

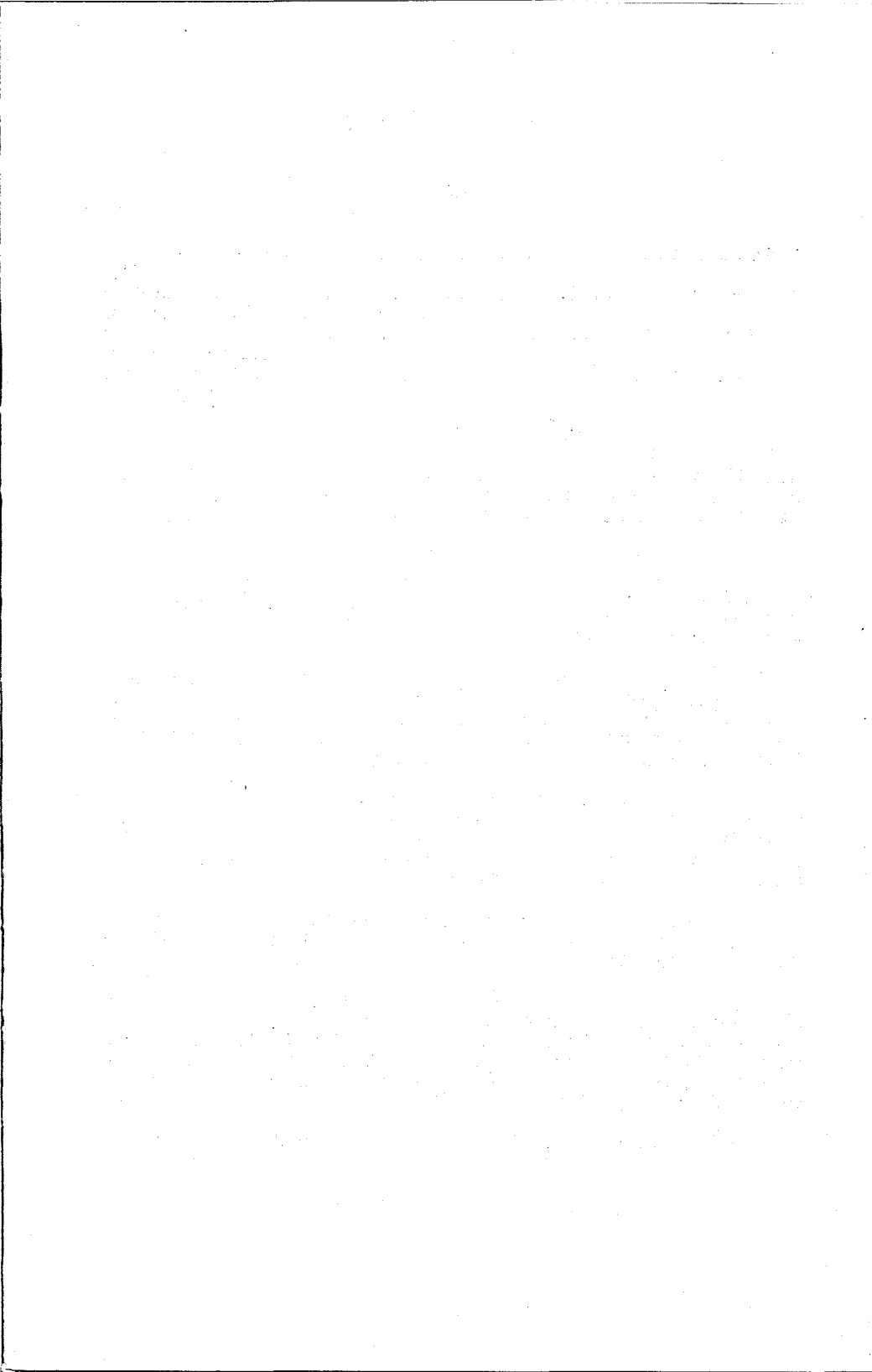
YEARLY MEETING
of
SOUTHEAST MISSOURI
FREE WILL BAPTIST
1970

WHEN CONVENED WITH TWIN OAKS
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
EAST OF MINE LA MOTTE, MO.

For The 277th Session

The 1971 Session of The Yearly Meeting
To Convene With The
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Farmington, Missouri





SOUTHEAST MISSOURI YEARLY MEETING

OFFICERS

Moderator	Rev. O. D. Matthews Fredericktown, Mo.
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Ronnie Graham Farmington, Mo.
Secretary-Treasurer	Rev. Jimmie Bundy Fredericktown, Mo.
Assistant Treasurer	Rev. Bill Evans Farmington, Mo.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Billy Walker	Flat River, Mo.	3 Years
Rev. John Land	St. Louis, Mo.	2 Years
Rev. Earl Ames	Fredericktown, Mo.	1 Year

PROCEEDINGS

The Seventy-Seventh Session of the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting, when convened with the Twin Oaks Free Will Baptist Church, East of Mine La Motte, Missouri, August 7-8, 1970.

The services on Friday evening, August 7, 7:30 p.m. was called to order by the Assistant Moderator, Rev. O. D. Matthews, who after a few remarks turned the services to the Moderator, Rev. Glen Rehkop. Bro. Jerry Huffman, of the Coppermines Church led the congregation in singing, "Send the Light". Prayer then was led by The Rev. Harry Beatty.

The Welcome was given by Lee Ann Ames of the host church. Congregational Song, "I Feel like Traveling On". The devotional was given by Sis. Gloria Matthews from the Coppermines Church, reading Luke 9:23-26, using as a thought "Living for Jesus". At this time the Moderator recognized the different people from the various Quarterly Meetings.

The Madison County Quarterly Meeting Youth Choir, under the direction of Jerry Huffman, gave the songs in Special Singing, "I'll tell the World", "I Can Tell You The Time", and "Redeemed".

Prayer was offered by the host pastor, Rev. Earl Ames, after which the Moderator introduced to the congregation, the speaker for the evening, Rev. Don Umfleet, pastor of the Old Bethel Church. Bro. Umfleet spoke on the subject, "Do it Now", using for his text, Eccl. 9:10. After a stirring message to the people of God, an invitation was given by the Moderator, with the congregation singing, "What Can He Do".

After brief announcements, benediction was given by Rev. James Barker.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 9:30 a.m.

Services were called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Glen Rehkop.

Congregational Songs, "More About Jesus" and "I Am Thine O Lord" was led by Rev. Ronnie Graham. Prayer by Rev. Dale Underwood.

A Welcome was given by the host pastor, Rev. Earl Ames. A response was given by Rev. C. B. Dees.

The Devotional was given by Rev. Jimmie Bundy, Pastor of the First Church of Fredericktown, reading John 21:15-17, followed by comments and prayer.

The Moderator introduced the new pastors of the area.

M-S-C to elect Rev. Ronnie Graham clerk Pro-Tem.

The Clerk read the Constitution and By-Laws. The Clerk read the Quarterly Meeting letters. The Moderator seated the Standing Delegates. The elected delegates were seated. M-S-C that any correction in Quarterly Meeting Letters be made.

The Moderator gave time for recognition of visitors. Time was given to Rev. Harry Beatty, our State Promotional Secretary, to give his report. Bro. Beatty gave a fine report in regard to the Co-operative Plan. M-S-C to receive this report.

The following Committees were appointed:

Business Committee: James Barker, Chairman; Jimmie Bundy, Bill Evans, Truman Huffman, Seldon Bullard.

Nominating Committee: C. B. Dees, Chairman; Melvin Howell, Clarence Burcham, Henry Jacobs, Don Jones.

Temperance Committee: Earl Ames, Chairman; Allen Helms, Elza Rehkop, Ed Sirclum, Don Umfleet.

Denominational Committee: A. B. Brown, Chairman; Dale Underwood; George Hibbitts, George Miller, Wayne Wagner.

Obituary Committee: Paul Matthews, Chairman; Geneva Barker, Marie Graham, Dorothy Helms, Harold Sides.

Dismissal in prayer for recess by Rev. A. B. Brown.

11:00 A. M.

Services were called to order by the Moderator. Congregational Song, "Higher Ground" led by Rev. O. D. Matthews.

Request for Prayer and time was given. The prayer was led by Ray Thomas. Congregational Song, "I Feel Like Traveling On," led by Rev. O. D. Matthews.

The Moderator introduced the speaker, Rev. Wayne Wagner, pastor of the South Side Church. Rev. Wagner read John 7:37-39. His subject "Living

Waters." Bro. Wagner closed his message with prayer.

Invitation, "I Surrender All".

Rev. Earl Ames gave instructions concerning the noon meal. The benediction and blessing on the food by Bro. Bobby Hesselmeyer.

1:25 P. M.

Services were called to order by the Moderator. Congregational song, "O How I Love Jesus", led by Rev. O. D. Matthews. Prayer by Rev. Cletus Nichols. Song, "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes."

Time was given for Testimony Services led by Rev. Bobby Hesselmeyer. Bro. Hesselmeyer read Psalms 40. Bro. Hesselmeyer closed in prayer.

The report on the Denominational Enterprises -- Temperance Committee. 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

Item 5 M-S-C

Item 6 M-S-C

The report of the Obituary Committee was read. M-S-C to adopt this report.

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

Item 4 M-S-C

M-S-C that item 2 of last year's Business Committee report be brought from table for action. M-S-C to adopt this constitutional change.

The report of the Nominating Committee was read. M-S-C to accept the report item by item.

Executive Board, 1 year: Glen Rehkop. Rev. Rehkop declined. Rev. Earl Ames was nominated from the floor. M-S-C to elect Rev. Earl Ames.

Executive Board, 3 years: Rev. Wayne Wagner. Rev. Wayne Wagner declined. Rev. Billy Walker was nominated from the floor. M-S-C to elect Rev. Billy Walker.

Assistant Secretary: Rev. Bill Evans. M-S-C to elect Rev. Bill Evans.

Secretary: Rev. Jimmie Bundy. M-S-C to elect Rev. Jimmie Bundy.

Assistant Moderator: Rev. Ronnie Graham. M-S-C to elect Rev. Ronnie Graham.

Moderator: Rev. O. D. Matthews. M-S-C to elect Rev. O. D. Matthews.

The Moderator of the Yearly turned the services over to the new Moderator, Rev. O. D. Matthews.

The Moderator appointed the delegates to the State Meeting: Sis. Opal Stone, Sis. Bena Mae Dees, Charlotte Whitcomb, Clarice Rehkop, Rita Welker.

M-S-C that the Moderator or the Assistant Moderator have permission to fill vacancy of delegates to the State Association.

It will be announced, at a later date, by the St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting where the 1971 session of the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting will convene.

M-S-C to adjourn. Benediction by Rev. George Miller at the altar.

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

1. Be it resolved that the Home Mission Boards of the Quarterly Meeting of the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting meet with the State Home Mission Board at the State Meeting to discuss the future of the Jackson Mission and settle on a course of action.

2. Be it resolved that item # five (5) of last year's Business Committee Report concerning item # one (1) of the Constitution be left on the table for another year pending action by the State Meeting.

3. Be it resolved that our Yearly Meeting request the State General Board to instruct the Budget Committee of this year's State Meeting to draw up definite pre-centage allocations of the Co-operative fund to each National Office to take effect with the August 1971 Co-operative income.

4. Be it resolved that we give a standing vote of thanks to the Twin Oaks Church and the Madison County Quarterly Meeting for the fine hospitality shown to this Yearly Meeting.

Signed: James Barker
Seldon Bullard
Truman Huffman
Bill Evans
Jimmie Bundy

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the Nominating Committee, recommend the following:

Moderator Rev. O. D. Matthews

Assistant Moderator Rev. Ronnie Graham

Secretary - Treasurer Rev. Jimmie Bundy
 Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Rev. Bill Evans
 Executive Board (3 years) Rev. Wayne Wagner
 Executive Board (1 year) Rev. Glen Rehkop

Signed: C. Ben Dees
 Don Jones
 Melvin Howell
 Clarence Burcham
 Lester C. Ames
 Henry A. Jacobs

THE REPORT OF THE DENOMINATIONAL ENTERPRISES AND TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

1. We the Denominational Enterprises and Temperance Committee recommend that each church in the southeast Yearly Meeting have at least one Missionary Service during the year.

2. We remind all our people of the State Meeting that will be meeting at the Trinity Church, Bridgeton this year. Since this church is in our Yearly Meeting we encourage all to attend.

3. We the Denominational Enterprises and Temperance Committee recommend that the report of both the Denominational Enterprises and Temperance be received as one combined report since the Yearly Meeting voted to combine the two committees.

4. We want to re-emphasize the appreciation of the National Sunday School Publication Board for the Sunday School literature on a job well done and to encourage all our churches to use this literature published by our Denomination.

5. We the Denominational Enterprises and Temperance Committee of the Southeast Missouri Quarterly Convention, recommend that we put fourth a greater Evangelistic effort for this coming year 1970-71.

6. We the Denominational Enterprises and Temperance Committee recommend that the individual church accept the challenging thoughts in the messages presented at this meeting as to "Holy Living" as Peter speaks of Satan as a roaring Lion seeking whom he may devour and John's statement, Rev. 12:10 that Satan stands in the presence of God to make accusations against the saints. We very definately need to become our Brother's Keeper, as taught by Ezek. 3, 18:21.

Signed: Dale Underwood
 George Miller
 George Hibbetts
 A. B. Brown

Signed: Earl Ames
 Don Umfleet
 Ed Sirclum
 Allen L. Helms
 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 some of our members from our midst, we recommend that we stand and bow our heads in humble submission to the will of God. We recommend that the St. Louis District send a complete list of their deceased members to the Secretary - Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

We submit the following names:

Alvin Helms
Cora Wann
Melvin Hogan
Harry Kelleeman
Joe Burcham
Ted Ragsdale
Roger Jenkins
Mary Lincoln
Robert A. Eden
Walter Nichols
Norman Reed
Ronnie Daniels
C. J. Underwood

Maud Proffer
Tom Ward
Lucy Sheppard
Sarah Starkey
Ussey Hesselmeier
Beulah Henson
Jim Mills
T. A. Fore
Otis Evans
A. Kossman
Oliver Hays
May Ropeland
Maxine Skaggs

Signed:

Paul Matthews
Geneva Barker
Dorothy Helms
Harold Sides
Marie Graham

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

ORDAINED MINISTERS:

Cletus Nichols
John Long
Darrell Morris
Albert Tucker
Seldon Bullard
John Schebaum
Glenwood Hargiss
C. B. Dees
Effie Matthews
William Evans
Billy B. Walker
James Barker
Ronald E. Graham
Charles Miller
Don Umfleet
George Hibbitts
George Miller
Truman Huffman
O. D. Matthews
Melvin Howell
Dale Statler
Clarence Burcham
Lloyd Durbin
John Rogers
Don Jones

Earl Ames
Jimmie Bundy
Curt Johnson
Wayne Adrian
Floyd Arnold
Harry Asher
Pinkney Askren
Harry Beatty
Clarence Burton
Lue Bequette
A. B. Brown
H. T. Dann
Guy Gillam
Ralph Hampton
Fred Harris
Allen Helms
Johnnie Land
Donald Lombard
Henry Murray
Glen Rehkop
Loy Smith
Hugh Stogsdill
Morris Tucker
Wayne Wagner

LISCENSED MINISTERS:

Ray Andereek
Raymond Askren
Bob Barlow
Roy Dedman
Rick Douglas
Duane Hanson

Jerry Johnson
James Mertz
Wally Price
David Gibbons
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 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 successors 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 that each local church be entitled to one (1) Delegate for each fifty (50) members 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 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 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 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.

