

MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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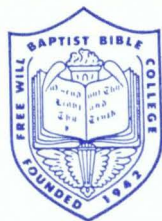
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PROCEEDINGS

Of the Forty-Ninth Annual Session of the Union Association of Free Will Baptist convened with Mountain Grove Church on Wednesday, September 1, 1948 at 4 o'clock p. m. Service begun by singing. Prayer by Elder Oliver Letterman. Elder B. R. Scott, the assistant Moderator called the conference in session to transact any legal business that should properly come before the body. Moderator call for Introductory sermon which was delivered by Elder Fred Wynn. Reading of Scripture lesson 6th. Chapter, 20th. verse of St. Luke.

Moderator again took charge of conference and made first call for registration. Appointed the following temporary Committees. Credential Committee: Elders, Oliver Letterman, A. A. Hogue and O. L. Allen. Pulpit Committee: G. W. Scott, Jr., Bro. Bob Vandivort, Riley Hutsell, Sister Ellington, Sister Holt.

After singing a song, Conference adjourned until 8 o'clock p. m. Divine Service with prayer by Elder Owen Saladin.

Wednesday night, Divine Service. Services opened with singing by Mountain Grove Class. Prayer with Elder Neal Moore. More singing by class. Songs: I am Thine Oh Lord and Standing on the Promises of God. Scripture lesson 8th Chron. 14th Verse. Ezra 3rd Chapter, 4th Verse; St. Luke 17th Chapter, 7th Verse. Message by Bro. Oliver Letterman, Concluded by Brother Leo Curtis. Dismissed with prayer by Brother Guy Hutsell, until 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

Thursday Morning Session, Sept 2, 1948.

Service opened by singing. Scripture lesson read by Moderator, 2nd chapter, Phil. 1st to 18th verse.

Prayer by Elder Elmer Snyder. Second call for registration. Call for letters from Quarterly Meetings. None reported. First call for report of Credential Committee. Reported favorable on the following churches. Cabool, Breeden, Oak Grove, Wright County, Big Creek, Mountain Valley, Willow Springs, No. 2, Moores Chapel, No. 2, Willow Springs, No. 1, Mountain Grove, Oak Grove, Texas County, Union Chapel, No. 1, Wolf Creek, Moore's Chapel No. 1, Pleasant Ridge No. 1.

Motion carried that report be received. Delegates given right hand of fellowship and seated in the conference.

Election of Officers.—Elder B. R. Scott elected Moderator; Elder Claude Smith elected Assistant Moderator.

By-laws read by assistant Clerk.

Temporary Committees on credentials and Divine Service made permanent.

Appointment of Committees.—

Business Committee.—A. W. Brooks, Fred Wynn, Leonard

Keys, H. B. Smith and G. E. Hutsell.

League Committee.—Homer Vandivort, Leo Curtis, Ezra Butts.

Observance of Sabbath Committee.—Austin Wright, Amos Fagan, Neal Moore.

Temperance Committee.—John Oxley, J. E. Burney, W. E. George.

State of Religion Committee.—A. A. Hogue, N. E. Snyder, Willie Atherton.

Sunday School Committee.—Bertie Letterman, Sister John Upshaw, Ruby Montgomery.

Obituary Committee.—Walter Scheets, Lewis Moody, Fed Hagan, Earl Carter, Doyle Royster.

Call for letters from Quarterly Meetings. Clerk read letters from Wright County Quarterly Meeting, report as follows: We have ordained three young Ministers, Wade Postelwait, Willie Atherton and Amos Fagan. Given license to Glen Sigler and Ernest Light. We contributed \$50.00 to Oak Grove Church in Texas County and \$50.00 to Lebanon Church to help on their buildings. Amount in Treasury \$112.73. Lester Lawler, Moderator, Riley Hutsell, Clerk.

Call for corresponding letters and Delegates. Clerk read from Laclede County Association. Report as follows: State of Religion, good. Members received this year, 40. Number baptised, 25. We have 12 churches, 18 ordained Ministers, 1 licensed Minister. We ask that you send letter and Delegation to our next Association which meets with Mt. Calvary Church 8 miles South of Stover in Morgan County. Elder, Arthur Bailey, Moderator; C. W. Wilson, Clerk.

Clerk read letter from Cavesprings Association. Report as follows: State of Religion, good. Members received, 98. Number baptised, 71. Dismissed by letter, 16. Excluded, 3. Deceased, 7. Resident members, 921. Non-resident members, 227. Davie Combs, Moderator.

Mrs. Chas. E. Phillips makes the following report on Missouri Association of General Baptists. Brother Moderator, I'm from the Missouri Association of General Baptists, and I hail you happy in the Lord.

We have 39 Churches with 38 reporting last year.

Death is claiming a number of our older Ministers, we are praying and we ask your prayers that the Lord will call young men and women to carry on his work.

Our association will convene with the G. B. Oak Grove Church, Sept. 18, 19, and 20. We heartily ask a representative from this Association. (Signed) Mrs. Chas. E. Phillips.

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

Money on Hand From Last Association \$105.61

DISBURSEMENTS:

Paid Mountain Grove Journal for Printing Minutes	70.00
Clerical hire	20.00
Paid Mountain Grove Journal, Ministers	
yearly certificates	5.50
Paid Committee for examining Manuscript with clerk ---	6.00
Postage	2.50
TOTAL	\$104.00
BALANCE	\$ 1.60

Motion carried Clerk be paid \$7.00 gathering up the Church letters which were misplaced by Credential Committee last session. Call for election Member of Executive Board. Elder Austin Wright elected for term of five years.

Adjourned for 11 o'clock Divine Service with prayer by Brother Austin Robertson.

Thursday, 11 o'clock Divine Service. Services opened by singing by mixed class. Prayer by Bro. Davie Combs from Cavesprings Association. Scripture lesson read by Bro. Curtis Wilson from Laclede County Association, 4th Chapter of 1st Timothy.

Messabe brought by Elder Curtis Wilson, Concluded by Bro. Dale Jones.

Moderator called for Christian handshake. Dismissed for noon hour. Thanks offered by Sister Cleo Purcell.

Thursday Afternoon Session. Services opened by singing by mixed class, led by Bro. Otis Sparks. Call for Ministers written report. Moderator read for Scripture lesson 21st Chapter Rev. 1st to 18th verse. Prayer by Sister Stairs from Oklahoma.

Second call for report of Credential Committee. Reported favorable on the following Churches: Fox Creek, Number One; Happy Ridge No. One; Pleasant Home No. Two; Pleasant Ridge, No. Two; Lebanon; Providence and Union. Motion carried report be adopted. Delegates seated.

Credential Committee reports Sister Rosa Simpson formerly of Douglas County Quarterly Meeting now in Jefferson City sends \$5.00 for benefit of Association. Motion carried we give Sister Simpson standing vote of thanks. Clerk instructed to write her letter of thanks.

Brother Harry Stairs gave report on Oklahoma, as follows: Given by Rev. Harry Stairs of Tulsa. He brought greeting from First Mission Association of Oklahoma. We have just closed our annual youth camp and Association with one hundred and ten young people enrolled. Sixteen souls were saved. Twenty-three churches reported in the Association meeting. Rev. Paul Purcell and Rev. Cleo Purcell of Bristow with Mrs. Glenara Stairs of Tulsa, was also in the Company from Oklahoma.

Call for appeals from Quarterly meetings. None reported.

Rock Springs Church requests that Bro. Austin Robertson be examined for license to preach the gospel. Inasmuch as this request is irregular, not being accompanied by a letter, We, your Committee recommed that this Association grant or reject this request from the floor without discussion. Signed, Oliver Letterman, A. A. Hogue and O. L. Allen. Motion carried that Rock Springs Church request be granted.

Call for report of Executive Board. Motion carried report be adopted as follows: We, the Executive Board met September 5, 1947. Organized with Elder A. W. Brooks as Chairman, Elder Oliver Letterman as Vice-Chairman, Elder Leo Curtis and Fred Wynn, members of board and Claud Smith Secretary and Treasurer. Financial Report: Money on hand at beginning of year, \$71.30; Money received during year, None. Money paid out, None. Balance at end of year, \$71.30. Signed, Oliver Letterman, Fred Wynn, A. W. Brooks, Leo R. Curtis and Claud Smith, Secretary and Treasurer.

Thursday, 3 o'clock P. M. Divine Service. Special song by Leah Mae Scott. Song, Precious Lord take my Hand. Prayer by Bro. G. W. Scott, Jr. Scripture lesson, Psalms, 46th Chapter, 4th Verse. Message brought by Sister Cleo Purcell. Moderator called for Christian handshake after testimony meeting. Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Frank England until 8 o'clock P. M. Divine Service.

Thursday 8 o'clock P. M. Divine Service. Services opened with singing by mixed class. Prayer with Elder Bert Hall, Pastor of Springfield Free Will Baptist Church. Special song by Rock Springs quartet. Song by class. Solo by Bro. Brookie Franklin. Special song by Ozark Melody Quartet.

Scripture lesson 1st Timothy, 1st Chapter. Message by Elder Paul Purcell. Concluded by Elder Stairs, both from Oklahoma. Dismissed with prayer by Elder Lester Jones until 9 o'clock, Friday morning.

Friday, September 3, Morning Session.

Services opened by singing. Scripture lesson read by Moderator, portion of 90th Psalms. Prayer by Elder, John Ratteree. Motion carried We give Elder Henry Goodman letter of recommendation to Little Vine Association of General Baptists.

Third call for report of Credential Committee. Reported favorable on the following Churches: Happy Ridge, No. 2; Mt. Zion, No. 2; New Home. Motion carried report be adopted. Delegates seated.

Elder Fred Wynn who was member of business Committee being unable to be present Elder Verl Tate, was appointed on business committee by the Moderator.

Mountain Grove church requests Bro. Rolla Smith be given

license. Request granted.

Call for report of Observance of Sabbath Committee. Motion carried report be adopted as follows: We as your Committee recommend that all of God's people should not forsake the assembling of themselves together for worship of God and the Observance of the Sabbath. We further recommend that the Free Will Baptists abstain from all worldly amusement at all times so that our Churches might have a greater drawing power among the world for "Ye are the Light of the World", Matt. 5:14. Signed, Neal Hoore and Amos Fagan.

Call for report of Sunday School Committee: Motion carried report be adopted as follows: We, your Sunday School Committee recommend that the King James Version be taught in our Sunday School and urge our Churches to use F. W. B. literature and our teachers and officers to be Christians and Bible students and members of our denomination if at all possible. Parents accompany their children to Sunday School instead of sending.—We recommend that our Pastors get behind a move to hold a Sunday School Rally at least once a year. We as a committee heartily approve that a Bible School be taught in each church and a Minister of our denomination for an instructor. Signed, Bertie Letterman, Mrs. John Upshaw and Ruby Montgomery.

Committee appointed to serve on foreign mission board as follows: Herbert Vandivort, term of 3 years; Oliver Letterman, 2 years; G. E. Hutsell, 1 year. Dismissed for 11 o'clock Divine Service with prayer by Bro. Paul Purcell.

11 o'clock A. M. Divine Services Friday:

Services opened by singing. Prayer by Bro. Lewis Moody. Scripture lesson read by Elder Davie Combs of Cave Springs Association, 12th Chapter of 1st Corinthians. Scripture Text 1st Chapter, 1st John 1st Verse. Message by Bro. Combs. Concluded by Elder Neal Moore who called for christian handshake. Dismissed for noon hour with prayer by Bro. Elmer Snyder.

Friday Afternoon Session:

Services opened by singing. Scripture lesson read by Moderator, 2nd Chapter of Ecclesiastics, beginning with the 8th verse reading the remainder of the chapter.

Bro. Rolla Smith selected to give the farewell address.

Fourth call for report of Credential Committee. Reported favorable on the following Churches: Faith and Hope; Tyrone; Ellsworth; Cold Springs; Mt. Pisgah. Motion carried report be adopted. Delegates seated.

Sister Willie Tate makes Verbal report on Union Chapel Church, No. 2. Motion carried her verbal report be received. Delegates seated.

Call for report of business committee. I am giving all of business Committee's report here, however, part of it was reported on Thursday. Motion carried resolution No. 1 be adopted as follows: Be it resolved that inasmuch as the Hartville Church of Free Will Baptist have manifested a Godly Spirit, we no longer retain a charge against them and that we extend an invitation to them to again fellowship with our Association. Signed, A. W. Brook, H. B. Smith, G. E. Hutsell, Leonard Keys and Verl Tate. Motion carried report No. 2 be adopted as follows: Inasmuch as one of our young men, viz. (Bro. Austin Robinson) has answered the call to the Ministry and the call of foreign Missions. Be it resolved that we build a foreign mission fund for the support of him and others, beginning with the offering we now have. Be it further resolved that the Moderator appoint a Board of three for the purpose of allocating the funds. This board to be known as The Foreign Mission Board of Union Association. One member to serve for 1 year, one to serve two years, one to serve three years and one new member to be appointed each year for a term of three years. Signed, A. W. Brook, G. E. Hutsell, Leonard Keys, H. B. Smith and Verl Tate.

Before resolution No. 3, prayer was offered by Bro. John Rufus Crewse.

Motion carried resolution No. 3 be adopted as follows: In view of the great need of cooperation as a denomination in the support of Home and Foreign Missions, the support of all movements in the denomination for the betterment of the cause of Christ, Be it resolved that the Moderator appoint a Committee of three Ministers and two deacons to meet with the State Association this year and that this Committee be given power by this Association to bring about, if possible a peaceable union between Union Association and The State Association, thereby linking our efforts together as local, State and National Free Will Baptists, all for the cause, namely, That we may witness for Christ both in Jerusalem and Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth, Acts 1:18. Signed, A. W. Brook, Leonard Keys, H. B. Smith and G. E. Hutsell.

Motion carried Resolution No. 4 be adopted as follows: We, your Business Committee submit the following report.

Be it resolved that all Ministers emphasize the teaching of Christ Matt. 18:15-18, and of the Apostle Paul, 1 Cor. 6:1-8, and that this body go on record as opposed to anyone resorting to the Courts of our land in the disposition of Church grievances.

We further recommend that any Minister who participates or encourages such action, the same shall be considered as an unscriptural act and he shall be subject to discipline by this

Association. Signed, A. W. Brook, Leonard Keys, Fred Wynn, H. B. Smith and G. E. Hutsell.

Call for report of Committee on State of Religion. Motion carried report be adopted as follows: We, your Committee on the State of Religion, knowing the conditions that have existed, make this report that since the Preachers came together at the Quarterly Meeting there is hope for a greater cooperation. And a much better State of Religion in the future than there has been in the past few years. We recommend we make a special effort by our covenant. Signed, A. A. Hogue, N. E. Snyder and W. L. Atherton.

Call for report of Obituary Committee. On motion of Obituary Committee, Motion carried that Clerk write this report, as follows: We, your Committee on Obituaries, submit the following report. Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father, to call from labor to reward, since our last Association the following named Bretheren and Sisters, to-wit: Sister Geraldine Granson; Sister Caroline Grogan; Sister Lucy Smith; Brother Davie Cartwright; Brother Harve Smallwood; Brother Frank Long; Sister Ethel Rogers; Sister Sarah Upshaw; Brother James Huff; Sister Mary Fielden; Brother Emmett Bramlett; Sister Cresanna Butts; Sister Lucille Phoboy; Brother Pline Wolfe; Sister Minnie Rippee; Deacon T. P. Means; Sister Clara McCart; Sister Mary Hill.

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. Our loss is theirs and Heaven's gain. Signed, Walter Scheets, Lewis Moody, Fed Hagan, Earl Carter and Doyle Royster.

Call for Report of Committee on League. Motion carried report be adopted as follows: We, your Committee on league make the following report after careful observance of the many benefits derived by our young people from participating in the League work. We your Committee earnestly recommend that all our Pastors and Church leaders assist in every way possible in the Organization and maintenance of a League in each of our Churches. Signed, H. H. Vandivort, Leo R. Curtis and Ezra Butts.

Call for requests of Churches. Oak Grove Church asks that next Association meet with them. By vote of conference next Association goes to Oak Grove Church.

Call for Election of Corresponding Delegates:

To Cave Springs Association of Free Will Baptists: Leo Curtis, A. W. Brook, G. E. Hutsell and N. E. Snyder.

To Laclede County Association of Free Will Baptists: Herbert Vandivort, Bessie Vandivort and Leo Curtis.

To Little Vine Association of General Baptists: Mack Hall,

G. W. Scott, Jr. and A. A. Hogue.

To Missouri Association of General Baptists: Austin Wright, Oliver Letterman, and G. W. Scott, Jr.

Elder G. W. Scott, Jr. selected to preach Introductory Sermon at 1949 Association with Elder Neal Moore Alternate.

Standing vote of thanks given Moderator and Assistant Moderator.

Standing vote of thanks given Clerk and Assistant Clerk.

Standing vote of thanks given Mountain Grove Church for taking care of Association. Committee appointed by Moderator to meet with State Association as follows: Elders, Oliver Letterman, A. W. Brook, and G. E. Hutsell. Deacons, Burl Halliburton and Homer Vandivort.

Brother Earnest Leach was ordained to preach the Gospel. Elder Neal Moore, Chairman of Ordination Council. Elder Homer Smith gave the charge. Elder Leo Curtis prayed Ordination Prayer.

All Committees discharged.

Bro. Rolla Smith who was selected to give farwell address not being present, address was given by Bro. Guy Hutsell.

Closing prayer by Sister Cinda Hutsell. Adjourned to meet with Oak Grove Church on Wednesday, 4 o'clock P. M. before 1st Sunday in September, 1949, 8 miles North of Norwood, Wright County, Missouri.

Signed, B. R. Scott, Moderator

Claud Smith, Assistant Moderator

John N. Pryor, Clerk

Emma Pryor, Assistant Clerk.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Name of Churches	Church Sunday	Amount for Minutes	Total Membership	Members Received	Members dis. by Let	Members Excluded	Members Died	Amt. Paid Pastor	Amt. for Evangelist
Pleasant Hill	1st	\$1.00	159	7					
Lebanon	FT	2.50	51	29					\$153.53
Union	1-3	2.00	67	6	1		1	\$ 180.00	100.00
Wolf Creek	1-3	5.00	41	3				238.50	62.99
Willow Springs No. 1	1-3	2.50	162	10	2			452.22	219.75
Union Chapel No. 1	2-4	2.00	125	2				317.80	142.00
Fox Creek	1st	2.00	35	1			1	94.15	
Ellsworth	1-3	1.00	22					65.28	14.80
Plesant Home No. 2	2-4	3.00	45		2	5	1	200.00	21.60
Moore's Chapel No. 1	2-4	2.00	13					156.80	40.00
Oak Grove T. C.	1-3	5.00	37	2	3		1	212.75	49.00
Mtn. Grove	FT	5.00	177	20	4	1	2	1820.00	437.50
Pleasant Ridge No. 1	4th	5.00	70					173.00	18.75
Happy Ridge No. 1	2-4	1.50	38	10	1	3			
Oak Grove W. C.	FT	10.00	157	6	4		4	495.00	180.00
Breeden	3rd	2.00	49	1	3			92.00	8.00
Mtn. Valley	2-4	5.00	117	4			1	405.00	5.00
Mt. Zion No. 1	1st	2.00	24	7			2		
Willow Springs No. 2	1-3	2.00	52	2	2		1	94.40	37.50
Moore's Chapel No. 2	3rd	1.50	17						
Big Creek	2-4	3.00	138	2	2		1		80.00
Tyrone	FT	2.00	40	6	1			343.25	88.38
Mt. Pisgah	1-3	2.00	57	3	3			385.58	10.00
Friendship	1st	2.00	73	4			1	120.00	18.40
Faith and Hope	FT	2.00	66	34			2	360.00	100.00
Cold Springs	3rd	2.00	32			1		68.78	
Number One		3.50	122	6	2		1	455.47	170.75
Cabool	FT	2.50	40	7		1		996.20	93.52
New Home	1st	4.00	50	17				193.40	2.50
Mt. Zion No. 2	2-4	2.00	56				1	235.00	8.00
Happy Ridge No. 2	1-3	2.00	27	11				62.45	12.00
Providence	FT	3.00	80	2		1		520.00	61.11
Pleasant Ridge No. 2	1st	2.00	41	5	1				8.50
Pleasant Grove	2-4	2.00	52	2	3			228.06	10.00
Merrett	2nd	2.00	33	6		3			1.50
Pleasant Home No. 1	3rd	1.50	36				1	98.24	100.67

Condition of Treasury of Association at Close of Association

Money on hand from last Association	\$ 1.60
Collection at Association	102.00
Collection since Association	3.50
Total	\$107.10

STATISTICAL REPORT

Received in church	214
Number Baptised	254
Number dismissed by letter	35
Excluded	15
Died	21
Total membership	2,392
Money for minutes	\$107.10
Paid for preaching	\$16,995.52

STATISTICAL REPORT

Ministers Names	Funerals Conducted	Revivals Held	Churches Pastored	Sermons Preached	Professions Witnessed	Baptised	Miles Traveled	Money Received	
Herbert Vandivort			1	122	2	2124	\$532.16		
Oliver Letterman	4	3	142	6	2	23321	531.81		
Archie Hogue	2	2	1	95	21	3315	2138	384.00	
Johnnie Postlewait	1	5	77	52	23	450	400.00		
T. C. Hofford	1	2	1	45	8	800	111.86		
Lee Maxwell		1	1	105	6	2579	565.50		
Mack Hall	2	1	60	15		175	150.00		
Henry Goodman		2	1	99	31	1120	4200	135.95	
Verl Tate	1	1	1	113	12	6	65258	530.75	
Fred Wynn	4	4	2	140	12	8	43000	1120.64	
Lenord Keys		2	2	112	16	5	63309	357.36	
Owen Saladin				17			450	46.66	
Leo Curtis	5	4	1	136	48	7	81066	1440.00	
Leonard Cornelison	2	1	1	54	1	2	3355	91.18	
N. E. Snyder	1	2	1	89	16	9	2952	434.50	
C. A. McAllister	6	2	1	104	2	3237	80	26.00	
Rolla Smith				9	1		217	37.50	
Ezra Butts		2	1	89	9	6	6	254.11	
George W. Scott Jr.	33	5	1	133	31	20	7	2454.56	
W. F. Willingham		1		125	9		41500	600.00	
Stanley Letterman		1		33	11		3	558	87.00
G. E. Hutsell		3	1	70	3	3	24349	343.10	
Wm. H. Stephens	2			53				43.50	
W. L. Atherton		1	1	42	19	18	9	36.32	
B. R. Scott	1	9		179	83	20	308200	1077.65	
Ben Owens		1		24	4		4	716	23.60
H. B. Smith	14	4	2	68	9		9	550.00	
Austin Wright				21	2	2		312	92.25
Floyd Roberts	2	1	1	110	9	6	72214	378.20	
Lester Jones		6	1	162	52	8	94040	717.03	
A. W. Brook	1	5	2	122	40	18	19	605.90	
Moses Johnson	1	3	2	88	31	5	102800	556.04	

REGISTRATION OF MINISTERS

Name	Address
Fred Wynn	Mountain Grove, Mo.
G. E. Hutsell	Mountain Grove, Mo.
O. L. Allen	2223 N. Frank, Springfield
G. W. Scott Jr.	Mountain Grove, Mo.
G. W. Scott Sr.	Mountain Grove, Mo.
B. R. Scott	Mountain Grove, Mo.
A. A. Hogue	Cabool, Mo.
J. E. Burney	Mountain Grove, Mo.
H. B. Smith	Mountain Grove, Mo.
Oliver Letterman	Mountain Grove, Mo.
Leo Curtis	Cabool, Mo.
Owen Saladin	Mountain Grove, Mo.
Ben Owens	Mountain Grove, Mo.
W. E. George	Mountain Grove, Mo.
Wm. Stevens	Mountain Grove, Mo.
Neal Moore	Hartville, Rt. 3
Amos Fagan	Mansfield, Mo.
A. W. Brook	Mountain Grove, Mo.
Claud Smith	Macomb, Mo.
Preston Brantsetter	Elk Creek, Mo.
John Postlewait	Mountain Grove, Mo.
Otis Sparks	Dora, Mo.
N. E. Snyder	Huggins, Mo.
John Ratteree	Huggins, Mo.
H. T. Edwards	Norwood, Mo.
Herbert Vandivort	Cabool, Rt. 2.
Austin Wright	Seymour, Mo.
Lenord Keys	Mansfield, Mo.
John Oxley	Cabool, Mo.
Lenard Cornelinson	Summerville, Mo.
Charley Edwards	Mountain Grove, Mo.
Ezra Butts	Huggins, Mo.
W. L. Atherton	Huggins, Mo.
Raymond Smith	Huggins, Mo.
W. F. Willingham	Mountain Grove, Mo.
Lester Jones	Bendavis, Mo.
Mack Hall	Tyrone, Mo.
Henry Goodman	Elk Creek, Mo.
Verl Tate	2123 N. Taylor, Springfield, Mo.
Elveret Leach	Willow Springs, Mo.
Lee Maxwell	Huggins, Mo.
Tom Holford	Brushy Knob, Mo.
Stanley Letterman	Mountain Grove, Mo.
J. H. Johnson	Drury, Mo.
Floyd Roberts	Cabool, Mo.
C. A. McAlester	Lebanon, Mo., Box 364

REGISTRATION OF DEACONS

Lewis Moody
Burel Haleburton
O. P. Molne
E. H. Freeman
H. E. Wilson
F. L. Hagen
F. E. Shaw
Charley Franklin
Eelza Edwards
Earl Carter
Riley Hutsell
Doyle Royster
Earmie Millsap
Lee Stille
Walter Sheets
Willis Leithy
Bill Moore
Fred Pamperien
Woodrow Montgomery

W. E. Hutsell
John McAlester
Fred Justice
M. L. Simons
W. T. Robertson
Rolla Ballard
Austa Reeves
Troy McCleary
Sherman Grey
Luther Curtis
Fred Shannon
James Odem
Floyd Walls
C. E. Pembrook
Earl Copeland
Luther Cooper
Ira Babbet
Willie Tate
J. P. Driskel
John Hickman

REGISTRATION OF MINISTERS WIVES

Edna Saladin
Oma Scott
Alice Burney
Stella Edwards
Lemmie George
Azoma Owens
Gladis Wynn
Florence Raterree
Verla Smith
Elva Wright
Bessie Vandivort
Birdie Letterman
Ina Brook
Gladis Moore
Marie Fagan

Bessie Keys
Aloth Smith
Dora Bass
Beula Edwards
Tossie Bramstetter
Mildred Butts
Golda Tate
Dennie Willingham
Lorene Maxwell
Stella Dixon
Elsa Roberts
Alice Stevens
Ermal Smith
Grace Royster
Roselee Atherson
Maud Scott

REGISTRATION OF DELEGATES

Frank Owens	Irvin McAllister
Mrs. Frank Owens	Dale Dots
Joane Stillings	Vance Dodson
Elsie Letterman	Nettie Middleton
Ella Fletcher	Leona Watson
Millie Allen	Vina McRoberts
Loveta Kaglin	Edra Venable
Luther Keaglin	Ruby Noirfalise
Ruby Smith	Lola Amos
Leahmae Scott	Mrs. Evert Leach
Genell Smith	F. B. Amos
Willard Pyle	Lara Hagen
Sylvia Pyle	Everet Hickman
Della Hutsell	Cora Sparks
Ray Hutsell	Ida Johnston
Minnie Lund	Willa Walls
Dora Barr	Margaret Walls
Harry Murin	Dola Cooper
May Murin	Ellua Dixon
Dorothy Ballard	R. M. Dixon
Mary Pamperin	Stella Dixon
Opal Pamperin	Elrim Roberts
Earnest Maxwell	Shirley Roberts
Arlie Walls	Perl Blankinship
Delin Neal	Mrs. Willie Tate
Verginia McCoy	Venus McCleary
Jaretta Savage	

VISITING DELEGATES AND MINISTERS AND WIVES

Pauline Peterson	
Ruth Peterson	
Rev. Dale Jones	Lebanon, Mo.
Rev. Curtis Wilson	Lebanon, Mo.
Mrs. Charles E. Philips, Gen. Baptist,	Ava, Mo.
Rev. Davie N. Combs	Couch, Mo. Rt. 1
Mrs. Davie N. Combs	Couch, Mo. Rt. 1
Rev. Harry Stairs	Tulsa, Okla.
Glenora Stairs	Tulsa, Okla.
Rev. Paul E. Pursell	Bristow, Okla.
Rev. Cleo Pursell	Bristow, Okla.
Elba Harbinson	
Francis Harbinson	

CHURCH CLERKS

Name	Name of Church	Address
Amy Emmerson—Plesant Grove		
Hazel Altis—Providence		Cabool, Mo.
Nancy Goodman Boone—Happy Ridge No. 2		Grogan, Mo.
Pansy Lee Garner—Mt. Zion No. 2		Hartville, Mo.
Addie Long—New Home		Hartville, Mo.
Ruby Montgomery—Cabool		Cabool, Mo.
Cleo Bandy—Big Creek		Yukon, Mo.
Frankie Bowen—Moores Chapel No. 2	Willow Springs	Mo.
Edna Tetrick—Willow Springs No. 2		Vanzant, Mo.
Letha Franklin—Mtn. Valley		Mtn. Grove, Mo.
Hazel Pridemore—Mtn. Zion No. 1		Norwood, Mo.
Loe Letterman—Breeden		Ava Rt. 3, Mo.
Edna Saladin—Oak Grove W. C.		Mtn. Grove, Mo.
Pansy Skinner—Happy Ridge No. 1		Norwood, Mo.
E. A. Lund—Plesant Ridge No. 1		Mansfield, Mo.
Martha Coffman—Mtn. Grove		Mtn. Grove, Mo.
Edna Sutton—Oak Grove T. C.		Cabool, Mo.
F. A. Shannon—Moores Chapel		Mtn. Grove, Mo.
Opal Pamperien—Pleasant Home No. 2		Buckhart, Mo.
Dorothy Benson—Ellsworth		Licking, Mo.
Hattie Hull—Fox Creek		Mtn. Grove Rt. 3 Mo.
John Hutsell—Union Chapel No. 1		Graff, Mo.
Alva Fry—Willow Springs		Mtn. Grove, Rt. 5, Mo.
Dorothy Millsap—Wolf Creek		Mansfield, Mo.
Nolan Neal—Union		Huggins, Mo.
Gladys Montgomery—Lebanon		Lebanon, Mo.
Ivy McCoy—Pleasant Ridge No. 2		Embree, Mo.
Blanche Hutsell—Number One		Huggins, Mo.
Sarah Reeger—Merrett		Dora, Mo.
Ruth Hickman—Plesant Hill		Hartville, Mo.
Maud Smith—Cold Springs		Cold Springs, Mo.
Hazel Stephens—Friendship		Ava, Mo.
Floyd Walls—Mt. Pisgah		Cabool Rt. 2, Mo.
Viola Hall—Tyrone		Tyrone, Mo.
Gillie Reeves—Faith and Hope	Willow Springs,	Mo.
Mary Bittick—Pleasant Home No. 1,	Cabool So. Star Rt.	Mo.

CHURCH CLERKS PRESENT

Edna Saladin	Gladis Montgomery
Letha Franklin	Ruby Montgomery
Dorothy Milsip	Nolan Neal
Martha Coffman	Gillie Reeves
Opal Pamperien	Loyd Walls
Fred Shannon	John Hutsell

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 principles 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 is 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 Savior 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 their 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 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 usage 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 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 ad-

dress 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. Praised 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, ministers 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. 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 farwell 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 committes.
43. Adjourn with prayer.



