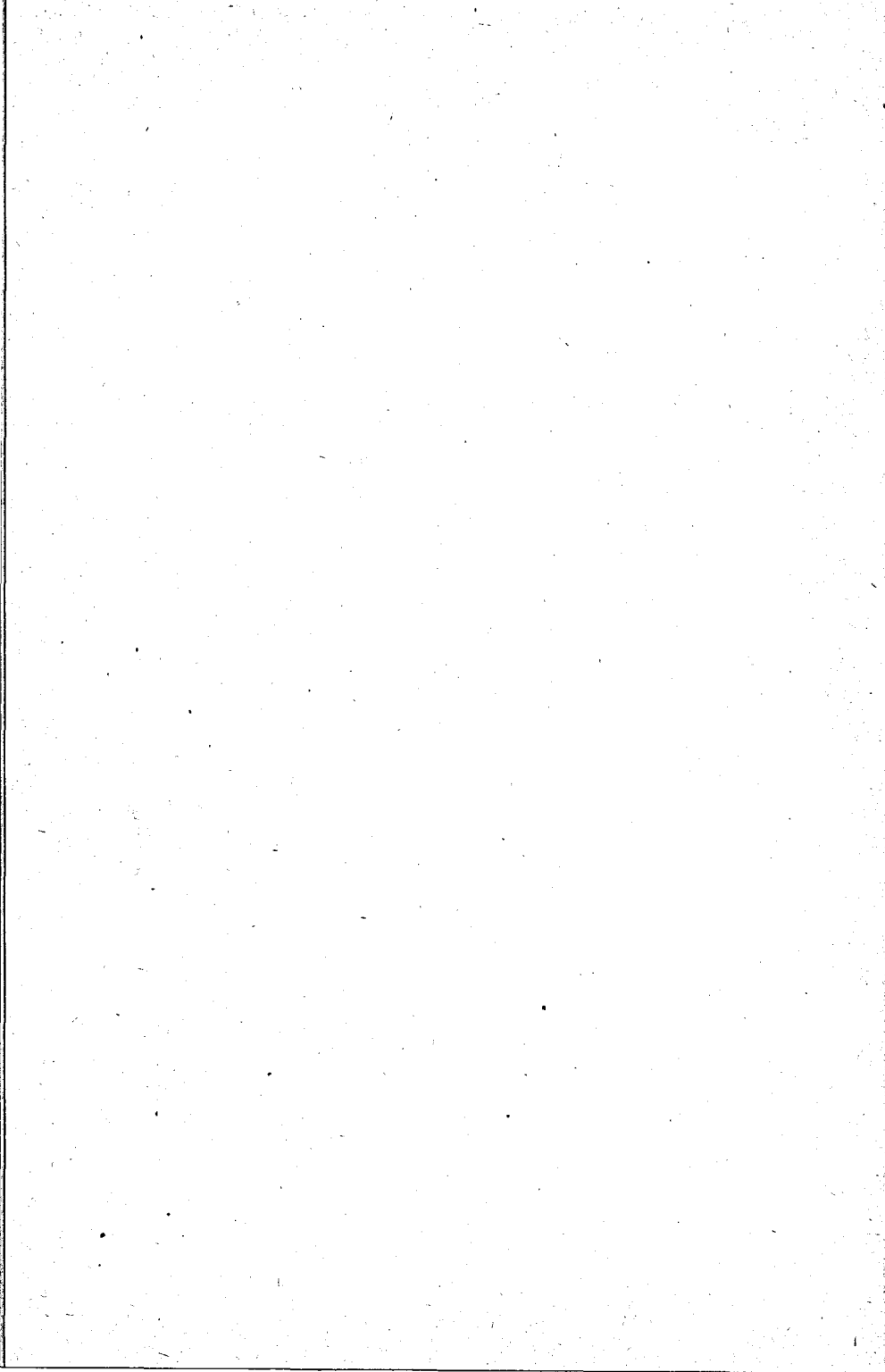
St. Louis, Missouri

Rev. James Franklin, Host Pastor

The 1954 Session of Yearly Meeting to convene
with Mill Creek Church, Mill Creek, Missouri —

August 5-6, 1954





Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting

OFFICERS

Moderator	Rev. James Barker
	St. Louis, Mo.
Assistant	Rev. Woodrow Matthews
	Mine La Motte, Mo.
Secretary-Treasurer	Rev. Albert Halbrook
	Mine La Motte, Mo.
Statistician	Rev. Albert Halbrook
	Mine La Motte, Mo.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. James Franklin	3 Years
Rev. Rolla 'Smith	2 Years
Rev. Woodrow Matthews	1 Year

— PROCEEDINGS —

The 60th session of the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptist convened with the Southside Free Will Baptist Church, St. Louis, Missouri, August 20-22, 1953.

The Thursday evening service began at 7:30 p.m. with singing of Hymn No. 8, "I Am Thine O Lord" led by Rev. Dean Burpo, and the devotional by Rev. Robert Hill. After the hymn the Clerk formally called the house to order and presented the Assistant Moderator Rev. James Barker, who presided in the absence of the Moderator, Rev. Harry Beatty.

The welcome address was given by the host pastor, Rev. James Franklin with response by Avery DeWitt.

A temporary pulpit committee was chosen by the moderator as follows: Bro. Leeman Underwood, Bro. Howard Kennedy, and Bro. Avery DeWitt. This committee chose Rev. James Franklin to deliver the 11:00 o'clock message on Friday.

Hymn No. 20 "He Keeps Me Singing" was sung followed by Scripture reading with comments from Luke 12:6 by Rev. Robert Hill. The congregation sang Hymn No. 15 "Revive Us Again" followed by special number titled "It's Real" by the Swan Sisters. The Moderator presented Rev. Woodrow Matthews who delivered the introductory message. The text was Exodus 14:5 with subject "Go Forward". After the message Hymn No. 111 "I Want To Be A Worker" was sung by the

congregation. After announcements the benediction was offered by Rev. Don Ellis.

Friday — 9:30 A.M.

Services called to order by Moderator with Rev. Dean Burpo conducting the singing. Hymn No. 48 "O I Want To See Him" was sung followed by prayer led by Rev. George Hibbitts. Hymn No. 35 "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" was sung. Scripture reading by Rev. Charles Moyer from Philippians 1:8-11.

The standing delegates were recognized by the Moderator. Rev. Eunice Edwards was appointed as Assistant Clerk. The letters from the Madison County and St. Francois County Quarterly Meetings were read, and absentee delegates replaced by appointments. Motion made and sustained to receive the letters and seat the delegates. Rev. and Mrs. Hiram McAdams were recognized as visiting ministers.

Motion made and sustained that W. T. Newsome be received as a member of the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Moderator, Rev. James Barker, Assistant Moderator, Rev. Woodrow Matthews; Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. Albert Halbrook and Statistician, Rev. Albert Halbrook.

The Constitution and By-Laws of the Yearly Meeting were read by the Moderator.

While waiting for the report of the Executive Board Hymn No. 126, "When We All Get To Heaven," was sung.

Report of the Executive Board was read including letters of resignation from Rev. Harvey Hill and Rev. Benjamin Scott both who were Board Members. The report of the Executive Board was received by motion. Motion to receive the resignation of Rev. Harvey Hill and Rev. Benjamin Scott who have left the Bounds of the Yearly Meeting to accept pastorates in other states. Rev. John Long led in prayer for their success in their new work.

The following were elected as members of the Executive Board: Rev. James Franklin for 3 years, whose term expires in 1956 and Rev. Rolla Smith for 2 years whose term expires in 1955.

Sis. Lizzie McAdams delivered the charge and offered prayer in behalf of the elected officers.

The Moderator appointed a Committee on Committee as follows: Rev. Leslie Logsdon, Rev. John Long, and Deacon R. L. Sharp. The Business Committee was as follows: Rev. Rolla

Smith, Rev. Willard Darnell. Rev. Woodrow Matthews, Rev. W. T. Newsome and Rev. Robert Hill. Motion made and sustained to adjourn. Benediction. Rev. Rolla Smith.

11:00 O'clock Service

Congregation singing led by Rev. Dean Burpo. Hymn sang No. 145, "Bring Them In" and No. 113, "Trust and Obey". Prayer by Rev. W. T. Newsome followed by Hymn No. 6, "Love Lifted Me." Scripture reading and commented from Philipians 2:1-4 by Rev. Buddy Hill. Rev. James Franklin, pastor of Southside Church was presented by Moderator as the messenger of 11:00 O'clock Service. Rev. Franklin read for his scripture John 13:34-35, and announced "Love" as his subject. At the close of his message Hymn No. 297 "Where He Leads Me" was sung and an invitation was extended to the lost and also to those who felt called for a special service. The congregation was called forward for a consecration service and prayer was offered by Rev. Hiram McAdams.

Benediction and expression of thanks for food of noon hour by Rev. Charles Moyer.

1:30 P.M.

The Program of the Woman's Auxiliary was rendered at this hour.

After the adjournment of the Woman's Auxiliary Program The Moderator assumed charge and called for the reading of the partial report of the Business Committee. Three items were read which were placed on the table for next day's consideration. The report of the Committee on Committee was read and accepted.

Motion made and sustained to adjourn.

Benediction — Rev. Leslie Logsdon.

Saturday — 9:30 A.M.

Services called to order by Moderator with Bro. Harold Baldwin conducting the singing and Rev. W. T. Newsome the devotions. Songs sung No. 164 "More About Jesus" Scripture reading and comments from Hebrews 1:1-2 by Rev. Newsome followed by prayer by Bro. Clifford McGraw.

Elected delegates who were absent the previous day were recognized and seated .

The report of the Obituary Committee was read and in compliance with its recommendation Rev. James Franklin af-

ter a moment of silent prayer by the congregation led in audible prayer.

Oral reports from the Madison County Sunday School convention and the Triumphant Sunday School Conventions were given by Bro. Harold Baldwin and Rev. Dean Burpo, presidents of the respective Sunday School Conventions. Motion made and sustained to receive the reports as information. Also an oral report of the Southeast Missouri League Convention was given by Rev. Dean Burpo. Motion made and sustained to receive the report as information.

The minutes of the Clerk up to the previous moment were read and received. The Financial report of the Treasurer was read and accepted. The Statistician Report was read and received. The report of the Nominating Committee was read and received as amended.

The partial report of the Business Committee was received for discussion item by item. Item No. 1 adopted (See report). Item No. 2 adopted. Motion made and sustained that the Yearly Meeting dates be changed to convene Thursday night following the first Sunday in August.

Item No. 4 adopted (see report).

Benediction — Rev. Robert Hill.

11:00 O'clock Service

Congregational singing led by Rev. Dean Burpo with singing of hymn No. 91 "Some Day" followed by prayer by Rev. C. B. Dees. Chorus "Praise Ye The Lord" was sung followed by devotions by Rev. Leslie Logsdon, who read for his scripture Romans 15:1-8. and offered prayer.

Rev. Lawrence Thompson was presented by the Moderator as the messenger of the hour. The announced subject was "Hidden Sin" with scripture from Genesis 4. At the close of the message Hymn No. 211 "There is a Fountain" and No. 79 "Victory in Jesus" were sung followed by a testimonial service.

Benediction and expression of thanks for food of noon hour by Rev. Dean Burpo.

1:30 P.M.

Services called to order by Moderator with singing led by Rev. Robert Hill. Hymn No. 329 "Stand Up For Jesus". Prayer by Bro. Harold Baldwin followed by hymn No. 172 "Kneel At the Cross". Devotions led by Rev. Willard Darnell reading the scripture lesson Psalm 129 followed by comments.

The death of Sis. Georgia Hill's grandmother was announced.

ed and prayer was offered by Rev. George Hibbitts in behalf of the bereaved.

The Ministers' reports were read followed by the reading of the Credentials Report which was adopted. (See reports).

The report of the Temperance Committee was read and received. (See reports).

The report of the Denominational Committee was read and received to be adopted item by item. Item No. 1 adopted. (See reports).

For a brief moment for relaxation the congregation stood and sang choruses led by Rev. Robert Hill.

Item No. 2 adopted by vote (see report). Item No. 3 adopted by vote (see report). Item No. 4 adopted by vote (see report). Item No. 5 adopted by vote (see report). Item No. 6 adopted by vote (see report).

Rev. James Franklin was elected to preach the Introductory Message at the next Yearly Meeting with Rev. W. T. Newsome as alternate.

The final report of the Business Committee was read and received to be adopted item by item.

Item No. 5 adopted (see reports). Item No. 6 adopted (see reports). Item No. 7 adopted (see reports). Item No. 8 adopted (see reports).

Motion made and sustained that a standing vote of thanks be given to the officers of the Yearly Meeting for their service during this session.

Item No. 9 adopted (see report). Item No. 10 adopted (see report).

Church announcements were made by various pastors.

The final minutes of the Clerk was read and received.

A closing hymn No. 79 "When We All Get To Heaven" was sung and fellowship handshake was enjoyed.

Motion made and sustained to adjourn.

Benediction — Rev. Willard Darnell.



COMMITTEES

Committee on Committees:

Committee on Committees appointed: Rev's. Leslie Logsdon, Robert L. Sharp, and Rev. John Long. Motion carried to accept this committees report as follows: Denominational Enterprise — Rev. Eunice Edwards, Rev. George Hibbitts; and

Sis. Mildred Dobkin; Obituary Committee: Mrs. Gussie Hamblin, Mrs. Hazel Scott, and Mrs. Bertha Souden; Nominating Committee: Mrs. Christine Pinkley, Mrs. Bessie Baldwin, and Mrs. Juanita Skaggs; Temperance Committee: Rev. Lawrence Thompson, Rose Sharp and Kitty Edmiston; Credential Committee: Bros. Robert L. Sharp, Floyd Hesselymeyer, and H. Clinton McCormack.

Business Committee:

We, the Business Committee of this Yearly Meeting recommend the following items for your consideration.

Item No. 1 That, Article III of the Constitution be amended to read: The Letters from the Quarterly Meetings be read. dues received (\$4.00 per Church), the delegates seated.

Item No. 2 That, By-Laws No. I be changed to read, "The officers of this Yearly Meeting shall be Moderator, Assistant Moderator, and Secretary-Treasurer who shall also serve as Statistician.

Item No. 4 That the Yearly Meeting meet with the Mill Creek Church next year.

Item No. 5 That Revs. Harry Beatty, Ben. Scott, and Robert Hill be given letters of recommendations.

Item No. 6 That this Yearly Meeting authorize the Clerk to purchase a brief case which is necessary in the administration of his office.

Item No. 7 That the reports of the Sunday School and League Conventions be omitted from our program since their contents are usually reported in the Church and Quarterly Meeting reports.

Item No. 8 That we give the Southside and Third churches and others, who were instrumental in caring for this session of the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptist, a standing vote of thanks for their outstanding hospitality.

Item No. 9 That this body take a stand against the new Revised Standard Version of the Bible as copyrighted by the National Council of Churches.

Item No. 10 We recommend that the Yearly Meeting Board be paid 5c. per mile for travel made in the interest of the Yearly Meeting. That the Assistant Clerk be paid \$10.00 per year and that the Clerk Statistician fee be paid \$25.00 per year.

Temperance Committee:

We, your Temperance Committee, submit the following report: That we as Free Will Baptist of this Yearly Meeting agree not to patronize grocery stores or any place of business that sells intoxicating beverages.

Denominational Enterprise:

We, the Denominational Enterprise Committee, submit the following recommendations:

Item No. 1 Inasmuch as we have sent five (5) Missionaries to the field from this Yearly Meeting and in view of the fact that we failed to meet our assigned quota for Foreign Mission in 1953, we urge a greater support to this cause in 1954.

Item No. 2 That we urge the sale of the two books written by Paul Woolsey, "The Quack Doctor" and "A Modern Jonah".

Item No. 3 That those churches who do not support the Co-operative Program adopt its' support this year.

Item No. 4 That a determined effort be made to meet our Home Mission quota this year.

Item No. 5 That the following persons be sent as a committee to the Youth Camp to confer with the Board relative to relocating or improving the Youth Camp. Rev. W. T. Newsome, Clifford McGraw, Harold Baldwin, Willard Darnell, Floyd Cantrell and Clell Pruitt.

Item No. 6 That the Leagues endorse the action of the National League Body in the support of the lighting system for the Cuban School of Mission.

Obituary Committee:

We, your Committee on Obituary, 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: Alex Wampler, Edna Skaggs, Fronia Knott, Joseph Stacey, Cpl. Milbourne C. Hart, Mrs. Henry Holley, Clifford Reed, Mr. George Hancock, Mr. Oscar Pinkley, Mrs. Effie Kayser, Mrs. R. G. Barker, Mr. John Treaster, Mr. Marvin Rosener and Mrs. Jesse Compton.

Credential Committee:

We, your Credential Committee having carefully considered these reports submit the following reports: We recommend that Ministerial Cards of Standing for one year be granted the following Ministers: Rev's. Cecil Sheppard, Albert Tucker, S. A. Hand, Woodrow Matthews, C. B. Dees, Eunice Edwards, Albert Halbrook, Truman Huffman, Robert C. Hill, George Hibbitts, Glen Rehkop. O. D. Matthews, Lawrence Thompson, Lester Ferguson, John Long, Charles Moyer, John Rogers, James Franklin, Leslie Logsdon, Willard Darnell, Rolla Smith, Bill Turnbough, James Barker, Harry Beatty.

Nominating Committee:

We, your Nominating Committee, recommend the following names for delegates to the Missouri State Association: Martha Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. Beabout. Mrs. Edith McCormack, Mr. and Mrs. Avery DeWitt, Mrs. Minnie Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank David, Mrs. Lottie Pinkston, Mrs. Amanda Cole, Mr. Ned Templeton, Mack Huff, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pirtle, Mrs. Robert Dodd, Mrs. Marie Sherill, Mrs. Hazel Scott, Mrs. Gussie Hamblin, Mrs. Jane Shaffer, Mr. and Mrs. Leamon Killian. Mrs. Bertha Souden, and Mr. and Mrs. McFarland.

Divine Service Committee:

Howard Kennedy, Avery DeWitt and Leamon Underwood.

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 to be read, dues received (\$1.00 per Church), 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 instruction 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.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF CHURCHES OF SOUTHEAST MISSISSIPPI

	Southside	Berkeley	St. Louis 3rd	Richwoods	Fellowship	Flat River 1st	Desloge
State of Religion	x	x	x	x	x	x	v
Mem'ship July 1, '53	125	124	151	53	124	211	58
Rec'd. July 1 to July 1	24	39	10	8	47	8	7
Number Baptised	10	26	10	4	28	2	0
Dismissed by letter	5	5	2	4	12	9	0
Number Excluded	0			0		17	2
Number Deceased	1		1	0	1	6	2
Resident Members	113	136		37	147	159	53
Non-resident Members	12	22	13	16	11	17	13
Tot. Mem'ship July '53	125	158	164	53	158	176	61
No. of Tithers		41			50	31	
Condition prayer meet	x	x	x	x	x	x	v
Condition of League	x	x	v	x	x	v	v
League membership	103	95	20	26	70	25	35
Condition home mis.		x	x	x		x	x
Home Mis. Membership		12		6		33	13
Condition Sun. School	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
No. Pupils Enrolled	128	198	120	72	175	163	160
No. Officers	4	6	4	8	11	12	3
No. Teachers	8	15	8	4	11	10	7
No. Ordained Ministers	2	1	1	1	2	3	3
No. Licensed Ministers	6	1	1	1		1	
No. Ordained Deacons	5	5	5	4	7	5	3
Am't paid Pastors	3,777.80	3,880.00	3,120.00	1,135.00	3,380.50	2,950	2,170
For Evangelistic work	319.00	450.00	100.00	106.87	435.00	276.74	89.75
For building & repairs	1,801.04	5,052.12		188.53	599.10	1,117.43	1,115.28
Am't for incidentals	948.22	235.37	75.00	693.18	2,709.22	2,078.40	508.72
Value Church property	50,000	3,000	25,000	2,500	50,000	25,000	6,500
For Foreign mission		260.00	420.00		636.78	49.24	18.81
For Home mission	40.00	108.40	60.00	26.16			
Am't for Missions	80.00		75.00			489.41	
For Superannuation			15.00				
Pub.-SS. Lit., etc.	526.47	178.39		73.71	441.12	233.99	108.66
For Unified Fund		109.56	20.00				213.06
Am't for Minutes	10.00	20.00		2.00	5.00	20.00	16.00
For Co-op. Fund	36.00			145.22	760.71	753.24	
For Orphanage			40.00				52.70
For Youth Camp						83.21	
Headquarter Funds						369.89	62.50
Am't for Education	218.10	75.00			246.06		48.55

LEGEND: "x" is good; "v" is fair

OURI YEARLY MEETING — From July 1, 1952 to July 1, 1953

Leadington	Aulsbury	Salem	Fredericktown	Copper Mines	Mill Creek	Mine La Motte	Twin Oak	Union Light ...	Old Bethel	TOTAL
x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
56	106	12	386	91	95	56	70		27	1,745
32	3	13	5	2	1	0	0	4	0	263
5	1	11	5	2	0	0	1	2	0	106
0	2	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	45
0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
0	1	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	16
88	93	22	287	93	90	30	37	21	21	1,420
0	13	3	97	7	6	24	33	10	6	303
88	106	25	394	100	96	54	70	31	27	1,876
		3	30		6	12	3		1	174
x	v	x	v	v	x	v	v	v	v	
v	x	x	v	x		0	0	0	0	653
32	28	28	55	41		0	0	0	0	
			x			0	0		0	109
			45			0	0		0	
x	x	x	x	x	x	v	v	x	x	
96	58	49		121	100	60	55	144	48	1,747
3	4	2	13	3	3	3	5	5	3	92
9	7	4	10	9	5	4	3	9	4	127
2	1	1	4	2	1	3			0	27
1		1		0	0	0			0	12
2	3	2	6	3	4	3	1	2	2	62
1,675	1,300	810	3,398	1,607.31	780.00	1,040.00	260.00	334.61	106.33	31,725.25
286.65		125.00	474.00	262.65	71.39	0	0	180.00	98.28	3,275.34
836.89	119.97	36.03	1,841.70	444.16	70.00	102.92	57.00	45.00	31,357.17	
801.25	840.55	129.93	620.51	168.60	218.00	80.26	8.00	5.00	5.00	10,125.26
6,000	3,500		25,000	8,000	9,500	1,800	1,000	10,004	854	227,654
226.00	141.90		627.49		77.70			139.47		2,597.39
102.00			151					5.00		487.46
				136.89		38.21	24.00		82.12	925.83
2.01	33.95									50.96
103.48	149.68	56.34	260.21	92.35	50.48	24.73	25.10	28.00	26.31	2,423.68
50.00			274.00							666.52
17.00	2.00	8.00	2.00	14.00		10.00	2.00	4.00	4.00	136.00
		59.60	514.53			125.58				2,718.88
			151.39							244.09
							14.32	25.00		122.53
										432.39
00.00	135.00	7.75	476.97	30.42		29.52		10.00		1,377.17

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 Southeast 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—The officers of this Yearly Meeting shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, and Secretary-Treasurer who shall also serve as Statistician. 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 faithfully 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 Minister conference met in its Thirteenth Annual Fellowship meeting with the Mine La Motte Church at Mine La Motte, May 16, 1953. Services opened by Clerk Rev. Albert Halbbrook with Rev. Woodrow Matthews conducting the devotional service. Song No. 37 "Standing on the Promises" and No. 150 "Praise Him" Scripture reading Job 23. Prayer by Rev. James Barker.

Bro. Ben Scott Vice-President assumed charge in absence of the President Rev. Roger Reed.

After remarks vice-president declared time for election of officers. Officers elected were: President, Rev. Woodrow Matthews; Vice-President, Rev. Rolla Smith; Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. Willard Darnell.

The president appointed the following Business Committee: Rev. Robert Hill, Rev. Rolla Smith, Rev. Ben Scott.

Motion made and sustained that we meet at the Fellowship Church for the next Semi-Annual Minister Conference.

Reading of the minutes of the Semi-Annual meeting and financial report, read and accepted.

After the reading of the Constitution and By-Laws an invitation was given for new members. Rev. Rolla Smith and Rev. Woodrow Messex were accepted as new members.

In the absence of Rev. John Rogers, Praise and testimonial service was led by Rev. Woodrow Messex.

The Eleven O'Clock Service opened by singing No. 285 "Blessed Assurance" led by Rev. Robert Hill. Prayer by Rev. John Long. Rev. Rolla Smith delivered the Eleven O'Clock message. Reading II Timothy 2:1-4, closing song 318 "Onward Christian Soldiers". Benediction, Rev. Truman Huffman.

The 1:30 P.M. Service opened by singing. The scripture reading by Rev. Logsdon II Peter 2. Prayer by Rev. Ben. Scott.

Topic — The First Qualification of a Minister (His calling II Tim. 2:4) Rev. Harry Beatty.

Topic — The Second Qualification of a Minister (His Preparation I Tim. 4:12-16) Rev. Robert Hill.

Business:

Report of Business Committee: Item No. 1. That letters of commendation be given to the following: Rev. Harry Beatty and Rev. Robert Hill, granted. Item No. 2, That this Ministers Conference go on record as opposing the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, adopted. Item No. 3, A standing vote of thanks be given the Mine La Motte church for their kindness and hospitality in entertaining this semi-annual session of Southeast Missouri Ministers Conference, adopted. Motion made that the Clerk be granted authority to give letters of dismission and commendation to any Minister upon leaving the bounds of the Southeast Missouri Ministers Conference, adopted. Motion made to make a recommendation to the Missouri State Association for a state minister conference to meet at the youth camp.

Motion made to adjourn. Benediction, Rev. Albert Halbrook.

RICHWOODS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

November 15, 1952

The Southeast Missouri Ministers Conference met in its semi-annual Fellowship meeting with the Richwoods Free Will Baptist Church, Richwoods, Mo., Nov. 15, 1952.

Services opened by Rev. Albert Halbrook. Songs sung, No. 8. "I Am Thine O Lord", followed by scripture reading from Isaiah 6:1. Prayer by Rev. Harvey Hill.

A young Ministers hour was led by Rev. Glen Rehkop. Ministers participating were Bros. Barker, Beatty, Hill, Matthews and Halbrook.

For the Eleven O'Clock devotional hour, song No. 158 "Tis So Sweet" was sung followed by prayer by Rev. Harry Beatty. Hymn No. 104 "Rescue the Perishing" was sung.

The Eleven O'Clock message was delivered by Rev. James Barker. Closing hymn No. 79 "When We All Get To Heaven", with prayer offered at the altar by Sister Sophia Ackerson and Bro. Messex. Benediction, Rev. Harry Beatty.

1:00 P.M.

Services opened by singing "Stand Up for Jesus" No. 329 and No. 311 "Revive Us Again".

Bro. Harvey Hill led an open Forum with some important problems discussed. Bro. Beatty led Devotions for afternoon preaching services. Song sung, "O Happy Day", followed


by scripture reading from Psalm 14:8 with comments offered. The afternoon message was delivered by Rev. Woodrow Matthews. Scripture reading from Heb. 1:10 and 13:8.

Business:

The next annual session was decided by vote to convene with the Mine La Motte Church.

A standing vote of thanks was given to the Richwoods Church for their kindness and hospitality in entertaining the semi-annual session.

Benediction, Sister Sophia Ackerson.



MINUTES Of The **Women's District Auxiliary** **Convention**

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI

AUGUST 21, 1953

Friday Afternoon

The fifth session of the Women's District Auxiliary Convention was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Mrs. Elizabeth Hesselmeier, Vice President. The theme of the program, "The Light of Truth", was made manifest throughout the session. The congregation sang "Jesus Calls Us". Devotional was led by Mrs. Georgia Hill from Romans 12:1. Congregational song "Bringing in the Sheaves". Prayer by Sis. Sutton. Sis. Lizzie McAdams gave an inspirational talk to the convention about the Auxiliary work. At this time choruses were led by Mrs. Rolla Smith. Topic, "By His Light Shall the Nation Walk," was given by Mrs. Elaine Spradlin. Solo "When You Travel All Alone" Rev. Robert Hill. Topic "The Abiding Light of Truth" was given by Mrs. Blanche Pogue. A special number "I've Never Been Sorry" was given by Doris Barr, Sharon Kellerman, and Katherine Franklin.

Declamation contestants were Annetta Cox of Fredericktown, and Eva Jane Stone of Berkeley, Missouri. Congregational song "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone" and "I Am Bound

For The Promised Land". The judges appointed were Rev. James Franklin, Rev. Rolla Smith, and Rev. Albert Halbrook. Annetta Cox was announced the winner of the declamation contest.

Business Session:

Reading of previous minutes and Statistical report approved as read. Treasurer's report read and accepted by vote.

Motion made and sustained that report of Business Committee be adopted and discussed item by item. Item 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, was read, discussed and accepted by vote.

An offering of \$18.07 was received to which one-third to go to State Entertainment fund and two-thirds to go to Co-Labor Band.

The following officers were appointed: President, Helen Gamblin; 1st Vice, Virginia Stone; 2nd Vice, Elizabeth Hessel-meyer; 3rd Vice, Eunice Edwards; 4th Vice, Hazel Scott; 5th Vice, Lee DeWitt; Secretary-Treasurer, Christine Pinkley. The afternoon session adjourned.

Friday Evening

Services came to order by singing "Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus", and "Joy Unspeakable" led by Sis. Magdaline McFarland. Congregation song "Revive Us Again". Rev. Wm. Turnbough gave the devotional from I John 1:1-5. Special number "A Beautiful Prayer", by Rev. and Mrs. Robert Hill. Solo "One Step More" by Finis Barr. Juanita Burcham played a Piano solo while an offering of \$22.23 was received for the Auxiliary Convention. Rev. Rolla Smith was the speaker for the evening and read for his scripture III John 1:1-6, Psalm 119. 130. Subject "Light of Truth". Invitation hymn was sung. Announcement. Benediction, Mrs. Myrtle Long, Mrs. Leslie Logsdon.



REPORTS

Business Committee:

We, your Business Committee, submit the following items:

1. In cooperation with the national program we recommend that a quarterly workshop be held during the convention year using the word (know) for the Yearly theme. Quarterly themes are as follows.
1. Know Gods word. II Timothy 3:16.
2. Know Gods World. Genesis 1:1, John 3:16.
3. Know Gods work. Mark 16:15.
4. Know Gods workers. I Corinthians 3:9.

Using the suggestions that will appear in the W.N.A.C. newsheet each preceeding Quarter. We suggest as the first date November 12 (Thursday) other dates to be set then. Recommended that first workshop be held at Leadington, next at Southside, Fellowship, and Fredericktown.

Item No. 2 That we observe the 3 annual session of prayer as recommended by W.N.A.C.

1. The Thanksgiving offering be specified for State Home Mission and named the Alice Lupton offering honoring the first president of Woman's Auxilliary.
2. The Christmas offering be for National Home Mission and named the Lizzie McAdams offering honoring our pioneer home Missionary worker.
3. The Easter offering be for Foreign Missions and name the Laura Belle Barnard offering honoring the first Free Will Baptist Foreign Missionary. All these special offerings be sent through W.N.A.C. Treasurer.

Item No. 3 We recommend the book "Go Home and Tell Thy Friends" by Bro. D. C. Dodd be used as the study course to be given during the year.

Item No. 4 That we avail ourselves of the Stewardship packet that sells for 15c. Order from W.N.A.C. Treasurer.

Item No. 5 We recommend that each Auxilliary support more fully the Co-Labor Band of work.

Item No. 6 That a standing vote of thanks be given to: Mrs. Lucille Beatty, Mrs. Genelle Scott, Mrs. Georgia Hill for their work in our Aurilliary Convention.

Item No. 7 That a special offering be taken at our District Convention. One-third sent to State Entertainment Fund, two-thirds be sent to Co-Labor Band fund.

Committee: Eunice Edwards, Margie Hahn, and Virginia Stone.

Nominating Committee:

We, the Nominating Committee wish to select the following names as Nominee offices for the coming year.

President, Helen Gamblin; 1st Vice, Virginia Stone; 2nd Vice, Elizabeth Hesselmeyer; 3rd Vice, Eunice Edwards; 4th Vice, Hazel Scott; 5th Vice, Lee DeWitt; Secretary-Treasurer, Christine Pinkley.

Committee: Agnes Smith, Lee DeWitt, Mildred Dobkins, Sis. James Franklin, Myrtle Long, Sis. Leslie Logsdon, Bessie Baldwin, and Gussie Hamblin.

Obituary Committee:

We, the Obituary Committee of the Woman's Auxilliary,

report the death of the following from Madison County: Mrs. Edna Skaggs. Those from St. Francois County, Mrs. Henry Holley, Mrs. Effie Kaysier, Mrs. R. G. Barker, and Mrs. Effie Compton. We the Committee request that we humbly bow our heads in prayer in memory of these who have gone on to their rewards. Committee, Mrs. Mary Regh, Mrs. Emma Beabout, Mrs. Mary McFarland, Mrs. Blanche Pogue.

TREASURER REPORT OF 1953

	Rec'd.	Dis'b.	Balance
Brought forward August, 1952			\$ 8.93
Printing of Minutes, 1952 Session		\$ 8.67	
Programs printed 1953 Session		\$ 4.05	
Convention dues received	\$46.50		
66 2-3% for dues to State Conv.		\$31.00	
TOTAL			\$11.71
	Rec'd.	Dis'b.	Balance
Offering taken during Convention	\$22.23		
Offering in Morning Session	\$18.07		
Received by Check	\$42.71		
TOTAL			\$83.01
State Entertainment Funds		\$ 6.03	
Co-Labor Band		\$12.04	
State Sec. Norma Kenndy		\$31.00	
TOTAL AMOUNT IN TREAS.			\$33.94

