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MINUTES

Of The

Missouri Baptist Association

1957 Annual Session Held In
The City Hall, Sullivan, Mo.

ELD. O. A. ROBINSON, Moderator
R. P. MITCHELL, Assistant
E. SHULTS, Clerk
W. S. GORDON, Assistant

1958 Session To Be Held At West Plains, Mo.,
On Thursday and Friday Before The First
Sunday in November. Time: 10 A. M.

Annual Sermon - - - - Eld. Cecil Burgess
Alternate - - - - - Eld. W. H. Newman

MINUTES OF THE WORK OF THE MESSENGERS

of the Churches Comprising the

MISSOURI BAPTIST STATE ASSOCIATION

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Association Called to Order.
2. Introductory Sermon.
3. Committee on Enrollment.
4. Permanent Organization.
5. Appointment of Committees.
   State Missions.
   Interstate and Foreign Missions.
   Education.
   Literature and Publications.
   Orphans' Home.
   Baptist Training Course.
   Ladies' Auxiliary Work.
   Finance Committee.
   Resolution.
6. Miscellaneous Business.
7. Report of Treasury and Old Missionary Committee.
8. Report of New Missionary Committee.
9. Adjournment.

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HISTORICAL TABLE

Year	Church	Clerk	Moderator	Sermon By
1928	Potosi	A. H. Dorman	M. M. Hamlin	Ben M. Bogard
1929	Sullivan	A. H. Dorman	W. A. Gilbert	W. E. Counts
1930	Antioch	A. H. Dorman	C. D. Crites	C. D. Crites
1931	White Oak Grove	A. H. Dorman	C. D. Crites	A. Studyvin
1932	Mt Enon	A. H. Dorman	C. D. Crites	Ben F. Nall
1933	Oak Grove	E. S. Ray	C. D. Crites	C. W. Penrod
1934	Potosi	E. S. Ray	M. B. Hubbard	M. L. Winter
1935	Sullivan	E. S. Ray	M. B. Hubbard	M. B. Hubbard
1936	Mt. Pleasant	C. A. Darst	M. B. Hubbard	A. D. Bennett
1937	Mt. Ararat	C. A. Darst	L. H. Owens	L. H. Owens
1938	Independence	W. S. Gordon	L. H. Owens	C. A. Darst
1939	White Oak Grove	W. S. Gordon	L. H. Owens	H. F. Gunn
1940	Bethel	W. S. Gordon	L. H. Owens	Sol Gibson
1941	Mt Pleasant	W. S. Gordon	H. F. Gunn	G. E. Jones
1942	Independence	W. S. Gordon	C. D. Barton	W. S. Gordon
1943	Potosi	W. S. Gordon	C. D. Barton	Geo. Hauthorne
1944	Mt. Zion	W. S. Gordon	L. H. Owens	H. W. Darst
1945	Independence	W. S. Gordon	C. A. Darst	E. C. Endicott
1946	1st, Galena, Kan.	W. S. Gordon	C. A. Darst	F. E. Gimlin
1947	Kewanee	W. S. Gordon	C. A. Darst	J. F. McClain
1948	Independence	W. S. Gordon	C. A. Darst	G. W. Fox
1949	Galena, Kansas	W. S. Gordon	C. A. Darst	R. A. Brand
1950	Bethel	W. S. Gordon	C. A. Darst	Chas. McClain
1951	Potosi	G. W. Fox	C. A. Darst	E. C. Endicott
1952	Ellington	G. W. Fox	C. A. Darst	J. F. McClain
1953	Chambers Park	W. R. Speer	C. A. Darst	W. R. Speer
1954	Bethel	W. R. Speer	C. A. Darst	E. V. Davis
1955	Neelyville	W. R. Speer	C. A. Darst	H. C. Pape
1956	Potosi	E. Shults	W. R. Speer	R. E. Jordon
1957	Cave Springs	E. Shults	O. A. Robinson	H. M. Dry

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPALS OR ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT

Section 1. This body when convened shall be known as the Missouri State Association of Landmark Missionary Baptist Churches.

Section 2. The object of this Association is to encourage cooperation and Christian activity among the churches; to promote interest in, and encourage missions on a New Testament basis among all people, to stimulate interest in Christian Literature, and to provide a medium through which the churches may cooperate in these enterprises.

Section 3. This Association, when assembled shall be composed of messengers duly elected by Baptist Churches that are in sympathy with its doctrines, purposes and work, and of such messengers only. Each church shall be entitled to three messengers, chosen from her own membership.

Section 4. Any church desiring to cooperate with the Association shall send by her messengers or by letter, a petitionary letter, accompanied with satisfactory testimonals of her regularity, order and orthodoxy. All churches must be received by a majority vote. This Association holds the right to withdraw the fellowship from any church she may deem hetrodox or disorderly.

Section 5. We believe the Bible to be an all-sufficient rule of faith and practice. There are articles of faith found in different manuals written by Missionary Baptists which are generally believed by our churches.

Section 6. By a Baptist Church in these principles is meant a body of baptized believers in Jesus Christ convenated together in the faith and fellowship of the gospel and who hold and teach among other tenets the full essential Diety of Jesus Christ, the full inspiration and authority of the Bible as the written word of God, the absolute necessity of spiritual regeneration, salvation by Grace through faith in the atoning blood of Jesus Christ, scriptural baptism, and a membership in orderly orthodox Baptist Church as essential to commune at the Lord's table.

Section 7. (1) The officers of the Association shall consist of a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk to be elected at each annual meeting by nomination and acclamation.

(2) The duties of the officers shall be such as usually devolve on such officers of a deliberate body. Said officers shall not hold office more than two (2) years in succession.

(3) The Clerk shall act as treasurer of the Association and shall hold all moneys belonging to the Association and pay it out only on direction of the Association.

Section 8. For the purpose of service and information, there shall be a State Missionary Committee composed of one committeeman from each cooperating church in this Association. Each committeeman shall be duly elected for this work by the church in which he holds membership. The committee shall organize by electing a chairman and clerk. Ten committeemen shall constitute a quorum.

The duties of this committee shall be:

(1) Report annually to the messengers, all finances received and disbursed. Also the work of the missionaries for the year by giving totals of days on the field—professions of faith—additions to the churches—and churches organized.

(2) After hearing the report of the Mission Treasurer, the old committee shall recommend the number of Missionaries to be put on the field and, make any other recommendations deemed necessary for the ensuing year.

(3) Should the necessity arise, the chairman shall call the committee together in special meeting to fill any vacancies among the missionaries which might occur between association meetings.

This committee shall have no control whatsoever over the churches or missionaries, but keep the churches informed of the needs of the field and of the missionaries, and serve the churches as they may direct.

At Associational meetings, men who have been or may be indorsed annually by their respective churches shall be nominated and selected by the messengers for State Mission work, and a secretary-treasurer shall be elected also.

Section 9. This Association shall convene annually on such date, and at such place as the messengers of the cooperative churches may determine when assembled.

Section 10. As an Association of Missionary Baptist Churches we do hereby declare our entire condemnation of conventionism with all that it is and stands for today.

Section 11. This statement of principles may be changed or amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the messengers present and voting, providing notice of proposed change be presented on the first day of the annual meeting, amendment to be voted upon the second day.

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RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Moderator shall preside at all sessions, decide all points and maintain order.

2. Every session of the Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

3. Each member wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator and shall speak respectfully.

4. All officers of this Association shall be a membesr of this body.

5. Each day's proceedings shall be recorded by the clerk and be read whenever called for by the body.

6. All questions shall be decided by a majority vote except a change in our articles of cooperation, which must be by a two-thirds majority.

7. In case of necessity the Missionary Committee shall have power to change the place of meeting for any annual session.

OUR DECLARATION OF FAITH

Baptists should know the ground on which they stand and be able to give a reason for their faith. We are admonished to "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." The following is a brief Declaration of that Faith.

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2. There is one God who is Holy, all-wise, the Creator of heaven, the earth and the human race, the Supreme ruler of the universe, and that in the unit of the Godhead there are three persons—the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

3. That God created man in the state of holiness, but by voluntary transgression man fell from that state, in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners.

4. We believe in the Virgin birth of Jesus Christ, that He was God manifested in the flesh, yet without sin, the perfect One who was crucified for the sins of the world, was buried, and after three days and nights arose for our justification.

5. Salvation is wholly by grace through faith without any admixture of works.

6. We believe in the personal work of the Holy Spirit.

7. That the blessing of salvation comes through the preaching of the gospel which leads man to repent toward God and to have faith in Jesus Christ.

8. That the Bible teaches the personality of Satan.

9. That by man's own inherent depravity and by his voluntary and final rejection of the gospel in this life he will be eternally condemned in hell.

10. When one is born again, he has eternal life, for in the new birth the soul receives the nature of God and cannot sin, therefore the believer cannot be lost, for he is kept by the power of God.

11. That every saved person is to walk circumspectly in this world, to be just in his dealings, honor and obey the law of civil government, except when such law opposes the will of our Lord Jesus Christ.

12. That the first day of the week is the Lord's Day and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes.

13. The establishment of a visible church on earth during His personal ministry on earth.

14. The perpetuity of Missionary Baptist Churches from Christ's day on earth until His second coming.

15. That the great commission as recorded in Matthew 28.19-20 was given to the local church.

16. That (water) baptism (immersion) is to be administered (to believers) only and in Scriptural capacity.

17. That baptism to be valid must be administered by the authority of a true scriptural Missionary Baptist church, and that a so-called Baptist church which knowingly accepts alien baptism is not a scriptural church and its ordinances are not valid.

18. That the Lord's Supper as a church ordinance is to be administered to her members only and in scriptural church capacity.

19. That all churches of this Association ever be held as equal units as to their rights and privileges in their associated capacities.

20. That all scriptural association assemblies and their committees are servants of the churches creating them.

21. That we oppose open communion, alien baptism, union meetings and pulpit affiliation.

22. That the scriptural offices of the church are bishops (pastors) and deacons, and that such men are to meet the high standards set forth in the books of Titus and First Timothy.

23. That we brand as unbaptistic the reception of members from sister churches by statement, and the drawing out of members of a sister church for the purpose of organization without that church's consent.

24. The personal, bodily and imminent return of Christ.

25. That when Christ comes the deceased saints shall be resurrected and the living saints shall be translated and both together shall be caught up in the air to meet the Lord; this is the first resurrection.

26. That Christ shall come with His saints to earth where He shall reign from His throne in Jerusalem for a literal thousand-year reign on earth.

27. That at the close of the millennial reign the wicked dead shall be resurrected and judged at the great white throne.

28. The reality of heaven, involving Divine assurance of eternal happiness for the redeemed of God, and the reality of hell, involving everlasting punishment of the incorrigible wicked.

29. That any church seeking fellowship with this Association must be in harmony with this Declaration of Faith.

Voted on, and approved by the Missouri Missionary Baptist Association October 30, 1957.

MINUTES OF THE MISSOURI BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The Thirtieth Annual session of the Messengers of the churches composing the Missouri Baptist State Association, which met in the City Hall at Sullivan, Mo., Oct. 29, 30, 1957.

The services were called to order by Eld. W. R. Speer the Moderator. Eld. S. D. Gibson led the singing with Sis. Leona Jenkins at the piano. Song: "I am thine O Lord." Eld. George Pierce of Maydelle, Texas led in prayer. The Moderator then declared the 1957 session of the Missouri Missionary Baptist Association opened for business. Song: "When the Roll is Called up Yonder." Eld. G. D. Kellar, president of "The Missionary Baptist Seminary," Jacksonville, Texas brought a good devotional; Reading from Isa. 6:1-8; Subject: "The Transforming Life." Bro. H. M. Dry, pastor "First Baptist Church," Galena, Kansas, led in prayer. Motion and second that someone be selected to preach the Annual Message; in the absence of both Eld. C. B. Anderson and the Alternate Eld. H. G. Burch. Motion Carried. Eld. H. M. Dry was selected to preach the Annual sermon. Eld. J. H. Gibson and Eld. C. W. Wilson was appointed as finance committee. Eld. Lynn Gibson gave the welcome for the Churches of the Meramec Association. Eld. George Pierce gave the response. Visitors recognized were: Eld. G. D. Kellar of Jacksonville, Texas. Eld. George Pierce of Maydelle, Texas. Eld. Clois Quattlebaum of Letona, Ark. Eld. Cecil Burgee now of Sikeston, Mo. Eld. and Mrs. S. M. Speer of Oklahoma.

Eld. J. O. Derefelt was asked to introduce the speaker to bring the Annual Message. Brother Dry, read, Exodus 32:13-26 as a scripture reading; Subject: "A Call to Decision."

The Moderator asked Eld. R. E. Jordon to extend the hand of appreciation to Bro. Dry for the good message. Song, "Stand Up for

Jesus." Eld. O. A. Robinson led in prayer. Motion and second to enter into permanent organization. Motion Carried.

Motion and second the one receiving the highest number of votes be elected, the next highest be assistant. Motion Carried.
Nomination for Moderator: O. A. Robinson and W. R. Speer. Bro. Robinson was elected Moderator with Bro. W. R. Speer, assistant. Nominations for Clerk: Bro. Elmer Shults and Bro. W. S. Gordon. Bro. Shults was elected with Bro. Gordon as Assistant. The chair was turned over to the new Moderator, Eld. O. A. Robinson. Motion and second to hear the reading of Petitionary letter, Those petitioning for membership in the Association were: Springdale Missionary Baptist, Maxville, Mo. Proctor City Missionary Baptist church, Proctor City, Tenn. Motion and second to welcome these two churches into the Association and seat their messengers. Motion Carried.

Motion and second to go into the selection of a place to meet for the 1958 session of the Association. Carried. There were no invitations.

Eld. Freeman Gibson gave his report on the Missouri Missionary Baptist Paper. Motion and second to adopt. Remarks: J. W. Gibson. Motion carried.

The Moderator appointed committees on; State Missions and Religious Education. Clerks Annual report given by Elmer Shults. Motion and second to adopt this report as given. Motion Carried.

Song: "What a Friend." Motion and Second to go into the election of an Editor for the State Paper. Motion Carried.

Eld. Freeman Gibson was elected as Editor, and Eld. Lynn Gibson as Assistant Editor. Motion and second to make it unanimous for these two.

Motion and Second to pay the Editor the same as last year. Carried.

Eld. G. D. Kellar gave the report on Christian Education. Motion and second to adopt; Remarks: Eld. G. D. Kellar, Eld. H. M. Dry, Eld. R. P. Mitchell. Motion Carried.

Moderator appointed committees on; Baptist Training Service Inter-State and Foreign Missions, Womens Auxiliary. Motion and Second to adjourn until 1:30 P. M. Carried. Announcements called for;

Eld. E. V. Davis Dismissed in prayer asking the Blessing on the noon meal.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 1:30 P. M.

The Moderator called the services to order; Bro. Olin Wade led the singing, Sis. Leona Jenkins at the piano. Song, "Love Lifted Me." Prayer by; Marian Smith. Song: "Where He Leads Me I'll Follow." Eld. Noel Mead led the Devotional. Scripture reading Ruth 1:1-5, 19-21;

Eld. George Peirce gave the report on Inter-State and Foreign Missions. Motion and second to adopt. Remarks: Bro. Peirce. Motion Carried.

Sis Jennie Silvey gave the report on "Womens Auxiliary"; Motion and Second to adopt, Remarks: Sis. Silvey. Motion Carried.

Eld. R. P. Mitchell read the report on State Missions, Motion and second to adopt this report, Remarks: R. P. Mitchell. Motion Carried.

A Resolution was offered at this time concerning the churches which withdrew fellowship from the Bethany Baptist Church. Motion and second to adopt. Remarks: Eld. W. S. Gordon, Eld. Noel Edwards, Eld. J. H. Gibson. Substitute Motion: To elect a committee, to act as a Mediatorial committee to meet with the churches to try and work out a reconcilation; Motion and second to adopt. Remarks: Eld. Elmer Shults, Eld. C. A. Darst, Eld. J. W. Gibson, Eld. Noah Akins, Eld. G. W. Hawthorne, Eld. R .P. Mitchell, Eld. W. R. Speer,

Eld. Perry Ward, Eld. C. A. Darst, Eld. J. O. Derefelt. Motion and Second for the previous question; The vote was taken and the Substitute Motion Carried.

Motion and Second the Committee be limited to three (3).

Amendment: That the number on this committee be Five (5).

Substitute motion: That seven (7)) be elected and the Moderator of the Association Eld. O. A. Robinson be the chairman. The Substitute Motion Carried.

Those elected were: W. R. Speer, J. H. Gibson, Elmer Shults, Fred Burnett, Eugene Bowerman, Freeman Gibson. Bro. J. H. Gibson declined to serve. Motion and Second to substitute Bro. R. P. Mitchell in place of Bro. Gibson.

Substitute motion: That the next highest man that was voted on above be placed on the committee; Substitute motion Carried. (Bro. E. C. Endicottt was the next highest).

Motion and Second that this Committee report back sometime tomorrow if possible. Motion Carried. Motion and Second to select some one to preach in the evening service. Motion Carried. Eld. G .D. Kellar was selected to bring the message in the evening service. Motion and Second to adjourn until 7:00 p.m. Carried. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Jesse Rayfield.

TUESDAY EVENING, 7:00 P. M.

The service was called to order by the Moderator, Eld. O. A. Robinson. Song service led by Bro. Freeman Gibson with Sis Dale Blunt at the piano. Song: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arm." Prayer by Eld. W. J. Burgess. Song: "Not Made With Hands." Other visitors recognized were: Eld. W. J. Burgess, and Eld. Harold Morris our Missionary to Brazil. Bro. Morris was asked to lead the devotional. He read for a scripture reading Matthew 9:35-38; Subject: "Sheep without a Shepherd." Bro. Morris told many things concerning the work in Brazil and other places. This was truly enjoyed by all present.

Motion and Second that the Association discontinue free entertainment. Motion Carried. Motion and Second to hear the message at this time. Carried.

Song: "At The Cross." Eld. G. D. Kellar was introduced by the Moderator to bring the message. Scripture reading, Rev. 1:4-6; Subject: Three words, "Loved, Washed and Made." Eld. W. H. Newman was asked to extend the hand of appreciation to Bro. Kellar for the good message, for the Association.

Motion and Second the first thing Wednesday Morning after the devotional we hear the committee on the "Articles of Faith." Motion Carried.

Motion and Second to go into the selection of someone to preach the Annual message for 1958. Eld. Cecil Burgess was elected and Eld. W. H. Newman as Alternate. Motion and Second to recess until 10:00 A.M Wednesday Morning.

Announcements: Assign places for the night. Dismissed in prayer by, Bro. Clois Quattlebaum.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 10:00 A. M.

Services called to order by the Moderator Eld. O. A. Robinson. Eld. W. R. Speer led the singing with Sis. Blunt at the piano. Song, "Lord Send Me." Prayer by Bro. Frank Dillon. Song, "Foot Steps of Jesus."

Eld. Gene Thurman led the devotional. Scripture reading, Phil. 2:1-8; Subject: "Let This Mind Be in You Which Was in Christ Jesus."

Special order of business called for at this time. Eld. R. P. Mitchell came to the stand to present the, "Articles of Faith." Motion and Second to adopt. Remarks: Eld. R. P. Mitchell, Eld. W. R. Speer. There were two substitute motions and one Amendment, to the above, which lost. Vote on the previous motion to adopt, Carried. Bro. W. R. Speer offered his resignation as Assistant Moderator and also as a member of the Medatorial committee. Motion and Second to accept his resignation. Carried. Eld. R. P. Mitchell was elected as Assistant Moderator. Eld. W. H. Newman was elected to fill Bro. Speers place on the Medatorial Committee. Motion and Second the Clerk, prepare and send to each church in the Association a copy of the Articles of Faith as soon as possible. Motion Carried. Motion and Second we recess until 1:30 P. M. Carried. Dismissed in prayer and blessings for the noon meal by, Eld. Oliver Mullins.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 1:30 P. M.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator; Prayer by, Eld. R. E. Jordon. Bro. J. H. Gibson gave the Finance committee report. Motion and Second to adopt. Carried. Motion and Second to make State Missions a special order of business at this time. Motion Carried.

The clerk of the Missionary Committee read the report of the old Missionary Committee. Motion and Second to adopt this report. Carried.

Eld. R. P. Mitchell Sec.-Treas. gave his report. Motion and Second to adopt this report. Carried. Eld. R. E. Jordon gave his report of work done as Missionary during the past year. Motion and Second to adopt this report. Carried.

Eld. E. F. Gibson gave his report of his work on the mission field. Motion and Second to adopt his report. Carried.

Nominations for Missionaries were: W. H. Newman, J. C. South, Woodrow Wilson, E. F. Gibson, R. E. Jordon, Alan Powers, and E .V. Davis.

Those elected as Missionaries were: Eld. E. F. Gibson, Eld. J. C. South, Eld. W. H. Newman. Eld. E. F. Gibson was elected Secretary-Treasurer of Missions. Bro. Newman said he was not able to give the Association an answer at this time, and asked for time to consider it.

Motion and Second to make it unanimous for the three who were elected. Motion Carried. Bro. Jesse Rayfield gave his report on the revolving Loan Fund. Motion and Second to adopt this report. Motion Carried.

Eld. N. J. Gibson, clerk of the Revolving Loan Fund Committee gave his report. Motion and Second to adopt. Remarks: Eld. N. J. Gibson. Motion Carried.

Motion and Second to retain this Committee. Amendment: To substitute men for those not available. Motion Carried.

Motion and Second to Substitute R. P. Mitchell for W. S. Gordon. Motion Carried. Motion and Second to substitute Clarence Crawford for Jesse Rayfield. Motion Carried. Report of Enrollment committee by, Bro. K. E. Thurman.

Motion and Second to have the same number of Minutes printed as last year, and pay the Clerk the same as last year. Motion Carried.

Resolutions committee report made by, Eld. R. W. Gibson. Motion and Second to adopt. Motion Carried. The churches of the Meramec Association wanted it understood the credit for inviting the Association to Sullivan was to go to the Cave Springs Baptist Church with the other churches cooperating.

Motion and Second to give Eld. R. P. Mitchell and Eld. R. E.

Jordon a standing vote of appreciation for the work they had done. Motion Carried.

Motion and Second to adjourn until the same time next year at such a place as the Missionary Committee shall choose; with the Missionary Committee having the Authority to change the time of meeting if necessary. Motion Carried. Dismissed in prayer by Eld. Elmer Shults.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF MISSOURI MISSIONARY BAPTIST

Receipts:

W. S. Gordon, former editor, November 21, 1956	$ 79.50
Subscriptions and Offerings	3,082.60
TOTAL RECEIPTS	$3,162.10

Expenses:

Printing (twenty-three issues)	$1,725.00
Editor	1,150.00
Postage	54.50
Supplies	76.12
TOTAL EXPENSES	$3,005.62
Balance, October 28, 1957	$ 156.48

The prayers and support of the churches and brethren has been appreciated very much.

E. F. GIBSON,
Editor and Business Manager.

CLERK'S ANNUAL REPORT

Balance at last State Association	$ 74.70
Deposits	
December 31, 1956	376.20
Disbursements	
Clerks Salary	75.00
Jefferson County Record (For Minutes)	160.00
Jefferson County Record (For Letters)	15.00
Postage for Mailing	9.61
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	$259.61
Balance in Treasure	$116.59

Humbly Submitted,
ELMER SHULTS

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

By Christian Education we mean education that is in keeping with the principles of God's word. We believe that such education should begin in the home and the church. Furthermore we believe that it is scriptural for churches to operate in christian colleges and Seminaries such as are sponsored by Missionary Baptist.

We recommend the different colleges that are being supported by our people.

Therefore, we recommend that Missouri churches pray for and support with their means the "North American Theological Seminary" at Jacksonville, Texas.

Respectively,
GERALD D. KELLAR
H. M. DRY.

INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN MISSIONS

We your committee wish to submit the following report.

We feel this is not only a part of the great commission; but is very important, and we need to keep our churches informed about the need in these fields. Several things seem to be needful, one is more qualified men to work in these fields. Another need is, better support of our revolving loand fund for our Interstate work. So often our Missionaries find it difficult to buy a suitable lot to build upon; and once a lot has been purchased the New Church is unable to build a building that would speak well for our work. We feel that our churches should take a greater interest in our loan fund. We also wish to encourage our churches to support both the Interstate and Foreign mission work. We do not believe one should be neglected at the expense of the other. We do not believe we can have a good sound foreign work without first building a sound home work.

We contend that one phase of our Mission work is as important as another.

We believe, we should be careful in selecting only those men who are of good character and sound in the faith. We do not believe the Missionary should be dictated to by any one but the Holy Spirit as to where he should work.

GEO. W. PERICE
E. C. ENDICOTT
W. R. SPEER

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

We, your committee submit the following report:

Believing as we do, that women have a definite place in God's service, we feel that more help and encouragement should be given to the Auxiliary work.

There are so many ways in which we may help in the Lord's work and the Womens efforts in the Auxiliary is one. Visitation, dispensing of tracts, raising of funds necessary to church expense are only a part of the work of the Auxiliary. As we labor, we see the need of the field before us because the harvest is white, but the laborers are few.

We wish to recommend to our churches that they encourage the work of the Auxiliaries and that more women seek to organize them in the churches.

JENNIE SILVEY
JOAN MITCHELL
GLENDA NEWMAN

COMMITTEE ON STATE MISSIONS

State Missions is the Primary purpose of our State Assembly, therefore much time and thought should be given to this important matter.

While this year has shown less results in terms of souls saved and churches established we have nevertheless had some results. God has not failed for we have preached His word, and He guarantees that His word shall not return unto him void. Many souls are reported to have been saved and one church established.

We urge our churches not to overlook their responsibilities toward supporting the Missionaries with their prayers, encouraging words and finances.

Our people need to support building and loan fund with their finances.

The fields are open to us but hard to enter .

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14. The perpetuity of Missionary Baptist churches from Christ's day on earth until His second coming.

15. That the great commission as recorded in Matthew 28:19-20 was given to the local church.

16. That water baptism (immersion) is to be administered to believers only and in Scriptural church capacity.

17. That baptism to be valid must be administered by the authority of a true scriptural Missionary Baptist church, and that a so-called Baptist church which knowingly accepts alien baptism is not a scriptural church and its ordinances are not valid.

18. That the Lord's Supper as a church ordinance is to be administered to her members only and in scriptural church capacity .

19. That all churches of this Association ever be held as equal units as to their rights and privileges in their associated capacities.

20. That all scriptural association assemblies and their committees are servants of the churches creating them.

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Harmony, Kansas	26-25	650.00	55.23	55.23	409.63	62.45	10.00	739.57	88.42	46.00	153.22	72.56		4500.00
Independence	137-126	1400.00	61.14	107.70	107.70		30.00	114.56	12.48	5.00		85.36		1950.94
Immanuel, Kansas	36-35	1490.00	61.96	340.22			8.00	740.00			183.13	72.03	30.96	2926.30
Indian Creek	57-56	470.00	13.65	22.20	40.47	10.00			200.25		28.07	11.57		796.21
Kewanee	117-109	1603.68	56.75	85.17		134.40	16.00	494.00	20.85		212.42	100.11	49.71	2773.09
Lower Doe Run	49-45	390.00	94.00	94.00	188.00	172.65	23.00				33.01	35.65	21.00	1051.31
Landmark, De Soto	96-83	2600.00	330.98	330.98	165.48		5.00		143.66	60.89	254.07	88.29		3979.35
Little Bethel	37-37	505.00	29.00	37.46	29.00		12.00			5.00	165.07	46.66	26.00	960.19
Macedonia	20-19	650.00	37.71	37.71	126.50	70.00	2.00	3044.15	33.00	68.00	397.88	49.16		4516.11
Maple Grove	14-14	202.64	23.68	23.68	23.68		3.00	102.15	25.00			27.77		430.72
Mt. Zion, Ellington	38-35	2860.00	164.69	164.69	164.69	110.00	24.00	647.18		43.66	248.34	39.10	60.00	4586.34
Moselle	32-32	1389.00	137.06	126.24	138.24	143.00	14.00	16.90	21.04	46.93	174.84	51.99	25.06	2298.76
Mt. Olive, Kansas	70-60	1383.00	49.83	38.82	377.50	72.44	16.50				173.92	88.43		2219.72
Maple View	51-43	600.00					13.00	564.33	16.00		288.27	42.88		1575.50
Mt. Zion, Poplar Bluff	132-117	1820.00	194.79	194.79	194.79	100.00	5.00	132.65	23.52	28.00	545.54	79.89	60.00	3408.67
Naylor	98-90	1050.00	66.42	132.84						295.99				1611.69
New Providence	59-56	178.70	44.10	9.25	52.72		10.00	7.50	5.00		85.83	44.22		437.32
Northside	56-48	2245.00	61.39	30.69	92.08		13.00	1992.05	139.50	51.35	232.45	64.13		4921.64
Oak Hill	35-35	440.00	25.00	43.00	62.00		5.00	55.00			24.25	21.00	34.00	709.25
Ohlman	31-31	120.00	210.72	179.98	78.19		10.00		705.39			80.00	60.00	1464.28
Proctor City, Tenn.	-24	(Petitionary Letter)					4.00				12.50	6.50		22.94
Providence	123-119	77.40		11.00	3.00	420.73	10.00	624.66	25.00			94.20	34.94	1300.36
Pleasant Grove	50-48	555.00	76.00	126.00	83.00		1.00				80.29	29.34	65.00	1025.53
Pond Creek	96-63	520.00	55.00	55.00	136.96		7.50		85.00			92.49		2774.04
Ridgely, Tenn.	31-22	60.00	70.00	2.50	2.00		6.00				212.50	41.34		394.84
Stoney Point	42-42	376.97	111.10	50.36	60.00		5.00	273.14	19.22	33.13	17.78	16.33		931.53
Springdale	-16	9.50	9.50	9.50		Petitionary Letter			15.00		374.71	27.54		445.75
Springhill	106-100	1560.00	155.98	155.98	311.95	131.00	23.00	1127.21		40.70	465.28	87.92	70.00	4139.02
Sky Line	15-15	312.00		72.17	72.17		13.00		47.50		22.97	20.47	4.00	564.88
Spring Valley	37-30		132.99	132.93	265.76	780.00	18.44	1959.55		2.50	1089.03	163.46		4544.66
Springfield	21-17	414.81	72.93	72.92	72.94			781.83			43.43	26.07		1484.93
Shady Grove	48-44	342.00	116.25	20.00	67.20		5.00	203.72	20.00	72.00	24.72	27.52		898.41
Sikeston	145-117	1780.00	102.91	186.52	65.13	552.70	20.00	961.71	65.97		572.96	122.70	69.66	4500.26
Temple	69-68	1560.00	132.72	108.94	191.00		5.00	350.00	36.05	42.00	675.00	82.00		3182.71
Valles Mines	38-20		145.00	65.00	20.00		5.00	300.00		25.00	84.52	34.01		678.53
White Oak Grove	174-169	3535.00	118.57	236.00	352.89		17.00	587.56	595.54	70.00	1781.58	105.40		7399.54
West Plains	18-12	510.00	90.40	90.40	90.40		13.00	1612.55		42.58	86.22	34.44		2569.99
Walnut Grove	123-121	575.00	71.00	60.00	69.70		3.00	22.77	45.00	19.00	44.14	57.24		966.85
West Blvd., Ill.	-30		278.21	(All Phases of Missions)			3.00	392.53		102.34				776.08
West Doniphan	26-22	895.33	49.69	42.62	139.66		2.00				195.50	44.70	33.25	1402.75
Zalma	45-40	535.00	45.00	45.00	45.00		8.00				144.04	67.40		889.44

Churches	Membership 1956-1957	Pastor's Salary	Interstate and Foreign Missions	State Missions	District Missions	Visiting Ministers and Help in Meetings	Minute Fund and Clerk Hire	Building and Repairs	Benevolence	Christian Education	Incidentals	Paid for S.S. and B.T.S. Supplies	Missouri Baptist Paper	TOTALS
Antioch, Oxly	145-145	$1360.00	$ 85.75	$ 72.00	$144.00	$	$13.00	$ 85.95	$	$	$ 329.15	$ 52.01	$	$ 2141.76
Antioch, Ellington	45-44	400.00	113.50	80.00	85.00		30.00		5.00		18.25	18.13	27.00	776.88
Antioch, St. Louis	42-33	610.00	122.15	159.19	244.24	101.00	13.00	950.00			108.25	47.59		2355.42
Bunker Hill	27-25	1040.00	152.36	78.56	71.35		5.00	2651.29	18.50	20.00	96.45	40.00		4173.51
Brazil	38-36	408.00	22.00	24.00	22.00		8.00				18.00	28.14		730.94
Breton Creek	170-164	2800.00	182.70	350.00	205.00		12.00	431.90	221.80		821.70	106.00		5141.10
Bethel	164-130	2160.00	722.97	210.51	210.51	330.14	20.00		64.06	114.25	1151.06	146.50		5129.00
Bethlehem	60-59	287.00	24.00	48.00	80.00		3.00			4.00	71.00	31.70		548.70
Bethesda	36-32	1265.00	73.73	73.72	147.45		20.00	151.16			458.42	67.15		2256.53
Bates Creek	30-29	360.00		84.69	74.68		15.00		10.00		132.75	16.55		793.67
Black River	60-	183.82			140.50	50.00	5.00	221.84				30.99		632.15
Bethany	210-172	5100.00	492.15			250.50	18.00	2698.59	220.50	235.00	2395.73	475.40	15.00	11900.87
Cave Springs	71-66	1225.00	360.87	191.46	191.46	100.00	5.00	312.35		130.00	312.80	50.61	65.00	2944.55
Chambers Park	120-106	4030.00	2066.79	1452.87	688.92	417.48	25.00	2620.93	53.52	108.30	1369.80	330.60	230.00	13570.97
Calvary	119-106	3642.50	310.95	621.90	310.95		10.00	1802.96	160.17	20.00	1826.97	216.78		9923.18
Cane Creek	47-46	1230.25	70.00	100.00	140.00	106.39	21.00	307.20		113.48		55.18		2143.50
Emmanuel, Poplar Bluff	21-18	189.70	41.63	41.63	57.63		3.00	517.85	65.69			35.93	7.00	960.06
Elmwood	69-66	625.00	108.18	54.09	54.09		6.00		950.00		326.43	42.91		1216.70
1st, Galena, Kans.	258-208	3640.00	164.45	120.00	935.00	183.65		941.39		95.13	1757.20	172.50		8009.32
1st. Potosi	231-248	5200.00	3288.03	1533.62	721.87	416.45	3.00	6836.55	254.87	236.36	4683.50	485.02	194.70	24410.97
1st. Ruble	30-32	175.00	10.00		16.00		17.00	36.00			23.35	23.97		301.32
1st. Bourbon	105-100	2940.00	404.42	131.49	131.47	137.66	13.00	3052.82	221.73	108.42	738.71	133.56		7814.28
1st. MiddleBrook	21-21	460.00	78.97	56.55	41.22		5.00	417.32		32.00	146.70	70.95	12.00	1320.77
Friendship, Harviel	61-50	510.00	55.72	92.79	196.99		3.00			11.27	190.64	55.20		1115.61
Faith	91-88	4062.35	304.29	234.29	480.98		22.00	5292.67	51.79	94.72	1368.44	191.55		12485.19
Friendship, St. Clair	63-61	2080.00	284.00	133.00	184.50	177.00	16.00	45.69		85.47	447.89	73.69		3528.24
1st. Joplin	-37						2.00							
31st. Kansas City	59-59	2110.00	43.00		331.88			916.41			310.19	45.12		4295.56
1st. Matthews	174-160	1520.00	40.00	67.50	8.20	299.50		277.13	26.95		375.62	113.08		2727.98
Gethsemane, Hillsboro	35-35	480.00	101.22	101.22	101.22	119.78		1974.05			234.26	145.82	55.00	3312.57

Our Declaration of Faith (Continued from page 11).

21. That we oppose open communion, alien baptism, union meetings and pulpit affiliation.

22. That the scriptural offices of the church are bishops (pastors) and deacons, and that such men are to meet the high standards set forth in the books of Titus and First Timothy.

23. That we brand as unbaptistic the reception of members from sister churches by statement, and the drawing out of members of a sister church for the purpose of organization without that church's consent.

24. The personal, bodily and imminent return of Christ.

25. That when Christ comes the deceased saints shall be resurrected and the living saints shall be translated and both together shall be caught up in the air to meet the Lord; this is the first resurrection.

26. That Christ shall come with His saints to earth where He shall reign from His throne in Jersusalem for a literal thousand-year reign on earth.

27. That at the close of the millennial reign the wicked dead shall be resurrected and judged at the great white throne.

28. The reality of heaven, involving Divine assurance of eternal happiness for the redeemed of God, and the reality of hell, involving everlasting punishment of the incorrigible wicked.

29. That any church seeking fellowship with this Association must be in harmony with this Declaration of Faith.

Submitted by Committee
R. P. MITCHELL
C. A. DARST
E. C. ENDICOTT
O. A. ROBINSON

STATE MISSIONARY COMMITTEE

The Missionary Committee of the Missouri State Missionary Baptist Association met at the "First Baptist Church" of Potosi, Mo., February 15, 1957 at 10:00 a. m.

Eld. O. A. Robinson called the meeting to order. Eld. S. D. Gibson led the singing; Song: "Tell Me the Story of Jesus." Prayer by Eld. N. J. Gibson.

Eld. Gene Thurman brought the devotional; reading, Romans 12:1-9 Theme "Living Sacrifices." Churches answering the roll call were: Temple, Shady Grove, West Plains, West Doniphan, De Soto, First Potosi, Kewanee, Gethsemane, Naylor, Friendship Harville, Calvary, Friendship St. Clair, Bunker Hill, Antioch St. Louis, Faith, White Oak Grove, Breton Creek, Liberty, Bethesda, Pond Creek, Springhill, Mt. Zion, Ellington.

The Moderator called for the reading of the invitations for the 1957 session of the Association. There were three invitations: West Plains, Meramec Association asked to meet with them at Sullivan, and First church, Potosi. The vote was taken and Sullivan got the majority. Motion and second to make it unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion and second in the event the hall could not be secured for the same time as the Association met last year; that the time be left in the hands of the Committee of the Meramec Association. Motion Carried.

Motion and second that the clerk take the necessary amount out of the State Clerk and Minute fund to pay for mailing the notices of the call meeting. Motion Carried. Motion and Second to adjourn, Motion Carried.

Dismissed in prayer by Eld. J. F. McClain.

ELD. O. A. ROBINSON, Moderator
ELD. ELMER SHULTS, Clerk.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Church	Amount	Church	Amount
Sikeston	$10.00	Bunker Hill	3.00
Mt. Olive, Kansas	3.00	Bethel, St. Clair.	5.00
White Oak Grove	5.00	Bates Creek	5.00
New Providence	3.00	First Potosi	10.00
Matthews	10.00	Zalma	3.00
Friendship, St. Clair.	3.00	West Plains	2.00
Elmwood	6.00	Mt. Zion, Ellington.	3.00
Mt. Zion, Poplar Bluff	5.00	Oak Hill	5.00
Black River	5.00	Providence, Puxico.	5.00
Naylor	5.00	Bethany, St. Louis.	3.00
Bethlehem	3.00	1st Middle Brook	3.00
Antioch	5.00	Ohlman	10.00
Cain Creek	3.00	West Boulevard, Ill.	3.00
Temple	3.00	Stoney Point	5.00
Spring Valley	1.00	Bethesda	5.00
Kewanee	3.00	Little Bethel	3.00
Emmanuel	3.00	Moselle	2.00
Lower Doe Run	2.00	Maple Grove	3.00
Sky Line	3.00	Indian Creek	3.00
Friendship, Harville.	3.00	Ridgle, Tenn.	3.00
Antioch, St. Louis.	5.00	Proctor City, Tenn.	4.00
Calvary, St. Louis	5.00	Maple View	5.00
Pleasant Grove	1.00	Faith	2.00
Pond Creek	5.00	De Soto	10.00
Valles Mines	5.00	Independence	5.00
Macedonia	2.00	Immaneul, Kansas City	5.00
Springdale	5.00	Springhill	5.00
Northside, St. Charles.	3.00	Antioch, Ellington	5.00
Harmony, Kansas.	3.00	Ruble	2.00
First Joplin	2.00	Breton Creek	500.
Cave Springs	5.00	Shady Grove	5.00
West Doniphan	2.00	Brazil	2.00
First Bourbon	4.00	Chambers Park	5.00

OLD MISSIONARY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Old Missionary Committee met at the State Association at Sullivan, Mo. Oct. 29, 1957. The meeting was called to order by the moderator, Eld. O. A. Robinson. Prayer by, Eld. Cecil Burgess. Reading of the previous minutes was called for. Motion and second to adopt the minutes as read. Motion carried.

Churches answering to the roll call were: Antioch, St. Louis; Bates Creek, Breton Creek, Bunker Hill, Bethesda, Bethel, St. Clair; Calvary, First Bourbon, Faith, First Potosi, Friendship Harville, 31st Street, Kansas City; Gethsemane, Harmony, Kansas; Kewanee, Little Bethel, De Soto, Mt. Zion, Ellington; Mt. Zion, Poplar Bluff; Moselle, Macedonia, Ohlman, Pond Creek, Sikeston, Springhill, Shady Grove, Temple White Oak Grove, West Blvd., Ill.

Motion and second to hear the treasurers report. Motion Carried. Eld. R. P. Mitchell gave the treasurers report. Motion and Second to adopt, Carried. The Missionaries were then asked to give their reports. Eld. R. P. Mitchell gave his report of work done on the field during the past year. Motion and Second to adopt this report, Carried.

Eld. E. F. Gibson gave his report of work accomplished during the past year. Motion and second this report be adopted as given. Motion Carried.

Eld. R. E. Jordon then gave his report of work done on the field the past year. Motion and Second to adopt this report. Carried.

Motion and Second to recommend to the Association, "That the Missionaries year begin on Dec. 1 each year. Motion Carried.

Motion and Second the Committee recommend the same number of Missionaries be placed in the field as last year, and One be selecetd as Secretary and Treasurer of Missions. Motion Carried.

Motion and Second the salaries be the same as last year. Carried.

Motion and Second to recommend the Missionary Committee meet every Three Months in the interest of Missions. Carried.

Motion and Second to adjourn and the old Missionary Committee be desolved when this report is accepted by the Association. Motion Carried.

Dismissed in prayer by, Bro. Roy Essmyer.

ELD. O. A. ROBINSON, Moderator
ELD. ELMER SHULTS, Clerk.

MY ANNUAL REPORT TO THE STATE ASSOCIATION

Brethren: Thanks to you and to God for the privilege of serving you in the capacity of Secretary-Treasurer another year. For five long years I have worked with and for you. You have been very kind and sympathetic as churches and pastors. May God bless my feeble efforts to His honor and glory. I regret that we cannot offer more tangible results in favor of our Missionary endeavors. We have gone through the experimental stage in our use of this office. Usually a new thing is tested against the elements of fear, doubt and curosity, such elements are highly explosive and nobody is more aware of this fact than the test pilot. The full worth of such a project is not easily ascertained because certain adjustments have to be made in the light of experience and changing circumstances. Of course, the fellow who knows how to make a thing work won't do it and the fellow who can't, wants to try his hand.

No phase of Mission work can be successfully measured in mathematical terms, as to success or failure. Sound preaching, adherence to blood-bought principles and practices known only to baptists, and the proper use of, and sharing with others the priceless heritage handed to us by our uncompromising baptist predecessors who, though anxious to expand the work they loved, died, rather than deviate one iota from "the faith once delivered to the saints," the faith established by Christ and promulgated by the Apostles, determine the genuine. To stand identified with such gallant soldiers of the cross we must steer clear of this new conciliatory trend which so recently cast its unholy shadow upon Missionary Baptists. This Take-it-easy, you'll-drive-people-away, hands-off, hush-hush, cover-up policy, for peace and harmony sake, is not worthy of the name baptist; and if it is allowed to invade our premises we are headed for trouble.

Brethren, let's put men on the mission field who are tried and tested for their untainted orthodxy, men whose intregrity is unquestionable, men who prefer a minimum report, if in order to have a coveted one, they have to compromise baptist truth. May I sound the alarm, baptist must be on guard, the bride is being hooded beyond identity, hoodwinked by would-be progressives, assailed by the overtures of modern salesmanship unknown to real conservative baptists. Brethren I believe in making progress, if we are not asked to join affinity with pseudo-baptists.

When we are fortunate enough to have on the field such qualified men let's make available to them funds necessary in opening new fields. Our men can not pay hotel bills and make trips to distant fields on their meager salaries. Today people do not or can not take in star boarders while they try to establish work away from home. And don't expect the impossible of them. They cannot do in a short while what

even pastors have not been able to do in several years. Make available to them funds for a building project. Hillsboro is a shining example of what a church can do if it is given help in its early life.

This year, has not been without success in our state missions endeavors. Many souls are reported to have been saved, Bro. Jordon reports one church organized in Tenneesee. I know nothing of it firsthand.

The Gethsemane church and Bro. Gibson have made much progress as his report will show. May we say thank God for all His blessings.

A serious voice condition and other personal matters will not permit my doing further mission work. May God bless my successors in the mission field, and also the faithful pastors as you carry on.

Below is an itemized report of my work this year.

Revivals 3; Fifth Sunday Meetings 6; B. T. S. Rallies Local 5, state 1; Ordinations 5; Committee Meetings 2; Lectures, Sermons and Lessons, 125; Professions of Faith, Baptisms and additions 10; Visited the sick in and out of Hospitals many times; Attended Associations Local three, state 1; Did much work investigating new fields; collected $600.00. We have all bills paid with a nice balance in Treasury.

Humbly Submitted,
R. P. MITCHELL.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING OCT. 31, 1957

Mission Receipts

November	$ 878.30	
December	729.75	
January	998.84	
February	913.16	
March	697.68	
April	885.05	
May	855.31	
June	754.90	
July	816.60	
August	887.42	
September	817.51	
October	894.72	
Mission Receipts		$10,129.24
Carried Over	$1,481.14	
TOTAL		$11,610.38

Expenditures:

E. F. Gibson (Col. $520.00) Pd.	$3,080.00	
R. E. Jordan (Col. $175.50) Pd.	3,424.50	
R. P. Mitchell	4,200.00	
Total Expense	$10,704.50	$10,704.50
Balance in Missions		895.88

Incidental Fund:

Receipts	$ 118.00	
Carried Over	194.35	
TOTAL	$ 312.35	$ 312.35
Total Balance in Treasury		$1,208.23

R. P. MITCHELL.

MISSOURI STATE MISSIONS

Elder R. E. Jordon

Sermons Preached	180
Conversions Witnessed	25
Additions To Churches	59
Homes Visited	1775
Fields Visited In View of Work	19
Hospital Visits	25
5th Sunday Meetings Attended	2
Churches Visited	1
Revivals Conducted	5
Baptisms Performed	11
Rededications Witnessed	39
Bible Schools Visited	1
Funerals Directed	4
Cottage Prayer Services Conducted	4
B. T. S. Rallies Attended	4
Missions Opened	1
Vsiits To the Sick, Hospitals	25
Services In Old Aged Homes	1
B. T. S. Organized	2
Sunday Schools Organized	2
Mission Meetings Attended	1
Revivals Visited	2
Churches Organized	1
Churches Re-Activated	1
Baptisms Witnessed	5
Helped In Revivals	1
Associations Attended	2
Collected On The Field	$ 175.50
Received From The Treasurer	$3,424.50

Paid In Full, Sincerely, R. E. JORDAN.

ANNUAL REPORT OF MISSIONARY E. F. GIBSON

Thirteen conversions, fourteen baptisms, eight additions otherwise (twenty-two additions), and 154 sermons preached. Worked principally with the Gethsemane Baptist Church, Hillsboro, Missouri.

The basement unit of the building is completed adequately for worship, except the rest rooms which are being installed. The total present membership of the church is thirty-nine. During the year the church has had a phenomenal spiritual growth, also Offerings received, $520. Received from Secretary of Missions, $3080. The prayers and support of the churches and brethren have been appreciated very much.

E. F. GIBSON.

REPORT OF ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE

We your Committee on Enrollment wish to report, That there are Fifty-seven churches represented by Messengers.

There are Fourteen churches representing by letters, and Two Petitionary letters, making a total of Seventy-One churches represented.

Your committee,

O. MELVIN SCOTT
GENE THURMAN
C. O. THORNHILL

REVOLVING LOAN FUND

First Baptist, Potosi, Mo.	$ 65.26
Chambers Park	174.75
Immanuel, Kansas City	30.96
Cave Springs	18.37
Bethany	4.75
White Oak Grove	29.23
De Soto	16.96
Gethsemane (Paid on Loan Principle plus interest)	525.34
Temple	13.89
Total Collected	$ 879.51
Brought Forward	$7,924.20
Grand Total	$8,803.71
Loan to Gethsemane Baptist Church	$3,000.00
Balance on hand to date	$5,803.71

JESSE M. RAYFIELD

REPORT OF REVOLVING LOAN FUND COMMITTEE

Minutes of Trustees Meeting at First Baptist Church, Potosi, Missouri.

On the night of December 18, 1956 four trustees of the Building Loan Fund of the Missouri State Association met at the First Baptist Church of Potosi, Mo.

The meeting was opened with prayer with Bro. W. S. Gordon acting as temporary chairman .

Motion and second that Bro. Gordon serve as moderator. Motion carried.

Motion and second that Bro. N. J. Gibson serve as clerk. Motion carried.

The treasurers report was called for and read by Bro. Jesse Rayfield.

Motion and second that we draw up rules for use in the depostion of the fund and for presentation to the association. Motion carried.

Rules were drawn up as follows:

1. Time for loans five years.
2. Loan to any church to be limited to 75% of the appraised value of their property.
3. Limit Loans to our state mission work until our state association.
4. A rate of 4% interest be set for loans.
5. Require an abstract of title and attorneys opinion to show the property has good and merchantable title.
6. Stipulate that churches obtaining loans make monthly payments.
7. Any church receiving a loan will be required to have a resolution drawn up authorizing the trustees to sign a deed of trust and the resolution be approved by the church and be recorded with the deed of trust.

Motion and second that we approve a loan of $3,000.00 to Gethsemane Baptist Church at Hillsboro subject to a written application being submitted by them. Motion carried.

Motion and second that we ask them to begin making payments when they move into the building. Motion carried.

Motion and second that we authorize the treasurer to advance Gethsemane church money on their loan to fiinsh paying for their lot and that he pay the remainder of the loan when he receives the deed of trust. Motion carried.

Motion and second to adjourn. Motion carried. Dismissed in prayer.

ELD. W. S. GORDON, Moderator
ELD. N. J. GIBSON, Clerk.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Be it resolved that we, the Messengers and visitors of the Missouri State Baptist Association, express our gratitude to the churches comprising the Meramec Association for the invitation to meet with them, (with special appreciation going to the Cave Springs Church and Pastor Lynn Gibson as the church which extended the invitation).

Be it further resolved that we express our thanks for the splendid entertainment during the sitting of this Association; Be it also resolved that we express our thanks to the officers of this Association for their untiring efforts during this Association.

R. W. GIBSON
NOEL EDWARDS.

NEW MISSIONARY COMMITTEE

The Moderator of the Old Missionary Committee, Eld. O. A. Robinson called meeting to order; Bro. T. A. Hines led in prayer.

Churches answering to the roll call were: Calvary, West Blvd., Ill.; First Matthews, White Oak Grove, Breton Creek, Chambers Park, Bethel, First Middle Brook, Gethsemane, Springdale, Spring Valley, Northside, Zalma, Sikeston, Friendship, Harville, Little Bethel, Fairdealing, Mt. Zion, Poplar Bluff; De Soto, Antioch, St. Louis; Temple, Bethesda, Bethany, Shady Grove, Kewanee, Bunker Hill, First Potosi, Independence, Cain Creek, Springhill, Mt. Zion, Ellington, First Bourbon.

Nominations for Chairman were: O. A. Robinson, C. A. Darst, R. P. Mitchell, J. H. Gibson, J. E. Dempsey. Eld. O. A. Robinson was elected.

Nominations for Clerk were: Elmer Shults, J. E. Dempsey, Oliver Mullen. Elmer Shults was elected. Motion and Second to adjourn, subject to call. Carried.

Dismissed in prayer by, Bro. Ray Thurman.

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Bethlehem, Doniphan, Mo.—W. C. Henson—Doniphan, Mo.
Bates Creek, Potosi, Mo.—John Campbell—Potosi, Mo.

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