

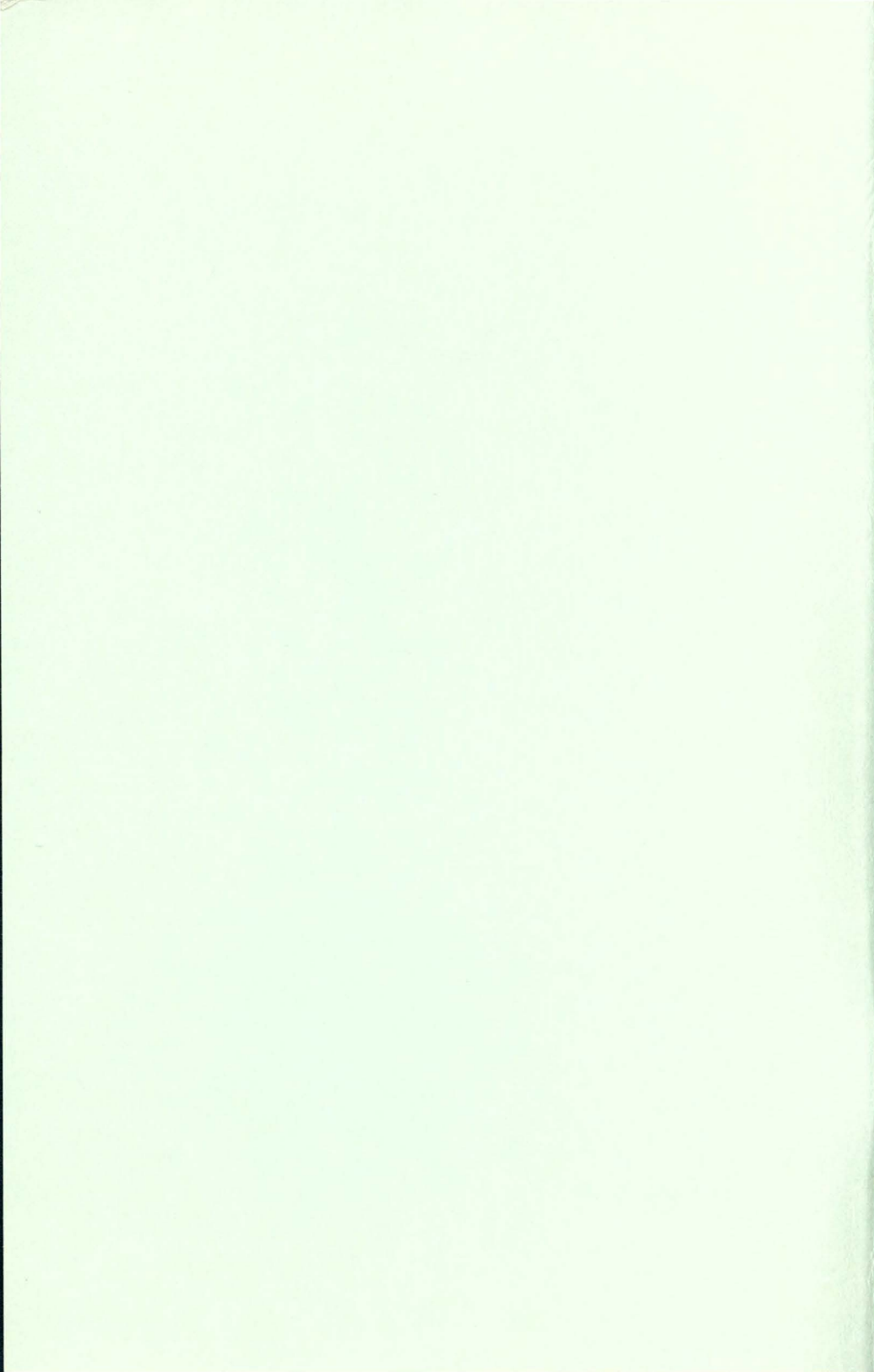
Yearly Meeting  
of  
Southeast Missouri  
Free Will Baptist  
1967

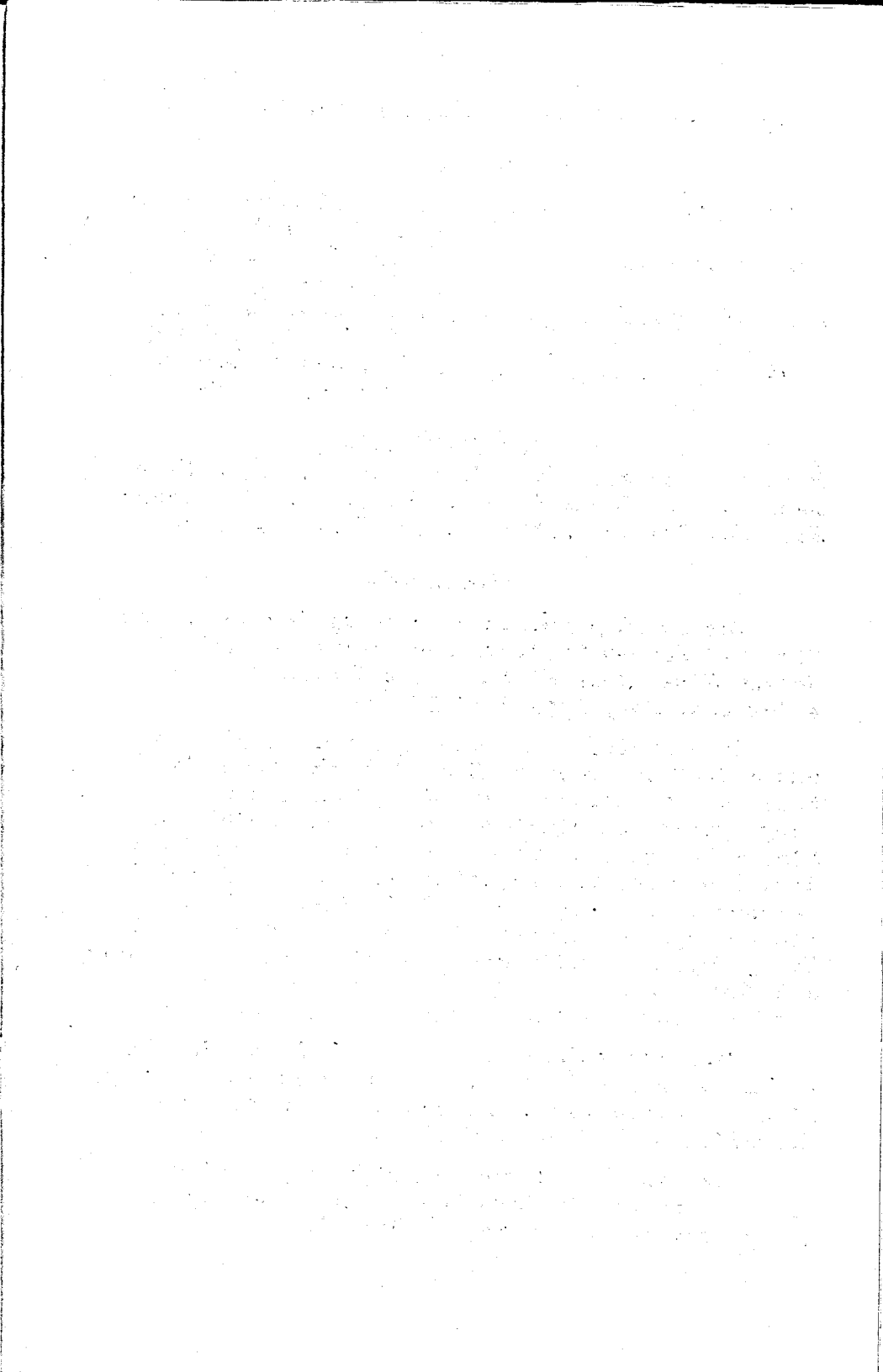
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WHEN CONVENED WITH  
**Copper Mines Free Will Baptist**  
Fredericktown, Mo.  
Route 3

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The 1968 Session of the Yearly Meeting  
to convene with the  
First Free Will Baptist Church  
Farmington, Mo.





## Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting

### OFFICERS

Moderator.....	Rev. Clarence Burton. Berkeley City, Mo.
Assistant Moderator.....	Rev. James Barker Farmington, Mo.
Sec'y-Treas.....	Rev. O.D. Matthews Fredericktown, Mo.
Asst. Treas.....	Rev. Ronnie Graham Flat River, Mo.

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Don Jones.....	Cape Girardeau, Mo.....	3 Years.
Rev. Johnnie Land.....	Arnold, Mo.....	2 Years
Rev. Tom Malone.....	Flat River, Mo.....	1 Year

### PROCEEDINGS

The seventy-fourth session of the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting, when convened with the Conner Mines Free Will Baptist Church of Fredericktown, Mo., August 11-12, 1967.

The service on Friday evening, August 11th, was called to order by Rev. O.D. Matthews, The Host pastor. Brother Jerald Huffman led the congregation in singing- "Joy Unspeakable", with Sister Evelyn Francis at the Piano. Prayer by Rev. Ben Dees. Congregation song-"I'll Live On". Welcome Address by Rev. O.D. Matthews, the host pastor. Special numbers in song were given by the Happy Huffman Family singing- "I'm Finding New Joy, and Way Down Deep in My Soul", and by Peggy Huffman singing- "The Devil is after Me."

Rev. Frank Giunta, pastor of the Leadington F.W.B. Church led the congregation in chorus time. Time was given for a Praise Service under the direction of Rev. O.D. Matthews.

The Rev. Lloyd Durbin and Family gave a Special number singing- "Lord I need you again today, and I'm on my way to Glory".

The Happy Huffman Family gave another Special in song, singing, "The Lord is my Shepherd."

The messenger, Rev. Lloyd Durbin, Pastor of the Mine La Motte F.W.B. Church was presented by the host pastor as the speaker for the evening. Rev. Durbin read 2 Cor 5:14 for his scriptural text, using as subject: "The Love of Christ." He stressed the great need of showing this kind of love in our everyday living. At the close of his message, Rev. Durbin asked everyone to stand, and then opened the altar for everyone. Gathered at the altar, Rev. Geo. Miller led in prayer. The altar service was closed by congregational singing-"Oh How I love Jesus, followed with a fellowship handshake.

Announcements were made at the close of the service.

Benediction by Rev. Harley Brown, Pastor of the F.W.B. Church of Desloge.

#### SATURDAY MORNING 9:30 A.M.

The Service was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Clarence Burton, with Rev. Ernest Kennedy, pastor of the First F.W.B. Church of Flat River leading in prayer.

Rev. O.D. Matthews led the congregation in singing- "Higher Ground, and O I want to be a Worker" with sister Karen Matthews at the piano. Prayer was offered by the Rev. H.T. Dann.

The Moderator introduced the officers of The Yearly Meeting, and recognized the new pastors and ministers of the Yearly Meeting.

Welcome was given by the Host pastor, Rev. O.D. Matthews.

In the absence of Rev. Chester Weir, Rev. Harry Asher gave the morning devotions, reading Ezek. 3:18-20, followed with comments and prayer. Congregation Song- "I want to walk with Jesus".

The Clerk, Rev. Frank Giunta, read the compiled reports of the Quarterly Meetings. M-S-C to receive reports.

The Moderator read articles pertaining to all Delegates. All Delegates were asked to stand. The Moderator charged all delegates to serve in the spirit of love. Prayer was offered by delegate, Sister Rose Sharp of the Fredericktown Church.

The Asst. Moderator, Rev. James Barker, appointed the following committees.

Nominating Committee: E.M. Kennedy, Ed Sirclum, Melvin Howell, Harry Beatty, and Earl Ames.

Business Committee: Harry Asher, Harley Brown, Darrel Morris, and Leeman Killian. Paul Matthews

Temperance Committee: H.T. Darn, Esley Cronk, Everett Bowen, Don Livingston, and Truman Huffman.

Denominational Committee: Virgel Maness, Marvin Bailey, Allen Helms, Vernon Long, and Don Jones.

Obituary Committee: Vivian Burton, Rose Sharp, Mariam Willhite, and Lou Bequette.

Time was given to Rev. Harry Beatty, our State Promotional Director to give his report. Bro. Beatty told how we had gained victory in giving through the CO-OP Plan to our Bible College, Foreign Missions, and Home Missions. M-S-C to receive his report as information and to give Bro. Beatty a standing vote of thanks for his loyal and faithful work.

Bro. O.D. Matthews appointed a registration committee. Enrollment was taken during the recess period. Total present was 107.

Rev. Truman Huffman dismissed with prayer for a few minutes of recess.

SATURDAY MORNING 11:15 A.M.

Services was called to order by congregational singing, "More about Jesus, and I'll feel like traveling on" under the direction of Rev. O.D Matthews. Sis Janice Durbin at the piano.

Prayer was offered by Bro. Virgel Maness. We then sang "Bring Them In". The Moderator introduced the speaker, Rev. Tom Malone, pastor of the Fellowship F.W.B. Church of Flat River. He read from 2 Cor 4:1-16, followed by prayer. His Topic: "We Faint Not". At the close of his message, He offered Prayer. Congregational stood and sang "Trust and Obey".

Announcements were made concerning committees and their meeting places, and the arrangements of the noon meal. The benediction was by Rev. Dale Statler.

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON 1:30 P.M.

The Moderator opened the afternoon session by leading the congregation in singing, "Victory In Jesus". Prayer was by Bro. Melvin Howell. The congregation sang "We Will Work Till Jesus comes".

The assistant moderator led the congregation in a testimony service. Then at the close of the praise service, the congregation sang "O How I Love Jesus".

The Clerk read the report of the Temperance Committee. M-S-C- to adopt the report in its entirety. Report of the Denominational Enterprise Committee was read. M-S-C- to receive it in its entirety. The report of the Obituary Committee was read. M-S-C- to receive it. The Congregation stood and was led in prayer by Rev. Harley Brown.

Bro. Harry Asher read the report of the Business Committee. M-S-C- to adopt Item by Item.

- Item 1 M-S-C
- Item 2 M-S-C
- Item 3 M-S-C
- Item 4 M-S-C
- Item 5 M-S-C
- Item 6 M-S-C
- Item 7 M-S-C

Bro Harry Beatty made a motion that each clerk of the various Quarterly Meetings supply a list of names of ministers of good standing to the

Clerk of the Yearly Meeting and that they be printed in the Yearly Meeting minutes. M-S-C.

Motion made that the yearly Meeting recommend to the State Association to request our National Headquarters to completely itemized the expenditures, and individual salaries, and etc. of all of our national work. M-S-C.

The clerk read a letter from Rev. R.B. Snurgeon about his absence from the Yearly Meeting. This was received as information.

The report of the Nominating Committee was read. M-S-C- to receive and vote off by office.

M-S-C- to give Bro. Frank Giunta a standing vote of thanks for his work as clerk during the past years.

M-S-C to adjourn until the next session.  
Benediction by Rev. Geo. Stitt.



# YEARLY MEETING TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts	122.00
Balance carried forward from 1965	<u>23.35</u>
	145.35

## Disbursements

Clerk Fee	25.00
Mimeograph Minutes	25.00
Cost of paper, ink & Stencils	14.50
Lead Belt News for covers, stapling and trim	31.60
Mailing Cost	6.57
Balance — July 1967	42.68
Less Additional chge on covers	7.50
Less clerks fee for 1967	25.00

Balance--- From July Session-----10.18  
(1967)

Receipts from Churches & Quarterly Meetings  
during 1967 Session. 112.00

Balance in New Era Bank 122.18

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

We, the Business committee, recommend the following:

1. That the names of all ministers of good standing be printed in the yearly minutes.

2. That the yearly meeting convene at the St. Francis County Quarterly Meeting in 1968.

3. That we accept the recommendation from the St. Francis County Quarterly Meeting. It reads as follows: That the Southeast Yearly Meeting petition the State Association to raise Bro. Beatty's salary to not less than 100.00 per week.

4. We recommend that this yearly meeting grant Rev. Ernest Kennedy a letter of recommendation to the State Association of Arkansas.

5. We recommend that the yearly meeting clerk and officers endeavor to have the minutes and programs in the hands of the pastors at least four (4) weeks before setting of session.

6. That we give a standing vote of thanks to the host church for their hospitality and fine meal.

7. Inasmuch that 97% of our churches support the world wide program of the F.W.B. We feel that many souls have been saved through our giving. We recommend that the 3% of our churches that do not support this program begin to trust the Lord and by faith do so.

Signed: Harry Asher  
Leaman Killian  
Paul Matthews  
Darrel Morris  
Harley Brown

## REPORT OF THE TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Temperance Committee, recommend the following:

1. Because of the perilous times in which we are living, and because men in general are becoming lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God. We recommend that we as christians dedicate ourselves more fully to the main task of the church, that of winning souls for Him.

2. Because of our witness to the world and because of the danger of our own soul salvation, we urge our F.W.B. people to hold up the standards that have been set before us, and to live our lives as godly as possible without compromise to the standards of the world today.

3. Because of the evil ungodly pleasures which are ensnaring so many people, we urge our people to shun and to teach against the pleasures of the world such as drinking, dancing, theater and other forms of world pleasure, we urge you to be faithful to your church in the ministry of the Word.

Signed: H.T. Darn

Warren Livingston

Truman Huffman

Everett Bowen

Esley Kronk

## REPORT OF THE OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, the Obituary committee, report the following: It has been His Will to call 26 of our members to rest with Him: James Mitchell, James Lawson, Helen Calami, Braddey Luster, Retta O'Bannon, W.J. James, N.B. Watts, Ellen Yount, Marie Tripp, Edith Baldwin, Henry Tinsley, Cora Jordan, Lester Busenbank, Levina Brimm, Paula Helms, Jacquelyn McGrael, Sam Mills, Hazel Morris, Clarence Womble, Ed Russell, Tim Dalton, Elsie Eaton, Melvin Shaffer, Ruth Elders, Roy Hill, Emily Much, O.D. Creeps, And if others whose name we do not have, We suggest that we stand and bow our heads in humble submission to the Will of God knowing that to live is Christ but to die is gain.

Signed: Vivian Burton

Rose Sharp

Mariam Willhite

Lue Bequette

## REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the Nominating Committee recommend the following:

Moderator-----Clarence Burton  
Asst. Moderator,-----James Barker  
Sec'y-Treas-----O.D. Matthews  
Asst. Treas-----Ronnie Graham  
Executive Board--(3 Yr)--Don Jones

Signed:Ed. Sirolum

Earl Ames

Melvin Howell

Harry Beatty

Ernest Kennedy

## REPORT OF THE DENOMINATION ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE:

We, the Denominational Enterprise committee recommend the following:

1. Since the National Association of F.W.B., have adopted the 1000 church campaign for our Bible College, we urge our churches to participate, and individual members to contribute in any amount.

2. We encourage all of our young people to attend Free Will Baptist Bible College.

3. That each church support wholly or in part missionaries (foreign or Home) on their fields of work, financially and prayerfully.

4. We endorse Executive Church Bonds of our National Association.

5. Our Churches to continue to support denominational enterprises by purchasing all our literature from the various departments in Nashville, Tenn. and subscribe to all the denominational papers.

6. That each church support the Cooperative plan of support through the Missouri State Assoc.

7. That each church send their elected delegates to the State and National Association each year.

Signed:Vergel Maness

Marion Bailey

Vernon Long

Allen I Helms

Don Jones

**NAMES OF MINISTERS WHO ARE IN GOOD STANDING  
IN THE YEARLY MEETING ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

**Ordained Ministers:** Ronnie Graham, Charles Miller, Bob King, Tom Malone, James Barker, Frank Giunta, Harley Brown, John Long, Ben Dees, Albert Tucker, Bob Wilfong, Glen Hargiss, Effie Matthews, Loy E. Smith, Hugh Stogsdill, Fred Harris, Lou Bequette, Albert McFarland, Harry Beatty, Morris Tucker, H.T. Dann, Floyd Arnold, Johnnie Land, Chester Weir, Charles Moyers, Harry Asher, William Evans, Clarence Burton, Allen Helms, Jack Stallings, Pinkley Askren, Russel Spurgeon, Eugene Davis, Geo. Hibbitts, Geo. Miller, Truman Huffman, O.D. Matthews, Willard Darnell, Melvin Howell, Dale Statler, Clarence Burcham, Lloyd Durbin, Sam Yount, Darrel Morris and Geo. Stitt.

**Licensed Ministers:** Esley Kronk, Raymond Askren, Guy Gilliam, Earl Ames, and Eugene Burcham.

## CONSTITUTION

This organization shall be known as the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptist 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 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 until their successor are elected and qualified.

## Article V

The Moderator shall appoint all committee 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. 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, Asst. Moderator, and Sec-Treas, who shall also serve as Statistician, and Asst. Sec-Treas 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 Mo. No one person can hold more than one office.

No. 2- The Moderator and Asst. 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 Asst. Moderator shall not be elected jointly, but shall be elected separately by nomination and by legal vote.

No. 5- The Secretary and Treas., shall be elected by nomination and by legal vote and the Moderator and Asst. Moderator. (The Asst. 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 Treas. 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 yrs. 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 act all times, have at heart, the cause of Christ and the Free Will Baptist Denomination and in all causes, 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.

