

YEARLY MEETING

of

Southeast Missouri

Free Will Baptist

1965

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When convened with
First Free Will Baptist Church
of Flat River
Cedar and Emerson Streets
Flat River, Missouri

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The 1966 Session of the Yearly Meeting
to convene with the
First Free Will Baptist Church
Gamel Cemetery Road
Festus, Missouri

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI YEARLY MEETING

OFFICERS

MODERATOR.....Rev. Clarence Burton,
Berkeley City, Mo.
ASS'T. MODERATOR.....Rev. Grover Terry,
Desloge, Mo.
SEC'Y.-TREAS. & STATISTICIAN.....Rev. Frank Giunta,
Leadington, Mo.
ASS'T. TREAS. & STATISTICIAN.....Rev. Ronnie Graham,
Viburnum, Mo.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Tom Malone.....Flat River, Mo.3 Years
Rev. Bob Jones.....Fredericktown, Mo.2 Years
Rev. Harry Asher.....Overland, Mo.1 Year

PROCEEDINGS

The seventy-second session of the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting, when convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River, Missouri, August 6-7, 1965.

The service on Friday evening, August 6th, was brought to order by the Clerk, Rev. Frank Giunta, Pastor of the Leadington Free Will Baptist Church. The congregation stood and sang "Christ For Me", and remained standing for prayer by Rev. Bob Jones, Pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Fredericktown.

Rev. Harry Beatty came forward and led in a devotional thought, reading from the First Psalm, talking directly to the young people of the Yearly Meeting. He closed in prayer.

Sis. Lillian Moore led the congregation in the singing of "Joy Unspeakable" and "Keep on the Firing Line."

Bro. Giunta offered opening remarks for the Yearly Meeting about the young people of the Yearly Meeting. He quoted scripture from the Book of Psalms.

Bro. Giunta led the congregation in a testimony meeting. The Lord blessed our hearts very much.

Sis. Moore again led the congregation in singing "Give Me Oil in My Lamp."

The film, "God's Country", was shown to the congregation.

An invitation was given while the congregation stood and sang, "Just As I Am."

A business committee was appointed, consisting of Rev. Bob Jones, Rev. H. T. Dann, Rev. Grover Terry, Rev. C. B. Dees, and Rev. John Long.

Benediction by Rev. Lloyd Durbin, Pastor of the Mill Creek Free Will Baptist Church.

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..... Saturday, 9:30 a.m.

Rev. Clarence Burton opened the service with a song, "He Keeps Me Singing," with Sis. Lillian Moore at the piano.

Rev. John Land led in prayer.
Another song was sung, "Glory To His Name."

The Clerk, Rev. Frank Giunta, officially declared the seventy-second session into order.

Rev. Clarence Burton, the Moderator, introduced the officers to the Body.

The host Pastor, Rev. Gene Norris, gave a welcome.

Our moderator introduced the speaker for our devotional, Bro. H. T. Dann, from the Fourth Free Will Baptist Church in St. Louis. Bro. Dann spoke concerning the need to win souls and how that this was Christ's greatest desire for His Church.

He read from Matt. 9:37, John 4:35, Acts 16:9, and Jeremiah 8:22, and concluded with prayer.

Bro. Burton led in another song, "Amazing Grace."

The Clerk read the report of the Madison County Quarterly Meeting. M-S-C to accept.

Bro. Terry was given permission to appoint delegates from the St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting. They were Mary Wilkerson, Pearl Jones, Edith Forshee,

Sue Morris, Glenda Gray, Edna Morris, Nellie Rasnic Pearl Circlum, and Dorothy McGrael.

In the absence of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, and Clerk, Rev. Harry Asher appointed delegates from the St. Louis District Quarterly Meeting. They were Johnny Peterson, Miriam Wilhite, Hazel Hughes, Charlotte Hedgecorth, and Lillian Moore.

The standing delegates and appointed delegates were asked to stand, and Rev. Ronnie Graham gave them the challenge. He concluded with prayer.

The Committee on Committees was appointed by the Moderator, consisting of Rev. Tom Malone, Rev. John Land, Rev. James Barker, Rev. Edward Varney, and Rev. Charles Moyers.

Dismissed by prayer by Bro. Barker for a recess.

11:00 O'Clock Service

Rev. Dean Burpo called the service to order by leading the congregation in singing "Tell it to Jesus" with Sis. Burpo at the piano.

Bro. John Long led in prayer.

Bro. Burpo led in another song, "Follow On."

Bro. Burton called upon Bro. Allen Helms to lead in a testimony service. He read from Psalm 117 and opened the testimony service.

Bro. Burpo led in a chorus, "Every Day With Jesus."

The Matthews girls trio sang a special number, "Jesus Use Me."

The Moderator introduced our speaker for the 11:00 O'Clock worship service. He was Rev. Grover Terry, Pastor of the Parkview Free Will Baptist Church, Desloge.

He chose for his subject, "The Christian Life," and gave as his scripture text, Romans 12:1-2.

He spoke to the Christians and admonished them from God's Word to live a life that was a living sacrifice. This, he said, was God's reasonable service.

He admonished us to be honest with God, the Church, and ourselves and to live according to God's Word and our testimony.

He gave an invitation to Christians who knew that they had violated their promise to the Church and God to come forward and pray.

The Committee on Committees report was read and accepted as read.

The host Pastor made an announcement about the food.

Bro. Albert McFarland dismissed with prayer.

1:45 P.M.

Service was called to order by Rev. Clarence Burton. Bro. Burpo led in a song, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms", with Sis. Burpo at the piano.

Bro. Cronk led in prayer.

Bro. Burpo led in another song, "Beulah Land."

Bro. Tucker led the afternoon devotion. He read and commented from Psalm 100.

The Clerk read the report of the Business Committee. It was received to be disposed of item by item.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Adopted.

Item 3. Adopted.

Item 4. Adopted.

The Temperance Committee report was read and received as a whole.

The report of the Denominational Enterprise Committee was received to be disposed of item by item.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Adopted.

Item 3. Adopted.

Item 4. Adopted.

Item 5. Adopted.

Item 6. Adopted.

Item 7. Adopted.

Bro. Beatty was given time to speak on Item 7.

The report of the Obituary Committee was read and adopted.

The Yearly Meeting stood in a moment of silent prayer and Bro. Beatty led in a memorial prayer.

Report of the Registration Committee was read.

Motion made to receive the report. Amended to read that everyone stand and that we get an actual count. M-S-C.

Report of the Nominating Committee regarding election of officers was read. M-S-C to receive and dispose of it item by item.

Moderator - Rev. Clarence Burton. Motion to elect by acclamation. Carried.

Assistant Moderator - Rev. Grover Terry. Motion to elect by acclamation. Carried.

Clerk - Rev. Frank Giunta. Motion to elect by acclamation. Carried.

Assistant Clerk - Rev. Ronnie Graham. Motion to elect by acclamation. Carried.

Executive Board Member - 3 Year Term - Rev. Harry Asher; 1 Year Term - Rev. Tom Malone.

Bro. Beatty made a motion that we continue to mimeograph the minutes and that an additional \$25.00 be given the Clerk for his labor.

Motion and second to amend the main motion to read that he also be given \$25.00 for 1964 minutes that are already printed. S-C.

Motion to exclude Minister's Conference Minutes from the Yearly Meeting Minutes and that the President of the Minister's Conference give an oral report at the next Yearly Meeting. S-C.

Letters from the St. Francois County and St. Louis District Quarterly Meetings were read and received as information.

Motion and second to give Chair power to appoint delegates to the State Meeting.

The Moderator read from the State Meeting Minutes the Article pertaining to delegates to the State Meeting. Carried. Those appointed were Harold Wilfong, Ruth Wilfong, Gene Wilfong, Hazel Scott, Isla Cain, Wanda Huett, and Pauline Gillam as delegates from our Yearly Meeting to the State Meeting.

Treasurer's report was given and received as information.

Motion to adjourn was made, seconded and carried. We were dismissed with prayer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE--Vernon Long, Tom Ward, and John Peterson.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE--Bob Jones, H. T. Dann, Grover Terry, C. B. Dees, and John Long.

DENOMINATIONAL ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE--Albert McFarland, George Miller and Olen Lincoln.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE--Darrel Morris, Larry Hedgecorth, and Allen Helms.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE--Esley Cronk, Mrs. Bob Jones, and Mrs. John Long.

Signed:

Tom Malone
Edward Varney
Johnny Land
Charles Moyers
James Barker

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

We, the Business Committee, make the following recommendations:

1. We recommend that the officers of the Yearly Meeting serve as program committee, with the Moderator as chairman. This committee will meet at least three months prior to the Yearly Meeting to compile a program, and copies of the program will be sent to each Quarterly Meeting Clerk at least one month preceding said meeting.

The program shall include reports from subordinate bodies, such as Sunday School Convention, Church Training Service, Woman's Auxiliary, Master's Men, etc.

2. We recommend that each church in this Yearly Meeting subscribe to congregational church government in their Constitution and By-Laws.

Further, that these laws be in accord with Yearly Meeting, State and National Association practice.

3. We recommend that we accept the invitation of the Festus Free Will Baptist Church for the 1966 session of the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting.

4. We recommend that a standing vote of thanks be given the St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting and host church for their hospitality during this session.

Signed:

Bob Jones

H. T. Dann

Grover Terry

C. B. Dees

John Long

DENOMINATIONAL ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE

We, the Denominational Enterprise Committee, recommend that:

1. Since our National Association of Free Will Baptists adopted a \$3 million expansion program for our Free Will Baptist Bible College, our churches continue and increase their support both prayerfully and financially, to the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee.

2. Our new Church Training Service be prayerfully considered by each local church and that we recognize the importance of training our young people for a stronger denomination in the future.

3. Each local church, the Pastor, and youth workers of each local church, encourage their young people to enter and participate in the various contests throughout the State, namely the Essay, Declamation and Sword Drill contests.

4. Our churches continue to support denominational enterprises by purchasing all literature from the various departments in Nashville, Tennessee.

5. An increased interest in denominational meetings be prayerfully considered by each member in good standing in the Yearly Meeting.

6. Our churches subscribe to, through the Church Family Plan if possible, denominational papers and periodicals; namely, CONTACT, GEM, and our national devotional guide DEPTH.

7. Each church support the Cooperative Plan of giving through the Missouri State Association.

Signed:

Albert L. McFarland

George Miller

Olon Lincoln

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Temperance Committee, recommend the following scriptures for prayerful study:

As the teachings of God's Word in regard to temperance are found in Titus 2:1 and I Tim. 4:12, and Whereas; I Thess. 5:22 exhorts to abstain from all appearance of evil, and I Cor. 10:31 "...or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God";

1. We recommend that all who have been saved by God's Matchless Grace be given the charge by this Yearly Meeting to be living examples of the Lord Jesus Christ by taking a personal stand against the carnal sins of our day.

- A. Alcoholic beverages,
- B. Indecent literature,
- C. Immodest dress,
- D. Card playing, etc.

2. A. The subtle evil of the advertising media, TV, magazines, newspapers, etc.

B. The need to abstain from anything that would grieve the Holy Spirit of God in our lives, Ephesians 4:30.

Signed:

Allen Helms

Darrel Morris

Larry Hedgecorth

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 reward.

Those deceased during the past year are as follows:

Lucy Murray, Ollie Umfleet, Linda Rogers, Sarah Hand, Maggie Head, Edward Mund, Bessie Merritt, Sophia Pinkston, Grace Abernathy, Bill Campbell, Clarence Halbrook, Ralph Duncan, Mrs. Perry White, Mary LaRose, Lauretta Moyers, Mrs. Mills, Gussie Halbrook, Rev. James F. Miller, Dollie Penberthy, Sarah Eaton, Florence Archambo, Robbie Dobkins, Bertha McMillion, Henry Veurmann, Harry Hughes, Clarice Mygett.

Signed:

Esley Cronk
Mrs. Bob Jones
Mrs. John Long

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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Ass't. Moderator - Rev. Grover Terry
Sec'y.-Treas. & Statistician - Rev. Frank Giunta
Ass't. Treas. & Statistician - Rev. Ronnie Graham
Executive Board Member (3 years) - Rev. Tom Malone

Signed:

Vernon Long
Thomas Ward
Johnnie Peterson

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

Ministers.....	24
Standing Delegates.....	25
Elected Delegates.....	36
Visitors.....	<u>30</u>
TOTAL.....	115

YEARLY MEETING TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS:

Madison County	\$ 40.00
St. Francois County	32.00
St. Louis District	48.00
Cash & Individual Churches	<u>11.00</u>
TOTAL	\$131.00
Balance carried forward	
from 1964.....	<u>41.44</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS.....	\$172.44

DISBURSEMENTS:

Clerk & Statistician's Fee	25.00
Mimeographing Minutes - 1965	25.00
Mimeographing Minutes for 1964	
- as voted to be retroactive	
in 1965 Business Session	25.00
Chapel Film Company	
(for film "God's Country")	40.00
Cost of paper, ink & stencils	12.49
Lead Belt News (Covers)	<u>21.60</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS.....	\$149.09
Balance on hand.....	\$ 23.35

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 (\$1.00) 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 committess 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 Meeting and the St. Louis District 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, 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 and 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 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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1. The first step is to identify the problem or question that needs to be answered. This involves understanding the context and the specific requirements of the task.



