

MINUTES
OF THE
TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI
and
SOUTHEASTERN KANSAS ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST

MET WITH

Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church, beginning at 8:00 p. m., August 23, 1934.

The next Annual Session of this Association will be held with Neola Free Will Baptist Church, near Greenfield, Mo., beginning Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1935. Bro. Boyd Thornton to preach the introductory sermon, Sister Roena Thomas alternate.

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Moderator, Bro. T. F. Lewis, R1, Freeman, Mo.
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Deacon O. T. Fast,R2, Liberal, Mo.
Elder W. H. York, Hannon, Mo.

PROCEEDINGS

The Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association of Free Will Baptist met in its twenty-sixth Annual Session with Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church, near Freeman, Mo., on Thursday night, August 23, 1934.

The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. Kenneth Turner. Text, Psalm 133:1.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Met at 9:30 a. m. Association was called to order by Deacon Walter Mosby, both clerk and assistant clerk being absent.

Scripture reading Psalm 1. Prayer by Elder Noel Turner.

Church letters called for and the following churches responded by letter and delegates: Hickory Grove, Hannon, Fairview and Verdella. Letters were received, and delegates seated and given the right hand of fellowship.

Election of Officers

Moderator, Bro. Tom Lewis
Assistant Moderator, Sister Edith Mayfield
Clerk-Treasurer, Bro. Lee Hammonds
Assistant Clerk, Elder Noel Turner
Member of Executive Board, Sister Roena Thomas
Temporary committee on divine service: Sister Edith Mayfield, Bro. Jasper Terry, Sister Iva Talbott.
Committee on Committees: Bro. Glen McCarty, Sister Roena Thomas, Bro. Lloyd Warren.

Corresponding letters called for. Elder Winford Davis gave a verbal report of Indian Creek Association.

Motion carried that we extend all the privileges of the floor to our visiting ministers.

Pulpit committee reports that Elder Noel Turner and Sister Edith Mayfield will bring the message at 11:00 o'clock.

Motion carried that we adjourn the business session until 1:30 o'clock p. m.

FRIDAY, ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Came together by singing songs No. 208 and 92.

Elder Noel Turner gave us a short message from Proverbs 29:8, which was a great spiritual uplift. Sister Edith Mayfield delivered a short message from the same text.

While singing song No. 9, an old fashioned hand shaking was enjoyed by all.

The report of committee on committees was given and accepted by the body before dismissing for the noon hour.

Services dismissed by Bro. Jasper Terry, until 1:30 p. m.

A bountiful dinner was served on the lawn at the noon hour.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Came together at 1:30 p. m. by singing song No. 144.
Scripture lesson, Colossians 14th chapter by Bro. Tom Lewis.
Prayer by Bro. Tom. Lewis.

Neola church letter read and accepted.
Elder Davis favored us with a special song
Minutes of morning session read and approved.
Sister Sara Marie Talbott favored us with a special song.
Report of committee on obituaries was read and accepted.
Report of committee on Sunday schools was read and accepted.
Report of committee on publication and education was read
and accepted as read.

Talks by Elders Winford Davis and Kenneth Turner.
Motion carried to elect delegates to the State Association:
DELEGATES: Mr. and Mrs. Willie Bowman, Verdella church.
Eld. Boyd Thornton, Bro. Richard Talbott, Bro. and Sister
G. E. Wade, Hannon church.

Bro. Jasper Terry, Bro. Lloyd Warren and Bro. Tom Lewis,
of Hickory Grove church.

Sister Geneva Lamb and Bro. Glen McCarty, Fairview church.
Bro. Lloyd Long, Bro. A. B. Whistance, Independence church.
Bro. Preston Cross, Sister Leona Weston, Wagoner church.
Bro. Lloyd Kelsy, Sister Nannie Martin, of Neola church.
Bro. Frank Eaton of Sylvandale church.

Delegates given power to appoint alternates.

The proposed merger between the East and the West bodies
of Free Will Baptist in one national body was discussed by
Elders Winford Davis and Noel Turner.

Reports of ministers of this Association were read and
accepted from: Elders W. H. York, Roena Thomas and Edith
Mayfield.

Motion carried to adjourn till 9:30 Saturday morning..

Closing song No. 120.

Benediction by Elder Kenneth Turner.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Services opened by singing No. 213. Prayer by Sister Edith
Mayfield.

Special song, "Deliverance Shall Come," by Elder Winford
Davis.

Bro. Boyd Thornton was examined for license to preach the
Gospel. Examining council: Elders Winford Davis, Noel
Turner and Sister Roena Thomas. Prayer by Sister Roena
Thomas.

Special song, "The Way of Life," Bro. Richard Talbott and
Sister Marie Talbott.

Elder Boyd Thornton led a short testimony service.

The stand was filled by Sister Roena Thomas and Brother
Winford Davis. Text, Judges 7:23. Both messages were
spiritual and uplifting. Closing song No. 94. Dismissed by
Elder Noel Turner.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Session was called to order at 9:30 by the moderator.

Singing songs No. 55 and 29 by the congregation.

Scripture reading 2nd chapter of Hebrews.

Prayer by Bro. Tom Lewis.

Minutes of Friday afternoon session read and approved.

By a unanimous vote it was decided to convene next annual session with the Neola church.

Report of Ministerial Standing committee read and approved..

Motion carried that the Executive Board examine Eld. W. W. Ireland as to his reason for not reporting to this Association.

The report of the business committee was read and accepted.

Report of Temperance committee read and accepted.

Some good spiritual talks were given on the subject of Temperance, by Sister Edith Mayfield, Bro. Lloyd Warren, Bro. Wilse Moul and Elder Kenneth Turner.

The discussion of the Gospel Team work was taken up but tabled until 1:30 p. m.

The pulpit committee chose Bro. Boyd Thornton to fill the stand at 11:00 o'clock.

SATURDAY, ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Service opened by singing songs No. 180 and 198.

Prayer by Bro. Richard Talbott.

Bro. Thornton read the sixth chapter Amos for a lesson and used the first verse for a text. He brought us a good message.

Singing song No. 210. Benediction by Eld. Kenneth Turner.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Session called to order by the moderator.

Praise by the congregation.

Scripture reading the seventh chapter of St. Matthew.

Prayer by Bro. Tom Lewis.

We were, at this time, favored with a special song by Eld. Boyd Thornton, Bro. Richard Talbott, Sister Sara Marie Talbott. Title of the song, "I Am In the Glory Land Way."

Minutes of last session were read and approved.

Subject of the Gospel Team work was brought before the body and discussed. Some interesting talks were given by Bro. Richard Talbott, Bro. Boyd Thornton, Sister Roena Thomas.

Motion carried that we appoint Sister Roena Thomas as Gospel Team leader for our association for the coming year.

The Association gave her the power to choose her assistant, and she chose Bro. Boyd Thornton.

Elder Boyd Thornton was chosen to preach the introductory sermon next year, Sister Roena Thomas alternate.

Motion carried that we adjourn the business session until Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1935, when convened with Neola Free Will Baptist church.

There was given an old fashioned Christian hand shaking and fellowship, while singing song No. 210.

Dismissed with prayer by Elder Kenneth Turner.

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Came together by singing songs No. 55 and No. 122.

Prayer by Sister Roena Thomas. Singing song No. 14.

Special song by Elder Boyd Thornton, Bro. Richard Talbott and Sister Sarah Marie Talbott.

Prayer by Eld. Kenneth Turner and Sister Edith Mayfield.

Preaching by Elders Kenneth Turner and Edith Mayfield.

Text, Amos 4:12. "Prepare to meet thy God, O Israel."

Dismissed by Bro.. Jesse Hammonds.

ASSOCIATION ENROLLMENT

MINISTERS

Sister Roena Thomas, Hannon, Missouri
Sister Edith Mayfield, R1, Iantha, Missouri
Elder Boyd Thornton (Licensed).....Arcadia, Kansas

VISITING MINISTERS

Elder Kenneth Turner,Granby, Missouri
Elder Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri
Elder Noel Turner, Aurora, Missouri

DEACONS

Frank Evans, Archie, Missouri
Walter Mosby, Archie, Missouri

DELEGATES

Sister Iva Talbott, Hannon, Missouri
Sister Sarah Marie Talbott, Hannon, Missouri
Sister Gracie Mayfield, Chetopa, Kansas
Sister Lena Johnson, Chetopa, Kansas
Bro. Glen McCarty,Chetopa, Kansas
Bro. Richard Talbott, Hannon, Missouri
Sister Dollie Lewis, Freeman, Missouri
Bro. Jasper Terry, Freeman, Missouri
Bro. Lloyd Warren, Archie, Missouri

VISITORS

Sister Beulah McCarty, Chetopa, Kansas
Sister Alberta Mayfield, Chetopa, Kansas.

CHURCH REPORTS, TAKEN FROM CHURCH LETTERS

HANNON—State of religion good. Members received 39, number baptized 25, number died one, total membership 162. Pastor Elder Winford Davis, Monett, Mo., called for another year. Amount paid pastor \$209.01, for evangelistic work \$118.31, for incidentals \$84.94, for home missions \$23.60, for publication \$5.00, for Sunday supplies for the year \$85.45, for minutes \$8.00, value of church property \$1,000.00. Prayer meeting spiritual. Sunday school fine, average attendance 100, officers 13, teachers eight. Ministers, Thos. L. York, La Fontaine, Kansas, Mrs.

Roena Thomas, Arcadia, Ks., R3, Arlie Hoover, Hannon, Mo. Deacons, C. W. Ricketts, Hannon, Mo., Ross Thomas, Arcadia, Kans., R3, G. C. Lewis, Liberal, Mo., R2, L. C. Wade, Bronaugh, Mo., R2. Delegates, Boyd Thornton, Richard Talbott, John Worsley, G. E. Wade and Allene Wade. The Hannon church invites the next yearly association to convene with them if the body desires to do so.

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

FAIRVIEW—State of religion good. Members added to the church 13, number dismissed one, resident members 53, non-resident 16, total membership 69. We had a revival during the month of March, conducted by our pastor, Elder John Swaffar and Elder J. B. Rollins. Amount paid pastor \$61.68, for evangelistic work \$25.00, enclosed for minutes \$3.00. Interest in Sunday school good. Prayer meeting Thursday evening of each week. Young people's meeting each Sunday evening. Minister belonging to our church, Elder W. H. York, Hannon, Mo. Delegates, Sisters Gracie Mayfield and Lena Johnson and Bro. Glen McCarty, given power to substitute.

Mrs. Geneva Lamb, Clerk, Chetopa, Kansas, R2.

VERDELLA—State of religion very good. Members received eight, number baptized six, dismissed four, total membership 47. Condition of prayer meeting poor. Condition of Sunday school very good, average attendance 45, officers 7, teachers 5. Pastor for past year Elder W. H. York of Hannon, Mo. Amount paid pastor \$76.00, for evangelistic work \$40.00, painting and repair \$25.00, for incidentals \$5.00, for home missions \$3.00, enclosed for minutes \$2.00, value of church property \$1,000.00. Minister belonging to our church Elder Edith Mayfield, Iantha, Mo., R1. Deacons, O. T. Fast, Liberal, Mo., R2, Earl Phillips, Iantha, Mo., R1, Willie Bowman, Iantha, Mo., R1, Ed Coles, Hannon, Mo. Delegates, Sisters Ruby Phillips and Anna Mae Smith.

Miss Mary Fast, Clerk, Liberal, Mo., R2.

HICKORY GROVE—State of religion good. Members received two, baptized one, died three, resident members 52. Pastor, Elder Kenneth Turner, Granby, Mo., R2. Amount paid pastor \$146.15, for evangelistic work \$13.40, for incidentals \$36.90, for publication \$1.00, included for minutes \$3.05, value of church property \$1,000.00. Condition of Sunday school good, average attendance 32, officers four, teachers five. Deacons, Walter Mosby, Archie, Mo., Frank Evans, Archie, Mo., Ausa Cockrell, Lisle, Mo. Inactive deacons, Walter Newman, Archie, Mo., Claud Hensley, Madison, Kansas. Delegates, Brothers Lloyd Warren and Jasper Terry and Sisters Tom Lewis and Mabel Taylor.

Lee Hammonds, Clerk, Archie, Mo.

NEOLA—State of religion fair. Resident members 36, non-resident 20, total membership 56. Pastor the past year Mrs. Roena Thomas. Amount paid pastor about \$30.00, for minutes

60 cents. Delegate, Sister Nannie Martin. Deacons, Clifford Hampton, W. N. Baugh, Mrs. Audra Dill and Mrs. Margaret Mayberry. Ministers belonging to our church, J. T. Williams, Greenfield, Mo. We invite the association to meet with our church next year.

Jewell Mayberry, Clerk, Greenfield, Mo.

No report from the following four churches: Eldorado Springs, Sylvandale, Wagoner and Independence.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TEMPERANCE—We, your Committee on Temperance, heartily endorse the Bible and the Word of God, regardless of what man may say, regarding Temperance. Regardless of the modification of the Volstead Act, we must keep fighting for temperance. We also wish to discourage the use of cigarettes and tobacco in every form among our membership, especially ministers, according to our ordaining constitution. We are also opposed to sinful amusements among our members.

Committee {Glen McCarty,
Boyd Thornton,
Ethel Warren.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, wish to bring the following thoughts before the body:

That we encourage all our Sunday schools to use Free Will Baptist literature; also that we continue with the thought and plan of having our literature published at Purdy, Mo.

And further, That each teacher of the Sunday school should open their class study with prayer, and ever be ready to ask others to be with them in Sunday school.

Committee {Dollie Lewis,
Eld. Kenneth Turner,
Sarah Marie Talbott,
Lloyd Warren.

PUBLICATION—We, your Committee on Publication, beg to submit the following report:

Realizing that this is a great reading age, we want to instruct every one to be careful what they read, because much false literature is being spread over the country. We do heartily endorse the Free Will Baptist Gem published at Purdy, Missouri, the Free Will Baptist published at Ayden, N. C., also the Sunday School and League literature published at Ayden, N. C.

We want to especially urge everyone to subscribe for the Gem, as it is our official paper and only costs 50 cents per year, or 27 months for \$1.00. Let us every one feel a personal interest in the Gem, and let us donate as far as we are possibly able for the support of our publishing house. We recommend

that this Association go on record as standing for the "Gem."

We urge all our ministers to take advantage of every opportunity to obtain a clean education and a better knowledge of the Bible. We endorse the School of the Bible by correspondence as taught by Elder John H. Wolfe of Pawnee City, Nebr. We believe in a good education, but we object to some of the things that are mixed up with education during these days.

Committee { Winford Davis,
Boyd Thornton,
Edith Mayfield.

OBITUARY—We, your Committee on Obituary, wish to extend our heart-felt sympathy to the bereaved of our Association for the loss of their loved ones within the past year. Our loss is heaven's gain. God gave, He took, He will restore; He doeth all things well. So let us resolve to lend a helping hand to the bereaved at any and all times.

Names of deceased are as follows:

Hickory Grove—Bro. Henry Nowlin, Sister Alice Dickerson, and Bro. Thad Ryle.

Hannon—Sister Marilla Wade.

Committee { Lena Johnston,
Richard Talbott,
Mrs. Mabel Taylor.

MINISTERIAL STANDING—We, your Committee on Ministerial Standing, find the following ministers in good standing and entitled to receive Annual Certificates of Standing:

W. H. York, Thos. L. York, Edith Mayfield, Roena Thomas, J. T. Williams, W. W. Ireland, Arlie Hoover, Boyd Thornton.

Visiting ministers—Elders Winford Davis, Noel Turner and Kenneth Turner, all of Indian Creek Association.

Committee { Roena Thomas,
Edith Mayfield,
Sarah Marie Talbott,
J. W. Moul,
Frank Evans.

BUSINESS—We, your Committee on Business, wish to submit the following:

Resolved, That we, the members of the Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association of Free Will Baptist, in conference assembled, at Hickory Grove church, do hereby express our sincere thanks to our heavenly Father for the unity and brotherly love at this meeting of our Association. The gratitude of our hearts goes out to the people of Hickory Grove church and surrounding neighborhood for the kindness shown us while gathered here for the Association.

We ask God to bless each and every one who took part and made it possible for this Association to be held.

Committee { Glen McCarty,
W. S. Mosby,
Richard Talbott.

MINISTERS' REPORTS

ELD. EDITH MAYFIELD—To the yearly Association while convened with Hickory Grove church, Greetings:

I have enjoyed my work very much for the Lord the past year.

I had an appointment, once a month, with my home church, Verdella, also at Bluff church. I helped in two revivals, held three street services, witnessed several conversions, have visited the sick and seen many benefited and healed through prayer and faith in God.

May the Lord wonderfully bless in unity of spirit, that we may have a profitable association, is my prayer; praying that the coming year will be a more wonderful one for God:

ELD. ROENA C. THOMAS—To the brethren and churches now in session of conference with Hickory Grove church, Greetings in the name of Jesus:

For the past year I, by the Lord's help, have been trying to pastor Wagoner, Independence and Neola churches. Have done the best I could for the cause, but on account of my husband's failing health, it has been impossible for me to hold meetings for all the churches this year. But we were able to get Bro. Kenneth Turner of Granby, Mo. to hold a meeting for the Independence church. God was with him and blessed with eleven precious souls saved and Christians encouraged. Then with Sister Allene Wade as singer I held a two weeks' meeting at Neola church, in which four souls were saved and three united with the church, and the church in general, we feel, was greatly helped. Also held a ten days' meeting for a little church near my home and three souls found the Lord.

Since March first I have been leader of "The Young People's Gospel Team" of our home church (Hannon). The team consists of fourteen boys and girls at present who are really on the firing line for our Lord. We feel that God has given His approval on this work, because He has manifested His presence in every service; and has wonderfully opened the way for us. We have visited and held services with a number of churches, and in one home with a dear old invalid saint. We had such a wonderful service because God was there in Spirit's power.

In addition I have conducted two funerals and performed one marriage ceremony. In all I have preached 85 sermons, and received \$85.00 in cash. I pray the coming year may be a better year for my Lord than the passing one has been.

ELD. W. H. YORK—To the Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with Hickory Grove church, Greetings in Jesus' name:

I have pastored only one church the past year. I did not accept any more work on account of failing health; but now, as my health is somewhat improved, I am ready to do the Lord's bidding at the call of His people; I hope to get full time preaching for the coming year. I have preached eight funerals, said four marriage ceremonies; but on account of being handicapped by so much family sickness, I was unable to do anything in the

Gospel team work, so I gave that honor to Sister Roena Thomas who has done excellent Gospel team work.

Being the clerk of the Executive Board, I will make this a joint report. We had no executive board meetings the past year. I pray you will have a wonderful association and wish I could attend. Pray for me.

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. Continuance in 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 WILL.** The human will is free and self-con-

trolled, 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 JUDGMENT. 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."

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. The acting members of this Association shall be such as are chosen by the several churches of which it is composed. Each active 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 composing 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 whom 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 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 Annual Certificates of Ministerial Standing by the Association.

Art. VI. This Constitution may be altered or amended by vote at any regular 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.

BY-LAWS

1. Each Annual Session of this Association shall be called to order by the Clerk, and in his or her absence, the assistant Clerk, and in his or her absence, the standing member having seniority in years of 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 of 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 of the Association, and shall 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 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 of the Association 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 voto of the members present.

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 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.

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.

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 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.

ASSOCIATIONAL STATISTICS

State of Religion	Fair
Membership July 1, 1933	564
Members received, July 1, 1933 to July 1, 1934	68
Number baptized	57
Number dismissed by letter	2
Number excluded	1
Number deceased	6
Resident members	399
Non-resident members	224
Total membership July 1, 1934	623
Condition of prayer meetings	Fair
Condition of Leagues	Fair
League membership	71
Condition of Home Missions	Poor
Home Mission membership	35
Condition of Sunday schools	Fair
Average number of pupils	339
Number of officers	41
Number of teachers	36
Amount paid pastors	\$510.38
Amount paid for evangelistic work	205.71
Amount for building and repair	38.00
Amount for incidentals	137.84
Value of church property	5200.00
Amount for foreign missions	None
Amount for home missions	31.60
Amount for publication	4.55
Amount for education	None
Amount of budget money paid	5.65
Amount paid for minutes	13.50

PASTORS

Name	Church	Address
W. H. York	Verdella	Hannon, Mo.
Roena Thomas	Mt. Olive	R3, Arcadia, Kans.
Roena Thomas	Wagoner	R3, Arcadia, Kans.
Roena Thomas	Independence	R3, Arcadia, Kans.
Kenneth Turner	Hickory Grove	R2, Granby, Mo.
Winford Davis	Hannon	Monett, Mo.
John Swaffar	Fairview	Purdy, Mo.

CHURCH CLERKS

Name	Church	Address
Mary Fast	Verdella	R2, Liberal, Mo.
Amelia E. Duncan	Sylvandale	Moundville, Mo.
Jewell Mayberry	Mt. Olive	Greenfield, Mo.
Tessie Cross	Wagoner	R6, Stockton, Mo.
Lee Hammonds	Hickory Grove	Archie, Mo.
Mrs. L. C. Wade	Hannon	R2, Bronaugh, Mo.
A. B. Whistance	Independence	R4, Stockton, Mo.
Mrs. Geneva Lamb	Fairview	R2, Chetopa, Kans.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Name	Church	Address
Eld. W. H. York	Fairview	Hannon, Mo.
Eld. Edith Mayfield	Verdella	R1, Iantha, Mo.
Eld. W. W. Ireland	Sylvandale	ElDorado Sprgs, Mo.
Eld. J. T. Williams	Mt. Olive	Greenfield, Mo.
Eld. T. L. York	Hannon	La Fontaine, Kans.
Roena Thomas	Hannon	R3, Arcadia, Kans.
Arlie Hoover (Licensed)	Hannon	R2, Liberal, Mo.

ORDAINED DEACONS

Name	Church	Address
G. C. Lewis	Hannon	R2, Liberal, Mo.
L. C. Wade	Hannon	R2, Bronaugh, Mo.
C. W. Ricketts	Hannon	Hannon, Mo.
R. R. Thomas	Hannon	R3, Arcadia, Kans.
J. T. Long	Independence	R4, Stockton, Mo.
C. C. Barton	Independence	R4, Stockton, Mo.
I. V. Sell	Independence	R4, Stockton, Mo.
C. L. Mead	Fairview	R2, Chetopa, Kans.
W. H. Holley	Fairview	R2, Chetopa, Kans.
Wm. Bender	Fairview	Bartlett, Kans.
O. T. Fast	Verdella	R2, Liberal, Mo.
Earl Phillips	Verdella	R1, Iantha, Mo.
Willie Bowman	Verdella	R1, Iantha, Mo.
E. H. Coles	Verdella	Hannon, Mo.
T. M. Duncan	Sylvandale	Milo, Mo.
Lee Senter	Sylvandale	Moundville, Mo.
Mrs. Audra Dill	Mt. Olive	Greenfield, Mo.
Mrs. G. H. Mayberry	Mt. Olive	Greenfield, Mo.
Clifton Hampton	Mt. Olive	Carthage, Mo.
W. M. Baugh	Mt. Olive	Everton, Mo.
W. H. Potts	Wagoner	Stockton, Mo.
W. L. Douglas	Wagoner	R6, Stockton, Mo.
Joe Stephens	Wagoner	R4, Stockton, Mo.
W. S. Mosby	Hickory Grove	R1, Archie, Mo.
Frank Evans	Hickory Grove	Archie, Mo.
Walter Newman	Hickory Grove	Archie, Mo.
Ausa Cockrell	Hickory Grove	Lisle, Mo.
Claud Hensley	Hickory Grove	Madison, Kans.