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OFFICERS

W. H. Potts, Moderator,	Stockton, Mo.
T. C. Ferguson, Ass't Moderator,	Springfield, Mo.
B. F. Brown, Clerk-Treas.,	Tecumseh, Okla.
Ira McDonald, Ass't Clerk,	Freeman, Mo.

EXECUTIVE AND HOME MISSION BOARD

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

PROCEEDINGS

At 8 o'clock P. M. Wednesday, Aug. 20, 1924, the Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association of Free Will Baptists, met in its Sixteenth Annual Session, with El Dorado Springs, Church, El-Dorado Springs, Missouri.

WEDNESDAY, EVENING

Song by the congregation. Meeting was called to order by the Clerk, B. F. Brown, who read for a scripture lesson, Matt. 24:32-51. Prayer by Eld. T. A. Burns, of Joplin Missouri. A quorum was declared present, and the Moderator, and Assistant Moderator both being absent, and the oldest minister present not being able to officiate, Bro. T. C. Ferguson, was called to the chair, he being the second oldest minister present. After a prayer by the Moderator, B. F. Brown, was called for introductory sermon. Text, Acts 9:6.

After preaching service every body enjoyed a hand shake and a testimony meeting.

Motion carried to take an offering, at Thursday night service to help B. F. Brown on his expenses.

Moderator, appointed, as a Temporary Committee on program Bros. I. N. Grimsley, G. B. Manis, and Ira McDonald. Program Committee reported Bros. T. A. Burns and P. L. Price, to preach at 11 o'clock Thursday. Adjourned to meet at 9 A. M. Thursday. Benediction by Bro. Bybee.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Singing by congregation Scripture reading, Psalm 23 by Moderator, Potts, Prayer by Bro. John LaCourse.

Minutes of Wednesday Evening session read and approved.

Church letters were called for and letters from the following churches were read by the clerk:- Wag-
 oner, Sylvandale, Independence, El Dorado Springs,
 and Neola. On motion above letters were received,
 and delegates seated. Hickory Grove church letter was
 not yet received, but delegates were vouched for and
 the following were seated as delegates till letter is
 received:- Ira McDonald, Joe Cockrell, J. W. Moul.

Officers Elected For Ensuing Year:

Moderator,	W. H. Potts.
Assistant Moderator,	T. C. Ferguson.
Clerk - Treasurer,	B. F. Brown.
Assistant Clerk,	Ira McDonald.
Member Ex. Board,	T. C. Ferguson.

Moderator appointed as Committee on Com-
 mittees: Ed Washburn, I. N. Grimsley and G. B. Manis.

Motion carried to seat Bros. Prior L. Price and T. A.
 Burns as visiting Bros., giving them all privileges of
 the floor except voting, making or seconding motions.

Letters from Verdella, Hannon, Hickory Grove,
 and Fair View churches read, and on motions were
 received and delegates seated.

Committee on Committees made partial report as
 follows: Committee on Business: F. G. Wyrick, J. W.
 Moul, and I. N. Grimsley. Committee on Education:
 T. C. Ferguson, Mary Wade and Sister Ira McDonald.
 Committee on Obituary: Sister Ira McDonald. Sister
 P. M. Manis, Ira Duncan and J. F. Shaw.

Motion carried to adjourn till 2:30 P. M. Adjourn-
 ing prayer by T. A. Burns.

Eleven o'clock Service:

Preaching services conducted by Bros. T. A. Burns
 and Prior L. Price. Lesson, Psalm 103. Text, Heb. 2:6.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Session opened with song by congregation. Scripture reading, John 15th chapter by Moderator. Prayer by T. C. Ferguson. Minutes of morning session were read and approved. Program Com. reported W. H. York and T. C. Ferguson to preach Thursday night and Thomas L. York and W. C. Bybee to preach at 11 o'clock Friday.

Committee on Committees made partial report as follows: Program Committee: G. E. Wade, Sister G. B. Manis and John LaCourse.

Ordaining Council:— F. G. Wyrick, T. C. Ferguson W. H. York, Thomas L. York, and O. T. Fast.

Temperance Committee: W. H. York, F. G. Wyrick T. C. Ferguson.

Ministerial Standing Committee: O. T. Fast, G. B. Manis, Ed Washburn, J. W. Moul and W. L. Douglas.

Resolutions Committee:— Joe Cockrell, Nellie Fast, Josie Smith.

Ordaining Council, having examined the credentials of G. W. Powell, and finding them satisfactory, recommended that this Association approve said credentials, and that Bro. Powell be placed on the superannuated list.

Motion carried to approve and receive Bro. Powell as recommended by the committee.

Report of Chairman of Executive Board:— The board has held no business meetings during the past year, but individually we have tried to do what we could to help the work of the Lord along within the bounds of our Association. T. C. Ferguson, Chairman.

Report of W. C. Bybee:— I have been in poor health the past year, and as I am nearly 85 years old

I have done but little in the ministerial work the past year. Yet, by the help of the Lord, I have done what I could, to advance God's cause and kingdom, I have preached only a few times during the year. I have performed two marriages. As long as I live, I expect to do all I can for my Lord, and for my fellow man.

Wm. C. Bybee.

Motion carried that Bro. Bybee be placed on the superannuated list.

Report of T. C. Ferguson:— I have been almost constantly in the Evangelistic work the past year. I have held meetings in four different associations. God has blessed my work the past year greater and better than he has for several years past. Many people where I have been preaching have professed faith in Christ, and were baptised and united with our churches, and other churches. One man who professed and united with one of our churches, and I baptised him, was over eighty-four years old. Many our churches have had fine revival meetings the past year. Several new churches have been organized, and several new church houses have been built or bought the past year.

T. C. Ferguson, Evangelist.

Report of W. H. York:— The past year has been a year of manifold blessings in the service of the Lord with the Fair View, Verdella, Hannon, and Hickory Grove churches. May the blessed Lord continue to bless them in all their deliberations as I go form their midst to take up my new duties at Tecumseh, Okla.

W. H. York.

Delegates elected to Mo. State Association.

I. N. Grimsley,	El Dorado Springs.
Earl Phillips,	Verdella.
Will Bowman,	"
W. M. Marshall,	Wagoner.
Minnie Potts,	"
F. H. Routh,	Independence.
A. B. Whistance,	"
Sister S. C. Douglas,	Sylvandale.
Sister Robert Overton,	"
G. E. Wade,	Hannon.
Loten Thomas,	"
Ira McDonald,	Hickory Grove.
Joe Cockrell,	"
Sister G. B. Manis,	Neola.
Glenn McCarty,	Fair View.

Delegates were given power of substitution.

Appointments to be made in writing which shall constitute their credentials to be presented at the State Association.

Eld. T. C. Ferguson was elected to represent us as corresponding messenger to S. E. Mo. Yearly meeting.

Adjourned to meet at 9 a. m. Friday.

Benediction by F. G. Wyrick.

Thursday Night Services

Song service led by Prior L. Price.

Prayer by Bros. Ford, Shuey, and Ferguson.

A freewill offering was taken to help defray the expenses of B. F. Brown. Offering amounted to \$6.00.

Preaching services by W. H. York. and T. C. Ferguson. Scripture lesson Joshua 24:1-16, Text.—

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Song by congregation. Scripture reading, Psalm 7.
by Moderator. Prayer by Bro. Price.

Minutes of Thursday p. m. and night sessions read and approved.

Roll call of members and delegates.

Report of Committee on Education and Publication:— We your Com. on Education and Publication beg to make the following report:— Be it resolved that we urge all our churches to do all in their power to get students and money for our College at Tecumseh, Okla.

We further recommend that our preachers and Christian workers do all they can to improve their talents by studying the Bible all they can, and that they read good books and literature all they can; endeavoring to improve themselves and better qualify themselves for the work God has called them to.

We further urge that our people, all that possibly can, subscribe for our church paper "The New Morning Star."
T. C. Ferguson, Chairman

Report of Committee on Obituary: Be it resolved that we extend our heart felt sympathy to the bereaved families of this Ass'n who have been called upon by the death angel to give up their loved ones. To them we would say, The Lord doeth all things well so let us say, Lord, Thy will be done and not our will be done.

The following have passed on beyond this vale of tears:

Sister Seward, Sister Williams, Sister Rogers, Sister Purdy, and Sister Morrison of Mount Olive Church

Bro. J. F. Overton of Sylvandale Church. Bro. J. J. Coles of Verdella Church. Bro. J. R. Headly of Fair View Church. John O. Steven of Independence Church. Sister Wyrick of Wagoner Church.

Mrs. Ira McDonald, Chairman.

Report of Temperance Committee:— We your Com. on Temperance, beg to submit the following report. May we, as a body, stand squarely on the eighteenth amendment, for a bone dry law continually.

May we also use our means and influence to help bring about a greater abstinence from all harmful drugs and narcotics.

W. H. York, Chairman.

Motion made to have report of Temperance Com. published in several papers.

Report of Treasurer:— I, your Treasurer would report as follows:—

7-18, 1923, Balance on hand,	\$27.05
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Received from churches,	<u>21.00</u>
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Total,	48.05
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Disbursements:

7-18 1923, Returned to El Darado Springs Church,	\$2.00
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To Mo. State Association	\$5.00
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Clerk hire,	5.00
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Printing Minutes,	20.00
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Postage on Minutes,	<u>1.00</u>
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Total,	\$33 00
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8-20 Balance on hand	\$15 05
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Report accepted.

Report of B. F. Brown:- Since the last session of our Association I have been continually in the service of the Lord.

For nine months, from Sept. 1, 1923 to June 1, 1924, I was employed in our Tecumseh College as college president and teacher, and as pastor of our Tecumseh College church. The rest of the time I have spent out on the field among our churches. I have traveled near five thousand miles and have preached 120 sermons.

Some of the churches I have visited, manifest spiritual life, while others manifest but little life.

The work at the College is succeeding fairly well. In spite of the lack of support our school has accomplished considerable good, and with proper financial support will become all we could wish it to be.

I am determined, by the grace of God, to stay at my post of duty, endeavoring and hoping that more be accomplished thru my efforts this year than was accomplished last year. I still have faith in God to lead, to guide, and to crown with success, the efforts of those who obey him.

I hope ever to be, yours in God's service,

B. F. Brown.

Report of F. G. Wyrick:- I, your Bro. and co-worker, beg to make the following report:

I have spent the entire year in the Gospel field with the best harvest of souls I ever had.

I preach justification, sanctification, and healing as the blood bought right for all people.

I have preached two hundred and thirty-nine sermons, traveled two thousand miles, witnessed ninety-three conversions, and baptized twenty-five, the pastors

doing the baptizing. I have organized one church with forty members and with good prospects to grow to one hundred. I conducted three funerals, and married two couples.

I received \$357.00.

F. G. Wyrick.

Next year's session of this Association was voted to be held with Hannon Church, and is to begin on the last Wednesday evening of August 1925. Motion carried to adjourn till 2:30 P. M. Prayer by Bro. Shuey.

11 o'clock Services:— Divine services conducted by Bro. Thomas L. York and Allen Shuey, Lesson John 15:1—14. Subject, the vine and the branches.

The report of the Ordaining and Examining council in the examination of Bro. I. N. Grimsley for license to preach. After singing by the congregation, Bro. Grimsley, offered prayer. The Bro. was questioned by different members of the council.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Song by the congregation. Scripture reading Rom. 12 by Moderator. Prayer by W. A. Anderson.

Minutes of Morning session read and approved.

Motion carried to place the names of Glenn McCarty and wife on the roll as delegates from Fair View Church.

Report of Committee on Ordination and Examination:— We, your committee on ordination and examination report, that whereas upon public examination find that Bro. Nelson Grimsley cannot be granted preacher's license, on account of the ruling of the State Association and Free Will Baptist Treatise, on account of his present use of tobacco.

F. G. Wyrick, Chairman.

Upon recommendation from the Business Committee and by vote of the conference By-law No 3 was amended by inserting the No. 5 at the beginning of By-law No. 3 making it to read five delegates.

Program Committee reported that Bro. Price would preach Friday night, Bro. Shuey Sat. at 11 o'clock, Bro. Wyrick Saturday night, and Bro. Ferguson Sunday at 11 o'clock.

Report of Resolutions Committee:— Be it resolved that we extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the members of the Free Will Baptist Church and the citizens of El Dorado Springs, Missouri, for the kindness and hospitality shown to all delegates and visitors during our stay among them.

Joe Cockrell, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Standing:—

We find that the following are entitled to Annual Certificates of Standing:— B. F. Brown, T. C. Ferguson, F. G. Wyrick, W. H. York, H. Seward, J. T. Williams, Thomas L. York, Wm. C. Bybee and G. W. Powell.

O. T. Fast, Chairman.

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

Benediction by B. F. Brown.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Divine services conducted by Bro. Prior L. Price. Scripture reading, Matt. 23. Text. Matt 23:23. Subject. The weightier things of life.

SATURDAY MORNING

Praise by congregation. Scripture reading Psalm 19 by Moderator. Prayer by O. T. Fast. Minutes of Friday P. M. and night sessions read and approved.

Pastor of Hannon Church is to preach the introductory sermon next year.

Bro. Bascom Cassatt not being present to be examined for license to preach, the matter was referred to the Executive Board.

Motion carried to retain Bro. F. G. Wyrick as our tent evangelist until next session of the Association. The tent is to be used within the bounds of this Association whenever there is a call for it, but when it is not called for in this Association Bro. Wyrick is to have the right to take the tent outside.

Motion carried to send Bro. B. F. Brown as corresponding messenger to represent this body at Union and Indian Creek Associations.

Motion carried to take an offering to pay the freight on the tabernacle. Offering was taken and amounted to \$4.00

Minutes of Saturday Morning session read and approved.

Motion carried to adjourn till the last Wednesday night in August, 1925. Benediction by B. F. Brown.

11 o'clock Service:— Preaching services by Bros. Frank Shaw and I. N. Grimsley. Lesson, 1 Cor. 2:1-16. Text, 1 Cor. 2:13.



ROLL OF STANDING MEMBERS AND DELEGATES:

Ministers:

T. C. Ferguson.
B. F. Brown.
Thos. L. York.

F. G. Wyrick.
Wm C. Bybee.
W. H. York.

Visitors:

T. A. Burns.

Prior L. Price.

Deacons:

G. B. Manis.	Ed. Washburn.
O. T. Fast.	I. N. Grimsley.
W. H. Potts.	W. H. Whistance.
W. L. Douglas.	E. S. Lewis.

John LacCearse

Church Clerks:

Ira McDonald,	W. P. Hopkins.
I. N. Grimsley.	

Delegates

Josie Smith.	Nellie Fast.
Mrs. Ira Duncan,	Mrs. S. E. Douglas.
Frank Shaw.	Mrs. G. B. Manis.
J. W. Moul.	Joe Cockrell.
Ira Duncan.	Mrs. Ira McDonald.
G. E. Wade.	Mary Wade.
Mrs. C. W. Rickets.	Loten Thomas.
Mrs. Loten Thomas.	Chas. Miller.
W. A. Anderson.	Sister Theo Miller.
Glenn McCarty.	Vernie McCarty.

 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 assisant 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 with prayer.

3. Five (5) 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 shall be recognized by him, 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 the conference.

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

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. All committees shall be appointed by the moderator or by the assistant moderator when not otherwise provided for by the Association.

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

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

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. 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.

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

17. 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.

18. These by-laws may be amended at any session of this Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

CONSTITUTION

Art. 1 This body shall be known as the Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association of Free Will Baptists, and shall be composed of such constituent well regulated Free Will 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 deacons, 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 nonresident members.

Art. 3, The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, an Assist-

ant 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.

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 in 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.

TECUMSEH COLLEGE

Tecumseh, Oklahoma

Have you considered Tecumseh College? It is Our School: the only Free Will Baptist College west of the Mississippi. It is the greatest asset our Denomination has, if we but give it proper support. Will you do your part? \$1.00 from each F. W. B. will do it.

THE NEW MORNING STAR

PUBLISHED AT TECUMSEH, OKLAHOMA

Except "The Free Will Baptist," published at Ayden, N. C., "The New Morning Star" is the only publication our Denomination has. We cannot be what we ought to be, unless we support our paper. We can have the paper without the school, but we can't succeed with the school without the paper.

We are now getting plenty of copy for the paper, but we are crying for subscriptions. "The New Morning Star" should go to every Free Will Baptist Home. Will you help to put it there? It is now published twice a month. With 500 more paid subscriptions we can print it once a week. Will you do your part?—Editor.