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W. H. Potts, Moderator, Stockton, Mo.  
T. C. Ferguson, Asst. Moderator, Stockton, Mo.  
B. F. Brown, Clerk and Treas., Hannon, Mo.  
C. W. Mayfield, Asst. Clerk, R 5, Chetopa, Kans.

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T. C. Ferguson, Stockton, Mo.  
E. F. Crabtree, Hannon, Mo.  
O. T. Fast, R 3, Liberal, Mo.  
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# MINUTES

OF

The Seventh Annual Session of the Central Western Missouri Association of Freewill Baptists convened with the church at Stockton, Mo., September 22-26, 1915.

## WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION

Wednesday evening session was in charge of Rev. T. C. Ferguson, and as introductory, was devoted to prayer and song service with an address of welcome by Mayor Brown of Stockton.

## THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Session called to order by clerk.

Opening song followed by scripture lesson from John 15 : 1-17 by clerk.

Prayer by Bro. Shuey.

It was suggested that the clerk choose an assistant and read the church letters and seat the delegates. W. P. Potts was chosen and proceeded to read the church letters.

Letters from the following churches were read, and upon motion letters were received and representatives seated: Hannon, Wagoner, Neola, Stockton, Fair View, Sylvandale, Bluff, Verdella, Hickory Grove and Eldorado Springs.

A quorum to do business was declared present by the clerk and the Association proceeded to organize by electing the following officers:

Moderator, W. H. Potts.

Assistant Moderator, T. C. Ferguson.

Assistant clerk, Chas. Mayfield.

Motion carried that moderator appoint all committees.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Pulpit committee, Ida Nowlin, Sylvia Barrow, W. J. Mayfield, Chas. Miller.

Business committee, W. H. Holman, Wm. Needham, J. T. Williams.

Committee on Ministerial Standing, Elton. Pruitt, W. L. Douglass, Minnie Potts.

Publication committee, Sister Willsie, C. C. Pitts, Rev. Allen Shuey.

Motion carried giving Bro. and Sister Shuey, Rev. Rolan and Sister Willsie all rights and privileges of the Association except voting.

Petitionary letter from Pleasant Valley church of Rose, Kans., asking for membership in this Association was read and on motion the church was received into membership and its representative, W. H. Holman, seated.

Petitionary letter from Union Valley church of near Chanute, Kans., asking for membership in this Association read and on motion church was received into membership and its representative W. H. Holman, seated.

Pulpit committee arranged and reported that stand should be occupied as follows:

Thursday at 11 o'clock, Bros. Wm. Needham and C. C. Pitts; Thursday evening Bros. W. H. Holman and J. T. Williams; Friday at 11 o'clock Bros. Chas. Mayfield and H. E. Rolan; Friday evening, Bros. B. F. Brown and Allen Shuey; Saturday at 11 o'clock, Bro. C. C. Pitts and Sister Ferguson; Saturday evening, Bro. Warren and

Bro. W. H. Holman; Sunday at 11 o'clock, Bro. B. F. Brown and Sister Ferguson; Sunday evening, Bros. J. T. Williams and W. H. Holman.

Motion carried to adjourn to 2:30 p. m.

Closing prayer by Sister Shuey.

Stand was occupied at 11 o'clock by Bros. Needham and Pitts. Lesson, Ps. 23. Text, John 3:3.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Session opened with song followed by scripture lesson from Ps. 19 by Moderator.

Opening prayer by Sister Ferguson.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

Bro. Wordell, pastor of the M. E. church of Stockton made an address which was very much appreciated by the Association.

Motion carried that article one of the constitution be changed to read: "This Association shall be called the Central Western Missouri and South-eastern Kansas Association of Freewill Baptists."

It was decided by unanimous vote to hold the next session of the Association with Fair View church in Kansas.

Motion carried to convene the 1916 session of this Association on Wednesday night before the 3rd Sunday in August, 1916.

Motion carried to send one delegate from each church in this Association to the Missouri State Association to convene at Hannon, Mo., on Wednesday night before the 5th Sunday in Oct., 1915.

Delegates chosen to Missouri State Association: Stockton, Mrs. A. Willsie; Fair View, Mrs. Wm. Mayfield; Wagoner, Mrs. Minnie Potts; Union Val-

ley, Mrs. Fred Bowers; Pleasant Valley, Mrs. Frank Parsons; Hickory Grove, J. W. Moul; Verdella, Mrs. Amy Thomas; Hannon, Mrs. Mary Wade; Bluff, Mrs. Lena Hamer; Sylvandale, W. P. Hopkins; Neola, Olan Killingsworth.

It appearing that Bros. C. C. Pitts, Will Needham and Chas. Mayfield were licentiate applicants and were present, the following ordained ministers were appointed as a committee to examine licentiate applicants: J. T. Williams, T. C. Ferguson, H. E. Rolan, Allen Shuey, Myrtle Ferguson and W. H. Holman. Committee instructed to make careful examination and to report at next session of this conference.

Motion carried to adjourned till 9 a. m. Friday.

Closing prayer by W. H. Holman.

#### THURSDAY EVENING SESSION

The pulpit was occupied by W. H. Holman and J. T. Williams. Subject, "Jesus Taught" Matt. 5: 2.

#### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Session opened with song, followed by scripture lesson from Ps. 33 by Moderator.

Opening prayer by J. T. Williams.

Minutes of Thursday p. m. session read and approved.

It being recommended by the business committee that the office of treasurer be combined with that of the clerk, motion carried making the office of treasurer vacant.

B. F. Brown was elected treasurer of Association.

Reports of ministers and others reporting by

letter were called for and were read by the assistant clerk and received by the Association as follows:

Report of Chairman of Home Mission Board: The Home Mission Board has had two meetings during the year; one at Bluff church and one at Verdella church. At the Verdella meeting all members of the board were present save Bro. E. F. Crabtree, and Rev. W. H. McKown was seated in council in his stead. The purpose of the meeting was to examine the credentials of Rev. W. H. Holman of Texas. His credentials were satisfactory and he was granted a certificate of ministerial standing, good till the convening of the Association at Stockton in September, 1915. Bro. Holman has since been living at Chanute, Kans., and preaching to churches in Kansas and also the Verdella church in Barton county, Mo.

As far as I know all our churches and preachers are in harmony and nearly all our churches the past year have been pretty well supplied with preachers and some have reported good revivals.

T. C. Ferguson, Chairman.

Report of Rev. H. Seward.—Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Central Western Missouri Association of Freewill Baptists assembled at Stockton, September 22-26, 1915. I beg to make the following report: My age of 85 years has kept me from doing much in the Lord's work the past year, but I have been preaching whenever I could. I have conducted several funerals and I aim to do the best I can as long as I live, God being my helper.

Rev. H. Seward.



Report of Sister Myrtle Ferguson.—I beg to make the following report: On account of sickness in our home I have not been able to do much preaching. I was called to pastor the Wagoner church for the summer, also Mr. Ferguson and I were called to the church at Stockton. He has filled most of my appointments for me. I have married one couple. Baptized none. Am hoping in the future to be able to do more for the master.

Myrtle Ferguson.

Report of Rev. T. C. Ferguson.—I, your Association Evangelist, beg to make the following report: On account of my wife and baby being in such poor health I have not been able to do much the past year. I have filled most of my wife's appointments at the Wagoner and Stockton churches. I have held short meetings at the following places: Jerico Springs, Zodiac, Seldom, Seen school house, Flowing Springs school house and other places. I have visited the following churches within the bounds of the Association: Stockton, Wagoner, Neola, Hannon, Verdella and Bluff. I attended one meeting of the Home Mission Board at the Verdella church. I have married three couples the past year. In meetings the past year about 50 professed and about 20 were baptized and joined the churches.

T. C. Ferguson, Association Evangelist.

Report of Rev. E. F. Crabtree.—Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Central Western Missouri Association: Would like very much to be at the Association this year but owing to poor health will be unable to be there. And because of ill

health have done nothing in the Lord's work this year. Am now preparing to try the climate of New Mexico in the hope of relief. Hoping that you will have one of the best Associations this year that you have ever had, will close. Remember us in your prayers. E. F. Crabtree.

Report of Rev. W. H. Holman, Chanute, Ks.— I am pastoring three churches since April, 1915, and since February, 1915, have preached nearly as much as a sermon for each day. I have held several revivals and seen several souls brought to Christ and a few added to the church. I am wonderfully delighted in my Master's work and desire full fellowship in this body.  
Rev. W. H. Holman.

Letter from Rev. W. H. McKown was read.  
Motion carried instructing clerk to extend to Bro. Crabtree the sympathies of this Association.

Motion carried that Bro. Holman be received into full fellowship in this Association and that he be given the hand of fellowship.

Verbal reports were received from Bros. H. E. Rolan, Allen Shuey, J. T. Williams and B. F. Brown.

Report of Committee on Publication.—We, your committee on publication submit the following report: We recommend that our people take our church papers, especially the Freewill Baptist News published at Weathersford, Texas, and the Freewill Baptist published at Ayden, North Carolina. The News is bi-weekly and costs 65 cents a year. The Baptist is weekly and costs \$1.00 a year. We also recommend that all our churches,

where practicable, use the Freewill Baptist Sunday School Literature published at Ayden, N. C. We further recommend that the clerk have at least 360 copies of the minutes of this session published and distributed among the different churches and that he draw on the treasurer to pay for same.

Mrs. A. Willsie	} Com. on Publication.
Rev. Allen Shuey	
C. C. Pitts	

Report received as read and committee discharged.

Report of Committee appointed to examine licentiate applicants. — We, your committee appointed to examine licentiate applicants, after careful examination find that W. A. Needham, Chas. W. Mayfield and C. C. Pitts are worthy brethren and fit subjects to preach the gospel for one year.

J. T. Williams, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged.

Motion carried to send Bro. W. H. Holman to Eldorado Springs to revive the church there.

Motion carried to adjourn till 2:30 p. m.

Closing prayer by C. C. Pitts.

#### 11 O'CLOCK SESSION

Pulpit occupied by Chas. Mayfield and H. E. Rolan. Lesson, Heb. 11. Text, John 3 : 15.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Session opened with song followed by scripture lesson from Heb. 4 by Moderator.

Opening prayer by Bro. Shuey.

Minutes of Friday morning session read and approved.

Report of committee on ministerial standing: We, your committee on ministerial standing find by investigation that the following ministers are entitled to have their names appear on the minutes: H. Seward, Neola, Mo.; J. T. Williams, R 2, Greenfield, Mo.; T. C. Ferguson, Stockton, Mo.; Myrtle Ferguson, Stockton, Mo.; E. F. Crabtree, Hannon, Mo.; W. H. Holman, Chanute, Kans.; A. J. Hale, Yates Center, Kans.; J. E. Bayless, 505 W. 5th St., Chanute, Kans.; D. M. Carlock, Greenfield, Mo.; Joe Sigafoose, Columbus, Kans., and Licentiates B. F. Brown, Hannon Mo.; C. C. Pitts, R. 5, Chetopa, Kans.; W. A. Needham, R. 2, Chetopa, Kans.; Chas. Mayfield, R. 5, Chetopa, Kans.

We also find that the following ministers are entitled to annual certificates.

T. C. Ferguson, Myrtle Ferguson, E. F. Crabtree, J. T. Williams, H. Seward, W. H. Holman, B. F. Brown, C. C. Pitts, Chas. Mayfield, W. A. Needham, A. J. Hale and J. E. Bayless.

Elton Pruitt

W. L. Douglas

Minnie Potts

} Committee

Report received as read and committee discharged.

Motion carried that the matter of dealing with Sunscreek church be left to Home Mission Board.

B. F. Brown was elected member of Home Mission Board for term of 5 years.

Motion that clerk be paid his fee of \$5.00 for past year's duties and that he (clerk) be authorized to draw on treasurer for postage and expenses.

Motion carried to extend license to B. F. Brown for 1 year.

Standing committee appointed to satisfy the mortgage against the church at ElDorado Springs reported that the church itself had paid off the mortgage.

Report received and committee discharged.

Motion carried making it the duty of W. H. Holman to secure the over plus from the sale of the Mission church of Chanute, Kans., for this association if there be any money left after satisfying the donor.

Motion carried that we send W. H. Holman to visit Mt. Zion church and if there be any money left from sale of church he ask that same be donated to this association for church work.

Motion to adjourn till 9 a. m., Saturday.

Closing prayer by W. A. Needham.

#### FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Preaching services conducted by B. F. Brown and Allen Shuey. Lesson from John 17. Text John 17 : 3. According to arrangement by pulpit committee Bro. Rolan and Bro. Shuey conducted communion service after the preaching service. A very effective service was held.

#### SATURDAY MORNING

Session opened with song, followed by scripture lesson from Isaiah 12.

Opening prayer by Chas. Mayfield.

Minutes of Friday afternoon session read and approved.

Motion carried to leave the matter of evangelistic work within this association to the Home Mission Board.

Motion carried to amend by-laws to provide

for ordination of ministers. Amendment adopted to be known as article 9 of the by-laws as follows:

Article 9 of by-laws:

No one shall be ordained to the gospel ministry in this association till they have carried preacher's license for at least one year, and must have received a call to pastor some church. The call for ordination must come from the church that has called him or her to pastor the church or from the church in which he or she holds membership.

Resolution adopted giving the ladies Saturday night at next year's session of this association for their work also recommending that each church having an aid society send a member of same as delegate to the Association.

Motion carried that J. E. Bayless preach the introductory sermon at next year's session of association and that J. T. Williams be his alternate. Motion carried that this body express through our moderator, our gratitude and thanks to the people of Stockton and especially to the Methodist people for their kindness and hospitality to us while among them.

Motion carried to use the intervening time to the preaching hour in covenant meeting.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet at Fair View church on Wednesday night before the third Sunday in August 1916.

Closing prayer by T. C. Ferguson.

SATURDAY 11 O'CLOCK SESSION

Stand occupied by Bro. Pitts and Sister Ferguson. Subject Matt. 5 : 6.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION  
Pulpit occupied by Bro. Warren and Bro. Holman.

SUNDAY 11 O'CLOCK SESSION  
Pulpit occupied by B. F. Brown and Sister Ferguson. Lesson John 13:1, 17. Text John 13:17.

SUNDAY EVENING SESSION  
Preaching services conducted by J. T. Williams and W. H. Holman.

Names of ministers, deacons, and delegates who were present at this years session of the association with name of church where each holds membership and postoffice address of each.

#### ORDAINED MINISTERS

Name	Church	P. O. Address
T. C. Ferguson	Wagoner	Stockton, Mo.
Myrtle Ferguson	Wagoner	Stockton, Mo.
W. H. Holman	Verdelia	Chanute, Ks.
J. T. Williams	Neola	R. 2, Greenfield, Mo.

#### LICENTIATES

Name	Church	P. O. Address
B. F. Brown	Hannon	Hannon, Mo.
C. C. Pitts	Fair View	R. 5, Chetopa, Ks.
C. W. Mayfield	Fair View	R. 5, Chetopa, Ks.
W. A. Needham	Fair View	R. 2, Chetopa, Ks.

#### ORDAINED DEACONS

Name	Church	P. O. Address
Wm. Whistance	Wagoner	Wagoner, Mo.
W. L. Douglas	Wagoner	Wagoner, Mo.
W. H. Potts	Wagoner	Stockton, Mo.
F. P. Galyon	Stockton	Stockton, Mo.
A. W. Hartley	Stockton	Stockton, Mo.

Elton Pruitt	Stockton	Stockton, Mo.
C. W. Mayfield	Fair View	R. 5, Chetopa, Ks.
W. C. Loche	ElDorado	ElDorado Spgs., Mo.

# DELEGATES

Name	Church	P. O. Address
Chas. Miller	Wagoner	Wagoner, Mo.
Vernie Miller	Wagoner	Wagoner, Mo.
Walter Gunier	Wagoner	Wagoner, Mo.
Ben Hamby	Wagoner	Wagoner, Mo.
Moten Dobbs	Wagoner	Wagoner, Mo.
Olan Killingsworth	Neola	Neola, Mo.
Mrs. Wm. Green	Neola	Neola, Mo.
Geo. Mannis	Neola	Neola, Mo.
C. T. Hoffman	Neola	Neola, Mo.
Wm. Mayfield	Fair View	Faulkner, Ks.
C. C. Pitts	Fair View	R. 5, Chetopa, Ks.
W. A. Needham	Fair View	R. 2, Chetopa, Ks.
Sylvia Barrow	Stockton	Stockton, Mo.
Mrs. Elton Pruitt	Stockton	Stockton, Mo.
Robert Presler	ElDorado	ElDorado Spgs., Mo.
Mrs. Ida Nowlin	Hickory Grove	R. 2, Freeman, Mo.



## CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant. We promise by his grace to love and obey him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ." We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work. We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bond of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able promote the success of the church and of the Gospel. We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme, counting it our chief business in

life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and his will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sabbath schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of souls and the conversion of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## CONSTITUTION

ART. 1. This body shall be known as the Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association of Freewill Baptists, and shall be composed of such consistent well regulated Freewill Baptist churches as shall, from time to time, unite with the body and agree to this constitution.

ART. 2. The acting members of this Association shall be such as are chosen by the several churches of which this Association is composed. Each church being entitled to one delegate and each church having twenty-five members two delegates, and one delegate for each additional twenty-five members or major part thereof, and all ordained deacons, ordained ministers and licensed ministers of the several churches of the Association.

ART. 3. The officers of this Association

shall be a Moderator who shall be elected at each session and shall hold office until his successor is elected, a Clerk and a Treasurer, who shall be standing officers of the Association.

ART. 4. SEC. 1. This Association shall elect a board of five members, two of which shall be preachers. This board shall be called the Home Mission and Executive Board of the Association. One member of the board shall be elected to hold office for one year, one for 2 years, one for 3 years, one for 4 years and one for 5 years. After the first election one member shall be elected each year and each shall hold office for 5 years or till his successor is elected. This board shall have charge of the work of the Association when it is not in session.

SEC. 2. The Home Mission and Executive Board of this Association shall be the trustees of the Association and shall have charge of its property.

ART. 5. SEC. 1. This Association shall meet annually at such a time and place as shall meet with the pleasure of the Association and it shall be the duty of all churches of which it is composed to represent themselves by letters and delegates.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of all ministers of this Association to attend each session or report by letter. And all ministers reporting by letter or in person shall be entitled to a certificate of ministerial standing from the Association.

ART. 6. This constitution may be altered or amended by vote of any session of the Association, notice of such intended change having been given

in writing at least three months before such change shall be voted upon, to the Executive Board.

### BY-LAWS

1. Each session of this Association shall be called to order by the clerk when present, and in his absence by the member having seniority of years.

2. Each session of this Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

3. Delegates from three (3) or more churches shall constitute a quorum to transact business for the Association but any less number may adjourn from time to time.

4. A member wishing to speak in conference shall arise and address the moderator, and be recognized by same, and shall not be allowed to speak longer than five minutes nor more than twice on any subject without the consent of the conference.

5. New churches may be admitted to this Association by majority vote of conference.

6. The yeas and nays may be taken on any question by the request of one-fourth of the members present.

7. These by-laws may be amended at any session of the Association by a two-third's vote of the members-present.

8. A committee of five lay members, delegates present at the Association, shall be elected to look into the standing of the ministry, and make

their report to the Association before it adjourns for approval or rejection.

ART. 9. No one shall be ordained to the gospel ministry in this association till they have carried preacher's license for at least one year, and must have received a call to pastor some church. The call for ordination must come from the church that has called him or her to pastor the church or from the church in which he or she holds membership.

Received of B. F. Brown \$14.00 for printing minutes.

J. P. Moore.

# STATISTICAL TABLE

Showing Churches of Association, Church Clerks with the Address of Each, Amount Contributed by Each Church for Association Expenses, Membership, Increase and Decrease of Membership.

Churches	Clerks	Address	Contribution	Membership	Increase	Decrease
Wagoner.....	Alice Brown.....	Wagoner, Mo.....	\$2 00	110	9	.....
Neola.....	Alma Martin.....	Neola, Mo.....	2 00	78	.....	7
Bluff.....	J. H. Long.....	Irwin, Mo., R 1.....	2 00	69	.....	.....
Sylvandale.....	W. P. Hopkins.....	Moundville, Mo.....	2 00	25	.....	.....
Fair View.....	J. E. Sims.....	Chetopa, Kans., R 5.....	2 00	49	3	.....
Stockton.....	J. D. Bough.....	Stockton, Mo.,.....	2 00	29	6	.....
Verdella.....	Amy Thomas.....	Liberal, Mo., R 3.....	2 00	45	.....	10
ElDorado Springs.....	W. C. Loche.....	ElDorado Springs, Mo.....	1 00	7	.....	.....
Pleasant Valley.....	F. L. Parsons.....	Rose, Kans.....	2 00	53	.....	.....
Union Valley.....	Mrs. Fred Bowers.....	Chanute, Kans.....	2 00	38	.....	.....
Hannon.....	Mary Wade.....	Arcadia, Kans., R 3.....	2 00	140	10	.....
Hickory Grove.....	J. W. Moul.....	Freeman, Mo., R 2.....	2 00	100	.....	.....

W. H. POTTS, Moderator

B. F. BROWN, Clerk