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Moderator, Deacon W. H. Potts,	Stockton, Mo.
Ass't Mod., Elder Arlie Hoover,	R3, Arcadia, Kans.
Clerk-Treas., Elder Boyd Thornton,	R3, Arcadia, Kans.
Ass't Clerk, Sister Ruby Phillips,	R2, Liberal, Mo.

Executive and Home Mission Board

Elder Edith Mayfield,	R1, Iantha, Mo.
Elder Roena Thomas,	R3, Arcadia, Kans.
Deacon L. C. Wade,	R2, Bronaugh, Mo.
Deacon O. T. Fast,	R2, Liberal, Mo.
Deacon T. M. Duncan,	Moundville, Mo.

PROCEEDINGS

The Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association of Free Will Baptist met in its Twenty-Seventh Annual Session, with Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist church, near Neola, Missouri, on Thursday night, August 22, 1935.

The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. Boyd Thornton. Text, Isaiah 5: 21.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Met at 9:30, and meeting was called to order by Deacon W. H. Potts, both the clerk and assistant being absent.

Scripture reading, Psalm 23.

Prayer by Eld. Roena Thomas.

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

Election of Officers

Moderator, Will Potts

Assistant Moderator, Arlie Hoover

Clerk-Treasurer, Boyd Thornton

Assistant Clerk, Ruby Phillips

Member of Executive Board, Edith Mayfield

Committee on Committees: Sister Nannie Martin, Bro. Tom Lewis and Bro. Ross Thomas.

Eld. Winford Davis gave verbal report concerning the work of the Free Will Baptist denomination at different places.

Motion carried to extend all privileges of the floor, with the exception of voting, to our visiting ministers.

Motion carried to adjourn until 1:30 p. m.

Pulpit Committee reported Elders Arlie Hoover and Kenneth Turner to fill the stand at eleven o'clock, and Elder Winford Davis for the night service.

FRIDAY, ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Came together by singing songs No. 235, 200 and 203.

Prayer was offered by Eld. Winford Davis.

Bro. Davis then sang a special song, entitled, "Life Will Be Sweeter Some Day."

Eld. Arlie Hoover delivered a short message from St. John 14:2, which was very inspiring and spiritual. Bro. Turner delivered a message, using the same text, which was a great spiritual uplift.

While singing songs No. 236 and 238, an old fashioned handshake was enjoyed by all.

The report of Committee on Committees was given and accepted before dismissing for the noon hour.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Tom Lewis.

A bountiful dinner was served on the lawn.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Came together at 1:30 by singing song No. 230.

Scripture reading, Psalm 51, by Moderator, Bro. Potts.

Prayer by Bro. Kenneth Turner.

Report of Committee on Temperance read and approved.

Report of Committee on Publication read and approved.

Comments by Eld. Winford Davis.

Report of Committee on Business read and approved.

Comments made by Elders Kenneth Turner and Winford Davis, Sister Mary Wade, Bro. Tom Lewis and Bro. Ross Thomas.

Report of Committee on Obituary read and approved.

Motion carried that we, the Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association, appoint a committee to write a resolution of respect in memory of our deceased ministering brother and co-worker, Elder W. H. York, to be printed in the Gem. Committee appointed: Bro. Tom Lewis, Sister Nannie Martin, and Sister Roena Thomas.

Motion carried to elect delegates to State Association.

Delegates to State Association

Sister Nellie Fast and Bro. John Stacy for Verdella.

Bro. and Sister Tom Lewis for Hickory Grove church.

Bro. Loyd Long and Bro. A. L. Wiley for Independence

Sister Nannie Martin and Lica Green for Mt. Olive.
Bro. and Sister Frank Eaton for Sylvandale church.
Bro. and Sister Glen McCarty for Fair view church.
Sisters Minnie Potts and Leona Whistance for Wagoner.
Brothers Arlie Hoover and Boyd Thornton for Hannon.

Motion carried that delegates have right to choose alternates.

After singing song No. 232, the Moderator conducted a testimonial service, during which we were favored with a special song by Sisters Sarah Marie and Mary Talbott.

Motion carried to adjourn till 9:30 Saturday morning.
Closing song, "When the Saints Go Marching In."
Benediction by Elder C. R. Dick.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Services opened by singing songs No. 184 and 172.

Prayer by Eld. Boyd Thornton.

We then sang song No. 137, after which we were led in prayer by Bro. Ross Thomas.

Special song, "I've Got that Old Fashioned Love in My Heart," by Bro. Davis, with Sarah Marie Talbott playing the guitar as accompaniment.

Prayer by Bro. Davis, after which we sang song No. 152

The stand was filled by Eld. Winford Davis. Text, 2 Kings 2:9. Bro. Davis delivered a very spiritual and uplifting sermon.

Sang song No. 211, followed with remarks by Brothers Davis and Turner.

Benediction by Sister Mayfield.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Session was called to order at 9:30 by assistant Moderator.

Songs No. 26 and 144 by the congregation.

Scripture reading, sixth chapter of Galatians by Mod.

Prayer by Bro. Cook.

Minutes of Friday morning, Friday afternoon and Friday night sessions read and approved.

Motion carried that the next Association meet with

Verdella church, provided the Wagoner or the Independence church does not call for it.

Upon investigation by the committee, Bro. W. W. Ireland of El Dorado Springs requested that his name be dropped from our list of ministers.

Reports of ministers of this Association were read and accepted from : Elders Thos. L. York, Roena Thomas, Edith Mayfield, Arlie Hoover and Boyd Thornton.

Comments regarding Budget System. Further remarks regarding it were put off till afternoon session.

The Pulpit Committee reported Sister Mayfield and Bro. Cook to fill the stand at eleven o'clock, and Sister Roena Thomas for the night service.

We then had an old fashioned hand shake, while singing song No. 23.

Dismissed by Sister Mary. Wade.

SATURDAY, ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Service opened by singing song No. 114.

Prayer by Sister Roena Thomas and Sister Edith Mayfield.

Sister Mayfield read the 21st Psalm for a lesson and used Psalm 9:17 for a text. Sister Mayfield brought us a good message, after which Bro. Cook made a few remarks on the same text, which was enjoyed by all.

We then sang, "Nothing Between Me and My Savior."

A short testimony service was conducted by Sister Mayfield.

Dismissed by Bro. Boyd Thornton.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Session called to order by Moderator.

Singing songs No. 165 and 114.

Scripture reading, Psalm 91, by Moderator.

Prayer by Bro. Ross Thomas.

Motion carried that we accept report of Fairview church, if presented before minutes are sent to press.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Standing read and accepted.

Minutes of Saturday morning session read and approved

Motion carried to change By-Law No. 11 to comply with the Budget System of ten (10c) per member.

Subject of Gospel team work brought before the body and discussed. Talks concerning Gospel team work by Sister Roena Thomas, Sister Mayfield, Sister Mary Wade, Bro. R. C. Talbott and Bro. Boyd Thornton.

Motion carried that we appoint Sister Roena Thomas Gospel team leader, in this Association, with Bro. Boyd Thornton as assistant leader.

Elder Arlie Hoover was chosen to preach the introductory sermon next year, Sister Mayfield alternate.

Motion carried that clerk order Annual Ministerial Certificates out of minute money.

Motion carried that all committees be discharged.

Motion carried that we adjourn the business session until Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1936, to convene with Wagoner Free Will Baptist church, at Wagoner, Missouri.

Motion carried that delegates give a standing vote of thanks to the Neola folks for their hospitality.

Special song by Marie and Mary Talbott.

Church Covenant read by Sister Roena Thomas.

Then was given an old fashioned hand-shake, while singing song No. 246.

Dismissed with prayer by Sister Mary Wade.

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Came together by singing songs No. 58, 26 and 67.

Prayer by Sister Mary Wade. Song No. 81. Prayer by Bro. Green and Bro. Talbott. Song No. 74.

Sister Roena Thomas brought the message. Text, Matt. 26:39. All bowed heads in silent prayer.

She preached a very interesting sermon, urging us to go a little farther and still just a little farther.

Closed with singing songs No. 197 and 202, while every one was shaking hands.

Benediction by Sister Kelley.

Deacon W. H. Potts, Moderator,

Elder Boyd Thornton, Clerk.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ministerial Standing—We, your Committee on Ministerial Standing, find the following ministers in good standing and entitled to Annual Certificates from the Association:

Thos. L. York, Edith Mayfield, Roena Thomas, Arlie Hoover, Boyd Thornton, also J. T. Williams, one of our superannuated ministers of the Gospel.

Our visiting ministers are: Elders Winford Davis, Kenneth Turner, C. R. Dick and J. C. Cook.

Committee { W. C. Green,
A. B. Whistance,
R. C. Talbott,
Jewell Mayberry,
Mary Wade.

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, and The Free Will Baptist published at Ayden, N. C., also the Sunday School literature published at Ayden, N. C.

We want to especially urge every one to subscribe for the Gem, as we all feel personally interested in the Gem. We recommend that this Association go on record as standing for the Gem.

We urge that all our ministers take advantage of every opportunity to obtain a clean education, and a better knowledge of the Bible. We endorse the School of the Bible as conducted by Eld. John H. Wolfe, Pawnee City, Nebraska, especially for our young ministers. We believe in a good education, but we object to some of the things that are taught today.

Committee { R. C. Talbott,
Emma Thomas,
Arlie Hoover.

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. But our loss is Heaven's gain. God gave, and He took. He will restore. He doeth all things well. So, let us resolve to lend a helping hand to the bereaved at all times. Names of the deceased are:

Eld. W. H. York,Fairview church,
Amy Terry,Hickory Grove church,
Marion Ruth,Independence church
Mrs. W. H. Peach,Independence church,
Mary J. Hider Anderson,Independence church.
 {Edith Mayfield,
Committee {Sarah Marie Talbott,
 {Floy Kelly.

Temperance—We, your Committee on Temperance, heartily endorse the Bible as the Word of God, regardless of what man may say, regarding Temperance.

Regardless of the modifications of the Volstead Act, we must keep fighting for Temperance.

We also wish to discourage the use of cigarettes and tobacco in any form among our membership, especially among the ministers, according to our ordaining constitution. We are also opposed to sinful amusements among our members.

 {R. C. Talbott,
Committee {Edith Mayfield,
 {Floy Kelly.

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

That we encourage where convenient, all our Sunday schools to use Free Will Baptist literature, and also

That we continue with the thought and plan of having our literature published at Purdy, Missouri, and further

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

 {Sarah Marie Talbott,
Committee {Minnie May Potts,
 {Jewell Mayberry.

Resolutions

We, your Committee on Business (Resolutions) wish to submit the following resolutions:

Res. No. 1—Be it Resolved, That we change By-Law No. 11 to comply with the Budget System of ten cents per member, instead of the way it stands now.

Res. No. 2—Be it Resolved, That the churches of this Association adhere more strictly to the Budget System.

Res. No. 3—Be it Resolved, That the pastors take the lead in collecting the Budget.

Res. No. 4—Be it Resolved, That we, the members of this Association, convened at Mt. Olive church, do hereby express our sincere thanks to our Heavenly Father for the good spirit and brotherly love prevailing.

Our hearts go out to the Mt. Olive church and sister churches for the kindness shown us while gathered here in this Association. May God bless each one.

Committee { Mary Wade,
 { Roena Thomas,
 { Arlie Hoover.

Church Reports, Taken From Church Letters

HANNON—State of religion good. Members received this year 14, number baptized 7, number dismissed 2, number died 1, total membership 175. Condition of prayer meeting good. Condition of Sunday school good, average number of pupils 85, number of teachers 9, number of officers 13. Amount paid pastor \$172.50, amount for evangelistic work \$78.78, amount for building and repair \$40.00, amount for incidentals \$76.04, value of church property \$1,000.00, amount for Home Missions \$42.05, amount for S. S. literature \$51.07, amount included for budget \$8.75. Ministers: T. L. York, Lafontaine, Kans., Mrs. Roena Thomas, Boyd Thornton, Arlie Hoover, Arcadia, Kans. Deacons: G. C. Lewis, Liberal, Mo.; Ross Thomas, Arcadia, Kans.; C. W. Ricketts, Hannon, Mo.; L. C. Wade, Bronaugh, Mo. Pastor, Eld. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo. Delegates: Marshall Earl, R. C. Talbott, John Worsley, Allene Worsley, Sarah Marie Talbott. The church invites the next session of the Association to convene with them and has instructed the delegates to vote for same.

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

MT. OLIVE—State of religion fair. Members added this year 3, dismissed by letter one, resident members 38, non-resident 20, total membership 58. Pastor the past year Mrs. Roena Thomas. Sunday school evergreen. Delegates: Sisters Nannie

Martin and Floy Kelly. Deacons: Clifford Hampton, W. M. Baugh, Mrs. Audra Dill, Mrs. Margaret Mayberry. Ministers: J. T. Williams, Greenfield, Mo.

Jewell Mayberry, Clerk, Greenfield, Mo.

VERDELLA BAPTIST—State of religion good. Total membership 51. Condition of Sunday school good, average number of pupils 33, number officers 5, number of teachers 5. Amount paid pastor \$86.42, amount for evangelistic work \$16.42, amount for incidentals \$10.00, value of church property \$800.00, amount included for minutes \$2.00. Pastor, Eld. John Swaffer, Purdy, Mo. Ministers: Sister Edith Mayfield. Deacons: Brothers O. T. Fast, E. H. Coles, Earl Phillips, Willie Bowman. The Verdella church invites the next session of the Association to convene with them, if the body desires to do so. Delegates: Miss Ruby Phillips and Miss Anna Mae Smith.

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

FAIR VIEW—We are praying that you will have an up-lifting session, and that God will bless all your deliberations.

We send as delegates to sit with you: Sisters Dora Mead, Fern Campbell and Betty Ray Mayfield. We have voted that they choose their own alternates.

We have had one revival, held by our pastor, Eld. John Swaffer and Eld. Noel Turner. There were several conversions and renewals. We have added one member, and lost one, our Bro. W. H. York (through death). Our total membership is 69, with about 50 resident members. Condition religion is fair. Interest in Sunday school and young people's meeting good. We have paid the pastor \$64.50, and paid during the meeting \$16.61, included for minutes \$3.00. Deacons: C. I. Mead, Chetopa, Kans., R2, W. H. Holley, Chetopa, Kans., R2, Wm. Bender, Bartlett, Kans. Bro. Bender has been unable to attend services anywhere for a few years on account of ill health.

We invite the next session of the Association to meet with us.

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

HICKORY GROVE—State of religion good. Number received this year, one, number baptized 2, number died, one, total membership 107. Amount paid pastor \$141.25, amount for evangelistic work \$9.10, amount for incidentals \$12.92, value of church property \$1,000.00, amount included for minutes \$3.00. Condition of Sunday school good, average number of pupils 30, number officers 4, number teachers 5. Have no pastor for the coming year. Deacons: Brothers Walter S. Mosby, Archie, Mo., Frank Evans, Archie, Mo., Ausa F. Cockrell, Lisle, Mo., and two inactive deacons: Walter Newman, Archie, Mo., Claude Hensley, Madison, Kansas. Delegates: Bro. Jasper Terry, Sister Dollie Lewis, Sister Mabel Taylor.

May the Lord wonderfully bless in unity of Spirit, that the Christian people may have a profitable Association, is the prayer Hickory Grove church.

(Miss) Alma Hammonds, Clerk, Archie, Mo., R1.

MINISTERS' REPORTS

To the Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association, while in session at Neola church, Greetings in Jesus' name:

With thanksgiving, praise and honor to our Heavenly Father, we submit the following report:

I have preached once a month at our home church, and for several months I have preached twice a month at Minden Mines. Sister Roena Thomas and I held a revival at our Verdella Baptist church. Certainly is a joy to be in the Lord's work. My prayer is, that we may be soul winners for Jesus, and that this Association may be long remembered on account of God's divine Spirit being felt in mighty power. I pray that the coming year may be a far more prosperous year for the Lord.

Your sister in Christ,

Edith Mayfield, Iantha, Mo., R1.

To the Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association of Free Will Baptist, Greetings in Jesus' name:

During the last year I have been pastoring Neola church, preaching one Sunday each month. As I was chosen Gospel Team leader for the Association this year, I have given as much time as possible to that work.

The Hannon Gospel team, which was already organized and in the work has gone with me in this work. It was our plan to visit and hold services in each church, but we were unable to make them all, but have held services in our Verdella, Hannon, Sylvandale, ElDorado Springs and Fairview churches. Besides this we have held services at different churches near home. In all we have had 12 special services. Have witnessed seven conversions in this work during the year. The team also made several sick calls and had songs and prayer in the home. They also donated \$9.00 to help the needy. We feel that God has been pleased with this work, for we have had His Presence in every service.

Besides this work I have helped in two meetings, one at Verdella, with Sister Mayfield, and one at Wagoner with Sister Lucy Deckard. I preached a few times at Independence church.

Have conducted eight funerals and performed one marriage ceremony.

Humbly submitted by your servant in the cause of Christ,

Mrs. Roena Thomas, Arcadia, Kansas, R3.

Having failed to make report last year, I will not fail this time. I have been active in church work. I teach the young married people's Sunday School class, which I organized in our church some three years ago. I preached five sermons during the past year. Have an appointment one Sunday each month at Doylesport, a school house near Milford. There isn't any organization at this place, but I feel that we may be able to

organize a church there. I have made a few sick calls.

I hope to be of far more service this coming year than I have been in the past.

Yours for a greater harvest and more laborers,

Arlie Hoover, Arcadia, Kansas, R3.

To the Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with Neola church, Greetings:

I sure would like to meet with you at Neola, but at this date I can't see my way clear to do so.

I still have a very great desire to tell of the saving Grace of Christ my Lord. I am still looking to the time when the Lord will again take the Supper with us, and we shall have the great pleasure of looking on the face of Him on whom we have believed, and join in the new song of "Moses and the Lamb."

This will be the third meeting I have missed. During that time I have preached several times. I go to Sunday school, but as you know, we have no church here.

I pray you may have a profitable meeting in the Lord and may the Holy Spirit guide and overshadow you all. There are many things for us to reprove and rebuke, and with all be able to overcome. Finally, brethren, farewell. My health is good as ever

Your brother and co-worker in the Lord Jesus,

Thomas L. York, Lafontaine, Kansas.

To the Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Yearly Association, while convened with Mt. Olive church, Greetings in the name of Jesus:

In the past year we have had no regular appointment, but occasionally we have filled appointments for others of our ministering brethren and sisters. We have just finished our first year in the ministerial work. We feel that we have accomplished but little, nevertheless, we hope and pray that the Lord has in some way gained glory from our efforts for Him.

In the past year I have been connected with the Gospel team of "The Young People's Gospel Team" at Hannon, and have been in several good spiritual meetings with them. In all I have preached 21 sermons and received \$10.36 in cash. I hope that the coming year will be a more profitable one in the service of the King.

Humbly submitted, asking an interest in your prayers.

Boyd Thornton, Arcadia, Kansas, R3.

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.

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 in faith and obedience until death.

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

10. **FREEDOM OF 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."

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 members 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.

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 to collect, during the month of July each year, a sum of money not less than ten (10c) cents per member, to comply with the Budget System enacted by the Missouri State Association, half of the money collected to be turned over to the Treasurer of this Association, and half to the Treasurer of the State Association. It shall be the pastor's duty to see that this "Budget" of ten cents per member is collected and turned in so it will be on hand for associational expenses.

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 this 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 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.

ASSOCIATIONAL STATISTICS

Number churches in Association July 1, 1935.....	9
Number churches reporting	8
State of religion	Fair
Number churches without pastors	2
Membership of Association July 1, 1935	641
New churches received	None
Number churches disbanded	None
Members received, July 1, 1934 to July 1, 1935.....	19
Number baptized	30
Number dismissed by letter	1
Number excluded	None
Number deceased	8
Resident members	385
Non-resident members	256
Total membership July 1, 1935	641
Number churches July 1, 1935	9
Number prayer meetings	3
Number of leagues	4
League membership	83
Number of Home Missions	2
Home Mission membership	50
Number of Sunday schools	6
Total Sunday school enrollment	306
Number of officers in Sunday schools	34
Number of teachers in Sunday schools	30
Number of ordained ministers	4
Number of licensed ministers	2
Number of ordained deacons	24
Amount paid pastors	\$466.96
Amount paid for evangelistic work	144.31
Amount for building and repairs	126.86
Amount for incidentals	74.14
Value of church property	4500.00
Amount for foreign missions00
Amount for home missions	27.14
Amount for publication	59.86
Amount for budget fund	10.40
Amount of minute money paid	23.00