

Yearly Meeting
of
Southeast Missouri
Free Will Baptist
and
Ministers' Conference
1964

When convened with
First Free Will Baptist Church
of Fredericktown,
Fredericktown, Missouri

The 1965 session of the Yearly Meeting
to convene with the
First Free Will Baptist Church
of Flat River
Cedar and Emerson Streets
Flat River, Missouri



SOUTHEAST MISSOURI YEARLY MEETING

OFFICERS

MODERATOR.....REV. CLARENCE BURTON,
BERKELEY CITY, MO.
ASS'T. MODERATOR.....REV. EVERETT HELLARD,
FARMINGTON, MO.
SEC'Y.-TREAS. & STATISTICIAN.....REV. FRANK GIUNTA,
LEADINGTON, MO.
ASS'T. TREAS. & STATISTICIAN.....REV. RONNIE GRAHAM

EXECUTIVE BOARD

REV. BOB JONES.....FREDERICKTOWN, MO...3 YEARS
REV. HARRY ASHER.....OVERLAND, MO.....2 YEARS
REV. JAMES EARL RAPER....FLAT RIVER, MO.....1 YEAR

PROCEEDINGS

THE SEVENTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE SOUTHEAST MISSOURI YEARLY MEETING OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS WHEN CONVENED WITH THE FREDERICKTOWN FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, FREDERICKTOWN, MISSOURI, AUGUST 6-8, 1964.

THE SERVICE ON THURSDAY EVENING, AUGUST 6TH, WAS BROUGHT TO ORDER BY THE CLERK, REV. FRANK GIUNTA, PASTOR OF THE NORTH SIDE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. REV. EVERETT HELLARD, PASTOR OF THE FARMINGTON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, FARMINGTON, MISSOURI, LED THE CONGREGATION IN SINGING, "BRING THEM IN", WITH MRS. JANE NORRIS AT THE PIANO. REV. O. D. MATTHEWS LED THE CONGREGATION IN THE OPENING PRAYER. REV. HELLARD LED THE CONGREGATION IN ANOTHER SONG, "TELL ME THE STORY OF JESUS."

REV. BOB JONES, PASTOR OF THE HOST CHURCH, CAME FORWARD AND GAVE A WELCOME ADDRESS TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

REV. GENE NORRIS, PASTOR OF THE FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF FLAT RIVER, MISSOURI, GAVE THE RESPONSE.

REV. JAMES BARKER, ASSISTANT MODERATOR, AND PASTOR OF THE HURRYVILLE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, FARMINGTON, MISSOURI, APPOINTED A TEMPORARY PULPIT COMMITTEE, CONSISTING OF THE FOLLOWING: CLIFFORD MCGRAW, CHARLES McMILLAN, AND HILLARD GRAY.

REV. BARKER RECOGNIZED MISS EULA MAE MARTIN, MISSIONARY TO BRAZIL, WHO WAS HOME ON FURLOUGH. MISS MARTIN GAVE HER TESTIMONY.

REV. HELLARD LED THE CONGREGATION IN SINGING "IN THE SWEET BY AND BY".

REV. BARKER INTRODUCED OUR SPEAKER FOR THE EVENING SERVICE. HE WAS REV. JESSE WEBB, PASTOR OF THE PARKVIEW FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, DESLOG, MISSOURI. HE READ FOR HIS TEXT FROM 1 COR. 1:21. THE SUBJECT OF HIS MESSAGE WAS "THE KIND OF PREACHING WE NEED TODAY." HE SPOKE OF THE NEED FOR POWERFUL PREACHING FROM THE PULPIT AND ENCOURAGED THE LAYMAN TO BACK HIS PASTOR AS HE PREACHED GOD'S WORD IN IT'S ENTIRETY.

AT THE CLOSE OF THE SERVICE, REV. BARKER ANNOUNCED THE MINISTERS WHO WOULD BRING THE MESSAGES FOR THE FOLLOWING DAY. THEY WERE REV. GENE NORRIS FOR THE MORNING DEVOTIONAL, AND REV. WOODROW MATTHEWS FOR THE ELEVEN O'CLOCK MESSAGE.

BENEDICTION BY REV. DEAN BURPO, PASTOR OF THE AULSBURY CHAPEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, BONNE TERRE, MISSOURI.

FRIDAY, 9:30 A.M.

SERVICES WERE CALLED TO ORDER BY THE MODERATOR. THE CONGREGATION SANG "MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE," LED BY REV. EVERETT HELLARD.

DEVOTIONS WERE LED BY REV. GENE NORRIS, READING EPHESIANS 5:18. REV. NORRIS SET THE PACE FOR THE MEETING WITH "BE YE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT." HE CLOSED WITH PRAYER.

THE MODERATOR ASKED THE STANDING DELEGATES TO STAND AND THEY WERE GIVEN THE CHARGE TO CONDUCT BUSINESS UNTIL THE LETTERS WERE READ AND DELEGATES SEATED. THE ASSISTANT CLERK, REV. WEBB, READ THE YEARLY

MEETING LETTERS FROM ST. FRANCOIS AND MADISON COUNTIES. MOTION, SECOND AND CARRIED TO SEAT THE DELEGATES OF THESE LETTERS. DELEGATES FROM CHURCHES READ. M-S-C TO SEAT THESE DELEGATES.

THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE WAS APPOINTED AS FOLLOWS: REV. DEAN BURPO, REV. CLARENCE BURTON, REV. LLOYD DURBIN, AND REV. JOHN LONG.

THE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES WAS APPOINTED AS FOLLOWS: BRO. VERNON LONG, BR. BLAINE MATTHEWS, AND REV. BOB JONES. AN ORAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD WAS GIVEN BY REV. CLARENCE BURTON.

REV. EVERETT HELLARD, MODERATOR OF THE ST. FRANCOIS COUNTY QUARTERLY MEETING INVITED THE YEARLY MEETING TO THIS QUARTERLY MEETING.

AN ORAL REPORT OF THE ST. FRANCOIS-MADISON COUNTY LEAGUE RALLY WAS GIVEN BY PRESIDENT, REV. GENE NORRIS. RECEIVED AS INFORMATION.

AN ORAL REPORT OF THE ST. FRANCOIS COUNTY QUARTERLY SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION WAS GIVEN BY REV. JESSE WEBB. RECEIVED AS INFORMATION.

LETTER FROM ST. LOUIS DISTRICT QUARTERLY MEETING (STATISTICAL REPORT) READ AND RECEIVED AS A PARTIAL REPORT.

BENEDICTION BY REV. JOHN ROGERS.

11:00 O'CLOCK SERVICE

REV. EVERETT HELLARD CALLED THE SERVICE TO ORDER BY LEADING THE CONGREGATION IN SINGING "WILL JESUS FIND US WATCHING?" AND "TRUST AND OBEY". MRS. JUANITA BURPO PLAYED THE PIANO. REV. LLOYD DURBIN LED IN PRAYER. BRO. HELLARD LED THE CONGREGATION IN ANOTHER SONG, "TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS."

REV. JAMES BARKER INTRODUCED THE SPEAKER FOR THE MORNING, REV. WOODROW MATTHEWS, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI. HE BROUGHT GREETINGS FROM THE CENTRAL WESTERN ASSOCIATION. BRO. MATTHEWS READ FROM ISAIAH 12, CALLING ATTENTION TO VERSE 3. HE SPOKE ON THE PLACE OF BLESSING AND JOYOUS ACTIVITY, CONCLUDING WITH PRAYER AND AN INVITATION.

THE MODERATOR, REV. BARKER, APPOINTED REV. HELLARD TO REPLACE REV. DURBIN ON THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE.

FRIDAY, 1:30 P.M.

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY WAS IN CHARGE OF THE AFTERNOON PROGRAM.

THEY VOTED TO DISBAND THE YEARLY MEETING LEVEL OF THE AUXILIARY AND TO HAVE TWO DISTRICTS WHICH WOULD REPORT DIRECTLY TO THE STATE CONVENTION.

NO MINUTES WERE RECEIVED BY THE YEARLY MEETING CLERK TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THESE MINUTES.

THE YEARLY MEETING CONTINUED WITH A MOTION TO AMEND ARTICLE 1 OF THE CONSTITUTION BY SUBSTITUTING THE WORD "FRIDAY" FOR "THURSDAY". MOTION SECONDED.

MOTION, SECOND AND CARRIED TO TABLE THE FOREGOING MOTION UNTIL THE SATURDAY BUSINESS SESSION.

FRIDAY, 7:30 P.M.

THE MODERATOR OPENED THE MEETING. REV. LLOYD DURBIN INVITED THE YOUTH TO COME FORWARD AND SING IN THE CHOIR.

REV. DURBIN LED THE SINGING OF "HE'S A WONDERFUL SAVIOUR TO ME," WITH SIS. KAREN MATTHEWS AT THE PIANO.

BRO. BUD STATLER LED IN PRAYER. THE CHOIR SANG A SPECIAL NUMBER, "A CHILD OF THE KING," LED BY REV. DURBIN.

BRO. BILL SPAIN BROUGHT THE DEVOTION, READING FROM 1 JOHN 4:16-21. HE STRESSED BROTHERLY LOVE, AND COMMENTED THAT LOVE IS WHAT OUR WORLD NEEDS MOST OF ALL. HE CLOSED WITH PRAYER.

REV. DURBIN LED THE CONGREGATION IN SINGING "THE REGIONS BEYOND."

REV. BARKER READ 1 CHRON. 7:29. HE THEN TOOK AN OFFERING. BRO. MCGRAW LED IN PRAYER. WE RECEIVED \$31.04, \$15.00 OF WHICH WENT TO REV. GENE ROGERS.

REV. DURBIN LED THE CHOIR IN A SPECIAL NUMBER, "NO ONE EVER CARED FOR ME LIKE JESUS."

REV. BOB JONES INTRODUCED THE SPEAKER OF THE EVENING, REV. GENE ROGERS, PASTOR OF THE MOUNTAIN GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, MOUNTAIN GROVE, MO.

REV. ROGERS READ FROM ISAIAH 6:1-8. HIS SUBJECT WAS "GOD'S CALL OF SERVICE." HE STRESSED HOW WE ARE GAINING KNOWLEDGE OF ALL SORTS OF THINGS--SPACE AND OTHER THINGS--BUT THAT WE HAVE FAILED TO REALIZE THE NEED OF OUR OWN HEARTS. HE CLOSED WITH AN INVITATION.

REV. DURBIN LED IN A SONG, "I SURRENDER ALL." BRO. ROGERS CLOSED WITH PRAYER.

THE FILMSTRIP "AWAKENING GIANTS" WAS SHOWN, REGARDING BRAZIL. IT WAS VERY INFORMATIVE AND IMPRESSIVE.

SATURDAY, 9:30 A.M.

THE MODERATOR CALLED THE SERVICES TO ORDER WITH A SONG, "TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS" WITH SIS. KAREN MATTHEWS AT THE PIANO. SIS. EUNICE MILLER LED IN PRAYER.

REV. JOHN LONG BROUGHT THE MORNING DEVOTIONS, READING FROM ROMANS 8:1-18. HIS DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT, "KNOWING WE ARE CHILDREN OF GOD." HE STRESSED THE NEED OF PUTTING OUR LIFE ON THE LINE FOR JESUS. HE CLOSED WITH PRAYER.

REV. HARRY BEATTY, PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE STATE OF MISSOURI, WAS GIVEN TIME ON THE PROGRAM. HE SPOKE CONCERNING HOW IF GOD'S PEOPLE WILL GIVE TO GOD HIS PORTION, GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF OUR MANY NEEDS.

HE THEN GAVE AN ORAL REPORT OF HIS WORK.

REV. BARKER READ THE REGISTRAR'S REPORT. M-S-C TO RECEIVE THE REPORT.

THE OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT WAS READ AND ACCEPTED. A PRAYER WAS OFFERED IN BEHALF OF THOSE WHO HAD GIVEN UP LOVED ONES IN THE PAST YEAR. BRO. BEATTY LED THE PRAYER.

SIS. EULA MAE MARTIN WAS GIVEN TIME ON THE PROGRAM TO PRESENT THE NEEDS OF THE MISSION FIELD. SHE SPOKE CONCERNING THE NEED OF PRAYER FOR MISSIONARIES.

SHE READ HER LIFE VERSE, PSALMS 18:2 AND MADE COMMENTS. HER TESTIMONY AND REPORT WERE RECEIVED AS INFORMATION.

THE REPORT OF THE DENOMINATIONAL ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE WAS READ AND RECEIVED TO BE DISPOSED OF ITEM BY ITEM.

ITEM NO. 1 -- ADOPTED.

ITEM NO. 2 -- ADOPTED. (BRO. JAMES MILLER GAVE AN EXPLANATION OF THE NEW CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE PROGRAM.)

ITEM NO. 3 -- ADOPTED.

ITEM NO. 4 -- ADOPTED.

THE REPORT OF THE TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE WAS READ. A MOTION WAS MADE TO RECEIVE THE REPORT IN ITS ENTIRETY AND PRESENT IT TO THE GEM FOR PUBLICATION. SECOND AND CARRIED.

THE REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE WAS READ AND RECEIVED TO BE DISPOSED OF ITEM BY ITEM.

MOTION TO AMEND ITEM NO. 1 BY INSERTING "MASTER'S MEN."

MOTION TO ADOPT ITEM NO. 2. SECOND AND CARRIED.

REV. BURTON GAVE AN ORAL REPORT REGARDING A HOME FOR THE AGED. RECEIVED AS INFORMATION.

M-S-C TO RETAIN COMMITTEE ON HOME FOR AGED.

M-S-C THAT THE MODERATOR BE EMPOWERED TO APPOINT DELEGATES TO THE MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION TO BE HELD IN SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI.

M-S-C TO BRING ARTICLE FROM TABLE FOR CONSIDERATION.

M-S-C TO ADOPT THIS ARTICLE--CHANGING MEETING DATE OF YEARLY MEETING FROM THURSDAY TO FRIDAY.

THE REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE REGARDING ELECTION OF OFFICERS WAS READ. M-S-C TO BE DISPOSED OF ITEM BY ITEM.

MODERATOR - REV. CLARENCE BURTON. MOTION TO ELECT BY ACCLAMATION. CARRIED.

ASS'T MODERATOR - REV. EVERETT HELLARD. MOTION TO ELECT BY ACCLAMATION. CARRIED.

SEC'Y- TREAS. & STATISTICIAN - REV. FRANK GIUNTA. MOTION TO ELECT BY ACCLAMATION. CARRIED.

ASS'T. TREAS. & STATISTICIAN - REV. RONNIE GRAHAM. MOTION TO ELECT BY ACCLAMATION. CARRIED.
M-S-C TO ELECT REV. BOB JONES TO THE 3-YEAR TERM AS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER.

M-S-C TO ACCEPT REV. CLARENCE BURTON'S RESIGNATION FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

M-S-C TO ELECT REV. HARRY ASHER TO FILL UNEXPIRED TERM OF BRO. BURTON.

M-S-C THAT BRO. GIUNTA PROPORTION OUT COST OF MINUTES TO QUARTERLY MEETING IF NEED SO ARISES.

M-S-C TO ADJOURN FROM BUSINESS AND GO INTO MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE.

SATURDAY, 11:00 A.M.

REV. HAND LED THE CONGREGATION IN SINGING HYMNS "HE KEEPS ME SINGING" AND "AMAZING GRACE".

AN OFFERING WAS RECEIVED FOR MISS EULA MAE MARTIN, VISITING MISSIONARY FROM BRAZIL. OFFERTORY PRAYER BY MODERATOR, REV. JAMES BARKER.

THE MODERATOR PRESENTED THE SPEAKER FOR THE HOUR, REV. JAMES MILLER. HIS TEXT WAS 1 COR. 15:1-14, "POWER AND PERMANENCY OF THE GOSPEL." THE MESSAGE WAS INTERESTING, WARM AND CHALLENGING. HE CLOSED WITH AN INVITATION AND PRAYER.

REV. HAND LED THE CONGREGATION IN SINGING, "WHEN WE ALL GET TO HEAVEN," AND A FELLOWSHIP HANDSHAKE.

MOTION TO DISMISS WITH READING OF MINUTES BY BRO. BEATTY. BENEDICTION BY REV. CLARENCE BURTON.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE--S.A. HAND, CLIFFORD MCGRAW, BOB WILFONG, AND GEO. MILLER.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE--GENE NORRIS, EVERETT HELLARD, CLARENCE BURTON, DEAN BURPO, AND JOHN LONG.

DENOMINATIONAL ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE--JAMES F. MILLER, LLOYD DURBIN, AND JESSE WEBB.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE--SYBLE CROSSLAND, NELLIE RASNIC,
AND AGNES JEMES.
TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE--WILLARD DARNELL, JOHN EDEN, AND
RONNIE GRAHAM.

SIGNED:

BOB JONES

BLAINE MATTHEWS

VERNON E. LONG

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

WE, THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE, MAKE THE FOLLOWING
RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

1. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE OFFICERS OF THIS YEARLY MEETING SERVE AS PROGRAM COMMITTEE, WITH THE MODERATOR AS CHAIRMAN. THIS COMMITTEE WILL MEET AT LEAST THREE MONTHS BEFORE THE YEARLY MEETING IS TO CONVENE AND COMPILE A PROGRAM FOR THE YEARLY MEETING. WE FURTHER RECOMMEND THAT COPIES OF THE PROGRAM (THREE PER CHURCH) BE SENT TO THE QUARTERLY MEETING CLERK AT LEAST ONE MONTH PRECEDING THE YEARLY MEETING. THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM:

A REPORT FROM ALL THE SUBORDINATE BODIES SUCH AS SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS, CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE, WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTIONS, MASTER'S MEN, ETC.

WE FURTHER RECOMMEND THAT A PERSON BE NAMED FROM EACH QUARTERLY MEETING TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SAID REPORT.

2. WE RECOMMEND THAT A STANDING VOTE OF THANKS BE GIVEN THE MADISON COUNTY QUARTERLY MEETING AND THE HOST CHURCH FOR THEIR HOSPITALITY DURING THIS SESSION OF THIS YEARLY MEETING.

SIGNED:

GENE NORRIS, EVERETT D.

HELLARD, C.H. BURTON,

DEAN A. BURPO, JOHN LONG

DENOMINATIONAL ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE

WE, THE COMMITTEE ON DENOMINATIONAL ENTERPRISE,
RECOMMEND THAT:

1. OUR CHURCHES SUPPORT THE ENTIRE PROGRAM OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE PRAYERFULLY AND FINANCIALLY.

2. THE NEW CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE PROGRAM, ADOPTED BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS, BE INSTITUTED IN EACH LOCAL CHURCH OF THE YEARLY MEETING.

3. THAT OUR CHURCHES SUPPORT DENOMINATIONAL ENTERPRISES BY PURCHASING ALL LITERATURE FROM THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS.

4. OUR PEOPLE SUBSCRIBE TO THE DENOMINATIONAL PAPERS AND DEVOTIONAL GUIDE AND WHERE POSSIBLE USE THE CHURCH FAMILY PLAN.

SIGNED:

JESSE WEBB

JAMES F. MILLER

LLOYD DURBIN

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

WHEREAS: THE TEACHING OF GOD'S WORD IN REGARD TO TEMPERANCE IS FOUND IN TITUS 2:1, 1 TIM. 4:12, AND GAL. 5:22, 23, AND,

WHEREAS: THIS IS CONTRASTED TO THE INTEMPERATE LIVING OF OUR SOCIETY, WORLDLY SELF-INDULGENCE, DRUNKENNESS, AND MORAL DECAY, AND;

WHEREAS: THIS IS IN DISREGARD TO THE TEACHINGS OF GOD'S WORD,

WE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT EVERY PASTOR, TEACHER, EVANGELIST, MISSIONARY AND LAYMAN BE URGED TO STAND AGAINST, AND PROCLAIM THE TEACHINGS OF GOD'S WORD CONCERNING THE EVILS OF INTEMPERANCE, THE USE AND SALE OF

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, SINFUL AMUSEMENT, WORLDLY ENTANGLEMENT, IMMODEST DRESS, AND THE GOD OF MATERIALISM.

2. THAT EVERY CHRISTIAN BE ALERT TO:

A. THE SUBTLE AND EVIL ATTEMPT OF THE LIQUOR INDUSTRY, THROUGH NEWSPAPER AND MAGAZINE ARTICLES AND THE MASS MEDIA OF ADVERTISEMENT TO MAKE DRUNKENNESS A SICKNESS INSTEAD OF SIN.

B. THE PRESSURE OF THE MATERIALISTIC SOCIETY IN WHICH WE LIVE AS IT SEEKS TO WOO US TO CONFORM TO THE WORLD AND ITS STATUS OF MATERIAL DOMINATION.

C. THE NEED TO ABSTAIN FROM ANYTHING THAT WOULD GRIEVE THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD IN OUR LIVES. EPHESIANS 4:30.

D. THE NEED TO EXPRESS IN WORD AND DEED AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY OUR GODLY DESIRE TO RETURN PRAYER AND BIBLE READING TO OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

3. WE, THE TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE, URGE THE DELEGATION IF THEY ACCEPT THIS REPORT, NOT TO BE FORGETFUL HEARERS, BUT APPLY THE THINGS CONTAINED HEREIN TO THEIR LIVES.

SIGNED:

REV. WILLARD DARNELL

REV. RONNIE GRAHAM

BRO. JOHN EDEN

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

WE, YOUR OBITUARY COMMITTEE, SUGGEST THAT WE BOW OUR HEADS IN PRAYER AND 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: INA STANFIELD, ALFRED WAGNER, JESSIE BOLLINGER, MARY MIERS, BESSIE WILLIAMS, FRED LONG, BERTHA SOUDIN, LILLIAN HILL, LENORA MITCHELL, J. T. POOLE, NORMAN REED, LUTHER LAWS, ANNA SANDS, ELWOOD PINKSTON, IVA MAE HOLMENS, JOHN ACKERSON, KATE SMITH, AND OSCAR SHEPPARD.

SIGNED:

SYBLE CROSSLAND

NELLIE RASNIC

AGNES JEMES

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

MODERATOR - REV. CLARENCE BURTON

ASSISTANT MODERATOR - REV. EVERETT HELLARD

SECRETARY-TREASURER & STATISTICIAN - REV. FRANK
GIUNTA

ASSISTANT TREASURER & STATISTICIAN - REV. RONNIE
GRAHAM

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER (3 YEARS) - REV. BOB
JONES

NOMINATION PENDING THE ELECTION OF THE MODERATOR-
REV. HARRY ASHER (2 YEARS) TO FILL BRO.
BURTON'S UNEXPIRED TERM ON THE EXECUTIVE
BOARD.

SIGNED:

S. A. HAND

CLIFFORD MCGRAW

BOB WILFONG

GEO. MILLER

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE'S REPORT

MINISTERS.....	25
DELEGATES.....	45
VISITORS.....	71
TOTAL.....	<u>141</u>

YEARLY MEETING TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS:

AULSBURY CHAPEL.....	\$ 2.00
RICHWOODS.....	4.00
FESTUS.....	4.00
MADISON COUNTY.....	40.00
ST. FRANCOIS COUNTY.....	36.00
ST. LOUIS DISTRICT.....	48.00
FELLOWSHIP.....	5.00
OFFERING TAKEN FIRST NIGHT.....	31.04
MISSIONARY OFFERING FOR MISS EULA MAE MARTIN.....	<u>23.98</u>
TOTAL.....	\$194.02

DISBURSEMENTS:

GENE ROGERS.....	15.00
Ass't CLERK FEE.....	10.00
GAS FOR TRIP TO ST. LOUIS FOR TWO BOARD MEMBERS.....	10.00
TWO PHONE CALLS FROM STATE MEET.	6.50
CLERK AND STATISTICIAN FEE.....	25.00
MISS EULA MAE MARTIN, MISSIONARY	23.98
COST OF MINUTES.....	59.65
POSTAGE.....	<u>6.45</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS.....	\$156.58
BALANCE ON HAND.....	\$ 41.44

MINUTES OF
SEMI-ANNUAL SOUTHEAST MISSOURI
MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

THE SOUTHEAST MISSOURI MINISTER'S CONFERENCE MET AT THE FREDERICKTOWN FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH ON MAY 16, 1964, AT 10:00 A.M.

THE CONFERENCE WAS OPENED BY SINGING "ROCK OF AGES" AND PRAYER BY REV. CLARENCE BURTON. THE CONGREGATION THEN SANG "I AM THINE, O LORD."

REV. WILLARD DARNELL, SECRETARY AND TREASURER, CALLED THE MINISTER'S CONFERENCE TO ORDER AND PROCEEDED WITH THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS. THE FOLLOWING WERE NOMINATED AND ELECTED:

PRESIDENT - REV. JAMES BARKER

VICE-PRESIDENT - REV. BOB WILFONG

SECRETARY AND TREASURER - REV. GENE NORRIS

PRESIDENT BARKER TOOK THE CHAIR AND READ THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE SOUTHEAST MISSOURI MINISTER'S CONFERENCE.

REV. LONNIE SKILES AND REV. ALLEN HELMS REQUESTED MEMBERSHIP.

M-S-C THAT THEY BE ACCEPTED.

DUES WERE PAID BY NINETEEN (19) MEMBERS.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE NOVEMBER 14, 1964 AT THE GRACE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH IN ARNOLD, MISSOURI.

PRESIDENT REMARKED REGARDING THE MATTER OF MINISTER'S CARDS BEING HANDLED SOLELY BY THE QUARTERLY MEETINGS INSTEAD OF THE YEARLY MEETING AS IN THE PAST.

THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION REGARDING THE YOUTH EMPHASIS SERVICE ON THE FRIDAY EVENING OF THE YEARLY MEETING.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND FINANCIAL REPORT WERE ACCEPTED.

ADJOURNED FOR THE WORSHIP SERVICE.

WORSHIP SERVICE

SONG, "HE KEEPS ME SINGING". PRAYER BY REV.

JAMES F. MILLER. SONG, "THERE SHALL BE SHOWERS OF BLESSING". MESSAGE BY REV. SAM YOUNG FROM PHIL. 3: 1-11.

FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD.....	\$21.00
DUES RECEIVED.....	<u>20.00</u>
TOTAL.....	\$41.00

AMOUNT PAID OUT:

CLERK FEE.....	5.00
POSTAGE (27 LETTERS @ 5¢ EACH).....	<u>1.35</u>
TOTAL PAID OUT.....	<u>6.35</u>

BALANCE IN TREASURY.....	\$34.65
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THE SOUTHEAST MISSOURI MINISTER'S CONFERENCE MET AT THE GRACE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH IN ARNOLD, MISSOURI, ON NOVEMBER 14, 1964, AT 9:00 A.M.

THE CONFERENCE WAS OPENED BY SINGING "BEULAH LAND" AND PRAYER BY REV. FRANK GIUNTA.

DEVOTIONAL - REV. GROVER TERRY, FROM JEREMIAH 18.

PROGRAM TOPICS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

THE PASTOR

IN RELATION TO HIS CHURCH, BY REV. GENE NORRIS.

IN RELATION TO HIS FELLOW MINISTERS, BY REV.

ALBERT MCFARLAND.

IN RELATION TO OTHER DENOMINATIONAL BODIES, BY REV. CLARENCE BURTON.

REV. FRANK GIUNTA EXTENDED AN INVITATION TO THE LEADINGTON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, IN LEADINGTON, MISSOURI, FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

M-S-C THAT THIS INVITATION BE ACCEPTED.

SONG, "MARCHING TO ZION". MESSAGE BY REV. HARRY BEATTY, FROM ACTS 20:27-32. SUBJECT - "TRUE MINISTERS OF THE GOSPEL ARE DIVINELY CALLED OF GOD."

REV. GROVER TERRY AND REV. C. B. DEES ASKED TO

JOIN THE SOUTHEAST MISSOURI MINISTER'S CONFERENCE.
PRESIDENT BARKER READ THE ARTICLE IN THE BY-LAWS
REGARDING QUALIFICATIONS.

M-S-C TO ACCEPT THEM AS MEMBERS.

BENEDICTION BY REV. LOU BEQUETTE

FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD.....	\$34.65	
DUES RECEIVED.....	<u>1.00</u>	
TOTAL.....		\$35.65

AMOUNT PAID OUT:

CLERK FEE.....	5.00	
POSTAGE.....	<u>1.35</u>	
TOTAL PAID OUT.....		<u>\$ 6.35</u>

BALANCE IN TREASURY.....		\$29.30
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CONSTITUTION

THIS ORGANIZATION SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE SOUTH-EAST 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 FRIDAY 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 THEIR COMPANION 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 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 (50) 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, ST. FRANCOIS COUNTY QUARTERLY AND THE ST. LOUIS DISTRICT QUARTERLY MEETINGS 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, AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY-TREASURER. THERE SHALL ALSO BE AN EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THREE OR MORE MEMBERS WHO ARE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN WORK OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH IN SOUTHEAST MISSOURI. NO 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. (THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHALL BE ELECTED IN LIKE MANNER). 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 WITH 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.



