

# *MINUTES*

*Yearly Meeting*

of

*Southeast Missouri*

*Free Will Baptists*

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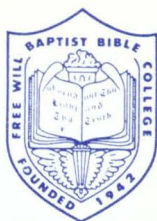
*Minister's Conference*

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*1956*



FREE WILL BAPTIST  
BIBLE COLLEGE

*Presented by*

Rev. Harvey Hill

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*Yearly Meeting*  
of  
*Southeast Missouri*  
*Free Will Baptists*  
and  
*Minister's Conference*  
*Auxiliary Conference*  
*1956*

When Convened With  
Leadington  
Free Will Baptist Church  
Leadington, Missouri

The 1957 Session of Yearly Meeting to  
convene with Berkeley City Church,  
Berkeley, Missouri,  
August 8-10, 1957.



# ***SOUTHEAST MISSOURI YEARLY MEETING***

## **OFFICERS**

Moderator .....	Rev. Rolla Smith, Flat River, Missouri
Assistant Moderator .....	Rev. Harvey Hill, Berkley City, Missouri
Secretary-Treasurer .....	Rev. Albert Halbrook, Lutesville, Missouri
Statistician .....	Rev. Albert Halbrook, Lutesville, Missouri

## **EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Rev. W. A. Hale .....	3 Years
Rev. H. C. Beasley .....	2 Years
Rev. Glen Rehkop .....	1 Year

## ***PROCEEDINGS***

The 63rd session of the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting of the Free Will Baptist convened with Leadington Church, Leadington, Missouri, August 9-11, 1956.

Services came to order with singing led by Rev. James Barker. Prayer, Blaine Matthews.

The Yearly Meeting was opened by Clerk. Welcome Address — Paul Clay. Response — Rev. James Barker.

Devotions was conducted by Rev. John Long with reading Psalm 1 and followed by prayer.

The Assistant-Moderator introduced Rev. Glenn Rehkop to bring the Introductory Message in the absence of Rev. S. A. Hand. Rev. Rehkop read for the Scripture reading, Romans 1:14-17. Text: Romans 1:16. The message reminded us we were debtors to the lost.

Announcements were made. Benediction — Will Pirtle.

## FRIDAY MORNING 9:30 A.M.

Services were called to order by Moderator, Rev. Rolla Smith with singing and devotions led by Rev. James Barker. Scripture reading and comments from Mark 2:1-5. Prayer by Rev. Harvey Hill.

The Moderator assumed charge of services and read a portion of Article III of the Constitution and called for the reading of Quarterly Meeting Letters. Letters from Madison County Quarterly meeting and St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting were read. Absentee delegates were supplied by proxy and appointment after which the letters were accepted. The standing and elected delegates were charged with their responsibility by Assistant-Moderator, Rev. John Long.

Corresponding Messengers were called for and Rev. W. A. Hale, pastor of Southside Free Will Baptist Church, responded with a letter of recommendation from the Cumberland Association of Tennessee. Motion made and sustained to accept him as a member of the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Moderator	Rev. Rolla Smith
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Harvey Hill
Secretary-Treasurer	Rev. Albert Halbrook

Rev. W. A. Hale, member of the Executive Board for a term of three years.

Statistician read Statistical report. Report received by motion.

Oral report was given by Executive Board. Two committees were appointed as follows: Pulpit Committees: Henry Head, Avery DeWitt and Bertha Sowden. Committee on Committees: Rev. Wayne Parson, Rev. Willard Darnell and Frank David.

Letter from Yearly Meeting to State Association read by Clerk. Motion to table.

The Pulpit Committee reported Rev. W. C. Hale to deliver 11 o'clock message.

Recess declared.

### 11:00 O'CLOCK

Services came to order with singing led by Rev. James Barker. Prayer by Mrs. Hilderbrand. The Moderator



presented Rev. W. A. Hale as messenger of the morning. Rev. Hale called for hymn "Amazing Grace". Rev. Hale subject was "Who We Are, Where We Came From, Where We Are Now, and Where We Are Going." Text. Romans 3:15-16. The message presented the exalted position of the sons of God. The congregation sang an invitation hymn.

The report of Committee on Committee was read. (See Report).

Mrs. Edwards, the host pastor, made announcements of arrangements for the noon hour. Benediction and blessing for food of noon hour by Rev. Harvey Hill.

### 1:30 P.M.

Assistant Moderator, Rev. Harvey Hill called to order service and ask Clerk to read final report of Pulpit Committee. It read as follows: Rev. Harvey Hill to deliver message Friday Evening; Rev. James Barker, 11 o'clock Saturday morning and Rev. Willard Darnell Saturday afternoon message.

The Women's Auxiliary rendered the program in the afternoon.

At the close of Auxiliary program the Moderator assumed charge and called for reading of reports. The Southeast Missouri League report, the Madison County Sunday School Convention Report and Temperance report were read and accepted. A letter from the Cave Spring Association was read and accepted as information. The Minister's reports and Credential Committee report were read. Motion to table reports.

A report from Rev. Wm. Reeves concerning State Meeting was read as information.

Rev. Harvey Hill made announcement concerning the young people's church paper of his church, the C. F. C. Messenger.

Motion made to adjourn. Benediction—Rev. W. A. Hale.

### FRIDAY NIGHT, 7:30 P.M.

Services came to order with singing of hymns led by Rev. James Barker. Prayer—Rev. Charles Moyer. Congregation sang again. Prayer—Rev. James Davis.

Rev. Harvey Hill was presented as messenger of the evening. After remarks the congregation bowed in silent prayer with Rev. Hill closing in audible prayer. Rev. Hill read Luke 18:33-34. Subject, "Christ Is The Answer". Text: 18:41. Christ was presented as answer to every problem.

Congregation sang while invitation was extended.

Benediction—Rev. O. D. Matthews.

## SATURDAY MORNING

Services came to order with singing led by Rev. Glen Rehkop. Prayer by Rev. Dale Stotler. Scripture reading Psalm 15- by Rev. Harvey Hill.

The Obituary Committee report was read and adopted. (see reports).

The Nominating Committee report was read and accepted. (see reports).

Belated Ministerial Cards read as information.

Harold Wilfong and Orvill Stone were appointed as proxies on Credential Committee.

Business Committee Report was read and received to be adopted item by item.

Item No. 1 Adopted.

Item No. 2 Adopted.

Item No. 3 Adopted.

Item No. 4 Adopted.

Item No. 5 Adopted.

In compliance to the recommendation by the Obituary Committee, the congregation stood in silent prayer followed by audible prayer by Rev. Bill Turnbough in memory of the deceased named in report.

The Credential report was read and adopted.

Rev. James Davis was elected by acclamation to deliver Introductory Message for the next Yearly Association with Rev. Ben Scott as alternate.

Motion made to accept Berkeley City Church invitation as location for next Yearly Association.

The Denominational Enterprise report was read and received to be adopted item by item.

Item No. 1 Adopted.

Item No. 2 Adopted.

Names were recorded of those volunteering to assist at State Meeting in preparation of meals.



The final minutes were read and accepted.  
Benediction—Rev. Wayne Parson.

## 11 O'CLOCK SERVICES

Congregational singing led by Rev. Glen Rehkop. Prayer Rev. Mrs. Eunice Edwards. The Assistant Moderator presented Rev. James Barker speaker of the hour. Subject: "Place Called Calvary". Text Luke 23:33. The message refreshed our minds of the Crucifixion of Christ.

Congregation sang while the invitation was extended.  
Benediction and blessing on the food of noon hour by Rev. Albert Halbrook.

## SATURDAY 1:00

Services called to order by Moderator. Congregational singing led by Rev. Glenn Rehkop. Prayer Mrs. Glenda Barks.

Rev. Willard Darnell was presented as messenger of the hour. Text Matthew 9:9. Subject: "Following Jesus". The message challenged us to follow Jesus.

Minutes read and approved.

Motion made to adjourn.

Benediction—Rev. Leslie Logsdon.

## COMMITTEES

### Committee on Committees:

Business Committee — Rev. C. B. Dees, Rev. Ben Scott, Rev. H. C. Beasley, Frank David, Floyd Pirtle.

Denominational Enterprise — Rev. John Long, Rev. Leslie Logsdon, Rev. W. A. Hales.

Credentials Committee — Harrison Phillips, Paul Clay, Gussie Hamblin.

Obituary Committee — Mable David, Evelyn Rehkop, Myrtle Long.

Nominating Committee — Rev. James Barker, Rev. Glen Rehkop, Mrs. Avery DeWitt.

Temperance Committee — Mrs Ben Scott, Mrs. Wayne Parson, Mrs. Mae Heida.

### **Obituary Committee:**

We, the Obituary Committee of the Southeast Missouri Yearly Association report the deaths of the following and request that we bow our heads in prayer in memory of these who have gone to their reward. Deceased are as follows: Floyd Rogers, Francis Carlton, Nellie Baker, Mrs. B. E. Hunter, Mrs. Mary Halbrook, Rebecca McLord, Naomi Hancock, Elvas Maxfield, Rev. John Johnson, Homer Ellison.

Signed: Obituary Committee

### **Temperance Committee:**

We, your Temperance Committee submit the following:

1. That we as Christians not only abstain from the use of intoxicating beverages but refuse to patronize business selling it.

2. May we as Christians give prayerful attention to I Cor. 3-16-17 and realize more fully our obligation to God.

Signed: Temperance Committee

### **Nominating Committee:**

We, the Nominating Committee submit the following report. We recommend as delegates to the State Association the following: Flody Scott, Hazel Scott, Gussie Hamblin, Jane Schaffer, Avery DeWitt, Lee DeWitt, Dorothy Robertson, Margaret Wilfong, Ruth Wilfong, Harold Wilfong, Frank David, Mabel David, Percy Henson, Beulah Henson, Milton Menge, Myrtle Menge, Ted Ragsdale, Florence Ragsdale, Mrs. W. I. Jeames, Helen McGraw, Juanita Skaggs, Annette Cox, Elizabeth Hesselmeyer, Bobby Hesselmeyer, Virginia Eads, Elsie Schuttie, Martha Clayton, Emma Bebout, Laura Underwood, Minnie Jackson, Bertha Sowden, Lucy Schaffer, Melvin Schaffer, Wanda Beasley, Ada Nichols, Ava McFarland, Mildred Hildebrand.

Signed: Nominating Committee

### **Business Committee:**

1. We recommend that no one person can hold more than one office in Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting.

2. We recommend that we adhere strictly to Article 12 of the Constitution.

3. We recommend that each church consider the State Entertainment fund and give as liberal as possible.

4. We recommend that all Pastors and Churches of this Association put forth SPECIAL EFFORT for the salvation of souls this year.

5. We recommend that we give the Leadington Church a standing vote of thanks for the splendid hospitality.

Signed: Business Committee

### **Denominational Enterprise Committee:**

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

Item No. I We recommend that our pastors in this Yearly Meeting urge their members to subscribe to our Denominational papers. The Gem, Contact, Free Will Baptist and the News Letters issued by the National Boards.

Item No. II We recommend that pastors in this Yearly Meeting do all they can to influence our young people to attend College, to give prayerful consideration to our own Colleges, Free Will Baptist College, Nashville, Tenn. and Mt. Olive, N. C.

Signed: Denominational Enterprise Committee

### **Credentials Committee:**

We, your Credentials Committee, having carefully considered these reports, submit the following reports:

Rev. Dean Burpo, Rev. Willard Darnell, Rev. Harvey Hill, Rev. James Barker, Rev. John Roger, Rev. Albert Halbrook, Rev. Truman Huffman, Rev. Bill Turnbough, Rev. Charles Moyer, Rev. Wayne Parsons, Rev. O. D. Matthews, Rev. Loy Smith, Rev. Lawrence Thompson, Rev. Harry Asher, Rev. Cecil Sheppard, Rev. Eunice Edwards, Rev. S. A. Hand, Rev. Jerry Thompson, Rev. John Long, Rev. Glen Rehkop, Rev. George Hibbitts, Rev. Leslie Logsdon, Rev. H. C. Beasley, Rev. Rolla Smith, Rev. Ben Scott, Rev. Florence Long, Rev. W. A. Hale, Rev. Elmer Turnbough, Rev. Albert Tucker, Rev. Woodrow Messex, Rev. C. B. Dees.

We recommend that Ministerial Cards of standing for one year be granted these names above.

Signed: Credentials Committee

## **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.



# STATISTICAL REPORT OF CHURCHES OF SOUTHEAST MISSOURI YEARLY MEETING — FROM JULY 1, 1955 TO JULY 1, 1956

	Southside	Berkeley City	St. Louis 3rd	St. Louis 4th	Wellston	Crystal City	Salem	Richwoods	Fellowship	Flat River 1st	Desloge	Leadington	Aulsbury Chapel	Farmington	Fredericktown	Copper Mines	Mill Creek	Mine La Motte	Twin Oak	Union Light	Old Bethel	Marble Hill	Chaffee	Oak Hill	Total	
State of Religion	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Fair	Fair	Good	Good		Good	
Membership July 1, 1955	235	179	129	22	44	23	57	97	185	133	66	138	120	41	397	99	82	48	92	34	28	50		2351		
Rec'd. July 1, '55 to June 30, '56	20	43	17	8	11	23	8	15	15	15	9	2	2	17	16		6	0	4	1	0	5	25	262		
Number Baptized	10	13	9		10	8	12	20	3	7	8	1		7	7		2	0	2	0	0	4	3	132		
Number Dismissed by Letter	13	28		6	0	0	4	0	6	6		3		7	4		2	1	6	1	0	15	0	103		
Number Excluded	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	7	2	0		0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14		
Number Deceased	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2		0	0		1	1	0	0	0	0	0	11		
Resident Members	230	155	142	20	55	23	53	77	189	170	70	131	110	51	311	82	80	26	47	29	22	27	25	17	2247	
Non-Resident Members	20	38	2	0	0	0	4	35	11	18	5	4	12	0	98	17	8	20	45	5	6	12		3	363	
Total Membership June 30, '56	250	193	144	20	55	23	62	112	200	188	75	135	122	51	409	99	88	46	92	34	28	39	25	20	2510	
Number Tithers		17		10	19	10	7	13	57	40				14	40	16	6	9			6	4	4		272	
Condition of Prayer Meeting	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Fair	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Fair	Good	Fair	Good	Fair	Good	Good	Good	
Condition of League	Fair	Fair	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Fair	Good	Good	Fair	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Fair	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	
League Membership	103	53	53	40	58		63	53	90	58	35	30	37	32	76	38	25		36	50	34	20			929	
Condition of Aux. & Missions	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good		Good	Good	Fair	Good	Good				Good	Good			0						Good	
Membership of Auxiliary		18	15	14	13		12		21	15	13			32	19										193	
Enrollment in Sunday School	250	196	168	96		48	107	107	240	198	200	165	85	75	199	105	75	65	55	183	34	24	32	25	2632	
Number of Officers	8	6	7	2	3	4	2	8	13	2	6	5	4	3	7	3	3	3	3	5	3	2	2	2	107	
Number of Teachers	16	15	12	6	9	4	7	5	18	10	8	9	8	7	10	9	5	5	6	10	4	4	3	3	193	
No. of Ordained Ministers	4	1		2	2	1	1	1	3	1	2	2	1	1	6	1	1	2	1		1	1	1		36	
No. of Licensed Ministers				1	0	1	1	0			3	4	3	2	0	1		0		1					7	
No. of Ordained Deacons	6	5	5	1	4	2	3	3	7					2	6	5	3	3	3	3	2	2	1	1	77	
Value of Church Property	\$79,000	\$26,500	\$25,000			\$500.00	\$5,000	\$7,500.00	\$72,500	\$25,000	\$10,000	\$14,000	\$15,000	\$25,000	\$40,000	\$10,000	\$9,500	\$2,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$1,150	\$65,000	\$700.00	\$3,500.00	\$398,350.00	
Amount Paid Pastor	\$3,900.50	\$3,305.00	\$3,720.00	\$780.00	\$610.00	\$190.00	\$780.00	\$2,095.00	\$4,377.50	\$4,160.00	\$2,510.00	\$3,290.00	\$1,550.00	\$1,205.00	\$3,430.00	\$2,700.87	\$780.00	\$1,165.00	\$780.00	\$358.50	\$183.56	\$928.42	\$35.00		\$43,014.35	
Amount for Evangelistic Work	\$245.00	\$245.00		\$100.00	\$116.23		\$79.15		\$310.00	\$315.02	\$170.09	\$524.46	\$294.42	\$120.00	\$250.00	\$270.00	\$93.00		\$100.81		\$50.00	\$65.25			\$3,388.43	
Am't. for Building & Repairs	5,398.58	1,668.29	1,279.43		\$541.50	\$300.00	\$759.00	\$259.18	\$5,206.80	\$3,784.78	\$500.61	\$4,143.18	\$2,090.55	\$3,021.68	\$1,047.55	\$436.92	\$1,600.00	\$10.65	\$5,000.00		\$1,409.00	\$358.50			\$38,816.20	
Amount for Incidentals	\$956.85	\$1,656.05	\$1,159.81	\$1,402.01	\$564.10	\$840.00	\$534.58	\$670.88	\$4,162.17	\$2,385.51	\$644.33	\$1,270.67	\$588.92	\$848.22	\$1,166.51	\$103.75	\$488.70	\$88.92	\$53.16		\$46.16	\$171.99			\$20,403.29	
Amount for Foreign Missions	\$95.00	\$240.00	\$400.00		\$10.85		\$144.00		\$540.21	\$187.64		\$56.62		0				\$30.00		\$198.59					\$1,901.91	
Amount for Home Missions	\$132.00	\$60.00	\$86.68	\$41.40	\$85.00		\$48.00		\$270.00	\$187.64	\$76.38	\$99.56	\$141.00	\$75.50				\$5.21			\$51.01	\$30.00			\$1,201.75	
Amount for Missions	\$337.63	\$300.00			\$95.95				\$810.21																	\$2,827.83
Amount for Education	\$736.95		\$189.60	\$160.40	\$150.69	\$75.00	\$138.76	\$191.02		\$259.66					\$58.96											\$1,911.04
Amount for Superannuation																										
Amount for Orphanage			\$100.00								\$54.10				\$129.05											\$283.15
Amount for Youth Camp	\$270.00	\$25.00	\$298.53	\$60.00	\$25.53				\$40.00	\$120.00	\$41.41	\$30.00	\$22.38													\$932.75
Amount for Co operative Fund	\$810.00		\$281.74	\$290.53	\$222.97			\$359.40	\$1,470.95	\$1,057.46	\$392.77	\$898.38	\$338.80	\$462.74	\$645.27	\$291.72	\$146.65	\$114.96	\$45.00	\$27.02					\$7,856.35	
Amount for Headquarters Fund			\$60.00							\$100.00																\$160.00
Amount for Budget		\$25.00																			\$128.34					\$153.34
Amount for Minutes	\$10.00	\$20.00		\$2.00	\$4.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$9.00	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$12.00		\$22.00		\$16.00	\$16.00			\$2.00	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$1.00	\$4.00			\$161.00

## 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. This Association shall convene on Thursday night before the second Sunday in August.

## 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 (\$4.00 per Church) the delegates seated. All ordained Ministers and the 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 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.

## 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 brought 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 Churches, 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 one person can hold more than one office.

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 advisory 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, 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.

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## **PROCEEDINGS**

### **Of The**

## **MINISTERS CONFERENCE**

The Southeast Missouri Ministers Conference met in its Semi-Annual Fellowship Meeting with the Southside Church at St. Louis, Missouri, November 19, 1955.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Rev. Glenn Rehkop with devotions by Rev. Dean Burpo. After singing Rev. Melvin Howell led in prayer.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved and an invitation offered for new members. Rev. Melvin Howell, Rev. Wayne Parson and Rev. Harvey Hill were accepted. A letter of recommendation from the Union Association of Tennessee in behalf of Rev. Hill was read. An invitation from the Copper Mines Church for the next annual session was accepted.

Rev. James Franklin led the ministers in a prayer and testimony hour. Prayer was offered by Rev. Rolla Smith and Rev. Woodrow Messex. Testimonies were given by all the ministers.

### **11 O'CLOCK MESSAGE**

The message was delivered by Rev. John Long, who read John 1:1-13 for his scripture and announced for his theme, "The Word of God". After the message benediction was offered by Rev. Cecil Sheppard.

### **1:00 O'CLOCK**

Services called to order by President with Rev. Wayne Parson in charge of devotions. Rev. Dean Burpo led the congregation in singing. Prayer by Rev. Wm. Turnbough. Rev. Parson gave scripture and comments from Acts 8.

Rev. Rolla Smith led the Ministers in an Open Forum. His subject under discussion was the "Peril of the Preacher".

Rev. Wm. Turnbough delivered the afternoon message. Text: II Kings 4:10.

Benediction — Rev. Woodrow Messex.



## ANNUAL MEETING

The Southeast Missouri Ministers' Conference met in its Sixteenth Annual Conference with the Copper Mines Free Will Baptist Church near Fredericktown, Mo., May 19, 1956.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Rev. Glenn Renkop. Rev. Dean Burpo was in charge of the singing with devotions by Rev. Leslie Logsdon. Prayer by Rev. Ben Scott. Scripture reading from John 17 and prayer by Rev. Logsdon.

The ministers paid their dues which amounted to fourteen dollars. Rev. Ben Scott was received as a new member.

Motion made and sustained that Rev. James Franklin be granted a letter of recommendation and commendation to the Association in California where he had accepted a church. Financial report read and accepted. Motion made and sustained to send ten dollars to the Youth Encampment. Motion made and sustained that the semi-annual conference meet with the Desloge Free Will Baptist Church, November 17, 1956. Benediction — Rev. C. B. Dees.

## 11:00 O'CLOCK SERVICE

The President. Rev. Rehkop opened the services with Rev. Dean Burpo in charge of the singing. Rev. Willard Darnell led the devotional with Scripture reading II Cor. 6:1-10 after which he lead in prayer. Rev. Rehkop presented Rev. Franklin as the messenger of the morning who chose for his subject, "Preach the Preaching That I Have Given Unto Thee" with scripture reading from Jonah 1:1-3.

Benediction and blessing for food was offered by Rev. Fred Harris.

## 1:15 P.M.

The President opened the services and called for Rev. H. C. Beasley to lead the devotions. Rev. Beasley read I Thess. 1:3 and followed with comments. Prayer by Rev. Albert Tucker.

An open forum was conducted with Rev. Ben Scott in charge. The major discussion was concerning "Revivals in the Last Days."



Election of officers: President, Rev. Glenn Rehkop, Vice-President, Rev. Dean Burpo, Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. Albert Halbrook. Motion made and sustained that Rev. Ben Scott be elected as assistant Secretary-Treasurer.

A standing vote of thanks was given to the Copper Mines Church for her hospitality and after various announcements of revivals we were adjourned and benediction pronounced by Rev. John Long.

Sec.-Treas. — Rev. Albert Halbrook

## **THE SOUTHEAST MISSOURI WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION**

Southeast Missouri Woman's Auxiliary Convention when convened with Leadington Church, August 10, 1956.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Beasley with congregational singing. Devotional by Mrs. Oletha Parson.

A declamation was given by Miss Annetta Cox. Treasurer report read and approved. The Obituary Committee and Nominating Committee Reports were read and approved. The new officers for the coming year are as follows: President — Mrs. Genelle Scott. Enlistment Chairman — Mrs. Virginia Beasley, Youth Chairman — Mrs. Agnes Smith, Stewardship Prayer Chairman — Mrs. Helen McGraw, Benevolence — Mrs. Hilderbrand, Secretary-Treasurer — Mrs. Christine Pinkley, Assistant Sec. and Treas. — Mrs. Evelyn Rehkop.

Playlet was presented by the Fredericktown Ladies.

Reading of the Business report was discussed item by item and approved.

Special offering was taken for the project of purchasing the sewing machine for Cuba.

### **Business Committee:**

We, your Business Committee, submit the following recommendations:

Item No. 1 — We recommend that inasmuch as Eunice Edwards is leaving our District we express to her our appreciation of her service during the past years by standing for a prayer for her success in her new work.

Item No. 2 — We recommend that we accept as a District project for this year the providing of an electric Sewing Machine for Cuba. We further recommend that we appropriate \$50.00 from our treasury for that project and take an offering today and apply to this amount. We

recommend further that each local Auxiliary work toward the raising of this fund during the year.

Item No. 3 — We recommend that we give an expression of welcome to Mrs. Hales by standing.

Signed—Committee

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Received 30¢ per member	
Fredericktown .....	\$10.00
3rd Church .....	\$4.50
Coppermines .....	\$5.40
4th Church Aux. ....	\$4.20
Fellowship .....	\$4.80
Desloge .....	\$4.20
Salem .....	\$2.70
Leadington .....	\$3.00
1st Church Aux. ....	\$4.80
Berekley City .....	\$5.40
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	\$49.00
2/3 pre Capti dues to State .....	\$32.69
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	\$16.31
Printing of Minutes .....	\$5.00
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	\$11.31
Special Offering for Machine .....	\$15.84
Taken from Treas. ....	\$50.00
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	\$65.84

## Tithes received for the year from the different Auxiliaries

Desloge .....	\$40.10
Coppermines .....	\$12.26
Fourth Church .....	\$6.39
Leadington .....	\$2.64
1st Church Flat River .....	\$31.03
Fellowship .....	\$6.82
Southside .....	\$17.20
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	\$116.44
Tithes to State Treas. ....	\$11.64
Youth Camp .....	\$50.00
Sewing Machine .....	\$50.00
Leaves in Treas. ....	\$4.80

Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Christine Pinkley





