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Ass't Mod.,	Deacon L. C. Wade,	R2, Bronaugh, Mo.
Clerk-Treas.,	Sister Zola Truskett,	R2, Liberal, Mo.
Ass't Clerk,	Sister Velma Smith,	Greenfield, Mo.

Executive and Home Mission Board

Deacon Willie Bowman,	R1, Iantha, Mo.
Elder Arlie Hoover,	R3, Arcadia, Kans.
Deacon Ottis Martin,	Greenfield, Mo.
Elder Roena Thomas,	R3, Arcadia, Kans.
Deacon L. C. Wade,	R2, Bronaugh, Mo.

PROCEEDINGS

The Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association of Free Will Baptist met in its Twenty-Ninth Annual Session with Independence Free Will Baptist Church, near Stockton, Missouri, Thursday night, August 19, 1937, at eight o'clock.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Eld. Arlie Hoover.

Opened with singing. Prayer by Eld. B. F. Brown.

The Moderator called Eld. Roena Thomas to the stand, she having been chosen at last session to deliver the Introductory sermon. Sister Thomas delivered a very impressive message. Text, St. John 13:35.

The Moderator led a rousing praise service, then appointed a temporary Pulpit Committee, which consisted of Deacons L. C. Wade, A. W. Hartley, A. B. Whistance.

Benediction by Eld. F. C. Zinn.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The meeting was called to order by the senior member in age, Deacon W. H. Potts. Bro. Potts read for a Scripture lesson, Psalm 23.

Prayer by Eld. B. F. Brown, after which Bro. Potts declared a quorum present for the transaction of business and turned the service over to the Moderator.

Moderator appointed Sister Zola Truskett clerk pro-tem.

Church letters were read and delegates seated from the following churches: Mt. Olive, Hannon, Fairview, Verdella, Hickory Grove, Independence.

Election of Officers

Moderator,	Eld. Arlie Hoover,	R3, Arcadia, Kans.
Ass't Mod.,	Deacon L. C. Wade,	R2, Bronaugh, Mo.
Clerk-Treas.,	Sister Zola Truskett,	R2, Liberal, Mo.
Ass't Clerk,	Sister Velma Smith,	Greenfield, Mo.
Statistician,	Sister Marie Smith,	R2, Liberal, Mo.

Moderator appointed as Committee on Committees: Deacons L. C. Wade, A. W. Hartley, A. B. Whistance.

Motion carried that all privileges of the floor, except voting, be given to all visiting brothers and sisters.

Executive Board Members Elected

Deacon Willie Bowman, 5 year term, R1, Iantha, Mo
Eld. Arlie Hoover, 4 year term, R3, Arcadia, Kans.
Deacon Ottis Martin, 3 year term, Greenfield, Mo.

Bro. Hoover was elected to fill the unexpired term of Eld. Boyd Thornton, and Bro. Martin were elected to fill the unexpired term of Sister Edith Mayfield.

Discussion of denominational enterprises by Eld. Winford Davis, Eld. F. C. Zinn, Bro. W. H. Potts and Sister Zinn.

Report of Committee on Committees read and approved.
Dismissed with prayer by Eld. John Swaffar.

FRIDAY, ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Meeting called to order by singing.

Scripture reading, John 1:1-14, by Eld. John Swaffar
Prayer by Eld. F. C. Zinn.

Elders B. F. Brown and John Swaffar brought inspiring messages from John 1:4.

During the singing of a song, we had an old fashioned hand shake.

Dismissed with prayer by Eld. Winford Davis.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Came together at 1:30 by special singing. The congregation sang, "Face to Face."

Scripture reading, Romans 12th chapter, by Brother Elmer Mammen. Prayer by Eld. Winford Davis.

A report was given by Bro. W. H. Potts of Wagoner church, with three dollars budget money. Approved.

Delegates Elected to Missouri State Association

Independence—Sister T. Lewis and Bro. A. L. Wiley.
Mt. Olive—Sisters Thora Arbogast, Ivy Belle Hartfield.
Hannon—Brothers Marsh Earl and Roy Thornton.
Fairview—Sisters Gracie Mayfield and Dora Meade.
Verdella—Sister Ruby Phillips and Bro. Willie Bowman.
Hickory Grove—Bro. and Sister T. F. Lewis.
Wagoner—Bro. and Sister W. H. Potts.

Motion carried that we accept these delegates and give them power to appoint their alternate, if necessary.

Minutes of previous session read and approved.

Ministers' reports were read and accepted from

Elders Arlie Hoover, Elmer Mammen, Roena Thomas, H. S. Ford and Boyd Thornton.

Discussion of Denominational Enterprises by Elders Winford Davis, F. C. Zinn, John Swaffar, B. F. Brown, C. L. Marbut, Bro. A. W. Hartley, Sister Geneva Lamb.

Reports from Fairview, Hannon, Verdella and Mt. Olive Sunday schools were read and approved. Remarks on Sunday school work were given by Sisters Dora Meade, A. L. Wiley, Alice Dickey, Roena Thomas, and Brothers B. F. Brown, F. C. Zinn, Ross Thomas, G. C. Lewis, W. H. Potts, A. B. Whistance and J. T. Terry.

A report of the Executive Board was given by Bro. L. C. Wade, and approved.

Reports of Committees on Temperance, Publication, Obituary, Sunday School and Foreign Missions were read and approved.

Clerk's report from Bro. Boyd Thornton was read and approved.

Motion carried to pay Bro. Thornton \$1.19 for personal expense as clerk.

Motion carried to reduce number of minutes to 200.

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

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Geo. Mammen.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator.

The Ordaining Council composed of Elders Winford Davis, B. F. Brown, F. C. Zinn, John Swaffar and C. L. Marbut proceeded to ordain Bro. A. W. Hartley as a deacon for Mt. Olive church.

Scripture reading, Acts 6:1-8, by Eld. Winford Davis.

Ordaining prayer by Eld. C. L. Marbut.

Song by congregation. Prayer by Bro. Ben Henderson.

Song by quartet: Brothers F. C. Zinn, Gerald Stephens, John Swaffar and Winford Davis.

Prayer by Bro. L. C. Wade.

Duet by Bro. Davis and Bro. Swaffar.

The stand was filled by Eld. Winford Davis. Text, 2 Chron. 20:15.

Special song by Bro. and Sister Zinn.

Bro. Zinn's subject was. "A Victorious Leader."

These messages were accompanied by the Spirit of power.

A very spiritual praise service was led by Moderator. Then we sang and enjoyed an old fashioned hand shake. Bro. Davis sang a solo. Benediction by Sister Belva Zinn.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Session called to order at 9:00 o'clock by Moderator. Song by congregation.

Scripture reading, 4th chapter of John, read by Eld. C. L. Marbut. Prayer by Eld. John Swaffar.

Song by congregation.

Minutes of previous session read and approved.

Vote carried that the next session of this Association be held with Verdella Free Will Baptist church, in Barton County, Mo.

Eld. H. S. Ford to preach the Introductory sermon, with Eld. Elmer Mammen as alternate.

Report of Resolution Committee was read, discussed, and adopted.

Motion carried that this Association meet on Wednesday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1938.

Motion carried that, as an extra day has been added to the Association, that it be used for Ministers' Conference, League and Mission work. The Ministers' Conference to take up Wednesday night and Thursday morning. The League and Mission work to take the 11:00 o'clock service Thursday and Thursday afternoon.

Moderator appointed program committee for Ministers' Conference as follows: Elders F. C. Zinn, Roena Thomas and H. S. Ford.

Report of Ministerial Standing Committee read and approved.

Report of Committee on Mission read and approved.

Reports were read and accepted from the following Mission Circles: Mt. Olive, Hannon Junior and Senior, Independence Junior and Senior. Also a report was read and approved from Central Western Missouri Mission organization.

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

Prayer by Eld. Ben Henderson.

SATURDAY, ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Service opened with singing.

Scripture reading, 1 Cor. 13, by Eld. C. R. Dick.

Prayer by Bro. L. C. Wade.

Song by congregation.

Bro. H. S. Ford brought a message from Rom. 12:1, 2.
Bro. C. R. Dick followed, using Acts 5:20 as a text. They
both brought powerful messages.

Song by congregation.

Dismissed with prayer by Sister Emma Thomas.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 p. m. by singing.

Special singing by Independence Juniors and leader.

Scripture lesson, Psalm 90, read by Moderator.

Motion carried to pay Clerk \$5.00 at end of year for
personal expense, and that each church make an effort
to raise \$1.25 for this purpose.

Church Covenant was read by Sister Roena Thomas.

Motion carried that all committees be discharged.

Motion carried that we adjourn the business session,
to meet on Wednesday night before the fourth Sunday
in August, 1938, at Verdella F. W. B. church, near
Verdella, Missouri.

Song and hand shake.

Closing prayer by Bro. W. H. Potts.

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Song, "Trust and Obey," by congregation.

Scripture lesson read by Eld. C. R. Dick.

Bro. H. S. Ford filled the stand, using for his text,
Luke 19:10.

Song by congregation.

Benediction by Sister H. S. Ford.

Eld. Arlie Hoover, Moderator,
Mrs. Zola Truskett, Clerk.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MINISTERIAL STANDING—We, your Committee on Ministerial Standing, find that the following named ministers have complied with the requirements of this Association; and finding them worthy, we recommend that they be granted Annual Certificates of Ministerial Standing:

Elders Roena Thomas, Arlie Hoover, Elmer G. Mammen and H. S. Ford. Also Elders Thos. L. York and J. T. Williams our superannuated ministers of the Gospel.

A. L. WILEY,
ROSS THOMAS,
Gracie McCarty,
Jewell Mayberry,
W. H. POTTS.

RESOLUTIONS—We, your Committee on Resolutions, wish to submit the following resolutions:

NO. 1—Be it Resolved, That we begin our Association on Wednesday night instead of on Thursday night, and that this extra day be given to Mission and League work and a Ministers' Conference.

NO. 2—Be it Resolved, That we, the members of this Association, convened at Independence church, do express our sincere thanks to our Heavenly Father for the good spirit and brotherly love prevailing, and that we vote our thanks to the Independence and sister churches for the kindness shown us while gathered in this Association. May God bless each one.

ROENA THOMAS,
H. S. FORD,
W. H. POTTS.

HOME MISSION—Realizing the great importance of a greater Home Mission work, we recommend that each of our churches get behind us in this work, that Mission Circles be organized in every church, and that our ambition for our 5th Sunday Mission meetings may be carried over the top for Jesus.

LOTTIE MARSHALL,
PEARL LEWIS,
STELLA LONG.

TEMPERANCE—We, your Committee on Temperance, wish to submit the following report:

We stand firmly for Temperance in every sense of the word. We believe that all Christians should be temperate in all things, and we hope our young people will see the danger and the harm of liquor.

We know that all parents should practice temperance at all times, and teach their children to shun the evils of intemperance in all things; and that all church workers everywhere should support or encourage NO man who stands on a wet platform.

MARIE SMITH,
DENMONT MARSHALL,
C. C. BARTON.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Inasmuch as our denomination has undertaken to support a Foreign Mission work in a greater way, we feel that this Association should endorse this important work.

We are very much in favor of both Home and Foreign Missions, and realize that God will bless the church and people who have a part in sending the Gospel to those who have never heard.

Realizing the great sacrifice Bro. Willey, our Missionary, is making, we recommend that our people get behind him and support him to the very best of our ability.

C. W. RICKETTS,
I. V. SELL,
LOWELL MARTIN.

OBITUARY—We, your Committee on Obituary, wish to extend our deepest heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved brothers and sisters of our Association for the loss of their loved ones through past year. But our loss is Heaven's gain. God gave and He will come and claim His own. We wish to extend a helping hand to the bereaved at all times.

Names of the deceased are:

Oscar Thomas of Hannon church.

Geraldine Thomas of Salem Oregon.

Nettie Sellars of Independence church.

Manda Hudson of Fairview church.

J. T. Hactor.—

Sister Terry of Hickory Grove church.

One from Verdella church.

Resolution of Respect of the Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association of Free Will Baptist to the family of Aunt Lina Claxton of Hartville, Missouri:

We extend our deepest heart felt sympathy to the family in their afflictions.

EMMA THOMAS,
MAMMIE LEWIS,
ELSIE PLILER.

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

We want to urge everyone to always take into consideration the wide range of literature being offered today as a help to Christians, and to only accept and use that which has been proven to harmonize with God's Word.

We do heartily endorse the Free Will Baptist Gem and urge every Free Will Baptist to subscribe for it, and to recommend it to their friends. We have a paper to be proud of, so let us get it into more homes.

We also endorse the Free Will Baptist published at Ayden, N. C., and also the Sunday school literature published there.

We especially urge all our ministers to strive to obtain a better knowledge of the Bible, but to use caution that the people they study under are God fearing, Holy Ghost filled people.

ELMER G. MAMMEN,
J. K. STEPHENS,
J. T. LONG.

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

That we encourage all our Sunday schools to use Free Will Baptist literature when possible.

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

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

That all parents accompany their children to Sunday school, instead of sending them alone.

We also recommend that all members attend as regular as possible.

G. C. LEWIS,

A. W. HARTLEY,

A. B. WHISTANCE.

CLERK'S REPORT

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

Following is my financial report from Aug., 1936 to Aug., 1937:

Total budget paid in August, 1936.....	\$29.37
Paid for Postal M. O., postage, etc.....	.30
For Ministerial License blanks.....	.20
For printing minutes	21.03
Amount turned to State Association.....	7.84

Total amount paid out	\$29.37
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Personal Expense—

For postage	\$.59
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For License blanks, money orders, etc.,60
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Total amount due Clerk	\$1.19
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Eld. Boyd Thornton, Clerk-Treas.

MINISTERS' REPORTS

ELD. ARLIE HOOVER—During the past year I have continued to preach at Doyle'sport school house. This makes two years at this place. We have called Bro. Kenneth Turner each year to hold a revival.

Owing to sickness in my family I have not been able to attend to my Master's business as I would like to. I have made a few sick calls, have preached 17 sermons and traveled about 1,000 miles. When not preaching I have been active in Sunday school work. Pray for me, that I may stand faithfully for my Master and be of more use to His cause the coming year than I have been the past year.

Your servant and fellow worker in Christ.

ELD. H. S. FORD—Since uniting with the Free Will Baptist ministry, May 2, 1937, I have preached 38 sermons, traveled about 600 miles, received \$14.84, solemnized one marriage. Have pastored the congregation which we had raised up a year before at the Oak Grove school house north of Montevallo, Mo. We also went to Eldorado Springs, Mo. and conducted a three weeks revival, where we are laboring at the present time, trying to get the church in working order once more. We desire an interest in all your prayers, that we may prove true to God and our calling.

ELD. BOYD THORNTON—During the past year we have pastored three churches: Fairview church near Chetopa, Kansas, Verdella church near Verdella, Mo., and Independence church near Stockton, Mo. We have enjoyed our work very much with these dear people. My heart has been inspired by our association together.

During the year I have preached 105 sermons, held two revivals, witnessed 23 professions, baptized 16, received 16 into the churches, preached two funerals, traveled about 5,000 miles and received \$273.97. Our aim and determination is to strive onward for the Lord.

Asking an interest in your prayers, I beg to remain,

Your humble brother in Christ.

ELD. ELMER G. MAMMEN—I have not pastored any church during the past year. I took an active part in one revival at Eldorado Springs, Mo.

Have preached 21 sermons, performed two marriages, made a few sick calls and have endeavored to be a living witness for Jesus at all opportunities.

We desire an interest in your prayers, that we may do more for God this coming year.

Humbly submitted by your brother in Christ.

ELD. ROENA THOMAS—My report for the year just passed is not what I would like for it to be, but under the circumstances I have tried to do what I could for the advancement of the cause I love.

I have preached only nine sermons, conducted one funeral. Was recently called to finish out the pastoral year of Brother Richard Talbott at the Hickory Grove church. Am hoping by the help and sustaining grace of my Lord to launch out into active service for Him again this coming year, as He opens up the way. May His loving Holy Spirit lead us in all of our deliberations for Him during this entire Association.

Prayerfully submitted by your servant in Christ.

CHURCH REPORTS

HANNON—State of religion good. Members received this year 5, number baptized one, number dismissed 9, number died one, total membership 160. Condition of prayer meeting very spiritual, condition of Sunday school excellent, average number of pupils 90, number of officers 11, number of teachers 8. Pastor Eld. F. C. Zinn of Blue Eye, Mo. Amount paid pastor \$210.00, amount for evangelistic work \$89.99, amount for incidentals \$153.15, value of church property \$1,000.00, amount for Foreign Missions \$70.00, amount for Home Missions \$21.27, amount for Budget \$8.00. Ministers: T. L. York, Lafontaine, Kans., H. S. Ford, Eldorado Springs, Mo., Arlie Hoover, Arcadia, Kans., Ruth Garner Barker, —, Roena Thomas, Arcadia, Kans. Deacons: L. C. Wade, Bronaugh, Mo., C. W. Ricketts, Hannon. Mo., Ross Thomas, Arcadia, Kans., G. C. Lewis, Liberal, Mo. Delegates: Sisters Zola Truskett, Marie Smith, Emma Thomas, Pearl Lewis, and Bro. Roy Thornton.

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

VERDELLA—State of religion good. Number members deceased one, total membership 33. Condition of prayer meeting none, condition of Sunday school good, average number of pupils 30, number of officers 4, number of teachers 4. Pastor Elder Boyd Thornton, Arcadia, Kans. Amount paid pastor \$42.00, amount for building and repair \$10.00, amount for incidentals \$5.00, value of church property \$900.00, amount for Foreign Missions \$11.00, Budget money \$3.25. Ministers: Edith Mayfield, Iantha, Mo. Deacons: O. T. Fast, Liberal, Mo., Willie Bowman, Iantha, Mo., Earl Phillips, Iantha, Mo., E. H. Coles, Hannon, Mo. Delegates: Sisters Bessie Paige, Amanda Phillips. We invite the Association to meet with us next year.

Mrs. Ben Hizar, Clerk, Lamar, Mo.

MT. OLIVE—State of religion good. Members received this year 7, number baptized 6, resident members 45, non-resident 12, total membership 57. Condition of prayer meeting good, condition of Sunday school good, average number of pupils 50, number of officers 7, condition of league fair, league membership 25, condition of Home Mission good, Home Mission membership 22. Pastor Eld. Winford Davis of Monett, Mo. Amount paid pastor \$151.14, amount for building and repairs \$6.00, amount for incidentals \$20.00, value of church property \$1,200.00, amount for Foreign Missions \$40.00, amount for Home Missions \$2.50, amount for education \$70.00, amount for publication \$30.00, amount of Budget money \$4.95. Ministers: J. T. Williams, Greenfield, Mo. Deacons: A. W. Hartley, Arcola, Mo., J. O. Vincent, Lockwood, Mo., Ottis Martin, Greenfield, Mo. Delegates: Denmont Marshall, Lottie Marshall, Velma Smith, Lowell Martin.

Jewell Mayberry, Clerk, Greenfield, Mo.

INDEPENDENCE—State of religion fair. Members received by baptism 12, by experience 3, dismissed by letter one, dropped by request 2, number died one, resident members 44, non-resident 43, total membership 87. Condition of prayer meeting evergreen, condition of Sunday school fair, average number of pupils 42, teachers and officers 7, league membership 24. Pastor Eld. Boyd Thornton, Arcadia, Kans. Amount paid pastor \$65.65, evangelist \$41.80, for State Association last year \$4.25, this year \$1.27, Budget money \$4.40. Deacons: J. T. Long, C. C. Barton, I. V. Sell, all on R4, Stockton, Mo.

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

HICKORY GROVE—State of religion fair. Members received this year none, members deceased 3, resident members 30, non-resident 72, total membership 102. Condition of Sunday school fair, average number of pupils 25, number of officers 4, number of teachers 4. We have no regular pastor, but Sister Roena Thomas will preach for us first Sunday in Sept. Amount paid pastor \$101.95, for incidentals and building and repair \$9.87, value of church property \$1,000.00, amount for Foreign Missions \$3.84, amount for education \$16.47, Budget money \$2.30. Deacons: W. S. Mosby, Archie, Mo., Ausa Cockrell, Freeman, Mo., Frank Evans, Archie, Mo. Delegates: T. F. Lewis and Jasper Terry.

Alma Hammonds, Clerk, Archie, Mo.

FAIR VIEW—State of religion fair. We have 34 resident members and 30 non-resident members, total membership 64. Condition of Sunday school fair, interest in young people's meeting poor, no prayer meeting. Pastor the past year Eld. Boyd Thornton, Arcadia, Kans. Amount paid pastor \$104.00, for evangelistic work about 22.50, amount for Foreign Missions not known, Budget money \$3.40. Delegates: Sister Gracie McCarty and Sister Elsie Pfler. The church invites the Association to meet with us next year.

Geneva Lamb, Clerk, Chetopa, Kans., R2.

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. 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. The acting members of this Association shall be such as are chosen by the several churches of which it is composed. Each acting 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.

Sec. 2. A resident member shall be a member in good standing who discharges his or her obligations to the church, and who resides near enough to attend church services, or who resides at a distance, but discharges his or her obligations to the church; unless feeble minded or invalids. All other members shall be considered non-resident members.

Art. III. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, an assistant Moderator, a Clerk, an assistant Clerk and a Treasurer; all of said officers to be elected annually at the regular session of the Association, and shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified.

Art. IV. This Association shall elect a board of five members, two of them 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, or 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 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 Asso-

ciation. 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.