

YEARLY MEETING

of

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI

FREE WILL BAPTIST

1975

When Convened With The

GRACE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF

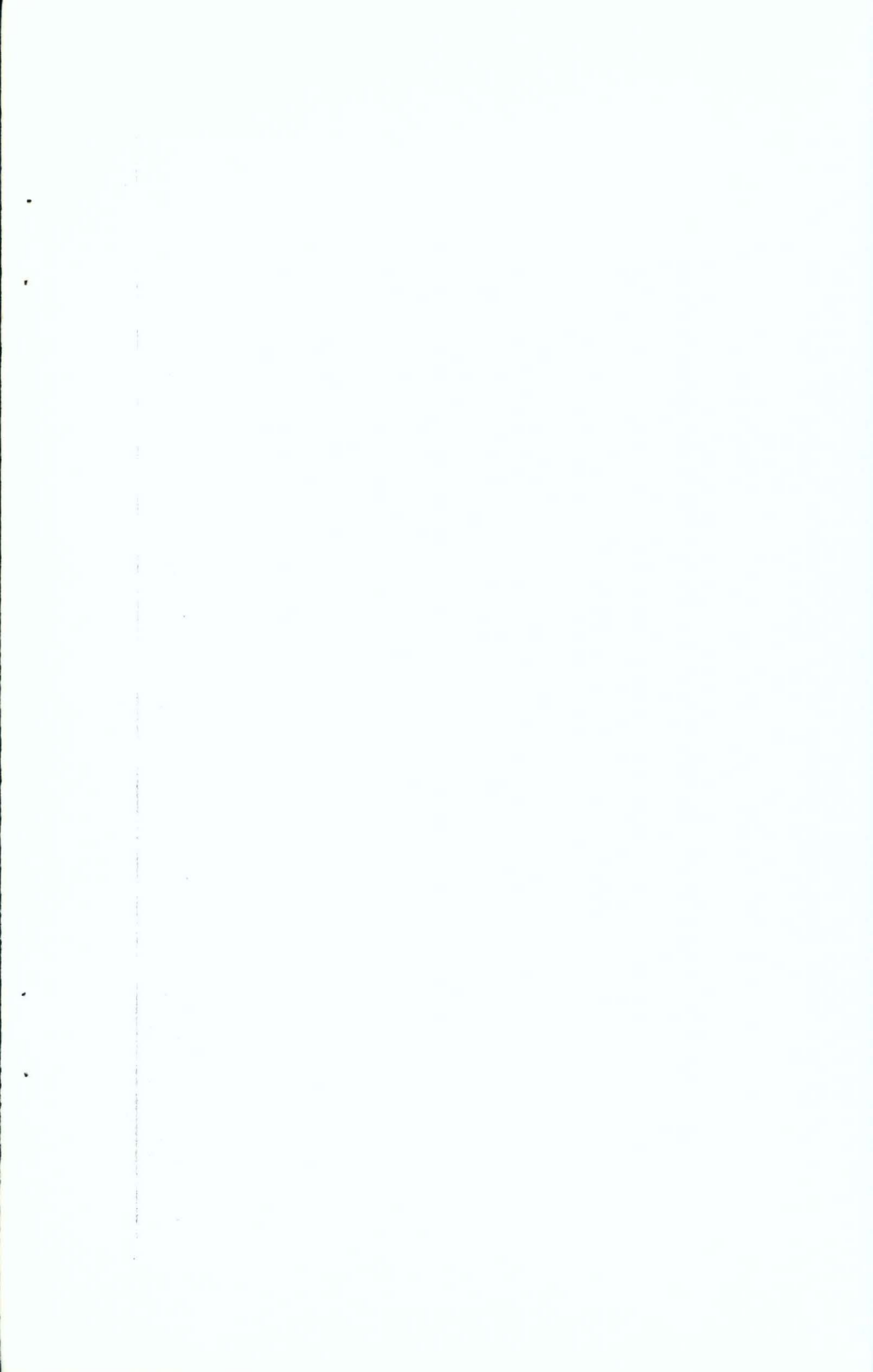
Arnold, Missouri

For The 82nd Session

The 1976 Session of the Yearly Meeting

To Convene With The

CAPE FIRST CHURCH
Broadway & Spanish
Cape Girardeau, Mo.



SOUTHEAST MISSOURI YEARLY MEETING

Officers

Moderator Rev. James Barker
Assistant Moderator Rev. O. D. Matthews
Secretary Treasurer Rev. Robert Francis
Assistant Secretary Treasurer Rev. Millard
Sasser

Executive Board

Rev. Guy Leonard. . Desloge, Mo. 3 Yrs.
Rev. Robert Sharpy..Festus, Mo. 2 Yrs.
Rev. Joe Braddy . . Fredericktown, Mo. . 1 Yr.

Proceedings

The Eighty-second Session of the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting, when convened with the Grace Free Will Baptist Church, Arnel, Missouri August 8-9, 1975.

The services on Friday evening, August 8th, were opened by remarks from the moderator, Rev. Durbin. A congregational number was sung, after which prayer was offered. After prayer another congregational number was sung. The welcome was given by Randy Baines. Special music was given by the Grace Free Will Baptist Church Youth Choir and by the Durbin Family.

After another prayer, Rev. Roy Pearson, pastor of the Gateway Free Will Baptist Church presented the Gospel message. Rev. Pearson used as his text Mark 8:34 and preached on the subject of - "What Will You Sell Your Soul For?" After an altar invitation we were dismissed in prayer.

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

Services were called to order by the clerk, Rev. Robert Francis. Congregational singing was led by Rev. Charles Miller, with Miss Lillian Moore at the piano. The song "At Calvary" was sung. We were then led in prayer by Rev. Robert Sharry. The congregation then sung "Blessed Assurance" and "Where He Leads I'll Follow".

A motion was made and seconded to allow the clerk to act as moderator. The motion was carried. The Scripture of Romans 12:9-16 was read by the clerk and after he had offered comments in regard to the Scripture read the welcome was given by the host pastor, Rev. Glen Rehkop.

A devotion was presented by Rev. Bill Adkisson of the Cape Girardeau church using 17:26 as the Scripture verse. After Rev. Adkisson made comments on this passage of Scripture prayer was offered.

A partial reading of the Constitution and By-laws was given by the acting moderator, Rev. Robert Francis. The Quarterly Meeting letters were read along with the name of the delegates. A motion and second was made to accept the letters and seat the delegates. The motion was carried. Time was given for the recognition of visitors.

Rev. Harry Beatty gave the report of the Promotional Secretary.

The following committee's were appointed:

Business Committee: Rev. Ray Pearson, Rev. James Barker, Rev. Melvin Howell, Brother Lemen Killian, Brother Ed Sirculum, Brother Elza Rehkop.

Obituary Committee: Mrs. Myrtle Callahan, Mrs. Edith Forshee, Mrs. Shirley Huffman.

Nominating Committee: Rev. Harry Beatty, Rev. Charles Miller, Rev. Bill Adkisson, Rev. Earl Ames, Brother David McCutcheon.

A recess was declared by the acting moderator, Rev. Robert Francis.

11:00 A. M.

Worship service called to order by Rev. Ken Doggett reading from Philippians 3:1-3. Prayer was given by Rev. Reeves. Rev. Charles Miller led the congregation in singing "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" and "My Wonderful Lord". After an altar prayer Special Music was given by Brother Howard Wilt.

The message was presented by Rev. Joe Braddy of the Fredericktown Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Braddy used as his text Matthew 25:1-13. His subject was - "The Lamps Are Going Out."

Services were dismissed in prayer.

1:30 P. M.

Services were opened with the congregation singing - "He Keeps Me Singing" and "To God Be the Glory". Prayer was offered by Rev. O. D. Matthews.

Rev. Virgil Manness presented a devotion using Psalms 37 as the Scripture reading, after which he led in a testimony service.

Rev. Robert Sharry presented the Specual Music.

A report was given by the new Missouri State promotional man - Rev. Clarence Burton.

The following reports were given:

The report of the treasurer was read.
M. S. C. to accept the report.

The report of the Obituary Committee was read. M-S-C to accept the 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 to adopt and table to next session
- Item 3 M-S-C to adopt substitute motion
- Item 4 M-S-C
- Item 5 M-S-C
- Item 6 M-S-C
- Item 7 M-S-C to adopt and table to next session
- Item 8 M-S-C to adopt and table to next session

The report of the Nominating Committee was given. M-S-C to accept and elect one by one.

Delegates to the State Meeting were appointed by the moderator. M-S-C to elect and give the moderator authority to supply in absense of the elected delegates.

Announcements were given.

M-S-C to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer.

REPORT OF THE OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We the Obituary Committee submit the following report. We recommend that we stand and bow our heads in memory of those God has called from our midst. After a moment of silent prayer, we recommend that Rev. Roy Pearson lead us in prayer in memory of the deceased.

Ollie Pinson
Gertie Street
Gina Treaster
Jane Lancaster
Floyd Haley
Sterling Mitchell
Rene Carroll
Louis Young
Laurence Ragsdale
Bertha Stricklin
Nancy Mc Cormack
Luther Howell

Ellen J. Jenkerson
Patsy Vandergriff
Goldie Cash
Joseph Winch
Della Bounds
Fred Paul
Jim Helterbrand
Anthony Sifford
Alex Hevis
Janie Hortle
Rex Vandergriff

Signed: Myrtle Callahan
Shirley Huffman
Edith Forshee

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

We the Business Committee, recommend:

1. In order to comply with the change of By-law number 37 of the Missouri State Association which reads as follows, "The sessions of the Association shall convene on Tuesday evening at 7:30 P.M. following the first Sunday in June each year." we recommend that we change the dates of the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting as follows:

A. We recommend that we suspend Article XIV of our constitution which states - "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." so that we may change the dates of this meeting.

B. We recommend that the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting convene next year on the Friday night and Saturday before the Second Sunday of May.

C. To be in compliance with the suggestion of the National Treatise, we recommend that this body send to each Quarterely Meeting this request:

Since all three Quarterely Meetings convene in April, we recommend we combine the Quarterely Meetings in April and the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting into one meeting. We further recommend that the Quarterly Meeting span be from April 1 to March 30. Thus there will be three meetings for each Quarterly Meeting and the fourth meeting will be the Yearly Meeting.

D. We further recommend that this meeting should be the Friday night and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in April and that this should become effective April 1977.

2. We recommend that we delete from Article XIV and article 6 of our By-laws the phrase, "provided that one day's previous notice of proposed change or amendment has been given."

3. We recommend that we urge the members of our Yearly Meeting to write letters to each of the three major networks, CBS, NBC, ABC, explaining our opposition to the immorality and unrighteousness

on T.V.

We further recommend that we send these letters to Rev. Clarence Burton, P. O. Box 991, Lebanon, Missouri and ask him to forward these to the networks.

4. We recommend that the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting go on record in support of two resolutions adopted by the St. Louis District Quartely Meeting -

A. Whereas there is a petition before the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D. C. to prohibit the broadcasting of all religious programs on radio and T.V. . . be it resolved that we encourage those churches of our Quarterly Meeting who have not signed petitions sign them and forward them to the F. C. C. in Washington.

B. Whereas, we have seen a great increase in the amount of pornographic materials available in our society today, we recommend that all members take advantage of the available methods to make evident our opposition to these materials.

C. We would suggest that each member has three recourses to take:

1. Community action - members should make their opinion known to their councilman, alderman, or local representatives.

2. Media action - Members should make their opinions known to all communications media, e.g., newspapers, radio, T.V., etc.

3. National action - Members should make their opinions known to their congressman and senators or any federal commission concerning such material.

5. We recommend that the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting give Rev. Harry Beatty a rising vote of appreciation for his 13 years of faithful service to our State as Promotional Secretary.

6. We recommend that we give the Grace church and the St. Louis District Quarterly Meeting a vote of thanks for their excellent hosting of our meeting today.

7. We recommend that we amend Article I of our Constitution to read as follows: "When the delegated body shall meet in regular annual sessions for the transaction of business, the Moderator, or in his absence, the Assistant Moderator (add the phrase) (clerk, assistant clerk, or the senior minister present) shall call the meeting to order.

8. We recommend that beginning in April of 1977 the officers of our Yearly Meeting be elected from the same Quarterly Meeting to serve for a period of one year. This should be concurrently with the meeting site of the Yearly Meeting.

We further recommend that this be incorporated into Article 2 of our By-laws to read as:

"The moderator, assistant moderator, and Assistant clerk should be elected annually and these offices should be from the same Quarterly Meeting who will host the meeting for the next year."

The Business Committee
Roy Pearson, Chairman
Melvin Howell
James Barker
Leamon Killian
Ed Sirculum
E. M. Rehkop

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the Nominating Committee, recommend the following brethren to fill the following offices:

Moderator	James Barker
Assistant Moderator	O. D. Matthews
Secretary-Treasurer	Robert Francis
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer	Millard Sasser
Executive Board Member - Guy Leonard - 3 Yr. Term	
Robert Sharry	2 Yr. Term
Joe Braddy - To fill term for Bill Adkisson -	
	1 Yr. Term

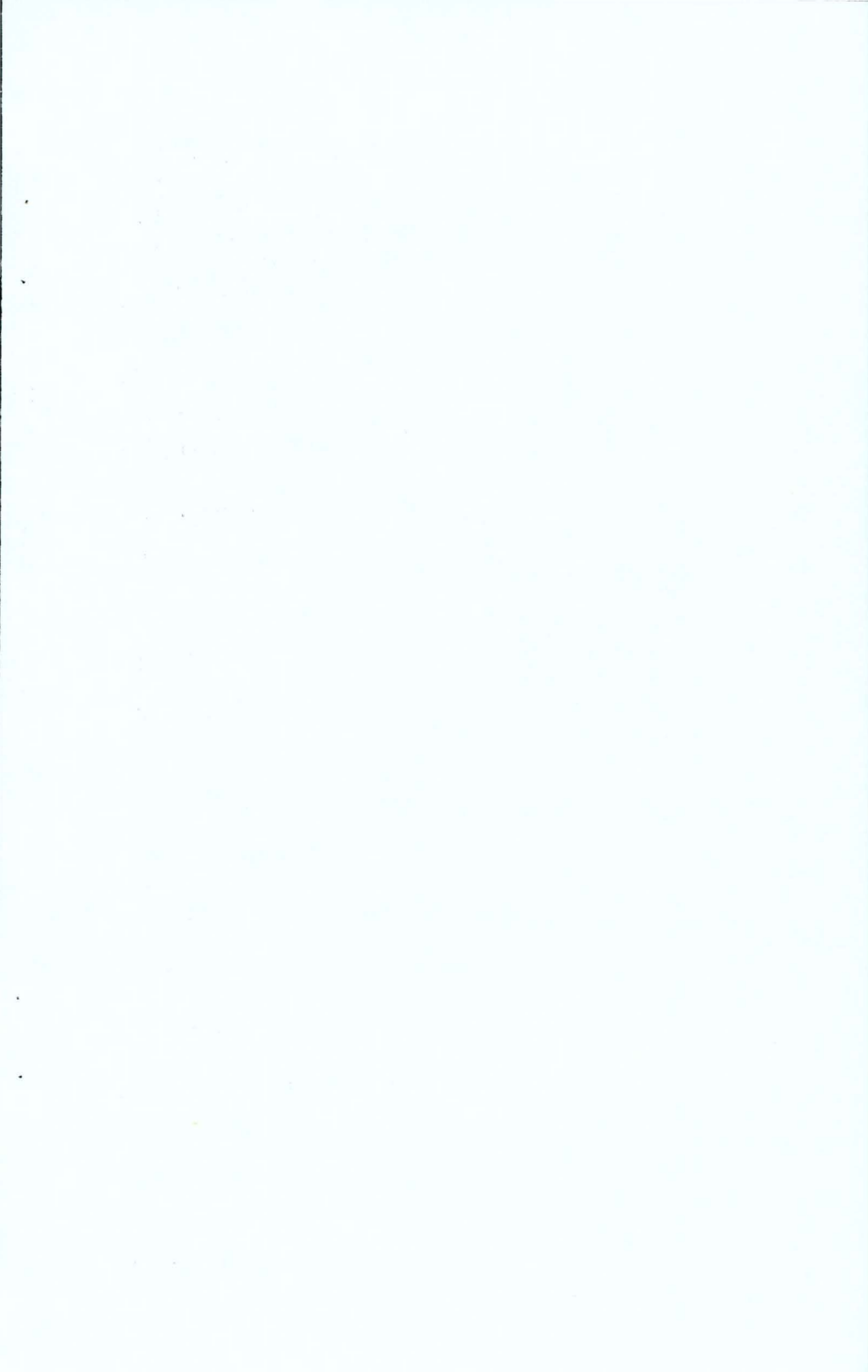
Signed: Charles Miller
 Harry Beatty
 David McCutcheon
 Bill Adkisson
 Earl Ames

YEARLY MEETING TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance brought forward	\$ 189.85
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Disbursements		
Printing of Minutes	\$99.50	
Clerks Fees	<u>50.00</u>	
	\$149.50	<u>149.50</u>
Balance		40.35

Receipts		
St. Louis Dist. Quar. Mtg.	\$91.00	
St. Francois Co. Quar-Mtg.	91.00	
Madison Co. Quarterly Mtg.	<u>56.00</u>	
	\$238.00	<u>\$238.00</u>
Balance in Treasury		\$278.35



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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 (\$7.00) 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 Stenographer, 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 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.

