

# YEARLY MEETING

of

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI

FREE WILL BAPTIST

1971

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When Convened With The  
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
Farmington, Missouri

*For The 78th Session*

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The 1972 Session of The Yearly Meeting  
To Convene With The  
ST. LOUIS QUARTERLY MEETING



# 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. James Barker . . . . .	Farmington, Mo. . . . .	3 Years
Rev. Billy Walker . . . . .	Flat River, Mo. . . . .	2 Years
Rev. John Land . . . . .	St. Louis, Mo. . . . .	1 Year

## PROCEEDINGS

The Seventy-Eight Session of the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting, when convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church, Farmington, Missouri, August 6-7, 1971.

The services on Friday evening, August 6, 7:30 p.m. were called to order by the Moderator, Rev. O. D. Matthews. Brother John Smith from the Farmington church led the congregation in singing "The Kingdom is Coming." Sister Brenda Evans was at the piano. Prayer by Rev. James Barker. The congregation then sang "To God be the Glory".

The Youth Camp Choir sang "A Mighty Fortress" under the direction of Rev. Bill Evans with Sister Brenda Evans at the piano.

The Welcome was given by Sister Sara Adams from the Farmington Church, followed by the devotion given by Sis. Sherry Underwood. She read from the 53rd chapter of Isaiah.

The DeSoto Youth Choir then rendered three special numbers "If that Isn't Love", "Wasted Years" and "That is just what Heaven Means to Me".

Prayer by Rev. Ronnie Graham. Congregational song "Heavenly Sunlight" directed by Brother Smith, with Sister Denton at the Organ and Sister Evans at the piano.

The Farmington church then gave a very interesting skit.

Benediction by Rev. Glen Rehkop from the Grace Church.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 9:30 A.M.

Congregational song, "His Way with Thee" was led by Rev. Ronnie Graham with Sister Graham at the piano.

Services were called to order by Clerk, Rev. Jimmie Bundy, who introduced the Moderator, Rev. O. D. Matthews. Brother Matthews introduced Rev. Ronnie Graham, the Assistant Moderator and Rev. Bill Evans the Assistant Clerk.

Song, "A Shelter in the Time of Storm", directed by Rev. Graham. Prayer by Rev. Harry Beatty.

The welcome was given by the host pastor, Rev. Bill Evans. The response was given by Rev. Clarence Burton, pastor of the Berkeley Church.

The devotion was given by Rev. Howard Hensley, pastor of the Leading-ton Church. His scripture was Hebrews 4:1-3.

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

The Moderator introduced Rev. Harry Beatty, our State Promotional Secretary, who gave his report. Brother Beatty gave a fine report in regard to the Co-operative Plan. M-S-C to receive this report for information.

The following Committees were appointed:

Business Committee: Rev. Glen Rehkop, Chairman; Rev. Wayne Wagner, Rev. Bill Evans, Rev. Truman Huffman and Rev. James Barker.

Nominating Committee: Rev. Clarence Burton, Chairman; Rev. Howard Hensley, Brother Ted Cluck, Rev. Earl Ames, and Rev. Donald Lombard.

Denominational Enterprises - Temperance Committee: Rev. Dale Underwood, Chairman; Rev. Millard Sasser and Brother Elza Rehkop.

Obituary Committee: Rev. Ben Dees, Chairman; Sister Helen McGraw and Sister Rita Klob.

Benediction for recess by Rev. Earl Ames.

11:00 A.M.

Services were called to order by the Moderator. Congregational Singing "The Lily of the Valley" and "Praise Him, Praise Him" directed by Rev. Ronnie Graham with Sister Graham at the piano. Prayer by Rev. Wayne Wagner.

The Moderator introduced the speaker, Rev. Ken Goff, pastor of the First Church in Flat River. Rev. Goff read Luke 5:1-11. The title, "Launch Out".

Invitation "Jesus I Come".

Benediction and blessing on the food by Rev. Bill Evans, host pastor.

1:30 P.M.

Services were called to order by the Moderator. Congregational song, "More About Jesus" directed by Rev. Ronnie Graham.

Testimony service was conducted by Brother Elza Rehkop. Congregational song, "My Saviour First of All". Prayer by Rev. Dale Underwood.

The report of 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

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

General Board: Rev. Glen Rehkop. M-S-C to elect Rev. Glen Rehkop.

Executive Board, 3 years: Rev. James Barker. M-S-C to elect Rev. James Barker.

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

Secretary-Treasurer: 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 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.

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Item 4 M-S-C

An offering of \$54.27 was taken for the Free Will Baptist Bible College for furniture for the girls' dormitory.

Congregational Song, "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story".

The following were appointed as an Educational Committee for one year and are to report back next year at the yearly meeting: Rev. Wayne Wagner, Rev. Dale Underwood, and Rev. Glen Rehkop.

The Moderator appointed the delegates to the State Meeting: Sister Charlotte Whitcomb, Brother Vernon Whitcomb, Brother Delmer Welker and Sister Rita Welker.

M-S-C that the Moderator or the Clerk have permission to finish appointing delegates at State Association.

It will be announced at a later date by the St. Louis Quarterly Meeting where the 1972 session of the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting will convene.

M-S-C to adjourn. Benediction by Brother Johnny Long.

#### REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

1. We, the Business Committee, recommend that this body appoint an Educational Committee of three to investigate the possibility of scholarship grants to be given to various students who will be attending either Free Will Baptist Bible College at Nashville, Hillsdale College at Moore, Oklahoma; or other recognized Free Will Baptist Colleges.

2. We further recommend that this committee investigate a revision of the By-Laws, particularly Items No. 4, 5, 6.

3. We recommend that this body receive an offering today, for furniture in the girls' dormitory at Free Will Baptist Bible College at Nashville, Tennessee. We further recommend that the three district Quarterly Meetings receive an offering for this purpose at their next Quarterly Meeting.

4. We recommend that we give this church and St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting a standing vote of thanks for the fine food and hospitality.

Signed: Glen Rehkop  
Bill Evans  
Truman Huffman  
James Barker  
Wayne Wagner

#### REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the Nominating Committee, submit these names to fill offices:

General Board . . . . . Rev. Glen Rehkop  
Executive Board . . . . . Rev. James Barker  
Assistant Treasurer . . . . . Rev. Bill Evans

Secretary-Treasurer . . . . . Rev. Jimmie Bundy  
Assistant Moderator . . . . . Rev. Ronnie Graham  
Moderator . . . . . Rev. O. D. Matthews

Signed: Clarence Burton  
Donald Lombard  
Ted Cluck  
Earl Ames  
Howard Hensley

#### REPORT OF THE DENOMINATIONAL ENTERPRISES AND TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, your Denominational Enterprises and Temperance Committee, recommend the following items.

1. We recommend that each church avail themselves to Missionary Conference, Missionary service and that they use Missionary speakers at every opportunity throughout the year.

2. Realizing the importance of Christian Education on a higher level and knowing that this can not be received from secular institutions, we recommend that our churches and pastors lead our youth to attend our own Free Will Baptist Colleges. Namely Hillsdale College in Oklahoma and Free Will Baptist Bible College in Tennessee. We also recommend that our churches support these colleges with our finances.

3. From time to time Bills of Legislation comes before our law makers that are non-christian. We strongly urge all our people to be alert to the legislation that is proposed and both individually and on a church level, that we voice our opposition to any non-christian legislation by letters, and other means available, to our government officials.

4. The spiritual condition of our denomination and our nation is at a very low level. We urge that the churches of this Yearly Meeting unite together in prayer to God for genuine widespread revival across our nation and in our churches.

Signed: Dale Underwood  
Elza Rehkop  
Millard Sasser

## 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 Bro. Burton lead us in prayer in memory of the deceased, and their loved ones that remain.

Melvin StGemme  
Gertrude House  
Anna Copher  
Clarence Kennon  
Edith Maxwell  
Forrest Dowd  
Grace Schneider  
Lou Ward

Riley Coffman  
Leonard Leach  
Gerald Renner  
Mary Smith  
Omar Conway  
Marie Sulton  
Grover VanWink  
Fred Harris

Signed: C. Ben Dees  
Helen McGraw  
Rita Klob

## YEARLY MEETING TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 78th SESSION, AUGUST 7, 1971

Balance brought forward, August 11, 1970 .....	\$217.48
<b>Receipts</b>	
August 7, 1971 - Madison County Quarterly Meeting .....	36.00
August 7, 1971 - St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting .....	44.00
August 7, 1971 - St. Louis District Quarterly Meeting .....	52.00
August 7, 1971 - Offering for furniture - girls dorm. FWB Bible College .....	54.27
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$403.75</b>

<b>Disbursements</b>	
March 1, 1971 Printing of Minutes .....	74.50
July 9, 1971 Office Supplies .....	5.00
July 9, 1971 Clerk Fees .....	25.00
<b>Total Disbursements</b> .....	<b>\$104.50</b>
Balance, August 7, 1971 .....	<b>\$299.25</b>

Signed: Jimmie Bundy

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

### ORDAINED MINISTERS:

John Schebaum	Clarence Burton	O. D. Matthews
Charles Miller	Allen Helms	Dale Statler
Howard Hensley	Donald Lombard	Loyd Durbin
Ronald E. Graham	Albert McFarland	Earl Ames
William W. Evans	Glen Rehkop	Donald Cox
John Long	Russell B. Spurgeon	Floyd Arnold
Albert Tucker	Loy Smith	Pinkney Askren
Don Umfleet	Wayne Wagner	A. B. Brown
Glenwood Hargiss	Cletus Nichols	H. T. Dann
Truman Huffman	Dale Underwood	Johnnie Land
Melvin Howell	James Barker	Daniel E. Martin
Clarence Burcham	Billy B. Walker	Henry Murray
John Rogers	C. B. Dees	Millard Sasser
Jimmie Bundy	Ken Goff	Hugh Stogsdill
David Gibbons	Guy Gillam	Morris Tucker
Harry Asher	Effie Matthews	
Harry Beatty	George Miller	

### LISCENSED MINISTERS

Donald Grindstaff	Rick Douglas
Raymond Andereck	Duane Hannson
Raymond Askren	John Peterson
Ray Dedman	Wally Price

## 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 committees 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 Secretary and Treasurer, shall be elected by nomination and by legal vote. (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. 5 - 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, in which 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. 6 - 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.

## — MADISON COUNTY —

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Kirkwood, Mo. 63122

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