

Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting

OFFICERS

MODERATOR Rev. Harvey E. Hill, Berkeley City, Mo.
ASS'T. MODERATOR Rev. James Barker, Esther, Mo.
SEC.-TREAS. Rev. Albert Halbrook, Mine La Motte, Mo.
STATISTICIAN Rev. Albert Halbrook, Mine La Motte, Mo.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Harry Asher..... Overland, Mo. 3 Years
Rev. Clarence Burton Fredericktown, Mo. 2 Years
Rev. Dale Jones Flat River, Mo. 1 Year

Proceedings

THE SIXTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF THE SOUTHEAST MISSOURI YEARLY MEETING OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS WHEN CONVENED WITH THE COPPER MINES CHURCH, ROUTE THREE, FREDERICKTOWN, MO., AUGUST 10-12, 1961.

The services on Thursday evening, August 10th, came to order by the singing of hymn No. 72, "It Won't Be Very Long," led by Bro. Jerry Huffman and Sis. Juanita Burpo as pianist. Following the hymn the congregation stood as Rev. Roger Reeds, pastor of the South Side Church led in prayer.

The Clerk, Rev. Albert Halbrook, called the Yearly Meeting into session and presented the Moderator, Rev. Harvey E. Hill, pastor of the Berkeley City Church.

The Moderator asked the people to stand as the name of their respective Quarterly Meeting was called.

The welcome address was delivered by Rev. Melvin Howell.

The response was given by Rev. W. T. Turnbough, pastor of the Leadington Church.

The congregation sang No. 80, "I Love to Walk With Jesus," followed with prayer by Rev. Truman Huffman, pastor of the Twin Oaks Church.

The Assistant Moderator, Rev. James Barker, pastor of the Farmington Church expressed greetings.

The Moderator appointed a temporary Pulpit Committee as follows: Bro. Melvin Howell, Sis. Elva Turnbough and Sis. Marguerite Darnell.

Rev. O. D. Matthews, pastor of the Union Light Church led devotions, reading Psalm 1 and commenting thereon. Prayer by Rev. John Long.

Rev. Harry Asher, pastor of the Overland Church, was presented by the Moderator to deliver the introductory message. Rev. Asher read Malachi 3:10, and gave "Opening the Windows of Heaven" as the subject of his message. Rev. Asher forcibly challenged us to live a more dedicated life. At the close of the message many gathered at the altar for dedication. Prayer was offered by Rev. James Barker and Rev. Elmer Turnbough.

The Moderator assumed charge and called for the report of the Pulpit Committee which read as follows: Rev. Elmer Turnbough to lead 9:30 a. m. devotions on Friday; Rev. Truman Huffman to lead 11:00 o'clock devotions; Rev. Clarence Burton to deliver 11:00 o'clock message.

Following announcements, benediction was offered by Rev. Dean Burpo.

FRIDAY 9:30 A. M.

Service called to order by the Moderator with prayer offered by Rev. Johnnie Land, pastor of the Arnold F. W. B. Mission.

Rev. C. H. Burton conducted congregational singing with Sis. Avis McFarland as pianist. Hymns sang were No. 21, "I Am Thine O Lord," and No. 44, "When We All Get to Heaven."

Devotions were led by Rev. Elmer Turnbough, pastor of Desloge Church, reading Mt. 7:24-29 and Col. 3:12-17, followed with comments and prayer.

The Assistant Clerk read portions of the Constitution and By-Laws.

The letters from the Madison Co., St. Louis District, and St. Francis Co., Quarterly Meetings were read. The Moderator gave each Quarterly Meeting permission to fill vacancies. The names of the delegates from the churches were read. Motion was made and sustained to receive letters and seat the delegates. The Moderator gave charge to delegates. The visiting people were recognized.

The committee on Committees was appointed as follows: Rev. C. H. Burton. Rev. W. T. Turnbough and Rev. Max Courtney.

The Executive Board of the Yearly Meeting was given time to report.

The Statistical Letter was read and accepted.

The invitation from the Desloge Church to entertain the 1962 session of Yearly Meeting was accepted.

Rev. Roger C. Reeds, State Clerk and Editor, reported on the Gem paper and the book store.

The letter from the Yearly Meeting to the State Association was read and accepted.

Rev. Floyd Arnold was elected to deliver the introductory message for 1962 session of the Yearly Meeting with Rev. Dale Jones as alternate.

Recess declared. Benediction by Rev. Gaylord Huckaba, pastor of the Richwoods Church.

11:00 O'CLOCK SERVICE

The Moderator called the service to order and prayer was offered by Bro. H. T. Dann.

Congregational singing was led by Rev. Dean Burpo with Sis. Avis McFarland as pianist. Hymns sang were No. 14, "Love Lifted Me," and No. 127, "Bring Them In."

Devotions were led by Rev. Truman Huffman, pastor of the Twin Oaks Church, reading and commenting from Psalm 121. Prayer by Bro. Clifford McGraw.

The president of the Women's Auxiliary read committees' names appointed for Auxiliary.

The congregation sang hymn No. 28, "Bringing in The Sheaves."

The Moderator presented Rev. C. H. Burton, pastor of the Fredericktown Church, as the messenger of the morning. Rev. C. H. Burton read Acts 2:41-42, and used "Success of the Church at Jerusalem" as the subject. Bro. Burton emphasized the part of the Holy Spirit and the Apostles played in the growth of the church, and challenged us to a more dedicated life. At the close of the message, one stanza of No. 109, "I Surrender All" was sung as an invitational number.

The report from committee on Committees was read and accepted. (See reports.)

The Pulpit Committee's report was read and accepted as follows: The Friday evening devotions led by Rev. Willard Darnell and the message by Rev. R. B. Spurgeon. The Saturday morning devotions by Rev. James Barker and the 11:00 o'clock devotions by Rev. Roger Reeds, with sermon by Rev. James E. Raper. The 1:30 devotions by Rev. Albert Halbrook.

Benediction and blessing on the food for noon hour offered by Rev. Dale Jones.

FRIDAY 1:30 P. M.

The Woman's Auxiliary was in charge of the afternoon program. (See reports in these minutes.)

At the close of the Auxiliary program the Moderator assumed charge. Prayer was offered by Rev. Elmer Turnbough, followed by the singing of the hymn No. 101, "There is Power in the Blood."

The St. Louis District Sunday School and League Conventions' report and the St. Francois County Sunday School Convention report were read and accepted as information.

The Temperance Committee report was read and accepted.

A partial report of the Business Committee was read and accepted to be adopted item by item. (See reports.)

Item No. 1—Adopted.

Item No. 2—Adopted.

Item No. 3—Adopted.

Item No. 4—Adopted.

The minutes of the meeting up to the present hour were read and accepted.

The financial report was read and accepted.

Announcements were made followed with motion to adjourn. Benediction by Rev. John Rogers.

FRIDAY 7:30 P. M.

Services called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Rev. Lloyd Durbin. Congregational singing was led by Rev. Dean Burpo with Sis. Janice Durbin as pianist. Hymns No. 37, "Standing On The Promises" and No. 164, "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms."

Devotions were led by Rev. Willard Darnell, who read the Scripture lesson, Gen. 13:1-4, and after commenting on these Scriptures, offered prayer.

A number was rendered by Beverly LaChance, Carol Matthews, Carolyn Scott and Linda Rogers with Sis. Janice Durbin as pianist.

A solo "How About Your Heart?" was rendered by Rev. Lloyd Durbin.

Rev. R. B. Spurgeon, pastor of the St. Louis 3rd Church was presented to deliver the evening message. Rev. Spurgeon read Romans 1:13-16 and announced for his subject "I Am Not Ashamed, I Am Debtor, and I Am Ready," and earnestly urged the congregation to meet the challenge of these words.

Announcements were made. Benediction offered by Rev. James Barker.

SATURDAY 9:30 A. M.

Services called to order by the Moderator with prayer offered by Rev. George Woods. Congregational singing was led by Rev. Dean Burpo with Sis. Juanita Burpo as pianist. Hymns sang were No. 60, "A Soul Winner for Jesus" and No. 126, "At The Cross." Devotional period was conducted by Rev. James Barker who led in prayer and gave devotional thoughts on Heb. 12:1-2.

The Obituary Committee report was read and accepted, and in compliance to the recommendation of this report, the congregation bowed their heads in silent prayer in memory of the deceased with Rev. W. T. Turnbough leading in audible prayer.

The final report of the Business Committee was read and accepted to be adopted item by item. (See reports.)

Item No. 5—Adopted.

Item No. 6—Adopted.

Item No. 7—Adopted.

Item No. 8—Adopted.

The congregation sang No. 261, "Will There Be Any Stars?"

The Registration report was read and accepted.

The items of the Business Committee report, Denominational Enterprise report, and the Temperance Committee report that were accepted the previous day were re-read for the benefit of those present.

The Credentials Committee report was read and received. (See reports.)

Rev. R. B. Spurgeon, our State League Secretary and Treasurer reported on the National League Convention held in Albany, Georgia, and the League Expansion Program.

Rev. James E. Raper reported on the Alumini meeting of the Free Will Baptist Bible College students and others interested. He stated the meeting was to be held in the Lead Belt Area, August 20th.

Rev. Roger Reeds reported on the progress of the work of the National Sunday School Board. He was also called upon to give explanation as to difference between connectional and congregational church government.

Rev. James Raper also cited actual experiences in connection with the issue between connectional and congregational church government and made announcements in regards to the State League and Sunday School program.

A Resolution Committee was appointed in the persons of Rev. Roger C. Reeds, Rev. C. H. Burton and Rev. James E. Raper to draw up a resolution to re-affirm our position on congregational church government, and petition the State Association to do the same.

The Nominating Committee report was read and accepted. Recess was declared and benediction was offered by Clifford McGray.

11:00 O'CLOCK SERVICE

Service called to order by the Moderator and prayer was offered by Rev. Elmer C. Turnbough.

The congregation sang No. 144, "Glory to His Name." A duet number, "He Is So Precious To Me," was rendered by Bro. and Sis. George Woods.

Devotions were conducted by Rev. Roger C. Reeds, reading from Rev. 2:1-7 and commenting on the same.

Rev. Reeds presented Rev. James E. Raper as the messenger of the morning. Rev. Raper read for the Scripture lesson, John 9:1-3 and Isaiah 55:8, 9, and spoke on God's blessings in suffering, exhorting us to trust and submit to God's plan for our lives. At the close of the message, Rev. Raper offered prayer.

The Moderator appointed the following as Yearly Meeting delegates to the State Association: Edith McCormack, Carolyn Scott, Linda Rogers, Beverly LaChance and Jim Honey.

The report from the Resolution Committee was accepted. (See reports.)

The final minutes of the Yearly Meeting were read and accepted.

Announcements were made and followed by motion to adjourn.

Benediction and blessing on food for noon hour by Rev. James Barker.

Committee Reports

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

DENOMINATIONAL ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE—James E. Raper, H. T. Dann, Clifford McGraw, Albert Hovis and Jim Honey.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE—R. B. Spurgeon, Dean Burpo, Truman Huffman, Gaylord Huckaba and John Long.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE—Paul Matthews, Oscar Shepherd, Betty Kemp, Alice Brown and Erma Lea Hogan.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE—Gladys Turnbough, Doris Arnold, Emma Bebout, Iva Treaster and Linda Rogers.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE—Harry Asher, Floyd Arnold, Gussie Hamblen, Agnes Jemes and Johnnie Land.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE—Roger C. Reeds, Dale Jones and Willard Darnell.

Signed:

Rev. C. H. Burton

Rev. Max Courtney

Rev. W. T. Turnbough

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

We, the Business Committee, recommend the following to be adopted item by item:

1. That the Missouri State Association meet with the Berkeley City Church for the 1962 session.

2. That we petition the State Association to investigate the possibility of changing the date of the State Association to precede the National Association.

3. That the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting present a planned program next year under the direction of a Program Committee selected at this year's meeting. All speakers will be selected in advance with the exception of the introductory speaker who has already been elected.

4. That the Constitution and By-Laws be brought up to date and be printed along with this year's minutes.

5. That the Assistant Clerk be paid \$10.00 for his work.

6. The Yearly Meeting give a standing vote of thanks to the Copper Mines Church and the Madison County Quarterly Meeting for their splendid hospitality during this year's session.

Signed:

R. B. Spurgeon

Gale Huckaba

Dean Burpo

Truman Huffman

John Long

DENOMINATIONAL ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE

We, the committee on Denominational Enterprises, make the following recommendations:

1. That each church in the Yearly Meeting carefully examine its program of financial support to the denomination, and endeavor to regularly support all phases of our denominational program. This may be done by designated giving to each department, or by supporting the Cooperative Program which divides its money to every phase of our national work.

2. That our pastors and churches offer counsel and guidance to their young people in selecting schools to further their education, and that they be encouraged to attend Christian institutions when possible. We further recommend that our young people seriously consider our Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee in preparation for their life's work.

3. That we encourage our churches to send special offerings to special drives being promoted in the denomination such as:

A—The League Expansion Program

B—Bible College Indebtedness

C—New Headquarters Building

4. That our Sunday Schools investigate the two literature programs of our denomination, and use that which best meets their need.

You may write for samples and investigate these materials at the following addresses:

F. W. B. Press

Ayden, North Carolina

Oklahoma Free Will Baptist Bible

And Book Supply

4801 S. Walker

Oklahoma City 9, Oklahoma

Committee:

James Raper

H. T. Dann

Clifford McGraw

Jim Honey

C. A. Hovis

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, the Credentials Committee, having carefully considered these reports and after prayer, recommend that the Ministerial Cards of Good Standing be granted to the following names:

St. Louis District—Revs. Max Courtney, Cheley R. Hill, Eugene Davis, R. B. Spurgeon, Fred Harris, Johnnie Land, Lesley Logsdon, Harry R. Asher, Floyd Arnold, Gaylord Huckaba, Harvey E. Hill, Roger C. Reeds and Loy Smith.

St. Francois County—Charles H. Moyer, C. B. Dees, James Barker, Dean A. Burpo, W. T. Turnbough, Glenwood Hargiss, James E. Raper, Albert Tucker, Irvin Mills, John D. Long, Dale Jones, Elmer Turnbough and Effie Matthews.

Madison County—Albert Halbrook, Lue Bequette, John Rogers, S. A. Hand, Melvin Howell, George Hibbitts, Clarence Burton, Curt Burton, Arthur Rehkop, S. G. Yount, Dale Statler, Clarence Burcham, O. D. Matthews, Truman Huffman, Willard Darnell, Florence Long and Lester Ferguson.

Signed:

Paul Matthews
Oscar Shepherd
Alice Bowen

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, your Obituary Committee, recommend that we bow our heads in prayer in humble submission to God's will in calling from our midst our beloved brethren and sisters to their heavenly reward.

Those deceased during the past year are as follows:

Beatrice Holder, Vernon Umfleet, Emma Burman, Marvin Archambo, Eli Byington, Mrs. Tony Buxton, Jesse Jones, Mae Hale, Mrs. Thomure, Charles Shearer, Mary Riley, Martha Clayton, Vester Huggins, James Hovis, Alice Maze and Leona Smith.

Signed:

Gladys Turnbough
Iva Treaster
Emma Bebout
Linda Rogers

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Temperance Committee, submit the following recommendations:

1. That we seek to live our personal lives as set forth in Romans 12:1-2: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

If our lives conform to this we will abstain from the questionable things of life, such as the use of tobacco, immodest

dress, alcoholic drink, dancing, theaters, or anything that would destroy our Christian testimony.

2. Furthermore, we urge all of our churches to continue to fight the liquor traffic.

Signed:

Harry Asher
Johnnie Land
Gussie Hamblen
Agnes Jemes

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Moderator—Rev. Harvey Hill.

Assistant Moderator—Rev. James Barker.

Secretary-Treasurer—Rev. Albert Halbrook.

Assistant Secretary—Rev. Elmer Turnbough.

Executive Board Member—Rev. Harry Asher.

We recommend that the delegates to the State Association be appointed by the Moderator.

We recommend that the officers of the Convention serve as the Program Committee.

Signed:

Roger Reeds
Dale Jones
Willard Darnell

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Whereas there are factions elsewhere in our denomination who are laying claim to a connectional form of church government, be it resolved that the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting re-affirm its historic position on congregational church government and petition our Missouri State Association to do the same.

Signed:

Roger C. Reeds
C. H. Burton
James Earl Raper

REGISTRATION REPORT

We submit the following report:

Ministers	22
Delegates	77
Visitors	122
Total	221

Signed:

Billy Howell
Judy Hovis
Brenda Hovis

YEARLY MEETING TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance brought forward \$199.85

Disbursements:

Clerk's fee	\$ 25.00
Assistant Clerk	10.00
Mark & Louise Vandivort	50.00
Rev. Elliston of Nogales Missions	30.00
Printing of Minutes	60.00
Programs and badges	19.33
Stationery & Stamps	2.88

Total \$197.21 \$197.21

Balance \$ 2.64

Receipts:

Woman's Auxiliary for Minutes	\$ 5.00
Statistical letters	26.00
St. Louis District Q. M.	40.00
Madison Co., Q. M.	36.00
St. Francois Q. M.	32.00
Unaccounted funds	1.61

Total balance and receipts \$143.25

MINUTES OF S. E. MO. MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The Southeast Missouri Ministers' Conference met May 20, 1961 with the Copper Mines Church. The meeting was called to order by President Elmer Turnbough. Congregational singing was led by Rev. Dean Burpo. Hymn, "Glory to His Name," was sung followed with prayer by Rev. Roger Reeds, and hymn, "Nothing But the Blood."

Devotions was given by Rev. James E. Raper with Scripture reading from Romans 8:31, and the offering of prayer. Hymn, "What A Friend" was sung.

The business session followed with reading of Constitution and By-Laws as pertaining to membership. Motion was made and sustained to receive Rev. James E. Raper and Rev. Clarence Burton into conference. Motion also made and sustained to receive the Treasurer's report. Also motion carried to proceed with plans for a Christmas Banquet to be Dec. 9, 1961.

Election of officers:

President—Rev. Elmer Turnbough.

Vice President—Rev. Dean Burpo.

Secretary-Treasurer—Rev. Willard Darnell.

Motion made and carried to adjourn.

Benediction by Rev. Johnny Land. Recess.

11:00 A. M.

The worship service was called to order by singing of hymn, "Leaning On The Everlasting Arm." Prayer by Rev. John Rogers.

The message was delivered by Rev. Albert Halbrook, reading from Acts 6:1-8, and using verse 8 as a subject. Subject: "Stephen, a Full Man." A challenging message was given.

Dismissed for noon hour.

1:00 P. M.

Services called to order by singing, "Oh, How I Love Jesus." Prayer by Rev. Askern.

Rev. R. B. Spurgeon was presented and brought to us the topic: "League Organization." Rev. Spurgeon also gave us information concerning the National League Program.

Rev. Clarence Burton and Rev. James Earl Raper were presented to lead a "Question and Answer" session.

The minutes were read and approved.

Motion made and carried to adjourn until next session in November, to be held in the St. Louis District Quarterly Meeting. Place to be decided.

Benediction by Rev. James Barker.

Secretary-Treasurer:

Rev. Willard Darnell

THE SOUTHEAST MISSOURI WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Southeast Missouri District Auxiliary Convention convened at the Copper Mines F. W. B. Church, August 11, 1961.

The Convention was called to order by the President, Mrs. Myrtle Reeds.

The theme, "The Field is the World," was commented on by the President of the Convention. The opening song was "O How I Love Jesus," directed by Mrs. Marion Wilhite with Mrs. Doris Raper as pianist. Devotional was by the Desloge Auxiliary with Scripture reading from Matthew 13:8-30, 36-42, read by Hazel Morris. Prayer followed with special song, "Each Step I Take," by the Flat River First Church.

Missions in Review:

South America—Berkeley Auxiliary, by Mrs. Gusta Barks.

Japan—Fredericktown Auxiliary, by Mrs. Vivian Burton.

India—St. Louis 3rd Auxiliary, by Mrs. Betty Camp.

Africa—South Side Auxiliary, by Mrs. Arpha Slinkard.

Alaska—Leadington Auxiliary, by Mrs. Iva Treaster.

Hawaii—St. Louis 4th Auxiliary, by Mrs. Max Courtney.

U. S. A.—Copper Mines Auxiliary, by Mrs. Christina Halbrook.

Song, "Amazing Grace," followed by the business period.

The following reports were read and accepted: Annual, Treasurer, Finance, Credential and the Appreciation.

The Resolutions Committee recommends the following:

1. That we make plans for a District Auxiliary Workshop this fall, and if possible one in the spring.

2. That we reserve \$15.00 in our treasury for the expense of a speaker for the workshop.

3. That we send \$20.00 to National Home Mission Board for land in Hawaii.

Signed: Sylvia Hill, Doris Raper and Iva Treaster.

The Nominating Committee humbly submit the following names for these offices: President, Iva Treaster; Vice President, Gusta Barks; Youth Chairman, Ruth Wilfong; Recording Secretary-Treasurer, Erma Lee Hogan; Assistant Recording Secretary, Betty Camp; Stewardship Prayer Chairman, Vivian Burton; Personal Service, Lillian Hovis; Corresponding Secretary, Janice Reeves; Study Course Chairman, Doris Raper; Field Worker, Myrtle Reed.

Signed: Ruth Wilfong, Betty Camp, Christina Halbrook, Elva Turnbough.

Playlet, "Spirit of Missions" by Fellowship Auxiliary.

The meeting was adjourned by prayer.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance brought forward (1960-61)	\$ 18.66
Total receipts (Convention dues \$48.50)	\$592.52

Disbursements:

Printing of minutes (Rev. Halbrook)	\$ 5.00
Mrs. Eunice Edwards	15.00
Co-Labor Fund	85.80
National Project	138.19
Foreign Missions	55.83
Home Missions	45.27
Student Loan Fund	23.12
W. N. A. C.	20.53
G. T. A. Offerings	18.18
Youth Camp	5.00
Bible College	5.00

Orphanage	5.00	
Missionary Accounts	145.00	
Two-thirds dues paid to State Treasurer	32.34	
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Total Disbursements	\$571.92	\$571.92
Total brought forward and receipts		\$596.52
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Total balance in treasury		\$ 44.97
Secretary-Treasurer:		
Erma Lea Hogan		

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, the Madison County Quarterly Meeting, and the St. Louis District 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. 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 virtue of their authority, be standing delegates in this Yearly Meeting.

Article IV

All officers shall be elected at the close of the regular session of said Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting to serve one year or until their successors are elected and qualified.

Article V

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

Article VI

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

Article VII

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 VIII

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 IX

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 X

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

Article XI

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

Article XII

Each Quarterly Meeting belonging to the Yearly Meeting shall be entitled to three (3) delegates at large, one (1) delegate for each church organization, and one (1) delegate for each fifty members of the church or major fraction thereof.

Article XIII

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 further until they have been recognized by the Moderator.

Article XIV

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 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.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF CHURCHES OF

For 1960-61

	State of Religion	Rec'd. July 1, 1960 to June 30, 1961	Membership July 1, 1960	Number Baptized	Number dismissed by Letter	Number deceased	Resident Members	Non-Resident Members	Total Membership June 30, 1961	Number of Tithers
South Side	Good	11	168	10	13		154	14	166	
Berkeley City	Good	28	227	4	10		215	30	245	
Third	Good	14	109	0	1	3	121	2	123	
Fourth	Good	8	54	3	9		50	2	52	
Overland	Good	38	131	28	12	0	153		153	30
Faith	Good	34	103	12		1	97	6	103	16
Salem	Good	3	43	1	2		31	13	44	6
Crystal City	Good	11	50	8	3		60	1	61	
Richwoods	Good	12	46	11	2	2	52	6	58	14
Fellowship	Good	3	237	1	4		215	21	236	72
Flat River 1st	Good	43	146	19	6	2	189	79	268	26
Bonne Terre	Fair	3	22				23	2	25	
Desloge	Good	12	127		5	2	122	11	133	
Leadington	Good	11	146	12	7		92	58	150	
Aulsbury	Good	1	105			2	83	21	104	
Farmington	Good	6	102	3	2		91	15	106	
Hurryville	Good	5	49			1	53	53	53	
Fredericktown	Good	10	200	3	2	4	197	9	206	43
Copper Mines	Good	4	92	4		1	65	31	96	17
Mill Creek	Good	2	71	3		1	27	45	72	12
Mine La Motte	Good	3	50	2	1		38	14	52	11
Twin Oaks	Good	3	101	2			45	59	104	10
Union Light	Good	2	35	2			27	10	37	
Old Bethel	Good		32			1	19	13	32	
Marble Hill	Fair	18	16				14	4	18	1
Oak Grove	Good	12		5	10		33	43		
TOTALS	Good	275	2289	119	78	20	2286	476	2761	298

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI YEARLY MEETING

	Condition of Prayer Meeting	Condition of League	League Membership	Condition of Auxiliary & Missions	Membership of Auxiliary	Enrollment of Sunday School	Number of Officers	Number of Teachers	Number of Ordained Ministers	Number of Licensed Ministers	Number of Ordained Deacons
South Side	Good	Good	92	Good	25	204		10	1	1	5
Berkeley City	Good	Fair		Good	42	304	8	19	2	1	7
Third	Good	Good	51	Good			7	27	2	1	4
Fourth	Good	Good	39	Good	12	60	9	7	2	0	3
Overland	Good	Good	100	Good	24	126	9	13	1		2
Faith	Good	Fair	35	Good	22	78	6	7	2	2	
Salem	Good	Good	23	Good	6	31	2	5			3
Crystal City											
Richwoods	Good	Good	40	Poor	9	71	5	5	2		4
Fellowship	Good	Fair	108	Good	21	306	17	21	2		7
Flat River 1st	Good	Good	46	Good	18	165	4	9	1	1	8
Bonne Terre	Fair					30	7	4	1		2
Desloge	Good	Good	73	Good	18	133	9	10	2		4
Leadington	Good	Good	48	Good	10	112	3	15	1		2
Aulsbury	Fair	Fair	17			51	4	9	1		3
Farmington	Good	Fair	45			120	5	7	1		3
Hurryville	Good					94	4	6	0	3	2
Fredericktown	Good	Good	57	Good	28	208	5	12	4		7
Copper Mines	Good	Fair	24	Good	10	110	3	9	3		5
Mill Creek	Good	Good	22			72	3	8			3
Mine La Motte	Good	Good	28			65	3	5	1		3
Twin Oaks	Good	Fair	36			65	8	6	2		3
Union Light	Fair	Good				152	6	9	1		3
Old Bethel	Good	Good	20			33	3	4	1		2
Marble Hill						25	2	3	1		2
Oak Grove	Good					28	7	5	1		1
TOTALS	Good	Good	918	Good	224	2698	143	234	40	11	40

FINANCIAL REPORT OF CHURCHES OF For 1960-61

	Value of Church Property	Amount Paid Pastor	Amount for Evangelistic Work	Amount for Building & Repairs	Amount for Incidentals
South Side	\$125000.00	\$ 5045.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 8369.23	\$ 5823.33
Berkeley City	60000.00	5170.00	250.00	3912.12	3848.78
Third		4160.00	147.00	3317.45	3125.88
Fourth	26000.00	3075.00	245.75	211.14	2627.93
Overland	75000.00	4140.00	100.00	4132.87	
Faith	22500.00	3375.00	125.00	600.00	812.17
Salem	10000.00	675.00	190.00	617.71	178.21
Crystal City ..					
Richwoods	4500.00	1060.00	105.00	121.37	746.46
Fellowship	72500.00	4628.00	100.00	4924.29	4433.24
Flat River, 1st ..	70500.00	4755.00	269.00	2510.54	2043.59
Bonne Terre ..	4100.00	265.00		968.99	155.99
Desloge	55000.00	2970.00	260.00	1942.65	2039.25
Leadington ..	25000.00	3710.00		1642.66	778.69
Aulsbury	15000.00	1560.00	58.20		1139.53
Farmington ..		1560.00	192.39	4860.33	856.66
Hurryville	5000.00	1030.00	130.00	833.50	339.80
Fredericktown ..	40000.00	3710.00	222.50	496.19	3231.96
Copper Mines ..	15000.00	2080.00	135.10	306.59	1325.78
Mill Creek	12194.78	1300.00	91.33	9.30	
Mine La Motte ..	2500.00	1300.00	125.27	185.00	210.99
Twin Oaks	8000.00	1300.00	175.00	95.87	60.33
Union Light ..	15000.00	480.00	200.00		
Old Bethel	1150.00	425.12			55.96
Marble Hill ..	6500.00	65.00			
Oak Grove	4000.00	4.30	76.87	58.29	132.18
TOTALS	\$675444.00	\$58688.12	\$3748.71	\$50461.49	\$33877.67

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI YEARLY MEETING

Amount for Home Missions	Amount for Foreign Missions	Amount for Orphanage	Amount for Youth Camp	Amount for Cooperative Fund	Amount for Publication (S. S. Lit., etc.)	Amount for Bible College
\$ 535.29	\$2257.78	\$	\$	\$ 553.20	\$ 207.05	\$223.05
285.00	997.95		24.15	1164.70	630.81	
35.00	1189.00				371.61	
12.00	95.05	45.00	25.00	196.71	130.90	
33.70	470.50			1111.94	256.36	27.00
					283.14	
	44.00				87.63	
36.00	72.50		71.79	214.02	227.03	
165.34	1642.27	77.50	25.00	1544.88	692.00	349.54
88.25				1031.97	458.80	25.00
15.00					55.28	
71.07	110.61	60.56		683.06	199.22	
212.00	370.00		30.00	593.83	458.16	15.03
119.30	186.70			324.05	143.48	
480.34	1361.46			540.10	131.40	
17.50	50.00			196.72	79.89	
318.53	665.00	109.00	18.50	882.37	284.56	140.22
149.86	25.00			457.55		96.41
30.00	76.98		12.00	221.23	108.17	
151.00	53.59			135.94	87.16	
237.51				222.00	110.02	
24.50	130.35				240.48	
16.00	101.22				56.00	
					24.00	
12.00					33.39	
\$2845.19	\$6724.76	\$292.06	\$206.44	\$10279.86	\$5519.41	\$779.84

