

The
Central Western Missouri And
Southeastern Kansas Assaciation
of
Free Will Baptists

1942

Proceedings of the
Thirty-Fourth Annual Session

Convened at
Mt. Olive Church
Near Greenfield, Mo.

OFFICERS

Moderator	Eld. Arlie Hoover
Assistant Moderator	Eld. Lowell Martin
Clerk-Treasurer	Thora Arbogast
Assistant Clerk	Deacon Preston Cross
Statistician	Sister Mary Wade

Executive and Home Mission Board

Deacon John Bough, Stockton, Missouri	1947
Eld. Arlie Hoover, Arcadia, Kansas	1946
Deacon Ottis Martin, Greenfield, Missouri	1945
Eld. Arthur Kicenski, Jerico Springs, Missouri	1944
Deacon L. C. Wade, Bronough, Missouri	1943

Church Clerks

Hannon	Mrs. Zola Truskett, Hannon, Mo.
Mt. Olive	Mrs. Jewell Maberry, Greenfield, Mo.
Independence	Mr. A. B. Whistance, Stockton, Mo.
Wagoner	Miss Tressie Mae Cross, Stockton, Mo.
Eldorado Springs ..	Mrs. E. S. Mooney, Eldorado Springs, Mo.
Verdella	Mrs. Ben Hizar, Lamar, Mo.
Fairview	Mrs. Geneva Lamb, Chetopa, Kan.
Hickory Grove	Mrs. Gladys Goddard, Archie, Mo.

Church Pastors

Hannon	Eld. Cecil Campbell, Carterville, Mo.
Mt. Olive	Eld. Cecil Campbell, Carterville, Mo.
Independence	Eld. Lowell Martin, Greenfield, Mo.
Wagoner	Eld. Lowell Martin, Greenfield, Mo.
Eldorado Springs ..	Eld. Arthur Kicenski, Jerico Springs, Mo.
Verdella	Eld. Alice Dickey, Kansas City, Mo.
Hickory Grove	Eld. Alice Dickey, Kansas City, Mo.
Fairview	Eld. W. K. Weston, Monett, Mo.

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MINISTERS' CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

The Ministers' Conference of the Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association of Free Will Baptists met in its fifth annual session at the Mt. Olive Church on Tuesday night August 18, 1942.

The service was opened by our president, Rev. Lowell Martin.

Congregational singing led by Winford Davis.

Prayer by Sister Roena Thomas.

Song by congregation, "I'd Rather Be An Old Time Christian".

Prayer by Bro. Davis.

Sister Marie Thomas led an inspiring testimony service.

The message of the evening was delivered by Rev. Cecil Campbell, pastor of Hannon Church. The text used was 'Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock' 1 Peter 5:3.

Services were dismissed by Sister Floy Hartley.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

Service opened by congregational singing led by our president, Sister Lowell Martin.

Prayer by Bro. Cecil Campbell.

Devotional lesson, 1 John 3, led by Sister Pauline Warren,

Officers elected for 1942-1943: President, Sister Lowell Martin; Vice President, Sister Roena Thomas; Secretary, Sister Marie Thomas.

Bro. H. S. Ford was elected to preach the opening sermon of the ministers' conference at the next annual session, with Bro. Arthur Kicenski as alternate.

The topic, "Final State of the Lost," was led by Bro. Arthur Kicenski using as a basic scripture Mark 9:48. Sister Alice Dickey followed using as a subject, "The Rich Man and Lazarus," found in Luke 16:19-31. Others contributing to this discussion were: Brothers John Rollins, O. T. Allred, Kenneth Turner, W. K. Weston, Cecil Campbell and H. S. Ford.

Motion carried to adjourn until the afternoon session.

WEDNESDAY ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Worship hour opened by congregational singing.

Prayer led by Bro. O. T. Allred.

The morning message was then brought by Sister Roena Thomas. She used as her subject, "Elijah's Mission," found in 1 Kings 19.

At the close of the message a Christian fellowship handshake was enjoyed as the congregation joined in singing an old hymn.

Benediction by Sister Callie Achord.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Congregational singing.

Prayer by Brother John Bough and Frank Linton.

The continuation of the morning subject, "The Final State of the Lost" was opened by Bro. Arthur Kicenski. Others following in round table discussion were: Brothers Allred, Rollins, Campbell and Weston.

Motion carried to adjourn until the next annual session of the Minister's Conference just preceding the local association of the Central Western Missouri and South-eastern Kansas Association.

Visiting ministers attending were: O. T. Allred, Cecil Campbell, John Rollins, Kenneth Turner, W. K. Weston, Claud Timmons, Winford Davis and Frank Linton.

Ministers of the Association in attendance were: Arthur Kicenski, Roena Thomas, H. S. Ford, Alice Dickey, Lowell Martin, Floy Hartley, Callie Achord, and Marie Thomas.

DISTRICT LEAGUE PROCEEDINGS

The league session of the Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association of Free Will Baptists met in its second annual session at the Mt. Olive Church on Wednesday afternoon August 19, 1942.

Session called to order by singing the league song, "Onward Christian Leaguers."

Prayer by Sister Marie Thomas.

Reports were received from Hickory Grove by letter; and Independence, verbal. The Delegates were seated.

Officers elected: President, Marie Thomas; Vice President, Earl Milton Cockrell, Secretary-Treasurer, Betty Joe Shipley; Field Worker, Thora Arbogast.

Report of the Field Worker, Sister Alice Dickey, read and accepted.

Delegates to State League Session were elected as follows: Thelma Whistance and Earl Milton Cockrell. The delegates were given power to select their alternates.

Motion carried to have a prepared program for the next league session. This program was to be prepared by our officers.

Session adjourned to meet with the regular sitting of the local association in 1943.

Dismissed by Sister Marie Thomas.

DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Home Mission Session of the Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association met at the Mt. Olive Church on Wednesday afternoon, August 19, 1942.

The president, Sister Lowell Martin, called the body together to transact business.

Congregation singing of "I want to be a worker for the Lord" and "Let Him Have His Way With Thee" led by the president.

Prayer by Bro. Claud Tilmons.

Letters from Hickory Grove and Hannon Auxiliaries and verbal report from Mt. Olive Auxiliary were accepted and delegates were seated.

Sister Marie Thomas explained the Auxiliary Plan of Work.

Motion carried to organize our Mission Circle organization into a District Auxiliary Convention in accord with the National Plan of Work.

Motion carried to adopt the report of the Nominating Committee.

At this time a special reading "The Co-operative Dollar" was given by Sister Marie Thomas, assisted by four members from the Hickory Grove Auxiliary.

Motion carried to empower the president to appoint a program committee to arrange an Auxiliary program for next year's session. Program Committee: Sister Mary Wade, Lowell Martin, and Thora Arbogast.

Motion carried that we adopt the plan of the National Convention to raise five dollars (\$5.00) from each district convention and comply with same.

Special song by David Martin and William York, two of our little folks from the Vacation Bible School.

Scripture memory work by William York.

Pledge to the Bible by David Martin.

Nominating Committee report: We, your committee, place these, our sisters in Christ, in form of nomination for our Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

President — Alice Dickey

First Vice President — Frankie Wade.

Second Vice President — Thora Arbogast.

Third Vice President — Laura Cockrell.

Fourth Vice President — Mary Wade.

Fifth Vice President — Audra Dill.

Recording and Corresponding Secretary — Lowell Martin.

Field Worker — Thora Arbogast.

Committee: Marie Thomas,

Alice Dickey,

Roena Thomas,

Jewell Maberry.

ASSOCIATIONAL PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE

The Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association of Free Will Baptists met in its thirty-fourth annual session at the Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church, Greenfield, Missouri, August 19, 1942, at 8:30 o'clock p. m.

The meeting was called to order by the Assistant Moderator, Eld. Lowell Martin.

Congregational singing of "Love Took It Away", "Anywhere Is Home" and "I Will Meet You In the Morning" was led by Bro. Winford Davis.

Prayer by Bro. Cecil Campbell.

Instrumental Music and Solo by Waldo Kicenski.

Bro. Ford led an inspiring praise service.

Solo: "After the Showers" by Sister Marie Thomas.

The introductory message was delivered by Sister Callie Achord; text, Gen. 3:9, "Where Art Thou?"; also 1 Tim. 4 and 2 Tim. 3 was used as a basis for the timely and forceful message on the second coming of Christ. The message was full of inspiration for those who believe, and admonition to the unsaved; and the Spirit of God accomplished it in a wonderful way.

At the conclusion a handshake of fellowship was enjoyed.

Benediction by Sister Floy Hartley.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

The congregation joined in singing "To the Work" and "I Want to be a Worker for the Lord" led by Bro. Cecil Campbell.

Congregational song, "Victory Ahead".

The clerk declared a quorum present to transact business and called the moderator, Bro. Arlie Hoover, to the chair.

Sister Roena Thomas read the By-Laws of the Association at the request of the Moderator.

Letters were read, received and delegates seated from the following churches: Fairview, Hickory Grove, Verdella, Wagoner, Eldorado Springs, Independence, and Hannon.

Motion carried to retain all officers as follows for 1942-43: Moderator, Eld. Arlie Hoover; Assistant Moderator, Eld. Lowell Martin; Clerk-Treasurer, Thora Arbogast; Assistant Clerk, Deacon Preston Cross; Statistician, Sister Mary Wade; Executive Board Member, Deacon John Bough.

Motion carried to seat other delegates.

Motion carried to extend visiting brethren seats in council.

Committee on Committees appointed as follows: Joe Cockrell, Dora Mead, Mary Wade, John Bough and Earl Phillips.

Statistician's report read and received.

Motion carried to receive minister's letters but defer reading until later.

Motion carried to adjourn until one o'clock.

THURSDAY ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Song, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" by the congregation.

Prayer by Bro. W. K. Weston.

Song, "Fill Me Now," by congregation.

Prayer by Bro. Lindsay Wade.

Sister Alice Dickey brought a message from Acts 1:8, "Ye shall receive power". Great emphasis was placed on the necessity of acquiring power for service, not

through education or human attainment, but from God; not by praying for more power but rather by allowing Him to possess us.

Bro. H. S. Ford followed with a wonderful message from 2 Tim. 7. Subject, "Sound Mind".

Benediction by Sister Ford.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song, "Our Lord's Return to Earth Again" and "Farthed Along" by congregation, led by Bro. Winford Davis.

Prayer by Bro. Claud Timmons.

Devotional by Sister Lowell Martin.

Report of Committee on Committees read and received.

Discussion on the conflicting conditions in the statistician's report and the Association's report.

Motion carried to drop this and proceed with business.

Motion carried to elect delegates to the State Association and empower them to elect alternates. The delegates were elected as follows: Joe Cockrell, Earl Shipley, Theo Bough, Raymond Dickey, Mary Hizar, Frankie Wade, Dolly Lewis and Maggie Shipley.

Motion carried to meet with the Independence church next year.

Eld. Alice Dickey was delegated to preach the introductory sermon at the next session of the Association, with Eld. H. S. Ford alternate.

Mt. Olive letter read and accepted.

Motion carried to accept report of Committee on Publication.

Motion carried to accept report of the Sunday School Committee.

Motion carried to receive the rest of the minister's letters.

Executive Board declared business adjourned until Friday morning at 9:00 o'clock.

THURSDAY THREE O'CLOCK SERVICE

Songs, "He's a Wonderful Savior to me", "Where He Leads I'll Follow" and "I'll be a Friend to Jesus" led by Sister Arleen Worsley.

Prayer by Sister Carrie Glenn.

Bro. W. K. Weston brought a message from Psalms 17:15, "As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake with thy likeness." As he spoke the Spirit moved in a mighty way and the reviving fire of God's presence illuminated every soul and shouts were heard in the camp as the people gathered in the altar for a handshake of fellowship.

Opportunity was extended to Bro. Cecil Campbell as chairman of the Temperance Committee, to read and explain their report. He gave an interesting discourse along the line of temperance and also tithing.

The Executive Board gave a report of their proceedings which showed that a satisfactory examination had been made and Sister Callie Achord of Mt. Olive church found worthy of ordination to the ministry; and Bro. John Bough and Bro. Preston Cross ordination as deacons.

Sister Arleen Worsley led the congregation in two numbers, "He leadeth Me" and "Come Thou Fount", as the ordaining council and candidates gathered at the altar for service. Bro. Cecil Campbell acted as chairman, assisted by Sisters Alice Dickey, Lowell Martin and Bro. H. S. Ford. Bro. Campbell questioned the candidates as to their belief on doctrine, Sister Roena Thomas gave the charge to the church, Bro. H. S. Ford gave the charge to the candidates for ordination, and Sister Lowell Martin offered prayer. The service was brief but very impressive giving evidence of the approval of God.

At this time a love offering of \$32.65 was presented the moderator, Bro. Arlie Hoover, by Sister Thomas which had been taken up during the association to assist him with his financial responsibilities occasioned by sickness.

As Bro. Campbell led the singing of "Best Be the Tie That Binds" the congregation extended the handshake of fellowship to the newly ordained minister, deacons and Bro. Hoover.

THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

The Associational body assembled in the Arcola Christian church where proper electrical facilities were available for using a motion picture machine.

Bro. Winford Davis led the congregation in several numbers.

Prayer by Sister Floy Hartley.

Praise service by Bro. Arlie Hoover, the moderator.

Bro. Kenneth Turner of Monett, Missouri was introduced, who showed pictures taken on the Island of Cuba last Decemler during the visit there by a deputation party representing the National body of Free Will Baptists. Bro. Winford Davis explained the pictures and led two congregational songs, "Send the Light" and "Jesus Saves," during the showing. The pictures proved to be of much value both in an educational and spiritual way. At the conclusion an offering amounting to \$35.37 was taken for foreign mission work, while the congregation sang "Tell Me the Story of Jesus".

An old familiar hymn "I walk with the King" was rendered in Spanish by Bro. Davis.

Benediction by Bro. L. C. Wade.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Singing led by Bro. Davis.

Devotional lesson.

Motion carried to appoint delegates to replace those not present.

Report of Temperance Committee accepted for discussion. Discussion by Sisters Arleen Worsley, Mary Wade, Roena Thomas and Brothers L. C. Wade, H. S. Ford and Lloyd Warren.

Motion carried to adopt Temperance Report and send request to the State Association to take definite action on item number 2.

Motion carried to receive report of Home Mission Committee for discussion. Discussion by Sisters Roena and Marie Thomas and Brothers H. S. Ford and Lloyd Warren.

Motion carried to take definite steps toward placing an evangelist on the field.

Motion carried to authorize the Business Committee and Executive Board to formulate in joint session a satisfactory plan for placing an evangelist on the field, and present it to the body.

Motion carried to sustain report of Committee on Ministerial Standing.

Report of Committee on Foreign Mission read and accepted for discussion item by item. Discusssion by Bro.

Winford Davis with other comments by Sister Lowell Martin, Roena and Marie Thomas.

Motion carried to adopt report of Foreign Mission Committee and that each church take definite steps toward promoting the Foreign Mission work consistantly.

Motion carried to require ministers to submit their ordination papers to the Clerk that a duplicate copy may be obtained to go on permanent record, Moderator empowered to inflict penalty. The withholding of an annual certificate until ordination papers are submitted was the penalty inflicted.

Business adjourned until afternoon.

FRIDAY ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Sister Arleen Worsley led the singing of "I'm in the Gloryland Way."

Prayer by Sister Horner.

Song, "Talk It Over With Jesus".

Prayer by Bro. Davis.

Solo, "The Lord Done Brought Me Out", by Sister Marie Thomas.

Doctrinal message by Rev. Winford Davis.

Benediction by Bro. Cecil Horner.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Songs, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" and "Down At the Cross" led by Sister Lowell Martin.

Prayer by Sister Ford.

Report of Committee on Christian Education read and accepted for discussion. Discussion by Bro. Ford and Sister Lowell Martin.

Motion carried to adopt Christian Education report.

Motion carried to receive report of Committee on Resolutions for discussion item by item.

Motion carried to adopt as a whole and that the clerk be instructed to write each of our soldier boys of the Association.

Clerk's financial report read and, with necessary corrections, was approved.

A standing vote of thanks extended Mt. Olive church and community for their hospitality in entertaining the association.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet with the Independ-

cnce Free Will Baptist Church on Tuesday night before
the fourth Sunday in August, 1942.

Moderator, Arlie Hoover,
Clerk, Thora Arbogast.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MINISTERIAL STANDING—We, your Committee on Ministerial Standing, having heard the following ministers' letters read and accepted by our association, and believing them to be men and women of God, fully awake to their responsibility as ministers of the word of God and our Lord Jesus Christ heartily recommended that they be granted an Annual Certificate of Ministerial Standing: Elders Roena Thomas, Marie Thomas, Alice Dickey, Callie Achord, Floy Hartley, Lowell Martin, C. R. Dick, H. S. Ford, Arlie Hoover, Lloyd T. Jeffreys, Harold Hoover, Arthur Kicenski; also two superannuated ministers, Eld. Edith Mayfield and J. T. Williams.

J. E. Cockrell,
Mrs. Earl Phillips,

Committee: Mrs. Mary Wade,

C. I. Mead,
John Bough.

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

No. 1.—Be it Resolved, That we have a special program arrangement so that our more important business may come early in the session before our delegates begin leaving.

No. 2.—Be it Resolved, That we remember our soldier boys who are in the armed forces of our country and that an early peace may come which would be an honor to our God and to our country.

No. 3.—Be it Resolved, That the members of this association, convened at Mt. Olive church do express our sincere appreciation of the hospitality and good will shown us during this association.

L. C. Wade,

Committee: J. K. Stephens,

Lloyd Warren.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—We, your committee, wish to submit the following report: Whereas the Lord is especially smiling His approval upon the Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission ac-

tivities of this present day in the opening of a ripened field in Cuba, and the field that lies before us in India; therefore we recommend the following:

No. 1—That each church in the association institute some plan of regular and constant giving to the foreign mission program. As suggestions, we offer the March drill offering, setting aside a regular Sunday School offering or whatever plan the church might inaugurate.

No. 2—That our churches consider taking the responsibility of a special project in our Cuban work such as, the support of a native worker, the furnishing of seats for a mission station the rent on a mission hall or dwelling, etc.

No. 3—Owing to the fact that our state quota is set at \$1200.00 for this coming year, we especially urge our people to respond by a greater effort in behalf of our Foreign Mission program than ever before.

No. 4—We urge that our pastors keep themselves informed concerning our foreign mission activities in order that they may constantly keep it before their people.

No. 5—To bring to you the following needs for prayer:

1. Rev. Paul Woolsey of Tennessee as he is endeavoring to secure passage for our missionaries to India.

2. For the physical health of the Willeys as they carry on their strenuous labor in Cuba.

3. For the National Foreign Mission Board as their responsibility is increasing daily.

4. For our candidates for the field whom the Lord is calling out.

5. For Sister Barnard as she teaches the mission course in our Bible School at Nashville, Tennessee, and that the Lord will soon open the way for her to return to India.

May we think upon the matter of supporting Foreign Missions as a prerequisite to a spirit-filled church, realizing that if we would be blessed of the Lord we must carry out His Great Commission "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Winford Davis,

Committee: Lowell Martin,

Marie Thomas.

HOME MISSION—We, your Committee on Home Missions wish to submit the following report:

Realizing the great need of reaching those with the gospel within the bounds of our own association where there are no preachers "and the fields are white ready for harvest".

We recommend that plans be considered to place an evangelist on the field in this association.

Roena Thomas,
Committee: Floy Hartley,
Theo Bough.

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

We recommend the Bible for daily reading, to be read prayerfully.

We recommend the Free Will Baptist Gem published at Monett, Missouri, and the Free Will Baptist published at Ayden, North Carolina.

We recommend the Free Will Baptist literature published at Ayden, North Carolina for Sunday Schools and Leagues.

We recommend some of our books that are endorsed by the National Board of Education and our National Executive Secretary, which can be purchased at the Gem Office at Monett.

We wish to urge all our ministers and Christian workers to attend our school at Nashville.

Yours for better publications,

W. K. Weston,
Committee: Audra Dill,
Earl Cockrell.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—We, your committee wish to submit the following:

We recommend that all officers and teachers be fully consecrated Christians and have for their aim the advancement of Christ's kingdom.

We urge that the teachers open class with prayer.

We urge that each teacher bear in mind that their duty is not only to teach Bible facts but to present them in a manner in which they can be applied to daily living.

We recommend the use of Free Will Baptist literature in our Sunday Schools wherever practical.

We recommend that as far as possible we line up with the National Sunday School Convention.

A. W. Hartley,
Committee: Myrl York,
Allene Worsley.

TEMPERANCE—We, your committee, wish to submit the following report:

No. 1—Realizing the need is greater than ever before for Christian people to abstain from intoxicating beverages, we request our ministry to devote at least one message each year to the subject of intoxicating drinks and their effects upon the individual and society.

No. 2—We recommend that we as a denomination unite our efforts with other Christian organizations and fraternal orders in prohibiting the sale of liquors in and around the army camps.

No. 3—We recommend that the entire membership of all our churches totally abstain from the use of strong drinks and that they refuse to patronize any business establishment who uses or sells intoxicating beverages as far as possible.

No. 4—We farther recommend that our people be temperate in all things and realizing that society has induced our women and girls to smoke we recommend that our people do not use tobacco in any form.

Cecil Campbell,
Committee: H. S. Ford,
Arthur Kicenski.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—We, your Committee on Christian Education, wish to submit the following report:

Recognizing the great need of Christian Education for our ministry we recommend the following:

No. 1—That our churches of this association give their wholehearted support to our new Bible school established at Nashville, Tennessee, both in prayer in finance.

No. 2—That the churches of this association give their full assistance to anyone going from this association to our national school.

No. 3—That our Christian workers of this association take advantage of the Christian Worker's Institute to obtain training for service.

Lloyd Warren,
Committee: Lowell Martin,
H. S. Ford.

EXECUTIVE BOARD AND BUSSINESS COMMITTEE (in joint session)—We, your committee, met to consider plans for a Home Mission work.

We decided that the best plan was for each church to take up this matter and decide how much it could give per month

for the support of the work and report to the Executive Board as soon as possible.

The Executive Board agrees to take action as soon as \$50.00 is in the treasury and continue as long as they have sufficient funds.

Arlie Hoover,
L. C. Wade,
Ottis Martin,
Committee: John Bough,
Lloyd Warren,
J. K. Stephens,
Roena Thomas.

OBITUARY—We, your committee, wish to submit the following report:

We extend to our bereaved members of our association our heartfelt sympathy for the loss of their loved ones.

We ask them to look to God who is "our refuge and strength in time of trouble." "Blessed are those who die in the Lord."

A. B. Whistance,
Committee: Anna Mae Davis,
Jewell Maberry.

MINISTERS' REPORTS

C. R. DICK—I submit the following report:

I have only preached seven sermons and conducted two funerals. I received \$8.00.

For over a year I have been engaged in personal work each Sunday afternoon. I find there is much to do but having no way to go I am handicapped. I am praying that I may do more in His cause another year. Pray for me.

LOWELL MARTIN—I wish to submit the following report:

I have pastored four churches this past year. During the year I have preached 122 sermons, conducted two funerals, and conducted one revival. I have traveled 4,787 miles and received \$389.09.

It has been my happy privilege to attend two sessions of the Christian Workers' Institute this year.

I earnestly solicit an interest in your prayers that I may be useful in the kingdom work of our Lord.

ALICE DICKEY—I humbly submit the following report:

I have traveled 5,200 miles, preached 64 sermons, held two

revivals and assisted in one. I have seen 21 souls saved under my preaching and baptized two. I pastored one church and received \$198.15. I graduated from the Christian Worker's Institute. I desire an interest in your prayers.

H. S. FORD—I wish to submit the following report:

I have pastored one church the full year at Picher, Oklahoma. I helped in two revivals with Bro. Campbell, one at Carterville and the other at Jones Chapel. I have witnessed 14 at the altar seeking the Lord. In all I have preached 129 sermons, conducted three funerals, traveled about 1500 miles and received around \$400.00 in cash besides other donations.

I humbly beg the prayers of God's people as I feel the urge more each day to preach Christ and the Cross.

LLOYD JEFFREYS—I humbly submit the following report of my work for the Master this year:

I have delivered 10 sermons, seen one soul profess Christ, assisted in one funeral, traveled 500 miles and received \$9.73 for my work. I have been active in denominational work.

I regret, very much, that it is necessary to give up some phases of the ministry to serve our country as a soldier. We pray for God's will to be done.

MARIE THOMAS—I humbly submit the following report:

I have pastored the Hickory Grove church this year and have been working in the State of Missouri as League and Auxiliary field worker.

During the past year I have conducted two revivals and assisted in two. I have delivered 126 sermons, witnessed 23 professions, traveled 8,417 miles and received \$157.64 for evangelistic work, \$164.25 for pastoral work, \$14.05 for league work and 14.05 for auxiliary work: Total received, \$425.25.

I received my normal diploma from the Christian Workers' Institute of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

I plan, the Lord willing, to enter the Free Will Baptist Bible School at Nashville, Tennessee, in September.

I ask an interest in your prayers that I might prove more worthy of the Lord's blessings and do my little part in His great vineyard.

CALLIE ACHORD—I submit the following report:

I am happy in the Lord and am still praising Him for His goodness and mercy toward me. I have pastored two churches

this year. I had two appointments a month at one church. I was busy almost every Sunday last year. I saw seven seek the Lord as their Savior.

My greatest desire is to lift up Jesus to a lost world.

FLOY HARTLEY—I submit the following report of my work:

I have tried, with the mighty arm of God upholding me, to pastor two flocks. The places I go are each in school houses in rather remote districts, but praise the Lord He has been there to own and to bless. I witnessed 5 conversions. I have traveled about 1600 miles and received \$159.65.

Pray for me that I might always do God's bidding.

ARTHUR KICENSKI—I submit the following report:

I hold the pastorate of one church. I had the privilege of preaching in new fields where God has gloriously blessed by His sweet presence, whom we give all the glory.

I delivered 73 sermons and preached several funerals.

Having a desire to do more for our Lord I covet your prayers.

EDITH MAYFIELD—May the sweet fellowship and love of God's Spirit be in every service.

My greatest desire is to see souls saved and God's people spiritually alive for Christ.

ROENA THOMAS—I humbly submit the following report:

I have tried to be busy in search of places where work was needed most as I felt lead of the Lord to go. Part of the past year I preached one Sunday each month at Bluff church near home. I preached a number of times at Doyles Port school house in a very badly neglected field where souls are hungry for the gospel.

Since May 1st, I have had two Sundays each month at Oskaloosa church (this is a Protestant Methodist people who have no pastor) near home.

I have served as president of the Woman's Auxiliary.

I have preached 40 sermons, held one revival, conducted six funerals, travelled over 800 miles and received \$45.00. I have witnessed five conversions.

Trusting God may lead as I go into a new year in His work. I covet your prayers.

HAROLD HOOVER—I humbly submit the following:

I am unable to keep an accurate record in the army, since the amount of my personal material has been limited, so I

will give an account as the Lord gives me remembrance.

Working with our beloved brother, Lloyd Jeffreys, we conducted one revival at Virgil City, Missouri. One soul was saved.

I have delivered between 15 and 20 sermons in all. I have conducted numerous prayer, song, and testimony services in numerous churches near our army posts. At present my only regular service is helping lead a weekly Bible class for our soldier brethren.

I praise the Lord for at least three souls saved among our comrades. One had never attended church before. Won't you pray earnestly for the soldiers? There's a great need.

I am happy to report receipt of the "Gem" these days and letters from many of God's children. They all bring a great blessing.

I submit this in the name of Jesus and trust it will glorify Him.

ARLIE HOOVER—I humbly submit the following:

Greetings in Jesus' Name! I am sorry that my report is so short this year. I haven't preached many sermons. I have preached one funeral. I am trying the best that I know how to superintend the Hannon Sunday school. I have been busy on both local and state executive board work.

I have made several sick calls. Miles traveled, unknown.

Pray for me that I may grow stronger in the Lord and His Work.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

BUDGET RECEIVED:

Wagoner	\$3.50
Verdella	3.00
Independence	4.65
Fairview	3.40
Mt. Olive	7.00
Hickory Grove	4.00
Eldorado Springs	1.00
Hannon	8.00
District League	67
Total Budget	\$35.22

DISBURSEMENTS:

½ Budget to State Treasury	\$17.61
Printing of Minutes	15.00
Total disbursements	\$32.61

Amount of Budget left in Treasury	\$ 2.61
Amount brought forward from last year .....	.97
Home Mission money	8.50
Received for clerk's expenses:	
Verdella	\$1.50
Wagoner	1.25
Independence	1.25
Fairview	1.00
Hickory Grove	1.25
Hannon	1.25
Total for Clerk's Expense	\$ 7.50
Balance on hand	<u>\$19.58</u>

CONSTITUTION

Art. 1. This body shall be known as the Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association of Free Will Baptists, 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 discharge his or her obligations to the church, and who reside near enough to attend church services, or who reside at a distance, but discharge 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 their 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 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 in 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 when requested by 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 at least one year and must receive a call to pastor some church or be active

in evangelistic efforts. The call for ordination must come from the church that called him or her to pastor it or from the church in which he or she holds membership.

9. All committees or a Committee on Committees shall be appointed by the moderator or assistant moderator, unless 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 shall 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 cents (10c) per member, to comply with the Budget System enacted by the Missouri State Association, and all of the money collected to be turned over to the Treasurer of this Association, who shall send 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 the church that a brother or a 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 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 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. No one shall be licensed or ordained to preach the gospel, or deacon ordained, who is a user of tobacco.

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

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 affected 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, JUDGEMENT, 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.

Value of Church Property ..																
Amount Paid Pastor																
Amount Paid Evangelists ..																
Amount for Publications ..																
Incidentals and Repairs																
Amount for Foreign Missions																
Amount for Home Missions																
Amt. for Christian Education																
Amount for Superannuation																
Church Membership																
Licensed Ministers																
Ordained Ministers																
Sunday School Enrollment ..																
League Enrollment																
Home Mission Membership ..																
Number Prayer Meetings ..																
Hannon	1	30	80	5	1	159	...	209.00	89.64	67.83	98.81	49.44	60.85	215.00	1000.00	
Independence	1	11	20	42	..	93	...	.....	.....	62.39	37.07	23.58	42.39	136.16	1000.00
Fairview .....	..	..	..	..	..	60	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60.00	147.50	1000.00
Verdella .....	..	..	..	45	1	..	55	.....	.....	12.10	15.00	42.00	.....	94.49	1000.00
Wagoner .....	..	..	33	24	2	..	35	.....	.....	3.00	.....	.....	27.20	91.08	1000.00
Hickory Grove ...	1	..	..	23	..	113	2.00	1.00	5.57	4.00	55.99	14.50	120.34	172.00	1000.00
Mt. Olive	1	12	..	50	3	2	110	...	117.00	42.50	167.00	60.00	88.50	100.00	256.11	1200.00
Eldorado Springs	10	18	2.65	10.37	21.21	400.00	
Total	4	53	53	274	11	3	643	2.00	327.00	137.71	306.32	269.52	218.02	421.15	1133.55	7600.00