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**OF THE**  
**NINETEENTH ANNUAL SESSION**  
**OF THE**  
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**SOUTHEASTERN KANSAS ASSOCIATION**  
**OF**  
**FREE WILL BAPTIST**

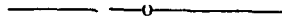
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OFFICERS

Eld. T. C. Ferguson, Moderator, Ash Grove, Mo.  
J. W. Moul, Ass't Moderator, R2, Freeman, Mo.  
Eld. W. H. York, Clerk-Treas. Hannon, Mo.  
Lee Hammond, Ass't Clerk, R2, Freeman, Mo.

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EXECUTIVE AND HOME MISSION BOARD

Deacon Ed. Washburn. Moundville, Mo.  
Deacon O. T. Fast, R3, Liberal, Mo.  
Eld. W. H. York, Sec'y Hannon, Mo.  
Eld. T. C. Ferguson, Chair., Ash Grove, Mo.  
Deacon L. C. Wade, R2, Bronaugh, Mo.

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STATE EVANGELISTS

Eld. T. C. Fergdson, Ash Grove, Mo.  
Eld. W. H. McGovern, Rich Hill, Mo.

## PROCEEDINGS

The Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association of Free Will Baptist met in its Nineteenth Annual Session, with Hickory Grove Church, near Archie and Freeman, Mo., beginning on Wednesday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1927.

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

Eld. J. F. McCall of Locust Grove, Okla. delivered the Introductory message from the third chapter of Matthew. Subject, "Salvation of Israel." After deciding to meet at nine o'clock Thursday morning, the meeting was concluded with prayer by Eld. Ora Keller.

### THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Met at 6 o'clock a. m. A quorum was declared to be present by the clerk, and the assistant moderator took the chair. Song by congregation. Psalm 1 read by Moderator. Prayer by Eld. T. C. Ferguson.

The following church letters were read, received and delegates seated:

HANNON—We send as delegates Sisters C. W. Ricketts, Mary Wade, Roena Thomas, Myrtle Dickey, and Bros Fred Reed, G. E. Wade and Ralph Smith.

State of religion good Sunday school, large enrollment and good. Prayer meeting every Thursday night, which is very spiritual. New members added, 11; baptized, 12; deaths, 3, deacon E. S. Lewis, and Sisters Mary A. Jones and Bessie Dickey. Total membership, 170.

Paid our pastor \$240.00, Evangelist \$85.00, Home Missions \$23.00, minute money herewith enclose \$4.00. Total expenses \$352.00. Pastor, Eld. W. H. York.

HICKORY GROVE—Delegates, Sisters Anna Hocker, Miss Alma Hammonds, Mrs. Meta McDonald, and Bros. Lloyd Warren, J. W. Moul Jasper Terry and Ed. Jones.

State of religion good Sunday school evergreen. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night. New members added 9, baptized 8, deaths 1, Sister Sarah Frances Bingham, Total membership 173.

Paid our pastor \$225.00, Evangelist \$239.00, Home Missions \$9.34, Minute money enclosed \$4.00. Total expenses \$473.63.

VERDELLA—Delegates: Sister Anna MacSmith and Bro. Willie Bowman. State of religion good. Sunday school evergreen. Prayer meeting twice a month. We have no pastor. Paid different preachers \$38 70, Minute money enclosed \$3.00. Total expense \$41.70. Total membership 50.

NEOLA—Delegates: Sisters G. B. Manis, Nannie Martin, Mrs. Walter Dill, Mrs. Emmet Mayberry. State of religion good. Sunday school evergreen. Prayer meeting once a week. Members added 14, baptized 19, deaths 1, deacon Frank Fruin, total membership 69. Paid pastor \$150.00, evangelist \$89.00, incidentals \$15.00, minute money \$3.00. Total expense \$257.00. Pastor W. H. York.

SYLVANDALE—Delegates: Sisters Glenn Smith and Mary Washburn, and Bros. Glenn Smith and Ira Duncan. State of religion good. Sunday school evergreen. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night. Total membership 30. Paid pastor \$57.15. Minute money enclosed \$3.00. Total expense \$60.15. Pastor W. H. York.

FAIRVIEW—Delegates: Sisters Glenn McCarty, Cora Black, Nellie Bender. Alterntes: Sisters Mrs. Brown, Dora Mead, Marjory Shipley, and Bro. Ora Black.

Prayer meeting every week. Sunday school evergreen. Christian Endeavor Sunday evenings. Members added 3, baptized 3, total membership 46. Paid pastor \$82 05- Evangelistic \$108.15. Minute money enclosed \$3.00. Total expense \$193.20. Pastor J. A. Posey.

ELDORADO SPRINGS—Bro. and Sister LaCourse. State of religion fair. Prayer meetings regular. No pastor. Membership 10. Minute money enclosed \$2.00.

## ELECTIONS

Moderator, Eld. T. C. Ferguson  
Ass't Mod., J. W. Moul  
Clerk-Treas., Eld. W. H. York  
Ass't Clerk, Lee Hammonds  
Member Ex. Board for five years, Ed. Washburn  
Association Evangelist, Eld. T. C. Ferguson  
Association Evangelist, Eld. W. H. McGovern

## COMMITTEES APPOINTED:

Pulpit Committee—W. S. Mosby, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Mary Washburn, Mrs. Loton Thomas, G. B. Manis, John LaCourse, Miss Anna Mae Smith.

Business Committee—Mrs. C. W. Ricketts, Mrs. Cora Black, J. W. Moul, Willie Bowman, G. B. Manis, Mrs. W. P. Hopkins, Mrs. John LaCourse.

Education and Publication—Eld. W. H. McGovern, Roena Thomas, Anna Hocker.

Ministerial Standing—All ministers and deacons pres.

Necrology—J. T. Terry, Lloyd Warren, Myrtle Dickey

Home Missions—Meta McDonald, Alma Hammonds, Dora Meads.

Adjourned for eleven o'clock preaching service.

## ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Preaching by Eld. T. C. Ferguson. Lesson read from 8th chapter of Romans. Subject, "Led by the Spirit."

On account of the funeral service to be conducted by our clerk, for Mr. John Brooks, all business was suspended until seven o'clock p. m.

## SEVEN O'CLOCK P. M. THURSDAY

Song by congregation. Scripture reading Rom. 8:1-12. Prayer by Bro. McGovern.

Preaching by W. H. York. Lesson Heb. XII. Subj., "Go Forward."

## FRIDAY MORNING

Song by congregation. Moderator read twenty-third Psalm and offered prayer.

Minutes of all previous sessions read and approved.

Delegates to the State Association elected as follows:

J. T. Terry, Wm Hackler, Alma Mammonds, Lee Hammonds, Oscar Thomas, Ralph Smith, Ered Reed, Marjory Shipley, Cora Black, Chauncy Meads, Nannie Martin, Mrs. Walter Dill, Emmet Mayberry, Mary Snido, Mrs. John LaCouse, Ida Fast, Jennie Fast, Willie Bowman, Mary Washburn, Ira Duncan, T. M. Duncan, Tessie Cross, C. H. Miller, Will Anderson, Frank Parsons, Fred Bowers.

Motion carried that Eld. Thos L. York, by his own request, be placed back on the active minister's list.

Motion carried that this Association meet with our Neola Church, seven miles north of Greenfield, Mo., on the State highway, and one fourth mile south of Neola, Mo., beginning on Wednesday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1928.

Motion carried to adjourn for eleven o'clock preaching service, to meet again at two o'clock P. M. Benediction  
By the Moderator

Bro. Ora, Keller delivered a splendid message from Acts 8 ; 35.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song by congregation. Psalm 117 read by the Moderator. Minutes read and approved.

Motion carried to refer the delinquent reports of Elders J. B. and Rosa Sparks to the Executive Board. Ministers not reporting for three years are dropped from the roll.

Motion carried to adjourn till nine o'clock a. m. Sat.

## SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Song by congregation. Matt. V. read by Moderator and prayer by Moderator.

Minutes read and approved.

Special music was played by Thelma Anderson, a little girl twelve years old.

W. D. Hackler, Eld. W. H. York and Eld. T. L. York were elected corresponding messengers to Union Association.

Motion carried that the pastor of Neola Church preach the introductory sermon next year.

Motion carried to amend By-Law No 1 to read, "seniority of years in service," instead of seniority in years

Motion carried to give a standing vote of thanks to our worthy Moderator, to all officers, to those who contributed special songs, to the pianist, and all visiting brethren, for their presence and help during this Association.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet again with our Neola Church, Neola, Mo., on Wednesday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1928.

Closed with prayer by Eld. Ora C. Keller.

#### ELEVEN O'CLOCK SATURDAY

Preaching by Eld. J. F. McCall. Subject, "A Merciful God."

Following the eleven o'clock service, a splendid dinner was served at the church by the ladies of Hickory Grove community. We spent the afternoon in a feastful and very spiritual devotional service, led by Rev. W. F. Bishop, a visiting Bro. from Hannon, Mo., after which we adjourned until the eight o'clock preaching service.

#### SATURDAY NIGHT

A doctrinal sermon was delivered by Eld. W. H. York. Lesson, 2 Tim. III. Text, 2 Tim. 3:16.

#### SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday School as usual, after which brother Bascom Cassatt delivered us a good message from Psalm XXIII.

#### SUNDAY NIGHT

A splendid discourse by Eld. T. C. Ferguson, from Heb. 11:4. Subject, "He being dead yet speaketh."

Dismissed with prayer by brother Ferguson.



# Names and addresses of Members and Delegates

Title	Name	Church	P. O. Address
Delegate	Mrs. Anna Hocker	Hickory Grove	Archie, Mo.
"	Ed. Jones	"	" "
"	Lloyd Warren	"	" "
"	J. T. Terry	"	" "
"	Alma Hammonds	"	Freeman, "
Clerk	Ira McDonald	"	" "
Treas.	J. W. Moul	"	" "
Deacon	W. S. Mosby	"	" "
"	Ausa Cockrell	"	" "
"	Frank Evans	"	" "
"	Cloid Hensley	"	Morgan, Kans.
"	Walter Newnam	"	Archie, Mo.
Delegate	Anna Mae Smith	Verdella	Liberal, "
Clerk-Tr.	Mrs. Amanda Phillips	"	" "
Deacon	Willie Bowman	"	" "
"	O. T. Fast	"	" "
"	Earl Phillips	"	" "
"	E. H. Coles	"	Iantha, "
Minister	Bascom Cassatt	"	Liberal, "
Delegate	Mrs. Roena Thomas	Hannon	Arcadia, Kans.
"	Emma Thomas	"	" "
"	C. W. Ricketts	"	Hannon, Mo.
"	Myrtle Dickey	"	Oskaloosa, Ks.
Clerk-Tr.	Frankie Wade	"	Bronaugh, Mo.
Deacon	L. C. Wade	"	" "
"	C. W. Ricketts	"	Hannon, "
"	Grover Lewis	"	Liberal, "
"	R. R. Thomas	"	Arcadia, Kans.
Minister	T. L. York	"	Hannon, Mo.
Delegate	Mrs. Jno LaCourse	Old Flat	Eldorado Sp'gs, Mo.
Clerk	Mary Snido	"	" "
Deacon	John LaCourse	"	" "
Minister	W. M. C. Bybee	"	" "
"	W. H. McNovern	"	Rich Hill, "
Delegate	Mrs. Prudy Manis	Mt. Olive	Greenfield, "
"	Nannie Martin	"	Neola, "
Deaconess,	G. Mayberry	"	Greenfield, "

Deacon	G. B. Manis	"	"	"
"	Mark Baugh	"	"	"
Clerk	Mrs. Anna Smith	"	"	"
Minister	J. T. Williams	"	Neola,	"
Delegate	Glenn Smith	Sylvandale	Nevada,	"
"	Mrs. Glenn Smith	"	"	"
"	Harry Downey	"	"	"
"	Mrs. Harry Downey	"	"	"
"	" Mary Washburn	"	Moundville,	"
"	" C. L. Hopkins	"	"	"
Clerk	" Amelia Duncan	"	"	"
Deacon	Ed Washburn	"	"	"
"	T. M. Duncan	"	"	"
"	C. L. Centers	"	"	"
Minister	T. C. Ferguson	"	Ash Grove,	"
Delegate	Mrs. Ella Brown	Fairview	Chetopa,	Kans.
"	" Cora Black	"	"	"
"	"Dora Meads	"	"	"
Deacon	W. H. Holley	"	"	"
"	Will Bender	"	"	"
"	Chas. Shipley	"	"	"
Clerk	Mrs. Nettie Beck	"	"	"
Minister	W. H. York	"	Hannon,	Mo.
Clerk	Mrs. Fred Bowers	Union Valley	Chanute,	Kans.
Deacon	E. A. Kopley	"	"	"
"	Fred Bowers	"	"	"
Clerk	Mrs. Sarah Roush	Pleasant Valley	Rose,	"
Deacon	Frank Parsons	"	"	"
"	Fred Dumond	"	"	"
Clerk	Mrs. Tessie Cross	Wagoner	Stockton,	Mo.
Deacon	W. H. Whistance	"	"	"
"	W. H. Potts	"	"	"
"	W. L. Douglas	"	"	"
Clerk	A. B. Whistance	Independence	"	"
Deacon	I. V. Sell	"	"	"
"	J. T. Long	"	"	"
"	C. C. Barton	"	"	"
"	A. H. Worthington	"	"	"

See the roll, listed in this minute, for the names of those who attended the Association this year.

All churches represented in the Association by delegates, letters or verbal reports, are listed in this minute.

### ROLL CALL

Mrs. C. W. Ricketts, Roena Thomas, Myrtle Dickey.  
Alma Hammonds, Anna Hocker, Meta McDonald, Eld. T L. York.

Bros. L. Warren, J. W. Moul, J. T. Terry, Ed Jones.  
Deacons Ausa Cockrell, Walter Mosby, Frank Evans  
Clerk, Ira McDonald.

Deacon John LaCourse, Sister LaCourse. Eld. W. H McGovern.

Willie Bowman, Anna Mae Smith.

Nannie Martin, Geo, Manis, Prudy Manis.

Mary Washburn, Mr. and Mrs, Glenn Smith, Eld. T C. Ferguson.

Cora Black, Dora Meads, Ella Brown.

Visitors—Eld Ora Keller, Myrtle E, McGovern, Eld. J F. McCall.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

OBITUARY—Be it Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved families and members of our various churches, who have had to yield to the tender hand of a loving God and Heavenly Father by the death of their loved ones. May we write letters of condolence and sympathy to the bereaved ones to express the spirit of this body toward them. The deceased are as follows:

Hannon—Deacon E. S. Lewis, Mary Jones, Bessie Dickey.

Neola—Deacon Frank Fruin.

Hickory Grove—Sarah Erances Bingaman.

Eldorado Springs—The wife of our beloved Eld. Wm McGovern, Mrs. Mary McGovern.

Wagoner—Mrs. Jane Frieze.

After the adoption of this report, the congregation standing, our worthy moderator prayed for the blessings of God to rest upon all the bereaved.

**MINISTERIAL STANDING**—The following ministers were granted yearly certificates of standing: T. C. Ferguson, T. L. York, Wm McGovern, J. T. Williams, W. H. York, W. M. C. Bybee, all ordained, and Bascom Cassatt, licensed.

**CREDENTIALS**—We recommend that Eld. Bascom Cassatt be granted a license for another, if that meets his approval, he being absent at this time. While we esteem him worthy of ordination, we deem it best to defer ordination for the present but, if he wishes, he may apply to the Home Mission Board, at any time, and be ordained.

**EDUCATION and PUBLICATION**—We heartily endorse our work at Tecumseh, Okla., and our paper printed at Cushing, Okla. We recommend that our people subscribe for the Mission World, our official organ, as a merger of the "Star" and the Mission World has been effected. We recommend our own S. S. Literature to all our Sunday schools when it is practical to use it.

**PROGRAM**—Feeling that we have performed our duty in arranging the program, to be carried out by the body after the business session this year, if they see fit to do so. Being delayed one half day in the business session, on account of the funeral service, and many of the delegates having returned home, many of whom were on the program, we desire to place the matter at the disposal of the body. We ask that the matter be placed in the hands of the deacons of Hickory Grove Church. Report adopted.

**HOME MISSIONS**—We recommend that our pastors and evangelists visit our pastorless churches as soon as possible, and see if pastors can be secured for them; Sunday schools and prayer meetings to be organized and maintained, also Young People's Societies, and charity workers organized. We also recommend that a permanent home mission work be organized in Nevada, Mo.

## BY BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Amendment Notice—Be it resolved that we amend, at our next session, Sec. 1, of Art. 2, of our Constitution to read, "and church clerks," after the words, "licensed ministers."

Rules of Decorum Recommended—Be it resolved that we appoint a committee to draft Rules of Decorum in harmony with the rulings of the Association. After some discussion, it was decided to place this matter in the hands of the Executive Board, that they may draft the rules.

Closing Resolutions—Be it resolved that we, the delegates composing this body, and the visitors, express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the kindness, hospitality, and the Christian spirit shown by the Hickory Grove Church and community during the Association.

## Minister's Reports

Eld. T. C. Furguson—I beg to make the following report of my past year's work:

I have been constantly engaged in evangelistic work and have held meetings in the following states: Mo., Ala., Miss., Ill., Okla., but the most of my work has been in Mo. I have seen hundreds of people profess faith in Christ and unite with the churches. A great many of these converts were baptized by the pastors where I was holding meetings. I had baptizings every Sunday for the first six Sundays in the year. I held a glorious revival meeting in St. Louis, by the help of God and others, which resulted in the organizing of a Free Will Baptist Church, and the last report I had from this church they were doing fine. Have helped ordain several deacons and preachers. My intention is to continue in the same work next year. Was sorry I did not get to attend the Association last year, and am glad I am able to attend this year,

Eld. W. H. McGovern—I have preached twice at Seventeenth and Central St. Church, K. C., M., once at Hick-

ory Grove, six times at ElDorado Springs. once at Wagoner, once at Independence, four times in Okla., once at Slater, Mo., once at Filley, Mo., and once at Quincy, Ill. I have conducted one funeral, and said one marriage ceremony. I have given money when needed, received very few offerings. I am ready to receive calls from churches.

Eld. T. L. York—Report given verbally and showed well for his year's work.

Eld. Bascom Cassatt—I have preached only a few times this year, being tied up in other pursuits. Am hoping to begin work again for the Lord this fall, and my prayer is that I may be able to devote my whole time to the ministry. Will try to be at the Association Saturday evening. Prayerfully submitted.

Eld. W. H. York—The past year I have pastored four churches and have had many blessings bestowed upon me. These churches have paid me every cent pledged on my salary. All have had revival meetings except Sylvandale. Each one has been on the upbuild in attendance and interest. I was assistant in two revivals and held one meeting with Eld. Geo. Harris and wife of Cushing, Okla. I have baptized forty, officiated one marriage, preached four funeral messages, preached one hundred eighty-five sermons and have been blessed with the conversion of twenty eight souls. I pray that peace and harmony will prevail throughout the Association, and may the Lord be the great Moderator in all your deliberations.

CLERK AND TREASURER'S REPORT—Humbly I beg to make the following report: Perhaps mistakes were made in the copy of last year's minutes, and some omissions were made, addresses of ministers and deacons, clerks, etc., which was made in order to lessen the expense of the printing, as some of our churches failed to send in their reports and minute money, it lessened our finances to such an extent as to almost make it impossible to have the work done. I thought, as practically no changes had been made in addresses, that reference could be made if necessary to the minutes for 1926. The

Treasury stands as follows:

Minute money paid out,	\$22 50
Clerk hire,	5.00
Postage,	<u>1.50</u>
Total Expenses,	29.00
Minute Money Received,	<u>21.00</u>
Due the Clerk--Treasurer,	\$ 8.00

In order to settle this matter, I will donate my allowance of five dollars, which will leave a balance of three dollars due the Treasurer. After the adoption of this report an offering was taken to balance the acc't as follows:

Due the Clerk-Treasurer,	\$ 8.00
Less Clerk hire,	<u>5.00</u>
Balance due,	3 00
Collection,	6.70
Minute money on hand,	<u>21.00</u>
Total receipts,	27.70
Due Treasurer,	<u>3 00</u>
Balance on hand this date,	\$24.70

**EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT**—We, your Executive Board, beg to submit the following report: We met in a short session at the Hannon Church in June, to talk over the care of the Bluff Church, as we had an opportunity to sell the building. It being decided unwise to sell the property, but decided to appoint some one to look after the building. Bro. Jim Long was appointed.

W. H. York, Clerk,

#### STATISTICAL REPORT

Number churches in the Association,	11
Number of preachers in the Association,	7
Number of churches with pastors,	5
Total membership of all churches,	575
New members added this year,	42
Number lettered out this year,	2
Number died since last Association,	5
Number that have been baptized,	36

## FREE WILL 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 the 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 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, to seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring and, as far as possible, 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 Sunday 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.



## FREE WILL BAPTIST ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. **THE BIBLE**—The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

2. **GOD**—There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe, and in the Scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore and obey,

3. **CHRIST**—Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God; in His human nature truly man. The Mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present Savior and Lord.

4. **THE HOLY SPIRIT**—The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. He is the reprover, comforter, guide and sanctifier of men,

5. **THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD**—God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace not otherwise provided for as the highest welfare of man requires.

6. **THE SINFULNESS OF MAN**—Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherited a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin, and become guilty before God.

7. **THE WORK OF CHRIST**—The Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of Salvation by faith.

8. **THE TERMS OF SALVATION**—The conditions of Salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and the hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved com-

mittal of one's self to Christ, our Savior and Lord, with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God.

3. CONTINUANCE in faith and obedience until death.

9. ELECTION—God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of Salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.

10. FREEDOM OF THE WILL—The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish.

11. SALVATION FREE—God desires the Salvation of all. the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.

12. PERSEVERANCE—All believers in Christ, who through grace, persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal Salvation.

13. GOSPEL ORDINANCES—Baptism, or the immersion of the believers in water, and the Lord's Supper, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel; Feet Washing, an ordinance teaching humility, of universal obligation, and to be administered to all true believers.

14. THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH—The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employment and amusements for rest, worship, holy works, and activities, and for personal communion with God.

15. WAR—War destroys the lives of the innocent and is contrary to the teachings of the New Testament, therefore, we are opposed to war.

16. RESURRECTION, JUDGMENT, FINAL RETRIBUTION—The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life and they that have done evil to resurrection of damnation: then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

## CONSTITUTION

Art. I 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. II. 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, together with 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; unless feeble minded or invalids. All other members shall be considered non-resident members.

Art. III. 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 their successors are elected and qualified.

Art. IV. This association shall elect a board of five members, two of which shall be ministers. This board shall be called the Home Mission and Executive Board of this Association. One member of this 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 until 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. V. 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 letter 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. VI. 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 not less than 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 of years in service. 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 of years in service.

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 the same subject without the consent of the conference.

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

6. The yeas and nays may be taken on any question by the request of one-third 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 report to the Association before it adjourns for approval.

8. No one shall be ordained to the ministry in this Association until 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 it, or from the church in which he or she holds membership.

9. All com nittaes shall be appointed by the Moderator or 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 this 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 ordination to preach the Gospel shall not mean that he or she shall be liceused 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 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 ministe.s, 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.