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# MINUTES

## *Of The Fifty-Seventh Annual Session Of The BAPTIST MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION OF MISSOURI*

**1984**

Annual Session held with the  
**BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
St. Louis, Missouri  
October 29 and 30

**PRESIDENT** ..... Eld. Ron Fields  
**VICE-PRESIDENT** ..... Eld. Jerome Cooper  
**RECORDING SECRETARY** ..... Eld. Dale G. Fish  
**ASSISTANT RECORDING SECRETARY** ..... Eld. Eddle Gray

**1985**

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

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Annual Meeting will be held with the  
**ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
St. Louis, Missouri  
On Monday and Tuesday after  
Fourth Sunday in October, 1985—2:00 P.M.



**ANNUAL MESSAGE** ..... Eld. Wayne Gibson  
**ALTERNATE** ..... Eld. Don McWilliams

# 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. Ridlen
1980	Bethel, Sikeston	Jack Courtney	Dale G. Fish	Jack Courtney
1981	Zion, St. Louis	Jack Courtney	Dale G. Fish	Jerome Cooper
1982	Chambers Pk., St. Louis	E. F. Gibson	Dale G. Fish	Kenneth Gibson
1983	Bethel, Sikeston	E. F. Gibson	Dale G. Fish	Jack Courtney
1984	Bethany, St. Louis	Ron Fields	Dale G. Fish	Don Hoffman

## 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)
  - Revolving Loan Fund Committee
  - Youth Director and Encampment Trustees
  - W.M.A.
  - Brotherhood
  - Enrollment (Appointed by President)
  - Finance (Appointed by President)
  - MISSOURI MISSIONARY BAPTIST (By Editor and Publications Committee)
  - Resolutions
  - 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

# Standing Committees

## SPECIAL MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Wayne Gibson .....	1985
B. M. Ridlen .....	1986
Ron Fields .....	1987
Waymond Brown .....	1988
Johnny Beardsley .....	1989

## MISSOURI MISSIONARY BAPTIST PUBLICATION COMMITTEE

Gary Brewer .....	1985
Jerome Cooper .....	1986
Jim Watson .....	1987

## REVOLVING LOAN FUND COMMITTEE

Clarence Crawford .....	1985
D. F. Magruder .....	1986
Earl Johnston .....	1987
E. F. Gibson .....	1988
Wayne Riebold .....	1989

## BAPTIST TRAINING SERVICE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE

Danny Hoffman .....	1985
Elva Asberry .....	1986
Mike Quillman .....	1987
Dale G. Fish .....	1988
Don Hoffman .....	1989

## MISSIONARY COMMITTEE

S. P. Chitwood .....	Chairman
O. A. Robinson .....	Assistant Chairman
Don Hoffman .....	Clerk
Jerome Cooper .....	Assistant Clerk

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## 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 a President, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, and an Assistant Recording Secretary.

Section 2. The President and Vice-President shall be elected at each Semi-annual session by nomination and acclamation, to assume office at the next annual session. These officers shall not hold office more than two consecutive years. The recording secretary and the assistant recording secretary shall be elected at the semi-annual session by nomination and acclamation, to assume office at the next annual session.

Section 3. The duties of the officers shall be such as usually devolve on such officers of a deliberative body.

Section 4. 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; (5) To work with the secretary-treasurer of missions as advisors in the area of state missions; (6) To bring a recommendation on salary and



benefits for all missionary personnel for consideration by the messengers in annual or semi-annual session; and (7) To visit each mission point at least once each year and bring to the messenger meeting a recommendation concerning the continuation of the mission point.

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 weeks 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 — 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 XI — 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 XII — Women's Missionary Auxilliary**

Section 1. There shall be a department called the Women's Missionary Auxilliary 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 Auxiliaries as outlined 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.

Section 4. The activities of this department shall be reported at the annual meeting of this association.

### **Article XIII — Brotherhood**

Section 1. There shall be a department called the Brotherhood 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 Brotherhoods and Galilean youth groups in the churches of this association and to promote a spirit of cooperation and helpfulness in all phases of Christian work.

Section 3. The Constitution of the Brotherhood of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri shall be the guideline for this department.

Section 4. The activities of this department shall be reported at the annual meeting of this association.

### **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. after the Fourth Sunday in October.
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. The salary of the Secretary-Treasurer of Missions shall be \$100 per month. The salary of the missionaries shall be: \$245 weekly salary; \$500 per month housing and utilities allowance; hospitalization insurance; \$35 per week 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 duties of the Secretary-Treasurer shall be to receive and disburse all mission funds as directed by the messengers, and to report these funds monthly through the Missouri Missionary Baptist and at the semi-annual and annual meetings. He shall also perform other duties as prescribed in our by-laws.

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.

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.

#### **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 Monday 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 third 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.

This same fund may also be used as needed to provide money for state Youth auxiliary camps. These camps are to be planned by the youth auxiliary directors and approved by the Encampment Committee.

#### **VI—THE MISSOURI MISSIONARY BAPTIST**

1. The subscription price of the paper shall be \$4 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 and jeans not be permitted except at specific times designated by the Encampment Committee. All slacks and jeans must be full length.

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  
Temple Baptist Church  
Belgrade, Missouri**

**May 15, 1984  
10:00 A.M.**

The Semi-annual Meeting of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri opened in congregational song, "Just Over in the Gloryland", led by Bro. S. P. Chitwood and piano accompaniment by Sis. Wilma Fox.

Bro. E. F. Gibson, President of the association, called on Bro. O. A. Robinson to lead in prayer. Bro. Chitwood then led as we sang "Praise Him, Praise Him!"

Bro. Gibson asked the messengers that were certified at the annual meeting to stand to be recognized. He then asked for replacements to stand and be recognized.

Bro. E. F. Gibson read I Peter 1:1-12 for our devotional thoughts. Prayer was led by Bro. Richard Britt.

Bro. Gibson called for petitionary letters. A letter was received and read by the clerk from Ozark Heights Baptist Church, Potosi, Missouri. Motion and second that this church be welcomed into our association and her messengers be seated. Motion carried.

Bro. Gibson asked the messengers from this church to come forward and gave them the hand of fellowship for the association.

Special music was presented from Temple Baptist Church. Following this, Bro. Gary Brewer sang, "I've Been to Calvary".

Bro. Gibson then recognized Bro. James L. Silvey to present our program. Bro. Silvey presented the importance of the publications ministry to our work.

Bro. Gibson recognized Bro. Jack Courtney, pastor of Trinity, who is accepting the position of Assistant Missions' Director for the BMA of America to speak concerning this work.

The special singers from Temple Baptist Church sang, "There's a Rainbow of Love", "When I Hear my Final Call", and "I'll Sail Away Home".

Bro. Jerome Cooper sang, "How Great Thou Art".

Bro. S. P. Chitwood led the congregation in singing "O, Say but I'm Glad". Following this song, Bro. Waymond Brown led in prayer.

Bro. Silvey came to bring the message, using I Corinthians 15:9-11 as his text, and used "It's By the Grace of God" as his subject.

Bro. Chitwood led "Amazing Grace" for the invitation song.

Bro. H. W. Darst came to give Bro. Silvey the hand of appreciation for the message in behalf of the association.

Motion and second to adjourn until 1:00 P.M.

Following the announcements, Bro. Jim Tollison led in the dismissal prayer.



1:00 P.M.

The afternoon session was opened by singing "The Home Over There". Bro. Elva Asberry led the opening prayer.

Bro. Gibson called for the Missions Reports and recognized Bro. H. W. Darst for his report as Secretary-Treasurer of Missions.

Motion and second that the Secretary-Treasurer's Report be adopted. Motion carried.

Bro. Gibson recognized Bro. Eddie Marsh for his report as missionary at Bowling Green, Kentucky. Motion and second Bro. Marsh's report be adopted. Motion carried.

Bro. O. C. McMasters, Missionary at Wentzville, Missouri, came for his report. Motion and second that we adopt this report and that we pause for prayer that there will be an increase at Wentzville. Motion carried.

Bro. Gibson asked the congregation to stand as Bro. Jack Courtney led in prayer.

Bro. Gibson recognized Bro. Wayne Simmon for his report as Missionary at Independence, Missouri. Motion and second that Bro. Simmons' report be adopted. Motion carried.

Bro. Gibson called for the report from the Baptist Training Service Committee. Bro. Mike Quillman, chairman, recognized Bro. Elva Asberry for the report. Motion and second this report be adopted. Spoken to by Bro. Mike Quillman, and Bro. G. W. Fox. Report adopted.

Bro. G. W. Fox came for his report as Encampment Treasurer and Camp Superintendent. Motion and second treasurer's report be adopted. Motion carried.

Bro. Clarence Crawford was recognized for the Revolving Loan Fund Report. Motion and second the Revolving Loan Fund minutes be adopted. Motion carried.

Bro. Crawford then gave his report as the Revolving Loan Fund Treasurer. Motion and second that the Revolving Loan Fund Treasurer's report be adopted. Motion carried.

Bro. Gibson recognized Bro. H. W. Darst for his report as Editor of the Missouri Missionary Baptist paper. Motion and second this report be adopted.

Motion and second that we, the BMA of Missouri, authorize our clerk to write each BMA church located in the state of Missouri who are not affiliated with the BMA of Missouri as their state work, inviting these sister churches, to prayerfully consider becoming a part of our state work, so that we can together have a greater united missions outreach through preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. Motion carried.

Bro. Mark McEuen read the following resolution:

Resolution adopted by Breton Creek Missionary Baptist Church to the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri in Semi-Annual Session:

Be it resolved that we as mission minded Baptists change our By-Laws concerning Section III, Missions

# 7. The salary of the missionaries shall be \$230 weekly salary; \$500 per month housing and utilities allowance; \$20 per week Social Security to be paid at whatever interval the missionary desires. The salary and benefits of the Secretary-Treasurer of Missions shall be  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the salary and benefits of a missionary.

#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 monthly through the "Missouri Missionary Baptist" and at the semi-annual and annual sessions of the association; (3) counseling with and assisting the missionaries in promoting and enlarging our missions endeavors.

Motion and second this resolution be adopted. Spoken to by Bro. G. W. Fox, Bro. Mark McEuen, Bro. Waymond Brown, and Bro. O. A. Robinson.

Motion and second this resolution be referred to the churches and the churches report back at the annual association. Spoken to by Bro. O. A. Robinson, and Bro. B. M. Ridlen.

Motion to refer this resolution to the churches carried.

Bro. Gibson called for the election of officers for the 1984 Annual Session.

Nominations were called for President of the association. Bro. Ron Fields, Bro. Jerome Cooper, and Bro. Tom Foster were nominated. Bro. Ron Fields was elected.

Motion and second to make the vote unanimous. Motion carried.

Nominations were called for a Vice-president. Waymond Brown, Bro. B. M. Ridlen, and Jerome Cooper were nominated. Bro. Jerome Cooper was elected.

New pastors in the association were recognized. Bro. Phil Schalchlin from First Baptist of Joplin was recognized.

Bro. Gibson called for nominations for a Nominating Committee of three. Bro. B. M. Ridlen, Bro. Waymond Brown, Bro. Jim Tollison, Bro. Don Hoffman, and Bro. Mark McEuen were nominated. Bro. B. M. Ridlen, Bro. Waymond Brown, and Bro. Don Hoffman were elected.

Bro Jack Courtney offered his resignation from the Special Missions Committee since he is moving from the state. Motion and second we accept his resignation. Nominations were called for a replacement of the Special Missions Committee, term expiring 1988. Mark McEuen, Melvin J. Swafford, and Waymond Brown were nominated. Bro. Waymond Brown was elected.

Bro. E. F. Gibson recognized Bro. Ron Fields, our newly elected president of the association.

Motion and second that we adjourn. Motion carried.

Announcements were called for.

A request was made that a note be added to the minutes of appreciation to the host church from the association. A hearty amen was given to this request.

## **SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS**

### **PETITIONARY LETTER**

From the Ozark Heights Baptist Church, Potosi, Missouri.

Having adopted the statement of principles of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri, we herewith petition for fellowship in this body.

Jim Tollison, Pastor

Hilda Volner, Clerk

## STATE MISSION'S REPORT

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

It has been my privilege to travel among thirty-six churches and assemblies since November 1, 1983. It was joy to my heart to deliver twenty-six messages during this period of time, and to visit some other ten meetings.

Thanks for the financial assistance as I traveled in several of these areas.

### MISSIONS

Missions is our business. Churches composed of individual disciples, must assume in all readiness, the task of reaching sinners in salvation and discipling the same. We may formulate various opinions of how this job is to be done, but it is still readable as given in Matthew 28:19-20.

Brethren, the darkness of the hour is hovering over us, therefore it is urgent for us to awake out of sleep, for now is our salvation nearer than we believed.

May we sense a deep feeling of responsibility as we read, "**The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few.**" "**Wilt thou not revive us again?**"

### STATE MISSIONS SYMPOSIUM IN REVIEW

The Eleventh Annual Missions Symposium of the BMA of Missouri was a great success. The program theme was "Love is The Key." Every one did a wonderful job with his assignment. The Symposium Offering reached \$8,455.19. This included \$235.50 which was designated for the paper fund, and was sent after the symposium meeting. This was as follows: Temple \$25 extra; Bethany \$10 extra; and West Doniphan \$40.

Your Servant,  
H. W. Darst

### SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT of the BMA OF MISSOURI October 1, 1983—April 30, 1984

	Missions	Paper	Incidental	Designater
Receipts . . . . .	\$40,225.25	\$7,332.54	\$35.00	\$152.01
Balance Brought Forward . . . . .	5,049.84	80.52	46.82	None
Total Available . . . . .	45,275.09	7,413.06	81.82	152.01
Disbursements . . . . .	34,262.33	7,033.89	61.82	152.01
Balance May 1, 1984 . . . . .	\$11,012.76	\$ 379.17	\$20.00	None

## TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE

Missions .....	\$11,012.76
Paper .....	379.17
Incidental Fund .....	20.00
Typewriter Fund .....	99.16
Grand Total All Funds .....	\$11,511.09

Total receipts for the Semi-Annual period were \$47,744.80, compared to \$45,202.01 for the same period of time last year shows a total gain of \$2,542.79.

Location of Funds—United Missouri Bank of Jefferson County, Arnold, Missouri.

Your Servant,  
H. W. Darst

## MISSIONARY REPORT

Report to the Semi-Annual Meeting of the BMA of Missouri  
To the churches of the BMA of Missouri:

Exciting, discouragement, disappointment, and joy are all emotions that we have experienced the last few months. But, with all of the growing pains, God continues to show Himself to be Lord.

After many months of waiting, it appears that we are on the brink of starting our building. We approach this time with great anticipation. Next Sunday, May 20 is the day that we will have our ground-breaking ceremony.

God has blessed with a number of visitors in our services. Some who have visited several times. We also have had the joy of baptizing one lady. But our greatest joy is to see the continued growth in the lives of our people.

We thank you for your love and your continued support.

Because He lives,  
Brother Eddie Marsh

## MISSIONARY REPORT

Three years ago at the mid-year meeting I was elected to be a missionary for the BMA of Missouri to go to Wentzville to try to get a work started for the Lord. It doesn't seem like much has been accomplished, but I guess something has. We have a 36x60 building with a basement. Everything has been finished with the exception of the porch. We started having services the first Sunday in November in 1982 with four. This past Sunday we had 16 in the preaching services. We've had a total of 7 additions. We now have 11 members. Our offering usually averages about \$1,000 per month. Our record attendance is 27. We are working for the Lord.

We do appreciate your prayer and support. If you come to Wentzville, come and worship with us.

Pray for us.

The McMasters

## MISSIONARY REPORT

To the churches of the BMA of Missouri:

Since the annual meeting, there has not been the results we would like to have seen. But the Lord has blessed and our expectations are still alive.

The average attendance is still holding up as before, with an overall average of about 25-30. The offerings have been sufficient to meet our present budget. We are thankful to the faithful people we have that attend and support with their finances regularly.

We have been able to purchase some new pews for our worship area. Several other ideas are being looked into, so as that future growth necessitates it, we will be able to move ahead. Our greatest concern at the present is the indebtedness on the property of about \$35,000, in which we will have to find re-financing in eighteen months.

The Christway Church is assuming \$115 per week of my salary. Earnings have not been as well as we expected from the part time involvement in the insurance business, but we have been able to reduce the weekly salary by various amounts on an irregular basis. However, our medical insurance is one of the major steps in assuming self-support status as that was picked up by another source. Hopefully, the church will be closing up some of the gap, as well as myself supplementing it.

The church is planning revival services this week. Bro. Beardsley is to assist us in a weekend revival beginning Thursday night. Our theme for this meeting is found in Lamentations 5:21; "Turn thou us unto thee O Lord, and we shall be turned; Renew our days as of old."

Pray for us: May God bless each of you.

Yours in Christ,  
Wayne Simmons

## ENCAMPMENT TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Bethel Baptist Church, Sikeston, Missouri March 24, 1984

Called to order by Mike Quillman.

Trustees present, Mike Quillman, Dale Fish, Noel Meade, Bro. Cooper, Elva Asberry, Glenn Fox.

Motion to combine and put all interest into general fund. Motion carried.

Motion to meet at Mt. Zion, Poplar Bluff on May 12 to prepare program for summer camp. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

Elva Asberry  
Clerk for the committee

Garwood, Missouri Campground May 12, 1984

Purpose of meeting to prepare program for the summer camp. All trustees present along with Camp Superintendent, Bro. Glenn Fox.

Opened in prayer by Elva Asberry.

Date of encampment will be July 31, August 1-2, 1984.

Other business that came before the trustees was as follows:

Motion to build a softball field-diamond in the most feasible manner, and to use the offer by the county to level the field, if at all possible. Motion carried.

Motion to build a privacy fence in front of the girls and boys dorms. Motion carried.

Motion for Bro. Mike Quillman to get someone to mow the grass. Motion carried.

Motion to pay the evangelist \$300. Motion carried.

Motion that Dan Hoffman be in charge of softball. Motion carried.

Motion to have John Ziegler be in charge of recreation. Motion carried.

Motion to recommend to the Youth Camp that the camp be called "Camp Garwood" as the new name for the camp. Motion carried.

Nomination for congregational singing leader. Russell Chitwood nominated and elected.

Motion that Dale Fish be in charge of kitchen help. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

Elva T. Asberry  
Clerk for the committee

### ENCAMPMENT TREASURER'S REPORT Semi-Annual Meeting May 11, 1984

#### General Fund

Beginning Deficit .....	\$ (943.15)	
Total Receipts .....	1,746.08	
Paid out .....	79.32	
Balance .....		\$ 723.61

#### Piano Fund

Balance .....		\$ 145.00
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#### Food Fund

Beginning Balance .....	\$1,983.07	
Receipts .....	113.17	
Balance .....		\$2,096.24

#### Youth in the Harvest Fund

Beginning Balance .....	\$1,208.42	
Receipts .....	169.83	
Paid Out .....	34.20	
Balance .....		\$1,344.05
Total Funds on Hand .....		\$4,308.90

#### Location of Funds

Bank of Poplar Bluff, Checking .....	\$ 515.57
Savings of America, Money Market .....	\$3,793.33
Total in Bank .....	\$4,308.90

Glenn W. Fox, Treasurer

### MINUTES OF REVOLVING LOAN FUND COMMITTEE

We met at Chambers Park Church February 25, 1984 at the State WMA meeting. All members were present.

We discussed insurance for the new building at Wentzville.

Motion duly carried that Brother McMasters take our feelings concerning the insurance back to Meyer Road Mission and ask that they consider getting the insurance through a local agent.

E. F. Gibson, Chairman  
Clarence E. Crawford, Clerk

**MISSOURI MISSIONARY BAPTIST LOAN ASSOCIATION**

**May 1, 1984**

Old Balance, October 1, 1983 .....\$ 8,090.86

Receipts:

Bates Creek .....	\$ 70.00	
Bethel, Sikeston .....	43.00	
St. Robert Church of God (rent) .....	1,750.00	
Christway .....	60.00	
Breton Creek .....	35.00	
BMA of St. Louis .....	3,285.21	
Lighthouse (payment on loan) .....	1,182.90	
Zion, St. Louis .....	62.50	
Mt. Zion, P.B. (\$100 Malden debt) .....	219.85	
Temple .....	211.69	
Briar .....	98.99	
Bethel, Potosi .....	70.00	
Zalma .....	58.43	
Ohlman .....	155.00	
Twin Oaks (on loan) .....	700.00	
Trinity .....	484.80	
Gethsemane .....	35.00	
Chambers Park .....	156.50	
Parkview .....	165.43	
Meyer Road (payment on loan) .....	658.30	
Bethany .....	120.00	
Wildwood .....	30.00	
BMA of Missouri (Clerk & Minute Fund) .....	171.22	
Bank Interest Account #2657 .....	<u>275.39</u>	

Total received: .....\$10,099.21      10,099.21

Total funds available .....\$18,190.07

Paid out:

D. F. Magruder .....\$ 75.00      75.00

Balance May 1, 1984 .....\$18,115.07

Proof of Funds

Savings Account #2657 .....	\$ 7,631.91	
Checking Account #15 342 7 .....	483.16	
Certificate of Deposit #3684 .....	<u>10,000.00</u>	

\$18,115.07

Clarence E. Crawford, Treasurer

**EDITOR'S REPORT**  
**of the**  
**MISSOURI MISSIONARY BAPTIST**

To the messengers of the BMA of Missouri

Christian Greetings:

Others have joined you, as a reader, in support of "The Missouri Missionary Baptist". This is very gratifying.

For the first issue in the month of May, we mailed 1,986 copies of the paper. Although this number varies from issue to issue, but is a substantial increase over the average number mailed out last year.

Thank you for your prayers and support. Please continue to pray for all phases of the work.

Editor, H. W. Darst

**PROCEEDINGS**  
of the  
**FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION**  
of the  
**B.M.A. of Missouri**  
**When Convened With**  
**Bethany Baptist Church**  
**St. Louis, Missouri**  
**October 29-30, 1984**

**Monday Afternoon—2:00 P.M.**

The Fifty-seventh Annual Meeting of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri opened with Bro. Richard Britt leading the congregation singing "We Shall See the King Someday", accompanied by Sis. Ruth Gibson at the piano and Sis. Judy Fish at the organ.

Our president, Bro. Ron Fields, asked Bro. E. F. Gibson to lead us in prayer. Following prayer, Bro. Britt led "Whosoever Meaneth Me".

Bro. Fields recognized Bro. Jerome Cooper, our vice-president, to bring the devotional. Bro. Cooper read from Acts 2:41-47.

Bro. O. A. Robinson, pastor of the entertaining church, was recognized to give the welcome.

Bro. George Reddin from the Harvest Gleaner Hour and Bro. James Schoenrock from the BMA Missions' Office were recognized as visitors.

Bro. Fields recognized Bro. George Reddin to speak concerning the work of the Harvest Gleaner Hour.

A partial report from the Enrollment Committee was given. 59 churches were represented, 92 messengers were present, and 8 petitionary letters were received.

Following prayer led by Bro. Elmer Schultz, Bro. Fields declared that the fifty-seventh session open for business.

Motion and second that the New Life Baptist Church, Grandin, Missouri be received and her messengers seated. Motion carried.

Motion and second that the Friendship Baptist Church, St. Clair, Missouri be received and her messengers seated. Motion carried.

Motion and second that the London Hill Baptist Church, Fredericktown, Missouri be received and her messengers seated. Motion carried.

Motion and second that the Central Baptist Church, Union, Missouri be received and her messengers seated. Motion carried.

Motion and second that the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Lemay, Missouri be received and her messengers seated. Motion carried.

Motion and second that the Landmark Baptist Church, DeSoto, Missouri be received and her messengers seated. Motion carried.

Motion and second that the Lankmark Baptist Church, O'Fallon, Missouri be received and her messengers seated. Motion carried.



Motion and second that the Oak Hill Baptist Church, Alton, Missouri be received and her messengers seated. Motion carried.

Bro. Waymond Brown extended the welcome to the messengers of the petitioning churches which were present.

Nominations were called for a recording secretary. Bro. Dale Fish was nominated and elected.

Nominations were called for an assistant recording secretary. Bro. Eddie Gray was nominated and elected.

Bro. Fields appointed Bro. Denver Page, Bro. Terry Sharpe, and Bro. Mike Quillman as the resolutions committee.

Due to the absence of Bro. B. M. Ridlen, nominations were called for a man to serve on the nominating committee along with the other two already elected. Bro. G. W. Fox was nominated and elected.

Bro. Fields recognized Bro. S. P. Chitwood, moderator of the Missionary Committee. Bro. Chitwood reported that there had been no meetings during the year.

Bro. Fields recognized Bro. H. W. Darst for his report as Secretary-Treasurer of Missions for the BMA of Missouri including his financial report. Motion and second that we adopt Bro. Darst's report. Motion carried.

Bro. O. C. McMasters, State Missionary working at Wentzville, Missouri, came for his report. Motion and second that this report be adopted. Motion carried.

Bro. Fields recognized our vice-president, Bro. Jerome Cooper, to continue business.

Bro. Cooper recognized Bro. Wayne Simmons for his report as State Missionary with the Christway Baptist Church at Independence, Missouri. Motion and second that we accept Bro. Simmon's report. Motion carried.

Bro. Eddie Marsh, State Missionary working with New Life Mission in Bowling Green, Kentucky came for his report. Motion and second to adopt this report. Motion carried.

Bro. Cooper recognized Bro. W. H. Newman, Chairman of the Special Mission's Committee, for a report of this committee. Bro. Newman called on Bro. Ron Fields, clerk of the committee, for this report. Motion and second to adopt this report. Spoken to by Bro. O. A. Robinson. Bro. Fields reread the section on salaries.

Motion and second to amend to strike the portion pertaining to Secretary-Treasurer until after report of Enrollment Committee concerning the resolution and then this portion be dealt with. Amendment carried.

Amended motion spoken to by Bro. S. P. Chitwood, the amount of raise was given by Bro. Fields.

Motion to adopt amended Special Missions Report adopted.

The nominating committee recommended Bro. Johnny Beardsley be placed on the Special Missions Committee, term expiring 1989. Motion and second that Bro. Beardsley stand as a nominee. Motion carried. Bro. Beardsley was elected.

Nominations were called for an assistant secretary-treasurer of missions. Bro. D. F. Magruder was nominated and elected.

Bro. Cooper recognized Bro. Fields to continue business.

Bro. Fields recognized Bro. James Schoenrock from BMA of America Missions. Bro. Schoenrock presented Sis. Marie Darst with an award for

learning the most memory verses during the Memory-a-Thon for Special Missions Emphasis.

Bro. Schoenrock gave an oral report of our Interstate and Foreign Missions endeavors.

Bro. Fields recognized Bro. Charles Atteberry as a visitor representing the Ministers Benevolent Department.

Bro. Fields recognized Bro. Dale Fish to give the Recording Secretary's Report. Motion and second to adopt this report. Spoken to by Bro. Fish. Motion carried.

Bro. Fields called for a report of the Revolving Loan Fund. Bro. E. F. Gibson, committee chairman, called on Bro. Clarence Crawford for the financial report. (There were no meetings this year.) Motion and second to adopt this report. Spoken to by Bro. Crawford, Bro. G. W. Fox, Bro. Crawford answered questions, Bro. Fox, Bro. Crawford, Bro. G. W. Fox, and Bro. Crawford. Motion carried.

The nominating committee recommended Bro. Wayne Riebold be placed on the Revolving Loan Fund Committee, term expiring 1989. Motion and second Bro. Riebold stand as a nominee. Bro. Riebold was elected.

Nominations were called for a treasurer of the Revolving Loan Fund. Bro. Clarence Crawford was nominated and elected.

Nominations were called for an assistant treasurer. Bro. Wayne Riebold was nominated and elected.

Motion and second that we amend Statement of Principles: Article V Officers, Section 2 - The recording secretary and the assistant recording secretary shall be elected at the semi-annual session by nomination and acclamation, to assume office at the next annual session. First part of section 3 be deleted. Spoken to by Bro. G. W. Fox, and Bro. O. A. Robinson.

Motion and second to amend to strike Section 3. Spoken to by Bro. Clarence Crawford, Bro. G. W. Fox, Bro. S. P. Chitwood, Bro. Dale G. Fish, Bro. Fields directed question to Bro. E. F. Gibson for information, and Bro. Mike Quillman. Motion to amend the amendment was carried.

Motion to amend Article V was tabled to a later session.

Motion and second that we amend Statement of Principles: Article XII, WMA and Article XIII, Brotherhood—add section 4 to each. The activities of this department shall be reported at the annual meeting of this association. Motion to amend Articles XII and XIII was tabled to a later session.

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

Bro. Fields called for announcements.

Bro. Jim Watson led the dismissal prayer.

### **Monday Evening—7:00 P.M.**

Our service began with singing "Praise Him, Praise Him" led by Bro. Bruce Evans with Sis. Ruth Gibson at the piano and Sis. Judy Fish at the organ.

Bro. Tom Foster led the opening prayer.

Bro. Evans led the song, "The Solid Rock".

After welcoming everyone to the evening session, Bro. Fields called on Bro. Danny Kirk, one of our Interstate Missionaries working in Carbondale, Illinois, to bring the devotional. Bro. Kirk used the subject, "God Strengthens our Hands for this Good Work" for the devotional thoughts.

Bro. Fields requested a partial Enrollment Report be given at this time. One petitionary letter from the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church was read at this time.

Motion and second that we receive this church and seat her messengers. Motion carried.

The messengers came forward and were welcomed by Bro. O. A. Robinson.

The messengers from the Friendship Baptist Church, Caseyville, Illinois, were seated in absence of letter due to the pastor's illness.

Bro. Fields recognized Bro. Charles Atteberry to speak concerning the Minister's Benevolent Department.

In preparation for the annual message by Bro. Don Hoffman, Bro. Fields recognized Bro. O. A. Robinson, our host pastor, to present the singers for the special music.

Alan Lewis and Janet Howard sang "Sheltered in the Arms of God". Bro. and Sis. Gary Brewer sang "The Man on the Middle Cross" and "One way Flight". Bro. Griggs sang "Redemption Draweth Nigh".

Following the special music, Bro. Don Hoffman came to present the annual message. He read his text from Acts 2:41-47 using as his subject, "Being a Great Association".

Bro. Fields asked Bro. G. W. Fox to extend the hand of appreciation to Bro. Hoffman for the message.

Motion and second that we invite Bro. Charles Atteberry to bring the Tuesday morning message.

Substitute motion that we select a speaker by nomination and acclamation. Substitute motion carried.

Nominations were called for a speaker. Bro. Charles Atteberry was nominated and elected.

The amendments that had been tabled in the previous session were brought from the table to be voted on.

Motion to amend Article V carried with opposition noted.

Motion to amend Articles XII and XIII carried.

Motion and second to strike "appointed by president" from WMA and Brotherhood in Order of Business. Motion carried.

Motion and second to pay the clerk \$250. Motion carried.

Bro. Fields called for a report of the Encampment Committee.

Bro. Mike Quillman, Committee Chairman, called on Bro. Elva Asberry for the report. Motion and second to adopt this report. A request was made that this report be reread. Spoken to by Bro. G. W. Fox, Bro. Mike Quillman, Sis. Maridel Eye, Bro. Mike Quillman, Bro. Elva Asberry, Bro. Don Adams, Bro. Daily, Bro. G. W. Fox. Request was made that each recommendation be voted on separately.

All recommendations were adopted with some having a narrow majority.

The nominating committee recommended Bro. Don Hoffman to be on the Encampment Committee. Motion and second that Bro. Hoffman be accepted as a nominee. Motion carried. Bro. Hoffman was elected.

Bro. G. W. Fox was recognized for the Encampment Treasurer's Report. Motion and second that this report be adopted. Motion carried.

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

Bro. Fields recognized Bro. Phillip Bryan from BMA of America Seminary as being with us.

Announcements were made.

Bro. Eugene Bowerman led in the closing prayer.

### **Tuesday Morning—9:30 A.M.**

The service began with Bro. Richard Britt leading the congregation in singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" with Sis. Wilma Fox at the piano and Sis. Judy Fish at the organ. Following prayer led by Bro. Eddie Gray, the congregation sang "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder".

Bro. Ron Fields gave a devotional from I Thessalonians 1:2-3.

Bro. Mark McEuen led in prayer.

Bro. Fields recognized Bro. Phillip Bryan, President of the BMA Seminary, Jacksonville, Texas, to speak concerning the seminary.

Bro. Fields brought up subject of Galilean Baptist Church and Mission Ridge Baptist Church not representing in the past two years.

Motion and second that we recognize the letters of Galilean Baptist Church and Mission Ridge Baptist Church as petitionary letters and seat their messengers.

Bro. Fields recognized Bro. Elva Asberry for the organization minutes of the Encampment Committee. Motion and second to adopt. Motion carried.

Nominations were called for a camp superintendent. Bro. Noel Meade and Bro. Don Hoffman were nominated. Bro. Noel Meade was elected.

Nominations were called for a camp treasurer. Bro. Don Hoffman was nominated and elected.

Bro. Fields recognized Bro. Jerome Cooper for his report as Youth Director.

Motion and second the report be accepted. Motion carried.

Nominations were called for a Youth Director. Bro. Jerome Cooper was nominated and elected.

Nominations were called for an assistant camp treasurer. Bro. Eddie Gray and Bro. Glenn Fox were nominated. Bro. Fox was elected.

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Motion and second to amend By-Laws, Article V, Section 7 the following: Delete word committee after encampment, add "This same fund may also be used as needed to provide money for state youth auxiliary camps. These camps are to be planned by the youth auxiliary directors and approved by the Encampment Committee. Spoken to by Bro. Jerome Cooper, Bro. G. W. Fox and Bro. Don Hoffman. Motion carried.

Motion and second to change By-Law, Article V, Section 2 to read Monday instead of Tuesday. Motion carried.

Bro. Fields called for a final report of the Enrollment Committee. There were 51 churches represented by messenger; 123 messengers listed; 18 churches represented by letter only; and 11 petitionary letters.

Motion and second to approve the Enrollment Committee Report. Motion carried.

The Finance Committee reported receiving \$1,378. Motion and second to approve the Finance Committee Report. Motion carried.

Bro. Fields called for the clerk to read the results of the vote on the resolution which had been referred to the churches.

Motion and second to ask the clerk to record the results of the vote on the resolution. Motion carried.

CHURCH	MEMBERSHIP 1983 - 1984	Pastor's Salary	Radio and TV	Interstate & Foreign Missions	State Missions	District Missions	Help in Meetings	Buildings & Repairs
Amity .....	30-38	\$ 6,639.50	\$ 360.00	\$ 783.06	\$ 783.06	\$ 876.63	\$ 515.00	\$ 6,025.51
Antioch, Ellington .....	24-22	3,700.00	None	240.00	300.00	605.00	None	82.29
Antioch, Oxy .....	74-78	8,200.00	1,015.00	180.93	442.77	478.08	320.00	396.87
Antioch, St. Louis .....	80-82	4,495.00	816.30	655.00	None	1,392.00	None	1,984.74
Bates Creek .....	65-56	3,510.00	300.00	695.00	540.00	890.00	None	167.00
Bethany .....	139-124	18,851.51	829.66	4,406.27	6,229.70	2,757.42	171.00	10,367.67
Bethel, Potosi .....	14-16	2,500.00	240.00	120.00	1,580.88	1,580.87	None	876.00
Bethel, Sikeston .....	87-95	15,828.18	None	515.20	515.18	515.20	511.79	15,395.42
Bethesda .....	29-33	3,380.00	360.00	600.00	1,280.00	1,650.00	191.86	2,000.49
Bethlehem .....	34-30	75.00	60.00	160.00	135.00	75.00	579.50	147.33
Black Creek .....	76-80	5,900.00	170.00	533.25	533.25	392.76	421.52	None
Bloomfield Road, Cape .....	35-36	5,200.00	None	108.89	42.89	49.79	None	9,159.66
Breton Creek .....	99-101	10,400.00	955.33	420.00	3,326.34	2,587.90	None	10,424.29
Briar .....	40-49	4,680.00	180.00	450.64	486.48	450.64	260.00	822.11
Cane Creek .....	48-51	3,197.00	310.50	1,188.20	131.31	43.77	465.00	None
Cave Spring .....	24-31	2,600.00	10.00	240.00	240.00	290.00	None	1,015.00
Central .....								
Chambers Park .....	108-113	19,356.63	2,414.73	6,532.57	6,230.49	3,801.80	1,085.00	25,787.30
Charity .....	34-39	missionary	None	None	180.00	1,900.00	65.00	24,000.56
Christway .....	29-22	5,965.00	163.28	645.94	644.18	644.18	225.00	8,867.26
Current River .....	36-21	3,460.60	None	281.50	263.50	176.64	246.50	74.24
Delmo .....	30-33	1,697.12	None	300.00	541.00	240.00	485.00	825.99
Emmanuel, Lemay .....	43-52	None	120.00	533.17	None	955.68	None	21,143.89
Emmanuel, Poplar Bluff .....	14-14	2,350.00	None	70.53	70.53	70.99	None	1,398.54
Emmanuel, Sikeston .....	222-93	10,920.00	269.10	365.98	365.98	390.98	347.00	16,915.13
Faith .....	207-122	27,469.25	425.10	844.92	545.08	1,235.04	297.00	687.60
First, Joplin .....	72-63	5,425.00	None	1,401.50	480.00	170.00	None	1,120.00
First, Matthews .....	148-162	8,875.00	None	250.00	60.00	495.00	305.23	5,209.82
First, Middlebrook .....	35-15	850.00	250.00	405.64	217.82	267.82	650.00	3,181.48
First, Neelyville .....	59-64	2,250.00	None	120.00	180.00	240.00	100.00	None
First, Peoria, IL .....	15-10	None	None	466.00	None	None	25.00	2,487.95
Friendship, Caseyville, IL .....	112-86	12,097.67	206.84	58.81	62.86	6.29	310.68	6,998.61
Friendship, Harry .....	36-36	1,920.00	135.00	240.86	240.86	439.17	48.00	56.95
Friendship, Peoria, IL .....	159-166	19,480.88	1,433.00	1,216.46	311.00	2,182.74	1,100.00	17,956.89

Friendship, St. Clair	150-166	18,100.00	1,404.20	1,716.46	None	7,162.74	None	17,856.08
Galilean	20-20	1,250.00	None	161.03	161.01	161.01	185.00	209.43
Gethsemane	46-51	5,200.00	1,232.00	674.41	1,769.53	2,028.28	400.00	12,983.17
Grandview	71-71	720.00	600.00	1,200.00	600.00	50.00	None	None
Independence	108-108	5,225.00	120.00	421.44	421.44	371.45	125.00	None
Kewanee	172-173	13,900.00	96.00	2,875.27	1,623.38	1,552.37	1,070.00	22,788.10
Landmark, DeSoto	68-74							
Landmark, O'Fallon	20-	3,120.00	120.00	None	None	None	50.00	1,271.60
Lighthouse	-37	None	167.73	167.73	371.73	167.73	535.00	2,068.67
Little Bethel	25-16	1,730.00	None	120.00	120.00	120.00	335.00	2,333.85
London Hill	39-45							
Mission Ridge	30-29	2,140.00		60.00	60.00	225.00	50.00	2,076.27
Moselle	71-71	6,500.00	120.00	622.98	622.98	622.98	None	3,393.29
Mt. Carmel	49-36	3,640.00	None	633.07	630.01	610.07	None	423.00
Mt. Olive	31-32	5,200.00	None	None	None	None	None	None
Mt. Zion, Ellington	49-52	11,440.00	139.70	465.72	327.95	350.00	350.00	181.83
Mt. Zion, Poplar Bluff	102-104	11,870.00	4,822.98	3,904.15	2,788.70	2,243.70	603.00	326.13
Naylor	42-40	2,700.00	None	153.80	153.81	153.84	180.00	47.68
New Life	-18						None	None
Northside	74-54	16,900.00	192.00	192.00	192.00	300.00	200.00	2,487.31
Oak Hill	29-37	4,475.00	382.00	340.00	None	649.00	470.00	1,598.94
Ohlman	58-68	10,400.00	426.10	842.64	4,409.90	None	120.00	3,848.54
Palmer Heights	47-56	13,000.00	None	None	182.04	25.00	None	5,198.14
Parkview, Arnold	39-33	5,405.00	1,321.47	3,402.82	3,508.80	2,304.23	None	2,270.35
Parkview, Roila	32-29	5,150.00	1,506.00	300.00	None	300.00	None	4,802.70
Pleasant View	17-17	255.00	None	140.11	140.14	None	None	None
Plesant Grove	24-28	2,550.00	95.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	250.00	151.00
Providence	105-103	6,885.00	510.00	240.00	240.00	300.00	300.00	15,429.27
Springhill	-34	4,600.00	633.45	637.11	90.00	None	521.50	478.25
Stony Point	83-86	5,200.00	1,860.00	858.56	1,208.56	2,217.13	286.25	4,627.60
Temple	120-117	13,000.00	682.00	1,339.71	996.29	1,011.79	448.35	9,852.28
Trinity	140-146	15,015.00	2,148.47	3,162.16	1,248.65	1,008.87	None	18,889.78
Twin Oaks	39-43	4,800.00	None	151.54	88.58	194.51	525.00	904.03
Walnut Grove	79-92	12,175.00	180.00	947.04	1,007.04	992.04	None	367.00
West Doniphan	30-32	1,880.00	60.00	165.68	205.68	165.68	425.00	55.00
Wildwood	143-144	17,924.45	180.00	1,829.14	681.31	1,889.15	None	12,629.10
Zalma	15-11	2,600.00	613.95	779.11	914.77	1,546.10	350.00	1,140.00
Zion	117-118	18,727.75	None	660.00	1,037.50	1,240.00	None	13,913.69

First year of not being represented — Black River, Quilin

Second year of not being represented — None

CHURCH	Benevolence	Christian Education	Literature & Publications	The Missouri Baptist	Revolving Loan Fund	Encampment	Miscellaneous	Total Paid Out
Amity	\$1,056.47	\$ None	\$ 434.10	\$110.00	\$ None	\$250.00	\$ 3,124.75	\$20,957.08
Antioch, Ellington	519.20	None	121.57	210.00	None	75.00	489.64	6,342.70
Antioch, Oxly	1,530.00	240.00	723.94	114.00	None	35.20	1,558.30	15,235.09
Antioch, St. Louis	141.49	333.32	641.13	None	None	None	2,901.49	13,360.47
Bates Creek	1,083.50	None	259.98	None	120.00	30.00	1,749.13	9,344.61
Bethany	688.67	630.00	1,351.31	374.00	120.00	380.00	13,738.55	60,895.15
Bethel, Potosi	850.85	None	151.00	240.00	120.00	85.00	None	9,587.90
Bethel, Sikeston	175.00	None	769.86	None	82.50	260.00	342.78	34,911.11
Bethesda	1,253.92	17.89	719.69	185.00	None	105.00	2,280.54	14,024.39
Bethlehem	419.89	None	263.80	None	None	50.00	1,648.20	3,613.72
Black Creek	205.00	None	241.62	None	None	25.00	2,508.32	10,930.72
Bloomfield Road, Cape	1,725.00	None	303.53	110.00	None	None	5,577.92	22,277.68
Breton Creek	178.00	None	674.61	560.00	60.00	60.00	10,979.41	40,625.41
Briar	460.06	None	473.77	145.00	149.75	75.00	2,855.59	11,489.04
Cane Creek	40.90	95.75	246.73	None	None	75.00	2,006.77	7,801.98
Cave Spring	170.00	None	195.89	None	None	None	176.04	4,921.93
Central								
Chambers Park	2,337.78	2,822.00	6,269.95	600.00	285.50	487.50	17,171.08	95,182.33
Charity	783.53	None	191.49	155.00	None	None	877.47	28,153.05
Christway	158.38	300.00	1,015.94	84.00	120.00	60.00	2,737.65	21,629.81
Current River	228.33	51.00	148.06	60.00	None	27.20	3,010.82	8,028.39
Delmo	692.71	None	166.71	None	None	None	179.74	5,128.27
Emmanuel, Lemay	120.00	None	367.29	None	None	None	None	23,319.44
Emmanuel, Poplar Bluff	25.00	None	265.44	45.00	None	None	5,221.84	9,447.34
Emmanuel, Sikeston	201.37	None	826.64	None	None	None	16,187.77	46,789.95
Faith	485.11	None	959.31	None	None	100.00	14,181.91	46,542.72
First, Joplin	2,165.46	110.00	403.61	240.00	None	217.79	3,938.35	15,670.41
First, Matthews	534.16	534.16	269.08	60.00	None	50.00	5,209.82	21,852.27
First, Middlebrook	15.00	150.60	337.48	120.00	None	None	1,217.78	7,663.62
First, Neelyville	None	None	258.59	None	None	15.00	1,690.17	4,853.76
First, Peoria, IL	367.58	None	210.40	39.00	None	None	1,908.04	5,503.97
Friendship, Caseyville, IL	None	85.66	305.30	10.00	5.00	40.00	5,369.93	25,557.65

Friendship, Harviell .....	919.55	272.00	200.81	36.00	None	20.00	1,215.49	5,744.69
Friendship, St. Clair .....	190.00	None	1,850.73	None	425.33	414.08	12,063.20	56,122.82
Galilean .....	28.52	None	165.61	None	None	25.00	2,684.35	5,030.96
Gethsemane .....	1,232.05	594.08	1,874.09	226.51	120.00	370.00	137.49	28,841.61
Grandview .....	None	None	400.00	None	None	150.00	None	
Independence .....	758.00	75.00	237.12	60.00	None	110.00	988.51	8,912.96
Kewanee .....	529.10	None	1,811.39	120.00	None	150.00	12,980.55	59,496.26
Landmark, DeSoto .....								
Landmark, O'Fallon .....	313.50	None	209.95	None	None	None	1,081.29	6,166.34
Lighthouse .....	588.45	None	545.54	None	None	30.00	4,018.33	8,660.91
Little Bethel .....	134.26	None	163.37	None	None	60.00	1,000.80	6,241.85
London Hill .....								
Mission Ridge .....	100.00	None	232.44	None	None	None	256.18	5,319.89
Moselle .....	30.92	120.00	381.22	None	None	None	3,649.76	16,164.13
Mt. Carmel .....	223.25	None	295.46	200.00	None	None	4,021.01	10,675.87
Mt. Olive .....	None	None	172.00	None	None	34.00	3,200.00	8,606.00
Mt. Zion, Ellington .....	60.10	None	448.91	72.00	None	120.00	2,029.63	15,685.84
Mt. Zion, Poplar Bluff .....	1,090.02	None	1,105.51	662.00	442.88	329.46	7,027.80	37,216.33
Naylor .....	130.27	None	229.06	None	None	None	1,091.90	4,840.36
New Life .....	164.11	None	56.83	None	None	None	1,583.12	1,804.06
Northside .....	125.00	None	630.89	168.00	192.00	72.00	None	21,650.31
Oak Hill .....	855.00	None	244.00	None	None	40.00	163.00	9,216.94
Ohlman .....	2,119.72	230.39	848.03	450.00	300.00	129.00	10,649.58	35,061.40
Palmer Heights .....	644.31	None	522.12	None	None	114.28	2,371.73	22,057.62
Parkview, Arnold .....	708.85	647.90	590.25	467.90	534.74	696.37	4,983.98	26,842.13
Parkview, Rolla .....	92.25	None	1,044.87	None	None	None	398.03	13,593.85
Pleasant View .....	8.41	None	39.77	24.00	None	None	2,457.66	3,065.09
Plesant Grove .....	None	None	150.40	None	None	25.00	517.40	4,488.80
Providence .....	301.17	None	366.32	None	None	None	1,593.78	26,165.54
Springhill .....	490.00	438.94	204.07	135.00	None	80.00	7,267.91	15,577.32
Stony Point .....	1,078.43	485.68	1,086.80	120.00	None	407.97	1,321.00	20,757.98
Temple .....	808.33	351.00	678.13	240.00	424.89	223.28	2,620.41	32,676.46
Trinity .....	None	2,143.74	780.89	499.44	799.10	199.76	22,130.65	68,026.51
Twin Oaks .....	129.83	None	432.76	None	1,200.00	None	2,196.76	10,623.01
Walnut Grove .....	527.07	None	715.69	120.00	None	170.40	4,991.06	22,192.34
West Doniphan .....	100.00	None	655.15	24.00	None	5.00	1,897.41	4,744.45
Wildwood .....	333.86	803.50	1,097.42	150.00	90.00	90.00	19,502.12	57,200.05
Zalma .....	50.00	150.00	246.23	392.39	105.78	200.00	1,973.51	11,061.84
Zion .....	None	None	455.90	710.00	152.50	182.50	5,736.37	42,816.21



The vote was as follows: 36 no, 15 yes, 9 did not vote, 11 petitionary letters.

Motion and second that the Secretary-Treasurer's salary be \$100 per week. Spoken to by Bro. Wedington, and Bro. E. F. Gibson, motion on resolution was read by the clerk, Bro. Wedington, Bro. E. F. Gibson, and Bro. Waymond Brown.

Substitute motion to refer this back to the Special Missions Committee.

Second substitute motion to recognize recommendation of Special Missions Committee already received. Spoken to by Bro. Elmer Shults, Bro. Waymond Brown, motion of Special Missions Committee was read by the clerk concerning salary, Bro. Tom Foster, and Bro. Joe Wilkerson. Question was called on vote.

Motion carried to keep salary at \$100 per month for Secretary-Treasurer of Missions.

Bro. David Crawford was recognized for the Brotherhood Report. Motion and second this report be adopted. Motion carried.

Bro. Fields called for the Baptist Publication Committee Report. Bro. Jerome Cooper, Chairman, called on Bro. Gary Brewer, clerk, for the report.

Motion and second that this report be adopted. Spoken to by Bro. Jerome Cooper. A request was made for the recommendations to be read and voted on separately. Each recommendation was read by the clerk. Silent prayer was given and then Bro. Dale Fish led in prayer after the vote was taken on the third recommendation.

All recommendations were adopted.

The nominating committee recommended Bro. Jim Watson to be placed on the Publications Committee, term expiring 1987. Motion and second that Bro. Watson be accepted as a nominee. Motion carried. Bro. Watson was elected.

Bro. Fields called for Bro. H. W. Darst, editor of the "Missouri Missionary Baptist", to give his report.

Motion and second that Bro. Darst's report be adopted. Spoken to by Bro. G. W. Fox.

Motion and second that we amend report to strike first comment from this verbal report concerning the secret ballot in 1950. Spoken to by Bro. G. W. Fox, Bro. H. W. Darst, Bro. G. W. Fox, and Bro. H. W. Darst. Motion carried to amend.

Discussion continued on motion to approve report as amended. Spoken to be Sis. Meridel Eye, Bro. H. W. Darst, Bro. S. P. Chitwood, and Bro. Mike Quillman. Motion carried to approve the report.

Motion and second that we pause in our business to have the morning message. Motion carried.

In preparation for the morning message by Bro. Charles Atteberry, Bro. Richard Britt led "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" with Sis. Fox at the piano and Sis. Fish at the organ and "Since Jesus Came into my Heart".

As Bro. Atteberry came to direct our attention to the word of God, he read from Luke 22:39-46. When he had concluded his reading, he led us in prayer. The subject of the message was "The Concern and Instructions of Jesus".

After Bro. Atteberry concluded his message, Bro. Fields asked Bro. John Earl Brown to express our appreciation for his message.

Motion and second to adjourn until 1:30. Motion carried.

Bro. Fields called for announcements.  
Bro. Wayne Simmons led in the dismissal prayer.

**Tuesday Afternoon—1:30 P.M.**

Bro. Gary Brewer opened the service by leading as we sang "Grace Greater Than Our Sin", accompanied by Sis. Debbie Brewer at the piano.  
Bro. Dean Hawley led in prayer.

Nominations were called for Editor of "The Missouri Missionary Baptist" paper. Bro. Don Hoffman, Bro. H. W. Darst, and Bro. Jerome Cooper were nominated. Bro. Jerome Cooper was elected.

Nominations were called for an assistant Editor of "The Missouri Missionary Baptist" paper. Bro. Don Hoffman was nominated and elected.

Motion and second that the salary for the Editor remain the same as last year, \$450 per month. Motion carried.

Bro. Cooper requested time to give consideration to accepting the editor's position.

Motion and second that in the event Bro. Cooper declines, that the messenger body authorize the Missionary Committee to fill the vacancy. Spoken to by Bro. O. A. Robinson. Motion carried.

Bro. Fields recognized Bro. T. O. Tollett, Business Manager and Director of the BMA of America Publication Department to speak.

Motion and second that we accept the invitation for the annual meeting from Zion, St. Louis. Motion carried.

Invitations for the semi-annual meeting were extended from London Hill and Chambers Park. London Hill, Fredericktown was chosen for the meeting place.

An invitation from Mt. Zion, Poplar Bluff was extended for the Mission Symposium. Motion and second that we accept the invitation from Mt. Zion. Motion carried.

The Publication Committee organizational report was given by Bro. Gary Brewer. Motion and second to adopt. Motion carried.

Nominations for an annual speaker were called for. Bro. Wayne Gibson was nominated and elected.

Nominations for an alternate speaker were called for. Bro. Don McWilliams and Bro. G. W. Fox were nominated. Bro. Don McWilliams was elected.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was called for. Bro. Terry Sharpe came to give this report. Motion and second to approve Resolutions Report. Spoken to by Bro. Mike McClelland, Bro. Terry Sharpe, Bro. E. F. Gibson, and Bro. G. W. Fox. Motion carried.

A standing vote of appreciation was given to the host church.

Bro. Fields called for the Missionary Committee Report. Bro. Chitwood called on Bro. Don Hoffman to give this report. Motion and second to adopt. Motion carried.

Bro. Fields recognized Bro. Wayne Gibson for the report of the Special Missions Committee report. Motion and second to adopt this report.

The Revolving Loan Fund Report was read by the clerk. Motion and second to adopt. Motion carried.

Motion and second that this association give Bro. Darst a standing vote of appreciation for his work as editor. Motion carried.

Motion and second to adjourn. Motion carried.

Bro. Fields called for announcements.  
Bro. O. D. Tubberville led in the dismissal prayer.

## **ANNUAL REPORTS**

### **PETITIONARY LETTERS**

New Life Baptist Church, Grandin, Missouri. Pastor: Jerry Adams;  
Messengers: Represented by letter.

Friendship Baptist Church, 630 North Commercial, St. Clair, Missouri  
Pastor: Roxie Sullivan; Messengers: Fred Burnett, Barney Nappier, Roxie  
Sullivan.

London Hill Baptist Church, Highway C, Fredericktown, Missouri  
Pastor: C. R. Crites; messengers: represented by letter.

Central Baptist Church, P.O. Box 52, Union, Missouri  
Pastor: Don McWilliams; messengers: Don McWilliams

Emmanuel Baptist Church, 405 Hoffmeister, Lemay, Missouri  
Pastor: Daniel Lee LeGrand; messengers: Daniel Lee LeGrand

Landmark Baptist Church, Boyd and Grand St., DeSoto, Missouri  
Pastor: David Crites; messengers: Clyde E. Miller, Delores Miller, Jean  
Freeman

Landmark Baptist Church, O'Fallon, Missouri. Pastor: Frank Holrath;  
messengers: represented by letter.

Oak Hill Baptist Church, Route 1, Alton, Missouri. Pastor: Carl Kerr;  
messengers: Carl Kerr, Nancy Kerr, and Glenda Cooley

Antioch Baptist Church, 3559 Nebraska, St. Louis, Missouri. Pastor:  
Ralph Chilton; messengers: Ralph Chilton, Robert Simpson, Edith Chilton

Galilean Baptist Church, 796 St. Louis Ave., Valley Park, Missouri.  
Pastor: Wesley Zeigler; messengers: Marie Zeigler, Wesley Zeigler, E.  
Trevind

Mission Ridge Baptist Church, Route 2, Potosi, Missouri. Pastor: Mike  
McClelland; messengers: Mike McClelland

### **ANNUAL REPORT OF SECRETARY-TREASURER**

To the Messengers of the churches  
Christian Greetings:

It gives me great pleasure to give this report. I wish I could have given you a report that would challenge every baptist church throughout the state to the responsibility as commanded by the Master to preach the gospel to every city and village. Be not silent, brethren, to the Master's Commission. The cost could be severe. Does it bother you that no more "witnesses" are blazing the trail?

My travels have been limited. I'm sorry about that, but I would like to name a few places where I've been. One, I filled the pulpit at the Bethel Church, Potosi, Missouri for several Sundays when this church was without a pastor. This gave me a great blessing.

Secondly, I preached a number of Sundays at the Zion Baptist Church while the pastor, E. F. Gibson, was recovering from surgery. What a blessing it was for me to help out!

Thirdly, I was privileged to take part in the groundbreaking service for the New Life Baptist Mission, Bowling Green, Kentucky, and was privileged

to deliver the message prior to the special service. Brother Marsh is Missionary-pastor.

Also, upon invitation from the host pastor, Brother Kenneth Neal, Grandview Baptist Church, Springfield, I was present for the organization of the Southwest District Association. Thanks also for the invitation from Brother Bobby Booth, Pastor at Bethany, to visit the Southwest Association.

It was great also that I have had the privilege of delivering some forty-five messages, twenty-nine other visits, and any number hospital visits. The latter included two marriage ceremonies, one ordination service and other special services.

Now, what about the Annual Missions Symposium during March of 1984? It, not doubt, has proved to be a special service with the highlight on missions. The sum received during this "Special Emphasis" was \$8,380.19. I recommend a goal of \$10,000 for the year's "Mission Symposium", 1985.

Because of your love and thoughtfulness, I want to say, "Thank You". Again, thank you for LOVE offerings. Jude 21 says, "Keep yourselves in the love of God,..." Praise ye the Lord.

Thank you,  
H. W. Darst

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**  
of the  
**B.M.A. OF MISSOURI**  
H. W. Darst - Secretary-Treasurer  
October 1, 1983 - September 30, 1984

	Missions	Paper	Incidental	Designated	Typewriter
Bal. Bro. forward . . . . .	\$ 5,049.84	\$ 80.52	\$ 46.82	\$ none	\$99.16
Total Receipts . . . . .	63,444.40	12,263.68	60.00	152.01	none
Total Available . . . . .	68,494.24	12,344.20	106.82	152.01	99.16
Disbursements . . . . .	55,437.53	12,338.96	91.82	152.01	none
Bal. 10/1/84 . . . . .	\$13,056.71	\$ 5.24	\$ 15.00	\$ none	\$99.16

**TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE**

MISSIONS . . . . .	\$13,056.71
PAPER . . . . .	\$ 5.24
INCIDENTAL FUND . . . . .	\$ 15.00
TYPEWRITER FUND . . . . .	\$ 99.16
<b>GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS . . . . .</b>	<b>\$13,176.11</b>

Location of funds—United Missouri Bank of Jefferson County, Arnold, Missouri.

Your Servant,  
H. W. Darst

## MISSIONARY REPORT

Greetings from Wentzville

The building is complete. The porch is added on the front. We built a 12x12 building to put the lawn mower in. This is all complete.

We are supporting missions with 10% of our total offering. We have started the pastor's salary. I believe it's around \$100 a month now. We are sending 10% of our offering to the Revolving Loan Fund. We sent an extra \$2,000 to the Revolving Loan Fund.

In the last month or so, we have had 5 additions; 3 by baptism, and 2 by statement. We have had two souls saved the last two weeks. Surely continue to pray for us as we work for the Lord in Wentzville.

The McMasters

## MISSIONARY REPORT

Christian Greetings:

This past associational year has passed very rapidly and as I try to put together another annual report, it seems that very little of significance shows up in our records to report as far as growth is concerned. The year has been characterized by sowing, waiting, and working. Also the devil has worked very diligently in the church, causing turmoil, immorality and the apathy of others. Two families and three young people have gone since the last associational year.

The average attendance is now about 20. The offerings are averaging about \$390 per week. There have been no additions or professions of faith during the year. What is the answer to the decline? The answer is the same as many of your churches could give today.

The church is seeking to obtain a loan to refinance the property. We have 10 months to go before this is to be done, but thought it wise to begin the search now. One loan company in the area has turned us down this past week, due to our membership size.

My work this last year has been closely with the local church congregation. I also assisted the First Missionary Baptist Church of Kansas City, Kansas in an eight day revival meeting.

The phase out program has not reached the desired goal, but it has been somewhat of a gain. Including the \$115 per week the church is assuming on my salary, and what I was able to raise on my salary from insurance compensation, the total assumption toward my salary and benefits was nearly \$9,000; just a little less than half.

Due to my length of time spent in the Kansas City area and lack of production, my resignation as state missionary will be effective no later than May 1, 1985, if this is agreeable with the messenger body. The phase out will have to be completed by then one way or another. Some things will need to be worked out yet with the Christway Church.

Thank you for your kindness and prayerful and monetary support. May God bless you. Please remember to pray for us.

Yours in Christ,  
Wayne A. Simmons

## MISSIONARY REPORT

It is my pleasure to share with you concerning mission work in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

The Lord has richly blessed us in many ways. We have seen individuals come into our fellowship by baptism and statement, as well as seeing one individual surrender his life to the gospel ministry.

One of our greatest blessings was to be able to begin a church building. Many of you know that this has been the burden of our hearts since the work first began. We've been richly blessed to be able to do much of the work with volunteer labor, thus saving us the expense of hiring the work done. We have had individuals from Texas to help with the foundation work. A group from the St. Louis association helped with some of the framing and roofing of the classrooms. And our Mission Directors spent a few days with us helping to prepare the auditorium to be roofed. At this report, we are completely under roof. Our goal is to be finished by late March or early April. We are indebted to those who have come to help, but I am also grateful to the men of our congregation for giving two and three hours each day and all day Saturdays to help.

We ask your continued prayers as we seek to be another lighthouse for our Master. On behalf of our congregation, we express our sincere appreciation for each thing that you do.

Because He lives,  
Eddie Marsh

## SPECIAL MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Special Missions Committee met at 10:00 A.M. October 29, 1984 at Bethany. Brethren W. H. Newman, Waymond Brown, Wayne Gibson and Ron Fields present.

The committee reviewed applications for State Missionary. Motion made and carried not to recommend Phil Schachlin.

Motion made and carried to raise missionary salaries to \$245 per week and Social Security payment to \$35. Housing and utilities allowance to remain at \$500 per month. Insurance coverage to remain the same.

Motion made and carried that Secretary-Treasurer's salary remain at \$100 per month. (This motion was deleted by the messengers until the next day when it was reconsidered)

Motion made and carried that the figures be changed to reflect these recommendations in the By-Laws, Article III, number 7.

Motion made and carried that the missions work in Bowling Green, Kentucky be continued.

Motion made and carried that the missions work in Wentzville be continued.

Motion made and carried that the missions work at Christway be continued until the Semi-annual meeting at which time the committee will bring further recommendations.

W. H. Newman, Chairman  
Ron Fields, Clerk

## RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

Balance from 1982-83 minute fund .....	\$	100.00
Received:		
Special offering for BMA of America		
Publications .....	\$	117.08
Finance committee .....		1,127.00
Received after association from		
Twin Oaks .....		20.00
Ohlman .....		20.00
Faith .....		25.00
Grandview .....		15.00
Total received .....	\$	1,324.08
Total Funds available .....	\$	1,424.08
Disbursements:		
BMAA Publications Department .....	\$	117.08
Piedmont Printing Co. (725 minutes) .....		711.89
Dale Fish (clerk hire) .....		250.00
Piedmont Printing (1,000 letter forms) .....		43.98
Helen DeClue (invitation letters) .....		6.40
Postage .....		21.70
Revolving Loan Fund .....		173.03
Total disbursements .....	\$	1,324.08
Ending Balance 10/29/84 .....	\$	100.00

Recommendations:  
 That we print approximately 75 more minutes than the total number requested on the letter forms.

That all minute money in excess of \$100 after the minutes have been printed be given to the "Missouri Missionary Baptist" paper.

Dale G. Fish,  
 Recording Secretary

## MISSOURI MISSIONARY BAPTIST LOAN ASSOCIATION Annual Report, 1983-1984

Old Balance, October 1, 1983 .....	\$	8,090.86
Receipts from churches:		
Temple .....	\$	338.21
Briar .....		163.00
Bethel, Potosi .....		120.00
Zalma .....		105.78
Ohlman .....		280.00
Trinity .....		799.10
Gethsemane .....		60.00
Chambers Park .....		257.50
Parkview .....		279.59
Bates Creek .....		120.00
Bethel, Sikeston .....		82.25
Christway .....		110.00
Breton Creek .....		60.00
Zion, St. Louis .....		152.50

Mt. Zion, Poplar Bluff (includes \$220 on Lighthouse debt.) . . . . .	410.88	
Wildwood . . . . .	105.00	
Friendship, Caseyville . . . . .	5.00	
Bethany . . . . .	<u>120.00</u>	
Total from churches . . . . .	\$ 3,568.81	\$ <u>3,568.81</u>
Receipts, other sources:		
St. Robert Church of God (rent) . . . . .	\$ 2,750.00	
BMA of St. Louis . . . . .	4,266.08	
Lighthouse (loan repayment) . . . . .	1,682.90	
Twin Oaks (loan repayment) . . . . .	1,200.00	
Meyer Road (loan repayment) . . . . .	1,129.88	
Laclede Elec. Coop. (dividends) . . . . .	5.86	
Interest (pass book savings) . . . . .	549.83	
BMA of MO (surplus minute fund) . . . . .	171.22	
Interest (certificate of deposit) . . . . .	<u>558.03</u>	
Total from other sources . . . . .	\$ 12,313.80	\$ <u>12,313.80</u>
Received and carried forward . . . . .		\$ 23,973.47
Paid out:		
Certificate of deposit . . . . .	\$ 10,000.00	
D. F. Magruder (mileage) . . . . .	75.00	
Miller Ins. Agency (Shiloh Ins.) . . . . .	<u>482.00</u>	
Total . . . . .	\$ 10,557.00	\$ <u>10,557.00</u>
New balance, October 1, 1984 . . . . .		\$ 13,416.47
Proof of funds		
Checking Account #15 342 7 . . . . .	\$ 1.16	
Savings Account #2657 . . . . .	12,857.27	
Certificate of Deposit #3684 . . . . .	<u>10,558.03</u>	
	\$ 23,416.46	\$ 23,416.46
Outstanding on Loans:		
Twin Oaks . . . . .	\$ 4,500.00	
Lighthouse . . . . .	30,977.10	
Meyer Road . . . . .	51,461.71	
Shiloh Property (potential)? . . . . .	<u>60,000.00</u>	
Total outstanding . . . . .	\$146,938.81	\$146,938.81
Total assets . . . . .		\$170,355.27

Clarence E. Crawford, Treasurer

### ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Camp Garwood, August 2, 1984

Motion to look into buying a popcorn popper. Don Hoffman to investigate prices. Second, carried.

Motion to hire Sis. Thelma Teel as head cook with stipulation that any helper abstain from use of tobacco. Carried.

Motion to recommend to association to extend camp, starting at 7 P.M. Monday and end 10:00 A.M. Friday. Carried.

Motion to purchase another water heater for kitchen. Carried.

Motion to purchase Tee shirts for next year's camp with camp name and emblem. Carried.



Motion that Bro. Mike look into purchasing bed stackers. Carried.  
 Motion to adjourn. Carried.

Mike Quillman, Chairman  
 Elva Asberry, Clerk

**ENCAMPMENT TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**October 29, 1983 — October 19, 1984**

Church	General	Youth In Harvest	Food	Total
Amity, Doniphan	\$ 200.00	\$	\$ 50.00	\$ 250.00
Antioch, Ellington	75.00			75.00
Antioch, Oxly			25.00	25.00
Bates Creek, Potosi			30.00	30.00
Bethany, St. Louis	220.00	55.00	150.00	425.00
Bethlehem, Doniphan			100.00	100.00
Bethel, Potosi	60.00		25.00	85.00
Bethel, Sikeston	120.00		175.00	295.00
Bethesda, Flat River	100.00			100.00
Black Creek, Poplar Bluff			25.00	25.00
Black River, Qulin			25.00	25.00
Breton Creek, Potosi	60.00	60.00		120.00
Briar, Doniphan			75.00	75.00
Cane Creek, Poplar Bluff	75.00			75.00
Christway, Independence	55.00		25.00	80.00
Current River, Van Buren			30.00	30.00
Chambers Park, St. Louis	110.00	55.00	50.00	215.00
Faith, St. Charles	100.00			100.00
First, Matthews	4.76			4.76
First, Neelyville			15.00	15.00
Friendship, Caseyville			40.00	40.00
Friendship, Harviell			20.00	20.00
Galilean, Valley Park			25.00	25.00
Gethsemane, Hillsboro	296.00		60.00	356.00
Grandview, Springfield	50.00			50.00
Independence, Neelyville	60.00		40.00	100.00
Kewanee, Kewanee	180.00			180.00
Lighthouse, Malden	30.00			30.00
Little Bethel, Fairdealing	60.00			60.00
Moselle, Moselle	95.77			95.77
Mt. Olive, Salem	25.00			25.00
Mt. Zion, Ellington	120.00		25.00	145.00
Mt. Zion, Poplar Bluff	150.00		97.00	247.00
New Life, Grandin			75.00	75.00
Northside, Poplar Bluff	10.00			10.00
Ohlman, Bunker	60.00		50.00	110.00
Oak Hill, Alton	40.00			40.00
Palmer Heights, Springfield			100.00	100.00
Parkview, Arnold	310.29			310.29
Pleasant View, Willow Springs		36.00		36.00

Pleasant Grove, Caledonia . . . . .	25.00			25.00
Springhill, Fairdealing . . . . .	40.00			40.00
Stony Point, Frankclay . . . . .	197.97			197.97
Temple, Belgrade . . . . .	123.28		100.00	223.28
Trinity, Florissant . . . . .	100.95		100.89	201.84
Walnut Grove, Harviell . . . . .	170.40			170.40
West Doniphan, Doniphan . . . . .	5.00			5.00
Wildwood, Barnhart . . . . .	120.00			120.00
Zalma, Zalma . . . . .	200.00			200.00
Zion, St. Louis . . . . .	152.50		30.00	182.50
Camp Offerings . . . . .	352.92			352.92
Cane Creek Dist.				
Youth in Harvest . . . . .	220.00			220.00
Cane Creek District W.M.A. . . . .	55.00			55.00
Concession Stand (gross) . . . . .	914.63			914.63
Interest . . . . .	201.86	43.83		245.69
Logans Creek				
Youth in the Harvest . . . . .	45.00			45.00
Individuals . . . . .	75.00		16.24	91.24
Insurance . . . . .	304.26			304.26
Merimec Youth Camp . . . . .	200.00			200.00
Surplus Food . . . . .		39.00	7.35	46.35
Washington Co. Dist. B.T.S. . . . .	100.00			100.00
Washington Co. Dist. W.M.A. . . . .	30.00			30.00
<b>TOTALS . . . . .</b>	<b>\$6,300.59</b>	<b>\$ 288.83</b>	<b>\$1,586.48</b>	<b>\$ 8,175.90</b>
Beginning Balances . . . . .	* -943.15	1,208.42	1,983.07	* 2,248.34
Total Available . . . . .	5,357.44	1,497.25	3,569.55	10,424.24
Paid Out . . . . .	3,467.73	463.28	1,585.87	5,516.88
Ending Balance . . . . .	\$1,889.71	\$1,033.97	\$1,983.68	\$ 4,907.36
Piano Fund Balance . . . . .				\$ 145.00
<b>TOTAL FUNDS ON HAND . . . . .</b>				<b>\$ 5,052.36</b>

\*Last year's report showed these balances to be higher because the piano fund of \$145.00 was included.

#### Location of Funds:

Bank of Poplar Bluff (checking) . . . . .	\$ 617.10
Savings of America . . . . .	\$4,435.26
Total in Bank . . . . .	\$5,052.36

### ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE ORGANIZATIONAL REPORT

Encampment Committee met at Bethany, St. Louis October 30, 1984.

Organization is as follows: Mike Quillman, Chairman; Elva Asberry, clerk; Don Hoffman, treasurer.

Recommend that Bro. Noel Meade stand as nominee for Camp Superintendent.

Recommend that Bro. Don Hoffman stand as nominee for Camp Treasurer.

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Dale Fish.

## YOUTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Though attendance was not what I would have liked to see, the Spring and Fall Youth Retreats were enjoyable to me. Attendance at the retreats averaged about 50.

The program of the Spring Retreat concerned witnessing. Brethren Mike Quillman, Mark McEuen, and Ron Fields spoke on related topics in the area of witnessing. The Fall program was titled, "Let's Be Different" with guest speaker Bro. Carley Davis from Waldo, Arkansas. The young people responded especially well to Bro. Davis' presentation and personality.

You have deemed these activities important enough to support them financially. I want to encourage you to promote this program among the young people of your churches. The Retreats could be a valuable time to strengthen our young people in knowledge, love, and christian fellowship.

Finally, I want to thank the Camp Trustees and the Camp Superintendent for their valuable help, guidance, and cooperation in the past year.

Jerome Cooper  
Youth Director

## ENROLLMENT REPORT

51 churches represented by messengers; 123 messengers listed; 18 churches represented by letter only; and 11 petitionary letters. Total of 69 church letters.

## FINANCE REPORT

Temple .....	\$ 10.00
Bethesda .....	25.00
Chambers Park .....	25.00
Mission Ridge .....	20.00
Mt. Zion, Ellington .....	5.00
Briar .....	15.00
Oak Hill .....	40.00
Antioch, Oxly .....	20.00
Bethel, Potosi .....	25.00
First, Neelyville .....	15.00
Walnut Grove .....	25.00
Emmanuel, Sikeston .....	15.00
Faith .....	50.00
First, Middlebrook .....	15.00
First, Matthews .....	25.00
Christway .....	15.00
Palmer Heights .....	10.00
Zalma .....	15.00
Emmanuel, Poplar Bluff .....	10.00
Delmo .....	45.00
Current River .....	10.00
Trinity .....	25.00
Zion .....	5.00
Cave Springs .....	25.00
Mt. Zion, Poplar Bluff .....	40.00

Gethsemane .....	30.00
Breton Creek .....	35.00
Charity .....	20.00
Ohlman .....	20.00
Cane Creek .....	10.00
Bloomfield Road .....	20.00
Black Creek .....	20.00
Pleasant Grove .....	25.00
Bethlehem .....	25.00
Bates Creek .....	25.00
Amity .....	25.00
Antioch .....	30.00
Parkview, Arnold .....	50.00
Wildwood .....	60.00
West Doniphan .....	10.00
Twin Oaks .....	25.00
Springhill .....	20.00
Providence .....	20.00
Pleasant View .....	10.00
New Life, Grandin .....	35.00
Independence .....	25.00
Little Bethel .....	20.00
First, Joplin .....	10.00
London Hill .....	15.00
Landmark, O'Fallon .....	20.00
Emmanuel, Lemay .....	10.00
Parkview, Rolla .....	10.00
Naylor .....	15.00
Moselle .....	25.00
Mt. Olive .....	8.00
Mt. Carmel .....	15.00
Grandview .....	15.00
Kewanee .....	15.00
Friendship, Harviell .....	15.00
Friendship, Caseyville .....	20.00
Stony Point .....	25.00
Bethany, St. Louis .....	30.00
Antioch, St. Louis .....	40.00
Friendship, St. Clair .....	25.00
Total received .....	<u>\$1,403.00</u>
Submitted by Chambers Park	
Received after the association	
Bethel, Sikeston .....	<u>30.00</u>
Deposited .....	<u>\$1,433.00</u>

### PUBLICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Publication Committee organized after last year's meeting. Jerome Cooper was elected Chairman. Gary Brewer was elected clerk.

This committee makes the following recommendations:

1. We sincerely urge each church to cheerfully support the "Missouri Missionary Baptist" paper. In a time in which so many communications are

used for ungodly practices we need to highly regard and cherish this christian means of sharing and spreading the word.

2. We also ask that you fervently pray for those who labor to make our paper what it is.

3. We recommend that we pause for a moment of prayer on behalf of our Editor, our paper, and it's continued progress.

4. We too recommend that the Publications Committee in the next year work with our Editor and Assistant Editor in developing a format to better serve our churches and also establish some editorial guidelines.

5. We also recommend that our churches direct and send any complaints as well as praises to the Publications Committee for use in carrying out the above number four recommendation.

Jerome Cooper, Chairman

Gary Brewer, Clerk

### **EDITOR'S REPORT FOR "THE MISSOURI MISSIONARY BAPTIST"**

Christian Greetings:

Thank you for honoring me with the pleasure of serving you (the churches) as Editor of "The Missouri Missionary Baptist" for another period of time. Thank you for prayers and for your spirit of cooperation.

"As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country" (Proverbs 25:25).

"The Missouri Missionary Baptist" is a bearer of good news. The news from the churches, reporting the salvation of souls, baptisms into the Lord's churches, associational news, district, state, and national, should be as refreshing to the christian as cold water to a thirsty soul.

Articles directed to the lost, and those directed toward spiritual growth to the christian should be good news.

The paper goes out with sincere prayers with each issue that its contents will bless the hearts of the readers.

The paper has covered wider areas than previously since I have been editor. 2002 copies were mailed out for several issues during the past year. The average mail-out for the year was 1964 per issue which went into thirty-two states including Missouri.

The last few months, it has taken an average monthly amount of \$1,108.47 to keep the paper in the mails.

Sincerely, I want to thank each church, family members, and friends, who gave special offerings so as to erase the indebtedness during the past month or so.

I feel that the paper promotes every phase of our work which includes: Missions, Revolving Loan, The Encampments, Youth in the Harvest, WMA, Brotherhood, GMA, Galileans, Sunbeams. It promotes each local church through reporting church news, revivals, special services, etc. The paper promotes associational news-local-state-and national.

"The Missouri Missionary Baptist" is one means of tying our associated work together. Therefore, it is worthy of support from all our churches. However, some have not supported it.

Let us humbly seek the blessings of God in whatever work we have chosen, and may His will be our will.

And, to Mrs. Darst, thank you for your untiring efforts in support of His Cause.

Thank you,  
H. W. Darst

**FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**for the**  
**“Missouri Missionary Baptist”**  
**October 1, 1983 to September 30, 1984**

Balance brought forward .....	\$ 80.52
Receipts .....	12,263.68
Total available .....	12,344.20
Disbursements .....	<u>12,338.96</u>
Balance on hand October 1, 1984 .....	\$ 5.24

**WMA REPORT**

The plan of work for the Women's Missionary Auxiliary is missions, Bible study, evangelism, benevolence, youth auxiliaries, and christian education. Proverbs 31:20a "she stretched out her hand. . ." The motto is II Peter 1:5-7 ". . . beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity," The WMA song is "Reaching Out in Service".

Our fiscal year runs from March 1 through February 28 with National Emphasis during the month of February.

Our Statement of Principles for the BMA of Missouri Women's Missionary Auxiliary may be found in the WMA Manual beginning with page 32.

The annual Missouri WMA Meeting was held at Chambers Park Missionary Baptist Church February 25, 1984. The officers elected: President: Mrs. Ruth Gibson; First Vice-President: Mrs. Fran Page; Second Vice President: Mrs. Opal Wilkerson; Third Vice President: Mrs. Juanita May; Secretary: Mrs. Dieatre Gillam; Assistant Secretary: Mrs. Lisha Evans; Corresponding Secretary: Mrs. Marie Darst; Treasurer: Mrs. Wilma Ponder; Assistant Treasurer: Miss Sandy Sparkman; Bible and Tract Distributor: Mrs. Sandy Phillips; Editor: Mrs. Donna Hulvey; Historian: Mrs. Dolorece Gibson; Youth Promoter: Mrs. Sharon Crawford; Advisory Council: Eld. E. F. Gibson, Eld. G. W. Fox, Eld. H. W. Darst. Annual speaker: Eld. Mark McEuen; Alternate: Eld. Don Hoffman.

The State WMA will meet at Breton Creek Missionary Baptist Church in February, 1985.

The project:  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the offering to the "Missouri Missionary Baptist",  $\frac{1}{3}$  Youth Fund,  $\frac{1}{3}$  General Fund.

It was recommended a goal be set of \$50 for each local WMA to contribute to the State WMA treasury during the coming year and that the treasurer give special recognition at the State WMA meeting for those who reach that goal.

The annual message was delivered by Eld. Dale Blount.

The program was under the direction of Mrs. Vi Maclin and entitled, "Joy is the Song of My Heart".

The benediction was the reading of Ecclesiastes 9:7 in unison.

In April, it was our privilege to host the National WMA Meeting in St. Louis, Missouri.

In September, we hosted a women's seminar, "The Feminine Touch" presented by Mrs. Pat Quesenbury of Texas at Parkview Missionary Baptist Church, Arnold, Missouri.

God has richly blessed our work in Missouri. Many ladies have been led into greater service for God's glory. The youth auxiliaries have been led into wider avenues of growth through the sponsorship of the WMA. I Corinthians 10:31, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

Humbly submitted,  
Mrs. Ruth Gibson  
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### **BROTHERHOOD REPORT**

Greetings from the Brotherhood:

We have had a slow start this year. We have sent out no help, and have had no call for help from the churches, but we are here to serve you.

Our project for this year is to set up a retreat for the Galileans. This is in the workings. This has been promised to the churches and we hope to complete this.

The Brotherhood voted to send 50% of its intake of offerings to the Publishing House for the Guide to God New Testaments and 50% is to go to the Galilean project.

David Crawford—President  
Sam Gamblin—Vice-president  
Van Widger—Secretary-treasurer  
Frederick Fields—Assistant secretary-treasurer  
Steve Gillam—Galilean Promoter

### **PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Publications Committee met at 12:50 P.M. for the purpose of organizing. Jerome Cooper was elected as chairman. Gary Brewer was elected as clerk. We were dismissed in prayer by Jim Watson.

Jerome Cooper, President  
Gary Brewer, Clerk

### **RESOLUTIONS**

Be it resolved that we oppose abortion, pornography, parimutual betting and the lottery, and all those that support it whether it be individuals or government.

That we consider homosexuality an abomination to the Lord and a reproach upon all peoples, and will ultimately bring destruction upon any nation that supports it.

Further be it resolved that we are opposed to women preachers or deacons, realizing that women do have a very important role in the service of God in other areas.

Further be it resolved that we oppose unionizers, and that we carefully consider a person and his stand on doctrinal and moral issues before using him in our local churches or in any associational meeting or recommending him to the churches of this association.

Further be it resolved that we exercise our God-given right and responsibility to vote.

Also to let our governmental representatives know how we feel on the issues of the day.

Further be it resolved we give the host church a standing vote of appreciation for their hospitality.

Terry Sharpe  
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### **MISSIONARY COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Missionary Committee met at Bethany Baptist Church October 29, 1984. The meeting was called to order by Bro. S. P. Chitwood.

The following were elected:

Chairman: S. P. Chitwood

Assistant chairman: O. A. Robinson

Clerk: Don Hoffman

Assistant clerk: Jerome Cooper

Motion to adjourn carried.

Dismissed in prayer.

S. P. Chitwood, Chairman  
Don Hoffman, Clerk

### **SPECIAL MISSIONS COMMITTEE ORGANIZATIONAL REPORT**

The Special Missions Committee met at Bethany, St. Louis October 30, 1984.

Member present: Bros. Ron Fields, Waymond Brown, and Wayne Gibson.

Bro. Waymond Brown led in prayer. The clerk, Bro. Ron Fields called the meeting to order. Bro. Ron Fields was nominated and elected as chairman. Bro. Wayne Gibson was nominated and elected as clerk.

Motion and second that the obsolete folders and information of missionary applicants be destroyed. Motion carried.

Motion and second to adjourn. Motion carried.

Ron Fields, Chairman  
Wayne Gibson, Clerk

### **REVOLVING LOAN FUND COMMITTEE ORGANIZATIONAL REPORT**

On Tuesday morning, October 30, 1984 the Revolving Loan Fund Committee met to organize. Eld. E. F. Gibson was elected as chairman and Clarence Crawford was elected as secretary.

Meeting was closed with prayer.

Eld. E. F. Gibson, Chairman  
Clarence Crawford, Secretary



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