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**Officers**

Moderator,	W. H. Potts,	Stockton, Mo.
Ass't Mod.,	J. W. Moul,	Archie, Mo., R1.
Clerk-Treas.,	Eld. W. H. York,	Hannon, Mo.

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**Executive and Home Mission Board**

Eld. W. H. York, Sse'y,	Hannon, Mo.
Eld. T. C. Ferguson, Chair.,	Ash Grove, Mo.
Bro. J. W. Moul,	R1, Archie, Mo.
Deacon Ed Washburn,	Moundville, Mo.
Deacon O. T. Fast,	R3, Liberal, Mo.

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**Evangelist**

(Serving without salary)

Eld T. C. Ferguson,	Ash Grove, Mo.
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## PROCEEDINGS

The Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association of Free Will Baptist met in its Twenty-second Annual Session, at the Independence Church, near Stockton, Mo., August 20, 1930, at 8:00 o'clock p. m.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Came together with song by congregation. There being none of the Association officers present, Eld. W. H. York a member of the Executive Board, called to order. A vote was taken to decide who should preach the introductory message, and Eld. W. H. York was chosen. He read for a lesson Romans 12th chapter, using verse one for a text.

Eld. Thos. L. York was called to the chair, he being the oldest minister present, in seniority of years of age and service.

Motion carried to meet at nine a. m. Thursday.

Benediction by Eld. G. W. Scott,

### THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Meeting was called to order by Moderator, W. H. Potts. Scripture reading Psalm 111. Prayer by Eld. Thos. L. York. Singing by congregation.

Letters from eight churches were read and received, and delegates seated. The Verdella letter was not received until later, and action was taken to receive same.

A statistical table is given to show the reports of these letters, also tables showing delegates attending, and those not attending, also ministers, deacons and church clerks.

### Officers were elected as follows:

Moderator,	W. H. Potts,	Stockton, Mo.
Ass't Mod.,	J. W. Moul,	Achie, Mo., Rl.
Clerk-Treas.,	W. H. York,	Hannon, Mo.
Member Home Mission Board for a term of five years, Eld. W. H. York.		

Moderator appointed a committee on committees to appoint members to serve on other committees. A table is given to show the names of those serving on their respective committees, and will be omitted at close of each report to save minute space.

Motion carried to extend all privileges of the floor to visiting brethren, except making and seconding motions, and voting.

Motion carried to adjourn until 2:00 o'clock p. m.

### ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

The eleven o'clock service was conducted by Elder J. G. Koch who delivered a soul-stirring message from Genesis 13:12. Benediction by Bro. G. W. Scott.

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Called to order by Moderator. Singing by congregation. Scripture reading 55th chapter of Isaiah. Prayer by William Anderson.

Minutes of all previous sessions read and approved.

Roll was called and twenty-four were present, whose names appear in the table of attending delegates.

After some discussion as to whether we have the minutes printed as usual, motion carried to have them printed in the usual way, also to have a condensed report printed in the Gem.

The Eldorado Springs Church asked for help to secure an evangelist to conduct a meeting for them. Motion carried that the Home Mission Board attend to that matter.

Motion carried to adjourn until 9:00 a. m. Friday.  
Benediction by Elder W. H. McGovern.

### THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICES

At eight o'clock p. m. divine services were conducted by Eld. G. W. Scott, and a splendid message was delivered from 1 Cor. 3:1.

### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Called to order by Moderator. Singing by congregation. Scripture reading Phil. 2:1-16. Prayer by J. W. Moul.

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

Report of Committee on Education and Publication read and adopted as read.

Motion carried to take an offering of five dollars to help defray the expenses of the Association.

Report of Executive Board read and adopted.

Reports of Elders C. W. Mayfield and P. B. Barker were given verbally and adopted as heard.

Reports of Elders T. C. Ferguson, Thos. L. York, W. H. McGovern, W. H. York were given in writing and were adopted as written.

Motion carried to reelect Eld. T. C. Ferguson as our evangelist.

Motion carried to send Eld. W. H. McGovern and wife as corresponding messengers to Union Association.

Eld. W. H. York was elected as field man to work for the Gem and printing fund within the bounds of our Association in the absence of our State workers.

Motion carried to adjourn until 2:00 o'clock p. m.

Benediction by Elder C. W. Mayfield.

### ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

At eleven o'clock divine service was conducted by Eld. W. H. York and Eld. W. H. McGovern. Text Psa. 23:3. Benediction by Bro. McGovern.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Called to order by Moderator. Song by congregation. Scripture reading 13th chapter of 1 Corinthians. Prayer by Elder Thos. L. York.

Minutes were read and approved.

Reports from the following committees were read and approved: Pulpit, Obituary, Ministerial Standing, Temperance, and Closing Resolutions.

Motion carried to meet next year on Wednesday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1931, with Verdella F. W. B. Church, two miles south of Verdella, Mo. Eld. W. H. York to preach the introductory sermon.

Bro. J. K. Stephens was ordained at this time by laying on of hands and prayer, to serve as deacon for Wagoner Church, in the vacancy caused by the death of Bro. W. H. Whistance. Ordaining council were Elders, C. W. Mayfield, Wm. McGovern, Thos. L. York, and W. H. York.

Our Moderator at this time led a very spiritual and inspiring testimony and covenant meeting, in which many took part.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet at nine o'clock Sat. morning. Benediction by Eld. C. W. Mayfield.

### FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Preaching at eight o'clock p. m. by Elders Thos. L. York and Wm. McGovern.

## SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Moderator, W. H. Potts, after congregational singing, read Psalm 101. Prayer by J. K. Stephens.

Minutes read and approved.

The Verdella church letter, having been delayed in the mail, was received at this time, read and adopted.

A ruling was made by the moderator, which was sustained by a vote of the body, that we draft an outline for a program of special devotional service to be held during the Saturday p. m. session of each associational year, and that a committee be appointed during the first session of the Association to outline subjects and appoint persons qualified to speak and take part on the program.

Motion carried by unanimous vote to adopt as By-law No. 19: "It shall be the duty of the preachers belonging to this Association to present their ordination papers to the clerk, that a correct copy can be secured and become a part of our permanent record for future reference and use

Motion carried to adopt the report on closing resolutions, with the expression, "That the Independence church is very grateful to the Association for their spiritual uplift and interest in their church and community."

Delegates to State Association were elected. (See list).

Closing minutes were read and approved.

Benediction by Eld. P. B. Barker.

## ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Preaching at eleven o'clock by Elders C. W. Mayfield and P. B. Barker. Scripture reading from 19th chapter of St. John. Text John 19:30.

Every Divine service was greatly enjoyed and appreciated by all.

Final benediction was given by singing, "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder" and hand shaking.

Dinner and supper were served each day by the ladies of Independence and Wagoner churches, and we all extend our heart felt thanks to them for their kindness.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Publication and Education**—We, your Committee on Publication and Education, recommend that all of our people take and read our publications: The Free Will Baptist Gem, published at Purdy, Mo., and The Free Will Baptist, published at Ayden, N. C.

We further recommend that this Association do all it reasonably can to establish and support the Free Will Baptist Gem at Purdy, Missouri.

We also recommend that, as far as practical, all our Sunday schools use our denominational literature published at Ayden, N. C.

We further recommend that all our preachers be expected and encouraged to avail themselves of every opportunity for study, that they might qualify themselves for a more efficient ministry; and we urge that they be loyal in their support of all our denominational enterprises.

We also endorse and recommend our Eureka College, at Ayden, N. C. as a proper and worthy institution of learning—a suitable school for our young preachers.

**Temperance**—We, your Committee on Temperance, heartily endorse the Eighteenth Amendment and stand for its rigid enforcement.

We also wish to discourage the use of cigarettes and tobacco in every form among our membership, especially ministers, accordisg to our ordaining constitution.

**Resolutions**—We, your Committee on Resolutions, submit the following:

Resolved, That we, the members of the Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association of Free Will Baptist, assembled in conference at Independence church, hereby express our sincere thanks to our heavenly Father for the unity and brotherly love manifested at this meeting of our Association, and the gratitude of our hearts goes out to the people of Independence and Wagoner churches, asd the surrounding neighborhood, for their kindness and hospitality they have shown during this session of our Association; and we pray God's richest blessings upon all these good people till we meet again

We also recommend that we extend our hearty appreciation to our Moderator for his wise and impartial rule, and to the Clerk for his services during this Association.



**Ministerial Standing**—We, your Committee on Ministerial Standing, find that the following ministers are entitled to receive Annual Certificates of Standing:

T. C. Ferguson, Thos. L. York, W. H. York, W. H. McGovern, C. W. Mayfield, P. B. Barker, and J. T. Williams.

**Obituary**—We, your Committee on Obituary, wish to express our heart felt sympathy to the families of our Association who have lost loved ones during the past year. Deceased are as follows:

Verdella church, Sisters Ed Coles and May Rudisaile.

Wagoner church, W. H. Whistance.

**Report of Home Mission and Executive Board**—In behalf of the Executive and Home Mission Board, as clerk, I beg to submit the following report:

We have held no meetings this year, but was written to by Bro. Ferguson concerning the sale of the tabernacle to a church in St. Louis, Mo., and I believe they agreed to sell the tent for what they could get out of it. As some of the sides were gone, and the overhead tenting was so badly damaged by mildew, etc. the St. Louis church only offered \$15.00, but I understand it was sold to other parties for \$25.00, which will come in the report for next year.

W. H. York, Clerk of the Home Mission Board.

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## MINISTERS' REPORTS

**Eld. W. H. York**—To the brethren seated in conference at Independence church, Greetings:

For the past year I have pastored Hickory Grove, Sylvandale, Fairview and Neola churches. While I have been unable to fill all my appointments on account of bad weather, these churches seem to hold forth with about the same spiritual strength as last year. Each church had a revival meeting. Hickory Grove called Bro. Clarence Ussery as evangelist for their meeting, which resulted in several additions to the church, and a spiritual uplift. Fairview called Bro. Mike Cleaver as evangelist, which resulted in some additions to the church, and a spiritual uplift. Bro. W. T. Bishop of Hannon, Mo. was called to conduct the meeting at Neola and was hindered in the meeting by much bad weather. Conviction was deep on some, but being out a night or two from the meeting, conviction ceased. Sylvandale

called Bro. Millard of Buffalo, Mo. as evangelist, but on account of sickness and bad weather, he closed in one week.

I have performed one marriage ceremony; preached one funeral; visited the sick; traveled about 10,000 miles; received about \$375.00; paid out \$240.00 for expenses; preached 250 sermons; assisted in two revival meetings; donated about \$50.00 to the church work. I humbly pray that you may see fit to accept my unworthy report.

May the Lord richly bless in all your undertakings for Him, and may peace and harmony prevail.

**Eld. T. C. Ferguson**—I am very sorry that I cannot be with you at the present Association. I am away down here in Arkansas, and sick and not feeling able to make the long trip from here to the Association, but my prayers will be with you; and I hope and pray that you will have the best Association you have ever had, and that peace and harmony will prevail.

I spent most of the past year in the Lord's work, but part of time I was doing other work. The good Lord blessed my work the past year in the salvation of many precious souls. I have preached a few times in the following churches in this Association: Eldorado Springs, Hickory Grove, Verdella, Sylvandale, and Wagoner. I have witnessed over 100 professions of faith in Christ. I have baptized 64, and received about the same number into the churches, but many of the converts were baptized and taken into the churches by the pastors of the churches where I held the meetings. I have helped to ordain four deacons, and I have helped several of our churches to get pastors. I have secured quite a number of subs to the Gem. I have traveled about 4000 miles, and received about \$300.00 in money. I am enclosing one dollar to help pay the Association expenses.

Pray for me, that I may soon be well again.

**Eld. Thos. L. York**—To the Yearly Association while convened with our Independence Church, Greetings:

May the blessings of the Lord be yours while in session. I am still keeping the faith, trying to live a Christian life in honor. Owing to my many handicaps, I have not been as active in the work as I'd like to do. My longing desire is to do all I can for the Lord in the church.

I attend church and Sunday school at every opportunity, and preach as often as I can; have preached a few times. Have not said any marriage ceremonies nor preached any funerals this year. Have visited the sick and afflicted several times, and held family worship in a few homes.

May the Lord bless you in all your deliberations, is the report and prayer of your humble servant.

**Eld. Wm. McGovern**—To the Association now in session at Independence church: On account of my poor health I have been unable to preach much, only four sermons, during the past year, but have attended church on an average of three times a week and helped in prayer and testimony; I feel that my work is never at an end.

Lovingly submitted with prayer and best wishes to the church and all present. Yours for the Master.

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**Committeemen Whose Names Appeared on their Respective Reports During the Association:**

(The first named is committee chairman)

**Appointing**—J. W. Moul, G. B. Manis, A. B. Whistance.

**Business**—J. K. Stevens, J. W. Moul, W. H. McGovern.

**Pulpit**—Floy Kelly, Mamie Lewis, W. A. Anderson.

**Publication and Education**—Nannie Martin, Ivy Moul, and A. L. Wiley.

**Obituary**—Liza Green, Myrtle McGovern, Theo Miller.

**Ministerial Standing**—Audra Dill, J. W. Moul, A. B. Whistance, I. V. Sell, and G. B. Manis.

**Temperance**—Nannie Martin, J. T. Long, C. C. Barton.

**Resolutions**—Elders C. W. Mayfield, W. H. York, and W. H. McGovern.

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**Delegates to State Association**

**Hannon**—Sisters Martha Ricketts and Emma Thomas.

**Hickory Grove**—Bros. Wm Hackley, Lloyd Warren.

**Neola**—Sisters Nannie Martin and Liza Green.

**Sylvandale**—Sisters Mary Washburn, and S. C. Hopkins.

**Fairview**—Brother and Sister Glen McCarty.

**Independence**—Brother and Sister Frank Ruth.

**Wagoneer**—Sister Theo Miller.

**ElDorado Springs**—Sisters P. B. Barker and Joe Bacus.

**Verdella**—Sister O. T. Fast and Bro. Ed. Coles.

## Association Enrollment

### Present

**Hannon**—Eld. Thos. L. York, Lafontaine, Kansas.

**Hickory Grove**—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Moul, Archie, Mo.

**Neola**—Mrs. Nannie Martin, Liza Green, Floy Kelley, Neola, Missouri.

**Sylvandale**—None present.

**Fairview**—Eld. W. H. York, Hannon, Mo., Eld. C. W. Mayfield, Chetopa, Kansas, R5.

**Independence**—A. L. Wiley, Evert Barton, Mamie Lewis, Lois Long, , Stockton, Mo., R3.

**Wagoner**—Theo Miller, J. K. Stevesn, W. H. Potts, and Minnie Potts, Stockton, Mo.

**ElDorado Springs**—Eld. P. B. Barker, Mrs. P. B. Barker, ElDorado Springs, Mo.

**Verdella**—None present.

Ministers and Deacons attending, not named above.

**ElDorado Springs**—Eld. W. H. McGovern, ElDorado Spg.

**Neola**—Deacon G. B. Manis, Greenfield, Mo.

**Wagoner**—W. A. Anderson, Stockton, Mo., R4.

**Independence**—I. V. Sell, A. B. Whistance, C. C. Barton, J. T. Long, Stockton, Mo., R4.

### Standing Delegates not Present

**Hannon**—L. C. Wade, Frankie Wade, Bronaugh, Mo., C. W. Ricketts, R. R. Thomas, Hannon, Mo., Grover Lewis, Liberal, Mo., R3.

**Hickory Grove**—W. S. Mosby, F. S. Evans, Ausa Cockrell, Walter Newnam, Clويد Hensley, Lee Hammonds.

**Neola**—Mrs. Gordon Mayberry, T. A. Bough, Elder J. T. Williams.

**Sylvandale**—Edgar Washburn, T. M. Duncan, C. C. Centers, Amelia Duncan.

**Fairview**—Chas. Shipley, W. H. Holley, Will Bender, Cora Black.

**Wagoner**—W. L. Douglas, Tessie Cross.

**Verdella**—O. T. Fast, Ed Coles, Earl Phillips, Willie Bowman, Amanda Phillips.

**ElDorado SpFings**—Joe Bacus, John LaCoarse, Mary M. Snidow.

## CONSTITUTION

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

Art. II. Section 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 (25) resident members two delegates, and one delegate for each additional twenty-five resident members or major part thereof, together with all ordained deacons, ordained and licensed ministers, and church clerks 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 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 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 approval of the

Association, and it shall be the duty of all the 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 at 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 on, to the Executive Board.

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### **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 the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, 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 committal of one's self to Christ as 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 of faith 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 and live, 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 the promise of eternal salvation.

**13. Gospel Ordinances.** BAPTISM, or the immersion of 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 employments 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 New Testament, therefore, we are opposed to war.

**16. Resurrection, Judgment, and 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 unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked shall "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

## 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 amusements and unholy conformity to the world; from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and 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 bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able promote the success of the church and of the Gospel. We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

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



## 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 in 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 Association.

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 committees 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 licensed or ordained, but that a council be appointed to examine him or her, and if, after 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. It shall be the duty of the preachers belonging to this Association to present their ordination papers to the Clerk, that a correct copy can be secured and become a part of our permanent record for future reference and use.

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

# CHURCH STATISTICS 1929-30

CHURCH	Total Membership	Sunday School	Prayer Meeting	Delegates	State of Religion	PASTOR	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Missions	Minute Money	CLERKS
HANNON	194	yes	yes	7	Good	O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo.	\$164.50	\$110.00	\$17.85	3.00	Frankie D. Wade, Bronaugh, Mo.
HICKORY GROVE	175	yes	yes	5	Good	W. H. York, Hannon, Mo.	187.00	115.00		4.00	Lee Hammonds, Archie, Mo.
NEOLA	37	yes	no	3	Good	W. H. York, Hannon, Mo.	80.00	25.00		3.00	Mrs. Floy Kelly, Greenfield, Mo.
SYLVANDALE	29	yes	yes	3	Good	W. H. York, Hannon, Mo.	31.25	4.85		3.00	Amelia Duncan, Moundville, Mo.
FAIRVIEW	62	yes	yes	4	Good	W. H. York, Hannon, Mo.	73.95	66.76		3.00	Mrs. Cora Black, Cardin, Okla.
INDEPENDENCE	88	yes	yes	5	Good	G. W. Scott, Mt. Gro., Mo.	120.00	14.75		3.00	A. B. Whistance, Stockton, Mo.
WAGONER	89	no	no	5	Fair	No Pastor				3.00	Mrs. Tessie Cross, Stockton, Mo.
ELDORADO SP'GS	25	yes	yes	2	Fair	No Pastor				1.50	Mary Snidow, Eldorado Sp'gi, Mo.
VERDELLA	68	yes	yes	4	Good	W.F. Millard, Redtop, Mo.	47.75	42.00		3.00	Amanda Phillips, Liberal, Mo.

## EVANGELIST

## Report of Deaths, 1929-30

HANNON	Selph Jones, Mansfield, Mo.,	Additions, 23
HICKORY GROVE	Clarence Ussery, Norwood, Mo.,	Additions, 8
NEOLA	W. T. Bishop, Hannon, Mo.,	Additions, 00
SYLVANDALE	W. F. Millard, Redtop, Mo.,	Additions, 00
FAIRVIEW	Mike Cleaver, St. Louis, Mo.,	Additions, 5
INDEPENDENCE	G. W. Scott, Mt. Grove, Mo.,	Additions, 00
	J. G. Koch, Bucyrus, Mo.,	Additions, 00
VERDELLA	Mike Cleaver, St. Louis, Mo.,	Additions, 3
WAGONER		

Mrs. Ed Colcs, Iantba, Mo. and Mrs. May Rudesailo, Liberal, Mo.  
Deacon W. H. Whistance, Stockton, Mo., R6.