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OF THE

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FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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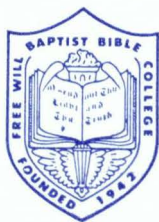
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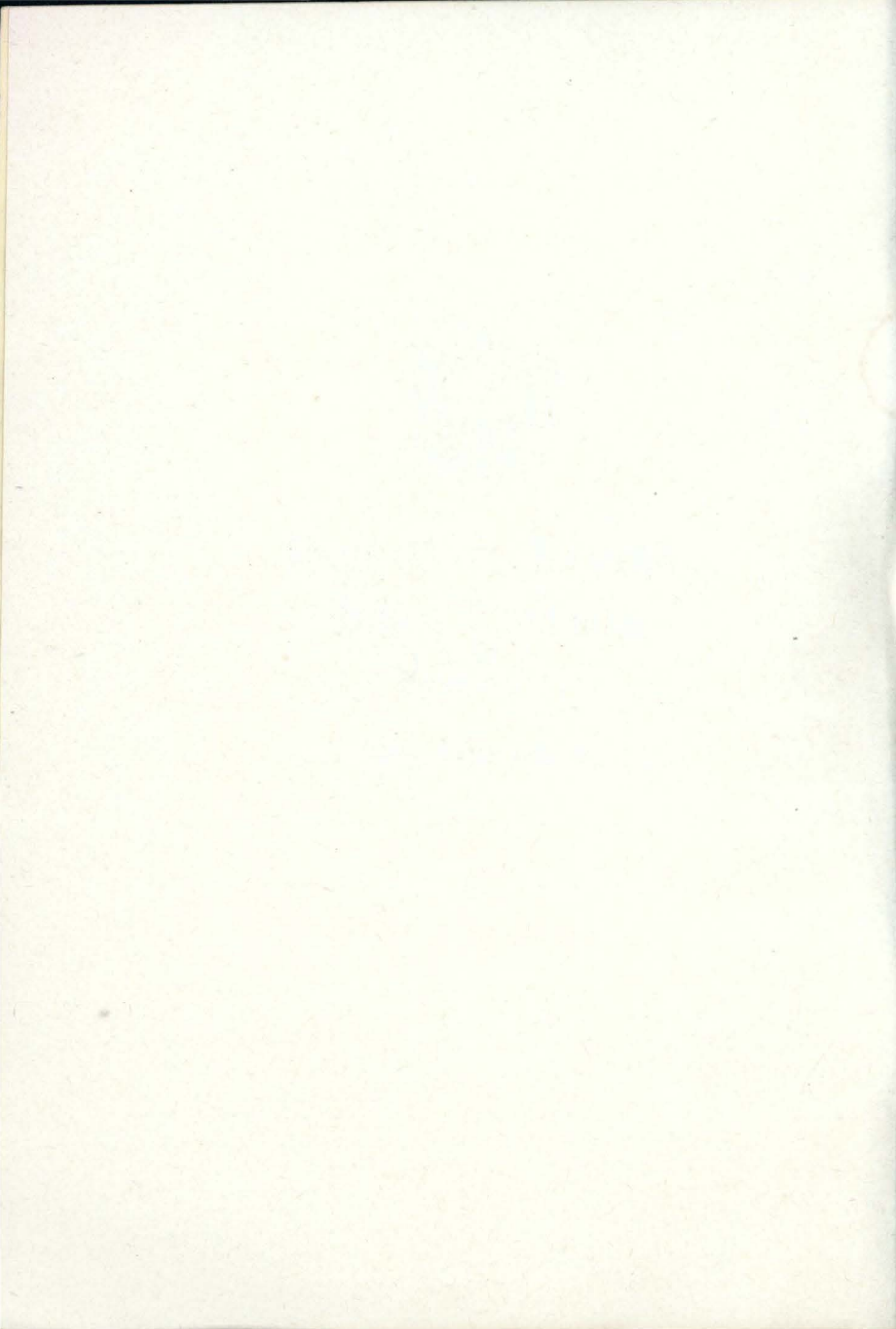


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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

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WEDNESDAY, August 28, 1946: The 47th annual session of the Union Association of Free Will Baptist convened with Mountain Grove Church. 4:00 P. M. services opened by singing; prayer with Elder Wm. Mishler. The Moderator Elder A. W. Brooks called the conference in session to transact any legal business that should properly come before the body.

Called for introductory sermon which was delivered by Elder Verl Tate, who read for scripture lesson the first eleven verses of 3rd chapter 1st Cor. Scripture text "For we are laborers together with God." Theme of subject: "Ye are God's Builders".

Brother Tate brought a good message, concluded by the moderator, who called for song and handshake. Moderator again took charge and called for registration. (Names will appear in table of registration).

Moderator appointed temporary committee as follows:

Pulpit Committee—Elders G. W. Scott, Jr., Verl Tate and Leo Curtis.

Credentials—Elders H. B. Smith, Wm. Mishler and O. L. Allen.

Dismissed with prayer by Elder O. L. Allen until night service.

Wednesday night divine services opened with singing by Mountain Grove Class.

Prayers with Elder Neal Moore and Sister Emma Pryor.

Scripture Lesson: 2nd Cor., 5th Chapter, 14th to 20th verse.

Scripture text: Now then we are ambassadors for Christ.

Messages by Elders Stanley Letterman and Oliver Letterman. Both brought good messages and good spirit existed.

Called for song and handshake.

Conference dismissed by Bro. Stanley Letterman until 8:30 o'clock Thursday morning.

Thursday morning session came together by singing song, "Near the Cross" and "When we all get to Heaven".

Scripture lesson read by Moderator — 19th Psalms.

Prayer by Elder John Koch.

Moderator declared conference in session.

2nd call for registration.

1st call for report of Credential Committee reported favorable on the following churches: Wolf Creek, New Harmony, Mountain

Grove, Pleasant Ridge No. 2 and Moore Chapel; motion carried report be adopted and delegates seated.

3rd call for registration.

Second call for report of Credential Committee reported favorable on the following churches: Pleasant Grove, Pleasant Home, Big Creek.

Motion carried report be adopted and delegates seated.

Prayer by Elder Lester Lawler.

Songs by class — "Close to Thee".

Election of officers.

Elder Ben R. Scott of Mountain Grove, Missouri, elected Moderator.

Minutes read and approved up to this time.

New Moderator took charge of conference and called for election of Assistant Moderator. Elder O. L. Allen, of Springfield, Missouri, elected Assistant Moderator.

Temporary Committee on Divine Service was made permanent.

Credential Committee as follows: Elders H. B. Smith, Lester Lawler and Wm. Mishler.

Call for corresponding letters.

Clerk read letter from Missouri Association of General Baptist. Letter read from Laclede County Association of Free Will Baptist.

Motion carried both letters be received and delegates seated.

Letters quoted:

Letter from Mo. Association of General Baptists. Delegates present Elder M. Q. Kent, Statistics for year: Received 108, dismissed 12, died 19, present number 2006. Number in Sunday School 1,346. Paid for preaching, \$3,633.00. For home mission. \$1,019.00. We solicit a return letter and messenger to our next session. Rev. T. B. Hobbs, Moderator, Rev. M. Q. Kent, Clerk."

Letter from Laclede County Association of Free Will Baptist: "Elders J. G. Koch and Clyde Butts, Delegates. Total membership 800. We have had some good revivals in the last year. We ask that you send letter and delegation to our next session which convenes with Cross Roads Church, 5 miles northwest of Falcon on Thursday before 3rd Sunday in August, 1947. J. G. Koch, Moderator, Curtis Wilson, Clerk."

Right hand of fellowship was given to delegates together with corresponding delegates.

All christians invited to seat in council.

Moderator together with assistant moderator appointed committees as follows:

Business Committee: Elders W. E. George, Clarence Ussery, Lester Jones, G. E. Hutsell, A. W. Brooks.

League Committee: Elders Herbert Vandivort, Wm. Mishler, John Postlewait.

Observance of the Sabbath Committee: Elders Henry Goodman, Neal Moore and Deacon John Hickman.

Temperance Committee: Elders Leonard Keys, Arthur Rich, Brother John Letterman.

State of Religion Committee: Elders Adam Scott, Fred Wynn, Leo Curtis.

Sunday School Committee: Sisters Myrtle Jones, Linnie George, Bertie Mishler, Gladys Moore.

Obituary Committee: Elders Oliver Letterman, A. A. Hogue, Wm. Stevens.

Call for Appeals from quarterly meetings. — None reported.

Call for report of Treasurer. Motion carried report be adopted as follows:

August 30, 1946 — Treasurer Report

Money on hand from last Association	\$103.17
Paid C. W. Burkhead printing for minutes	57.00
Balance	46.17
Ayden, N. C. Press Ordination Blank	3.75
Balance	41.42
Clerical work	20.00
Balance	21.42
C. W. Burkhead, blanks church letters to Association	7.00
Balance	14.42
Postage and other expense	2.00
Balance to date	\$12.42

John N. Pryor, Treasurer.

(Approved)

4th call for registration.

Call for petitioning letters. Clerk read letter from Moores Chapel Church in Texas County, presenting itself for membership in this union association. Motion carried. Church be received and delegates seated.

Call for letters from quarterly meetings. Elder Oliver Letterman made verbal report on Douglas County quarterly meeting.

Motion carried verbal report be received. Delegates invited to register.

By-Laws read by clerk.

Motion carried to adjourn for eleven o'clock Divine Service.

11 O'CLOCK DIVINE SERVICE — THURSDAY

Came together by singing special song led by Bro. R. B. Condry of Tulsa, Okla., and Miss Rua Cunningham of Embree, Missouri. Song, "Soul Winner for Jesus."

Scripture Lesson: 1st Chap. 2nd Timothy.

Scripture Text: Let Brotherly Love Continue.

Message by Bro. O. L. Allen and J. E. Burney, both brought soul stirring messages.

Call for song and christian handshake. Season of rejoicing followed.

Dismissed for noon hour by Brother Neal Moore.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Services opened by singing — mixed class song, "Just Over in the Glory Land."

Scripture Lesson: 8th chap. of St. Matt., beginning with 23rd verse reading remainder of chapter.

Prayer by Bro. Taylor.

Songs by the class, "I Am Saved" and "Kneeling at the Cross".
2nd call for letters from quarterly meeting.

Clerk read letter from Wright County quarterly meeting.

Motion carried letters be received and delegates seated. They report as follows:

Delegates, Sisters Viola Upshaw and Rosa Owens. Since last association we have given License to five young ministers to preach the gospel, Brothers John Postlewait, Raymond Smith, and Ezra Butts of Number One Church; Brother Leonard Keys of Wolf Creek Church; Brother Henry Goodman of Happy Ridge Church. Bro. Lee Maxwell of No. One Church, and Bro. Wm. Hall of Tyrone Church, were ordained to preach the gospel. Bro. Clyde Wilson of Union Chapel Church credentials were returned to him. Received one new church, Moore Chapel, better known as Goodville, by Petitionary letter. Paid to Treasurer of Association, \$190. Elder W. E. George, Moderator, Riley Hutsell, Clerk.

4th call for report of Credential Committee reported favorable on the following churches: Mountain Valley, Friendship, Pleasant Ridge No. 1, Breeden, Mount Pisgah, Rock Springs, Pleasant Hill, Cold Springs, Oak Grove (Wright County), New Home, Merritt, Faith and Hope, No. One, Willow Springs, Tyrone, Happy Ridge No. 2. Motion carried report be adopted and delegates be seated.

Call for Corresponding registering delegates, A. A. Taylor, Elder Billie Rogers, Sister Billie Rogers and Elder Clyde Butts. At this time right hand of fellowship given to all corresponding delegates and visiting ministers.

Call for report of corresponding delegates. Brother Leo Curtis made verbal report on Cave Springs Association and Laclede County Association.

Brother A. A. Hogue made written report on Little Vine Association of General Baptists as follows: "I attended as a delegate and found wonderful group of God's children had a wonderful blessing by being there. A. A. Hogue, Delegate."

Call for election of Corresponding delegates:

Cave Springs Association, J. E. Burney, Ben R. Scott, O. L. Allen, N. E. Snyder, J. H. Johnson, W. E. George, Jeff Postlewait, Lee Maxwell and Ezra Butts.

Laclede County Association, Bro. Leo Curtis, J. E. Burney, H. M. Cope and W. E. George.

To Missouri Association of General Baptist, G. W. Scott, Jr.

To Little Vine Association of General Baptist, Henry Goodman, Mack Hall.

First Free Will Baptist Association of California, Brother Neal Moore and C. R. Harrison.

Call for election member of Executive Board.

Elder Leo Curtis, elected member of Executive Board for term of five years.

Motion carried. We adjourned for 3 P. M. Divine Service. Dismissed with prayer by Brother Alexander.

3 o'clock p. m. Divine Service began services by singing, "When We All Get to Heaven." Special song by mixed quartet, "If We Never Meet Again."

Prayer by Brother H. M. Cope.

Special song, "God's promises Never Fail".

Scripture lesson: 14th Chapter of St. John.

Scripture Text: 2nd verse of same chapter read. Theme of subject, "In my Father's House are many mansions."

Messages brought by Elders Billie Rogers and Neal Moore. Both brought spiritual and gospel messages. Brother Moore called for handshake, great season of rejoicing.

Moderator called for ministers written reports.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Jason Johnston until night service.

THURSDAY NIGHT DIVINE SERVICE

Service opened by singing. Prayer by sister Linnie George.

Singing by mixed class.

Prayers by Brother Leo Curtis.

Song by class, "Kneel at the Cross".

Scripture lesson, part of 1st chapter of Revelation.

Scripture Text: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God".

Theme of subject, What is the Kingdom of God?

Message by Elder Henry Long, who brought wonderful Gospel message, accomplished by spirit of God. Concluded by Brother Walter George, who called for handshake and season of rejoicing followed.

Dismissed with prayer by Brother Owen Saladin.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Service opened by singing.

Moderator read for scripture lesson the 5th chap. 1st. Thess.

Prayer by Brother Fred Wynn.

Minutes read and approved up to this time.

Clerk read letter from Douglas County quarterly meeting, motion carried, letter be received and delegates seated as follows:

"Quarterly Meeting Delegates Sisters Ollie Johnson, Bertie Letterman, letter as follows: Churches 7, number of ministers 15, total membership 362. Condition of school, good. Signed, J. H. Johnson, Moderator, Oliver Letterman, Clerk."

5th call for report of Credential Committee, reported favorable on the following churches: Fox Creek and Union Chapel No. 2. Motion carried report be adopted and delegates seated.

5th call for registration.

Call for miscellaneous business. None reported.

Call for pastorless churches. Mt. Zion, better known as Pinchon, and Mt. Olive, near Smittle, reported without pastors.

Call for report of executive board.

Motion carried that report be adopted as follows:

"The Executive Board met August 31, 1945, and organized with Elders Clarence Ussery as chairman. Elder Oliver Letterman as Vice-Chairman. Elder Fred Wynn and Elder Albert Brooks as members, and Claud Smith as Secretary-Treasurer. The Board met again September 3, 1945, to elect an evangelist for the year. No evangelist elected. Financial statement:

Money on hand at beginning of year	\$210.80
Money received for this year	212.50
Balance	\$423.30

Signed: Fred Wynn, Oliver Letterman, Clarence Ussery, Claud J. Smith, Secy.-Treas., A. W. Brook."

Call for report of business committee. Motion carried resolution No. 1 be adopted as follows:

"We, your business committee, recommend that the Union Association elect an evangelist for the coming year. That said evangelist be paid \$5.00 per day while in the field of labor in the boundaries of Union Association. That he pastor no churches other than those he might himself establish. Upon urgent appeal from the newly established churches for his services as pastor, he be permitted to pastor same until the end of pastoral year. Said evangelist be under the supervision of executive board of Association."

Resolution No. 2:

"We, your business committee, recommend Elder Leo Curtis as evangelist."

Motion carried that Elder Leo Curtis be elected as Evangelist.

Resolution No. 3:

"Be it resolved that the Medorator of this Association appoint a committee of three to meet with the clerk after the manuscript is

prepared to examine them before the minutes are printed and that the committee be paid \$2.00 each for their work."

Signed: Clarence Ussery, W. E. George, Lester J. Jones
G. E. Hutsell, A. W. Brook.

Call for Observance of Sabbath Committee. Motion carried report be adopted as follows:

"We, as your Committee, recommend to all people that they should not neglect the assembling of themselves together for worship of the Lord on Sunday. We realize that it was through the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior that we look forward to our future destiny. We further recommend that our Free Will Baptist people abstain from worldly amusements at all times."

Chairman, Henry Goodman, Neal Moore. John S. Hickman.

Mtn. Valley Church requests that Elder G. W. Scott, Sr., be accepted in this Association as a minister. Motion carried request be granted.

6th call for report of Credential Committee reported favorable on Happy Ridge No. 1. Motion carried report be adopted and delegates seated.

Call for requests of churches. Mountain Grove Church requests Brother Adam Scott be ordained to preach the gospel. Willow Springs Church requests Brother Stanley Letterman be examined for license.

Elder H. B. Smith appointed Chairman of Ordination Counsel and License Counsel. After proper questions both requests were granted.

Brother Adam Scott was ordained. Elder Wm. Mishler prayed ordination prayer.

Brother G. W. Scott gave the charge. Brother Scott, together with Brother Letterman, given right hand of fellowship. Brother Scott given his ordination papers. Brother Letterman given certificate of license for one year.

Motion carried that session be adjourned until 11 o'clock Divine Service.

11 O'CLOCK DIVINE SERVICE

Service began by singing songs, "In the Morning of Joy", and prayer by Brother Rufus Crews.

Scripture reading: 36 chapter of Psalms.

Scripture text: 8th and 9th verse of Chapter read.

Brother Postlewait taking the lead brought a very spiritual message. Concluded by Brother John Koch, in same way, with a christian handshake and truly we can say we sat in heavenly places together.

Adjourned until afternoon services.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Came together by singing.

Scripture lesson: 4th Chapter 2nd John.

Prayer by Brother Walter Klingensmith.

7th and last call for report of Credential Committee. Reported favorable on the following churches: Pleasant Home, No. 1 Union, Providence, Oak Grove (Texas County). Motion carried report be adopted and delegates seated.

Letter read from Cave Springs Association. Motion carried report be read. Delegates seated.

Letter quoted: "Delegates Brother Billie Rogers, Sister Billie Rogers; total membership 1,144, received in church, 77. Dismissed 13; paid pastors \$2,306.19. State of religion, fair. For Home Mission \$425. Condition of Sunday School, good. Churches, 19, League membership, 210. Signed: Harry Beaty, Moderator, N. H. Rhoades, Clerk."

Motion carried that Brother H. M. Cope deliver farewell address.

Call for report of League Committee. Motion carried that report be adopted as follows:

"We, your committee on League, make the following report: We sincerely urge all of our preachers to recommend a Free Will Baptist League in all of our churches and that they be organized and governed by the **Free Will Baptist Treatise**. We also recommend that great stress and encouragement be placed upon the benefits of the league work among both young and old. We further recommend that all leagues become a member of the quarterly league rally and put forth every effort to be present at each rally. Furthermore, we desire that one hour on Thursday afternoon, at next Association, be given to a program put on by league workers and arranged by this committee on leagues.

Signed: Herbert Vandivort, Johnnie Postlewait, Wm. Mishler."

Call for report on Sunday School Committee. Motion carried
report be adopted as follows:

"We, your committee on Sunday Schools, recommend that Bible, King James Version and the Free Will Baptist literature, and that teachers and officers must be christians. We do earnestly beg every father and mother to strive harder and the pastors of our churches to instill within the hearts of our children the way of truth and light. We ask our ministers to preach at least once a year on Sunday School."

Signed: Linnie George, Bertie Mishler, Myrtle Harrison.

Call for report of Temperance Committee. Motion carried
report be adopted as follows:

"We, as your temperance committee, would recommend that Gal. 5-23. Meekness, Temperance against such—there is no law. 24: and they that are Christs have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. 25: if we live in the spirit let us also walk in the spirit.

We recommend that all christians abstain from all things that is to the extremes or from the things that are unholy and obey Gal. 5-23."

Signed: Leonard Keys, John Letterman, A. L. Rich.

Call for the report of the Obituary Committee. Motion carried
report be adopted as follows:

"We, your committee on obituaries, submit the following: Whereas it has pleased our Heavenly Father to call from labor to reward since our last association the following named brothers and sisters:

Sisters Nancy Scott, Tennie Scott, Nancy Carter, Cassie Jones, Susan Young, Lizzie Mears, Sarah Burris, Molly Sluder, Leona Wynn; Brothers John Sherils, G. C. Claxton, Edward Rich, Fred Horton, F. P. Bandy, Deacon, John Mears, M. Christner, Arthur Plunk, Guy Simpson, Elder L. J. Gearing.

While they are greatly missed in our churches and in our homes we submit our will to our Heavenly Father who doeth all things well and may the God of peace comfort the hearts of the bereaved. We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain."

Signed: Oliver Letterman, A. A. Hogue, W. H. Stephens.

Call for report of Committee on State of Religion. Motion carried report be adopted as follows:

"We, the committee on he State of Religion, wish to submit the following report: We find that there has been an increase in interest and support of the gospel in the bounds of our association. One new church has been organized and received into the association. One church has been restored into full fellowship. There has been improvement in church property and wonderful success has been reported in the majority of the revival meetings throughout the association. We believe the field is white unto harvest and we urge that Free Will Baptist everywhere pray that the Lord will call consecrated laborers into the field."

Signed: Adam Scott, Fred Wynn, Leo Curtis.

Determination number of minutes to be printed. Motion carried we have 800 minutes printed.

Oak Grove Church selected (Wright County), for next session of Association. 8 miles north of Norwood, Mo., on farm-to-market road.

Brother Ben R. Scott selected to preach introductory sermon, with Brother H. B. Smith as alternate.

Committees selected to assist clerk with minutes as follows: Brother Lester Jones, H. B. Smith, Oliver Letterman.

Standing vote of thanks given moderator and assistant moderator, clerk and assistant clerk, for fairness and work done.

Standing vote of thanks given Mountain Grove Church for their hospitality and kindness for taking care of association.

Mountain Grove Church gave association standing vote of thanks for meeting with them.

Motion carried we adjourn to meet with Oak Grove Church in next annual session on Wednesday, 4 p. m., before 1st Sunday in September, 1947.

At this time Brother H. M. Cope gave farewell address and called for parting handshake.

Closing prayer with Sister Jane Butcher.

BEN R. SCOTT, Moderator.

O. L. ALLEN, Assistant Moderator.

JOHN N. PRYOR, Clerk.

EMMA PRYOR, Assistant Clerk.

Report of Treasurer at close of conference:

Money on hand from last Association	\$12.42
Collection from churches at Association	96.15
Collections since Association adjourned	2.00
Total	\$110.55

STATISTICAL REPORT

Received in church	124
Number Baptised	81
Number Dismissed	49
Died	18
Total Membership	2198
Money for Minutes	\$98.15
Paid for Preaching	\$13,043.25

We, your examining committee, have, this 27th day of September, 1946, examined the manuscript, with Bro. Pryor, and, with exceptions of a few minor corrections, approve of the manuscript as formulated.

Signed: H. B. Smith, J. E. Burney, Lester C. Jones.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Ministers Names	Funerals Conducted	Revivals Held	Churches Pastored	Sermons Preached	Professions Witnessed	Received Into Church	Baptised	Miles Traveled	Money Received
Archie Hogue	4	4	2	170	8	15	7	1462	\$ 426.00
W. M. Mishler	2	3	2	160	20	10	12	3960	700.00
Lee Maxwell		2		72	1			1260	85.70
Reuel Parker	1	1		27	7			1000	50.02
Lester Lawler	1	3	1	50	27	2	5	907	243.00
Oliver Letterman		5	2	154	18	8	2	3685	466.78
Lester C. Jones	3	5	1	131	39	3	4	1663	659.31
Leo Curtis		8	1	138	116	18	8	3050	835.75
N. E. Snyder	1	2			16		7	1683	248.29
Coval Coatney		1		20	3				3.00
Claud J. Smith		2	2	90	1	1	1	982	445.30
Fred Wynn	6	6	2	168	42	3	13	4015	1029.30
G. E. Hutsell		4	1	71	6	3	6	2040	282.07
Adam Scott		2		56	36			2900	575.56
Mack Hall	1			55				175	80.00
T. C. Halford	1	2	2	87	16	5	10	1848	235.55
G. W. Scott, Jr.	27	2	1	143	11	6			1289.00
G. W. Scott, Sr.				25	13				30.00
Walter E. George			1	57	5			1760	173.71
Herbert Vandivort		2	1	114	6	6	6	2428	586.20
C. M. Rutledge	2	2	1	135	8	6	1	1500	40.00
Owen Saladin				32		2		1356	79.55
Orvil Stephens		3	2	75	7	3	3	1876	194.41
Leonard Keys	1			41				506	37.60
H. B. Smith	11	2	1	86	14	6	11	2365	587.00
Verl Tate		1		33	8	2		680	98.36
A. W. Brooks	1	5	2	94	15	7	4		428.69
Clifton Harrison		1		23	9			736	34.20
B. R. Scott	1	9	1	134	98		6	6012	769.09
J. E. Burney	3	2	1	75	16	16		2175	125.22
Henry Goodman		1		26				365	3.00
Wm. H. Stephens	2			36				413	58.00
H. T. Massey				17				210	2.20
W. L. Cornelison	2	1		36				780	51.90

STATISTICAL REPORT

NAME OF CHURCH	Church Sunday	Amount for Minutes..	Total Membership	Members Received ..	Members dis. by letter	Members Excluded	Members Died	Amt. Paid Pastors	Amt. for Evangelist ..
New Harmony.....	1st	\$2.50	36		1			\$ 350.00	\$ 400.00
Oak Grove (T.C.)..	1-3	5.00	38		1			281.00	92.52
Union Chapel, No. 2	3rd	.50	41	1	4	1	2		4.35
Happy Ridge, No 1	2-4	2.00	24	6	5				
Fox Creek	1st	2.30	24		1		2	73.00	8.00
Providence	*	3.00	80	6	1		1	476.00	238.90
Pleasant Home 1 ..	4th	1.50	40	16				101.50	121.28
Oak Grove (W.C.)	*	10.00	149	12				520.00	124.00
New Home	1st	3.00	31	2				119.00	90.00
No. One.....	2-4	3.50	124	15	1	1		286.00	204.00
Merritt		1.50	38	3					
Willow Spring.....	1-3	2.50	132		2			274.13	90.09
Gyrone	*	2.00	30	1	1	1		264.05	60.08
Happy Ridge, No. 2	*	1.00	24	6				30.21	44.00
Pleasant Hill	1st	1.00	152	6	2		2		
Breeden	3rd	2.00	50					90.00	7.00
Rock Spring	*	5.00	94	2			1	436.00	140.00
Pleasant Ridge, 1...	2-4	5.00	71				3	265.00	39.00
Friendship	1st	2.50	71	1	1			84.00	6.00
Mt. Pisgah.....	1-3	2.00	87	8				213.33	108.00
Pleasant Ridge, 2...	2nd	2.00	36	7					
Mtn. Valley	2-4	5.00	111	6	1		1	180.80	133.75
Moore Chapel, 1....	3rd	2.00	11						
Wolf Creek	1-3	5.00	34	3	7			169.80	45.00
Mtn. Grove	*	5.00	137	6	4	2	4	1120.00	126.95
Pleasant Home, 2...	2nd	2.00	58					100.49	20.50
Union	4th	2.00	64	1	1	3		166.60	66.56
Cold Spring	4th	2.50	37			1	2	98.00	
Big Creek	2-4	2.00	137	2	1		1		4.50
Union Chapel	2-4	1.50	139					278.95	70.00
Pleasant Grove	1-3	2.00	53		4			160.00	8.00
Moore Chapel	2-4	4.00	11	11				21.55	
Faith and Hope.....	2-4	1.00	37	3	1			120.00	52.00

* Denotes full time

REGISTRATION OF MINISTERS

Name	Address
A. W. Brooks	Mountain Grove, Mo.
H. B. Smith	Mountain Grove, Mo.
Clarence Ossery	Mountain Grove, Mo.
G. W. Scott, Jr.	Mountain Grove, Mo.
Adam Scott	Mountain Grove, Mo.
B. K. Scott	Mountain Grove, Mo.
W. E. George	Mountain Grove, Mo.
Oliver Letterman	Mountain Grove, Mo.
J. E. Burney	Mountain Grove, Mo.
William Mishler	Norwood, Mo.
Herbert Vandivort	Cabool, Mo.
Lee Maxwell	Huggins, Mo.
C. R. Harrison	Mountain Grove, Mo.
L. T. Koch	Mountain Grove, Mo.
Verl Tate	Huggins, Mo.
Ben Owens	Huggins, Mo.
O. L. Allen	2119 Franklin Ave., Springfield, Mo.
Leo Curtis	Mountain Grove, Mo.
John Ratterree	Huggins, Mo.
Owen Saladin	Mountain Grove, Mo.
Neal Moore	Norwood, Mo.
William Stevens	Mountain Grove, Mo.
Lester Jones	Bendavis, Mo.
H. T. Edwards	Norwood, Mo.
Lester Lawler	Hartville, Mo.
Mose Johnson	Mountain Grove, Mo.
Henry Goodman	Houston, Mo.
Clyde Wilson	Huggins, Mo.
Leonard Keys	Mansfield, Mo.
Preston Branstetter	Mountain Grove, Mo.
G. E. Hutsell	Graff, Mo.
T. C. Halford	Brushy Knob, Mo.
A. A. Hogue	Cabool, Mo.
Arthur Rich	Cold Springs, Mo.
Floyd Roberts	Cabool, Mo.
J. H. Johnson	Drury, Mo.
H. M. Cope	
John Postlewait	Huggins, Mo.
Clyde Rutledge	Elk Creek, Mo.
Elb Pruitt	Ava, Mo.
H. T. Massey	Dora, Mo.

Registration of Ministers—Continued;

Name	Address
Mack Hall	Tyrone, Mo.
Orville Stephens	Rt. 2, Ava, Mo.
N. E. Snyder	Huggins, Mo.
Jeff Postlewait	Huggins, Mo.
Reuel Parker	Mountain Grove, Mo.
Claud Smith	Macomb, Mo.
Coval Cotney	Elk Creek, Mo.
W. L. Cornelinson	Summersville, Mo.
Chas. Edwards	Mountain Grove, Mo.
Stanley Letterman	Mountain Grove, Mo.

DEACONS

Riley Hutsell	Elza Edwards	W. E. Tate
T. F. England	John Hickman	Ramy Bennett
Cisco Shaw	Rolson Claxton	E. H. Freeman
Henderson Wilson	Sherman Gray	Willie Leighty
Chas. Franklin	Oscar Yeager	Ivan Stephens
O. P. Malone	C. E. Pembrook	H. H. Bowden
Fred L. Hagan	F. A. Shanon	Amos Fagan
Ed. Fagan	J. H. Wagner	George Lemons
Luther Curtis	Raymon Bowen	H. H. Vandivort
Earl Carter	J. P. Driskill	J. A. Odom
Jerry Carter	Walter Sheets	W. E. Hutsell

Walter Klingensmith

Minister's Wives

Oma Scott	Minnie Ussery	Minnie Rutledge
Nadine Scott	Bertie Mishler	Arbelle Rich
Alice Burney	Ollie Johnson	Aloth Smith
Golda Tate	Shirley Goodman	Dora Bass
Edna Saladin	Leona Hutsell	Arizona Owens
Florence Ratterree	Gladis Wynn	Bessie Vandivort
Myrtle Harrison	Tassie Branstetter	Stella Edwards
Verba Smith	Corda Pruitt	Bessie Keys
Lennie George	Bessie Hogue	Iva Brook
Bertie Letterman	Hazel Stephens	Myrtle Jones

DELEGATES

Gladis Tate	Myrtle Pembroke	Delmert Merrit
K. C. Findley	Cellia Pierce	Viola Upshaw
Grace Hutsell	Raymon Gray	Rosa Owens
Nettie Malone	Lola Gray	John Letterman
Laura Hagan	Jessie Wynn	Rolla Smith
Amy Emerson	Austa Reeves	Bertie Letterman
Vesty Crews	Lottie Owens	Alice Johnson
Roy Hurley	Ida Moore	Dora Bass
Goldie Hurley	Wilma Walls	Harold Calhoun
Omega Curtis	Cora Sparks	Troy Skinner
Carol Bowen	Nettie Middleton	Cledith Bates
Elsie Bowen	Marie Mitchem	Delia Neal
Lucy Wetsell	Ruby Floyd	Dale Dotson
Phenie Poboy	Snowden Floyd	Della Findley
Ramy Bennett	Opal Lee Denton	Ruby Montgomery
Amy Carter	Florence Leighty	Viola Hall
Marie Thompson	Pearl Miller	Dave Hunter
	Paul Goodman	

Visiting Ministers and Wives

Billie Rodgers and wife.....	Myrtle, Mo.
C. E. Butts.....	Climax Spring, Mo.
J. G. Koch.....	Long Lane, Mo.
M. Q. Kent	Mountain Grove, Mo.
Wid Mc. Clanhan.....	Grove Spring, Mo.
Henry Long and wife.....	Phillipsburg, Mo.
John Moore and wife.....	Grove Spring, Mo.
Chas. Elexander.....	Cabool, Mo.
L. J. Peterson	

CHURCH CLERKS

Name	Name of Church	Address
Edna Sutton—	Oak Grove, Texas County.....	Cabool, Mo.
Maud Kuster—	Union Chapel, No. 2.....	Rt. 6, Mountain Grove, Mo.
Pansy Skinner—	Happy Ridge No. 1.....	Norwood, Mo.
Hatty Hull—	Fox Creek.....	Mountain Grove, Mo.
Hazel Altis—	Providence.....	Cabool, Rt. 2, Mo.
Mary Bittick—	Pleasant Home, No. 1.....	S. S. Rt., Cabool, Mo.
Edna Saladin—	Oak Grove, Wright Co.....	Mountain Grove, Mo.
Addie Long—	New Home.....	Hartville, Mo.
Laurine Maxwell—	Number One	Huggins, Mo.
Edith Shannon—	Willow Springs.....	Mountain Grove, Mo.
Dorothy Hall—	Tyrone.....	Tyrone, Mo.
Nancy Goodman—	Happy Ridge, No.2	Elk Creek, Mo.
Verba Claxton—	Pleasant Hill.....	Hartville, Mo.
Loe Letterman—	Breedon.....	Rt. 2, Ava, Mo.
Hershel Freeman—	Rock Springs.....	Bendavis, Mo.
E. A. Lund—	Pleasant Ridge	Mansfield, Mo.
Hazel Stephens—	Friendship.....	Rt. 2, Ava, Mo.
Loyd Walls—	Mt. Pisgah.....	Rt. 2, Cabool, Mo.
Ivy McCoy—	Pleasant Ridge No. 2.....	Embree, Mo.
Letha Franklin—	Mountain Valley.....	Mountain Grove, Mo.
Franknell Bowen—	Moor's Chapel.....	Willow Springs, Mo.
Arlene Cansler—	New Harmony.....	Long Lane, Mo.
Dorothy Milsap—	Wolf Creek.....	Mansfield, Mo.
Martha Coffman—	Mountain Grove.....	Mountain Grove, Mo.
Opal Pamperien—	Pleasant Home, No. 2.....	Buckhart, Mo.
Nolan Neal—	Union.....	Success, Mo.
Pansy March—	Cold Springs.....	Norwood, Mo.
Cleo Bandy—	Big Creek.....	Yukon, Mo.
John Hutsell—	Union Chapel.....	Graff, Mo.
Mavis Lawler—	Pleasant Grove.....	Hartville, Mo.
Ed. C. Shannon—	Moore Chapel.....	Mountain Grove, Mo.
Gillie Reeves—	Faith and Hope.....	Willow Springs, Mo.

Church Clerks Present

Martha Coffman	Verla Claxton	Hazel Altis
Edna Saladin	Gillie Reeves	Nolan Neal
Letha Franklin	Loe Letterman	Herschell Freeman
Opal Pamperien	Nancy Goodman	Dorothy Hall
Mavis Lawler	Frankie Nell Bowen	Hattie Hull
Dorothy Millsap	Hazel Stephens	Ed. Shannon

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearances of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scripture, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and to seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday School, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

FREE WILL BAPTIST ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. The Bible. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

2. God. There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe, and in the Scriptures as the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love adore and obey.

3. Christ. Christ is God manifest in the flesh: in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified. He is now risen and glorified and is our ever present Saviour and Lord.

4. The Holy Spirit. The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. He is the Reprover, Comforter, Guide, and Sanctifier of men.

5. The Government of God. God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace, not otherwise provided for as the highest welfare of man requires.

6. The Sinfulness of Man. Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation, His posterity, therefore, inherited a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin, and become guilty before God.

7. The Work of Christ. The Son of God, by His incarnation, life, suffering, death and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith.

8. The Terms of Salvation. The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and the hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Savior and Lord, with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed

by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

9. Election. God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men became His elect.

10. Freedom of Will. The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit and live, or to resist them and perish.

11. Salvation Free. God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of Life freely.

12. Perseverance. All believers in Christ, who through grace, persevere in holiness to the end of your life, have the promise of eternal salvation.

13. Gospel Ordinances. BAPTISM, or the immersion of believers in water, and the LORD'S SUPPER, are ordinances, to be perpetuated under the Gospel; FEET WASHING, and the ordinance teaching humility, of universal obligation, and to be administered to all true believers.

14. The Christian Sabbath. The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements for rest, worship, holy work, and activities, and for personal communion with God.

15. War. War destroys the lives of innocent, and is contrary to the New Testament, therefore, we are opposed to war.

16. Resurrection, Judgment, and Final Retribution. The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked shall "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

CONSTITUTION

From long experience, we the Free Will Baptist Quarterly Meetings and churches, are convinced of the necessity of a combination of Quarterly Meetings and churches, to perpetuate our union and communion among us and preserve and maintain a correspondence among each other in our union; therefore, we propose to maintain and keep the orders and rules of our Association according to the following plan and form of government.

1. This Association shall be called the Union Association of Free Will Baptist and shall be composed of such well regulated Free Will Baptist Quarterly Meetings and churches as may embody themselves under this constitution.

2. The acting members of the conference of this association shall be two delegates from each church, chosen by the members of their respective churches while in conference, together with all ministers, deacons and church clerks belonging to any church composing this body; also three members from each Quarterly Meeting under the Association, two to be chosen by each Quarterly Meeting, and the other shall be the Permanent Clerk of the Quarterly Meeting.

3. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator and an Assistant Moderator, who shall be elected annually, and hold their office until their successors shall be elected; a permanent Clerk and Treasurer, who shall superintend the printing of the minutes; an Executive Board of five members whose duty it shall be to transact all business of this Association when this body is not in session, and whose term of office shall be as follows: One for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years; and at the expiration of each of these terms, one is to be elected for a term of five years and who shall hold their office until their successors are elected. And further, if any vacancies occur between sessions of the Association, the board shall fill such vacancy or vacancies until the next session of the Association; all of whom shall perform such duties as usually devolve upon such officers.

4. Any regularly organized Free Will Baptist Quarterly Meeting or church maintaining Gospel order, agreeing with this denomination in doctrine and practices in favor of the benevolent enterprises, as Sabbath Schools, Missions, temperance, and education, may be received into this Association by presenting a petition asking to be received; and ministers and deacons desiring to become members, must be recommended by the church to which they belong, appear in person and then by a vote of this Association, when such vote shall be decided by a majority of all votes cast.

5. This Association shall have power to discipline its Quarterly Meetings and churches, exclude them for disorderly walk, if labor proves unsuccessful; or ordain deacons, to license and ordain ministers, such as give evidence of being qualified and called of God, by request of the church to which such persons belong; to settle such questions of discipline and doctrine as the Quarterly Meetings or churches may refer to them; to make any rules or By-Laws necessary to its regulation and not inconsistent with its Constitution; but in no case shall this Association reverse a decision of its Quarterly Meetings or in any way interfere with its internal regulations, nor hold any ecclesiastical power over the Quarterly Meetings or churches composing this Association.

6. The sessions of this Association shall be held with only such churches that call for it by a vote of the church while in conference, and when two or more churches make such a request for the same session, it shall be decided by a vote and the majority of all votes cast shall be final.

7. The sessions of the Association shall convene annually at four o'clock p. m. on Wednesday before the first Sunday in September, at which time it shall be the duty of the Quarterly Meetings and churches composing this Association to represent themselves by delegates, and send written reports. The Quarterly Meetings are to report their spiritual standing, benevolent work, ministers licensed or ordained, and appeals if any have been taken. The churches are to report their spiritual standing, benevolent work, names and addresses of their ministers and clerks, the names of their deacons, meeting days, and statistics; at which time the Association shall act upon such questions and topics as may be referred to them through their committees; and transact such other business, not repugnant to this Constitution nor to the usages of the denomination as in their judgment may promote the cause of Christ and the interest of the Quarterly Meetings and churches within the limits of this Association.

8. It is the duty of this Association to provide for the general union of the churches, to point out their interests and aid them in securing pastors, to put out evangelists and other ministers in places where Gospel is most needed, and require a written annual report of each minister belonging to this body.

9. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds majority of all members at any regular session of this Association, when written notice setting forth the exact intended alterations or amendments shall have been given at previous meetings.

BY-LAWS

1. The Clerk or Assistant Clerk, in their absence the senior minister in years, shall call the Association into conference, and if a quorum be present the Moderator, or in his absence, the Assistant Moderator shall take charge: and if neither are present, then the senior minister in years of service shall act as Moderator.

2. All persons declared by the Committee on Credentials to be duly entitled to a seat in this Association and accepted by this body, are hereby made full members of this Association.

3. Five members from two or more churches shall constitute a quorum for the transacting of business; a less number shall adjourn until that number is present.

4. Each meeting shall be opened by reading a portion of the Bible and prayer, and closed by prayer.

5. All Christians shall be entitled to a seat in council and may take part in all discussions, but members only shall be allowed to vote.

6. Any ruling of the Moderator may be overruled by a two-thirds majority of all members voting.

7. This Association shall sit with open doors, except when it shall go into a committee of the whole.

8. It shall be the duty of the members of this Association to be present at the time appointed for each meeting, and any one wishing to retire, shall first obtain leave of the Moderator.

9. All business, except routine, shall be brought before this body by committees; but should any committee refuse or fail to present to this body any business given to it by any member of this Association, then such business may be presented to this body by any member, but cannot be discussed, unless by a vote of this body.

10. All resolutions and reports shall bear the names of all members of the committee who favor them, and if the names be not a majority of all members of the Committee, then the Clerk shall not read the resolution or report.

11. The Moderator shall not allow discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit, or when he thinks it will lead to discord and division.

12. Anyone desiring to speak shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator by appellation, "Brother Moderator," but shall not speak until recognized by the Moderator.

13. No member of this Association shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes or twice on the same subject without permission of the Association.

14. No one shall be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject under discussion, or uses words that cast reflection upon the denomination or of one or more of its members.

15. This Association may correspond by message or otherwise with other religious bodies.

16. Anyone violating these By-Laws shall be subject to a public reprimand by the Moderator.

17. A majority of all votes cast shall be final upon all subjects except to amend the Constitution or By-Laws, and overrule the Moderator, then it shall require a two-thirds majority.

18. Each minister shall be given a yearly certificate by the Association, provided there is no charge against him.

19. No minister of this Association shall pastor any church that has been excluded from this or any other association until they set their house in order.

20. The ordaining or licensing council shall be composed of only ordained ministers of the Association in good standing, present at each session.

21. These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular session of this Association.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

This conference will open each day at 8:30 a. m. and 1:45 p. m. Preaching each day at 11:00 and at night; Thursday at 3:00 p. m.

1. Convene on Wednesday at four o'clock p. m.
2. Praise by congregation.
3. Clerk calls the Association into conference.
4. Clerk calls the Moderator to the chair.
5. Moderator calls for the introductory sermon.
6. Enrollment of ministers, minister's wives, deacons and church clerks.
7. Appointment of committees on Credentials and Divine Services, temporary.
8. Call for letters from churches.
9. Call for letters from Quarterly Meetings.
10. Call for petitionary letters.
11. Call for report of Committee on Credentials.
12. Seat delegates and give right hand of fellowship.
13. Roll call.
14. Elect a Moderator and assistant.
15. Invite all Christians to seats in council.
16. Call for corresponding letters and delegates.
17. Seat delegates.
18. Read the By-Laws.
19. Appointment of committees.

20. Call for appeal from Quarterly Meetings.
21. Call for report of Executive Board.
22. Call for Treasurer's report.
23. Call for report of Evangelist.
24. Call for report of corresponding delegates.
25. Elect a member of Executive Board, or more if vacancy exists.

26. Miscellaneous business.
27. Moderator inquires: Are all churches represented?
28. Call for ordination of ministers.
29. Call for pastorless churches.
30. Call for ministers' written report.
31. Call for election of Evangelist.
32. Elect corresponding delegates.
33. Report of all committees.
34. Determination of numbers of minutes to be printed.
35. Call for money for minutes.
36. Elect someone to deliver farewell address.
37. Call for vote of thanks to Moderator.
38. Call for vote of thanks to church and community.
39. Select place of next annual session.
40. Select someone to preach introductory sermon.
41. Final report of committees.
42. Discharge all committees.
43. Adjourn with prayer.





