

MINUTES
OF THE
Eleventh Annual Session
OF THE
Central Western Missouri
AND
Southeastern Kansas Association
OF
FREEWILL BAPTIST
HELD WITH
Independence Church Wagoner, Mo.

AUGUST 6, 1919.

OFFICERS.

W. H. York, Moderator,

W. H. Potts, Asst. Moderator,

B. F. Brown, Clerk and Treasurer,

W. H. Holley, Asst. Clerk.

PROCEEDINGS.

At 7:30 p. m. August 6th, 1919, the Central Western Missouri, and Southeastern Kansas Association of Freewill Baptists met with the Independence Church, near Wagoner, Mo., in its eleventh annual Session.

Praise by congregation. Scripture reading, Psalm 90 by Moderator, W. H. Potts. Prayer by B. F. Brown. Welcome address by F. G. Wyrick. Reply to welcome by T. C. Ferguson. Introductory sermon by W. H. York. Text Matt. 16:24.

W. H. Whistance, W. H. Holley and C. C. Barton were appointed on Program Committee.

Program Committee reported that B. F. Brown would occupy the pulpit at 11 o'clock Thursday.

Adjourned till 9:30 a. m. Thursday.

Adjourning prayer by W. H. York.

THURSDAY MORNING

Song by congregation. Scripture reading, Phil. 3:1-14 by clerk. Prayer by F. G. Wyrick. Clerk declared a quorum present and turned the meeting over to the Moderator.

Minutes of Wednesday evening session read and approved.

Church letters were called for and were read by clerk. Eleven churches reported by letters which were received and delegates seated. Condensed church reports appear in statistical table.

Officers elected for the ensuing year: W. H. York, Moderator; W. H. Potts, Asst. Moderator;

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B. F. Brown, Clerk and Treasurer; W. H. Holley, Asst. Clerk; T. C. Ferguson, Member Home Mission Board.

Committees Appointed—

Program Committee: Ausa Corkrell and G. B. Manis (added).

Committee on Business: A. W. Hartley, D. W. Hall and I. V. Sell.

Committee on Obituary: F. G. Wyrick, Mrs. D. W. Hall and Ethel Daniels.

Committee on Education, Publication and Sunday School Literature: T. L. Blake, T. C. Ferguson and Mrs. A. L. Wiley.

Committee on Ministerial Standing: Minnie Potts, J. D. Bough, J. C. Stephens, W. H. Holley, and G. B. Manis.

Program Committee reported that Myrtle Ferguson and W. H. York would occupy pulpit Thursday night.

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

Closing prayer by D. W. Hall.

Divine service at 11 o'clock by B. F. Brown.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Scripture lesson 1st chapter of James by Moderator. Prayer by T. C. Ferguson.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

Moderator appointed as Ordaining Council. T. C. Ferguson, B. F. Brown, W. H. Potts, W. H. Whistance and C. C. Barton.

Ministers reports were called for and written

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reports from the following were read by the clerk: W. H. York, Thos. L. York, B. F. Brown, T. C. Ferguson, Myrtle Ferguson, W. A. Needham, H. Seward and F. G. Wyrick. All save the two old Bros. H. Seward and Thos. L. York reported work done, some busy part time and some busy all the time.

On motion, a collection was taken, amounting to \$12.00.

Next session of Association was voted to be held with the Wagoner Church, at 7:30 p. m., on Wednesday before the 3rd Sunday in August, (Aug. 11th) 1920.

F. G. Wyrick was chosen to preach the introductory sermon next year.

The following was adopted as by-law No. 18: All old or afflicted ministers who so desire may be enrolled on a superannuated list and not be required to report to the Association in order to receive an annual certificate of ministerial standing.

Report of Chairman of Home Mission Board:

The Board has held no regular meetings the past year, but some of its members have visited some of our churches in person, and have had some correspondence with some of our preachers and churches with a view to helping them in the work. Several of our churches have been without regular pastors the past year. We recommend that where it is practical our churches be grouped together into pastorates and that resident pastors be secured for churches thus grouped.—T. C. Ferguson, Chairman.

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Treasurer's report made, and accepted. Report showed receipts to amount of \$26.35, and disbursements to amount of \$27.50.

Report of Committee on Denominational Enterprises: We recommend that all our people subscribe for the New Morning Star, published at Tecumseh, Oklahoma, and the Freeman Baptist, published at Ayden, N. C. We also recommend that our Sunday Schools, wherever practicable, use our Sunday School literature published at Ayden, N. C.

We further recommend that our preachers and workers take the correspondence course as conducted by Rev. John H. Wolfe, and others.

We also recommend that our people do all they can to help our Orphanage, located at Ayden, N. C.

We further recommend that all our preachers do all in their power to better their qualifications for service in the work of the Lord.—**T. L. Blake**, Chairman.

Motion carried to take an offering Friday night for denominational enterprises.

Program Committee reported that F. G. Wyrick would occupy the pulpit at 11 o'clock Friday.

Motion carried to adjourn till 9:30 a. m. Friday.

Adjourning prayer by B. F. Brown.

Divine service at 7:30 p. m. by Myrtle Ferguson and W. H. York. Text Matt. 6:24.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Praise by congregation. Scripture reading,

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Galatians 5 by Moderator. Prayer by Ausa Cockrell
Minutes of Thursday p. m. session read and approved.

Delegates elected to Missouri State Association: Wm. Marshall, C. H. Miller, D. W. Hall, Ida Nowlin, Hersie Parish, Bro. Center, F. H. Routh, Amy Thomas, Nettie Beck, Mrs. Austin Martin, Ethel Daniels, J. D. Bough, T. L. Blake, Ina Bicknell, Anna Reed.

Standing members and delegates present this year:

Ministers—T. C. Ferguson, Myrtle Ferguson, W. H. York, B. F. Brown, F. G. Wyrick.

Deacons—W. H. Potts, C. C. Barton, I. V. Sell, J. C. Stephens, W. H. Holley, G. B. Manis, A. W. Hartley, W. H. Whistance.

Delegates—Minnie Potts, D. W. Hall, Mrs. D. W. Hall, Ausa Cockrell, A. L. Wiley, Mary Wiley, Mrs. A. L. Wiley, F. H. Routh, Pearl Pruitt, Mary Hartley, Ethel Daniels, T. L. Blake, Mrs. Green, J. D. Bough.

Motion carried giving delegates to the Mo. State Association the right to appoint substitute.

By a vote of the body the names of the following aged ministers were ordered placed on the superannuated list: H. Seward, Greenfield, Mo. Thomas L. York, Chanute, Kans., J. E. Bayless, Tulsa, Okla.

Notice to Amend Constitution—

I hereby give notice that at the next session it is proposed to amend the constitution so as to

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designate what a resident and a non-resident member means.—**T. C. Ferguson.**

Motion carried to have W. H. York visit El Dorado Springs Church, and hold a few nights meeting.

Motion carried to have Bro. York visit the Union Valley Church.

Voted to adjourn till 2:30 p. m.

Closing prayer by B. F. Brown.

11 o'clock service by F. G. Wyrick.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Song by congregation. Scripture reading, Phil. 2: by Moderator. Prayer by F. G. Wyrick.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

Motion carried that by-law No. 12 be changed to read: It shall be the duty of the churches of this Association that have a membership of less than fifty to send to the clerk of this Association the sum of \$2.00 each year. And each church with a membership of fifty or more shall send the sum of \$3.00 each year to defray the general expenses of the Association.

Report of Committee on Obituary—

Those called to their reward during the past year are: Ruby Hartley, Stockton Church; Ralph Miller, Pleasant Valley Church; Bro. Kayhill, Sylvandale Church; Morton Dobbs, Wagoner Church.

Be it therefore Resolved, that we extend heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved families and relatives in whose homes chairs have been left vacant.

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To these we would say, "Cast your cares upon Him for He careth for you."

Report of Committee on Ministerial Standing:

We find the following ministers entitled to Annual Certificates of Standing: W. H. York, B. F. Brown, T. C. Ferguson, Myrtle Ferguson, H. Seward, Thos. L. York, J. E. Bayless, W. A. Needham, and F. G. Wyrick, licentiate.

We also find the following entitled to have their names appear in the minutes, but not entitled to Annual Certificates: J. B. Sparks, Rosa Sparks, D. M. Carlock, J. T. Williams.—Minnie Potts, Chairman.

Bro. F. G. Wyrick was called before the examining council to be examined as to his fitness to preach the Gospel.

Bro. York was called to act with council already appointed.

Council organized by electing T. C. Ferguson Chairman, and B. F. Brown, Clerk.

After prayer by B. F. Brown, the council proceeded to question and examine Bro. Wyrick, who in his answers declared that he accepted the entire Bible as the inspired Word of God; that he accepted the Freewill Baptist Articles of Faith, and Church Covenant and was in harmony with all our ministers.

The brother was examined on doctrine and fundamentals and found to be sound. He declared his intention to devote his whole time to the ministry, but asked for credentials only when found worthy.

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Bro. Wyrick was granted Senior License.

Motion carried to carry the following recommendation on the minutes that it may be acted on next year: We, the Business Committee recommend that article two of the constitution of this Association be changed to read "resident members" instead of "members."—A. W. Hartley, Chairman.

Motion carried that we take a standing vote in expression of our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to our soldiers and sailors for their willing sacrifice and service on our behalf and in the cause of liberty and humanity.

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

Closing prayer by A. W. Hartley.

Friday evening service by B. F. Brown, and T. C. Ferguson.

Collection for denominational enterprises was taken. Amount received was \$10.00.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Praise by congregation. Scripture lesson, Rom. 8 by Moderator. Prayer by B. F. Brown

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

Motion carried to adopt the following resolution: Resolved that we, the delegates and standing members of the various churches of this Association of Freewill Baptists assembled in conference do heartily express our sincere thanks and gratitude of our hearts to the people of Independence Church and vicinity for their kindness and hospitality in entertaining and caring for us dur-

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ing our stay among them, and pray the blessing of God upon them till we meet again.

Motion carried to discharge all temporary committees.

Motion carried to take a standing vote in the expression of our thanks to the clerk for his faithfulness and efficient service.

Motion carried to adjourn till 7:30 p. m. Wednesday, August 11th, 1920.

Following adjournment the Church Covenant was read and we were led in Covenant Meeting by Bro. D. W. Hall. A good meeting it was, with some splendid talks.

Eleven o'clock service by W. H. York. Text I. Cor. 15:57. Subject, Victory.

CONSTITUTION.

Art. 1. This body will be known as the Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association of Freewill Baptists, and shall be composed of such constituent 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

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Art. 3 The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, an assistant Moderator, a Clerk, an assistant Clerk and a Treasurer; all of said officers to be elected annually at the regular session of the Association, and shall hold office until successors are elected and qualified.

Art. 4. 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 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 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 by the Association.

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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 annual session of this Association shall be called to order by the clerk, and in his or her absence, the assistant clerk, and in his or her absence, the standing member having seniority in years. After the clerk, or the one calling the assembly to order shall declare a quorum present, he or she shall call the Moderator to the chair, and in his or her absence the assistant Moderator, and in his or her absence the standing member having seniority in 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.

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7. These by-laws may be amended at any session of the Association by a two-thirds 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 report to the Association before it adjourns for approval or rejection.

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.

10. All committees shall be appointed by the assistant Moderator when not otherwise provided for by the Association.

11. Whenever practicable, all business of importance coming before the local churches shall be decided by secret ballot, a majority vote to decide.

12. It shall be the duty of the churches of this Association that have a membership of less than fifty to send to the clerk of this Association the sum of two (\$2.00) each year. And each church with a membership of fifty or more shall send the sum of three (\$3.00) dollars each year to defray the general expenses of the Association.

13. It shall be the duty of the preachers and the churches of this Association to try to work in

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harmony with the Home Mission Board of this Association.

14. A request from a church that a brother or sister be examined for license or for ordination to preach the gospel shall not mean that he or she shall be licensed or ordained, but that a council be appointed to examine him or her, and if, after the examination, the council thinks best he or she may be licensed or ordained.

15. Any preacher belonging to this Association who does not make a report of his or her work, either in person, by letter or by proxy, for three successive years, shall have his or her name dropped from the minutes.

16. It shall be the duty of each church to have its pastoral year to end with the annual session of the Association, and to hold its annual business meeting before the Association meets each year.

17. When a church fails to report to the Association its last report shall be carried over in the minutes.

18. All old or afflicted ministers who so desire may be enrolled on a superannuated list, and not be required to report to the Association in order to receive an Annual Certificate of Ministerial Standing.

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FREEWILL BAPTIST 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 amusement, 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 obligation in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotion, and social worship, and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, 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

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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 able promote the success of the church and of the Gospel. We will everywhere hold Christian principles 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 evangelical 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.

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STATISTICAL TABLE FOR 1919.

Pleasant Valley—Clerk, Frank Parsons, Rose, Kans.; membership, 45; for minutes, \$3.00; time of service, 4th Sunday

Independence—A. B. Whistance, Rt. 4, Stockton, Mo; mem. 75; decrease, 3; for min. 3.00; 2nd Sunday.

Verdelia—Amy thomas, Rt. 3, Liberal, Mo; mem. 30; decrease, 14; min. 2.00; 1st. Sunday.

Fair View—Nettie Beck, Rt. 5, Chetopa, Kan; mem. 31; decrease 16; min. 2.00; 3rd Sunday.

Ncola—Ethel Daniels, Greenfield, Mo; mem. 78 min. 3.00; 1st Sunday.

Stockton—C. A. Hendricks, Stockton, Mo; mem. 77; decrease 8; min. 3.00.

Hannon—Frankie D. Wade, Hannon, Mo. mem. 149; increase 19; min. 3.00; 2nd Sunday.

Hickory Grove—Ira McDonald, Rt 2, Freeman, Mo; mem. 126; decrease 6; min. 3.00 1st. Sun.

Wagoner—Tressie Cross, Stockton, Mo; mem. 87; increase 7; min. 3.00; 3rd Sunday.

Sylvandale—W. P. Hopkins, Moundville, Mo; mem. 31; decrease 2; min. 2.50; 3rd Sunday.

Bluff and Union Valley, no report.

Total No of members, 729; increase, 26; decrease. 49; for minutes, \$27.50.

W. H. York, Mod., **B. F. Frown**, Clerk.