

YEARLY MEETING

of

Southeast Missouri

Free Will Baptist

1968

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First Free Will Baptist Church

FARMINGTON, MO.

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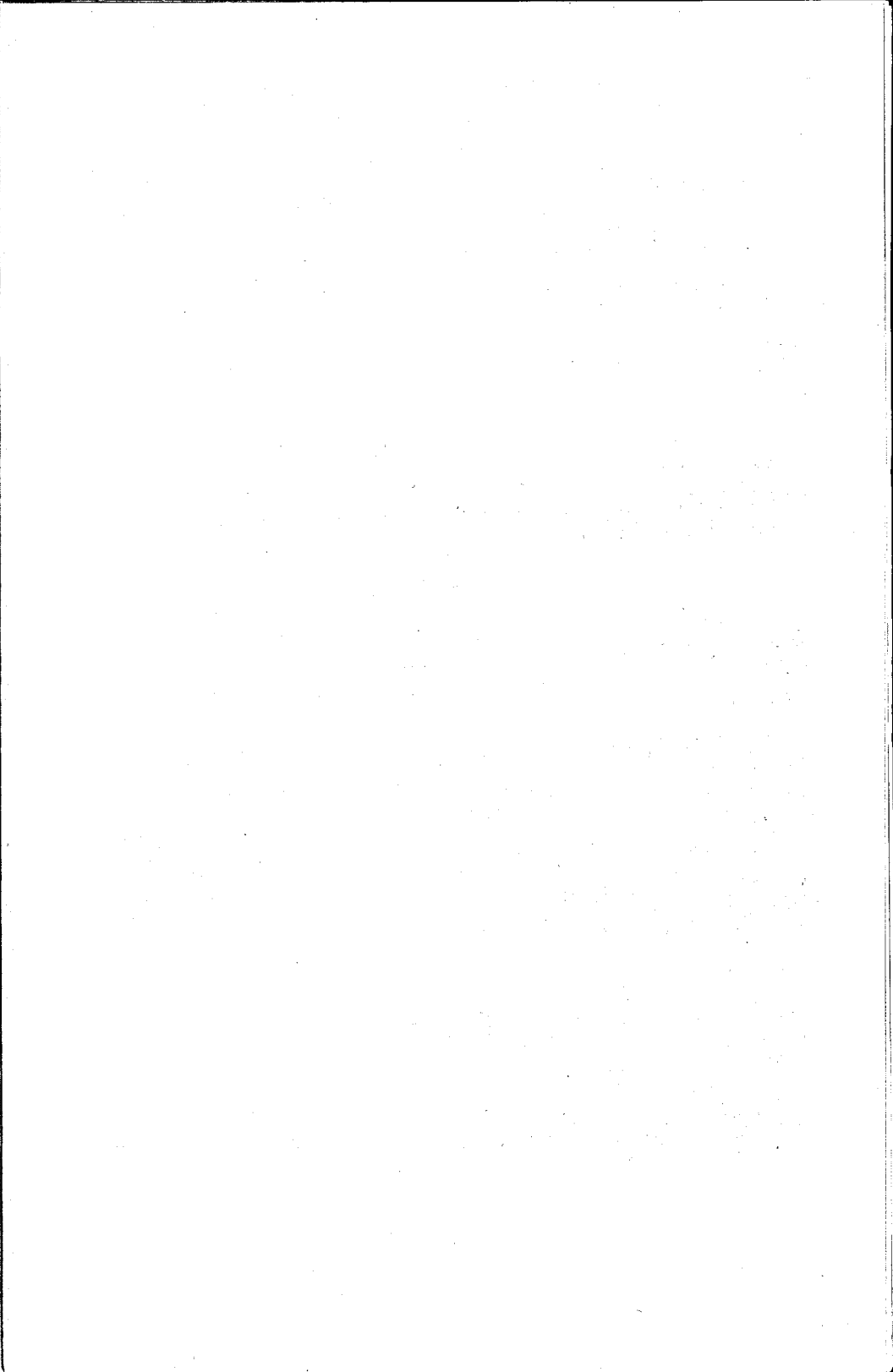
The 1969 Session of the Yearly Meeting

to convene with the

Overland Free Will Baptist Church

9440 West Milton

Overland, Mo.



SOUTHEAST MISSOURI YEARLY MEETING

OFFICERS

Moderator.....	Rev. Glen Rehkep. Arnold, Mo.
Assistant Moderator.....	Rev. Harley Brown. Desloge, Mo.
Sec'y-Treas.....	Rev. O.D. Matthews. Fredericktown, Mo.
Asst. Treas.....	Rev. James O'Dell. Flat River, Mo.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Bob King.....	Farmington, Mo.....	3 Years.
Rev. Don Jones.....	Cape Gir., Mo.....	2 Years.
Rev. Johnnie Land..	St. Louis, Mo.....	1 Years.

PROCEEDINGS

The Seventy-fifth Session of the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting, when convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Farmington, Mo., August 9-10, 1968.

The services on Friday evening, August 9th. 7:30 P.M. was called to order by the Assistant Moderator. Rev. James Barker. Rev. Frank Giunta led the congregation in singing-"Count Your Blessings". Prayer was then led by Rev. Melvin Howell. Congregation Song-"He Reasoned Me." A Special number in song was given by Sister Jill Judgeson, and Sister JoAnn King.

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. Frank Giunta.

The Assistant Moderator, Rev. James Barker, introduced the speaker for the evening. Rev. James O'Dell read Acts 11:19-26, using as Subject: "Four

Marks Of A Christian". At the close of his message an invitation was given by singing-" I Surrender All".

Announcements were made at the close of the service.

Benediction was given by Rev. Earl Ames.

SATURDAY MORNING 9:30 A.M.

The service was called to order by the clerk, Rev. O.D. Matthews. The clerk then introduced the Moderator, Rev. Clarence Burton who then proceeded with the service. After a few remarks from the Moderator, He asked Rev. Paul Ketterman of Nashville, Tenn., to lead us in prayer.

Rev. Glen Rehkop, Pastor of the Grace Church in Arnold, led the congregation in singing-"Leaning On The Everlasting Arms".

Welcome was given by the Host Pastor, Rev. Bob King.

The devotions was given by Rev. Harley Brown, Pastor of the Parkview Church, reading 1 Tim. 4:6, followed with comments. Prayer was given by Rev. Bill Evans, Pastor of the South Side Church in St. Louis.

The clerk read the Quarterly Meeting Letters. M-S-C to receive Letters as read. Time was given to the moderator and church pastors to appoint delegates. Rev. James Barker, The Assistant Moderator charged all delegates to serve in the spirit of Love. Prayer was offered by Moderator.

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

Business Committee: C.B. Dees Chairman, Harley Brown, Harry Asher, Earl Ames, and R.B. Spurgeon.

Nominating Committee: Vernon Long Chairman, Ed. Strolum, Geo. Miller, Allen Helms, and John Long.

Temperance Committee: Glen Rehkop Chairman,

Everett Bowen, Warren Livingston, Ted Clark, and Elsey Kronk.

Denominational Committee: Don Jones Chairman, Bill Evans, Frank Giunta, Sister Eula Freeland, and Hal Colby.

Obituary Committee: Evelyn Rehkop Chairman, Effie Matthews, and Chester Wier.

Time was given to Rev. Harry Beatty, our State Promotional Director to give his report. Everyone were blessed by the good report. M-S-C- to receive his report as information and to give Bro. Beatty a standing vote of thanks for his loyal and devoted work.

Time was given to Rev. Paul Ketterman to give an oral report on the progress of the Bible College in Nashville, Tenn. M-S-C- to receive such as information.

The Moderator declared a few minutes of recess and asked that everyone should register. Total present was 52.

SATURDAY MORNING 11:15 A.M.

Service was called to order by the moderator with congregational singing—"He keeps me singing, and I Would Not be Denied" under the direction of Rev. Glen Rehkop. Prayer by Rev. John Long.

The Moderator introduced the speaker for the hour, Rev. R.B. Spurgeon, Pastor of the Trinity Church of Bridgeton, Mo. Bro. Spurgeon read 2 Kings 4:28,29, using as Subject—"The Need of Evangelism. At the close of his message, Rev. Geo. Miller offered prayer.

Announcements were made concerning committees and their meeting places, and the arrangements of the noon meal. The benediction and offering of Thanks on the noon meal was given By Brother Elsey Kronk.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON 1:30 P.M.

The moderator opened the afternoon session by having Brother Glen Rehkop lead the congregation in singing- "More About Jesus". Prayer was given by Rev. John Rogers. Congregational song-"When We All Get To Heaven".

The report of the Temperance Committee was read. M-S-C- to adopt the report in its entirety. The report of the Obituary Committee was read. M-S-C- to adopt this report in its entirety. A moment of silent prayer and then prayer offered by Rev. Chester Weir in reverence to those whom God have called away.

The report of the Nominating Committee was read. M-S-C- to adopt this report in its entirety.

The report of the Denominational Enterprise Committee was read. M-S-C to adopt this report Item by Item.

Item 1 M-S-C-

Item 2 M-S-C

Item 3 M-S-C

Item 4 M-S-C

The report of the Business Committee was read. M-S-C- to adopt this report Item by Item.

Item 1 M-S-C-

Item 2 M-S-C-

Item 3 M-S-C

M-S-C- that Item 2 be recommended to the Mo. State Association and that it also be sent to the Gen for publication.

The moderator introduced the Ministers of the St. Francois Quarterly Meeting and commended them for their cooperation for hosting the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting,

Rev. Harry Asher, Pastor of the Overland Church, invited the 1969 session of the Southeast Yearly Meeting to convened with them.

M-S-C- that the moderator have the power to appoint the delegates for the Mo. State association at the appointed meeting.

M-S-C- that the out-going officers be given a standing vote of Thanks for their past work.

M-S-C- to adjourn until the next session(1969).
Benediction by Rev. Bill Evans.

YEARLY MEETING TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Bro't forward from 1967 session	122.18
Receipts from Quarterly Meetings	124.00
Totals-----	246.18
Disbursements	
Printing of Minutes	65.00
Clerk Fees	25.00
Total-----	90.00
Balance in New Era Bank-----	156.18

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

We, the Business Committee, recommend the following:

1. In as much as the leadership of our churches is so important to the work of the Kingdom, we recommend that the Quarterly Meetings give close supervision to the licensing, ordaining, and issuing of cards of good standing to ministers, and that the Quarterly Meetings give closer attention to the meeting and maintaining of the qualifications as outlined in our Constitution and ~~BY~~-Laws.

2. We recommend that the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting go on record as being united in prayerful support of the study commission elected at the National Association and by the State Association, to study our Denomination position of the backslider. Let us pray that their decision under the leadership of the Holy Spirit will unite us in one purpose.

3. We recommend that a standing vote of thanks be given the host church and the St. Francis Quarterly Meeting for the fine job of hosting this session.

Signed: Harry Asher
C.B. Dees
R.B. Spurgeon
Earl Ames
Harley Brown

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the Nominating Committee recommend the following:

Moderator-----Rev. Glen Rehkop
Asst. Moderator-----Rev. Harley Brown
Sec'y-Treas-----Rev. O.D. Matthews
Asst. Treas-----Rev. James O-Dell
Executive Board -----Rev. Bob King

Signed: Vernon Long
Allen Helms
Geo Miller
John Long
Ed Strolum

**REPORT OF THE DENOMINATION ENTERPRISE
COMMITTEE:**

**We, the Denominational Enterprise committee
recommend the following:**

**1. That each church give a special offering
to the Bible College Expansion program, above their
Cooperative giving. The goal of the Southeast Mo.
Yearly Meeting for this year is \$ 2,000.00.**

**2. Since the National Association will convene
in St. Louis in 1969, we recommend that each church
appoint delegates and pay their delegate fee to
the convention.**

**3. We recommend that the church and individual
members that compose this body re-emphasize that
we are one body working together for one cause.**

**4. We recommend that each church of the
Southeast Mo. Yearly Meeting make a special effort
to be represented in our annual meeting because of
the necessity of personal involvement in the total
work of the church,**

**Signed: Don Jones
Bill Evans
Hal Colby
Frank Giunta
Eula Freeland**

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 are 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 is, the winning of souls for Him.

2. Because of the evil ungodly pleasure which are ensnaring so many people, we urge our people to shun and teach against the pleasures of the world such as drinking, dancing, theater, and other forms of worldly pleasure. We urge that people be faithful to the church and to the ministry of the Word through family devotions and Bible readings.

3. Because of the worldly pleasure which are advocated on so many television programs and because much of todays literature is lewd and unfit for christian reading, we recommend that each be closely guarded against and that we refrain from viewing any such program or reading any such literature.

**Signed:Glen Rekhop
Warren Livingston
Everett Bowen
Ted Cluck
Esley Kronk**

REPORT OF THE OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, the Obituary committee, report the following: It has been His will to Call 25 of our members to rest with Him, We recommend 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, and that these may be living memorials for us. We submit the following:

Eileen Cole	Marie Rodger
Lauretta Hammers	Cordelia Capps
Everett Braham	Elmer Bryson
Rena McCormack	Sam Yount
Ann Wilson	Cecil Francis
George Hart	Mamie Huffman
Charles McMillian	Don Huffman
Cecil McFarland	Christine Hand
John Bess	Kathryn LaChance
Mrs. C.W. Centers	John Williams
John Eden	Dorothy Burcham
Orville Henderson	Arnold Stone
Arson Helms	

Signed: Evelyn Rehkop
Effie Matthews
Chester Weir

**MINISTERS WHO ARE IN GOOD STANDING
IN THE
SOUTHEAST MISSOURI YEARLY MEETING**

Ordained Ministers:

Charles Miller	Bob King	Effie Matthews
James O'Dell	Frank Giunta	Albert Tucker
James Barker	Darrel Morris	Tom Malone
Ronald Graham	C.B. Dees	Bob Wilfong
John D. Long	Harley Brown	Glenwood Hargiss
Esley Kronk	Harry Asher	Virgil Maness
Johnie Land	Bill Evans	Charles Moyers
Albert McFarland	Harry Beatty	Lue Bequette
Jack Stallings	Clarence Mays	Eugene Davis
Russel Spurgeon	Pinkney Askrum	Loy Smith
H.T. Dann	Hugh Stogsdill	Fred Harris
Floyd Arnold	Chester Weir	Glen Rehkop
Bill McQuin	Morris Tucker	Don Jones
Robert Hesselmeier	O.D. Matthews	Geo Stitt
Melvin Howell	Truman Huffman	Lloyd Durbin
Geo. Hibbitts	Dale Statler	Curt Johnson
Clarence Burcham	Geo. Miller	John Rogers

License Ministers

Gene Burcham	Earl Ames	Donnie Rehkop
David Gibbons	James Ives	Fred Lewis
Raymond Anderick	Guy Gilliam	Raymond Askren
Danny Martin	Larry Bryant	Wayne Adrian
Archie Wright		

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.



