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Moderator,	Deacon O. T. Fast,	R3, Liberal, Mo.
Clerk-Treas.,	Eld. W. H. York,	Hannon, Mo.

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Deacon O. T. Fast,	R3, Liberal, Mo.
Eld. W. H. York, Sec'y,	Hannon, Mo.
Eld. T. C. Ferguson, Chair.,	Ash Grove, Mo.
Bro. J. W. Moul,	R1, Archie, Mo.
Deacon T. M. Duncan,	Moundville, 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-third Annual Session, at Verdella Free Will Baptist Church, two miles south of Verdella, Mo., on Wednesday evening, August 19, 1931.

Introductory sermon was preached by Eld. W. H. York. Lesson Phil. 2. Text Phil. 2:12.

It was agreed to meet at 9:30 Thursday morning.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Called to order by the Clerk, Eld. W. H. York. Song by congregation. Scripture reading Rom. XII. Prayer by Deacon O. T. Fast.

In the absence of the Moderator and Ass't Moderator, Eld. T. L. York the eldest minister in years of ministerial service, was called to the chair.

Officers were elected as follows:

Moderator, Deacon O. T. Fast, R3, Liberal, Mo.
Clerk-Treas., Eld. W. H. York, Hannon, Mo.
Member of Executive Board for term of five years,
Deacon O. T. Fast

Deacon T. M. Duncan was elected member of Executive Board to fill the vacancy caused by the death of our beloved Brother, Deacon Ed Washburn.

All privileges of the floor were granted to all visiting brethren, except making and seconding motions and to vote.

Moderator appointed a Committee on Committees as follows: Brothers Chas. Shipley, G. B. Manis, W. E. Bowman, Grover Lewis and T. F. Lewis.

Church letters were called for and the following churches responded by letter and delegates: Neola, Wagoner, Hickory Grove, Sylvandale, Independence. Letters received and delegates seated.

Adjourned for eleven o'clock service, to meet again at 2:00 o'clock p. m.

Pulpit Committee announced that Eld. Thos. L. York would bring the message at eleven o'clock.

Closing prayer by Elder Winford Davis.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Eleven o'clock service conducted by Eld. T. L. York, Subject, "Occupy Till I Come." All enjoyed the message fine.

....Pulpit Committee—Chauncy Mead, Earl Phillips, and Marsh Earl.

Benediction by Eld. O. T. Allred.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Called to order by Moderator, O. T. Fast. Song by congregation. Scripture reading Romans 6. Prayer by L. C. Wade. Song.

We continued to read the church letters and seat the delegates. Letters from Verdella, Fairview, Hannon were read and delegates seated.

After some discussion, motion carried to have minutes printed again this year.

Motion carried to have 200 minutes printed.

Motion carried to keep the overpaid minute money to pay our clerk his hire.

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

Closing prayer by C. W. Ball.

THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Divine service conducted by Elders Winford Davis and B. F. Brown. Lesson from 2nd chapter of Mark. Subject, "A sick man made whole."

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Called to order by the Moderator, O. T. Fast. Song by congregation. Prayer by Bro. Chas. Shipley. Scripture reading 90th Psalm.

Minutes read and approved

Moderator appointed the Business Committee to act as Program Committee as ruled by the Moderator last year.

The Independence church letter was read, approved and delegates seated.

Reports of ministers were called for and the following responded by letter: Elders C. W. Mayfield, T. C. Ferguson, T. L. York, W. H. York, W. W. Ireland. W. H. McGovern gave verbal report. All were accepted.

Report of Executive Board read and approved.

Clerk-Treas. report read and approved

Motion carried to reelect Eld. T. C. Ferguson as Association evangelist, to serve without salary.

Motion carried to send Bros. L. C. Wade, T. L. York

and W. H. York as corresponding messengers to Union Association

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

Report of Eld. W. H. York, regarding his field work for the Gem, in absence of State workers, given and approved.

Motion carried to give Bro. York a vote of thanks for his campaign work.

Report of Temperance Committee read and approved.

Motion carried to adjourn for eleven o'clock services, to meet again at 2:00 p. m.

Closing prayer by Eld. B. F. Brown.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Divine service conducted by Elders O. T. Allred and W. T. Bishop. Lesson 2 Tim. 4. Text 2 Tim. 3:5. We had a very spiritual and uplifting message from these brethren.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Called to order by the Moderator. Song by congregation. Responsive memory reading of Psalm 23. Prayer by Sister Amy Thomas.

A special song by Eld. Winford Davis.

Minutes read and approved.

Bro. B. F. Brown, Editor of the Gem, was given time to present the interests of the paper. Twenty-nine subs to the Gem were secured.

Report of Temperance Committee read and approved.

Report of Business Committee was read and adopted item by item, four items were adopted.

It was decided by ballot to hold the next session of the Association with Hannon church, beginning on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1932.

Bro. O. T. Allred was elected to preach the introductory sermon next year.

Committee on Obituary report read and approved, and the Clerk requested to write letters of condolence and sympathy to the bereaved families of our Association.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet at 9:00 a. m. Sat.

Prayer by Sister Edith Mayfield.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Preaching service conducted by Rev. Garr of Liberal, Mo., a Missiosary Baptist brother, beginning at 8 o'clock. We will long remember this service because of the good things spoken by our brother, and the spiritual feast all seemed to enjoy. The service was continued by a few remarks by the pastor, W. H. York, after which the Moderator took charge.

Concluding prayer by Bro. W. W. Ireland.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Met as per adjournment. Song by congregation. Scripture reading Psalm 96. Prayer by Moderator.

In absence of the Committee on Ministerial Standing, which was appointed by Committee on Committees, and furthermore, as they failed to file any report with the Clerk, a new committee was appointed as follows: Bros. O. T. Fast, C. W. Ricketts and Grover Lewis, and Sisters M. E. Washburn and Anna Mae Smith.

The Moderator, being on the Committee on Ministerial Standing, called Bro. Brown to the chair, to give time for the committee to make up its report.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Standing read and approved.

Motion carried to begin our Association on Thursday evening next year instead of on Wednesday evening.

This change was made, hoping that the delegates will try to remain over the entire business portion of the Association. We ask that all delegates be present on Thursday evening, as we will be rushed for time if they are not on hand at the beginning.

Eld. W. W. Ireland presented his ordination certificate which was filed with the Clerk. His Certificate of Ordination was publicly read, and the Moderator appointed a committee to examine and question Bro. Ireland in any way necessary and report to this body.

Pulpit Committee announced Bros. W. W. Ireland and W. H. McGovern to preach at eleven o'clock.

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

Closing prayer by Bro Earl Phillips.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Preaching service was conducted by Bros Ireland and McGovern. Lesson Luke 10:1-32. An interesting and helpful discourse was given by these brethren.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Called to order by the Moderator. Singing by the congregation. Scripture reading 13th chapter of 1st Corinthians. Prayer by Bro. McGovern.

A very spiritual and uplifting testimony meeting was conducted by our Moderator at this time, while the Clerk acted on the Credentials Committee.

Motion carried to place the reissuing of the credentials of Bros. T. L. York and W. H. McGovern, which have been lost, in the hands of the Executive Board.

Report of Committee appointed to examine Bro. Ireland was read and approved.

Report of Committee on Resolutions read and approved.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet at Hannon on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1932.

Services Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night

Preaching service Saturday night by Bros. T. L. York and W. T. Bishop. Lesson and subject found in the 12th chapter of Ecclesiastes.

The Sunday school at 10:00 o'clock Sunday morning was very interesting. Preaching at eleven o'clock by B. F. Brown. Text, "We will go a three days' journey" (Exodus 8:27). Attendance and interest good.

Sunday night we had another good service, the closing service of the Association. Bro. W. T. Bishop did the preaching, and brought an inspiring message.

Deacon O. T. Fast, Moderator.

Eld. W. H. York, Clerk.

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Church Reports, Taken from Church Letters

Verdella—State of religion good. One member, Sister Smith, removed by death. Total membership 68. Pastor W. H. York, reemployed for the coming year. Paid pastor \$104.35. Minute money enclosed. Sunday school good and interesting. Deacons, O. T. Fast, Liberal, Mo., R3, E. H. Coles, Iantha, Mo., W. E. Bowman and Earl Phillips, Iantha, Mo., R1. Church appreciates having the Association to meet with it. We welcome the delegates to our church and to our homes, and pray that our Association might be pleasant and build up our church.

Mrs. Earl Phillips, Clerk, Iantha, Mo., R1.

Independence—State of religion fair. Dismissed by letter one. Total membership 87. Pastor J. L. Branstetter, 941 Clay St., Springfield, Mo. Paid pastor \$21.59. Enclosed for minutes \$3.00. S. School good. Average attendance 65. Deacons, J. T. Long, C. C. Barton, I. V. Sell, R4, Stockton, Mo. Church requests the Association next year.

A. B. Whistance, Clerk, Stockton, Mo., R4.

Wagoner—Total membership 89. Delegates, Sisters Theo Miller, Yuma Long, Ollie Bean. Deacons, W. H. Potts, Stockton, Mo., W. L. Douglas, Stockton, Mo., R6, Joe Stephens, Stockton, Mo., R4. Enclosed for minutes \$3.00.

Mrs. Tressie Cross, Clerk, Stockton, Mo., R6.

Hickory Grove—State of religion good. Members added none. Members deceased two. Total membership 106. Pastor W. H. York. Pastor for coming year E. T. House, Santa Rosa, Mo. Paid pastor \$204.00. For incidentals \$28.00. Value of church property \$1000.00. Enclosed for minutes \$4.00. Sunday school evergreen. Deacons, W. S. Mosby, Archie, Mo., R1, AUSA Cockrell, Lile, Mo., Frank Evans, Archie, Mo. Church requests the Association next year.

Lee Hammonds, Clerk, Archie, Mo.

Sylvandale—State of religion good. Revivals held, one. Members added to the church one. Deceased two, W. P. Hopkins and Ed. Washburn. Total membership 27. Pastor W. W. Ireland. Paid pastor \$22.30. Enclosed for minutes \$3.00. Sunday school evergreen. Deacons, T. M. Duncan, C. Centers, Moundville, Mo. Ministers, T. C. Ferguson, Ash Grove, Mo., W. W. Ireland, ElDorado Springs, Mo.

Mrs. Amelia E. Duncan, Clerk, Moundville, Mo.

Mt. Olive—State of religion fair. Total membership 37. Pastor W. H. York. Paid pastor \$63.26. Enclosed for minutes \$3.00. We have a union Sunday school and a Christian Endeavor. Deacons, G. B. Manis, T. A. Baugh. Ministers, J. T. Williams, Greenfield, Mo. Deaconesses, Mrs. Audra Dill, Mrs. Gordon Mayberry, Greenfield, Mo.

Mrs. Floy Kelly, Clerk, Neola, Mo.

Hannon—State of religion very good. Members received by baptism five. Members removed by death four. Resident members 150, non-resident 37, total membership 187. Pastor O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo., called for another year. Paid pastor \$198.00. Evangelistic work \$100.00. Enclosed for minutes \$3.00. Sunday school evergreen and good, attendance about 90. Prayer meeting small but very spiritual. Ministers, Thos. L. York, LaFontaine, Kans. Deacons, G. C. Lewis, Liberal, Mo., R3, C. W. Ricketts and Ross Thomas, Hannon, Mo., L. C. Wade, Bronaugh, Mo., R2. We send literature to the Moody Colportage Institution and various penal institutions in our home land. We are also helping to support a Sunday school in the Phillipines by sending them our used literature, which they valued at \$48.00 this year. Hannon church invites the 1932 Association to convene with them if it meet the approval of the present Association.

Mrs. Frankie D. Wade, Clerk, Bronaugh, Mo., R2.

Fairview—State of religion fair. Members added during past year eight. Deaths one, Bro. H. E. Beck. Resident members 53. Non-resident 15. Total membership 68. Pastor W. H. York. Pastor for coming year O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo. Paid pastor \$40.00. Enclosed for minutes \$3.00. Sunday school good. Young People meet every Sunday. Ministers, W. H. York, Hannon, Mo., C. W. Mayfield, Chetopa, Kans. Deacons, Chas. Shipley, W. H. Holly and Chauncy Mead, Chetopa, Kans., R5. Church requests the next session of the Association.

Mrs. Geneva Lamb, Clerk, Chetopa, Kans., R5.

ASSOCIATION ENROLLMENT

Ministers

Name	Church	Postoffice
W. H. York	Fairview	Hannon, Mo.
Thos. L. York	Hannon	La Fontaine, Kans.
W. W. Ireland	Sylvandale	ElDorado Springs, Mo.
W. H. McGovern	ElDorado Spgs.	ElDorado Spgs, Mo.

Visiting Ministers

O. T. Allred and Winford Davis, Monett, Mo., and B. F. Brown, Purdy, Mo., all members of Macedonia church in Indian Creek Association; D. F. Garr a Missionary Baptist Minister of Liberal, Mo. and W. T. Bishop a Holiness Minister of Hannon, Mo.

Deacons

Name	Church	Postoffice
G. C. Lewis	Hannon	R3, Liberal, Mo.
Ross Thomas	Hannon	Hannon, Mo.
L. C. Wade	Hannon	R2, Bronaugh, Mo.
C. W. Ricketts	Hannon	Hannon, Mo.
O. T. Fast	Verdella	R3, Liberal, Mo.
W. E. Bowman	Verdella	R1, Iantha, Mo.
Earl Phillips	Verdella	R1, Iantha, Mo.
G. B. Manis	Mt. Olive	Greenfield, Mo.
T. M. Duncan	Sylvandale	Moundville, Mo.
Chas. Shipley	Fairview	R5, Chetopa, Kans.
Chauncey Mead	Fairview	R5, Chetopa, Kans.

Deaconess

Mrs. Audra Dill	Mt. Olive	Greenfield, Mo.
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Delegates

Mrs. Dora Mead	Fairview	R5, Chetopa, Kans.
Marjory Shipley	Fairview	R5, Chetopa, Kans.
Sister Brown	Fairview	R5, Chetopa, Kans.
M. A. Earl	Hannon	R4, Arcadia, Kans.
Mrs. Louie Earl	Hannon	R4, Arcadia, Kans.
Mrs. Myrtle Dickey	Hannon	R2, Liberal, Mo.
Mrs. Pearl Lewis	Hannon	R3, Liberal, Mo.
Erma Mae Smith	Hannon	R3, Liberal, Mo.
Miss Mary Fast	Verdella	R3, Liberal, Mo.
Anna Mae Smith	Verdella	R1, Iantha, Mo.
Ruby Phillips	Verdella	R3, Liberal, Mo.
T. F. Lewis	Hickory Grove	R1, Freeman, Mo.
Mrs. T. F. Lewis	Hickory Grove	R1, Freeman, Mo.
A. B. Whistance	Independence	R4, Stockton, Mo.
Lloyd Long	Independence	R4, Stockton, Mo.
Mrs. Nora Long	Independence	R4, Stockton, Mo.
Mrs. Floy Kelly	Mt. Olive	Greenfield, Mo.
Mrs. Ethel King	Mt. Olive	Greenfield, Mo.
Mrs. Nannie Martin	Mt. Olive	Neola, Mo.
Mrs. Ed Washburn	Sylvandale	Moundville, Mo.
Mrs. W. P. Hopkins	Sylvandale	Moundville, Mo.
Mrs. T. M. Duncan	Sylvandale	Moundville, Mo.

Delegates to State Association

Hannon—Sisters Martha Ricketts and Frankie Wade.
Verdella—Bro. Paul Fast and Sister Amy Thomas.
Sylvandale—Sisters Mary Washburn and W. P. Hopkins
Mt. Olive—Sisters Nannie Martin and Liza Green.
Fairview—Sisters Marjory Shipley and Dora Mead.
Eldorado Springs—Bro. McGovern.
Hickory Grove—Bro. and Sister Moul.
Independence—Bro. and Sister T. W. Lewis.
Wagoner—Sisters Tho Miller and Minnie Potts.

MINISTERS REPORTS

Eld. T. L. York—To the brethren seated in conference, Greeting: I have been enjoying myself in a spiritual way the past year and have attended Sunday school regularly. I have preached about eight sermons. Have received about \$10.00. Am interested very much for the progress and prosperity of the Lord's work among our churches. Wish I could do more for the work and, if I can be of any service to any church will do my best. I have no further report of service. Am thanking the Lord for improving eye sight. Humbly submitted.

C. W. Mayfield—I am sending the following report for the first four months after the last Association. I have been completely out of public service since that time. I have been in service every Lord's day, either preaching or teaching. Don't know how many sermons I have delivered. Preached some for the Church of God people, and had charge of the Bible class while lived at Holly, Colorado. Have been teaching and preaching for our home church and Sunday school.

Would love to be with you in conference, but will not be able. Hope you will have the greatest spiritual uplift you have ever had. If any of the churches are in need of a preacher, would be glad to help them out.

T. C. Ferguson, Evangelist—I am very sorry that I can not be with you in your annual conference this year. I had fully intended to be with you, but I can't; I am too far away. I am now a national evangelist and it is my duty to go and hold revival meetings with our churches in the different States. Since I was elected national evangelist, I have held revival meetings in five different

States. I am now holding meetings in the southern part of the State of Texas, in churches that I haven't held meetings with for over twenty years. I am too far away to be with you this year, but my prayers and good wishes will be with you.

The revival season in Texas is in the summer, that is why I am here now. I hope that you will have a fine Association and that God's richest blessings will be upon you all. I haven't put in all my time the past year in revival work, but what time I have put in, God has blessed my labors to the salvation of many souls and the up-building of the churches and God's kingdom.

I have traveled in the work over 2000 miles and I have seen over 150 people profess faith in Christ, but nearly all of the converts were baptized and taken into the churches by the pastors and other preachers, and many others were baptized and joined the churches after I had closed the meeting and left the community. In our own Association the past year I have held a few nights' meeting in several of our churches. I preached some at Sylvandale and took one member into the church there. I held a short meeting at our Eldorado Springs church and took four into the church, two were baptized. I held meetings also with our Pleasant Valley church, near to Rose, Kans. and with our Union Valley church, near to Chanute, Kans. Both these churches have evergreen Sunday schools and young people's societies. The Union Valley church has a nice new church house.

I have helped to organize one church the past year. I expect to keep on in the Lord's work.

I am enclosing one dollar to apply on Ass'n expenses. My permanent address is still Ash Grove, Green Co., Mo.

W. W. Ireland—Sermons preached since January 1st about forty. Baptized two. Conversions none. Marriages none. Pastor of Sylvandale church about 6 months.

Eld. W. H. York—For the past year I have pastored four churches: Hickory Grove, Verdella, Fairview, Neola.

This closes my fourteenth year of pastoral service for Hickory Grove, the second year for Fairview, first year for Verdella for some time, and the fifth year for Neola.

I have conducted funeral services for the following

deceased persons: Sisters Harvey, Fast, Brooks, Dixon, and Brothers Ed Washburn, Mode Hays, Ed Hays and N. N. Russell, besides I helped in a number of other funerals.

I expect to pastor the following churches the coming year: Pleasant Hill, about fifty miles east of Springfield, Mo., Neola and Verdella.

Pray for me, that I may have the best year ever in the Lord's work, and that all the churches may have wonderful revival meetings, and a general spiritual upbuilding.

I conducted two series of meetings, one at Hartville, lasting two weeks, with no visible results except among some of the members. The other was held with our New Harmony church, near Greentop, Mo. This meeting lasted only a few nights on account of the roads being drifted full of snow, so have no results to report from this work.

Humbly submitted by your brother in Christ.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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, according to our ordaining constitution.

Committee { Mrs. Brown
Miss Anna Mae Smith
Miss Irma Mae Smith

Obituary—We, your Committee on Obituary, wish to express our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved families of our Association for the loss of their dear ones within the last year, and let us resolve to lend a helping hand to the bereaved at any and all times.

The deceased are:

Sylvandale—Mr. W. P. Hopkins, Deacon Ed Washburn.

Hickory Grove—Sisters Brooks and Frances Dixon.

Verdella—Sister Smith.

Hannon—Sisters Harvey, Marts, Ora Fast, Mayfield.

Fairview—Bro. H. E. Beck.

Committee { Audra Dill
Louie Earl
Stella Long

Publication and Education—We, your Committee on Publication and Education, recommend that all Free Will Baptist take the Free Will Baptist Gem, which is our home paper, being printed at Purdy, Missouri, and the Free Will Baptist published at Ayden, N. C.

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

We further endorse an educated, clean, and spiritual ministry and encourage them to avail themselves of every opportunity for study that they may be better qualified for a more efficient ministry, thereby being a greater power to win souls for the Master.

	Sister Dora Meade
Committee {	" Ruby Phillips
	" Frankie D. Wade.

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, P. B. Barker and J. T. Williams.

Anna Mae Smith, Chairman.

Ministerial Credential Examining—We, your Committee on Ministerial Credentials, submit the following

After a conference with our brother, W. W. Ireland, We recommend that Eld. W. W. Ireland, a Free Will Baptist minister from Grand River Association in Oklahoma, holding valid ordination papers as a minister of the Gospel, which papers are on record at Muskogee, Oklahoma, that we endorse his labors as a pastor of any church in our Association, seeing fit to secure his services, and so record his yearly reports in our minutes.

	Eld. W. H. York
Committee {	Deacon W. E. Bowman
	Eld. B. F. Brown.

Business—We, your Committee on Business, submit the following: Resolved, That this Association endorse the Budget System and recommend that all of our churches make up their budget and send it in as provided by the State Association.

Resolved, That this body take up for discussion the subject as to whether our editor of the Gem should not be

paid a reasonable fee for publishing of all Association notices and articles printed in the Gem, thus helping our editor to make a living and other expenses, making it possible to build up our printing office and the Gem, also make it more encouraging for some one else to take up the work when Bro. and Sister Brown are compelled by old age or otherwise to give up the work there, as reason teaches us they cannot always stay there; then who will take up the place they have so worthily and sacrificially filled?

Resolved, That this body request the ministers belonging to this body to cease scattering broadcast things pertaining to their own brother ministers belonging to the Free Will Baptist denomination everywhere, that if they have any evidence of impiety or unworthy acts of any minister, that they report such matters confidentially to a committee of peers in the Association to which they belong. Furthermore, that any minister belonging to this body who from this time on is discovered broadcasting things pertaining to the reputation and happiness of other ministers, except by proper action and through proper authorities, will become subjects of discipline by the withholding of the issue of their yearly standing papers until proper confession and reconciliation is made with all parties concerned.

Inasmuch as our Articles of Faith request our practice of taking the Lord's Supper, and seeing that we omit it year after year, it being one of the outstanding manifestations of fellowship and Christian practice to remember our blessed Lord as the only worthy One to be truly honored in our comings together: Therefore be it Resolved, That we agree to set aside a certain time to observe this important ordinance during each yearly session of our Association. We would suggest that we do this immediately after seating the delegates and giving the right hand of fellowship, before going into the further transaction of associational business.

Resolved, That this body grant the clerk of this body the right to publish a standing request for any minister in good standing, whose membership is in some F. W. B. church in the denomination, and who acts as an evangelist, that they write to our clerk for information and apply for revival meeting dates with our churches. The clerk in turn will notify the prospective churches of this

body who can get proper information and recommendations as necessary, thus aiding the churches in securing evangelistic helpers.

Resolved, That we have a Saturday afternoon program, taking the topics from the following outline:

1. Congregational singing. Scripture reading. Prayer.
2. Reading of Church Covenant. Responsive talks.
3. Song and fellowship meeting; Handshaking.
4. Reports of Sunday Schools and how conducted, by each church.
5. How to Improve our Sunday Schools.
6. Reports of Prayer Meetings and how Conducted.
7. How to Improve our Prayer Meetings.
8. Reports of Young People's Meetings.
9. How to Conduct Young People's Meetings.
10. Reports of Ladies' Aid Societies, How Conducted.
11. How to Improve Ladies' Aid Societies.
12. Reports of how Pastors' Salaries are Raised.
13. Helpful Suggestions on how to Raise Pastors' Salary.
14. What are the Duties of a Deacon?
15. What Method of Co-operation can be used among our Churches to aid the Weaker Sister Churches?
16. Reports of how each individual Church Stands as regards the Support of Denominational Enterprises.
17. Suggestions as to Improvements which will help our Denominational Enterprises to be what our people will feel like Supporting.
18. Is our Denomination Growing and how can we Make it Grow?
19. How can it be made easier to get in touch with our Evangelists at large and secure their Recommendation?
20. Helpful Suggestions that we might have our Clerk write in our letter to the State Meeting to bring about a Closer Union of Pastors, Evangelists and Churches.
21. In what Way can we make our Association Better?
22. For Sunday Night Doctrinal Sermon. Communion.

Miss Mary L. Fast
Committee { Mrs. Nannie Martin
Mrs. Myrtle Dickey

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 Verdella church, hereby express our sincere thanks to our Heavenly Father for the unity and brotherly love at this meeting of our Association, and the gratitude of our hearts goes out to the people of Verdella church and the surrounding neighborhood for the kindness and hospitality they have shown us during this session of our Association, and we pray God's blessing upon these good people until we meet again.

We also extend our hearty appreciation to our Moderator and Clerk and wish God's blessing upon them.

Committee	{	Sister Floy Kelly
		" Pearl Lewis
		" Dolly Lewis.

Executive Board—We have not had any direct form of business to come before us the past year, consequently we have had no reason for any called meetings.

W. H. York, Sec'y Executive Board.

Treasurer's Report—I have done the best I could for the past year, and while I neglected about the early printing of the minutes as desired by the Association, I will try to do better this year.

Minute money received	\$26.50
Offering taken for Bro. Brown	5.00
On hand from last year.....	2.00
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Total amount received	\$33.50
To Mo. State Association	\$ 7.00
Paid Bro. Brown	5.00
For 1931 minutes	20.00
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Total paid out	\$32.48

Balance on hand August 22, 1931	\$1.02
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W. H. York, Clerk-Treasurer

CONSTITUTION

Art. I. 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.

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.

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. 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 tolling 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.