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YEARLY MEETING

of

Southeast Missouri

Free Will Baptist

1969

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Overland Free Will Baptist Church

OVERLAND, MO.

For The 276th Session

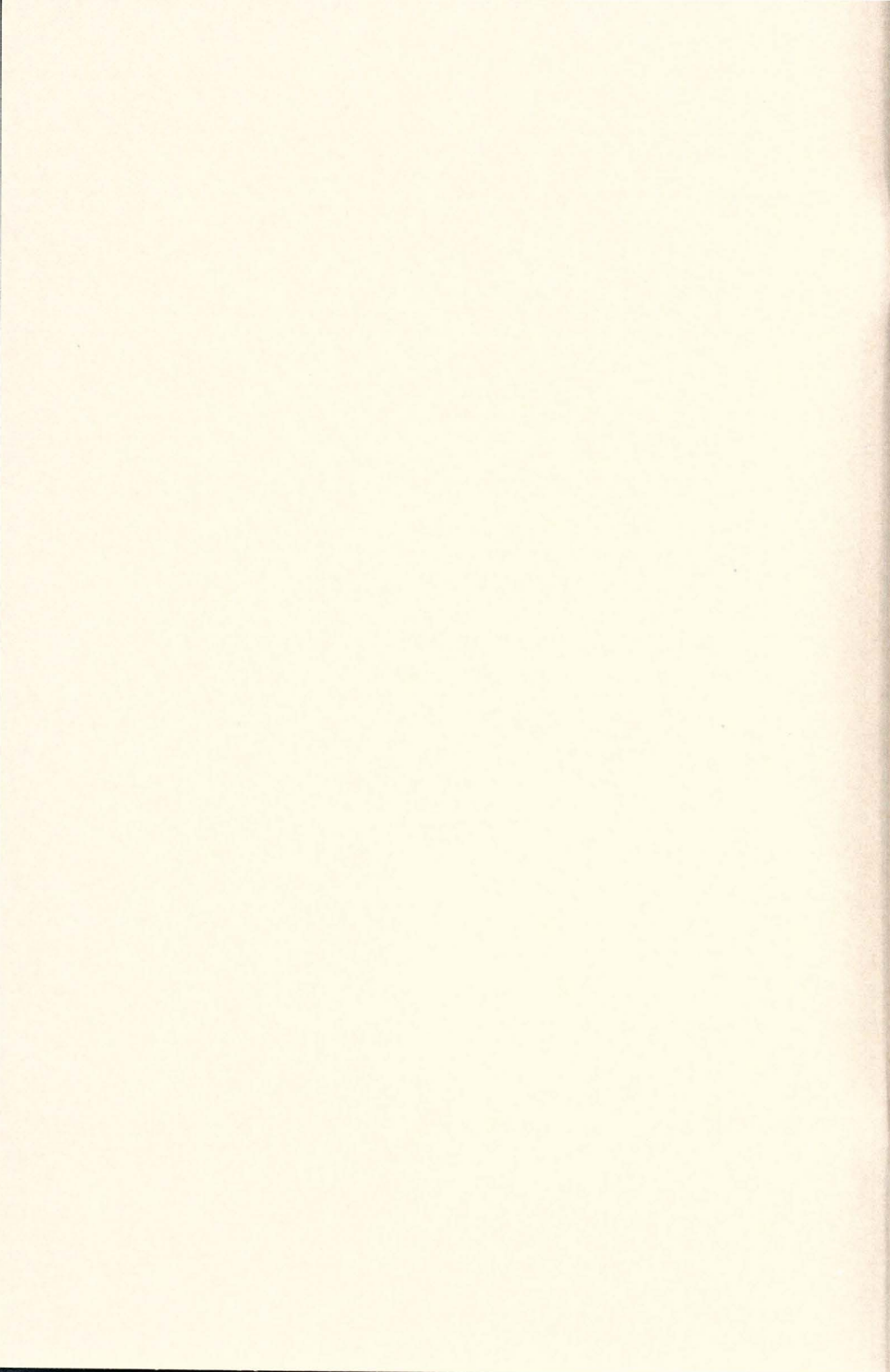
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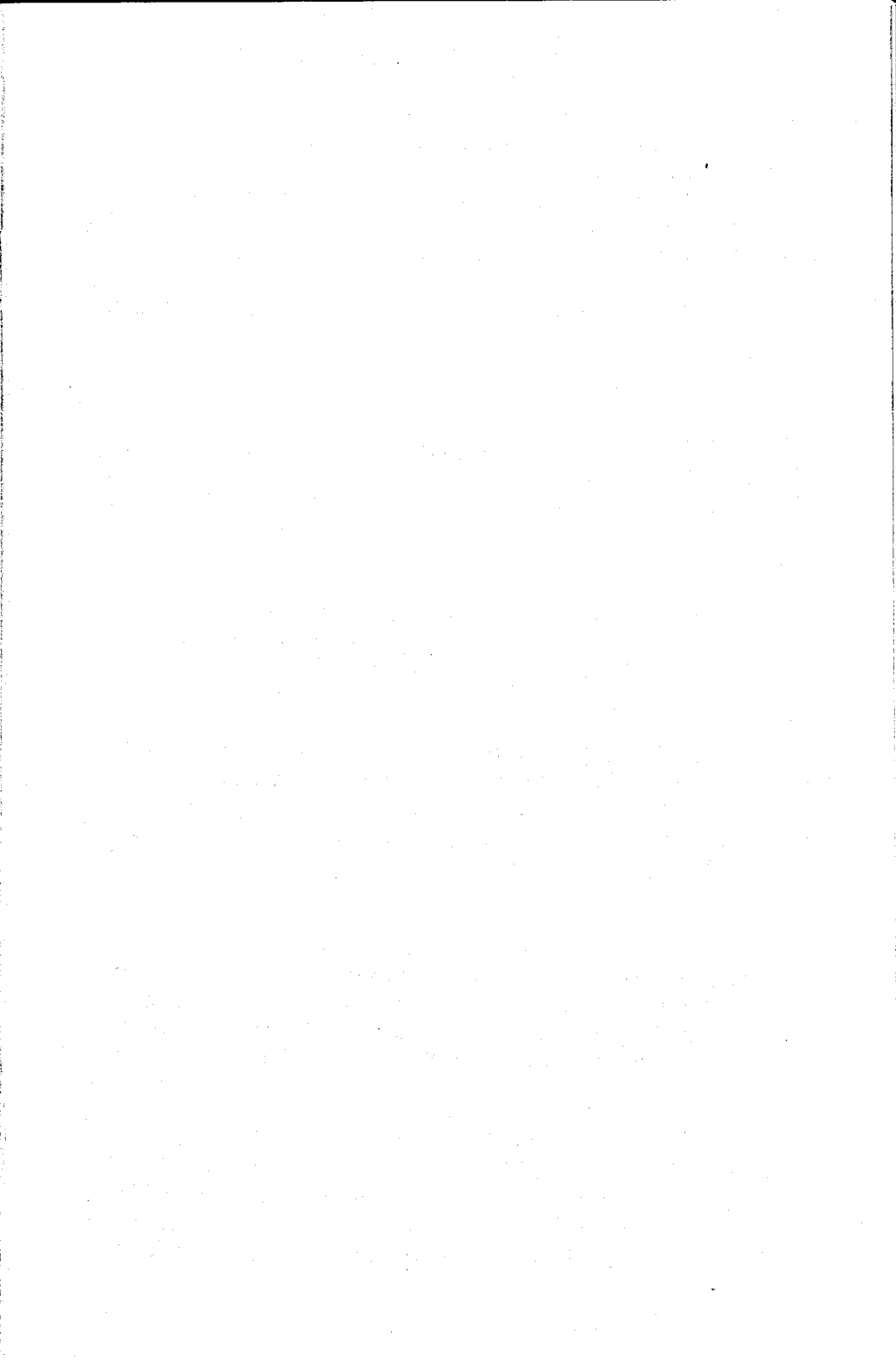
The 1970 Session of the Yearly Meeting

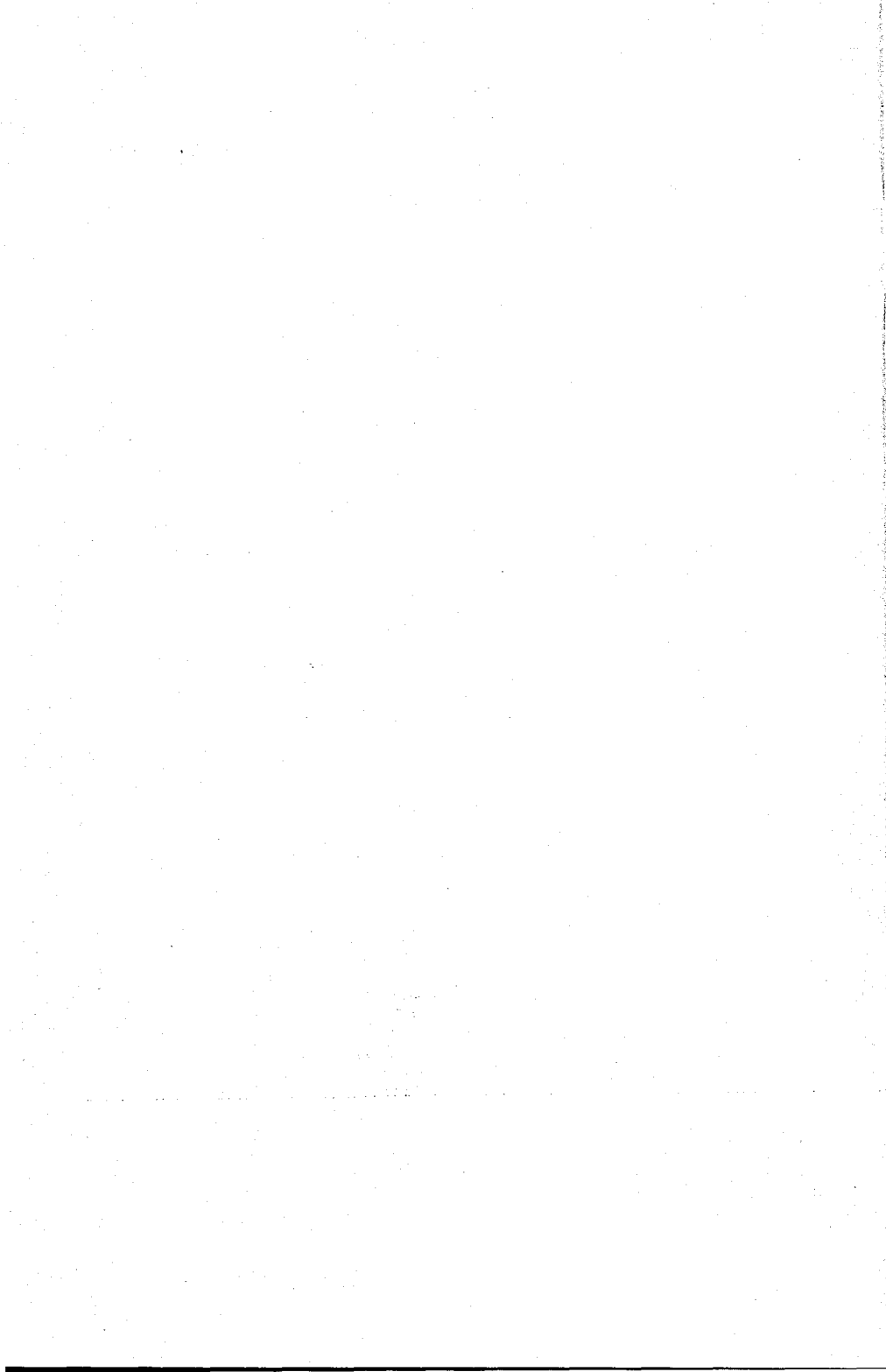
to convene with the

Twin Oaks Free Will Baptist Church

East of Mine La Motte, Mo.







SOUTHEAST MISSOURI YEARLY MEETING OFFICERS

Moderator.....Rev. Glenn Rehkop
Arnold, Mo.
Assistant Moderator.....Rev. O. D. Matthews
Fredericktown, Mo.
Sec'y-Treas.....Rev. James O'Dell
Flat River, Mo.
Asst. Treas.....Ray Anderck

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. John Land....St. Louis, Mo.....3 Years
Rev. Harley Brown..Desloge, Mo.....2 Years
Rev. Don Jones....Cape Gir., Mo.....1 Year

PROCEEDINGS

The Seventy-Sixth Session of the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting, when convened with the Overland Free Will Baptist Church, Overland, Mo. August 8-9, 1969.

The service on Friday Evening, August 8 7:30 P.M. was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Glenn Rehkop. Bro. Dobkins of the host church led the congregation in singing-"Praise Him! Praise Him!" and-"Whosoever Meaneth Me". Prayer was then led by Rev. Glenn Rogers.

The welcome was given by the host pastor, Rev. Harry Asher. New pastors in the Yearly Meeting were introduced to the congregation by the Moderator. They were: Rev. Billy Walker, Fellowship Church in Flat River and Rev. Aulton B. Brown, First Church in Festus.

Testimony Time was then led by the Assistant Moderator, Rev. Harley Brown, followed by the congregation singing-"How Great Thou Art" led by all those twenty-five years old and under, and-"Count Your Blessings" led by Bro. Dobkins.

The Moderator then introduced the speaker for the evening, Bro. Danny Martin, presently enrolled at Free Will Baptist Bible College and a member of Berkely Free Will Baptist Church. Bro. Martin spoke on the subject: "Being A Peculiar Person", using for his scripture; Titus 2:11-15 and I Peter 2:9-11. At the close of his message an invitation was given be singing-"Just As I Am".

Announcements were made at the close of the service concerning the services and business session for Saturday. Rev. Billy Walker pronounced the benediction.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 9:30 A.M.

The service was called to order by the clerk, Rev. O.D. Matthews. The clerk then introduced the Moderator, Rev. Glenn Rehkop, who then introduced the other officers and new pastors in the Yearly Meeting. Rev. Bud Arnold then led in prayer.

Rev. Harry Asher of the host church then led the congregation in singing; a chorus-"Hello Everybody"- "At Calvary" and-"Te God Be The Glory". Prayer was then led by Rev. Dale Underwood.

The Welcome was given by the host pastor, Rev. Harry Asher, and the Response was given by Rev. C.B. Dees of the Leadington Free Will Baptist Church. The congregation then sang-"When I See The Blood" led by Rev. Bud Arnold.

The Devotion was given by Rev. Billy Walker, pastor of the Fellowship Church, reading Exodus 6:6-8, followed with comments and prayer.

The Moderator then read Romans 12:9-18 before entering into the business session.

The clerk read the Quarterly Meeting Letters, with the exception of the letter from the St. Louis District Quarterly Meeting. The Standing Delegates were then seated by the Moderator.

M-S-C to receive letters as read, seat delegates and give the clerk the letter from St. Louis as soon as possible. Time was given to the Moderator and church pastors to appoint delegates. The Moderator then gave the charge to the delegates and led in prayer.

The Assistant Moderator, Rev. Harley Brown, appointed the following committees:

Business Committee: Bill Evans, Chairman, Ronnie Graham, Bud Arnold, John Land, Dale Underwood.

Nominating Committee: James Barker Chairman, Frank Giunta, Everett Bowen, Morris Tucker, John Rogers.

Temperance Committee: C.B. Dees Chairman, Earl Ames, Elza Rehkop, Ed Sirclum, Norman Talent.

Denominational Committee: Ralph Hampton Chairman, Billy Walker, Lovell Reeves, Harry Asher, Aulton B. Brown.

Obituary Committee: Layman Killian Chairman, Vivian Burton, Maxine Long.

Time was given to Rev. Harry Beatty, our State Promotional Secretary, to give his report. Bro. Beatty first requested the congregation to sing-"How Firm A Foundation". M-S-C to receive his report as information.

The Moderator declared a few minutes recess and instructions were given by the clerk concerning registration. There were: 25 Ministers present, 12 Deacons, 52 Delegates, and 12 Visitors for a total of 101.

Dismissed in prayer for recess by Rev. Clarence Burton, pastor of Berkely Free Will Baptist Church.

11:15 A.M.

The service began with Rev. Ronald Graham, pastor of Aulsbury Chapel, leading the congregation in singing-"I Will Sing The Wondrous Story". Prayer was given by Elza Rehkop. The congregation then sang-"The Kingdom Is Coming", then Rev. Bob Francis led in prayer.

The Moderator introduced the speaker for the hour, Rev. Frank Giunta, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Leadington, Mo. Bro. Giunta read Numbers

21:5-9, using as his subject-"What Does Love Constrain You To Do?" Rev. Giunta led in prayer at the close of his message.

Rev. Harry Asher then gave instructions concerning the noon meal. The Benediction and Blessing on the food was pronounced by Bro. Hughes.

1:30 P.M.

The Moderator opened the afternoon session by having Rev. James Barker, pastor of Hurryville Free Will Baptist Church, lead the congregation in singing-"His Way With Thee" and-"Since Jesus Came Into My Heart". Prayer was then offered by Bro. Vernon Long.

Time was given to Rev. Bob Francis, National Home Missionary to St. Paul-Minneapolis, Minn., to speak concerning the work in Minnesota. Hearts were blessed and challenged as Bro. Francis told how God had blessed in providing a Church Building for the work to begin in.

The report of the Obituary Committee was read. M-S-C to adopt this report with correction that the name Davie Logan be changed to Dudley Logan. There was a moment of silent prayer and then prayer was led by Rev. John Land in reverence of those whom God had called away.

A request by Rev. Harry Beatty for the reading of the St. Louis District Quarterly Meeting Letter was granted. M-S-C to receive this letter.

The report of the Temperance Committee was read. M-S-C to adopt this report with the word "insist" be changed to "recommend".

The report of the Denominational Enterprises 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 1 contain the emblem of the National Association to show that the Church is affiliated.

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 to table until next session.

Item 3 M-S-C

Item 4 M-S-C

Item 5 M-S-C to table until next session.

Item 6 M-S-C

The report of the Nominating Committee was read. M-S-C to adopt this report with the exception of the State Board Member. M-S-C to elect Rev. Glenn Rehkop as State Board Member.

M-S-C that the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting go to Madison County for the 1970 session with the location of the church to be decided upon later, and to be included in the minutes.

It has been decided by the Madison County Quarterly Meeting that the 1970 session of the Yearly Meeting will convene with the Twin Oaks Free Will Baptist Church located about 2 miles East of Mine La Motte.

M-S-C to give Rev. Fred Harris a card of good standing from the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting.

Delegates to the State Association from the Yearly Meeting were appointed by the Moderator.

M-S-C to adjourn until the next session (1970). Benediction by Rev. Aulton B. Brown.

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

We, the Business Committee, recommend the following:

1. Each local church send a letter of greeting, along with the elected delegates, to this Yearly Meeting.

2. We recommend that we amend Article XII to read as follows: 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 that each local church be entitled to one (1) Delegate for each fifty (50) members or major fraction thereof.

3. In compliance with the recommendation of the Executive Board of the St. Louis District Quarterly Meeting, we recommend that Bro. Dale Underwood, pastor of the O'Fallon Free Will Baptist Church be received into full fellowship of this Yearly Meeting.

4. We recommend that Rev. Frank Giunta be given a letter of recommendation to the Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

5. We recommend that Article I be amended by changing the word "August" to "June".

6. We recommend that a standing vote of thanks be given to the Overland Church and the St. Louis District Quarterly Meeting for the fine job of hosting this session of the Yearly Meeting.

Signed: William Evans
John Land
Bud Arnold
Dale Underwood
Ronald Graham

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the Nominating Committee, recommend the following:

Moderator.....Rev. Glenn Kehkop
Asst. Moderator.....Rev. O.D. Matthews
Sec'y-Treas.....Rev. James O'Dell
Asst. Treas.....Bro. Ray Andereck
Executive Board.....Rev. John Land
(to succeed himself)

" "Rev. Harley Brown
(to fill unexpired term of Rev. Bob King)
State Board.....Rev. Clarence Burton

Signed: James Barker
Morris Tucker
John Rogers
Everett Bowen
Frank Giunta

REPORT OF DENOMINATIONAL ENTERPRISES COMMITTEE

We, the Denominational Enterprises Committee recommend the following:

1. We recommend that the local churches be urged to post signs along the highways in conspicuous places so that travelers on the highways will be aware that there is a Free Will Baptist Church in the neighborhood.

2. We, the Committee on Denominational Enterprises wish to take this opportunity to compliment the Sunday School Department on the publication of its own literature and urge all churches to use Free Will Baptist literature.

3. We recommend that all of our people be urged to attend the State Meeting since it is meeting in the general locality of our Yearly Meeting.

Signed: Ralph Hampton
Billy Walker
Lovell Reeves
Harry Asher
Aulton B. Brown

REPORT OF THE TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Temperance Committee, recommend the following:

1. That the Denominational Enterprises Committee and the Temperance Committee be combined.

2. We are in agreement with the past years Temperance Committee and because of the world conditions as they are, we insist not only should we abstain from the way of the world, but that we should turn to our Free Will Baptist Treatise and live accordingly. Because we believe it is based upon the Word of God.

Signed: C.B. Dees
Earl Ames
Ed Sirclum
Norman Talent
Elza Rehkop

REPORT OF THE OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, the Obituary Committee, submit the following report: Since it has been the Lord's will to call 23 of our members from our midst, we recommend that we stand and bow our heads in humble submission, to the will of God.

In our hearts we know that our loss is Heaven's gain. Let us pray that those who have gone to be with the Lord may be as living memorials to all of us. We submit the following names:

Myrtle Ames	Ruth Lustyk	Lawrence Berry
Dempsey Mathews	Sis. Brown	Avis McMillian
Zetta Campbell	Frank Morris	Louise Centers
Harrison Phillips	Linda Collins	William Skaggs
Lizzie Eden	Bennie Stephens	M.A. Henson
Hulda Waller	Stella Hovis	John Waller
Agnes Jemes	Ed Womack	Mrs. Ed Womack
Sis. Dudley Logan		Mrs. James Watts

Signed: Layman Killian
Vivian Burton
Maxine Long

YEARLY MEETING TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 276th SESSION, AUG. 9, 1969

Balance brought forward from 1968 session.....	\$156.18
Receipts from Quarterly Meetings:	
Madison County Quarterly Meeting.....	36.00
St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting.....	40.00
St. Louis District Quarterly Meeting.....	48.00
Total.....	\$280.18

Disbursements:	
Printing of Minutes.....	\$ 64.35
Clerk Fees.....	25.00
Total.....	\$ 89.35

Total Receipts.....	\$280.18
Total Disbursements.....	89.35
Total balance in American State Bank-Flat River	\$190.83

MINISTERS WHO ARE IN GOOD STANDING
IN THE
SOUTH-EAST MISSOURI YEARLY MEETING

ORDAINED MINISTERS:

William Evans	Clarence Burton	Ralph Hampton
Esley Kronk	Johnnie Land	Harry Asher
Glenn Rehkop	Loy E. Smith	Russell Spurgeon
H.T. Dann	Morris Tucker	Albert McFarland
Chester Weir	Eugene Davis	Lue Bequette
Harry Beatty	Pinkney Askren	Floyd Arnold
Clarence Mays	Henry Murray	Bill McGuin
Charles Rogers	Wayne Adrian	Fred Harris
Dale Underwood	Aulton Brown	Don Jones
O.D. Matthews	Melvin Howell	George Stitt
Hugh Stogsdill	George Hibbitts	Truman Huffman
Lloyd Durbin	John Rogers	Dale Statler
Earl Ames	George Miller	James O'Dell
Charles Miller	Ronald Graham	Billy Walker
Darrel Morris	James Barker	C.B. Dees
Albert Tucker	John Long	Effie Mathews
Harley Brown	Cletus Nichols	Frank Giunta
Glenwood Hargis		John Schobaum

LICENSED MINISTERS:

James Ives	Jerry Johnson	James Mertz
Ricky Douglas	Guy Gillam	Raymond Askren
Raymond Andereck	Daniel Martin	David Gibbons
Don Umfleet	Don Rehkop	Eugene Burcham
	Donald Grindstaff	

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 beofe 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 constitue 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.

