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MINUTES

Of The Fifty-Fourth Annual Session Of The BAPTIST MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION OF MISSOURI

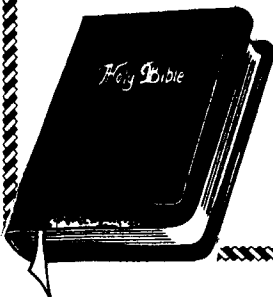
1981 Annual Session Held With The
ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
St. Louis, Missouri
October 26th—27th

PRESIDENT..... Eld. Jack Courtney
VICE-PRESIDENT..... Eld. S. P. Chitwood
RECORDING SECRETARY Eld. Dale G. Fish
ASSISTANT RECORDING SECRETARY Eld. Jerome Cooper

1982

Semi-Annual Meeting will be held with the
GRANDVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH
Springfield, Missouri
On the third Tuesday of May at 10:00 A.M.

Annual meeting will be held with the
CHAMBERS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH
12220 Fountain Lane
St. Louis, Missouri
On Monday and Tuesday before
First Sunday in November, 1982—2:00 P.M.



ANNUAL MESSAGE..... Eld. Martin Jameson
ALTERNATE..... Eld. Kenny Gibson

HISTORICAL TABLE

Year	Church	President	Secretary	Sermon
1928	Potosi	M. M. Hamlin	A. H. Dorman	Ben M. Bogard
1929	Sullivan	W. A. Gilbert	A. H. Dorman	W. E. Counts
1930	Antioch	C. D. Crites	A. H. Dorman	C. D. Crites
1931	White Oak Grove	C. D. Crites	A. H. Dorman	A. Studyvin
1932	Mt. Enon	C. D. Crites	A. H. Dorman	Ben F. Nall
1933	Oak Grove	C. D. Crites	E. S. Ray	C. W. Penrod
1934	Potosi	M. B. Hubbard	E. S. Ray	M. L. Winter
1935	Sullivan	M. B. Hubbard	E. S. Ray	M. B. Hubbard
1936	Mt. Pleasant	M. B. Hubbard	C. A. Darst	A. D. Bennett
1937	Mt. Arrat	L. H. Owens	C. A. Darst	L. H. Owens
1938	Independence	L. H. Owens	W. S. Gordon	C. A. Darst
1939	White Oak Grove	L. H. Owens	W. S. Gordon	H. F. Gunn
1940	Bethel	L. H. Owens	W. S. Gordon	Sol Gibson
1941	Mt. Pleasant	H. F. Gunn	W. S. Gordon	G. E. Jones
1942	Independence	C. D. Barton	W. S. Gordon	W. S. Gordon
1943	Potosi	C. D. Barton	W. S. Gordon	G. W. Hawthorne
1944	Mt. Zion	L. H. Owens	W. S. Gordon	H. W. Darst
1945	Independence	C. A. Darst	W. S. Gordon	E. C. Endicott
1946	Galena, Kansas	C. A. Darst	W. S. Gordon	F. E. Gimlin
1947	Kewanee	C. A. Darst	W. S. Gordon	J. F. McClain
1948	Independence	C. A. Darst	W. S. Gordon	G. W. Fox
1949	Galena, Kansas	C. A. Darst	W. S. Gordon	R. A. Brand
1950	Bethel	C. A. Darst	W. S. Gordon	Charles McClain
1951	Potosi	C. A. Darst	G. W. Fox	E. C. Endicott
1952	Ellington	C. A. Darst	G. W. Fox	J. F. McClain
1953	Chambers Park	C. A. Darst	W. R. Speer	W. R. Speer
1954	Bethel	C. A. Darst	W. R. Speer	E. V. Davis
1955	Neelyville	C. A. Darst	W. R. Speer	H. C. Pape
1956	Potosi	W. R. Speer	Elmer Shults	R. E. Jordon
1957	Cave Springs	O. A. Robinson	Elmer Shults	H. M. Dry
1958	West Plains	O. A. Robinson	Cecil Burgess	Cecil Burgess
1959	Chambers Park	R. P. Mitchell	Elmer Shults	Jurl Mitchell
1960	Immanuel	R. P. Mitchell	Elmer Shults	C. A. Darst
1961	Ellington	G. W. Fox	N. J. Gibson	G. W. Fox
1962	Van Buren	G. W. Fox	G. W. Hawthorne	Noel Meade
1963	West Plains	E. F. Gibson	G. W. Hawthorne	G. W. Fox
1964	Bethel, Potosi	E. F. Gibson	Elmer Shults	R. P. Mitchell
1965	Mt. Zion	C. A. Darst	Elmer Shults	Harold Condray
1966	Independence	C. A. Darst	Charles Ray	C. A. Darst
1967	Northside	G. W. Fox	Charles Ray	Elmer Shults
1968	Friendship, Ill.	G. W. Fox	Jack R. Courtney	Jack R. Courtney
1969	Palmer Heights	R. P. Mitchell	Jack R. Courtney	Ronald Fields
1970	Chambers Park	O.A. Robinson	N.J. Gibson	Thomas Foster
1971	Emmanuel	O.A. Robinson	N.J. Gibson	Donald Hoffman
1972	Bethany	C.A. Darst	D.G. Fish	J.A. Brandon
1973	Friendship, Ill.	O.A. Robinson	D.G. Fish	Leon Harvey

HISTORICAL TABLE (Continued)

Year	Church	President	Secretary	Sermon
1974	Trinity	O. A. Robinson	Richard Britt	W. H. Newman
1975	Bethany	G. W. Fox	Richard Britt	H. W. Darst
1976	Lighthouse	G. W. Fox	Dale G. Fish	J. E. Mason
1977	Bethel, Potosi	C. R. Curtman	Dale G. Fish	Richard Britt
1978	Independence, Neelyville	W. H. Newman	Richard Britt	O. A. Robinson
1979	Bethany, St. Louis	W. H. Newman	Richard Britt	B. M. Riden
1980	Bethel, Sikeston	Jack Courtney	Dale G. Fish	Jack Courtney
1981	Zion, St. Louis	Jack Courtney	Dale G. Fish	Jerome Cooper

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Association called to order
2. Committee on Enrollment
3. Permanent Organization
4. Business
5. Annual Message in Evening Service
6. Committee Reports
 - State Missions (Sec.-Treas.; Missionaries;
Special Missions Committee)
 - Mobile Unit Committee
 - Revolving Loan Fund Committee
 - Youth Director and Encampment Trustees
 - W.M.A. (Appointed by President)
 - Enrollment (Appointed by President)
 - Finance (Appointed by President)
 - Resolutions
 - MISSOURI MISSIONARY BAPTIST (By
Editor and Publications Committee)

Representatives of B.M.A. of America or other states shall be given opportunity to speak at the discretion of the President.
7. Miscellaneous Business
8. Adjournment

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.

We believe:

1. The Bible is a divinely inspired Book, a perfect rule of faith and practice for Missionary Baptists, a supreme standard by which we are to be directed and by which all men shall be judged.

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 God-head 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. 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. In the personal work of the Holy Spirit.

7. That man is a free moral agent and is therefore totally accountable to God for his character, conduct, and response to the preaching of the Word.

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

9. That the Bible teaches the personality of Satan.

10. 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 to hell.

11. 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.

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

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

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

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

16. That the Great Commission as recorded in Matthew 28:19-20 was given to the local church.

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

18. 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 her ordinances are not valid.

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

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

21. That all Scriptural association assemblies and their committees are servants of the churches creating them.

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

23. 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.

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.

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES OF COOPERATION OF THE BAPTIST MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION OF MISSOURI

Article I — Name

The name of this cooperative work is Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri.

Article II — Purpose

The purpose of this Association is to encourage cooperative Christian activity among the churches, to promote missions on the New Testament basis, to stimulate interest in Christian education and Christian literature, to initiate any other work in harmony with the Master's will for His churches, and to provide a medium through which the churches may cooperate in these enterprises.

Article III — Membership

Section 1. This Association is composed of Missionary Baptist Churches which are in sympathy with its doctrines, purpose and work, and which are Scriptural in origin, doctrine, and practice as defined in our Declaration of Faith.

Section 2. Any church desiring to cooperate in this Association shall send a petitionary letter, accompanied with satisfactory testimony of her regularity, order, orthodoxy, and willingness to work in harmony with the principles of this Association. All churches shall be received by a majority vote. This Association reserves the right to withdraw fellowship from any church she may deem heterodox or disorderly.

Section 3. Any church not identifying with this Association either by messenger or letter for two consecutive years shall be considered as having terminated her membership in this Association.

Article IV — Meetings

Section 1. Messengers of the churches in this Association shall hold annual and semi-annual sessions.

Section 2. Each church in this Association is entitled to three messengers chosen from her membership, whose qualifications shall be determined by the churches electing them.

Article V — Officers

Section 1. The officers of this Association shall be president, a vice-president, a recording secretary, an assistant recording secretary, and any other officers which the messengers may choose to elect. These officers shall be elected at each annual session by nomination and acclamation and the president and vice-president shall not hold the same office more than two consecutive years.

Section 2. The duties of the officers shall be such as usually devolve on such officers of a deliberative body.

Section 3. The recording secretary shall hold all money which is designated for minute fund and secretary hire and shall disburse it as the Association directs.

Article VI — Standing Committee

Section 1. Each standing committee shall be elected on a staggered basis.

Section 2. No one shall serve on more than one standing committee at the same time.

Section 3. No one shall succeed himself on a standing committee.

Section 4. No one who is an employee of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri may serve on a committee under whose supervision he may come.

Section 5. Each standing committee shall organize annually with such officers as it deems necessary.

Article VII — Other Committees

Section 1. A nominating committee of three, whose duty shall be to present nominations for the standing committees at the annual session, shall be elected at the semi-annual session. This committee shall give due consideration to the various sections of our Association. The chair shall call for other nominations from the floor in each case.

Section 2. The president shall name committees on finance and enrollment.

Article VIII — Missions

Section 1. A committee of five shall be elected to serve as a Special Missions Committee, whose duties shall be: (1) To seek out qualified, interested men for the work, (2) To receive from the churches recommendations of men for the same, (3) To hear from interested men their desire to be considered for the missions work; (4) To make an investigation of each person so presented to it before recommending him to the messenger body or to the Missionary Committee as qualified for the work, a response from the prospective missionary to the initial investigative questionnaire being in the committee's hands with sufficient time to complete an adequate, equitable investigation, and (5) To work with the secretary-treasurer of missions as advisors in the area of state missions.

Section 2. The above provisions do not preclude nominations from the floor, but each nominee must comply with provision number four above before election.

Section 3. The missionaries and the secretary-treasurer of missions shall be nominated and elected at any session of the Association for an indefinite period. An unsalaried assistant secretary-treasurer of missions shall be elected annually.

Section 4. No newly elected missionary personnel shall go on salary until a letter of endorsement or recommendation from the church in which they hold membership is in the hands of the Special Missions Committee.

Section 5. For the purpose of service and information, there shall be a Missionary Committee composed of one committeeman from each church, duly elected by the church in which he holds membership. The officers of this committee shall be a chairman and a clerk. Fifteen committeemen shall constitute a quorum.

The duties of this committee shall be: (1) To meet between sessions at the call of the chairman (two week's notice of the proposed meeting being given) to fill vacancies on the missions staff, and to resolve urgent problems relating to missions; (2) To serve the churches as they may direct; (3) To attend to all necessary business not otherwise provided for; and (4) To report their work at each regular session.

Article IX — Publications

Section 1. There shall be a committee of three elected by the messengers to be known as The Missouri Baptist Publications Committee which shall be responsible for the publication of THE MISSOURI MISSIONARY BAPTIST.

Section 2. An editor and an assistant editor shall be elected annually, the editor's salary being determined by the messengers.

Section 3. The editor shall also serve as business manager of THE MISSOURI MISSIONARY BAPTIST and shall annually give a complete financial report.

Article X — Mobile Unit

The messengers shall elect a Mobile Unit Committee of three to supervise the relocation, use and care of the mobile unit in the interest of the Association.

Article XI — Revolving Loan Fund

Section 1. The messengers shall elect a committee of five to administer a Revolving Loan Fund.

Section 2. The purpose of the Revolving Loan Fund is to give financial aid to state missions projects.

Section 3. This committee shall be incorporated under the not-for-profit laws of the State of Missouri.

Article XII — Encampments and Youth Work

Section 1. The messengers shall elect an encampment committee of five, known as The Baptist Training Service Assembly of Missouri, who shall be incorporated under the not-for-profit laws of the State of Missouri.

Section 2. This committee shall hold and maintain all property related to this department's functions, and shall supervise all this department's activities and personnel.

Article XIII — Women's Missionary Auxiliary

Section 1. There shall be a department called the Women's Missionary Auxiliary of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri.

Section 2. The purpose of this department is to encourage and aid in the organization of local and district W.M.A.'s and Youth Auxiliaries in the churches of this Association and to encourage a spirit of cooperation and helpfulness in all phases of Christian work.

Section 3. The General Statement of Principles for State Auxillaries as outlines in the MANUAL FOR THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY AUXILIARIES OF THE BAPTIST MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA shall be the guideline for the work of this department.

Article XIV — Amendments

Section 1. This Statement of Principles or Our Declaration of Faith may be amended at any annual or semi-annual session by a two-thirds majority vote of the messengers present and voting, provided that notice of the proposed amendment be presented in writing in a prior meeting of the same or a previous session.

Section 2. The By-Laws of this Association which accompany this Statement of Principles may be changed in any session by a majority vote.



BY-LAWS OF THE BAPTIST MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION OF MISSOURI

I—GENERAL

1. Unless otherwise provided for all questions shall be decided by a majority vote.
2. The presiding officer shall decide all points of order and shall maintain order. Any messenger may appeal the chair's decision to the messenger body.
3. Each messenger desiring to speak shall rise, address the chair, and after recognition speak respectfully.
4. All officers and all standing committee members shall be members of churches of this Association.
5. Standing committee members, the secretary-treasurer of missions, the editor, the youth director, and the camp superintendent shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in performance of their duties. The mileage rate shall be twenty-five cents per mile.

II—MEETINGS

1. The annual session shall convene on Monday at 2:00 P.M. and on Tuesday at 9:30 A.M. before the first Sunday in November.
2. The semi-annual session shall convene on the third Tuesday in May at 10:00 A.M.
3. The program for the semi-annual session, except for business, shall be prepared by the president of the Association, the secretary-treasurer of missions, and the pastor of the host church.
4. An Annual Missions Symposium shall be held on Friday and Saturday before the 4th Sunday in March, and the Secretary-Treasurer of Missions shall prepare the program.

III—MISSIONS

1. The messengers at the annual session shall set the salaries of the missions staff and shall recommend to the churches any incidentals which may be necessary to the advancement of missions work; such as (a) office help and (b) assistance in locating and relocating missionaries on the field.

2. The missionaries shall consult with the Secretary-Treasurer of Missions and the Special Missions Committee in the selection of a field of service, or change of field. Consultation shall also be sought concerning the best method of beginning a work in a selected field and in determining the possibility of establishing a permanent work.

3. The missionaries shall report all funds received in the course of their work to the secretary-treasurer of missions. All allowances, gratuities, and stipulated offerings given by a church or a group of churches to the missionary personnel for, or in connection with, services performed shall be taken into account and the salary paid by the Association shall be adjusted accordingly.

4. The missionaries shall submit a written monthly report to the secretary-treasurer of missions, who shall report both their work and his through The MISSOURI MISSIONARY BAPTIST. These reports shall include all absences from the field, including revivals and vacations. All missionary personnel shall give a written annual report and shall also be prepared to give an oral report at any other meeting of the messengers or of the Missionary Committee.

5. All missionary personnel shall have two weeks of paid vacation and all Missionaries' and wives' expense will be paid to the Annual meeting of the Baptist Missionary Association of America and all meetings of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri.

6. All missionary personnel shall be granted the privilege of two weeks revival time (two Sundays) away from the missions field with full pay plus any compensation given directly to him by the church involved.

7. \$350 per month of the salary of the missionary personnel and the editor shall be designated as housing and utility allowance; \$165 per week salary plus hospital insurance shall be paid; and \$20 per week shall be designated for Social Security to be paid at whatever interval the missionary desires.

8. Each missionary shall be expected to lead the mission congregation of which he is missionary-pastor, upon organization into a New Testament church, to adopt a systematic, graduated method of paying a pastor's salary (in addition to their regular missions offerings).

Suggested plan: Begin with \$10 per month and increase that amount by \$10 per month until a full salary is reached. This amount shall be sent monthly to the secretary-treasurer of missions.

9. For disabled missionary personnel full salary shall continue for three weeks, after which time the Special Missions Committee shall review the case and salary adjustments shall be made to reflect any disability income.

10. The assistant secretary-treasurer of missions shall receive and disburse funds in the event of disability or a vacancy in the office of secretary-treasurer of missions.

11. The secretary-treasurer of missions' duties shall include (1) endeavoring to visit each church in this Association at least once per year, (2) receiving all missions funds and disbursing them as directed by the messengers, and making a complete financial report at the annual session, and (3) counseling with and assisting the missionaries in promoting and enlarging our missions endeavors.

12. That we begin a Missions' Out-Reach Program for the purpose of aiding self-support missionaries, with funds for building rental, utilities, and incidental needs required in starting a new mission work.

13. That any person desiring to participate in this program must meet the requirements for a missionary as set forth in Article 8 of our Statement of Principles of Cooperation.

14. That funds for building rental and utilities shall not exceed \$250 per month.

15. That funds for incidentals shall not exceed \$25 per month.

16. That funds be supplied for not more than a period of six months.

17. That the Editor publish monthly financial reports of Missions and The Missouri Missionary Baptist in the paper.

18. That the secretary-treasurer be permitted to solicit special offerings for missions from the churches as the need arises, thus eliminating special emphasis each year.

19. That one per cent of all general funds received for missions be designated as incidental funds to be used for publishing tracts and purchasing materials for missions use.

IV—REVOLVING LOAN FUND

1. The committee may, at the direction of the messenger body or the missionary committee, buy and hold title to property for future missions development.

2. The committee shall work with the Special Missions Committee, the Secretary-Treasurer of Missions, and the missionary in locating and purchasing property in a chosen field for a state missions project.

3. The committee shall also work with the Special Missions Committee, the Secretary-Treasurer of Missions, and the missionary in planning, financing and erecting a first-unit type of building on the chosen property.

Due consideration should be given to the possibility of using the mobile missions unit on the property until such time as the first-unit building may be put into use.

The following points should be carefully considered in the planning, financing and erecting of a first-unit building:

- A. It should be of sufficient size to allow the mission to begin and grow toward self-sufficiency.
- B. It should be a type of construction (steel, modular, pre-fab, shell, etc.) so as to be of maximum attractiveness without binding the mission under a crippling, long-term debt. It should also be built so as to enhance its salability.
- C. It should be situated on the property and constructed in a manner that would not hinder any future permanent construction.

4. The mission congregation which is using Revolving Loan Fund assets shall be expected, from the beginning, to contribute 10% of all regular offerings to the Revolving Loan Fund on a monthly basis until the total indebtedness for property and the first-unit building is paid. The mission congregation is encouraged when possible, to make extra indebtedness payments above the 10%. There shall be no interest charged to the mission congregation for the use of Revolving Loan Fund money.

5. For the purpose of clarification, a congregation shall be considered a "state missions project" even after it is organized into a New Testament church, so long as it is indebted to the Revolving Loan Fund.

6. Upon full retirement of the indebtedness to the Revolving Loan Fund, the committee shall transfer the title to the property and building to the church.

7. Two signatures shall be required on each check on funds paid out by this committee.

8. Local associations affiliated with the B.M.A. of Missouri may apply for loans from the Revolving Loan Fund for local missions projects. Such applications shall be considered by the committee and a recommendation brought to the messenger body or the missionary committee for approval.

Such loans shall be considered temporary financing, to be repaid at the earliest convenience. No interest shall be charged on such loans.

Such loans shall be guaranteed by a first deed of trust, except in the event that the messenger body or the missionary committee approve the acceptance of a second deed of trust.

9. The messengers shall elect annually a Revolving Loan Fund treasurer and assistant treasurer.

STANDING COMMITTEES

SPECIAL MISSIONS COMMITTEE

O.A. Robinson	1982
M. M. Henson	1983
W. H. Newman	1984
Wayne Gibson	1985
Clint Colburn	1986

MISSOURI MISSIONARY BAPTIST PUBLICATION COMMITTEE

George DeClue	1982
William Fulcher	1983
Gene Hankins	1984

REVOLVING LOAN FUND COMMITTEE

J. E. Mason	1982
Kenneth Gibson	1983
Joe Wilkerson	1984
Clarence Crawford	1985
D. F. Magruder	1986

BAPTIST TRAINING SERVICE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE

S. P. Chitwood	1982
G. W. Fox	1983
Noel Meade	1984
Danny Hoffman	1985
Elva Asberry	1986

MOBILE UNIT COMMITTEE

Johnny Beardsley	1982
Gary Brewer	1983
Denver Page	1984

MISSIONARY COMMITTEE

S. P. Chitwood	Chairman
J. E. Brown	Assistant Chairman
Jim Tollison	Clerk
Richard Britt	Assistant Clerk

**NAMES AND ADDRESSES
OF CLERKS AND TREASURERS
OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

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REVOLVING LOAN FUND COMMITTEE TREASURER

Clarence Crawford
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Belgrade, Missouri 63622

REVOLVING LOAN FUND COMMITTEE CLERK

Clarence Crawford
Route 1
Belgrade, Missouri 63622

SPECIAL MISSIONS COMMITTEE CLERK

O. A. Robinson
11229 Midland Blvd.
St. Louis, Missouri 63114

V—ENCAMPMENTS AND YOUTH WORK

1. The messengers shall elect the following annually: (a) camp superintendent, (b) youth director, (c) assistant youth director, (d) encampment treasurer, and (e) assistant encampment treasurer.

2. The Encampment Committee, camp superintendent, and youth director shall make plans for the annual encampment which shall begin on the last Tuesday of July.

3. The camp superintendent shall supervise the overall activities of the encampment as directed by the Encampment Committee and if possible shall render such aid as the youth director may request.

4. The youth director shall promote the youth work among the churches, plan and supervise student retreats, and edit a youth column in THE MISSOURI MISSIONARY BAPTIST.

5. The Spring Youth Retreat shall be held Friday and Saturday, before the third Sunday in May. The Fall Youth Retreat shall be held Friday and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September. The minimum age for the Youth Retreat is 14 years old except where younger children of necessity attend and they must be accompanied by parents who are in attendance.

All programs of student retreats shall be approved by the Encampment Committee.

6. The Encampment Committee shall approve all use of the camp grounds.

7. The Encampment Committee treasurer shall maintain a separate fund for the Youth Director's use as money is needed.

VI—THE MISSOURI MISSIONARY BAPTIST

1. The subscription price of the paper shall be \$3 per year.

2. Senior citizens (those over 65) shall be given a free subscription to the paper.

3. All past, present, and future editors shall have a life-time subscription to the paper.

4. The paper shall be published on the first and third Thursday of each month except during the week of the National Association.

5. The editor shall be allowed to solicit funds for the paper at any time he deems it necessary.

6. The editor shall keep on file three (3) copies of each issue of the Missouri Missionary Baptist for a period of one year. One copy of each issue shall be kept in permanent file.

7. The editor shall be allowed to hire clerical help at the rate of \$2.50 per hour for a maximum of 20 hours per month as funds are available.

Camp Rules

BAPTIST TRAINING SERVICE ASSEMBLY OF MISSOURI

We recognize our camp grounds as a place where we may come to have religious services, to enjoy Christian fellowship, and to have wholesome recreation. In the light of these aims, we feel that all who attend should do so in view of honoring and respecting the name of God and our Lord Jesus Christ. If we share this aim, the following rules should not be too severe, and shall serve to guide us in our fellowship while on the camp grounds:

1. All minors who are in attendance should have a sponsor or a supervisor.

2. All who shall attend shall refrain from the use of tobacco while on the camp grounds.

3. All manner of dress must be that which becometh Christians. Shorts and indecent dress of male and female are not such as becometh Christians. Modesty of dress must prevail.

4. Everyone shall assemble under the tabernacle when such services are called, and shall remain unless permission is secured to leave. (Workers are not under this restriction.)

5. No one is to be absent from class except in case of illness, and then only by permission.

6. When bed time has been signaled, no one shall be allowed out of the dorms without the permission of the one in charge. Whenever the sleep-time signal is given, the supervisor's order shall be respected.

7. No camper or couple shall depart from the immediate assembly or recreation area to a remote section of the camp grounds.

8. Conduct on the grounds and in dorms must be according to Christian standards.

9. The trustees shall be empowered to enforce said rules or shall empower others to assist.

10. The trustees shall be empowered to expel anyone from the camp grounds, after proper counseling fails, who deliberately and willingly breaks the above rules or to expel whoever they feel is not fit to remain on the camp grounds.

11. This association shall direct the trustees to supply each church of the association with copies of these rules in advance of any encampment date.

DRESS CODE

Realizing that our campground is a place for worship and Christian fellowship, and realizing that modesty in dress should always be prevalent in the life of a Christian, we recommend the following:

DRESS CODE FOR MEN

1. No short pants or tank-top shirts worn.
2. That neatness of dress prevail at all time. Shirt tails tucked in pants, shirts fully buttoned except for top or collar button.

DRESS CODE OF WOMEN

3. For ladies and girls that there be no shorts, halters, or midriff blouses worn.

4. That slacks (not jeans) be permitted for all times, except worship services. All slacks must be knee length or longer.

5. That dresses worn should be at least knee length; if split-tailed, the split be no longer than four inches.

Dresses must not be sun-back or string-type shoulder straps. NOTE: Our camp rules suggest that all who attend should do so in view of respecting the name of God and our Lord Jesus Christ. Let each camper see that his dress complies with this spirit.

CAMP RULES: Adopted by the B.M.A. of Missouri, May 19, 1970

DRESS CODE: Adopted by the B.M.A. of Missouri, May 19, 1981

**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION
When Convened With
Moselle Baptist Church
Union, Missouri
May 19, 1981**

10:00 A.M.

Bro. Doug Brawley led "We'll Work 'till Jesus Comes" with Sis. Wilma Fox at the piano to begin the opening service of the Semi-Annual Meeting of the BMA of Missouri. After singing "Stand Up For Jesus", Bro. Wayne Gibson led in the opening prayer.

Our moderator, Bro. Jack Courtney, recognized Bro. Don Hoffman to welcome the BMA of Missouri.

Bro. Courtney introduced the program by reading Romans 10:8-15, the theme scripture.

Bro. Don Adams gave the first topic, "The Reason for being a Missionary". Bro. Adams used the scripture Isaiah 5:14, Man alienated from God; Romans 3:9-19, Guilty before God; and the topic, Many Have believed a Lie.

Bro. Dale Fish gave the topic, "Those Who are Responsible for Missions". Bro. Fish used the scriptures John 20:21, Psalm 107:2-3 and Matthew 28:18-20.

Bro. O. C. McMasters gave the final topic, "The Resources Necessary to be a Missionary. Bro. McMasters used the scripture Titus 2:1, Speak those things which become sound doctrine; and John 14:6, Without way—No going, Without truth—No knowing, Without life—No living.

Bro. Courtney expressed his appreciation for the topics and then called upon Bro. Brawley to lead the congregation in singing "Grace Greater Than Our Sins". Sis. Wilma Fox was at the piano. After this song, Bro. Fred Vogel led the congregation in prayer.

Bro. Courtney introduced Bro. Don Newsom, BMA of America Missionary to the Phillipines, who was to bring the morning message.

Bro. Newsom gave us greeting from Bro. Melvin Meade. He then gave an account of the work in the Phillipines.

Bro. Newsom used as a text for his sermon, Psalm 91:14-16. His sermon subject was "Because we love Him". After this inspiring message, Bro. Courtney expressed appreciation for the message to Bro. Newsom.

Bro. Darst requested we take an offering and divide it between State Missions and Foreign Missions. Bro. Earl Johnston and Bro. Doug Brawley came to take the offering.

Motion and second that we adjourn until 1:30. Carried.

Bro. Elmer Shults led in the dismissal prayer.

1:30 P.M.

Bro. Doug Brawley led the congregation in singing "I Know that My Redeemer Liveth" as the opening song for the afternoon session. Bro. William Fulcher led in prayer.

Bro. Courtney recognized the messengers present by having them to stand. He then recognized the visitors present.

Before going into business, Bro. Courtney reviewed the items that would be addressed.

Bro. Dunn from Victory Children's Home was recognized to speak.

Bro. H. W. Darst, Secretary-Treasurer of Missions was recognized to give his report for the period October 1, 1980 to March 31, 1981. Motion and second that this report be adopted. Motion carried.

Bro. Wayne Simmons was called to give his report as State Missionary with the Christway Missionary Baptist Church. Motion and second that this Missionary Report be adopted. Carried.

Bro. Courtney recognized Bro. W. H. Newman to give the Missionary Report for Bro. Johnny Beardsley, Missionary-Pastor of Lighthouse Missionary Baptist Church in Malden. Bro. Beardsley was not able to attend the meeting due to ministering to a family who had experienced a tragic death. Motion and second that Bro. Beardsley's report be adopted. Carried.

Bro. Don Hoffman was recognized to give the report of the Missionary Committee. Motion and second that this report be adopted. Spoken to by Bro. G. W. Fox. Carried.

Bro. Dale Blount gave a report of the joint meeting of the Special Missions Committee and the Revolving Loan Fund Committee.

Bro. Don Hoffman was recognized as Chairman of the Special Missions Committee for a report of this committee.

Bro. Dale Blount was asked to read the minutes of the Special Missions Committee. Motion and second that this report be adopted. Carried.

Nominations were called for electing a missionary.

Bro. O. C. McMasters was nominated as Missionary to work in the Wentzville area. He was elected unanimously.

Bro. Courtney recognized Bro. Clarence Crawford for an oral report of the Revolving Loan Fund. Motion and second that this report be adopted as given. Spoken to by Bro. Clarence Crawford. Motion carried.

Bro. Clarence Crawford was recognized to give recommendation on the Shiloh Building.

Recommendation: That we rent the Shiloh building for \$250 per month with understanding that we still keep it listed for sale. The renter shall pay for utilities. Recommendation was approved.

Bro. Jim Tollison was recognized to report on the Mobile Unit. Motion and second that the Mobile Unit Committee be authorized to negotiate on the price of the Mobile Unit. Motion carried.

Bro. Jim Tollison offered his resignation as Youth Director as he felt he did not have adequate time to continue this work. Motion and second that we accept his resignation. Carried.

Bro. Gary Brewer, Assistant Youth Director, will be expected to serve as the Director until the Annual Meeting.

Bro. G. W. Fox was recognized for an oral report on the Youth Encampment.

Bro. Dale Blount, Chairman of the Encampment Dress code Committee, was recognized. The following recommendation was given. We, the dress code committee, recommend the following changes in an Encampment Dress Code. We, therefore, maintain that our girls and women should wear modest dresses (no shorts, short-like garments, or men-like apparel, no tank tops, no spaghetti straps, no skirts or dresses with high slits).

We recommend no change for recreation, but recommend changing recreation to suit our dress codes.

We will explain our reasoning for this recommendation at the Semi-Annual Meeting.

Committee Chairman
Bro. Dale C. Blount

Motion and second that this recommendation be accepted. Spoken to by Bro. Dale Blount, Bro. B. M. Ridlen, Bro. Courtney read entire dress code as it would be revised, Bro. Dale Blount, Bro. M. M. Henson, Bro. Jerry Adams, Bro. Jim Tollison, and Bro. Don Hoffman.

Substitute motion was made and seconded for the following substitute dress code.

Motion and second that we make the following recommendation to the BMA of Missouri.

Realizing that our camp grounds are a place for worship and Christian fellowship, and realizing that modesty in dress should always be prevalent in the life of a Christian, we recommend the following dress code.

1. For men and boys, that there be no short pants or tank top shirts worn.

2. That neatness of dress prevail with shirt tails tucked in pants and shirts fully buttoned except for top and collar buttons.

3. For ladies and girls, that there be no shorts, halters or midriff blouses worn.

4. That slacks (not jeans) be permitted for all times, except worship services, with these being knee length or longer.

5. That dresses worn should be a least knee length, if split tailed—the split be no longer than 4 inches.

Dresses also must not be sunback or string type shoulder straps.

Our camp rules suggest "That all who attend should do so in view of honoring and respecting the name of God and our Lord Jesus Christ". Let each camper see that his dress complies with this spirit.

Motion carried.

Done by the order of
Moselle Baptist Church
May 17, 1981
Helen Jones, Clerk
Don Hoffman, Moderator

This motion was spoken to by Bro. Jerome Cooper, Bro. Clarence Crawford, Bro. Ron Fields, Bro. M. M. Henson, Bro. Dale Blount, Bro. Don Hoffman, Bro. Jim Tollison, Sis. Wilma Widger, Bro. O. A. Robinson, Bro. H. W. Darst, Bro. Don Hoffman, Bro. O. A. Robinson, Bro. Chester Gillispie, Bro. Dale Blount, Bro. Noel Meade, Bro. Goodwin (visitor), Sis. Vi Maclin requested prayer, and prayer was led by Bro. E. F. Gibson.

Substitute motion was carried with opposition noted.

Motion and second that the camp rules including dress code be included in the minutes.

Nominations were called for a nominating committee of three to serve for the next year.

Bro. B. M. Ridlen, Bro. E. F. Gibson, and Bro. Ron Fields were elected to serve as the Nominating Committee.

Bro. H. W. Darst was recognized for the report of the "Missouri Missionary Baptist". Motion and second to adopt this report. Spoken to by Bro. H. W. Darst. Motion carried.

The Assistant Moderator, Bro. M. M. Henson, recognized Bro. Jack Courtney to speak.

Motion and second that the following Note be added to the Declaration of Faith of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri, to be inserted after Statement #27:

NOTE: References to the millennial reign of Christ in Statements 26 and 27 represent the preponderance of belief among the churches of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri. Recognizing that not all sound brethren are in full agreement concerning this tenet of the faith, it is understood that these references to the millennium are not to be a test of fellowship between brethren or churches.

Spoken to by Bro. G. W. Fox, Bro. J. E. Mason, Bro. A. C. Medley, Bro. Denver Page, Bro. Jack Courtney, Bro. B. M. Ridlen, Bro. Clarence Crawford, Bro. Ron Fields, Bro. Noel Meade, Bro. Don Adams, Bro. Noel Meade, Bro. Don Adams, Bro. Noel Meade, Bro. Jack Courtney, Bro. J. E. Mason, Bro. O. A. Robinson, Bro. Clarence Crawford, Bro. M. M. Henson, Bro. Jack Courtney, Bro. G. W. Fox, question was raised by Bro. Tommy Foster, a visitor, Bro. Jack Courtney, Bro. A. C. Medley, Bro. G. W. Fox, Bro. E. F. Gibson, Question was called for. The call for question carried. The motion lost.

Motion and second that we adjourn. Suggested it include a standing vote of appreciation to the church for their hospitality. Carried.

Announcements were called for.

Bro. Clarence Crawford dismissed the service in prayer.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS

Semi-Annual Report of Secretary-Treasurer of the BMA of Missouri

To the Messengers of the Churches of the BMA of Missouri:
Christian Greetings:

It is out of the deep gratitude of my heart that I give this report. As members of the Lord's churches, you have shared in this responsibility through your prayers, giving, patience, and understanding. Your devotion to such a noble cause, has made it possible to carry out the obligations we took upon ourselves at the beginning of the associational year. The many thoughtful expressions have been encouraging, and made their imprints upon the sands of time.

The Annual Missions Symposium again proved to be a highlight in our Missions' Outreach. The Holy Spirit certainly manifested Himself during the entire meeting. All of us were made to rejoice together. Every messenger bearing the message proved Himself equal to the task. Brother Craig Branham, Executive Director of missions blessed our hearts during one service in a special way. The Stony Point Baptist Church and Pastor Earl Brown did an excellent job with the entertainment. Thanks also to Breton Creek and pastor for their assistance.

As to the goal, churches and individuals responded in a wonderful way. The goal of \$5,000 was exceeded by \$283.36. We had reason to praise the Lord.

My personal visits took me among some 47 churches and other assemblies. It was my pleasure to deliver the message at many of these meeting places. The pastors were very congenial, and prayerful concerning mission endeavors.

The "Volunteer Summer Missions" project should be of concern to our people. It certainly could be of great value in opening up other mission projects. If there are those interested, the basis for such a venture may be found in our By-Laws, pages 7 and 8, section 12 through 15. At least, much prayer should be given to such an endeavor. It is one thing to put it on paper, but another to put it in action. Of course, it would call for a sacrifice, but God is able to supply every need.

May we allow the good Lord to reign supremely in our midst, and ask God to aid us in visioning the assignment as given in Matthew 28:18-20 and Acts 1:8.

"Let brotherly love continue."

Your servant,
H. W. Darst

SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
of the
BMA of Missouri
October 1, 1980 - March 31, 1981

Receipts:

Missions	\$29,501.24
Paper	4,061.94
Incidental	30.00
Revolving Loan	57.97
Designated Funds	<u>1,492.17</u>
Grand Total Receipts	\$35,143.32
Balance brought forward 10/1/80	<u>12,538.98</u>
Total Available	\$47,682.30
Disbursements	<u>32,098.34</u>
Balance on hand 3/31/81 in checking account	\$15,583.96
In Savings Account United MO Bank	<u>10,983.64</u>
Grand Total Available	\$26,567.60

The above includes:

Missions	\$25,776.94
Paper	607.85
Incidental	25.19
Camera	<u>157.62</u>
Grand total available	\$26,567.60

H. W. Darst,
Secretary-Treasurer and Editor

SEMI-ANNUAL MISSIONARY REPORT

To the Churches of the BMA of Missouri: Christian Greetings:

We made a change of fields the first Sunday in February. The New Prospect Mission was standing still and it seemed futile to continue there. The Christway Church in Independence, after the resignation of Bro. Everett Smith, asked me to come and serve as missionary pastor of that mission church, which was less than a year since it had organized into a church. The special missions committee's counsel was sought by the church and myself. They gave approval to this change of fields.

The church is presently running in the twenties for Sunday services and the upper teens for the midweek. First-time visitors from the community frequent our services. The offerings are averaging about \$350 per week. The church has about 38 members, with about 18 of these attending regularly and supporting the work financially. This represents six couples and families. Needless to say, church discipline will be in order in the near future.

They are now assuming \$50 per week of the missionary pastor's salary. Ten per cent of our total offerings is divided equally between the BMA of America; BMA of Missouri; and the BMA of Kansas City. The BMA of Kansas City supports Christway Church as a local missions project with \$100 a month. Also, the Ohlman Galileans support with \$5 a month. The piano that was in New Prospect mission building was given to us by the Kansas City Association. There remains \$49,000 plus indebtedness on our property. Our payments are \$500 a month. The property has to be paid off in four years from now or refinanced. Our prayers are to get this paid down as much as possible. An additional \$1,000 was paid on the principal in April.

There has not been anyone saved nor any additions since the annual meeting. We are putting forth much effort to reach new people. Our people are cooperative and are concerned about building a solid work for the Lord. A revival spirit is presently existing in the church due to our recent revival May 11-15. Bro. Jim Tollison helped us in this meeting and was a blessing to our church.

I have done the normal amount of preaching and teaching; have attended various associational related meetings. For several months, I have also been teaching a home Bible study in the Martin City area on the Book of Revelation. About eight or nine people come regularly to this class. Seed is being sown in connection with this.

Pray for the work in Independence.

Yours in Christ,
Wayne Simmons

Dear Messengers of the Churches of the BMA of Missouri

It is with deep regret that I send this report instead of bringing it in person. The reason is that we have many victories that we want to share with you. However, after talking with Brother Darst yesterday on the phone we felt it best to not try and make the meeting. For explanation, a young girl, just twenty four years old, was shot and killed by her husband Saturday the 16th. My wife and several of the members of the church worked with this young lady and loved her very much. They are taking this violent death very hard and I feel as their pastor that I need to be with them to reassure them of their faith in God.

The nursing home has asked me to conduct a memorial service in Debbie's behalf tomorrow. Further, I feel that I will be needed at the funeral which will not be until 2:00 P.M. Tuesday. I hope that this body can understand the reason that I am not present. Please forgive and pray for us here at Lighthouse.

My report will be from October 26, 1980 to May 18, 1981. We have many things to be happy over this year. My statistical report is as follows. I preached 94 sermons, taught 25 lessons, and held 20 nursing home services. We have attended 12 church related meetings, four funerals, and made 5 trips to Kennett to help Brother Mike in the work there. I have made 11 hospital visits, 5 counseling sessions, and 146 specific visits in behalf of the work not counting spontaneous visits which are impossible to keep up with. We have had 3 saved and one family unite with the church. Due to the salvation of one of these people, Cleo Rickman, the Stroup family has started attending again and also Cleo's family. The Maness family has begun to attend again and say that they want to get back in church. Please pray very hard for these families that they will commit, it will be such a blessing to the church.

Financially speaking, we are still keeping our heads above water although we still run in the red occasionally. The church has continued to increase her support of the work. She voted to raise the missions offerings by 1% quarterly until in December she will be giving 10% of her general offerings to missions. The church raised giving towards my salary to \$100 a month and voted to attempt to raise it every two months. I believe that this is the reason that the Lord is blessing so much. The church has set a goal to reach 75 in membership this year so please pray for her that she will.

We can thank God for deliverance from the storm that went through Malden. Some people who were able to watch the funnel said that it was headed right for the church until it hit the ground and then it turned due northeast. Services were cancelled that evening.

The spirit of the church continues to increase for which we are thankful. However, we have one lady in the church that seems to enjoy a good fight. The church has decided that the next time will mean exclusion for her. Please pray for this lady that God would work in her life before she destroys the faith of some young converts that are related to her.

We pray that you have a good meeting and that you continue to set goals which are progressive in nature. Please pray for us, your missionaries the Beardseys.

Maranatha
The Beardseys

MISSIONARY COMMITTEE MEETING

The Missionary Committee met at Bethesda Missionary Baptist Church April 10, 1981.

The meeting was opened by singing "Bringing in the Sheaves". We were led in prayer by Bro. W. H. Newman.

The chairman, Bro. S. P. Chitwood, asked Bro. Kenny Gibson to bring a devotional. He took his text from Hebrews 1:1-4.

Roll call showed there were 21 missionary committeemen present.

Mobile Missions Committee gave report concerning the unit. The committee recommends that we sell the unit, less furnishings, and all funds be turned over to the state Revolving Loan Fund.

Motion and second the Mobile Committee be authorized to sell unit. Motion and second to amend by setting minimum of \$8,000 for selling price. Carried. Motion as amended carried.

Motion and second funds on hand plus money received from sale be turned over to Revolving Loan Fund. Also that furnishings be given to the Kennett Church. Motion and second to amend by adding that we give the piano to the encampment. Lost. Previous motion carried.

St. Louis area association gave report concerning proposed land purchase at Wentzville. They request a joint effort with the state association in placing a missionary there.

Bro. Blount gave report of joint meeting of Special Missions and Revolving Loan Fund. Motion and second to adopt. Carried.

Those items agreed to:

1. A three acre tract northwest of Wentzville to be purchased and contributed by BMA of St. Louis, to be purchased in the name of the Revolving Loan Fund of BMA of Missouri.

2. The BMA of St. Louis will contribute 75% of their monthly missions offerings to the State Revolving Loan Fund, first use of which shall be for a building on the property at Wentzville.

Motion and second to adjourn.

Dismissed in prayer.

S. P. Chitwood, Moderator
Don Hoffman, Clerk

SPECIAL MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Special Missions Committee met at Bethesda Church, Flat River, Missouri January 17, 1981. Meeting called to order by chairman, Bro. Don Hoffman. Prayer by Bro. M. M. Henson.

Bro. O. C. McMasters met with the committee. After checking Bro. McMaster's application and response and discussion with Bro. McMasters. Motion and second the committee recommend Bro. O. C. McMasters to the messenger body as qualified for mission work, subject to an approved field of labor.

Committee chairman talked to Bro. Wayne Simmons by phone concerning the request by Christway Church for Bro. Simmons to work with them as Missionary Pastor. Bro. Simmons was told the committee had confidence in him and would accept his decision.

March 21, 1981

Special Missions Committee called to order by chairman, Bro. Don Hoffman. Committee met with Bro. Wayne Simmons concerning his work with Christway Church. Motion and second the committee go on record approving Bro. Simmons decision to work with Christway Church. Motion carried.

April 6, 1981

The Special Missions Committee and the Revolving Loan Fund Committee met with the pastors of the BMA of St. Louis at the property location at Wentzville, Missouri. After looking over the property and discussion of details. Motion and second the Special Missions Committee and the Revolving Loan Fund Committee recommend to the BMA of Missouri to

proceed with a joint effort between the BMA of St. Louis and the BMA of Missouri to establish a mission on the property purchased by the BMA of St. Louis at Wentzville, Missouri. Motion carried unanimously.

Special Missions Committee met at Moselle Church May 19, 1981. Called to order by chairman Bro. Don Hoffman. Prayer by Bro. O. A. Robinson. After careful consideration of Bro. Don Adams application for state missions work, motion and second that we the Special Missions Committee recognize the doctrinal soundness and the good moral character of Bro. Don Adams, but due to lack of sufficient experience, this committee does not feel it wise to recommend him at this time. Motion carried.

**EDITOR'S REPORT OF
THE MISSOURI MISSIONARY BAPTIST
October 1, 1980 through March 31, 1981**

Messengers of the Churches BMA of Missouri

Christian Greetings:

"The Lord gave the word; great was the company of those that published it," Psalms 68:11.

"A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word spoken in due season, how good is it:" Proverbs 15:23.

"From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the Lord's name is to be praised," Psalms 113:3.

Thanks so much for your prayers, wonderful spirit of cooperation, your writings, and your financial support for "The Missouri Missionary Baptist".

Your letters and words of commendation have been greatly appreciated. Take this to heart. And too, your renewals, new subscriptions, and your "dollars" for the paper gives the work a great lift. In fact, we were privileged to add twenty-eight new subscribers to our mailing list. The Missouri Missionary Baptist is, I think, a must in the avenue of Christian Service. Other groups use the printed page to an advantage, why can't we? In fact, the Russians send forth 3,000,000,000 pieces of literature every seven days. They do this to promote their propaganda. Brethren, we must busy ourselves in sending forth the truth. It will pay.

We welcome your church bulletins and your writings. They help to make the news "newsy"

My personal thanks goes to Mrs. Darst for her able assistance in getting "The Missouri Missionary Baptist" ready for distribution.

I still feel that the printed page is a must in the promotion of the Cause. It's a tool, and a mighty one for the purpose of expansion.

Thank you for your prayers, and for your wonderful spirit of cooperation. Does not the Scripture say, "We are laborers together with God?" One who loved us, and gave himself for us.

Note: We now mail out 1693 copies.

Your servant
H. W. Darst

PROCEEDINGS
of the
FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
B.M.A. of Missouri
When Convened With
Zion Baptist Church
St. Louis, Missouri
October 26-27, 1981

Monday Afternoon — 2:00 P.M.

The 54th Annual meeting of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri was opened by the congregation singing "Kneel at the Cross" led by Bro. G. W. Fox, with Sis. Wilma Fox at the piano. Following prayer by Bro. O. A. Robinson, Bro. Fox led "When We All Get to Heaven".

Bro. Jack Courtney, our moderator, asked Bro. Martin Jameson, pastor Faith Baptist Church, St. Charles, Missouri, to bring the devotional. He used John 6:11-14 to discuss "The people that God uses".

Bro. Courtney recognized Bro. E. F. Gibson, the host pastor, to extend a welcome to the messenger body.

Bro. Courtney declared the 54th annual session open for business.

Bro. Courtney called for a partial report of the enrollment committee. There were 21 churches represented by letter only; 31 churches represented by messengers with 74 messengers present; and 1 petitionary letter from Landmark Baptist Church of O'Fallon, Missouri.

Motion and second that the messengers be seated and the petitionary letter from Landmark be recognized and their messengers seated. Motion carried.

Nominations were called for a president. Bro. Jack Courtney and Bro. Ron Fields were nominated. Bro. Jack Courtney was elected.

Nominations were called for vice-president. Bro. S. P. Chitwood was nominated and elected.

Nominations were called for Recording Secretary. Bro. Dale G. Fish was nominated and elected.

Nominations were called for an Assistant Recording Secretary. Bro. Jerome Cooper was nominated and elected.

Bro. Courtney recognized our visitors, Bro. J. W. Dugger, President of the Theological Seminary in Jacksonville, Texas and Bro. Ralph Brand, Mississippi.

Bro. H. W. Darst was recognized to give his report as Secretary-Treasurer of State Missions. Motion and second that this report be received as given. Motion carried.

Bro. H. W. Darst then gave the financial report of the BMA of Missouri. Motion and second to adopt this report. Motion carried.

Bro. Johnny Beardsley was recognized for his report as State Missionary working with the Lighthouse Baptist Church at Malden, Missouri. Motion and second report be accepted. Spoken to by Bro. Richard Britt. Motion carried.

Bro. Wayne Simmons, State Missionary with Christway Baptist Church in Independence, Missouri was recognized for his report. Motion and second to adopt this report. Motion carried.

Bro. O. C. McMasters, State Missionary working in the Wentzville,

Missouri area was recognized for his report. Motion and second this report be adopted. Motion carried.

Bro. Courtney called for report of Special Missions Committee. There was none at this time.

Bro. Courtney called for Missionary Committee Report. There was none since the mid year meeting.

Motion and second that the Insurance Committee be abolished. Motion carried. (Vote later declared out of order and re-voted.)

Bro. Clint Colburn was nominated and elected for Special Missions Committee for term expiring 1986.

Nominations were called for an Assistant Secretary-Treasurer of Missions. Bro. E. F. Gibson and Bro. B. M. Ridlen were nominated. Bro. E. F. Gibson was elected.

Motion and second that the mileage rate which we pay the Secretary-Treasurer of Missions be set at 25 cents per mile. Spoken to by Bro. G. W. Fox, Bro. Dale Blount, and Bro. Clarence Crawford. Motion carried with opposition noted.

Bro. J. W. Duggar, President of BMA of America Seminary at Jacksonville, Texas, was recognized to speak. Bro. Duggar asked Bro. Ralph Brand to speak concerning the BMA Endowment program.

Motion and second that moderator appoint a committee of three to bring a recommendation concerning missionary salaries at a subsequent session of this meeting. Motion carried.

Bro. Wayne Gibson was nominated and elected to fill the vacancy on Special Missions Committee, term expiring 1985.

Motion and second that we change our constitution on page 7, Article 15, Section 1 after This Statement of Principles add **or Our Declaration of Faith**. Spoken to by Bro. Jim Tollison, Bro. W. H. Newman, Bro. Kenny Gibson, Bro. Elmer Shults. Tabled to be voted at a subsequent session.

Motion and second that we recommend that sufficient water heaters be placed in all dormitories of BMA Encampment camp ground before the 1981 Encampment. Spoken to by Bro. Jim Tollison, Bro. M. M. Henson, Bro. S. P. Chitwood, Bro. Jim Tollison, Bro. Noel Meade, and Bro. Kenneth Neal.

Substitute motion that we ask the Encampment Trustees to study the recommendations of the Breton Creek Church and report at the mid-year meeting. Spoken to by Bro. G. W. Fox, Bro. Elmer Shults, Bro. Denver Page, Bro. Kenneth Gibson, Bro. Jim Tollison, Bro. Noel Meade, Bro. O. A. Robinson, Bro. G. W. Fox. Substitute motion carried.

Bro. Courtney appointed Bro. Jerome Cooper, Bro. Kenneth Gibson, and Bro. M. M. Henson as the committee on missionaries salaries.

Bro. G. W. Fox was recognized for the report of the encampment committee treasurer's report. Motion and second that this report be adopted. Spoken to by Bro. G. W. Fox, and Bro. Dale Blount. Motion carried.

Bro. S. P. Chitwood was recognized for the remainder of the Encampment Committee report. Motion and second to adopt the minutes of the Encampment Trustees. Spoken to by Bro. G. W. Fox, Bro. Dale Blount, and Bro. G. W. Fox. Motion carried.

Bro. Elva Asberry was nominated and elected for Encampment trustee, term expiring 1986.

Motion and second that we request the Encampment Trustees be instructed to draw a line a reasonable distance from the dormitories and

CHURCH	MEMBERSHIP 1960 - 1961	Pastor's Salary	Radio and TV	Interstate & Foreign Missions	State Missions	District Missions	Help in Meetings
Amity	26-34	\$ 2,860.00	\$ 410.00	\$ 851.05	\$ 851.05	\$1,702.11	\$ 555.00
Antioch, Ellington	18-18	\$ None	None	240.00	365.00	420.00	None
Antioch, Oxly	70-75	6,840.00	485.00	659.60	659.60	886.23	300.00
Bates Creek	55-59	3,085.00	120.00	568.00	718.00	1,000.45	None
Bethany	118-116	14,681.00	120.00	1,454.42	3,557.80	1,997.88	526.00
Bethel, Potosi	35-29	2,750.00	200.00	120.00	1,912.99	2,212.72	None
Bethel, Sikeston	89-72	11,140.00	None	296.00	328.50	288.06	649.50
Bethesda	49-36	2,860.00	None	506.00	705.00	3,211.25	175.00
Bethlehem	73-50	4,245.00	60.00	120.00	120.00	60.00	800.00
Black Creek	67-76	3,891.14	None	77.06	77.06	77.06	200.00
Black River	25-48	2,070.00	None	56.48	56.58	56.55	30.00
Breton Creek	109-111	9,460.00	None	620.00	2,412.63	3,100.47	250.00
Briar	35-33	3,900.00	180.00	521.87	610.78	541.32	200.00
Cape	47-39	10,460.00	124.95	300.98	104.16	457.14	250.00
Cave Spring	25-31	2,145.00	None	240.00	240.00	240.00	None
Chambers Park	93-101	12,165.00	1,134.78	5,848.02	6,240.31	4,655.06	1,056.40
Charity	19-22	None	None	None	75.00	2,005.00	None
Christway	32-43	2,682.50	None	712.53	508.36	628.67	300.00
Current River	17-15	1,820.00	None	110.00	60.37	55.00	None
Emmanuel, P.B.	13-13	2,600.00	None	493.68	233.84	None	175.00
Emanuel, Sikeston	224-232	11,020.00	120.00	794.66	794.66	950.40	500.00
Faith	232-241	18,110.00	None	775.00	1,477.00	None	None
First, Middlebrook	28-30	375.00	None	363.46	181.73	181.73	None
First, Neelyville	53-62	2,400.00	None	90.00	140.00	165.00	250.00
First, Peoria	4-8	None	None	271.30	None	None	25.00
Friendship, IL	131-101	10,072.15	110.00	452.23	480.28	229.43	None
Friendship, Harviell	58-45	1,760.58	120.00	203.49	203.51	437.00	200.00
Galilean	28-28	None	None	49.67	49.67	49.67	10.00
Gethsemane	31-42	1,670.00	374.00	279.29	1,144.89	990.94	330.58
Grandview	73-64	4,200.00	305.61	669.14	330.61	83.50	None
Independence	113-	Financial report not completed					
Kewanee	95-104	11,525.00	228.00	882.20	723.97	1,493.94	250.00
LaForge	23-20	2,260.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	360.00	250.00
Landmark, DeSoto	40-57	Financial report not completed					
Landmark, O'Fallon	25-21	4,179.00	125.00	279.39		558.78	None
Lighthouse	33-36	835.00	None	204.43	249.05	286.65	595.59
Little Bethel	25-26	2,385.00	None	120.00	120.00	120.00	300.00
Mission Ridge	22-26	1,260.00	None	60.00	60.00	120.00	65.00
Moselle	70-73	6,760.00	120.00	463.80		1,391.40	None
Mt. Carmel	51-57	3,640.00	None	318.21	317.24	318.26	200.00
Mt. Olive	42-30	4,475.00	120.00	905.71	83.05	83.05	150.00
Mt. Zion, Ellington	62-58	9,275.00	None	307.30	746.66	370.44	None
Mt. Zion, P.B.	105-109	10,300.00	3,621.41	3,638.15	2,924.29	2,846.19	861.00
Naylor	35-34	2,700.00	None	None	102.69	102.69	145.00
New Hope	21-15	1,820.00	None	120.00	120.00	575.00	95.00
Northside	92-94	15,090.00	192.00	192.00	292.00	300.00	155.00
Ohlman	56-68	6,240.00	420.00	1,174.42	5,898.48	708.71	400.00
Palmer Heights	55-53	13,249.53	180.00	1,179.55	1,121.55	1,059.55	None
Parkview, Arnold	72-73	4,160.00	288.38	428.55	1,795.85	1,217.09	60.00
Parkview, Rolla	32-27	2,975.00	1,120.00	295.00	120.00	395.00	None
Pleasant Grove	29-32	2,340.00	None	100.00	100.00	150.00	None
Pleasant View	42-30	1,215.00	None	141.18	246.23	193.23	None
Providence	115-08	6,500.00	60.00	180.00	180.00	210.00	240.00
Springhill	41-30	3,460.00	60.00	416.30	416.30	179.60	300.00
Stony Point	109-99	7,150.00	None	684.97	784.97	1,937.62	450.00
Temple	116-109	5,273.20	180.00	1,018.25	927.59	1,313.06	756.38
Trinity	129-141	14,820.00	895.00	3,696.00	1,105.00	782.00	711.00
Walnut Grove	63-62	4,500.50	120.00	507.69	543.93	507.69	443.00
Zalma	12-17	2,450.00	535.07	642.08	899.09	1,391.18	250.00
Zion	125-120	14,775.30	None	623.00	811.00	760.00	300.00

Buildings & Repairs	Benevolence	Christian Education	Literature & Publications	The Missouri Baptist	Revolving Loan Fund	Encampment	Miscellaneous	Total Paid Out
\$ 6,781.45	\$ 311.41	\$ 50.00	\$ 402.90	\$ 60.00	\$ None	\$ 50.00	\$ 919.15	\$ 15,804.12
None	655.00	None	127.68	120.00	None	None	899.44	2,827.12
608.47	545.03	190.00	672.44	65.00	None	None	2,225.15	14,136.52
1,650.93	449.38	None	228.72	None	None	None	None	9,578.57
88,212.14	800.00	794.35	1,061.86	190.00	122.00	234.00	13,125.53	126,876.98
551.89	480.00	None	242.75	200.00	240.00	89.00	1,334.81	10,334.16
11,852.87	489.00	None	None	None	75.00	40.00	687.69	26,338.01
2,020.37	675.14	85.00	723.21	85.00	10.00	125.00	1,423.11	12,604.68
None	222.48	None	252.93	None	None	None	2,406.06	8,286.47
1,308.36	214.06	90.00	185.05	None	None	25.00	1,011.34	7,056.13
127.00	922.46	None	207.24	None	None	25.00	None	2,521.60
None	125.00	None	604.80	360.00	60.00	60.00	8,334.17	25,387.07
497.40	400.53	None	427.83	176.70	146.52	75.00	2,406.51	10,084.46
5,542.50	60.20	None	292.45	None	None	None	4,351.52	21,943.90
1,998.47	15.00	None	160.90	None	None	None	298.21	5,208.07
35,091.46	1,379.49	2,075.15	1,457.80	375.00	250.50	842.00	13,291.81	85,862.78
920.51	None	None	82.89	25.00	2,015.95	None	610.87	5,735.22
9,328.87	161.50	None	443.72	36.00	80.00	225.80	3,318.79	18,426.84
2,908.73	303.00	None	110.80	55.00	None	None	2,350.65	7,773.55
229.53	None	25.00	168.03	60.00	None	None	893.55	4,878.63
29,106.31	333.32	855.35	738.71	60.00	None	25.00	4,109.47	49,407.88
16,541.80	None	None	2,290.41	None	None	None	19,275.33	58,429.54
536.47	265.00	120.00	155.61	None	None	None	166.98	2,345.98
3,138.00	200.00	325.60	None	None	None	25.00	1,839.00	6,172.60
None	289.75	312.65	45.00	None	None	None	2,808.67	3,752.37
5,812.60	23.39	55.00	431.08	110.00	55.00	25.00	4,588.76	22,584.92
749.22	180.45	240.00	247.38	36.00	None	20.00	5,891.82	5,289.45
5,343.50	17.50	None	125.55	None	None	None	67.00	5,712.56
5,012.54	129.73	474.00	905.50	235.43	60.00	None	1,731.96	13,338.86
3,267.48	74.74	None	482.75	None	None	None	1,469.64	11,624.57
127,712.10	229.97	48.00	576.28	48.00	None	60.00	None	149,956.31
1,835.35	178.26	None	68.05	None	None	None	870.18	6,181.84
1,708.47	214.97	None	187.21	None	None	None	144.25	7,571.06
None	355.27	149.05	371.74	10.00	3,832.91	None	6,887.90	13,777.19
2,385.65	123.07	None	247.83	21.50	None	95.00	789.42	6,612.47
2,152.09	438.38	None	211.45	None	None	None	402.89	4,889.81
2,053.00	105.00	120.00	379.00	None	None	None	3,727.00	15,119.20
1,521.00	297.01	None	401.34	120.00	None	None	2,588.92	9,721.98
871.88	15.62	183.30	286.76	60.00	215.00	68.06	1,697.33	9,214.76
2,276.94	None	None	455.46	72.00	None	None	1,919.63	15,663.73
110.50	382.50	200.00	1,236.70	390.00	179.44	210.00	5,653.61	32,553.79
92.74	None	None	136.72	None	None	None	883.78	4,163.62
1,119.57	281.37	57.14	None	45.00	None	25.00	None	4,509.02
3,708.24	183.00	417.68	814.30	120.00	192.00	216.00	3,833.00	25,705.22
2,124.03	1,645.00	418.45	708.50	280.00	530.98	115.00	6,053.18	27,249.31
5,935.38	56.00	25.00	309.79	231.66	20.00	81.32	5,065.02	25,514.35
624.18	105.58	134.51	500.09	318.51	298.12	159.51	5,930.08	16,020.45
2,754.76	1,422.50	None	242.07	None	None	None	1,766.17	11,090.50
545.00	None	None	160.00	20.00	None	25.00	None	4,050.80
613.80	44.00	None	125.27	41.95	None	None	1,498.27	4,118.93
1,203.12	573.60	None	299.35	10.00	None	50.00	3,393.27	12,919.34
400.00	100.00	None	196.00	120.00	None	None	2,250.00	8,294.00
2,142.56	2,067.95	537.02	952.62	120.00	None	295.97	3,257.46	20,481.14
3,343.28	386.42	175.24	383.24	193.05	220.10	120.00	2,388.56	16,678.37
18,669.00	686.00	1,706.00	920.00	313.00	508.00	313.00	6,919.00	52,043.00
1,517.20	70.84	249.58	60.00	None	None	179.59	1,371.67	10,406.69
3,301.75	10.00	207.02	305.40	214.03	None	174.17	2,199.42	12,579.31
13,021.74	None	None	467.39	145.00	None	30.00	8,473.78	39,407.21

restrict camping. Spoken to by Bro. Noel Meade, Bro. O. A. Robinson, Bro. G. W. Fox, Bro. M. M. Henson, Bro. O. A. Robinson. Motion carried.

Nominations were called for Camp Superintendent. Bro. G. W. Fox was re-elected.

Nominations were called for Camp Treasurer. Bro. G. W. Fox was re-elected.

Motion and second that we give Bro. Fox a standing vote of appreciation for his service over the year. Motion carried and voted unanimously.

Bro. G. W. Fox was recognized to express his appreciation.

Motion and second that we adjourn until 7:00 P.M. Motion carried.

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. William Fulcher.

7:00 P.M.

Bro. G. W. Fox asked the congregation to stand as he led us in singing, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" with Sis. Fox at the piano. As we remained standing, Bro. W. F. Miller led in prayer. Bro. Fox then led "Bring Them In".

Bro. Courtney opened the session by welcoming everyone there. He also announced the coming message preceded by special music from Zion, the host church. They sang, "Feeling at Home", "This is the Time I Must Sing", "He Touched Me", "You Have Given Life to Me", "The Cross Made a Difference for Me", and "Jesus is Lord of All".

In preparation for the annual message, Bro. Courtney asked Bro. Ralph Brand to lead in prayer.

Bro. Jerome Cooper was then recognized for the annual message. He took his text from Matthew 16:24-28. After reading his text, he led in prayer. The subject for his message was "Follow the Leader". Bro. Cooper closed his message with an invitation. Bro. G. W. Fox led the congregation in singing "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone". Bro. O. C. McMasters led in prayer.

(Due to being a constitution change. Previous vote on Insurance Committee declared out of order).

Motion to abolish Insurance Committee (Article XIV-Insurance) carried unanimously. (Article XV - Amendments became Article XIV)

Motion and second to have preaching at 11 o'clock tomorrow. Motion carried.

Bro. Ralph Brand and Bro. Martin Jameson were nominated to preach. Bro. Ralph Brand was elected.

Constitutional amendment (Article XIV - Amendments Section I) which had been tabled was taken from the table and voted on. Motion carried.

Motion and second to delete from page 4 statement (approved by the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri October 30, 1957). Spoken to by Bro. Elmer Shults. Carried with opposition noted.

Bro. Courtney recognized Bro. R. B. Hoshaw to speak on Central Baptist College, Conway, Arkansas.

Bro. Gary Brewer was called to give a report as Youth Director. Motion and second that the report of Youth Director be adopted. Motion carried.

Nominations were called for Youth Director. Bro. Gary Brewer, Bro. Gene Hankins, and Bro. Ron Fields were nominated. Bro. Gary Brewer was elected.

Nominations were called for an assistant Youth Director. Bro. Gene

Hankins and Bro. Ron Fields were nominated. Bro. Gene Hankins was elected.

Bro. Johnny Beardsley came with the Mobile Unit Committee Report. Motion and second that this report be approved. Spoken to by Bro. Johnny Beardsley, Bro. G. W. Fox, Bro. Johnny Beardsley, and Bro. M. M. Henson. Motion carried.

Bro. Denver Page was nominated and elected to serve on the Mobile Unit Committee for term expiring 1984.

Motion and second that due to the condition of the Mobile Unit that we reduce contract price by \$1,000 to include what has been spent on the heat exchanger. Spoken to by Bro. G. W. Fox. Motion carried.

Bro. Courtney recognized Bro. Earl Johnston and Bro. Kenneth Gibson for report on Revolving Loan Fund Committee. Bro. Gibson gave report of the joint meeting of the Revolving Loan Fund Committee and Special Missions Committee. Motion and second to adopt this report. Spoken to by Bro. Kenneth Gibson, and Bro. M. M. Henson. Motion carried.

Bro. Clarence Crawford was recognized for Treasurer's report for Revolving Loan Fund. Motion and second this report be adopted. Spoken to by Bro. Clarence Crawford. Motion carried.

Bro. D. F. Magruder was nominated and elected to serve on the Revolving Loan Fund Committee for term expiring 1986.

Bro. O. A. Robinson was recognized for the Special Missions Committee Report. Motion and second to adopt this report. Spoken to by Bro. O. A. Robinson, Bro. G. W. Fox, and Bro. W. H. Newman. Motion carried.

Motion and second that we recess until 9:30 A.M. Tuesday morning.

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Claude Willhelm.

Tuesday, 9:30 A.M.

The service began with Sis. Wilma Fox at the piano and Sis. Fred Fields at the organ accompanying Bro. G. W. Fox as he led "Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us". Bro. J. E. Mason led in prayer. Bro. Fox led as we sang, "Follow On".

Bro. Courtney called on Bro. Dale Blount to bring the devotional. Bro. Blount used I Timothy 6:1-12, "Let Us Serve God" as his devotional. Bro. W. H. Newman led in prayer.

Bro. Courtney recognized the new pastor of Faith, St. Charles, Bro. Martin Jameson.

Bro. Courtney reported a call from Bro. Paul Bearfield of the BMA of America Harvest Gleaner Hour. They were unable to represent at the meeting.

Bro. Courtney recognized Bro. H. W. Darst to present his report as Editor of "The Missouri Missionary Baptist". Motion and second that this report be adopted. Spoken to by Bro. H. W. Darst, Bro. Dale Blount, and Bro. H. W. Darst. Motion carried.

Bro. Courtney called on Bro. Beardsley, Bro. Dale Blount, Bro. O. C. McMasters, and Bro. Wayne Simmons to take a special offering for the Missouri Missionary Baptist paper. Bro. Wayne Simmons led in prayer. This offering totaled \$102.03.

Bro. William Fulcher was recognized to give a report of the Publications Committee. Motion and second that we adopt this report. Motion and second

that we amend this report to ask our Editor to use every discretion not to publish the names of missionaries and evangelists who are not cooperating with our work. Spoken to by Bro. G. W. Fox, Bro. H. W. Darst, Bro. G. W. Fox, and Bro. Ralph Brand. Amendment carried with opposition noted.

Discussion on Publications report as amended, spoken to by Bro. Ron Fields, and Bro. G. W. Fox. Motion carried.

Nominations were called for an Editor. Bro. H. W. Darst was nominated and elected.

Nominations were called for an Assistant Editor. Bro. B. M. Ridlen was nominated and elected.

Bro. Gene Hankins was nominated and elected to serve on the Publication Committee with term expiring 1984.

Bro. Jerome Cooper was recognized for salary committee's report. Motion and second to adopt this report. Spoken to by Bro. Kenneth Gibson, Bro. Jerome Cooper, Bro. S. P. Chitwood, Bro. Denver Page, Bro. Dale Blount, Bro. Jim Tollison, Bro. Kenneth Gibson, Bro. Clarence Crawford, and Bro. Dale Blount. Motion carried.

Motion and second that $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Secretary-Treasurer of Missions and the Editor of the Missouri Missionary Baptist paper salary be taken from the funds of the Missouri Missionary Baptist paper.

Bro. Courtney recognized Bro. Craig Branham, Director of the BMA of America Missions Department to speak.

Bro. Dale Blount was recognized to present the following proposed change to the Constitution. Motion we amend Article V - Officers, Section I to add the words "the President and Vice-President" between and and shall. Motion and second to adopt. Spoken to by Bro. Dale Blount. Motion tabled until the afternoon session.

Bro. G. W. Fox led "Joy Unspeakable" in preparation for the 11 o'clock message. Bro. R. B. Hoshaw led in prayer. Bro. Jack Courtney sang, "He Hideth My Soul".

Bro. Ralph Brand came to the pulpit for the message. His text was taken from II Kings 6:1-7, and his subject was "Power Failure". Following the message, Bro. Kenneth Gibson played and sang as Bro. E. F. Gibson and Bro. W. H. Newman assisted Bro. Brand with the invitation. Bro. Courtney led in prayer. Bro. A. C. Medley expressed appreciation for the message in behalf of the congregation.

Motion and second that we recess until 1:30 P.M. Motion carried.

1:30 P.M.

The service began with Bro. Kenneth Gibson at the piano as Bro. G. W. Fox led us in singing "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder". Bro. Courtney presented a devotional thought and called on Bro. Earl Johnston to lead in prayer to open the afternoon session.

Sis. Juanita Blount came to present the WMA Report. Motion and second to adopt this report. Spoken to by Sis. Juanita Blount and Sis. Marie Darst. Motion to adopt carried.

Bro. Don Crawford was recognized to present the report of the Men's Brotherhood. Motion and second that we adopt this report. Spoken to by Bro. Don Crawford. Motion carried.

Bro. Jim Tollison came to give the report of the Resolutions Committee. Motion and second that this report be adopted. Spoken to by Bro. Jim Tollison. Motion carried.

The Finance Committee reported having received \$1,015 from 54 churches for minute fund and clerk hire.

The Enrollment Committee gave their final report.

The Recording Secretary was recognized to give his report. Motion and second to adopt. Carried.

Motion and second that we pay our clerk \$300 this year. Spoken to by Bro. Dale Fish, Bro. Jerome Cooper, Bro. Dale Blount, and Bro. G. W. Fox. A substitute motion was offered to pay the clerk the same as last year. (\$250) Motion carried.

The tabled constitution change on Article V - Officers, Section I was removed from the table and voted on. Motion carried.

The meeting places for 1982 were voted on. The Annual Meeting will be held with the Chambers Park Church, St. Louis.

The Semi-Annual Meeting will be held with the Grandview Baptist Church, Springfield.

The Missions Symposium will be held with the Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Salem.

Nominations were called for the annual speaker. Bro. Martin Jameson, Bro. Kenneth Gibson, Bro. Denver Page, and Bro. O. C. McMasters were nominated. Bro. Martin Jameson was elected.

Nominations were called for the alternate annual speaker. Bro. Kenneth Gibson was nominated and elected.

Bro. Jim Tollison gave the Missionary Committee Report. Motion and second to adopt. Carried.

The Encampment Trustees Report was read by Bro. Elva Asberry. Motion and second to adopt this report. Carried.

Motion and second to amend By-Laws Article V, Section I and add assistant Encampment Treasurer. Carried.

Nominations were called for an Assistant Encampment Treasurer. Bro. S. P. Chitwood was nominated and elected.

Motion and second that we amend By-Laws Article V, Section 5 to read Friday and Saturday before the third Sunday in May. Spoken to by Bro. Gene Hankins, Bro. William Fulcher, and Bro. Dale Blount. Motion carried.

The Revolving Loan Fund Committee Report was given by Bro. Clarence Crawford. Motion and second to adopt. Carried.

Motion and second that we elect a treasurer for the Revolving Loan Fund. Spoken to by Bro. Kenneth Gibson. Carried.

Bro. Clarence Crawford was nominated and elected as the Revolving Loan Fund Treasurer.

Motion and second that we recommend to the missions' congregation in Bowling Green, Kentucky that they consult with Bro. O. A. Robinson to recommend someone to work with them. Spoken to by Bro. O. A. Robinson, and Bro. M. M. Henson. Motion carried.

Bro. Ron Fields was recognized to speak concerning helps available to pastors and churches through the BMA of Texas.

Motion and second to amend the By-Laws, Article IV, Section 9 to add, the messengers shall elect annually a Revolving Loan Fund Treasurer and

Assistant Treasurer. Spoken to by Bro. G. W. Fox and Bro. Clarence Crawford.

Nominations were called for an Assistant Revolving Loan Fund Treasurer. Bro. Kenneth Gibson was nominated and elected.

Motion and second that we adjourn to meet with the Grandview Baptist Church. Motion carried.

Bro. Gene Hankins led in the dismissal prayer.

ANNUAL REPORTS

PETITIONARY LETTERS

To the Churches of the BMA of Missouri from the Landmark Missionary Baptist Church of O'Fallon, Missouri. Pastor, Eld. H. C. Pape, 10118 Clairmon, St. Louis, Missouri. Missionary Committeeman, Bill Berry.

ANNUAL REPORT OF SECRETARY-TREASURER of the B.M.A. of Missouri

To the messengers of the churches of the BMA of Missouri, 1981
Christian Greetings:

At the fifty-fourth annual session of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri, I feel deeply grateful to the Lord for His blessings upon the work. It is with gratitude in my heart that I give an accounting of my stewardship, as a servant of the churches, for the honor and glory of the Lord.

The churches have responded generously with their means for the causes. Of course, all of us have felt the pinch that inflation has brought upon us. The challenge has been extended, and our churches and our good people have met that challenge. Thanks to the Lord.

The Annual Missions Symposium proved to be an extraordinary blessing to the cause of Christ. The goal of \$5,000 was exceeded by \$283.36. Thank you for your interest. And, I would like to recommend a goal of \$6,000 for the ensuing year. What do you say?

My personal visits have taken me among some 75 churches and assemblies. These were joyful visits. Thanks so very much for honoring me with the privilege of delivering the message or presenting the work. The spirit of the Lord graciously manifested Himself. The pastors were very congenial and prayerful concerning the work. Thank you so very much for every kindness. Even your deep love for the work is appreciated.

Furthermore, thanks so very much for bountiful meals and nights of lodging in a number of homes. When lodging in motels became necessary, this was not charged to the association.

In the interest of the work, I travelled 25,431 miles. A number of hospital and rest home visits were made. One man was saved as the result of a visit to a hospital. I was also blessed in witnessing other professions of faith, dedications, and additions to churches.

The purpose of Missions is to win the lost to Christ, and to disciple the saved for an extended involvement in the Cause of Christ. Love for the Word must be sought. My, what a display of Love when God's children come together under the guidance of the Holy Spirit!

Throughout the Scripture, we are admonished, "Let brotherly love continue." Thus the negative spirit must be overcome by a positive atmosphere.

Jesus, the Master, exhorted the early church, "Go and make disciples of all nations." Go, simply means, get in motion, and continue. Do we love Him enough? It's a challenge.

In brief terms Jesus taught a great lesson on love. "If ye love me, keep my commandments," said Jesus. The love of Jesus simply calls out love for the brethren. We cannot let our love be chilled in our determination to serve Him. Therefore, may we go forth hand in hand for Missions.

Thank the Lord for the wonderful spirit of cooperation, and the desire to reach other areas in the harvest of souls and the building of churches. Thus, may the sweet Holy Spirit give us victory day by day.

"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us," Ephesians 3:20.

Secretary-Treasurer
of Missions, and
your servant,
H. W. Darst

FINANCIAL REPORT
October 1, 1980 - September 30, 1981
H. W. Darst - Secretary-Treasurer and Editor

Balance on Hand October 1, 1980		
Missions	\$12,250.73	
Paper	129.32	
Camera	157.62	
Detherage Fund Balance	2,781.36	
Incidental	1.31	
Total Brought Forward	\$15,320.34	\$15,320.34
The Detherage Fund Balance was transferred in Missions by vote of the Messengers in annual session		
Receipts: October 1, 1980 - September 30, 1981		
Missions - less \$10 returned check	\$55,514.53	
Paper	7,343.04	
Incidental	60.00	
Designated Funds	1,788.20	
Total Receipts	\$64,705.77	64,705.77
Accrued Interest on Savings Account		492.49
Grand Total Available		\$80,518.60
Disbursements:		
Missions	\$45,323.80	
Paper	7,240.53	
Incidental	24.12	
Designated Funds	1,788.20	
Total disbursed	\$54,376.65	54,376.65
Balance on Hand October 1, 1981		\$26,141.95

Missions Transferred into savings	
Detherage Fund Balance	2,781.36
From Missions Fund	<u>8,000.00</u>
Total	\$10,781.36
Accrued interest on Savings Account	<u>492.49</u>
Total in Savings Account	\$11,273.85
Missions transferred into money market certificate	<u>10,000.00</u>
Total in Savings Account and Money Market certificate	\$21,273.85
Total available October 1, 1981	
Missions in Checking Account	\$ 4,441.46
Missions in Savings Account	11,273.85
Missions - Money Market Certificate	<u>10,000.00</u>
Total in Missions	\$25,715.31
Paper Fund	231.83
Camera Fund	157.62
Incidental	<u>37.19</u>
Grand Total available Oct. 1, 1981	\$26,141.95
Proof of funds - United Missouri Bank of Jefferson County, Arnold, Missouri	

MISSIONARY REPORTS

Dear Sister Churches,

It is with great expectation that I offer this annual report. Lighthouse, since last year has grown in several ways. We have gained new members, our financial support has increased and the spirit of fellowship has grown. It is readily evident that the Lord is in our midst and is truly blessing.

As your missionary, I have tried to lead the church to grow to the point of being self supportive. We have made headway in this area, but have not yet reached our intended goal. Due to the fact of our present stability and prospects, we are taking a step of faith and trusting God to bless and give victory. We do hereby offer our resignation as missionary effective no later than July 31, 1982. You ask, why the delay? We feel that by taking this step of faith God will bless and it will set a definite goal for us to reach instead of continuing to drift with the tide of support. It is easy to set back in the seat of do nothing when someone else is doing your job for you, so we feel that this move will help the church to assume her responsibility. We further ask for the extended time in order to give us time to get ourselves organized. There needs to be plans made in case the church does not reach full support and we feel that a few months will be needed to make the right judgment. We said, no later than July 31, 1982, that means that if we reach full support before this date that we will effect our resignation at that time.

We would like to say in behalf of the church, that we appreciate your support over the years, and we further pray that the time that we have spent on the field as a missionary, that the support has not been abused in any way.

Our statistical report is as follows. From May 18, 1981 until October 24, 1981, for five months we have made one hundred and fourteen visits, preached eighty sermons, held sixteen nursing home services, attended two

funerals and held one, made six hospital visits, held twelve counseling sessions, made nine associational meetings and spent six days on the mobile missions unit project. We have attended three revivals, taught 31 lessons and conducted one wedding. We have had four professions of faith and baptized two of these. We have had four additions to the church in the last three months. We have witnessed the hand of God moving at Malden and we pray for its continuance. We had our best revival ever in October, Brother Jerry Jolly was the evangelist. Please pray for us at Lighthouse.

Maranatha
J. W. Beardsley

To the Churches of the BMA of Missouri

Since the annual meeting last year, we have closed the New Prospect Mission in the south Kansas City area, and the second Sunday in February of this year started working with the Christway Church in the west part of Independence. We had continuous contact with and assisted to some degree the Christway mission work almost since it began in December of 1979. The church was organized in March of 1980, and my work with them is serving as missionary pastor of the church until it is further established.

The church is purchasing her property. The monthly payments are \$500 a month. The indebtedness is approximately \$48,000. Refinancing will have to be obtained in a little more than three years. This year the church made \$2,000 additional payment on the principal.

The attendance is not what we should be having but the overall average attendance runs in the twenties, with occasionally reaching past the thirty mark. There has been one family of five unite by letter this summer. I have baptized only one this associational year, that being a teenage girl who was saved at the encampment this summer. The membership of the church is now 30. The church updated the membership roll last month, in which 12 others were removed from the church roll, due to disinterest in the church.

The offerings are real good for our membership and attendance, averaging a little over \$400 a week the past three months. The church is now assuming \$57.50 a week of my salary. This is in addition to her regular contribution to state missions. Ten per cent of the total offerings are divided equally between the BMA of America, BMA of Missouri and the BMA of Kansas City. Also the state revolving loan fund has been added to the church budget in which monthly contributions are made. The church is cooperative in supporting missions and contributing to special needs.

I have done the usual amount of visitation, preaching, teaching and miscellaneous errands and physical work connected with the work. Also we attended several associational related meetings including local, state and national meetings.

We have not as yet moved to Independence, but I have been able to carry on the work satisfactorily so far, but will need to move sooner or later. The distance is 18½ miles to the church.

We need your continued prayers as we continue with the work as we see fit. We have appreciated your support during the past year. We pray that Jesus will return for His bride before the annual meeting next year. May God bless each of you.

In His service,
Wayne Simmons

Report O. C. McMasters to the churches of the BMA of Missouri working in Wentzville, Missouri.

We're thrilled concerning the possibilities of the work in Wentzville. We have found a place to have worship services. We've rented a dwelling house. It's a two bedroom house. We'll use the living room and dining room for our auditorium and the two bedrooms for our class rooms. We'll have services in this house until we get our building.

We have been invited to several different churches. We appreciate the hospitality shown to us in the Lord's work.

We have been asked concerning the rent on the house. The rent is \$300 per month plus utilities. Our back tithes will take care of this for a while.

If anyone knows of anyone living in the Wentzville area, give me their name and address. I would appreciate this very much.

In His service
The McMasters

ENCAMPMENT TREASURER'S REPORT
November, 1980 to October 26, 1981
G. W. Fox

Church	General Fund	Youth In Harvest	Food	Total
Amity	\$	\$	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Antioch, Oxly			25.00	25.00
Bethany	120.00	60.00	114.00	294.00
Bethel, Potosi	60.00	15.00	25.00	100.00
Bethel, Sikeston			40.00	40.00
Bethesda	11.84		60.00	71.84
Black Creek			25.00	25.00
Black River			25.00	25.00
Breton Creek	60.00	60.00		120.00
Briar			75.00	75.00
Christ Way	50.00		50.00	100.00
Emmanuel, Sikeston			25.00	25.00
First, Chambers Park	240.00	160.00	183.00	583.00
First, Matthews	95.00		40.00	135.00
First, Neelyville			25.00	25.00
Friendship, MO			20.00	20.00
Independence	70.00		36.40	106.40
Kewanee	60.00	24.00		84.00
LaForge			20.00	20.00
Little Bethel	55.00		35.00	90.00
Liberty			15.00	15.00
Moselle	101.01			101.01
Mt. Olive			35.00	35.00
Mt. Zion, Ellington	120.00		25.00	145.00
Mt. Zion, P.B.	110.00		95.00	205.00
New Hope	25.00			25.00
Northside	112.00			112.00

Ohlman	70.00		30.00	100.00
Palmer Heights			65.00	65.00
Parkview, Arnold	159.47			159.47
Pleasant View		36.00		36.00
Providence			50.00	50.00
Pleasant Grove			25.00	25.00
Stony Point	361.28			361.28
Temple	120.00			120.00
Trinity	151.71		151.64	303.35
Twin Oaks			43.20	43.20
Walnut Grove	74.83		80.00	154.83
Zalma	100.00		74.17	174.17
Zion			30.00	30.00
Camp Offerings	228.02			228.02
Cane Creek Dist. W.M.A.			45.00	45.00
Surplus Food		24.60	104.42	129.02
Insurance	221.50			221.50
Phone	2.00			2.00
Meramec Association	200.00			200.00
Dividends	410.04	63.97		474.01
Ed Allen			10.00	10.00
Logans Creek YIH	162.30		20.00	182.30
Cane C. Dist. YIH	260.00			260.00
Concession Stand	137.15			137.15
TOTALS	\$3,948.15	\$443.57	\$1,771.83	\$6,163.55

PAID OUT:

Telephone	\$ 143.51
New well, pump, tank	2,666.10
New water lines, septic tank, etc.	552.54
Booklets	70.00
Electricity	256.80
Evangelist	250.00
Insurance	236.64
Food, Cooks, Supplies	1,462.78
Class tabernacle (61.44 unused)	560.88
Spring Retreat	142.28
Fall Retreat	223.74
New Building	589.00
Miscellaneous	<u>148.45</u>

TOTAL PAID OUT \$ 7,302.72

TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCES	\$11,883.90
Rec'd General Fund	3,948.15
Rec'd Youth in the Harvest	443.57
Rec'd Food Fund	<u>1,771.83</u>

TOTAL AVAILABLE \$18,047.45

TOTAL PAID OUT \$ 7,302.72

Balance General Fund 8,193.87

Balance Youth in the Harvest	1,553.96
Balance Food Fund	<u>996.90</u>
TOTAL BALANCES	\$10,744.73
Minute Fund	<u>15.00</u>
Total in Bank	\$10,759.73

ENCAMPMENT TRUSTEES REPORT

Motion that we adopt plans for two shower rooms and use the back hoe offered to us. Carried.

Motion to drill another well. Carried.

Motion to build another class room. Carried.

Motion to ask Bro. Don Hoffman to coordinate our building activities.

Glenn Fox,
Acting clerk

YOUTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

It has been a blessing to assist in our youth work. The Spring Retreat was enjoyed by those attending. There were 26 registered for the noon meal on Saturday. The Fall Retreat brought a good increase in attendance. Over 60 were present on Friday night with nearly 40 remaining for Saturday's program.

I now thank each one who personally supported me in this department of our state work, as well as all who pray for, work with, and financially support our youth work.

May all pastors encourage their youth and may all youth accept the challenge before them in the coming year.

Humbly submitted,
Gary Brewer,
Acting Director

MOBILE UNIT COMMITTEE REPORT

Beginning Balance	\$ 382.84
11/10/80 - Chambers Park	10.00
12/5/80 - Chambers Park	10.00
1/5/81 - Chambers Park	10.00
2/9/81 Chambers Park	10.00
2/27/81 - Chambers Park	10.00
3/25/81 - Chambers Park	10.00
6/13/81 - Chambers Park	10.00
7/16/81 - C. D.	1,034.81
8/7/81 - Payment from Picker School	4,000.00
8/7/81 - Received from Picker School (heating element)	<u>200.00</u>
Received and carried forward	\$5,687.65

Disbursements	
2/14/81 - Mileage, Jim Tollison	\$ 52.50
5/8/81 - phone	19.52
6/15/81 - ad in paper	8.96
6/16/81 - phone	10.64
7/14/81 - phone	13.72
8/2/81 - mileage of J. W. Beardsley	15.00
8/3/81 - license for trailer	4.75
8/3/81 - light fixtures	79.04
8/6/81 - Sears for heating element	182.99
8/8/81 - mileage trips to Kennett and St. Louis and welding job ..	83.80
8/8/81 - 4 county for bolts	5.95
8/9/81 - Neils welding shop	16.00
8/10/81 - refund to Picker School for heating element	17.01
8/12/81 - mile Quillman expenses	8.19
9/12/81 - phone	13.28
10/1/81 - phone	6.82
Total disbursements	\$ 538.17
Total received and carried forward	\$5,687.65
Total disbursements	538.17
Balance on hand	\$5,149.48

**SPECIAL MISSIONS AND REVOLVING LOAN FUND
COMMITTEES REPORTS**

August 15, 1981, Wentzville, Missouri

Joint meeting

Revolving Loan Fund: Joe Wilkerson
Kenneth Gibson
Clarence Crawford
Earl Johnston

Special Missions: Don Hoffman
W. H. Newman
M. M. Henson
O. A. Robinson

Missions Secretary: H. W. Darst
Missionary: O. C. McMasters

Motion duly carried that we recommend a brick venere first unit building, 30 feet by 60 feet with exterior inside walls being 8 feet high.

Motion duly carried that pastors of BMA of St. Louis, Missionary O. C. McMasters, and Revolving Loan Fund chairman, with consultation of an architect decide the location of the first unit building and proposed building of church plant.

Motion duly carried that these brethren proceed with all work necessary to begin construction of the first unit building. Motion duly carried that these secure estimates for building cost before the next meeting of Special Missions Committee and Revolving Loan Fund.

Motion duly carried to adjourn.

Moderator, Don Hoffman
Clerk, Kenneth Gibson

October 1, 1981, Bethany Baptist Church, St. Louis, Missouri.

Joint meeting of Revolving Loan Fund, Special Missions Committee, Pastors of BMA of St. Louis, and Missionary O. C. McMasters.

The joint committee met with contractor Norman Goad looked at preliminary plans for a building 36' x 60' with a basement.

Motion duly carried that Norman Goad be authorized to draw up a complete set of plans according to the preliminary plans with noted changes.

Motion duly carried that the building have a two foot overhang wrapped in maintenance free aluminum.

Motion duly carried to adjourn.

Moderator, Don Hoffman

Clerk, Kenneth Gibson

October 26, 1981, Zion Baptist Church

Joint meeting of Special Missions Committee and Revolving Loan Fund with pastors of BMA of St. Louis, Bro. O. C. McMasters and Bro. H. W. Darst. We looked at plans drawn by Norman Goad of a first unit building.

Motion duly carried that we recommend the 36' x 60' building according to plans drawn; that we be our own general contractor; and that we do all the work which we can ourselves; that Bro. McMasters serve as building superintendent with the pastors of the St. Louis Association serving in an advisory capacity to him.

Moderator, Don Hoffman

Clerk, Kenneth Gibson

SPECIAL MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Motion and second that we consider supporting a man in Bowling Green, Kentucky who shall be called by the mission there and approved by this association. Motion carried.

The new committee was then organized by electing Bro. M. M. Henson, Chairman and Bro. O. A. Robinson, Clerk.

Motion and second to adjourn. Carried.

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Dale Blount.

MISSOURI MISSIONARY BAPTIST LOAN ASSOCIATION

220 High St.; Belgrade, MO 63622

Balance October 1, 1980 \$15,011.51

Receipts:

Mt. Zion, Poplar Bluff	\$	170.95
Gethsemane		60.00
Friendship		45.00
Bethel, Potosi		120.00
Trinity		508.42
Chambers Park		233.00
Ohlman		488.36
Walnut Grove		12.08
Mt. Olive		195.00

Breton Creek	60.00	
Zalma	107.04	
Temple	169.27	
Lighthouse (payment on loan)	4,362.91	
Briar	131.52	
Parkview	163.63	
New Prospect	254.29	
Christway	10.00	
Northside	192.00	
Bethany	122.00	
Bethel, Sikeston	80.00	
Palmer Heights	30.00	
Clarence E. Crawford	6.00	
Independence	60.00	
Refund, Shiloh Insurance	319.00	
Federal Kemper Ins.; Shiloh vandalism	977.40	
St. Robert Bank; close sinking fund	656.25	
Shiloh Mobile home	2,500.00	
Shiloh tool shed	5.00	
Laclede Elec. Coop. refund	10.00	
Int. Money Market certificate	1,090.99	
Int. Belgrade State Bank	439.20	
Cash in Money Market Certificate	20,000.00	
Lease Shiloh property	900.00	
Total Received	\$34,479.31	34,479.31
Total carried forward		\$49,490.82
Paid out:		
Shiloh Utilities	\$ 224.65	
Malden Bank, Lighthouse Mortgage	31,375.30	
Clarence Crawford, Expense	33.10	
L. E. Johnston, Expense	139.00	
J. E. Mason, Expense	36.00	
Kenneth Gibson, Expense	12.00	
J. Kirkpatrick, Incop. renewal	1.00	
Belgrade State Bank, Overdraft chg.	9.00	
Mrs. E. C. Simmons, Shiloh Bond #97	100.00	
National Surplus Underwriters, Ins.	1,338.75	
Miller Ins. Agency, Shiloh Ins.	415.00	
Total disbursements	\$33,683.80	33,683.80
Balance		\$15,807.02
Checking Account balance		137.58
Funds available		\$15,944.60
Proof of funds		
Savings account #2657	\$15,943.41	
Checking account #15 342 7	137.58	
Total	\$16,080.99	\$16,080.99
Lighthouse Balance		37,290.87
Total assets		\$53,371.86
Plus Shiloh property		

ANNUAL
Editor's Report of
The Missouri Missionary Baptist
October 1, 1980 through September 30, 1981

Messengers of the churches of the BMA of Missouri
Christian Greetings:

"From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the Lord's name is to be praised," Psalm 113:3.

Personally, I feel that "The Missouri Missionary Baptist" continues to serve as a medium of communication in the Cause of Christ, mission endeavors, and the financial needs of the work.

Thank you for your awareness of the need in supporting "The Missouri Missionary Baptist". A goodly number of churches have increased their support. This is also true with individuals. Thank you so much for this interest.

Thanks so much for your prayers, wonderful spirit of cooperation, your news items and writings, and your financial support for our state paper.

The paper reaches out. In fact, "The Missouri Missionary Baptist" goes into thirty other states, and into nursing homes, jail centers, colleges and schools, and into other areas. We are now mailing out about 1,900 copies of the paper. We rejoice that the paper is so well received.

Mrs. Darst gives able assistance in typing the material and addressing the papers and getting them ready for the mails.

Thanks so much for your prayers and words of commendation.

I think that the paper is fully worth supporting.

As you pray, remember all the work.

I recommend special offering for paper.

Your servant,
H. W. Darst, Editor of the
Missouri Missionary Baptist

BAPTIST PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Brethren, it is with a degree of pleasure that we present this report.

We have kept up with the paper during the year and its contents. We feel that Brother Darst should be commended for a good job editing "The Missouri Missionary Baptist", and is deserving of your prayers.

To the messenger body of the BMA of Missouri, we recommend Bro. Harry Darst as editor of the Missouri Baptist.

I move we give Bro. Darst a standing vote of confidence.

We recommend that our Editor use every discretion not to publish the names of missionaries and evangelists who are not cooperating with our work.

William A. Fulcher
William F. Miller
George DeClue

W. M. A. REPORT

Women's Missionary Auxiliary involves Bible Study, Benevolence, Missions, Evangelism, and Christian Education:

The Bible says, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might."

It is one of the W.M.A.'s responsibilities to sponsor the Youth Auxiliaries, Sunbeams, G.M.A. and Y.L.A.'s. We can help mold the lives of these young impressionable people. What a privilege? In our troubled world today, let us be the mothering element for our youth.

We heartily recommend our current study book, "That Ye May Abound", by Mrs. Charles Walker.

In the past year, there have been numerous W.M.A.'s and youth auxiliaries organized in Missouri. Praise the Lord.

Humbly submitted,
Mrs. Juanita Blount
Mrs. Marie Darst

BROTHERHOOD REPORT

The meetings of the Brotherhood of BMA of Missouri was called to order by the president Bro. Elvie Asberry at Moselle Baptist Church May 19, 1981. Bro. Denver Page was appointed to record the business due to the secretary being absent.

Bro. E. F. Gibson read the constitution for the Brotherhood that was submitted by the constitution committee. Motion and second to accept the recommended constitution. Carried.

Bro. Don Crawford was nominated and elected as secretary-treasurer. Bro. Gene Hankins was elected as assistant secretary-treasurer. Motion and second that the other officers be retained. Carried.

It was requested that the secretary send a copy of the Brotherhood constitution along with a list of the officers to every church of the BMA of Missouri.

Motion and second to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer.

October 9, 1981 Ohlman Missionary Baptist Church, Bunker, Missouri.

Bro. Elvie Asberry assisted this church in organizing a Brotherhood.
Funds on hand as of October 26, 1981 \$47.06.

Don Crawford, Secretary-Treasurer
Elvie Asberry, President

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Be it resolved that we show our appreciation to Zion Missionary Baptist Church and the officers and committees of this association by a standing vote of this body.

Due to the decline of morality in our nation, Be it resolved that we continue our stand against the Equal Rights Amendment and its associated evils.

Be it resolved we continue to pray for our associated church and individual endeavors for the honor and glory of God.

Jim Tollison
Richard Britt

FINANCE REPORT

Christway	\$ 25.00
Springhill	15.00
Landmark (DeSoto)	25.00
Amity	25.00
Friendship (Harviell)	10.00
Little Bethel	20.00
Zion	5.00
Briar	20.00
Independence	20.00
Bethany	20.00
Mt. Carmel	35.00
Parkview (Arnold)	20.00
Bethel	20.00
Landmark (O'Fallon)	20.00
Mt. Olive	20.00
Northside	30.00
Cape	25.00
Walnut Grove	20.00
Bethlehem	15.00
Antioch (Doniphan)	15.00
Faith	25.00
Trinity	25.00
Moselle	15.00
Temple	10.00
Zalma	15.00
First (Middlebrook)	15.00
LaForge	10.00
Black River	15.00
Kewanee	15.00
Mt. Zion (Poplar Bluff)	30.00
Bates Creek	35.00
Ohlman	20.00
First (Neelyville)	15.00
Current River	10.00
Cave Springs	15.00
Gethsemane	20.00
Naylor	15.00
Bethesda	20.00
Palmer Heights	10.00
Parkview (Rolla)	15.00
Pleasant View	5.00
Emmanuel (Poplar Bluff)	10.00
Antioch (Ellington)	30.00
Charity	15.00
Breton Creek	25.00
New Hope	15.00
Black Creek	15.00
Grandview	15.00
Lighthouse	20.00

Friendship (Caseyville)	15.00
Providence	20.00
Bethel (Sikeston)	25.00
Stony Point	25.00
Pleasant Grove	25.00
Total received	<u>\$1,015.00</u>
Received after association	
Twin Oaks	20.00
First, Matthews	25.00
Emmanuel, Sikeston	15.00
Mt. Zion, Ellington	5.00
Total Received	<u>\$1,080.00</u>

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT
1980 - 1981

Received from Richard Britt	\$ 318.55	
Received from Finance Committee	910.00	
Received after association:		
Lighthouse	10.00	
Pleasant View	10.00	
Current River	10.00	
Total Funds Received	<u>\$1,258.55</u>	\$1,258.55
Disbursements:		
Piedmont Printing Company for 800	\$ 619.11	
minutes		
Clerk hire	250.00	
Piedmont Printing Company for letter forms	25.22	
Postage	10.00	
Total disbursements	<u>\$ 904.43</u>	904.43
Ending balance October 26, 1981		<u>\$ 354.12</u>

To have extra minutes available when needed, I recommend that we print approximately 50 minutes more than the total number requested on the letter forms.

I also recommend that all minute money in excess of \$100 after the minutes have been printed be given to the BMA of Missouri Revolving Loan Fund.

Dale G. Fish,
Recording Secretary

MISSIONARY COMMITTEE REPORT

Missionary Committee Meeting was called to order by Moderator Sterling Chitwood.

Prayer by Bro. John Earl Brown.

Bro. S. P. Chitwood was nominated and elected as chairman.

Bro. J. E. Brown was nominated and elected as assistant moderator.

Bro. Jim Tollison was nominated and elected as clerk.
Bro. Richard Britt was nominated and elected as assistant clerk.
Motion to adjourn. Carried.
Bro. M. M. Henson dismissed in prayer.

ENCAMPMENT TRUSTEES REPORT

Organizational meeting opened with prayer by Bro. Elva Asberry.
President - Bro. S. P. Chitwood
Vice-President - Bro. Noel Meade
Clerk - Bro. Elva Asberry
Assistant Clerk - Bro. Dan Hoffman
Treasurer - Bro. Glenn Fox
Motion and second to ask our evangelist to confirm our appointment for 1982 camp. Carried.
Motion and second to try to secure same cooks as last year. Motion carried.
Motion to adjourn. Carried.

REVOLVING LOAN FUND COMMITTEE REPORT

Organization of new Revolving Loan Fund Committee.
Kenneth Gibson was elected as chairman. Bro. Crawford was elected as clerk.
Adjourned in prayer by Bro. Joe Wilkerson.
Moderator, Kenneth Gibson
Clerk, Clarence Crawford

SALARY COMMITTEE REPORT

Missionaries shall receive \$500 a month housing and utility allowance, \$20 per week for Social Security to be paid at whatever interval the missionary desires, hospital insurance in addition to \$165 per week salary.

CHURCHES REPRESENTING, 1981

Church, City, Phone
Pastor, Address, Phone
Clerk, Address

AMITY, DONIPHAN

Clint Colburn, Route 3, Box 276, Doniphan, MO 63935, 314-996-2448
Melba Gann, Route 3, Box 341, Doniphan, MO 63935

ANTIOCH, ELLINGTON

No pastor at present
Ardella Chitwood, Route 2, Box 102, Ellington, MO 63638

ANTIOCH, OXLY

H. R. Thurman, Route 1, Harviell, MO 63945, 314-989-3543
Allie Lee Garrett, Route 1, Box 19, Doniphan, MO 63935

BATES CREEK, POTOSI

Charles Evans, Route 1, Farmington, MO 63640, 314-756-7840
Gail Rasnic, Route 2, Potosi, MO 63664

BETHANY, ST. LOUIS, 314-429-2195

O. A. Robinson, 11229 Midland Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63114,
314-429-0714
Helen Gillispie, 8627 Octavia, St. Louis, MO 63136

BETHEL, POTOSI

J. E. Mason, 606 Raymond, Potosi, MO 63664, 314-438-2696
Jetty Benson, Route 2, Box 27A, Potosi, MO 63664

BETHEL, SIKESTON, 314-471-0865

W. H. Newman, 212 Bohannon, Sikeston, MO 63801, 314-471-6565
Deborah Barker, 901 S. Prairie, Sikeston, MO 63801

BETHESDA, FLAT RIVER

Wayne N. Gibson, Route 4, Box 238, Farmington, MO 63640,
314-431-5339
Louise Gibson, Route 4, Box 237A, Farmington, MO 63640

BETHLEHEM, DONIPHAN

David Lee, Route 1, Box 17E, Doniphan, MO 63935, 314-996-4928
Dorothy Looney, Route 1, Doniphan, MO 63935

BLACK CREEK, POPLAR BLUFF

W. F. Miller, Route 9, Poplar Bluff, MO 63901, 314-785-8978
Polly Willhelm, 1700 W. Maude, Poplar Bluff, MO 63901

BLACK RIVER, QULIN

Harold Condray, P.O. Box 187, Ellsinore, MO 63937, 314-322-5587
Anna Lourance, Route 2, Box 84, Qulin, MO 63961

BRETON CREEK, POTOSI, 314-438-5984

Jim Tollison, Star Route 287, Potosi, MO 63664, 314-438-2504
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