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OFFICERS

W. H. Potts, Moderator	Stockton, Mo.
W. H. York, Asst, Moderator,	Chanute, Kans.
B. F. Brown, Clerk and Treas.,	Hannon, Mo.
A. W. Hartley, Asst. Clerk,	Stockton, Mo.

EXECUTIVE AND HOME MISSION BOARD

B. F. Brown,	Hannon, Mo,
T. C. Ferguson,	Niangua, Mo.
L. C. Wade,	R 2, Bronaugh, Mo.
Ed Washburn,	Moundville, Mo.
O. T. Fast	R 3, Liberal, Mo.

PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday Evening

At 8:00 p. m. August 11, 1920, the Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association of Freewill Baptists met with Wagoner Church at Wagoner, Mo., in its Twelfth Annual session.

Session opened with song by congregation. Prayer by W. H. Potts. Scripture reading, 13th of 1 Cor. by W. H. York.

Session was opened a short time for business.

Moderator appointed as a committee on program, W. S. Mosby, W. H. Whistance and L. C. Wade.

It was decided to convene Thursday morning session at 9:00 o'clock.

Introductory sermon by F. G. Wyrick. Text, 1 Kings 19: 13.

Program committee reported B. F. Brown would occupy stand at 11 o'clock Thursday.

Closing prayer by L. C. Wade.

Thursday Morning

Session opened with song by congregation. Scripture reading, Matt. 22: 1-14, by clerk. Prayer by F. G. Wyrick.

A quorum was found to be present and was so declared by the clerk,

Moderator took charge and called for minutes of Wednesday evening session, which were read and approved.

Church letters were called for. Letters from the following churches were read and received and delegates seated: Hannon, Hickory Grove, Pleasant Valley, Fair View, Wagoner, Stockton, Independence, Neola, Sylvandale, Verdella and Union Valley.

Officers Elected for Ensuing Year

Moderator, W. H. Potts.

Asst. Moderator W. H. York.

Clerk and Treasurer, B. F. Brown.

Asst. Clerk, A. W. Hartley.

Member Home Mission Board for term of 5 years, B. F. Brown.

Moderator appointed as committee on Committees, L. C. Wade, J. W. Moul and A. B. Whistance.

Motion carried giving moderator, W. H. Potts, 15 minutes in which to outline the work being done and which should be done by this Association. A helpful talk followed.

Motion carried that all members of conference be seated in a body at front and north side of house.

Committee on Committees reported the following committees:

Committee on Business, J. W. Moul, A. L. Wiley and W. S. Mosby.

Committee on Education, Sunday School and Literature, L. C. Wade, F. G. Wyrick, Anna Reed and Minnie Potts.

Committee on Obituary, A. B. Whistance, Ethel Daniels, Beulah Anderson and Mrs. C. W.

Ricketts.

Committee on Ministerial Standing, G. B. Manis, O. T. Fast, W. L. Douglas, W. A. Anderson and A. B. Whistance.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Program committee reported Bro. York would occupy the pulpit Thursday night.

Motion carried to adjourn till 2:30 o'clock p.m.

Closing prayer by W. A. Anderson.

Eleven o'clock services conducted by B. F. Brown. Text, John 15:8.

Benediction by W. H. York.

Roll of standing members and delegates attending this session:

Ministers

F. G. Wyrick.
B. F. Brown.

W. H. York.

Deacons

A. W. Hartley
W. H. Potts
W. H. Whistance
W. S. Mosby
J. C. Stephens
I. V. Sell

G. B. Manis
W. L. Douglas
O. T. Fast
L. C. Wade
C. C. Barton

Delegates

Henrietta Willsie
Ethel Manis
W. M. Marshall

Luella Green
Ethel Daniels
W. A. Anderson

Warren Cross
A. L. Wiley
A. B. Whistance
Dixie Fast
Iris Moul
J. W. Moul
Ivy Wade
Anna Reed
Gertrude Crabtree
Mary Nance

Tressie Cross
Howard Barton
Edith Mayfield
Beulah Anderson
Ausa Cockrell
Mrs. C. W. Ricketts
Rosa Lewis
Frankie Wade
Pearl Lewis
Walter Jones

Thursday Afternoon

Session opened with song by congregation. Scripture lesson, Psalm 1, by moderator. Prayer by O. T. Fast.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

Report of chairman of Home Mission Board: I, your brother in Christ, send this letter of greeting and beg to make the following report of my work for God the past year. I hope and pray that God's richest blessings will be upon every session of this Association and that his spirit will be there in mighty power and that peace and harmony will prevail, and that souls will be saved. I am sorry that I cannot meet with you this year. I expect by the time the association convenes that I will be on my way to Canada to visit my father and mother. I am planning to be back in time for the Missouri State Association. I have not been out in the Lord's work the past year as much as common as I was sick nearly all winter, but during the year I have visited and held meet-

ings in Southeast Missouri Association, Union Association and Nebraska Association or Yearly Meeting. I have also visited and held meetings with most of the churches of my own Association. I have been working part of the time this summer with the farmers in Kansas and preaching Sundays for our Pleasant Valley church near Rose, Kans., and the Union Valley church near Chanute, Kans. In the meetings I held the past year souls have been saved and members added to our churches. My intention is to continue as much as I can in the Lord's work.

I ask an interest in your prayers.

Your brother in Christ,

T. C. Ferguson.

Report of W. H. York: In the name of Jesus I beg to make the following report. I have pastored four churches the past year. Have held one revival and helped in two other revivals. I have baptized five, conducted two funerals and performed two marriage ceremonies.

I ask your earnest prayers to God to give me power in the ministry.

Yours in Christ,

W. H. York.

Report of F. G. Wyrick: I have tried by the grace of God to fill the office of pastor in the Wagoner, Independence and Mt. Olive churches during the past year. While I have met with some difficulties, I have not been discouraged nor downhearted. While this was my first year at

pastoral work and my mistakes and blunders have been numerous, the work has been a delight to me. The congregations have not always been large but I thank God for a faithful few who have stood by and held up my hands. I praise the Lord and press on. I have supplied at Omer the last half of the year and with work as County Sunday School Organizer I have been constantly in the work. I have held two revival meetings and have dates for two more this fall and winter.

I have preached 125 sermons, conducted four funerals and performed three marriage ceremonies. I have organized three Sunday Schools and one Ladies Aid. Received as pastor's salary \$172.75.

F. G. Wyrick.

After the reading and discussion of a communication in regard to the death of Miss Sable Douglas, a motion carried instructing clerk to write the father and mother a letter of condolence and sympathy in the name of the Association.

Treasurer's-report showing collections amounting to \$50.50 and expenditures amounting to \$24.50, leaving a balance Aug. 1, 1920, of \$26.00, \$15.00 of which should be transferred to Missouri State Association. Report accepted.

The proposition to ammend the constitution so as to give the meaning of resident and non-resident members was, after some discussion, referred to the business committee.

Motion carried giving all visiting brethern and sisters all privileges of the floor except voting.

Program committee reported that Rev. J. T.

Cole of Cold Springs, Mo., would occupy pulpit at 11 a. m. Friday.

Motion carried to adjourn till 9:00 a. m. Friday.

Closing prayer by B. F. Brown.

Thursday evening preaching service conducted by W. H. York. Text, John 8 : 29; Subject, Obedience.

Friday Morning

Session opened with song by congregation. Scripture reading 2nd chapter Titus and prayer by F. G. Wyrick.

Minutes of Thursday afternoon and evening sessions read and approved.

Moderator appointed as Ordaining Council W. H. York, J. T. Cole, B. F. Brown, L. C. Wade and W. S. Mosby.

Motion carried to allow clerk \$5.00 for his services.

W. H. York, who was appointed to visit Eldorado Springs and Union Valley churches reported he had not been able to visit Eldorado Springs but thought he could do so yet, and could perhaps get back to Union Valley any time.

Delegates elected to Missouri State Association, Nettie Beck, Clay Hensley, Warren Cross, Walter Newman, Minnie Potts, Bro. Center, Anna Reed, Mary Wade, Nellie Fast, Henrietta Willsie, F. N. Routh, D. W. Hall, Mrs. Austin Martin, Ethel Daniels and Lee Blake.

The next session of the Association was voted-

to convene with Hickory Grove church near Lone-tree in Cass county, Missouri, at 8 p.m. Wednesday after the third Sunday in August, 1921. W. H. York was chosen to preach introductory sermon next year.

Program committee reported F. G. Wyrick would preach tonight.

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

Adjourned with prayer by W. H. York.

11 O'clock Services

Preaching services conducted by J. T. Cole. Lesson, Psalm 23. Text Dan. 2 : 44; subject, The Kingdom.

Friday Afternoon

Session opened with song by congregation. Scripture reading, Psalm 95, by Asst. Moderator. Prayer by J. T. Cole.

Minutes of morning sessions read and approved.

Bro. F. G. Wyrick was called before the ordaining council for ordination, his wife being invited to accompany him. Having been previously examined the brother was not further questioned, but signified his readiness to proceed with the ordination.

Under direction of B. F. Brown as Council president, Bro. Wyrick, with his wife kneeled while the council laid on hands and L. C. Wade offered prayer.

After prayer Rev. J. T. Cole gave the charge to the candidate and Rev. W. H. York gave the charge to the church.

The right hand of fellowship was given the

candidate and his wife, after which the council was dismissed with prayer by W. S. Mosby.

Motion carried to adopt the following recommendation from business committee to become Sec. 2 of Art. 2 of the constitution:

"A resident member shall be a member in good standing who discharges his or her obligations to the church, and who resides near enough to attend church services, or one who resides at a distance but discharges his or her obligations to the church. All other members shall be considered non-resident members.

Motion carried to change Art. 2, Sec. 1, of constitution to read "resident members" instead of "members."

Our El Dorado Springs church being in bad repair and there being a proposition to lease the church, B. F. Brown, L. C. Wade and O. T. Fast, members of the Home Mission Board, were appointed to look into the matter and do what they think best.

Report of committee on Education, Sunday School and Literature: Realizing the need of religious literature in our homes we recommend a careful selection of reading material at all times.

We further recommend that the ministry make a strong effort to better equip themselves for a greater work. Also that a Sunday School be established and supported in each church, being careful in the selection of literature and to supply special helps for teachers and officers. Also that each Sunday school co-operate with the township Sunday School associations of their respective

townships and work in harmony with the county organizations. F. G. Wyrick, Chairman.

Report of committee on Obituary: Be it resolved that we extend our heart felt sympathy to the bereaved families, of this association, who have been called upon by the death angel to give up their loved ones. To them we would say, "We know the Lord doeth all things well." So let us say, "Lord thy will and not ours be done."

The following have passed beyond this vale of tears:

S. L. Wade, Hannon.

Sable Douglas, Sylvandale.

Sarah Routh, Independance.

Jessie Kepley, Union Valley.

Jennie Delap, Hickory Grove.

David Yoke, Hickory Grove.

Olive Bingerman, Hickory Grove.

Two Unknown, Union Valley.

One Unknown, Pleasant Valley.

One Unknown, Fairview.

A. B. Whistance, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Standing: We find the following ministers are entitled to annual certificates of standing: W. H. York, B. F. Brown, F. G. Wyrick, T. C. Ferguson, H. Seward, Thos. L. York and J. E. Bayless.

We also find the following are entitled to have their names appear on the minutes but not entitled to annual certificates: J. B. Sparks, Rosa Sparks, D. M. Carlock, J. T. Williams and W. A. Needham.

W. H. Whistance, Chairman.

Motion carried to to send a corresponding messenger to Union Association.

F. G. Wyrick was chosen corresponding messenger to Union Association and instructed to write a letter of greeting in case he finds he is able to attend the association.

Motion carried to adjourn till 9 a.m. Saturday.
Adjourning prayer by Auza Cockrell.

Friday Evening

Divine services conducted by F. G. Wyrick.
Text 1 Cor. 2:9.

B. F. Brown to occupy pulpit at 11 o'clock Saturday.

Benediction by W. H. York.

Saturday Morning

Session opened with song by congregation;
Scripture reading, 1 Cor. 13th, by moderator.
Prayer by W. H. York.

Minutes of Friday afternoon and evening sessions read and approved.

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

Motion carried to adopt the following resolution: Be it resolved that we extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the brethren and good people of Wagoner church and vicinity for their kindness and hospitality to delegates and visitors during this association.

Motion carried to take a collection to defray

the expenses of Bro. Wyrick while attending Union Association. The collection amounted to \$12.90.

Motion carried to take a standing vote in expression of our thanks and appreciation to our moderator for his faithfulness.

Program Committee made final report as follows: Preaching services Saturday night by W. H. York and B. F. Brown; Sunday morning by J. T. Cole and F. G. Wyrick; Sunday night by B. F. Brown and W. H. York.

The business of the Association being finished the conference mutually dissolved itself into a covenant meeting and a very impressive meeting it was.

Motion carried to adjourn till 8 p. m. Wednesday after the 3rd Sunday in August, 1921.

Adjourning prayer by B. F. Brown.

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. Sec. 1. 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

resident members, two delegates, and one delegate for each additional twenty-five resident members or major part thereof, and all ordained pastors, ordained ministers and licensed ministers of the several churches of this Association.

Sec. 2. A resident member shall be a member in good standing who discharges his or her obligations to the church, and who resides near enough to attend church services, or one who resides at a distance but discharges his or her obligations to the church. All other members shall be considered non-resident members.

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 two years, one for three years, one for four years and one for five years. After the first election one member shall be elected each year, and hold office for five 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.

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.

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 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) dollars 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 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 superanated list, and not be required to report to the Association in order to receive an Annual Certificate of Ministerial Standing.

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 obligations 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 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 conversatitn of the world, and may the God of peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Received of B. F. Brown \$25.00 for printing
the minutes.

J. P. MOORE.

CHURCH STATISTICS

NAME OF CHURCH	Membership 1920	Increase	Decrease	Minute Money	Meeting Days	Delegates	Ministers	CHURCH CLERK'S ADDRESS
Hannon.....	140		9	\$ 3.00	2nd Sun.	9	1	Frankie D. Wade, R 2, Bronaugh, Mo.
Hickory Grove	125		1	3.00	1st Sun.	5		Ira McDonald, R 2, Freeman, Mo.
Wagoner.....	90	3		4.00	3rd Sun.	8	1	Mrs. Tessie Cross, R 5, Stockton, Mo.
Stockton	77			4.00		4		C. A. Hendricks, Stockton, Mo.
Neola.....	77		1	3 00	1st Sun.	4		Ethel Daniels, Greenfield, Mo.
Independence	73		2	4 00	2nd Sun.	6		A. B. Whistance, R 4, Stockton, Mo.
Pleasant Valley	44		1	2 00	4th Sun.			F. L. Parsons, Yates Center, Kans.
Verdella	39	9		3.00	3rd Sun.	3		Mrs. Amy Thomas, R 3, Liberal, Mo.
Sylvandale	29		2	2.00	3rd Sun.			W. P. Hopkins, Moundville, Mo.
Fairview.....	24		7	3.00	3rd Sun.	1	1	Mrs. Nettie Beck, R 5, Chetopa, Kans.
Union Valley.....	16							Mrs. Fred Bowers, Chanute, Kans.
Totals	734	12	23	\$31.00		40	3	

W. H. POTTS, Moderator

B. F. BROWN, Clerk