

103rd Annual
Missouri State Association
of Free Will Baptists

2016 Annual
Proceedings and
Digest of Reports



June 6-8, 2016
Ramada Oasis, Springfield, Missouri

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2016 - 2017 Officers of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist

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14606 St Andrews Drive, Grandview, Missouri 64030

Clerk: Rev. Jackson Watts
9814 Sand Castle Drive, Pevely, Missouri 63070

Assistant Clerk: Rev. Justin Lawson
505 W Clouse Street, Mountain Grove, Missouri 65711

General Board Members

<u>Association</u>	<u>MemberTerm</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Bootheel	Rev. Bill Adkisson	2018
Cave Springs	Rev. Terry Lunyuo	2018
Central Western	Rev. Warren Hall	2018
Greater Kansas City	Rev. Jerry Scott	2018
Greater Springfield	Vacant	2018
Indian Creek	Rev. Ken Dodson	2018
Laclede County	Rev. Bruce Dublin	2018
Liberty	Rev. Dan Talbott	2018
Mid-Rivers	Rev. Rick Dement	2018
Mission	Rev. Zach Williams	2017
Mo-Ark	Rev. Darrell Strain	2017
Niangua	Rev. David Beltz	2017
Northeast	Rev. Jon McNay	2017
Northwest	Rev. Vernon Maggart	2017
South Central	Rev. Leroy Bryant	2017
Southeast	Rev. Raymond Michael	2017
St. Francois	Bro. Curt Gwartney	2017
St. Louis	Rev. Ken Simpson	2017
Tri-County	Rev. Russell Johnson	2017
Christian Education	Rev. Kevin Williford	
Missouri Mission Board	Rev. Jim Williams	
Senior Adult Ministries	Rev. Wayne Phillips	
Youth Camp	Rev. Jerry Pinkerton	
Youth Ministries	Rev. Andy Rains	

Administration

Stan Bunch
Frank Webster

Executive Director
Missouri Missions Director

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Executive Committee

Moderator	Rev. Keith Garrison
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Alan Kinder
Clerk	Rev. Jackson Watts
Assistant Clerk*	Rev. Justin Lawson
Rev. Zach Williams	2018
Rev. Ken Simpson	2018
Rev. Jim Williams	2017
Rev. Andy Rain	2017

Christian Education Board

Rev. Melvin Moon	2021
Rev. Jay Tilson	2020
Rev. Roger Hogan	2019
Rev. Mark Elliott	2018
Rev. Kevin Williford (Chairman)	2017

Missouri Mission Board

Rev. Dennis Moore	2019
Rev. Dale Cochran	2019
Rev. Brandon McIntosh	2019
Rev. Richard Robinson	2019
Rev. Barry Reel	2018
Rev. Jim Williams (Chairman)	2018
Rev. Bob Theabeau	2017
Rev. Eddie Vincent	2017
Rev. Gary Mitchener	2017

Senior Adult Ministries

Rev. Don Anderson	2021
Rev. Wayne Phillips (Chairman)	2020
Rev. Wes Rider	2019
Rev. Ronnie Blanks	2018
Rev. Gene Crewse	2017

Youth Camp Board

Rev. John Howell	2021
Rev. Adam Duncan	2020
Rev. Jerry Pinkerton (Chairman)	2019
Rev. Greg Smith	2018
Rev. Russell McDaris	2017

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Youth Ministries Board

Rev. Matthew Todd	2021
Rev. Andy Rains (Chairman)	2020
Jane Parker	2019
Mr. Seth Moon	2018
Rev. Ryan Akers	2017

Auditing Committee

Rev. Russell Johnson	2019
Rev. Dan Talbott	2018
Rev. Warren Hall	2017

Historical Commission

Rev. Keith Garrison	2019
Rev. Nathan Ruble	2018
Rev. Howard Anderson	2017

Randall University (formerly Hillsdale) Trustee Board

Rev. Jay Tilson	2019
Rev. Dale Skiles	2018
Rev. Doug Earls	2017

National Association Board Member

Rev. Stan Bunch	2017
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*Per bylaw #22, the assistant clerk is not a standing member of the Executive Committee.

Proceedings of the 103rd Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist Annual Meeting

When convened at the Ramada Oasis Convention Center in Springfield, MO on June 6-8, 2016

Monday Evening, June 6th

Rev. Steve Reeves, Moderator, Presiding. Rev. Jackson Watts convened the 103rd Annual Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists. The theme for the week was "Christ's Answer for Changing Times."

Brother Naman Dement led the congregation in praise and worship music, including "Bless the Name of Jesus," "Let the Redeemed of the Lord Say So," "I Am Blessed," and "Blessed Be Your Name." Special music and the offertory were sung by the Calvarymen Quartet, and an offering was collected.

Rev. Travis Harrison introduced Rev. Andy Rains, pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church of Lebanon. The message theme was "Uniting His People," based off of Matthew 16:13-18.

At the end of the service the Clerk, Rev. Jackson Watts, read the Committee on Committees Report. He also read the report from the Missouri WAC.

The service was concluded in prayer.

Tuesday Evening, June 7th

Rev. Jackson Watts presided over the evening service. Naman Dement led the congregation in the singing of praise and worship songs, including "At Calvary," "I Believe in a Hill Called Mount Calvary," and "The Old Rugged Cross." One of the competitors from the Missouri State Youth Competition provided special music.

Veteran pastor Dr. Danny Dwyer from Ashland City, Tennessee was the speaker. He preached from several passages in the book of Acts on the theme of "Equipping His People." He discussed the importance of recognizing God's placing His servants in the locations and before the people who need them.

Before the benediction was prayed, standing delegates were seated, and accepted the Moderator's motion to table a proposed amendment to By-Law 50, which would enable the matter to be fully discussed in Wednesday's business session. M/S/C

The service was dismissed in prayer.

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Wednesday Morning Business Session, June 8th

Rev. Steve Reeves, Moderator, presided over the business session.

Brother Nathan Dement led in congregational singing of a hymn. Rev. Curt Gwartney, pastor of Fellowship Free Will Baptist in Park Hills, gave the devotion on the theme of unity.

The report of the Credentials Committee was read by the Clerk. Eighteen districts have reported. The only one to not report was the Bootheel Association. The report was received. M/S/C

The Moderator recognized the delegates; Standing delegates were already seated from the evening worship service the night before. Elected delegates were recognized by the voting body. M/S/C

The Clerk read the Nominating Committee report. M/S/C

The Moderator received a motion to accept the report of the Nominating Committee. S/C

Executive Director Report (see pgs. 21-42 of the Digest)

Director Stan Bunch shared greetings from the Missouri State Office. Bro. Stan continues to be in many of our churches and associations throughout the year, and is encouraged by much of what he has seen God do in the state.

The State Association is in good financial condition as reflected in increased giving through the Missouri COOP. The building formerly known as Lebanon Bible and Bookstore has been rented to a local ministry in Lebanon, and is being used as a satellite church. We are receiving regular rent from this tenant.

Among the benefits of the increased revenue (including a special gift from the Christian Education Board), is that a Pastoral Care Fund has been established to provide counseling/psychological support for pastors and their families struggling with various issues. Otherwise, these families would be breaking up, leaving their ministries, or facing financial ruin.

The land in Branson has been shown to several individuals; they were not impressed with the lack of direct access to the land and the current market value of land in that area makes our asking price a deterrent to a quick sale.

A point of information was provided concerning the participation of our churches and their young people in the Youth Camp and in the competition ministries offered through the Youth Ministries Board. Participation in these events is slowly declining,

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and churches are encouraged to participate in these ministries.

A motion was made to receive the report and adopt the budget for the Executive Office. S/C

General Board Report

Item #1 – We recommend a budget of \$785,000 for Co-Op in 2017. M/S/C

Item #2 – We recommend booking out 2019 State Association Meeting with Ramada Oasis Convention Center. M/S/C

One question was asked about projected costs for future meetings. Although we cannot know precisely, when we sign contracts we do have guaranteed rates for the upcoming year.

Item #3 – We recommend giving Wednesday night's offering to the Youth Camp. M/S/C

Item #4 – We recommend all ministry boards who are not presently securing an outside auditor's opinion of their finances arrive at the November General Board meeting with a plan of action for securing an outside opinion. M/S/C

Item #5 – We recommend By-Law 50 be amended by adding the statement, "Any business conducted outside of a regular session requires that a reasonable attempt must be made to contact all General Board members."

Note: By-Law 50 currently reads: "No loans shall be contracted, and no evidence of indebtedness shall be issued for which the State Association shall be legally or morally responsible except as approved by the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists while in session, or by the General Board while in session."

Motion to take item off table from having been tabled on June 7. S/C

Motion to adopt item. S/C (delegates were asked to vote by standing; not unanimous, but two-thirds vote required was reached)

Report from Women Nationally Active for Christ

Mrs. Elizabeth Hodges gave a greeting and brief report from her department, focusing especially on the service their department had performed for young women domestically and abroad.

Report from National Offices

Bro. Keith Burden shared a greeting and brief report from the National Executive Office. He expressed appreciation for Missouri's Steering Committee in anticipation of the National Association meeting in Kansas City. He noted that there would be no

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charge for a local church to send a single delegate to the Convention. He encouraged delegates to familiarize themselves with the Rekindle initiative to promote church health being spearheaded by the National Offices and Bro. Danny Dwyer.

Report from Randall House Publications

Dr. Tim Eaton of Hillsdale shared Randall House's report for them as he has served on their board for several years.

Report from the FWB Foundation

Bro. David Brown shared a report from the FWB Foundation.

Missions Board Report (see pgs. 43-51 of the Digest)

Missions Director Frank Webster reported on the activities of the Missouri State Mission Board. He shared a video highlighting the many works/missionaries supported by MO Missions. The video shared brief words of testimony from many of the converts through our Show-Me works. He then gave an update of all the works, highlighting conversions and baptisms.

Bro. Webster also provided a more detailed explanation concerning recent changes to funding for International Missions and how this precipitated changes to the Show-Me Plan. Several questions and comments were asked about these changes.

Motion to receive report and adopt budget. S/C

Nomination for Missions Board: Replacing Rich Dement, Brandon McIntosh.

-Curt Gwartney was nominated from the floor. Motion to proceed with vote. S/C

-Brandon McIntosh is elected by a vote of 32-25.

Nomination for Missions Board: Replacing Don Anderson, Dennis Moore. Elected.

Nomination for Missions Board: Replacing Dale Cochran, Dale Cochran. Elected.

10 minute recess.

International Missions

Sam McVay from International Missions was recognized to give a report on their behalf.

North American Ministries

Ken Akers was recognized to give a report on behalf of North American Ministries.

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Senior Adult Ministries Report (see pgs. 52-54 of the Digest)

Wayne Phillips gave a report for his board and gave special attention to details concerning their retreat. He also reported that prior board members (Jack Day, Glenn Murray) had passed away just recently.

Motion to receive report and adopt budget. S/C

Nomination for Senior Adult Board: Replacing Don Anderson, Don Anderson. Elected.

FWB Family Ministries (Greenville, TN)

Ken Winningham gave an extensive report from their ministries at the children's home.

Youth Camp Report (see pgs 55-60 of the Digest)

Chairman Pinkerton gave the report for the youth camp. Director Moore joined him on stage. He reported on their upcoming camp season, and gave special attention to the success of the Encounters' groups events being held at the camp.

Motion to receive report and adopt budget. S/C

Nomination for Camp Board: Replacing John Howell, John Howell. Elected.

Welch College

David Williford gave a report from Welch College, calling special attention to the campus relocation and its exciting progress.

Hillsdale FWB College/Randall University

Dr. Tim Eaton reported on the ministry of Hillsdale.

Nomination for College Board: Replacing Jay Tilson: Jay Tilson. Elected.

Christian Education Board (see pgs. 65-67 of the Digest)

Chairman Kevin Williford presented the report for the CE Board, calling attention to some of their annual ministry events and initiatives.

Motion to receive report and adopt budget. S/C

Nomination for CE Board: Replacing Melvin Moon, Melvin Moon; Elected.

FWB Board of Retirement

Andy Rains gave a report on behalf of the Board of Retirement. His brother-in-law,

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Chris Compton, has been recently hired on as Director of Communications. Also, Josh Eidson has been hired to take the role of CFO, replacing new directory John Brummitt.

Youth Ministries Board (see pgs. 61-64 of the Digest)

Chairman Rains gave the report for the Youth Ministries Board, reporting on their annual activities and ministries.

Motion to receive report and adopt budget. S/C

Nomination for Youth Board: Replacing Matthew Todd, Matthew Todd; Elected.

Nomination for Youth Board: Replacing Ray Paxton, Seth Moon; Elected.

Obituary Committee Report

The Clerk ready the Obituary Committee Report and the names from the report were shown in a Powerpoint presentation. A moment of silence was observed, followed by a prayer from Bro. James Mize.

Resolutions Committee Report

There were no resolutions to bring forward.

Historical Commission

There was no report from the historical commission.

Nomination for Historical Commission: Replacing Keith Garrison, Keith Garrison; Elected.

Election of General Board members (see p. 68 of the Digest)

Nominated General Board members were elected en bloc. M/S/C

Election of the Officers of the State Association

The Nominating Committee recommends:

Keith Garrison for Moderator; S/C; Elected.

Alan Kinder for Assistant Moderator; S/C; Elected.

Jackson Watts for Clerk; S/C; Elected.

Justin Lawson for Assistant Clerk; S/C; Elected.

The Nominating Committee recommends Stanley Bunch as National Association General Board Member; S/C; Elected.

Nomination of State Delegates to National Association Meeting

Darrell Vinson

Penny Garrison

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Wendi Howell
Linda Reeves
Linda Hall

Motion to Elect. S/C

*Elected delegates are expected to attend business sessions at the Convention, and will receive a stipend to off-set the cost of their expenses in attending.

Recognition of Moderator Steve Reeves was recognized for exceptional service during his tenure as Moderator, and was presented with a plaque. Keith Garrison recognized as new moderator and was presented with the gavel.

Several announcements were allowed from the floor concerning several key church events, pastors'/pastors' wives' anniversaries.

Motion to adjourn. S/C; Session was dismissed in prayer.

The General Board Meeting

The General Board met following the adjournment of the State Association. The following actions were taken:

1. A motion was made to elect the following to the Executive Committee:
Ken Simpson to replace Alan Kinder, term expiring 2018. S/C
Zach Williams to replace Zach Williams, term expiring 2018. S/C
2. Russell Johnson was elected to serve on the Audit Committee for a term expiring in 2019.
3. General Board members were notified of the next General Board meeting, to take place on Monday, November 7 at 10:00am at the State Office in Lebanon.
4. We were dismissed in prayer.

Wednesday Evening Worship Service, June 8, 2016

Rev. Kevin Williford presiding.

Brother Naman Dement led congregational singing with "In Christ Alone," and "Worthy is the Lamb," followed by a special by the mass choir, "On the Banks of the Promised Land."

Bro. Gary Mitchener of Ozark First Free Will Baptist presented a message on the

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theme of "Sending His People."

The State Association concluded its 103rd annual meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
W. Jackson Watts, Clerk

Committee on Committees Report

We, the Committee on Committees, recommend the following committees to serve during this 100th Session of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists.

Prayerfully Submitted,
Travis Harrison, Chairman
Mike Dankson
Leroy Bryant
Raymond Michaels
Jerry Scott

Credentials Committee

We the credentials committee have examined the district association letters and found them all in order, with the exception of the Bootheel Association. No correspondence was received from the Bootheel Association.

Keith Garrison, Chairman
Dale Skiles
Bob Thebeau
Jay Tilson
Zach Williams

Report of the Nominating Committee (the following were elected)

With the best interest of God's ministry among Missouri Free Will Baptists in mind, we the members of the nominating committee make the following nominations:

Missouri Mission Board: Dennis Moore - 2019
Brandon McIntosh - 2019
Dale Cochran - 2019

Youth Camp Board: John Howell - 2021

Christian Education Board: Melvin Moon - 2021

Senior Adult Ministries Board: Don Anderson - 2021

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Youth Ministries Board: Matthew Todd – 2021
Seth Moon – 2018

Audit Committee: Russell Johnson – 2019

Historical Commission Keith Garrison – 2019

Randall University Trustee: Jay Tilson – 2016

National General Board Member: Stan Bunch – 2017

State General Board Members: Terms expiring in 2018

Bootheel – Bill Adkisson
Cave Springs – Terry Lunyou
Central Western – Warren Hall
Greater Kansas City – Jerry Scott
Greater Springfield – Keith Garrison
Indian Creek – Ken Dodson
Laclede County – Bruce Doublin
Liberty – Dan Talbott
Mid-Rivers – Rich Dement
Niangua – David Belz
General Officers
Moderator: Keith Garrison
Asst. Moderator: Alan Kinder
Clerk: Jackson Watts
Asst. Clerk: Justin Lawson

In accordance with the suggestions of the MOFWB General Board, we have verified that each of these nominees is a supporter of the Missouri COOP plan, and we believe each had demonstrated both a heart and ability for the position for which they are nominated. The nominating committee has contacted each nominee and confirmed their willingness to serve.

Prayerfully submitted,

Kevin Williford, Chairman
Keith Garrison
Roger Hogan
Bob Thebeau
Zach Williams

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Resolutions Committee

There were no resolutions presented to the association.
Sincerely,

Doug Earls, Chairman
Howard Anderson
Brady Crum
Elmer Turnbough
Gary Fry

Obituary Report

We the Obituary Committee submit the following members who have been promoted to glory. Let us stand in honor and reflect on their service to the Lord and our association.

Prayerfully submitted,

Dale Cochran, Chairman
Sherman Baker
Vernon Long
Wes Rider
Vernon Wilfong

Bootheel

Peggy Adkisson

Cave Springs

Bill Burkhead (deacon)
Nadene Chronister
Dwight Holmes
David Hollis
Hazel Joplin
James Nelson
Phyliss Smith
Wanda Thompson

Central Western

Suzanne Bunton
Colleen Howard
Sharon Loney
Edith McAdams
Norma Toliver
Dee York

Greater Kansas City

Marilyn Henderson
Jim Horn
Arletta Johnson
Kenneth Johnson
William Preston Noah
Marjorie Schofield
Reva Seekington
Carmen Smith
Deborah Wells

Greater Springfield

Betty Bagwell
Virginia Baker
Eva Black
Bea Felts
Herb Herbolsheimer
Mabel Hicks
Stanaleen Hicks
Shirley Pridemore

Shirley Pulkrabek
Verdene Reed
Bobby Smith
Lowell Stewart
Eric Trapp
Karen White
Doris Zane

Indian Creek

Johnny Bevis
Claude Cluck
Karen Curry
James Evans (deacon)
Bill Griffith (deacon)
Mildred Hudgins
Bill Johnson
Bill Medlin
Fred Moller
Wanetta Tate
Ona Thrasher

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Joyce Tidmore

Laclede County

Ruby James

Liberty

Quenton Adams

Anna Addison

Jack Day (minister)

Art Hill

Bill Jones (minister)

Leon Jones (minister)

Virginia Knight

Elvin Lowe

Dean Millard

Alvia Reid

Joann Stockwell

LeEtta Williams

Mid-Rivers

Pearl Harless

Lorraine Kunst

Alice Stephens

Mission

Olive Adamson

Sharon Beebe

Ruth Bradshaw

Howard Carder

Steven Carter (deacon)

Freda Dugger

Vandon Easter (minister)

Joann Evans

Carol Franklin

Mary Lue Fry

Joan Haywood

Geneva Henslee

Gene Postlewait (minister)

Annetta Marie Rebmann

Wanda Simpson

Dorothy Tipton

Gladys Turnbough
(minister's wife)

MO-Ark

Charles Melton

Donna Cline

J.O. Moss

Truman Parrott

Niangua

Don Prater

John Spencer

Northeast

Sam Davis

Sharon Lundquist

Maizie Sevits

Northwest

Kathleen Sexson

Earl Weatherd

St. Francois

Marilyn Bannister

Dora Baynes

Esther Clark

Clora Elders

Betty Fowler

Dorothy Head

Hank Kenuam

Maggie Kenuam

Gwendolyn Pinkston

Wayne Ragsdale

Joe Stacy

Karen Wadlow

St. Louis

Wayne Crume

Bonna Combs

Bob Denman

JD Elder (deacon)

Victor Ferguson

Jess Hogan

Erma Lee Hogan

Carol Lewis

Marie McCain

Bess Williams

Mae Williams

Louis Wilhite

South Central

Helen Brown

Carl Light (deacon)

Richard Lowe

Rosemary Phillips

Gladys Turnbough

Southeast

Ethel Burlbrough

Hope Davidson

Jean Eaker

Helen Francis

Doris Grindstaff

Ross Moss

Carroll Mull

Pat Tinsley

Tri-County

Sybil Agan

Debbie Ragland

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2016 Annual Report to the National Association of Free Will Baptists

A. Church Characteristics

1. Total number of district associations: 19

2. Total number of districts report for June 2016 state meeting: 19.

3. Total number of churches in the state: 155.

4. Total number of churches reporting for June 2016 state meeting: 152.

5. Total number of rural churches: 79.

6. Total number of churches within city limits: 76

7. Total number of churches with:

Full-time pastors: 62.

Bi-vocational pastors: 74.

B. Membership Information

1. Total number of baptisms: 328.

2. Total members added: 414.

3. Total members lost: 302.

4. Total membership: 8572.

C. Stewardship Information

1. Total income of all churches reporting \$10,000,073.91

2. Total number of churches with budgets: 53.

D. Building Information

1. Total number of churches with parsonages: 33.

2. Total value of all church property, including parsonages \$77, 566,490.

E. General Information

1. Total number of ordained ministers: 227.

2. Total number of licensed ministers: 38.

3. Total number of ordained deacons: 266.

4. Total Sunday School enrollment: 5,329.

5. Total Number of Daycares: 4

6. Total Value of Associational Property: 6,250,000.

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MO WAC State Meeting June 7, 2016 “Praise Him!”

*“I will praise the LORD according to his righteousness: and
will sing praise to the name of the LORD most high.”
Psalms 7:17*

9:00 a.m. Business Session

Welcome by Lee Ann Wilfong.

Ken & Judy Bailey gave greetings and Ken opened our meeting with prayer.

Congregational Singing was led by Jodi Simpson, accompanied by Jean Stephens on the piano.

Missionary Reports: Brother Frank Webster gave report on MO Home Missions, National Home Missions and the Children’s Home.

WNAC Report: Elizabeth Hodges gave a report and showed a video of her trip to the Ivory Coast.

Seating of Delegates: M/S/C by standing delegation to accept the elected delegates.

Credentials Committee Report

We, The Credentials Committee, have examined the Secretary’s records for the past year and find the records to be in good and orderly fashion.

Respectfully submitted by Barb Cochran, Chairperson,
Donna Bailey, Waynelle Scott

Motion made, seconded and unanimous vote to approve recommendations.

Financial Committee Report

Treasurer, Deanne Lollis, provided a financial report to everyone.

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We the Finance committee have examined the Treasurer’s books and found them to be in order.

Respectfully submitted by Deanne Lollis, Chairperson,
Mary White, Becky Gwartney

Motion made, seconded and unanimous vote to approve recommendations.

Executive Committee Report

We the Executive Committee, make the following recommendations.

Item 1: The following three projects to be adopted for the year of 2017:

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|--------------------------|-----------|
| 1. MO Show Me Plan | \$3000.00 |
| 2. WNAC General Funds | \$3000.00 |
| 3. WNAC Provision Closet | \$3000.00 |

Motion made, seconded and unanimous vote to approve the recommendations.

Nominating Committee Appointed: Jean Stephens, Chairperson
Helen Bishop, Becky Gwartney, Linda Blanks, Waynelle Scott, Sharon Vincent

Announcement was made that the MO WAC Scholarship Recipient is Chelsea Holesapple

Dismissal Prayer: Kenneth Winningham

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Congregational Singing was led by Jodi Simpson accompanied by Jean Stephens on piano.

Prayer

Offering Received: Amount of \$365.00

Special: Carley Paxton from Cape Girardeau, MO

Speaker: Lyddie Teague (Scripture reference Psalm 7:17, 1 Peter 1:8-9, Psalm 86:12)

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Registration Committee Report

We, the Registration Committee, submit the following report:

Standing Delegates: 28

Elected Delegates: 8

Visitors: 31

Total Registered: 67

Attending worship 135

Respectfully submitted by Cassie Bass, Chairperson,
Carrie Myers, Judith Johnson

Motion made, seconded and unanimous vote to approve recommendations.

Appreciation Committee Report

We, the Appreciation Committee, wish to submit the following report.

We wish to thank Jodi Simpson and Jean Stephens for leading us in songs of praise & worship and to Carley Paxton for the special music.

We would like to thank Frank Webster for the reports from Home Missions and International Missions.

Thank you Ken & Judy Bailey for your years of service.

Thank you Elizabeth Hodges our WNAC Executive Director for coming to share with us and the encouragement you gave to us. Also for all the help and support you have provided as we prepare for the National Convention in July.

We would like to thank our speaker, Lyddie Teague for sharing her heart and God's word with us this morning.

We would like to thank our MO State WAC Officers for all the hard work and time they put into planning our 2016 State Meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Mitchell, Chairperson, Linda Blanks
Motion made, seconded and unanimous vote to approve recommendations.

Benediction led by Sam McVay.

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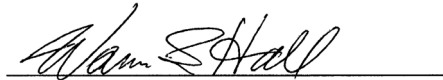
Audit Committee Report

April 4, 2016


We the Audit committee have examined the books of the following:

Executive Director/State Treasurer
Camp Niangua
Christian Education Board
Missouri Mission Board
Senior Adult Ministries Board
Youth Ministries Board

We found them to present fairly the financial position of each respective board as of December 31, 2015. We commend each treasurer for keeping their books in good order.



Warren Hall



Russell Johnson



Dan Talbott

MOFWB Executive Office

Fellow Servants,

“Are you sure about what you are getting in to?” A very close co-worker posed this question to me late in 2011, prior to beginning the ministry of Executive Director of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists. Now, four years into the process my response would still be the same. “Do we ever know what awaits us in the ministry and as servants of God?” Quite honestly I am more comfortable in this position simply because I have learned some of the processes, and you have been more than gracious in allowing me to learn. Thank you! At the same time, the challenge before us is even greater than in previous years. In 2012-2013 we faced some economic challenges that led to budgetary adjustments, cuts, and painful decisions. Our financial picture is much better now. However, the challenges we now face are even more serious and difficult. While we face challenges which will most certainly force us to rethink the ministry, we rejoice that God is doing marvelous things among us. Several baptistries that were dry have been filled and used for the glory of God. Thousands of families have been helped through the Encounter Ministries at Camp Niangua. Hundreds of children and teens are being ministered to through camps, retreats, and conferences. The Missouri Mission Board has been able to see new mission works and church restarts flourish with record attendance and impact in their communities.

A fairly common thanksgiving prayer that is stated quite often during our office prayer times is this, “Father, thank you for allowing us to do what we get to do.” Do we know what we are getting into? Do we ever know what awaits us in the ministry? Not completely. What we do know is that God has allowed us to be where we are “for such a time as this.” It is not by chance that you are serving where you are. As one close friend and brother stated recently, “we will all have the opportunity to have our principles challenged in the near future.” Now is the time for us to humble ourselves, repent of apathy, inactivity, misplaced priorities, and unconcern for lost souls.

We are most privileged to be allowed to minister in these days. We rejoice in what God is doing and stand in reverent awe at the enormous task before us. What a vote of confidence from Almighty God that He would allow you and me to be a part of restarting & revitalizing churches, sponsoring campers, blessing senior adults, ministering to pastors and their wives and promoting genuine revival among us. Every week we receive calls from churches needing a pastor. At the same time there are capable pastors that God has called

who comfortably sitting on the sidelines, or whose wife has become embittered and will not cooperate with them in the ministry. This is unfortunate. Opportunities for ministry are abundant for those who desire to be obedient.

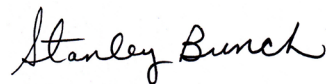
One of the first things we promoted in 2012 was for each of us to set aside at least one day per month for prayer and fasting. My dear brothers and sisters, we must double our efforts in this area, not to be seen, heard or recognized, but rather to work with God in ushering in a great movement of the Holy Spirit. If I did not believe that God can, and desires to work among us this would be a most discouraging ministry.

God is moving in the hearts of men and women across our great state association. We thank God for what He is going to do through you.

The following reports reflect your faithfulness to support the ministries of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists. Please say a prayer of thanksgiving as you read through them.

“Father, thank you for allowing us to do what we get to do.”

Grace & blessings to you,



Stanley Bunch

2015 Gem Magazine Billing Report

10 out of 94 Churches did not return their subscription renewal.
47 out of 136 Individuals did not return their subscription renewal.

In December 2015 we mailed out 1,487 GEM Magazine.

Gem 2014 Income	\$ 13,658.00
Gem 2014 Expense	\$ 14,594.91
Net Loss/Gain (Amount subsidized by Exec. Fund)	\$ 936.91

All unpaid delinquent subscriptions were removed from the mailing list.

GEM Note:

Please send us group pictures of baptisms, pastoral celebrations, note burnings, and information that would serve to encourage others.

When you have salvation decisions would you please send us an email or call to let us know. We want to publish this as a means of encouraging one another.

Approved 2015 General Executive Fund Budget

Jan 1, 2014 General Executive Fund Balance Forward	\$ 12,517.60
2014 Proposed Executive & General Income	\$ 212,100.00
Total Proposed Balance	\$ 224,617.60
Proposed 2014 Expenses	\$ 193,737.88
Proposed 2015 Balance Forward	\$ 30,879.72
<u>Projected Receipts:</u>	
Coop- Executive	\$ 141,375.00
Coop- General	\$ 21,750.00
Gem Subscriptions	\$ 14,500.00
Interest	\$ 250.00
District Associations Meetings	\$ 24,750.00
Ministers Retreat Registration	\$ 5,000.00
State Meeting Offerings	\$ 1,000.00
National Convention Dues	\$ 3,000.00
Total Receipts	\$ 211,625.00
Total Receipts + Balance Forward	\$ 242,504.72

Proposed Expenditures:

Bank Fees	\$ 12.00
Board & Committee Expenses	\$ 8,200.00
Building Maintenance Taxes & Ins.	\$ 8,800.00
Clerk Honorarium & Expenses	\$ 750.00
Digest of Reports	\$ 1,300.00
Exec. Director Conference/Seminar	\$ 1,400.00
Flowers/Gifts	\$ 750.00
Gem Postage	\$ 4,000.00
Gem Printing	\$ 11,000.00
Insurance - HSA	\$ 9,800.00
Ministers Retreat	\$ 5,900.00
Misc.	\$ 1,400.00
National Convention Expense	\$ 1,600.00
National Rep. Fee	\$ 25,000.00
Office Postage	\$ 1,300.00
Office supplies and equip	\$ 4,800.00
Payroll, taxes & withholding	\$ 91,000.00

Approved 2015 General Fund Budget

Reconciliation & Discrepancies	\$ 250.00	
Reimbursements/Refunds	\$ 300.00	
Seminars/Conferences - St. Association	\$ 2,100.00	
State Meeting	\$ 6,500.00	
Subscriptions & Dues	\$ 150.00	
Telephone/Internet	\$ 4,600.00	
Travel/Promotion/Auto	\$ 7,500.00	
Utilities	\$ 3,500.00	
Website	\$ 300.00	
Deposit to Foundation Exec. Account	\$ 10,000.00	
Total Projected Expenditures	\$212,212.00	\$ 212,212.00
Projected Balance December 31, 2015		\$ 30,292.72

2015 General Executive Fund Expenditures

January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015

Balance Forward		\$30,122.36
Receipts:		
Bruce Moore Monthly Contribution	\$550.00	
COOP Disbursements	\$174,942.85	
Credit Card Credit	\$688.16	
Dividend Check	\$30,088.00	
Executive Mission	\$2,369.55	
GEM Income	\$13,658.00	
Gen./Exec. Fund - 2016 Nat'l Fund	\$6,520.00	
Interest	\$15.29	
Minister's Retreat Income	\$3,970.00	
Misc. Income	\$1,372.00	
Randall House Commission	\$3,186.51	
Reimbursement Income	\$2,991.23	
Representative Fee Income	\$23,250.00	
State Meeting Income	\$1,065.29	
Total		\$264,666.88
Receipts + Balance Forward		\$294,789.24

Disbursements:

Bank Fee	\$53.00
Board Mileage & Expense	\$11,008.03
Building Upkeep & Maintenance	\$6,269.97
Digest of Reports & Proceedings	\$1,130.00
Exec Mission	\$2,211.49
Gem Postage & Printing	\$14,594.91
Gifts & Memorials	\$360.00
Ministers Retreat Expense	\$5,749.01
Misc. Expense	\$1,620.84
National Convention Exec. Dir. Expense	\$2,647.93
2016 National Hosting Expense	\$1,173.00
Office Supplies, Equip & Upkeep	\$4,835.08
Payroll & Liability Expenses	\$102,703.25

2015 General Executive Fund Expenditures con't

Reconciliation & Discrepancies	\$225.96	
Representative Fee Expense	\$23,400.00	
Reimbursement Expense	\$281.15	
Revitalization Expense	\$636.19	
Seminar/Conference Expense	\$4,083.10	
State Meeting Expense	\$6,042.53	
Subscriptions & Dues	\$114.95	
Telephone	\$5,242.02	
Transfer of Dividend Check to Foundation	\$30,088.00	
Travel & Promotion (includes auto expense)	\$8,051.02	
Utilities	\$3,430.69	
Workers Comp	\$1,319.00	
Website	\$381.00	
Total		\$237,652.12
Balance Forward		\$57,137.12

Approved 2016 General Executive Fund Budget

Approved 2016 General Executive Fund Budget con't

Balance Forward 12/31/2014		\$ 30,122.36
2015 Proposed Executive & GEM Income	\$ 211,625.00	
Total Proposed Balance		\$ 241,747.36
Proposed 2015 Expenses	\$ 212,212.00	
Proposed Balance Forward 12/31/2016		\$ 29,535.36

Projected Receipts:

Coop	\$ 168,750.00
GEM Subscriptions	\$ 13,000.00
Interest	\$ 250.00
District Association Dues (sent to National)	\$ 24,750.00
Ministers Retreat Registration	\$ 6,000.00
State Meeting Offerings	\$ 1,200.00
2016 National Convention Dues	\$ 3,000.00
Total Receipts	\$ 216,950.00

Total Receipts + Balance Forward \$ 246,485.36

Proposed Expenditures:

Bank Fees	\$ 12.00
Board & Committee Expenses	\$ 6,000.00
Building Maintenance Taxes & Ins.	\$ 9,000.00
Digest of Reports	\$ 1,300.00
Executive Director Conference/Seminar	\$ 1,400.00
Flowers/Gifts	\$ 750.00
GEM Postage	\$ 4,000.00
GEM Printing	\$ 11,000.00
Insurance - HSA	\$ 11,000.00
Ministers Retreat	\$ 6,000.00
Misc.	\$ 1,200.00
National Convention. Expense	\$ 1,600.00
National Rep. Fee	\$ 25,000.00
Office Postage	\$ 1,500.00
Office supplies and equip	\$ 6,200.00
Payroll, taxes & withholding	\$ 91,000.00
Reconciliation & Discrepancies	\$ 250.00
Reimbursements/Refunds	\$ 300.00

Seminars/Conferences - St. Associations	\$2,100.00	
State Meeting	\$6,500.00	
Subscriptions & Dues	\$150.00	
Telephone/Internet	\$6,000.00	
Travel/Promotion/Auto	\$7,500.00	
Utilities	\$4,000.00	
Website	\$600.00	
Deposit to Foundation Exec. Account	\$10,000.00	
Total Projected Expenditures	\$214,362.00	\$214,362.00

Projected Balance December 31, 2016 \$32,123.36

Proposed 2017 General Executive Fund Budget

2017 General Executive Fund Proposed Budget		
2015 Closing Bal. Exec. & Gen Funds		\$57,137.12
2016 Proposed Exec. & Gen Income	\$216,950.00	
Total Proposed Balance		\$274,087.12
Proposed 2016 Expenses	\$214,362.00	
Proposed 2017 Balance Forward		\$59,725.12
<u>Projected Receipts:</u>		
Coop	\$176,625.00	
Gem Subscriptions	\$13,658.00	
Interest	\$250.00	
District Assn. Dues (sent to Nat'l)	\$24,750.00	
Ministers Retreat Registration	\$5,500.00	
State Mtg. Offerings	\$1,500.00	
Total Receipts	\$222,283.00	
Total Receipts + Balance Forward		\$282,008.12
<u>Proposed Expenditures</u>		
Bank Fees	\$60.00	
Board & Committee Expenses	\$12,000.00	
Building Maint. Taxes & Ins.	\$6,500.00	
Digest of Reports	\$1,300.00	
Exec. Dir. Conference/Seminar	\$1,200.00	
Bereavement Memorials	\$400.00	
Gem Postage	\$4,000.00	
Gem Printing	\$11,000.00	
Insurance - HSA	\$7,800.00	
Ministers Retreat	\$7,000.00	
Misc.	\$1,600.00	
National Conv. Expense	\$1,800.00	
Nat'l Rep. Fee	\$24,000.00	
Office Postage	\$1,500.00	
Office supplies and equipment maintenance	\$3,500.00	
Payroll, taxes & withholding *	\$105,000.00	
Reconciliation & Discrepancies	\$250.00	

Proposed 2017 General Executive Fund Budget con't

Reimbursements/Refunds	\$300.00	
Seminars/Conferences - St. Assoc.	\$4,000.00	
State Mtg.	\$6,500.00	
Subscriptions & Dues	\$125.00	
Telephone/Internet	\$5,500.00	
Travel/Promotion/Auto	\$8,000.00	
Utilities	\$3,000.00	
Website	\$400.00	
Deposit to Foundation Exec. Acct	\$10,000.00	
Total Projected Expenditures	\$226,735.00	\$226,735.00
Projected Balance Dec. 31, 2017		\$55,273.12

*Report available upon request

Actual 2015 Cooperative Disbursements

January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015

22.50%	General Executive Office and GEM	\$165,870.78
18.50%	Missouri Home Missions	\$136,382.64
9.00%	Missouri Retirement Program	\$66,348.31
8.00%	Youth Camp Board	\$58,976.28
3.00%	Show-Me Plan	\$22,116.10
2.00%	Christian Education Board	\$14,744.07
2.00%	Senior Adult Ministries Board	\$14,744.07
2.00%	Youth Ministries Board	\$14,744.07
33.00%	National Ministries	* \$256,582.87
Total COOP Disbursed		\$777,523.84

* Of this amount 11.21% is designated for Hillsdale (\$28,762.94)

Together Way Breakdown

22.0%	Welch College
22.0%	International Missions
22.0%	Home Missions
12.0%	Retirement and Insurance
2.0%	Free Will Baptist Foundation
16.0%	Women Nationally Active for Christ
1.0%	Commission for Theological Integrity
1.0%	Historical Commission
1.0%	Media Commission
1.0%	Music Commission

2017 PROPOSED COOP BUDGET DISBURSEMENT

22.50%	General/Executive Fund	\$176,625.00	
18.50%	MO Missions Board	\$145,225.00	
9%	Minister's Retirement Fund	\$70,650.00	
8%	Youth Camp Board	\$62,800.00	
3%	Show-Me Plan	\$23,550.00	
2%	Christian Education Board	\$15,700.00	
2%	Senior Adult Ministries Board	\$15,700.00	
2%	Youth Ministries Board	\$15,700.00	
67.0%	Total for MOFWB Ministries	\$525,950.00	\$525,950.00
33.00%	National Ministries	\$259,050.00	
	Hillsdale (Randall University)*		
	*(deducted from the National- .1121)	\$29,039.51	
	Adjusted National	\$230,010.50	\$230,010.50
Total Projected COOP to be Disbursed			\$785,000.00

Other State Ministries Projected Income for 2016

Randall House Literature Commissions

22.5%	General/Executive Fund	\$3,375.00
18.5%	MM Board	\$2,775.00
9.0%	Minister's Retirement Fund	\$1,350.00
8.0%	Niangua Youth Camp Board	\$1,200.00
2.0%	Christian Education Board	\$300.00
3.0%	Show-Me Plan	\$450.00
2.0%	Sr. Adult Ministry Board	\$300.00
2.0%	Youth Ministry Board	\$300.00
33.0%	Bookstore Foundation Fund	4,950.00

Total Projected Disbursements \$15,000.00

2015 Total Designated Giving by Category

Berea Ministries.....	\$90.00
Bible & Book Store Income.....	\$2,338.03
Children's Home - TN.....	\$10,378.69
Florence Crittenton Home - AR.....	\$853.00
Free Will Baptist Foundation.....	\$3,610.14
Gem Income.....	\$120.00
General / Executive Fund.....	\$4,536.51
Getsemani Children's Home.....	\$200.00
Hillsdale.....	\$8,500.69
International Missions.....	\$103,029.51
Mile High Ministries.....	\$1,984.92
MO FWB CE Board.....	\$833.24
MO FWB Senior Adult Board.....	\$833.24
MO FWB Youth Ministries Board.....	\$833.24
National Home Missions.....	\$47,029.98
Rainbow Ministries.....	\$485.00
Ryan Meredith.....	\$150.00
State Home Missions.....	\$38,950.53
Victor Torrez.....	\$2,400.00
Welch College.....	\$7,711.16
WNAC.....	\$50.00
Youth Camp.....	\$10,436.19
Youth Camp Development.....	\$6,141.88
Youth Camp Pool Fund.....	\$8,415.77
Total Designated Giving.....	\$259,911.72
COOP Plan.....	\$777,523.84
Show-Me Plan.....	\$337,014.39
Total Giving.....	\$1,374,449.95

**Miscellaneous Accounts Maintained Locally
January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015**

Executive Mission Account*

Balance Forward	\$6,417.23
Receipts:	
Donor Info Available Upon Request*	\$4,992.05
Total	\$4,992.05
Receipts + Balance Forward	\$11,409.28
Disbursements:	
Mission Travel Expense - Panama	\$2,169.55
Total	\$2,169.55
Working Balance	\$9,239.73

* This account is funded from speaking honorariums given to the Executive Director.

Scholarship Fund

Balance Forward	\$1,304.98
Receipts:	
Transfer from Foundation	\$4,000.00
Total	\$4,000.00
Receipts + Balance Forward	\$ 5,304.98
Disbursements:	
Hillsdale - Alan Kinder	\$ 500.00
Welch - Josh Chapman	\$1,000.00
Welch - Richie Kyburz	\$ 500.00
Welch - Layton Smith	\$1,000.00
Total	\$4,000.00
Working Balance	\$ 2,304.98

MOFWB Executive Office con't

Miscellaneous Accounts Maintained Locally con't

Disaster Relief Fund

Balance Forward	\$166.00
<u>Receipts:</u>	
None	\$ 0.00
Receipts + Balance Forward	\$166.00
<u>Disbursements:</u>	
None	\$ 0.00
Working Balance	\$166.00

Planning Commission

Balance Forward	\$10,000.00
<u>Receipts:</u>	
None	\$ 0.00
Receipts + Balance Forward	\$10,000.00
<u>Disbursements:</u>	
None	\$ 0.00
Working Balance	\$10,000.00

Historical Preservation Fund

Balance Forward	\$6,051.11
<u>Receipts:</u>	
History Book Sales	\$ 339.00
Communion Cup Sales	\$ 2.00
Total	\$ 341.00
Receipts + Balance Forward	\$6,392.11
<u>Disbursements:</u>	
Mileage and Expense - Keith Garrison	\$ 64.40
Total	\$ 64.40
Working Balance	\$6,327.71

MOFWB Executive Office con't

Miscellaneous Accounts Maintained Locally con't

Bible Book Store Fund

Balance Forward	\$9,836.32
<u>Receipts:</u>	
Rent	\$3,200.00
Web Sales - John Howell	\$501.73
Total	\$3,701.73
Receipts + Balance Forward	\$13,538.05
<u>Disbursements:</u>	
Building Upkeep & Maintenance	\$359.60
Utilities	\$655.05
Total	\$1,014.65
Working Balance	\$12,523.40

Pastoral Care Fund

Balance Forward	\$0.00
<u>Receipts:</u>	
	\$5,000.00
Total	\$5,000.00
Receipts + Balance Forward	\$5,000.00
<u>Disbursements:</u>	
None	\$0.00
Total	\$0.00
Working Balance	\$5,000.00

MOFWB Executive Office Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2015

Current Assets In Commerce Bank, Lebanon, MO 12/31/2014	
Church Designated Fund	\$3,790.00
Disaster Relief Fund	\$166.00
Executive Mission	\$9,239.73
General/Executive Fund	\$57,137.12
Historical Preservation Fund	\$6,327.71
Pastoral Care Fund	\$5,000.00
Planning Commission Fund	\$10,000.00
Scholarship Fund	\$2,304.98
Total	\$106,488.94

Foundation Accounts

Executive Account	\$ 126,760.76
Retirement Account	\$ 187,903.89
Stewardship Account	\$ 22,639.70
Bookstore	\$ 49,317.71
Scholarship	\$ 29,560.12

Misc. Assets

22 Acres of Land - Branson	\$ 325,000.00
State Office Building	\$ 350,000.00
Office Equipment	\$ 75,000.00
Youth Camp	\$ 5,500,000.00
Total Property Assets	\$6,250,000.00

**2015 COOP Totals
by Church / Individual / Association**

Alton	\$800.00	Hannibal	\$2,430.00
Amity	\$1,245.70	Hannon	\$8,499.00
Aulsbury Chapel	\$1,947.57	Harmony	\$3,628.18
Bailey	\$2,729.00	Hartville	\$17,143.00
Bailey Chapel	\$2,300.00	Hazel Creek	\$11,652.68
Beacon	\$9,888.41	Hopewell	\$6,760.62
Belton	\$5,011.23	Houston 1st	\$7,858.73
Bethel- El Dorado Springs	\$2,958.41	Hurryville	\$4,764.95
Bethel- Marshfield	\$7,828.46	Indian Creek Association	\$5,700.00
Black Oak	\$5,819.71	Jackson	\$91.60
Byrd	\$4,268.00	Kings Way	\$1,200.00
Calvary Chapel	\$12,270.94	Koshkonong	\$2,118.05
Calvary Fellowship	\$27,308.73	Lead Hill	\$1,263.17
Cape Girardeau 1st	\$3,418.47	Leadington	\$10,283.00
Carthage	\$4,396.00	Lebanon 1st	\$14,509.93
Central	\$6,361.21	Lebanon Green Hills	\$5,182.60
Christ Chapel	\$14,198.00	LifePoint	\$600.00
Clear Point	\$2,366.24	Macedonia - Niangua	\$2,374.98
Clifton	\$202.19	Marshfield	\$3,462.31
Coon Creek	\$259.35	Mill Creek	\$4,107.94
Copper Mines	\$6,883.14	Mine La Motte	\$827.59
Cornerstone	\$5,188.96	MO WAC	\$211.10
Cross Roads- Lebanon	\$500.00	Monett 1st	\$9,013.16
Cuba	\$6,005.00	Mountain Grove 1st	\$25,572.53
De Soto 1st	\$24,851.00	Mt. Pisgah	\$6,368.00
Eastern Gate	\$4,652.00	Myrtle	\$4,346.95
Faith- Fair Grove	\$1,880.23	Neosho 1st	\$7,504.63
Faith & Hope- Aurora	\$417.50	Nevada	\$436.00
Faith Chapel	\$80.00	New Home- Lebanon	\$806.58
Faith Chapel - Vanzant	\$180.00	New Hope	\$2,889.50
Farmington 1st	\$36,728.15	New Life- Licking	\$6,153.25
Fellowship	\$19,260.00	Number One	\$1,914.94
First Day	\$8,774.80	O'Fallon 1st	\$24,600.66
Fordland	\$8,192.00	Oak Grove- Mtn. Grove	\$3,928.88
Fredericktown 1st	\$6,694.00	Oak Hill	\$6,289.00
Freeman Chapel	\$7,500.00	Olivet	\$4,344.00
Generations	\$9,688.49	Ozark 1st	\$35,878.32
Gospel Light	\$5,800.00	Park Hills 1st	\$7,164.93
Grace	\$23,709.69	Parkview	\$4,282.00
Grant Avenue	\$9,263.04	Pleasant Hill- Thayer	\$1,322.06

2015 COOP Totals by Church / Individual / Association con't

Pleasant Home	\$1,468.00	Thayer	\$21,281.00
Pleasant Ridge- Alton	\$100.00	Trinity	\$10,459.50
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana	\$1,019.00	Twin Oak	\$6,045.44
Potosi 1st	\$550.76	Union	\$180.00
Rejoice	\$7,523.98	Union Light	\$2,116.00
Republic	\$6,056.67	United	\$28,115.23
Richwoods 1st	\$3,068.00	Unity	\$6,474.00
Rock Chapel	\$6,685.18	Verdella	\$2,977.38
Rolla 1st	\$4,042.00	Victory- Alton	\$8,727.31
Salem	\$1,131.02	Victory- KC	\$6,139.86
Seymour	\$10,681.00	Walnut Grove	\$205.59
Smyrna	\$1,073.00	Waynesville 1st	\$7,411.65
South Fremont	\$3,260.00	West Plains 1st	\$16,229.00
Springfield 1st	\$12,292.57	Wilderness	\$2,171.36
St. Francois Assoc. WAC	\$100.00	Willow Springs	\$5,521.14
St. Francois Association	\$509.20	Wolf Creek	\$13,225.00
Stockton	\$1,874.62		
Stonebridge	\$9,498.94	Total COOP	\$777,523.84

**2015 Show-Me Totals
by Church / Individual / Association**

Angela Brown	\$480.00	Hopewell	\$334.57
Beacon	\$3,386.00	Houston 1st	\$3,352.59
Beacon WAC	\$302.00	Indian Creek Association	\$10,208.88
Belton	\$1,680.00	Leadington	\$2,580.00
Black Oak	\$2,460.49	Lebanon 1st	\$2,937.00
Bourbon	\$200.00	Lebanon Green Hills	\$1,829.76
Bruce Moore	\$960.00	Liberty Association	\$2,655.46
Calvary Chapel	\$1,880.00	LifePoint	\$200.00
Calvary- Conway	\$300.00	Macedonia - Purdy	\$27,000.00
Calvary Fellowship	\$6,402.00	Macedonia Aux.-Purdy	\$45,000.00
Central	\$1,200.00	Mill Creek	\$775.00
Coon Creek	\$867.85	Mine La Motte	\$1,800.00
Copper Mines	\$1,800.00	MO WAC	\$6,236.08
Cornerstone	\$2,847.49	MO Youth Camp	\$3,365.65
Cross Roads- Lebanon	\$100.00	MOFWB	\$75.00
Cuba	\$1,537.00	Mountain Grove 1st	\$8,026.00
David Carroll	\$180.00	Mt. Pisgah	\$3,304.00
De Soto 1st	\$9,119.00	Mt. Zion- "Cuba"	\$880.00
Eastern Gate	\$80.00	Mt. Zion- Thayer	\$360.00
Elva Jo Gentry	\$310.00	Myrtle	\$1,920.00
Farmington 1st	\$6,055.00	Neosho 1st	\$2,700.00
Fellowship	\$6,234.15	Nevada	\$30.00
Fordland	\$1,835.00	New Beginning - Odessa	\$1,400.00
Fredericktown 1st	\$2,275.00	New Home- Hartville	\$2,520.00
Freeman Chapel	\$8,640.00	New Hope	\$1,850.00
Generations	\$3,545.80	New Life- Licking	\$1,309.85
Gospel Light	\$11,103.00	New Life- Monett	\$2,400.00
Gospel Light SS	\$1,187.32	Number One	\$780.00
Grace	\$6,836.75	Oak Grove- Houston	\$60.00
Grant Avenue	\$730.00	Oak Grove- Mtn. Grove	\$2,635.91
Greater Kansas City Assoc.	\$3,158.75	Oak Hill	\$319.00
Hannibal WNAC	\$135.00	O'Fallon 1st	\$8,172.76
Hannon	\$17,424.00	Olivet	\$650.00
Happy Hill	\$720.00	Ozark 1st	\$1,674.00
Harmony	\$240.00	Park Hills 1st	\$125.70
Hartville	\$1,920.00	Parkview	\$1,376.00
Heritage Chapel	\$2,253.50	Pleasant Grove- Anderson	\$1,080.00

What do \$100 given to the Missouri COOP Fund accomplish?

%	A 10% tithe of your church's general tithes & offerings	\$100 .00
22.50%	Executive/General Fund	\$22.50
18.50%	MO Mission Board	\$18.50
9.00%	Minister's Retirement Fund	\$9.00
8.00%	Niangua Youth Camp	\$8.00
2.00%	Christian Education Board	\$2.00
3.00%	Show-Me Missions Plan	\$3.00
2.00%	Sr. Adult Ministry Board	\$2.00
2.00%	Youth Ministries Board	\$2.00
	67% of every \$100 given helps Ministries in Missouri	\$67.00
33.00%	The Remaining \$33 is divided as follows:	\$33.00
11.21%	Hillsdale College	\$3.70
	All Remaining funds support Nat'l & Int'l Ministries	\$29.30

If every Free Will Baptist church in MO would cheerfully tithe 10% of their general income, the Missouri State FWB Association would generate a potential income of over \$1.5 million dollars annually. That amount would supply for every state ministry and leave funds available for even greater ministries. Thank you for supporting COOP!

2015 Show-Me Totals by Church / Individual / Association con't

Pleasant Hill- Thayer	\$540.00	Trinity	\$1,750.00
Pleasant Home	\$1,100.00	Trinity- Cabool	\$150.00
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana	\$840.00	Union	\$135.00
Porter Chapel	\$5,590.21	Union Grove	\$381.84
RHP Commission	\$424.87	Union Light	\$4,550.00
Recycle for Christ Sake	\$3,441.95	United	\$5,700.00
Rejoice	\$1,490.00	Unity	\$2,940.00
Republic	\$405.00	Verdella	\$10,374.59
Richwoods 1st	\$540.00	Viburnum	\$180.00
Rock Chapel	\$3,802.78	Victory- KC	\$2,358.60
Salem	\$232.00	Walnut Grove	\$90.00
South Fremont	\$290.00	Waynesville 1st	\$5,411.16
Southeast Association	\$180.00	West Plains 1st	\$1,031.00
Springfield 1st	\$816.00	Willow Springs	\$2,111.85
St. Francois Assoc. WAC	\$1,170.00	Wolf Creek	\$2,400.00
Stockton	\$1,149.50		
Stonebridge	\$652.00	Total Show-Me	\$337,014.39
Thayer	\$12,477.73		



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We thank God, for our MO FWB churches that have given faithfully in 2015 for the support of the spread of the Gospel in our State, Nation and World. Funds for the Show Me Plan, State and National Missions categories were higher than in 2014. I suspect the less giving in IM for 2015 was due to the Provows, Sargents and Speers having raised their funds to go to their field of service. We praise the Lord for the 18 salvations reported in our State Church Plants, 30 in National churches that have ties to MO FWB and over 1,000 in churches outside of North America of both church plants and established churches.

The Show Me Plan raised \$360,340.23 in 2015 which was up almost 40 thousand from 2014. We also had designated funds that were received as:

State	\$ 38,950.53 (Includes various Special Project funds)
National	\$ 45,409.98
International	\$ 101,929.51
Total MO FWB missions giving	\$ 546,630.25 (up 38 thousand from 2014.)

In our state:

We thank the Lord for His blessings upon our state works through 2015 and for the salvation decisions that were made through our church plants. Some notable happenings for 2015 are:

Tim Hodges was approved to restart the new project in Osage Beach starting in 2016.

Ray Paxton and Matthew Cromer were approved to lead the Cape Girardeau Restart starting the summer of 2016.

There were several fund raisers, Mission Conferences and Mission Revivals that were held in 2015 throughout our MO FWB family, including a Skeet Shoot, Golf Tourney, two fishing tournaments and a Volleyball Tourney. The Mission Board thanks the many who were involved in the planning and management of those events which were instrumental to the support of our missionaries and in Great Commission awareness for their local associations.

Through State Missions New Projects and Restarts, over 20 thousand was given to

the MO FWB Cooperative Plan in 2015, as well as, support for FWB Missions.

In our Nation:

There were 410 salvation decisions through our 44 North American Ministries church plants in 2015. Our national missionaries that have ties to Missouri split the ten percent allotment from the Show Me Plan. This allotment does not fully cover their financial needs so remember to continue to support them with your monthly designated giving!

Nate Altom, who leads the Keystone FWB church in Greensburg, PA, continues to have growing pains. The congregation ended 2015 with 24 salvation decisions and an average attendance of 81 with some Sundays going well over 120.

Darin Alvis and the Flagship FWB church has paid for the land on the corner of 34th and Washington and is ready to God to provide a special “miracle on 34th street” for them to build without major debt. The current facility is beyond capacity and this is a real need for them.

Donnie Burke and Truth FWB church in Castle Rock, CO has been working through 2015 with engineers and city leaders to get a design approved for the new facility for this congregation. They were almost ready for mid-week meetings at the property by the end of 2015. This endeavor in Castle Rock is time consuming and costly but the result is that a group of at least 55 is meeting regularly in this continually expanding population.

Internationally:

Sixty percent of our Show Me Plan goes toward support of our missionaries working under the International Missions Department.

It is important to note that some of our International Missionaries that have ties to MO FWB are working situations that would not allow a description here. Three of which are in Spain. Please keep these families in your regular prayers.

Ken and Judy Bailey, as well as, **Donnie and Ruth McDonald** report increased interest in Japan and are continually making contact with those in their area with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. **Ken and Judy** plan to return to Japan after their current State-Side assignment to start another work in the Tokyo area.

Josh and Lydia Provow arrived in Bulgaria in 2015 and hit the ground running. By the end of 2015 Josh and Lydia had made several contacts with apartment neigh-

bors, people in their neighborhood and started a Bible Study in a nearby town. All with a minimal amount of Bulgarian language ability.

Although this is a 2015 report, it is significant to report that International Missions reverted back to Designated Giving Accounts as of January 1, 2016. This major change in funding for International Missionaries caused the Show Me Plan to adapt to this individual accounts system. After much regret and discussion it was decided to leave the Show Me Plan in 2016 and 2017 as it is with the 60% to IM, 30% to State and 10% divided among our National Church Planters that have ties to MO FWB. However, with the IM allotment, we would try to significantly support those with the strongest ties to MO FWB. It was determined that Ken Bailey, Josh Provow and Jenny Stogsdill would be the primary recipients of that portion of the Show Me Plan for those budget years. However, because of the timing of the change and a need to return quickly to Spain, another missionary was budgeted in for 2016 and 2017.

The Missouri FWB Mission Board, wants to express its gratefulness to the many Associations, Churches, WAC groups and individuals that spend a lot of time in planning and promoting our Free Will Baptist mission endeavors. God is blessing the faithful work of our missionaries and your efforts to keep them supported. Because you listen to God's continually beating heart for missions, we were able to watch the Gospel spread and see souls won in our State, Nation and World.

May God bless us as we, the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist, continue on in unity because *Together we reach out farther.*

Rev. Jim Williams; Chairman
Rev. Dale Cochran; Vice Chairman
Rev. Rick Dement; Secretary
Rev. Barry Reel; assistant secretary
Rev. Gary Mitchener
Rev. Dennis Moore
Rev. Richard Robinson
Rev. Bob Thebeau
Rev. Ed Vincent
Rev. Frank Webster; Director

Missouri Free Will Baptist Missions con't.

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements for **General Fund**

January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015

Beginning Cash Balance \$ 67,727.48

RECEIPTS

Cooperative Funds and Designated Giving \$ 170,238.67
Show Me Plan \$ 108,102.03
Salary Reimbursement \$ 12,000.00
Fund Raisers \$ 1,698.00
Total Income \$ 292,038.70

Beginning Balance \$ 359,766.18

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries
 Missionaries \$ 100,589.00
 Director \$ 53,648.00
Insurance \$ 8,913.54
Office / Promotion \$ 10,193.60
Travel/ Auto \$ 11,160.83
Conference/moving/etc Expenses -State Missionaries \$ 7,009.68
Gifts, Debt Reduction, Funeral etc. \$ 22,475.86
Board Meeting Expenses \$ 4,235.23
Property Expense \$ 5,512.72
Transfer to Foundation
 Future State \$ 12,000.00
 Future National \$ 7,395.10
Fund Raiser Expense \$ 2,898.08
Total Disbursement \$ 246,031.64

Balance ending December 31, 2015 \$ 113,734.54

Missouri Free Will Baptist Missions con't.

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements for **Show Me Plan**

January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015

Beginning Balance \$0

Total Receipts \$ 360,340.23

Disbursements

International Missions (60%)
 Global Evangelism Fund \$ 138,204.14
 Equally Disbursed (Bailey, Lytle, McDonald, Sargent,
 Stogsdill, Turnbough, Provow) \$ 78,000.00
National Missions (10%)
 Equally Disbursed (Altom, Alvis, Burke, Future National) \$ 36,034.06
State Missions (30%) \$ 108,102.03
Total Disbursement \$ 360,340.23

Ending Balance for 2015 \$ 0

Missouri Free Will Baptist Missions con't.

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements for
FWB Foundation Accounts

January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015

FUTURE STATE PROJECT

January 1, 2014	\$ 31,212.94
Deposits to Account	\$ 12,000.00
Interest	\$ 993.13
Withdraws	\$ 0.00
Balance of Account	\$ 44,206.07

FUTURE NATIONAL PROJECT

January 1, 2013	\$ 20,124.96
Deposits to Account	\$ 8,542.42
Interest	\$ 642.70
Withdrawals (debt reduction to our 3 Nat'l projects)	\$ 9,000.00
Balance of Account	\$ 20,310.08

PERPETUAL LOAN FUND

Beginning Balance	\$225,761.49
Deposits to Account	\$ 32,000.00
Interest	\$ 5,880.02
Withdrawals (Ozark Loan)	\$ 46,000.00
Balance of Account	\$217,641.51

PROJECT DEBT FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 500.88
Deposits to Account	\$ 0.00
Interest	\$ 2.39
Withdrawals	\$ 0.00
Balance of Account	\$ 503.27

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 93,191.07
Deposits to Account	\$ 0.00
Interest	\$ 2,580.16
Withdrawals	\$ 0.00
Balance of Account	\$ 95,771.23

Missouri Free Will Baptist Missions con't.

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements for **Perpetual Loan Fund**

January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015

Beginning Cash Balance	\$ 19,504.92
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RECEIPTS

Designated Giving	\$ 120.00
Donation	\$ 7,500.00
Loan Payment	\$ 49,726.60
Transfer from Foundation	\$ 46,000.00
Interest Income (Bank)	\$ 24.11

Total Income	\$ 103,370.71
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Beginning Balance	\$ 122,875.63
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DISBURSEMENTS

New Loans	
Bourbon FWB	\$ 7,550.00
Ozark FWB	\$ 46,000.00
Property Expense (Jackson)	\$ 3,463.43
Transfer to Foundation	\$ 32,000.00

Total Disbursement	\$ -89,013.43
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Balance ending December 31,2015	\$ 33,862.20
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Missouri Free Will Baptist Missions con't.

Balance Sheet

Ending December 31, 2015

Current Assets			
Cash In Bank –General Fund Checking	\$ 113,734.54		
Cash In Foundation – General Fund	\$ 95,771.23		
Cash In Bank – Loan Fund	\$ 33,862.20		
Cash In Foundation - Loan Fund	\$ 217,641.51		
Cash In Foundation – Future State Project	\$ 44,206.07		
Cash In Foundation – Future National Project	\$ 20,310.08		
Cash In Foundation – Project Debt Fund	\$ 503.27		
Total Cash Assets	\$ 526,028.90	\$526,028.90	
Assets In Loans			
Outstanding Loans			
Bourbon	\$ 5,948.35		
Columbia	\$ 1,495.29		
Cornerstone (Van Buren)	\$ 10,818.79		
Osage Beach	\$ 299,000.00		
Ozark	\$ 15,255.48		
Troy	\$ 94,000.00		
Union	\$ 3,187.73		
Total Loan Assets	\$ 429,705.64	\$429,705.64	
Total Assets In Cash And Loans		\$ 955,734.54	
PROPERTIES UNDER BOARD SUPERVISION			
	Valued	Liabilities	Equity
Blue Springs	\$ 525,000.00	\$ 259,985.66	\$ 265,014.34
Hannibal	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 131,918.21	\$ 168,081.79
Independence	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 52,269.14	\$ 72,730.86
Nevada	\$ 180,000.00	\$ 24,219.37	\$ 155,780.63
Oskaloosa	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 30,000.00
Ozark	\$ 1,920,000.00	\$ 1,209,648.37	\$ 710,351.70
Republic	\$ 880,000.00	\$ 176,914.14	\$ 703,028.86
Troy	\$ 415,000.00	\$ 199,578.15	\$ 215,421.85
Union	\$ 673,500.00	\$ 80,729.76	\$ 592,770.24
St Clair	\$ 775,000.00	\$ 450,090.15	\$ 324,909.85
Willow Springs	\$ 58,197.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 58,197.00
BALANCE	\$ 5,877,730.32	\$ 2,585,352.95	\$ 3,292,377.37
Property Equity			\$ 3,292,377.37
Total Equity			\$ 4,248,111.91

Missouri Free Will Baptist Missions con't.

2017 Budget for Mission Office

Expected 2016 Balance Forward	\$ 80,000.00
Show-Me Plan	\$ 100,000.00
CO-OP	\$ 130,500.00
Designated State Missions	\$ 5,000.00
Returned for salary	\$ 24,000.00
Total gifts	\$ 339,500.00
Disbursements	
Director Salary& Bonus	\$ 54,448.00
Health Insurance	\$ 4,000.00
HSA (Health Savings Account)	\$ 4,000.00
State Missionary Salaries, housing & bonus	\$ 183,300.00
Missionary Expenses (Conference mileage and training opportunities)	\$ 4,500.00
Travel / Auto Expense	\$ 7,000.00
Office/ Promotional Materials	\$ 6,000.00
Mission Trip Allowance	\$ 3,000.00
Board Expense	\$ 4,000.00
Future Auto Purchase	\$ 5,000.00
Property Management	\$ 10,000.00
Move to Future State Project Fund	\$ 12,000.00
Misc	\$ 5,000.00
Total Proposed Disbursements	\$ 302,248.00
Expected Ending Balance for 2017	\$ 37,252.00

Senior Adult Ministries Board

The senior adult ministries board is privileged to serve the senior adults in the state of Missouri. Two of our former board members and chairmen of our board went home to be with the lord in the past year. Brother Jack Day and brother Glenn Murray were faithful servants to their churches and the Missouri state work.

The lord continues to bless our yearly retreat. The hallmark of these meetings is good singing and good preaching. Please keep attending and encouraging others to come with you. We especially need the younger end of the senior adult group.

Wayne E. Phillips, Chairman
 Don Anderson, Vice-Chairman
 Ron Blanks, Treasurer
 Gene Crewse, Secretary
 Wesley Rider

Senior Adult Ministries Board con't

Receipts and Disbursements January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015

Balance from December 31, 2014		\$20,133.14
<u>Receipts:</u>		
Co-op	\$15,347.78	
Registration	\$10,320.00	
Bruce Moore	\$ 500.00	
Randall House Rebate	\$ 209.70	
Redeposit of Cash for Retreat	\$ 250.00	
Interest	\$ 2.18	
Total Income	\$26,629.66	\$26,629.66
Total Working Balance		\$46,762.80
<u>Disbursements:</u>		
Retreat Facilities	\$19,881.91	
Retreat Speakers and Singers	\$ 2,148.00	
Bookkeeping fees	\$ 150.00	
Waterman CPA	\$ 240.00	
Cash for retreat	\$ 250.00	
Postage	\$ 49.00	
Mileage and meals	\$ 1,578.18	
Retreat preparation	\$ 250.00	
Bank service charges	\$ 24.00	
Total Expenses	\$24,571.09	\$24,571.09
Balance Forward		\$22,191.71

Proposed Budget for 2017

Ending Balance 2015	\$22,191.71	
Proposed Income 2016	\$27,004.00	
Total	\$49,195.71	
Proposed Expenses 2016	\$27,017.00	
Proposed Balance Forward		\$22,178.71
<u>Proposed Receipts:</u>		
Co-op	\$15,700.00	
Retreat Income	\$11,000.00	
Other Income	\$ 800.00	
Interest	\$ 3.00	
Total		\$27,503.00
Receipts and Balance Forward		\$49,681.71
Proposed Expenses:		
Retreat Rental	\$20,000.00	
Honorariums	\$ 2,200.00	
Board Expenses	\$ 2,200.00	
Corporation filing	\$ 240.00	
Bookkeeping fees	\$ 120.00	
Registration expenses	\$ 250.00	
Postage and office supplies	\$ 200.00	
Bank service charges	\$ 48.00	
Total Expenses		\$25,258.00
Balance Forward		\$24,423.71

Camp Niangua

I bring you greetings in the holy name of Jesus from your Youth Camp Board. We want to THANK all who have supported the camp through finances or by sending your youth to camp.

In 2015 God brought about the conversion of 33. the rededication of 40, and the call to service of 28 of the youth that attended the 4 camps. We praise God for these results.

This year's camp schedule is as follows:

- Teen camp group 1 (South) June 13 - 17
- Teen camp group 2 (North) June 20 - 24
- Preteen camp group 2 (North) July 11 - 15
- Preteen camp group 1 (South) July 20 -24

The camp has also hosted the Men's and Women's Encounters this year. The last Men's Encounter had 618 men. 25 were baptized at the end of that meeting.

Your Board is now deciding how to go about building the new swimming pool. The funds we have in hand are not enough. The pool built by a pool building company with warranty will cost around \$300,000. We are praying that the remaining \$80,000 to complete the \$300,000 will come in soon so that the construction can be scheduled and the pool can be ready for the 2017 camp season.

We THANK you for allowing us to serve the Lord and the state of Missouri as Youth Camp board members. May God richly bless your youth as they attend this year's camping season.

Jerry Pinkerton , Camp Board Chairman
 Russell McDaris
 Greg Smith
 Adam Duncan
 John Howell

Camp Niangua con't

Income Statement - January 1 - December 31, 2015

Cash On Hand January 1, 2015		\$28,749.06
<u>Revenues</u>		
Interest & Ind. Contributions	\$ 1,768.32	
Churches & Assoc. Contrib.	\$ 10,231.16	
Cooperative Giving	\$ 61,391.16	
Aux. & Bookstore	\$ 300.00	
Reimbursements & Returns	\$ 1,838.70	
Registration	\$ 67,407.00	
Snack Shop	\$ 8,581.37	
Rentals & Amerivision	\$ 58,460.75	
Loans & Offerings	\$ 2,874.36	
Crafts & Laundry	\$ 103.50	
Camp T-Shirts	\$ 5,970.00	
Total Revenues		\$218,926.32
Total Working Balance		\$247,675.38
<u>Expenses</u>		
Development	\$ 1,400.00	
Telephone	\$ 3,364.86	
Electricity	\$20,868.79	
Propane	\$ 2,461.07	
Building Maint. & Supplies	\$14,981.30	
Honorariums, Reimb. & Returns	\$ 4,990.00	
First Aid	\$ 152.30	
Kitchen - Food	\$19,541.72	
Kitchen - Supplies	\$ 2,616.45	
Snack Center	\$ 3,974.85	
Playground & Pool	\$ 2,229.79	
Fuel & Oil	\$ 1,971.32	
Equip. Purch. & Repair	\$ 3,103.16	
Insurance	\$33,703.00	
Printing, Postage, & Lit.	\$ 1,273.64	
Accounting & Supplies	\$ 1,619.48	
Board Expense	\$ 3,240.57	
Special Offerings	\$ 2,865.65	
Misc.	\$ 773.73	

Camp Niangua con't

Debt Retirement	\$15,572.98	
Camp T-Shirts	\$ 2,878.60	
Admin Salaries	\$30,144.00	
Summer Help Salaries	\$ 9,352.95	
Maintenance	\$ 1,498.15	
Benefits	\$16,800.00	
Federal Withholding	\$11,429.51	
State Withholding	\$ 1,170.69	
Total Expenses		\$213,978.56
Cash On Hand December 31, 2015		\$33,696.82

Camp Niangua Indebtedness

2014 Land Sale in Mtn. Grove	\$120,000.00	
Real Estate Agent Fees	\$8,700.00	
Balance from Land sale	\$111,300.00	
Cancellation of Camp Residence (House)	\$54,938.28	
Applied to principal of \$70,000 Loan from JP	\$35,000.00	
Balance from Land sale	\$21,361.72	
Applied to camp improvements (Equipment shed)	\$21,361.72	
Balance from Land sale	\$0.00	
JP Loan History		
Original loan	\$70,000.00	
Principal payment (see above)	\$35,000.00	
Principal payment	\$12,200.00	
Balance owed to JP	\$22,800.00	\$22,800.00
Balance due Legacy Bank of Mtn. Grove		\$198,978.68
Total current indebtedness		\$221,778.68
Loan Payments since 2014		
Camp Residence	\$54,938.28	
JP Loan	\$47,200.00	
Total loan reductions since 2014		\$102,138.28
Current Monthly Loan Payments		
Loan from JP - \$700/monthly		
Legacy Bank - Monthly interest only \$658.07 - \$728.57		

Camp Niangua con't

Development Fund - January 1 - December 31, 2015

Maintained locally

Beg. Cash on Hand	51,087.99
 <u>Revenues</u>	
Interest	57.21
Contrib./Offerings	29,946.42
Encounter Rental	92,983.76
Foundation	
Reimbursements	
Property Sale	
Total Revenues	122,987.39
 Total Working Bal.	 174,075.38
 <u>Expenses</u>	
DORM/DINING HALL/ EQUIP. SHED:	
Building Materials	63,369.16
Fixtures	17,920.42
Contract Labor	41,353.49
Equip. Purch./Rent.	11,293.44
Fuel	826.60
Debt Retirement	
MISCELLANEOUS:	
Supplies	4,649.83
Repairs	1,530.04
Labor (Clean./Mow.)	7,626.49
Equip. Purch./Rent.	668.00
Interest (JP)	1,065.00
Bank Charges	
Total Expenses	150,302.47
 Ending Cash on Hand	 23,772.91
 FOUNDATION ACCOUNT (Nashville) Beginning Balance, January 1	
Plus Deposits	5,686.00
Plus Interest January-June	386.87
Balance June 30	31,927.39
Plus Deposits	2,609.77
Plus Interest July-December	452.54
Ending Balance, December 31	34,989.70

Camp Niangua con't

Youth Camp Proposed 2017 Budget

Balance Forward	\$32,196.82	\$32,196.82
RECEIPTS		
Interest & Individuals	\$2,500.00	
Churches & Assoc.	\$15,000.00	
Coop	\$62,800.00	
Auxiliary	\$2,400.00	
Reimb. & Returns	\$1,000.00	
Registration	\$80,000.00	
Snack Center	\$10,000.00	
Recreation/Store	\$0.00	
AmeriVision	\$0.00	
Rentals (Encounters; Conferences; Retreats)	\$200,000.00	
Camp Offerings	\$3,000.00	
Craft/Laundry	\$100.00	
Camp T-Shirts	\$7,000.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$383,800.00	
TOTAL WORKING BALANCE		\$415,996.82
 DISBURSEMENTS		
Salaries	\$44,000.00	
Benefits	\$18,000.00	
Fed./State Taxes	\$15,000.00	
Camp Development	\$110,000.00	
Telephone	\$3,500.00	
Electric	\$20,000.00	
Propane	\$12,000.00	
Bldg. Maint. & Supplies	\$14,000.00	
Honorariums/Reimb.	\$3,000.00	
First Aid	\$250.00	
Kitchen - Food	\$25,000.00	
Kitchen - Supplies	\$3,000.00	
Snack Center	\$7,000.00	
Transfer of Funds	\$0.00	
Craft/Laundry	\$0.00	

Camp Niangua con't

Youth Camp Proposed 2017 Budget - Con't

Playground/Pool	\$5,000.00	
Fuel & Oil	\$3,000.00	
Equip. Purch. & Repair	\$5,000.00	
Insurance	\$36,000.00	
Print./Postage/Literature	\$1,500.00	
Acctg. & Supplies	\$2,000.00	
Board Expense	\$3,500.00	
Camp Offerings	\$3,000.00	
Miscellaneous	\$2,000.00	
Special Purchases	\$0.00	
Camp Bookstore	\$0.00	
Debt Retirement	\$20,000.00	
Camp T-Shirts	\$3,250.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$359,000.00	\$359,000.00
ENDING BALANCE		\$56,996.82

MO Youth Ministries Board

This year (2015) was a great year for MOFWB and for the Youth Board.

We experienced 5-year highs in attendance at both the E3 Conference and the CTS Ministry Expo.

The CTS Ministry Expo saw students from 13 different churches, totaling 173 entries in 43 different categories, compete for the opportunity to represent Missouri at the National in Grand Rapids, MI. And you were represented well. We've got some wonderful students in MOFWB; students you can be proud of and should pray for daily.

The E3 Conference (Elevate, Equip, Encourage) saw increased numbers this year as well. 334 students gathered from nearly 20 churches to hear Aaron Pontious give a series of messages on Apologetics (why we can trust the Bible, who is Jesus, etc).

Thank you for your prayers and your support of this ministry. It truly is a blessing to minister to the great students of the state of Missouri!

Andy Rains, Chairman
Ryan Akers, Treasurer
Matthew Todd
Jane Parker
Ray Paxton

Youth Ministries Income and Expense Report for 2015

Beginning Balance	\$24,433.58	
Income for 2015		
Co-op	\$16,383.70	
Designated	\$1,170.00	
CTS Receipts	\$5,465.00	
SYC T-shirt Receipts	\$1,101.00	
SYC Receipts	\$16,495.00	
Total Income	\$40,614.70	
Total Income+Beginning Balance		\$65,048.28
Expenses for 2015		
Board Expense		
Meals	\$323.39	
Supplies and Equipment	\$0.00	
Mileage and Reimbursements	\$3,261.53	
CTS Lodging	\$370.43	
CTS Judges	\$1,350.00	
CTS Supplies and Reimbursements	\$894.72	
CTS NYC Fees	\$2,900.00	
CTS Tabulators	\$0.00	
CTS Trophies	\$291.00	
SYC Equipment	\$4,060.00	
SYC Speaker	\$1,500.00	
SYC Musical Guest	\$2,250.00	
SYC T-Shirts	\$1,187.30	
SYC Supplies and Reimbursements	\$773.59	
SYC Facility Rental	\$12,344.25	
Total Expenses		\$31,506.21
Beginning Balance + Income - Expenses		\$33,542.07

2017 MO Youth Board Projected Budget

Balance December 31, 2015 (Actual)		\$33,542.07
Income for 2016 (Proposed)		\$33,500.00
Expenses for 2016 (Proposed)		\$33,500.00
Balance for 2016 (Proposed)		\$ 0.00
Projected Beginning Balance 2016 (Proposed)		\$33,542.07
Proposed Income 2017		
Co-op (2% x \$785,000)	\$15,700.00	
CTS Receipts	\$5,500.00	
Youth Conference Receipts	\$15,000.00	
Total Income		\$36,200.00
Total Income + Beginning Balance		\$69,742.07
Proposed Expenses 2017		
Board Expenses		
Meals	\$400.00	
Supplies and Equipment	\$1,250.00	
Mileage Reimbursements	\$3,200.00	
Total Board Expenses		\$4,850.00
CTS Competition		
Lodging	\$600.00	
Judges	\$1,300.00	
Literature	\$300.00	
NYC Fees	\$3,000.00	
Tabulators and Assistants	\$1,000.00	
Supplies	\$1,000.00	
Facility Rental	\$500.00	
Trophies	\$300.00	
Total CTS Expenses		\$8,000.00

2017 MO Youth Board Projected Budget con't

Youth Conference Expenses		
Speaker Expenses	\$2,500.00	
Musical Guest	\$6,000.00	
Supplies	\$1,500.00	
T-shirts	\$1,250.00	
Facility Rental	\$12,100.00	
Total Youth Conference Expenses		\$23,350.00
Total Expenses		\$36,200.00
Total Income		\$36,200.00
Proposed Ending Balance December 31, 2017		\$33,542.07
Difference		\$0.00

At the minister's retreat this year I shared a room with a fellow pastor who had served in the US Navy. We talked late into the night one evening as he shared his experiences aboard a submarine. One of the things that especially captured my interest was his description of that moment when the sub's hatch is opened after several months below the surface and the crew takes their first deep breath of fresh air. What an experience that must be!

That is a powerful image of the work of the C.E. Board. For me personally, the retreats and educational opportunities provided by our board are like moments when the hatch is opened and I am refreshed before it is closed again to return to the battle. As a board we are pleased to be able to be of service to our pastors and churches in a variety of ways.

- The Minister's Retreat. Every year our retreat seems to get better and better. Our speaker for 2015 was Dr. Eddie Moody who did a fabulous job speaking on ministry in our changing culture. Attendance was up again this year with 64 attendees. Rob Morgan has been scheduled as the speaker for the 2017 retreat.
- The Pastor's Wives retreat was held on April 15 & 16 at Cross Pointe Resort. Jenna Altom and Pam Jones were the speakers. 37 minister's wives registered.
- The spring Pastor's and Leader's training workshop was held at the State Office on May 14th. Rev. Gary Mitchener spoke on the topic of "Organizing your church for growth and outreach"
- The C.E. Board has not finalized plans for the fall Pastors and leaders training yet.

In addition to these activities, the C.E. board also continues to host the **Pastor's Facebook page** "MOFWB Pastors" as a tool to connect encourage our pastor's. This page is beginning to be used more frequently and we see more pastors posting requests for prayer or advice. The number of those following the page is now 229.

The C.E. Board has made available some funds to our Executive Director to set up a **pastoral care fund**. This fund may be used at Bro. Stan's discretion to help provide support for pastors and their families who may need to speak with a professional counselor.

We were also excited to be able to invest in future ministers by awarding a couple of scholarships this year to two worthy and needful students from Missouri who are attending Welch College.

In 2017, we intend to continue the opportunities that we have been providing for our pastors and churches with one exception. Instead of offering a spring workshop for pastors in 2017, we have scheduled a **Marriage Retreat on April 28-29** at the Ramada Oasis with Joe Grizzle as the speaker. We will offer a training workshop for pastors in the fall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin D. Williford, Chairman
 Roger Hogan, Treasurer
 Mark Elliot, Secretary

Melvin Moon, Board Member
 Dr. Jay Tilton, Board Member

2015 Financial Statement

Cash On Hand-January 1, 2015		\$41,845.03
Actual Cash On Hand		\$41,845.03
<u>Receipts:</u>		
Cooperative Program	\$14,998.57	
Interest Income	3.58	
Total Income For 2015		\$15,002.15
Total Cash For 2015		\$56,847.18
<u>Disbursements:</u>		
Bank Fees	168.00	
Board Expenses	2,801.30	
Office Expenses	151.13	
Bookkeeping Expenses	600.00	
Minister's Retreat	2,411.76	
Fwb College Gifts	5,000.00	
Pastoral Support Fund	5,000.00	
Minister's Wives Retreat	1,500.00	
Tech Support	100.00	
Seminar Expense	961.37	
Total Disbursements For 2015		\$18,693.56
Total Cash On Hand – December 31, 2015		\$38,153.62

2015 Assets

CASH ON HAND	\$38,153.62
CD (National Board of Retirement)	\$9,639.66
Interest earned on CD - 2015	266.75
CD as of 12-31-15	9,906.41
Total	\$48,060.03

Proposed Budget for 2017

Bank Fees	168.00
Minister's Retreat	3,000.00
Minister's Wives Retreat	1,500.00
LAMB Program	400.00
Bookkeeping	600.00
Office Expense	200.00
Christian Education Training	4,500.00
C.E. Board Expense	3,000.00
Reserve for Future Projects	1,500.00
Tech Support	100.00
Total	\$14,968.00

2016 Nominating Committee Recommendations

With the best interest of God's ministry among Missouri Free Will Baptist in mind, we the members of the nominating committee make the following nominations.

In accordance with the suggestions of the MOFWB General Board, we have verified that each of these nominees is a supporter of the Missouri COOP plan, and we believe each has demonstrated both a heart and ability for the position for which they are nominated. The nominating committee has contacted each nominee and confirmed their willingness to serve.

Prayerfully Submitted,
Kevin D. Williford, Chairman
Keith Garrison
Roger Hogan
Bob Thebeau
Zach Williams

Schedule for Electing Standing Boards

* Denotes the recommendation of the MOFWB nominating committee

** Denotes Board Chairman

Christian Education Board

Jay Tilson	2020
Roger Hogan	2019
Mark Elliot	2018
Kevin Williford **	2017
Melvin Moon - Melvin Moon*	2021 _____

Missouri Mission Board

Richard Robinson	2018
Barry Reel	2018
Jim Williams**	2018
Bob Thebeau	2017
Gary Mitchener	2017
Eddie Vincent	2017
Dale Cochran - Dale Cochran*	2019 _____
Rick Dement - Brandon McIntosh*	2019 _____
Dennis Moore - Dennis Moore*	2019 _____

Senior Adult Ministries

Wayne Phillips**	2020
Wes Rider	2019
Ron Blanks	2018
Gene Crewse	2017
Don Anderson - Don Anderson*	2021 _____

Youth Camp Board

Adam Duncan	2020
Jerry Pinkerton**	2019
Greg Smith	2018
Russell McDaris	2017
John Howell - John Howell*	2021 _____

Youth Ministries Board

Andy Rains**	2020	
Jane Parker	2019	
Ray Paxton- Seth Moon*	2018	_____
Ryan Akers	2017	
Matt Todd - Matthew Todd*	2021	_____

Audit Committee

Appointed by the General Board...(MO State FWB By-Laws # 30)

Dan Talbott	2018	
Warren Hall	2017	
Russell Johnson- Russell Johnson*	2019	_____

Planning Commission

- Russell Johnson
- Stanley Bunch
- Steve Reeves
- Wayne Phillips
- Jerry Pinkerton
- Andy Rains
- Jim Williams
- Jackson Watts
- Kevin Williford

Historical Commission

Nathan Ruble	2018	
Howard Anderson	2017	
Keith Garrison - Keith Garrison*	2019	_____

Hillsdale FWB College (Randall University) Trustee Board

Dale Skiles	2018	
Doug Earls	2017	
Jay Tilson - Jay Tilson *	2019	_____

National Association General Board Member

Stanley Bunch

State General Board Members *

*All will serve a two year term expiring in June - 2018

Bootheel - replacing Bill Adkisson _____

Cave Springs - replacing Terry Lunyow _____

Central Western - replacing Warren Hall _____

Greater Kansas City - replacing Jerry Scott _____

Greater Springfield - replacing Keith Garrison _____

Indian Creek - replacing Ken Dodson _____

Laclede County - replacing Bruce Doublin _____

Liberty - replacing Dan Talbott _____

Mid-Rivers - replacing Rick Chapman _____

General Officers

Moderator -
Replacing Steve Reeves - Keith Garrison* _____

Asst. Moderator -
Replacing Travis Harrison - Alan Kinder* _____

Clerk -
Replacing Jackson Watts - Jackson Watts* _____

Asst. Clerk -
Replacing Alan Kinder - Justin Lawson* _____

Missouri State Association Of Free Will Baptists Bylaws

NAME

1. This Association shall be called the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist.

PURPOSE

2. The object of this Association shall be the bringing together of the Free Will Baptists of the State of Missouri in one annual gathering that we may become better acquainted with one another, the upholding of the Free Will Baptists Churches of Missouri, and a worldwide outreach of souls.

MEMBERSHIP

3. The Association shall be composed of the members of the various local affiliated Associations.

4. Any organized District Association of Free Will Baptists may unite with this body at any regular session by a two-thirds vote of all delegates present, providing that the following procedures have been followed:

- a. The District Association will send a letter to the State Clerk requesting membership in the State Association.
- b. The Executive Committee will examine the District Association and make the appropriate recommendation to the State Association.

OFFICERS

5. The officers of this Association shall be Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, and Assistant Clerk, who shall be elected annually at the close of each session and hold their office until their successors are elected and qualified. No officer shall serve the same office more than three consecutive years, except the clerk.

6. The officers of this body shall submit, at every session, a report of the work done for this association.

7. The Moderator shall be the principal executive officer of the Association and he shall sign, with the clerk or any other people, officer or agent of the Association there unto authorized by the General Board, any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments which the General Board has authorized to be executed, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the General Board or by these By-Laws to some other officer or agent of the Association, or shall be required by law to be otherwise signed or executed. The duties of Moderator shall include presiding at the meetings of the State Association, the General Board, and the Executive Committee, and in general, to fulfil whatever responsibilities that may be commensurate with his office or delegated to him by the body or General Board.

8. In the absence of the Moderator, or in the event of his death, inability or refusal to act, the Assistant Moderator shall perform the duties of the Moderator, and

when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the moderator. The Assistant Moderator shall perform such duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Moderator or by the General Board.

9. The Clerk shall keep and accurate record of all business transactions, shall superintend the printing of the minutes, and shall receive an honorarium of an amount agreed upon by this body.

10. The Clerk shall:

- a. Keep the minutes of the Association and of the General Board meetings in one or more books provided for the purpose.
- b. See that all notices are given in accordance with the provisions of these by-laws or as required by law.
- c. Be custodian of the Association records and of the seal of the Association and see that the seal of the Association is affixed to all documents the execution of which on behalf of the Association under its seal is duly authorized.
- d. In general, perform all duties incident to the office of the clerk and other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Moderator or by the General Board.
- e. In the absence of the clerk, or in the event of his death, inability, or refusal to Act, the Assistant Clerk shall perform the duties of the Clerk and when so acting shall have the power of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the clerk. The Assistant Clerk shall perform such duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the clerk or by the General Board.

11. All standing boards shall be composed of five (5) members, exclusive of the General Board and the Missouri Missions Board. A board member shall be an active member of a Free Will Baptist Church in good standing with the Missouri State Association. No one may serve as a member of a board while employed by that board. Standing Boards include the Board of Christian Education, the Home Missions Board, the Senior Adult Ministries Board, the Youth Ministries Board, the Youth Camp Board, and the General Board.

12. The duties of the various standing boards shall be to:

- a. Plan and supervise both short and long-range programs of ministry.
- b. Manage as good stewards all funds and properties entrusted to its care
- c. Annually submit a detailed budget for approval by the State Association.
The budget shall include:
 - (1) Projected income along with expected sources of income.
 - (2) Projects planned and the cost of said projects.
 - (3) Maintenance along with its costs.
 - (4) Work in harmony with and toward the common vision of the entire State Association.
 - (5) A detailed explanation of any debt.

13. No board shall initiate any litigation in pursuit of its ministry. Neither shall any board enter into any litigation in the pursuit of its ministry except as required

because suit has been initiated against the board. The only exception is that which the State Association may authorize when the State Association is not in session.

14. The personnel of each of the foregoing, exclusive of the General Board and the Missouri Mission Board shall be elected as follows: The first named for a term of one year, the second for a term of two years, the third for a term of three years, and thereafter each shall be elected for a term of five years. The members of the Missouri Mission Board shall be elected as follows: The first three named for a term of one year, the second three for a term of two years, the third three for a term of three years, and thereafter each year three members shall be elected to serve a term of three years.

15. The personnel of the General Board shall be composed of the officers of the State Association, the chairman of all standing boards, and one member from each Affiliated Association, to be elected by the State body, whose term of office shall be two years and so constituted that the expiration date of the term of office of half of these expire one year and the other half the following year. This shall be determined by alphabetical order of the names of the affiliated Association.

16. No person shall fill more than one office at the same time except as he may become a member of the General Board by virtue of being chairman of the board, which he is an elected member.

17. Any vacancy occurring in the General Board may be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining board members through less than a quorum of the General Board, unless otherwise provided by law.

18. All board members elected to fill a vacancy shall be elected for the unexpired term of his predecessor in office.

19. Any member of the standing boards of the State Association who does not put forth any interest in or function on said board for the period of one year, shall have his office declared vacant and a new member be elected by this Association to fill his unexpired term of office.

DUTIES

20. The general board shall have power to act in behalf of, and for the State Association from one regular session to another, and shall have power to elect such officers as may be necessary to carry out the plans and undertakings of the State Association. The General Board shall have the rights to employ an Executive Director who shall serve as treasurer of the Association except in cases where this responsibility shall be expressly delegated by the General Board or by these by-laws to some other officer, agent, or board of the Association. He shall make an annual financial report to the Association.

21. The General Board shall have the power to fill any irregular vacancies that may

occur in its own body and shall have the power to fill any irregular vacancies that may occur in any department of work between sessions of the State Association. It shall be the duty of this Board to make written reports of all its work to each session.

22. An Executive Committee consisting of seven members of the General Board shall be composed of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk of the State Association, and four other member to be elected by the General Board; two members to be elected for a two year term and two members to be elected for a one year term and then two members to be elected each year thereafter, whose duty it shall be to act on all matters coming within the scope of the work of the Board when said Board is not in session. It shall also plan and execute the program for the annual sessions of the Missouri State Associations. The Executive Committee shall serve as the Budget Committee.

23. A majority of the number of the General Board members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the General Board, but if less than such a majority is present at a meeting, a majority of the Board members present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice.

24. An act of the majority of the Board members present at a meeting of the General Board at which action on any Association matter is taken shall be presumed to have assented to the action taken unless his dissent shall be entered in the minutes of the meeting.

25. A Board member of the Association who is present at a meeting of the General Board at which action on any Association matter is taken shall be presumed to have assented to the action taken unless his dissent shall be entered in the minutes of the meeting.

26. The General Board may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of or on behalf of the Association and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

27. Any person or agent elected or appointed by the General Board may be removed by the General Board whenever in its judgment the best interest of the Association would be served thereby, but such removal shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the persons so removed.

28. By resolution of the General Board, the Board members may be paid their expenses, if any, of attendance of each meeting of the General Board. No such payment shall preclude any Board member from serving the Association in any other capacity and receiving compensation therefore.

29. The General Board shall provide an Association seal which shall be circular in form and shall have inscribed thereon the name of the corporation and the state of incorporation and the words "Corporate Seal."

COMMITTEES

30. The Moderator shall appoint a committee on committees consisting of five members who shall appoint all committees with the exclusion of the Auditing Committee who shall be appointed by the General Board. The first appointed shall serve a term of one year, the second a term of two years and the third a term of three years; thereafter, each shall be appointed for a term of three years. Members of standing boards, with the exception of the General Board, are not eligible to serve on the Auditing Committee. Their duties are to audit all state books.

31. All resolutions and reports shall bear the name of all the members of the committee who favor them, and if the names be not a majority of all members of such committee, then the clerk shall not read the resolutions or report.

REPRESENTATION

32. The standing delegates of this Association shall be all ordained Free Will Baptist ministers and their wives, all ordained deacons, and associational Clerks, provide they are members in good standing in a Free Will Baptist Church that is in good standing in a recognized district association in this State Association

33. The number of elected delegates to the State Association shall be seven delegates from each affiliated District Association, one delegate from each church, plus one delegate for fifty members for larger fraction thereof. Each church which represents must be a member of a District Association holding membership in this body.

34. This Association may correspond be messenger or otherwise with other religious bodies.

VOTING

35. Those entitled to vote at any annual or special meeting of this State Association shall be elected delegates and the standing delegates as defined By-Laws 33-34. and each delegate or standing delegate shall be entitled to one vote.

36. A majority vote shall be final upon all subjects except to amend the By-Laws, receive Quarterly Meetings or Associations, and the changing of the members of the committees appointed by the Moderator, then it shall require a two-thirds majority.

MEETINGS

37. The sessions of the Association shall convene as decided upon annually by the General Board

38. The membership of the State Association may designate any place, either within or without the State of Missouri, for any annual meeting. Any special meeting may be called by the General Board. A wavier of notice signed by all members

entitled to vote a meeting may designate any place, either within or without the State of Missouri, unless otherwise prescribed by stature, as the place for holding of such meeting. If no designation is made, or if a special meeting be otherwise called, the place of the meeting shall be the principle office of the corporation of the State of Missouri.

39. In the event the necessity arises from war, or pestilence, or any cause which prevents a regular meeting of the State Association, whether such a condition is of a local or general condition, then the General Board shall be privileged to call and act with full authority in all matters pertaining to the general welfare of the State Association, providing whatever transaction passed shall be by two-thirds vote of the members present, and providing that such transactions shall not conflict with the purpose and edicts of the By-Laws of the State Association.

40. Special meetings of the Association for any purpose or purposes, unless otherwise prescribed by statute, may be called by the General Board, and shall be called by the Moderator at the request of not less than fifty percent of all the delegate members duly elected by District Associations affiliated with the Association.

41. All committees and standing boards shall be permitted to take official votes on any item of business within the scope of their work by mail or by telephone conference call, provided such action is called by a chairman of a board or committee and has been proposed by at least two members of the board or committee.

42. Ten or more ordained ministers or deacons from ten or more affiliated Associations belonging to the State Association shall constitute a quorum to transact business.

43. All business meetings shall be opened by singing, reading a portion from God's Word, and prayer, and shall be closed with prayer.

44. Special Meetings of the General Board or the Executive committee shall be called when necessary by the Moderator, with the written consent of three other members of the Executive Committee. Special Meetings of the Executive Committee shall also be called upon written request of a majority of its members.

45. Notice of any special meeting should be given at least fifteen days previously thereto be written notice delivered by the most convenient manner. Any Board member may waive notice of any meeting. The attendance of a Board member at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a Board member attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

46. Unless otherwise provided by law, whenever any notice is required to be given to any member or Board member of the Association under the provisions of these By-Laws or under the provisions of the articles of incorporation, a waiver thereof in writing, signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice whether before or after writing, signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice whether

before or after the item stated therein shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice.

DISCIPLINE

47. The State Association shall not usurp any authority over the Quarterly Meetings or Associations that shall be under its supervision, but shall be an advisory body to help them.

48. The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on the first day of January, and end on the 31st day of December each year.

49. All checks, drafts, or other orders for the payment of money notes other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Association, shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent or agents or the Association and in such manners as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the General Board.

50. No loans shall be contracted, and no evidence of indebtedness shall be issued for which the State Association shall be legally or morally responsible except as approved by the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists while in session, or by the General Board while in session. Any business conducted outside of a regular session requires that a reasonable attempt must be made to contact all General Board members

51. The General Board by a majority vote of the voting delegates of the State Association shall be authorized to create or to increase any bonded indebtedness of the Association.

52. The General Board of the Association shall be authorized by a majority vote of the voting delegates of the State Association, to sell, lease, exchange, mortgage, pledge, or otherwise dispose of all, of the property and the assets of the Association.

53. All funds of the corporation not otherwise employed shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the Association in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as the General Board may select.

54. The salaries of employees shall be fixed from time to time by the General Board.

55. The meetings of the State Association and the General Board shall be governed by the rules of parliamentary law as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order, except in the case of those rules which are superseded by some rule of this organization.

56. The Clerk or Assistant Clerk, or in their absence the senior minister in age, shall call the Association to order for business, and call the Moderator or Assistant Moderator to the chair, and if neither moderator or assistant moderator is present, then the senior minister in age shall act as chairman to open the floor for nominations and carry out the election of a moderator pro-tem.

57. All business, except routine, shall be brought before the body by committee, but shall any committee refuse or fail to present to this body the business given it by any delegate of this Association, then such business may be presented to the body by any delegate, but cannot be discussed unless by a majority vote of this body.

58. Anyone desiring to speak shall rise and say "Brother Moderator" but shall speak no further until he or she is recognized by the Moderator.

59. No one shall speak more than five minutes, or more than twice, on the same subject without the consent of the Moderator.

60. Any delegate of this body can appeal from the decision of the Moderator of the Association, and by a majority vote thereon, the objection shall be sustained or rejected.

61. No one shall leave the Association when in a business session without the consent of the moderator.

62. The moderator shall stop all discussion when not carried on in a Christian spirit, or when he thinks it is likely to lead to discord or division.

63. All business coming before this Association shall be decided by secret ballot when a majority of voting delegates are in opposition to an open vote.

64. We believe that any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery, pornography, pedophilia, and/or elective gender changes are sinful perversions of God's gift of sex. (Gen. 2:24; Gen 19:5; Gen 26:8-9; Lev. 18:1-30; Rom. 1:26-29; I Cor. 5:1; 6:9; I Thess. 4:1-8; Heb. 13:4). Any District Association which sanctions such conduct will not be accepted or retained as a member of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists.

65. We believe that human life begins at conception and that the unborn child is a living human being. Abortion constitutes the unjustified, unexcused taking of unborn human life. Abortion is murder. We reject any teaching that abortions of pregnancies due to rape, incest, birth defects, gender selection, birth or population control, or the mental well-being of the mother are acceptable. (Job 3:16; Psalms 51:5; 139:14-16; Isa. 44:24; 49: 1, 5; Jer. 1:5; 20:15-18; Luke 1:44) Any District Association which sanctions such conduct will not be accepted or retained as a member of the Missouri State Association of Free Baptists.

66. We believe that Paul's statement in I Tim. 3:2, 12 and Titus 1:6, namely "The husband of one wife," be looked upon as making ineligible as pastors or deacons anyone who has been divorced and remarried, or who marries a divorced woman, regardless of the cause of the divorce or the guilt or innocence of either partner. We believe that said persons, whose marital status disqualifies them to be pastors or deacons, not be discouraged in their Christian lives or Christian service, but that they be encouraged to live faithfully for Christ and serve Him in the ministry

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of the local church; and that such be reminded that pastors and deacons are the only church officers for whom the “husband of one wife” prohibition is given. While certainly it is the ideal for all believers, it is biblically insisted upon as a requirement for deacons and pastors.

While not insisting that this bylaw be made retroactive, we do establish this standard to be upheld for all new candidates for pastors or deacons.

67. We believe the Bible defines marriage as the union of one man and one woman in an exclusive covenant commitment. No person may be a standing delegate if he knowingly conducts or officiates at a wedding or similar service for any union that does not meet the Biblical definition of marriage. A church or district association is not in good standing if it knowingly permits its properties or ministers to facilitate weddings where the union would not meet the Biblical definition of marriage. A district association is not in good standing if it licenses or ordains any person who affirms or encourages sexual relations outside of Biblical marriage. (Genesis 2:22-24; Proverbs 18:22; Matthew 19:4-6; Hebrews 13:4-7)

AMENDMENTS

68. These By-Laws may be amended at any regular session by a two-thirds majority vote after the proposed amendment has laid on the table one day.

NOTE:

A printable copy of Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists bylaws can be found on the HOMEPAGE of our state website at: mofwb.com