

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION**  
**OF THE**  
**CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI**  
**ASSOCIATION**  
**OF**  
**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

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**1949**

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**HELD WITH THE INDEPENDENCE F. W. B.  
CHURCH NEAR STOCKTON, MISSOURI, BEGIN-  
NING TUESDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 23, 1949.**

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The Forty-Second Annual Session will convene with the Verdella F. W. B. Church near Iantha, Missouri, beginning on Tuesday night before the Fourth Sunday in August, 1950.

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Introductory Message.....Rev. Harold Hoover  
Alternate.....Rev. Opal Jeffreys  
Ministers' Conference.....Rev. Marie Hyatt  
Alternate.....Rev. H. S. Ford

**THE FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM, MONETT, MO.**

# CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI ASSOCIATION

## OFFICERS

Moderator.....	Dea. John Bough
Assistant Moderator.....	Dea. Raymond Dickey
Clerk-Treasurer.....	Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys
Assistant Clerk.....	Sis. Rosalie Nutting
Statistician.....	Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys

## EXECUTIVE AND HOME MISSION BOARD

Rev. Robert L. Nutting.....	1954
Dea. Willie Bowman.....	1953
Dea. John Bough*.....	1952
Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys†.....	1951
Dea. Otis Martin.....	1950

\*Chairman; †Sec'y.-Treas.

## CHURCH CLERKS

Hannon.....	Zola Truskett, Liberal, Mo.
Hickory Grove.....	Pauline Warren, Archie, Mo.
Independence.....	Mrs. John Bough, Stockton, Mo.
Kansas City.....	Mrs. J. W. Welch, 3312 E 73rd, K. C., Mo.
Mt. Olive.....	Jewell Maberry, Greenfield, Mo.
Verdella.....	Anna Mae Davis, Iantha, Mo.
Wagoner.....	Fay Marshall, Stockton, Mo.

## CHURCH PASTORS

Hannon.....	Rev. Lowell Martin, Greenfield, Mo.
Hickory Grove.....	Rev. Marie Hyatt, Centerview, Mo.
Independence.....	Rev. Callie Achord, Jerico Springs, Mo.
Kansas City.....	Rev. Alice Dickey, 3914 Norledge, K. C., Mo.
Mt. Olive.....	Rev. Opal Jeffreys, Monett, Mo.
Verdella.....	Rev. Lowell Martin, Greenfield, Mo.
Wagoner .....	None

# ASSOCIATIONAL PROCEEDINGS

## Tuesday Evening

The Central Western Missouri Association convened with the Independence Church near Stockton, Missouri, in its Forty-First Annual Session on Tuesday night, August 23, 1949, at 8:00 p. m.

Congregational singing led by Rev. Alice Dickey.

In the absence of a Clerk or Ass't. Clerk, Rev. Roena Thomas called the session to order and declared a quorum present. She called the Moderator to the stand.

Moderator introduced the speaker, Rev. Lowell Martin, and called her to take charge of the service.

Prayer by Rev. Kenneth Turner.

Marimba Solo—"Nearer My God to Thee," Betty Dickey.

Duet—"Ivory Palaces," Lorene Bowman and Lena Marie Reed.

The message of the evening was, "The Master Is Come and He Calleth for Thee," from John 11:28, 29. A very helpful message was enjoyed.

At an altar of consecration Sis. Lorene Bowman offered her life for Missions in India.

Moderator appointed Committee on Committees.

Adjourned to meet at 9:00 a. m. Wednesday.

Benediction.

## Wednesday Morning

Congregational singing at 9:00 o'clock.

Devotional reading by Rev. Opal Jeffreys.

Prayer by Sis. Jewell Maberry.

Moderator declared session open for business.

By-Laws read by Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys.

The following Church letters read, received, and the delegates seated: Verdella, Hickory Grove, Mt. Olive, Hannon and Independence. Also a verbal report received from Wagoner and standing delegates seated.

Petitionary letter from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Kansas City, Missouri, read requesting membership in Central Western Missouri Association. Church examined and received. The hand of fellowship was extended to members present and their delegates seated.

## Officers elected for 1949-50:

Moderator.....Dea. John Bough  
Ass't. Moderator.....Dea. Raymond Dickey  
Clerk-Treasurer.....Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys  
Ass't. Clerk.....Sis. Rosalie Nutting  
Statistician.....Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys  
Executive Board Member.....Rev. Robert L. Nutting

Motion carried to suspend business for Ministers' Conference.

Benediction.

## Wednesday—11:00 O'Clock\*

Motion carried to receive partial report of Pulpit Committee.

Motion carried to receive report of Committee on Committees.

\*At end of morning message—Ministers' Conference.

## Wednesday Afternoon

Given to Ministers' Conference. (See report)

## Wednesday Evening

Congregational singing led by Rev. Winford Davis.

Reading by Bro. Tony Davis.

Marimba Solo—"The Love of God," Betty Dickey.

Solo—"The Cross Is Not Greater," Ramona Bough.

Duet—"The Hallelujah Side," Jean Sell and Ramona Bough.

Duet—"It Pays to Serve Jesus," Lorene Bowman and Lena Marie Reed.

The Mission message was delivered by Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys from John 3:16, "God's Wonderful Love."

Sis. Lorene Bowman gave her testimony of God's call to her for a special work in India. She also brought a solo, "Ready."

The Picture Service, "A Trip to Cuba," by Rev. Kenneth Turner, followed.

An offering of \$44.49 was given for Foreign Missions.

Prayer by Rev. Winford Davis.

Pulpit Committee announced Rev. Roena Thomas to bring 11:00 o'clock message Thursday, and Rev. Opal Jeffreys to bring Thursday evening message.

Benediction by Rev. Callie Achord.

### Thursday Morning

Congregational singing led by Rev. Opal Jeffreys.

Devotional reading by Bro. Willie Bowman.

Prayer by Bro. Lloyd Warren.

Ministers' reports read and referred to Committee on Ministerial Standing.

Motion carried to recess for League Conference and the floor turned to the President. (See League report)

### Thursday—11:00 O'Clock

Congregational singing led by Sis. Lena Marie Reed.

Solo—"The Holy City," Sis. Lena Marie Reed.

Solo—"The Great Judgment Morning," Sis. Ramona Bough.

Prayer by Bro. W. H. Potts.

Rev. Roena Thomas brought the message of the hour from I John 3:2, "Sons of God."

Benediction by Rev. Kenneth Turner.

### Thursday Afternoon

The business session of the Association was resumed at conclusion of the League Conference. (See report)

Motion carried to adopt report of Obituary Committee.

Motion carried to adopt report of Sunday School Committee.

Motion carried to adopt report of Temperance Committee.

Motion carried to adopt report of Home Missions Committee.

Motion carried to adopt report of the Foreign Missions Committee.

Motion carried to adopt report of the Publications Committee.

Motion carried to receive Statistical report with commendations.

Motion carried to receive report of Home Mission Treasurer.

Motion carried to receive report of the Executive Board for discussion.

Motion carried to adopt report of Executive Board.

Motion carried to meet with the Verdella Free Will Baptist church for the 1950 setting of the Association.

Rev. Harold D. Hoover elected to bring introductory message; Rev. Opal Jeffreys, alternate.

Delegates elected to State Association: Orval Foger,

Junior Shipley, Bessie Welch, Hazel Bowman, Theo Bough, Ora Maberry, and Joe Cockrell.

Motion carried to empower delegates to appoint their alternate if they are unable to attend.

Motion carried that Sis. Thora Arbogast be recommended to the State Association to represent us at the National Association meeting in California in 1950.

Motion carried to receive report of Business Committee for discussion.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 1 of Business Committee.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 2 of Business Committee.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 3 of Business Committee.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 4 of Business Committee.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 5 of Business Committee.

Motion carried to table Item No. 6 of Business Committee until the evening service.

Motion carried to adopt report of the Committee on Ministerial Standing.

Motion carried to give a standing vote of thanks to Rev. Arlie E. Hoover for his co-operation, faithfulness and efficiency as a member of the Executive Board.

Rev. Kenneth Turner led an altar service especially for Foreign Missions. Prayer led by Rev. Lowell Martin.

Motion carried to recess until call of Moderator.

### Thursday Evening

Congregational singing led by Rev. Lowell Martin.

Prayer by Rev. Callie Achord.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 6 of Business Committee.

Minutes of session read.

Motion carried that minutes stand approved.

Motion carried to adjourn business to meet with Verdella Free Will Baptist Church near Iantha, Missouri, beginning Tuesday night before the Fourth Sunday in August, 1950.

The message of the evening was delivered by Rev. Opal Jeffreys, using Eph. 4:27 as a text; subject, "No Place for the Devil."

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Kenneth Turner.

# MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Wednesday—11:00 O'Clock

Called to order by the president, Rev. Lowell Martin.  
Congregational singing—"All Alone," and "Bringing In the Sheaves."

Prayer by Sis. Myrl York.

Marimba Solo—"I've Anchored My Soul," Betty Dickey.

Solo—"Satisfied With Jesus," Raymond Dickey.

The message by Rev. Alice Dickey was from John 14:1-6, and was much enjoyed.

## Wednesday Afternoon

Congregational singing—"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms."

Devotional by Rev. Callie Achord.

Prayer by Rev. Roena Thomas.

Constitution and By-Laws were read by Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys.

### Election of Officers:

President.....Rev. Lowell Martin

Vice President.....Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys

Secretary-Treasurer.....Sis. Lorene Bowman

Motion carried to send a letter of greetings from the Ministers' Conference to Rev. J. T. Williams, one of our older ministers.

Offering received for \$9.62.

Motion carried to pay \$4.00 on printing of Minutes.

Motion carried that remainder of offering be held by the treasurer and to be used as the officers may have need to meet expenses of the organization.

Mixed Quartet—"He Bore it All."

Topic No. 1—"Take Heed to Thyself," Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys.

Mixed Quartet—"I Love My Saviour Too."

Topic No. 2—"Take Heed to Thy Ministry," Rev. H. S. Ford.

Congregational Singing—"I'll Live for Him."

Topic No. 3—"Take Heed to Thy Flock," Rev. Roena Thomas.

Marimba Solo—"It Is Well With My Soul," Betty Dickey.

Topic No. 4—"Take Heed to Thy Doctrine," Rev. Kenneth Turner.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Benediction by Rev. H. S. Ford.

## CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

**Article 1.** This organization shall be known as the Ministers' Conference of the Central Western Missouri Association of Free Will Baptists.

**Article 2.** The object and purpose of this organization shall be to unify the Ministry and their work in the Central Western Missouri Association.

**Article 3.** The Ministers' Conference shall consist of ordained and licensed ministers in good standing.

**Article 4.** Representation to the Ministers' Conference is to be standing delegates of this Association.

**Article 5.** A free will offering is to be taken during each session of this Ministers' Conference which is to be used to defray the expense of this organization.

**Article 6.** The officers of the Ministers' Conference shall consist of a President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer, each of which shall be elected at the beginning of each regular session.

**Section 2.** The Program Committee shall be composed of the above officers whose duty it shall be to prepare the program of the Ministers' Conference for the ensuing year.

**Article 7.** The Ministers' Conference shall hold its regular session annually during the time of the setting of the Central Western Missouri Association.

**Article 8.** This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended or altered at any regular session of the Ministers' Conference by a two-thirds vote of members present.



# DISTRICT LEAGUE PROCEEDINGS

## Thursday Morning

Congregational singing led by Rev. Opal Jeffreys.

Devotional by Rosemond Bough.

Prayer by Lorene Bowman.

Letters read and accepted, and delegates seated from following Leagues: Hannon, Independence, Verdella and Hickory Grove.

Duet by Jean and Dee Sell.

### Election of Officers:

President.....Preston Cross

Vice President.....Rosalie Nutting

Secretary-Treasurer.....Iva Jones

Field Worker.....Lorene Bowman

By-Laws read by Rev. Lowell Martin.

State League Convention delegates elected were:

Independence—Ramona Bough, Jean Sell; Hickory Grove—Teddy Zellmer, Glenna Jones; Hannon—Lorene Bowman, Arline Smith; Verdella—Lois Davis, Beth Smith; Kansas City (if organized)—Betty Dickey.

Talks by Sis. Lois Davis and Rev. Kenneth Turner.

Motion carried to recess for morning worship service.

## Thursday Afternoon

After opening services, we were favored with an unusual and stirring special exercise. In this Betty Dickey did a chalk drawing as her father sang "The Old Rugged Cross," accompanied by her mother at the piano. The finished work pictured three crosses on a rugged hill.

Motion carried that money designated be expended as marked and remainder to be divided between State League Convention and the printing of local minutes.

Motion carried making the Leagues responsible for a short program at the next Association.

Motion carried that each League send in ten cents (10c) per member to each the Local League Convention and the State League Convention.

Motion carried to adjourn until the next regular meeting of the Association.

Floor turned directly to the Associational Moderator.

# REPORTS

## COMMITTEES

### Obituary:

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

Since our Heavenly Father has seen fit to call home some of our beloved members, we bow in submission, and extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved families of those who have gone from us and point them to the Great Comforter. We ask them to look to God who is "our refuge and strength in time of trouble."

Committee { Novella Barton  
              { Floy Kelly  
              { Beth Smith

### Christian Education:

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

1. We recommend that our churches make a special effort to organize their young people into Leagues.

2. We recommend that Bible Schools be especially stressed and supported by each church.

3. We recommend that our youth be encouraged to attend our Youth Encampment whenever possible.

4. We recommend that our churches co-operate with plans as set forth in the Expansion Program of our College.

5. We recommend that the Bible be read in every Free Will Baptist home, and that we also make use of the books by our Free Will Baptist authors as part of our educational program.

Committee { Joe Cockrell  
              { Lorene Bowman  
              { Betty Dickey

### Sunday School:

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

1. We recommend that our officers and teachers be consecrated Christians.

2. We recommend that prayer be made as classes open for study.

3. We recommend that our literature be used, and to live up to our National Sunday School work.

4. We recommend that our church people and pastors attend Sunday School as much as possible.

5. We recommend that all students in class be encouraged to express their own views and ideas.

6. We recommend that teachers of classes of small children be prepared to tell Bible stories in connection with the lesson.

Committee { Janie Fast  
Lucille Miller  
I. V. Sell

### Temperance:

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

1. We recommend that we, as a denomination, discourage the advertising of alcoholic drinks in our local publications.

2. We recommend that our Sunday School teachers be instructed to make more of Temperance Sunday by stressing the evils of strong drink.

3. We recommend that as far as possible we refuse to patronize places of business that sell liquor. We consider this to include cafes, restaurants, drug stores, grocery stores, and all others having alcoholic beverages for sale.

4. We request our ministry to devote more messages each year to the subject of intoxicating drinks and their effects.

Committee { Rosalie Nutting  
Alta Maberry  
Izola Zellmer

### Home Missions:

1. We recommend that our churches continue to send in Home Missions offerings, to be used for the benefit of our denomination as the Home Mission Board wishes to use it.

2. We recommend the continuation of offerings by the churches of the Association to the new Kansas City Church since we feel it to be a worthy home mission work.

3. We wish to call to the attention of the Association the plea that has come from several people at El Dorado

Springs, Missouri, for the re-establishing of an active Free Will Baptist work there once more.

Committee { Anna Mae Davis  
Darlis May Farris  
Lena Marie Reed

#### Foreign Missions:

We, the committee on Foreign Missions, offer the following:

That each pastor conduct at least one special Foreign Missionary service during the year and receive an offering for the treasury.

That we have special prayer offered for our missionaries who are already on the field, and also for the young lives who are preparing for missionary work.

That a special offering of 10c per member be given from our Churches, Sunday Schools and Leagues.

Committee { Kenneth Turner  
Warren Moffit  
Lowell Martin

#### Publications:

We, your committee on Publications, wish to submit the following report.

1. We recommend that Free Will Baptist Sunday School and League literature be used in all our churches.

2. We recommend that each home support the Gem with subscriptions and with financial help to care for the pressing need for equipment and repairs.

3. We recommend our people subscribe to the Missionary Review as subscriptions support the Foreign Mission program.

4. We recommend that the Bible be read in every F. W. B. home, and also good books suggested by the Gem.

Committee { Lloyd T. Jeffreys  
Joe Cockrell  
Callie Achord

#### Executive Board:

The Executive Board of Central Western Missouri Association of Free Will Baptists met in called session at Independence F. W. B. Church August 25, 1949. Bro. John Bough was elected chairman. Bro. Lloyd T. Jeffreys was elected secretary-treasurer.

The Board then considered the revision of Article 5, Sec. II of the Constitution, and Article 14 of the By-Laws to remove conflicting statements. This item of business was presented to the Executive Board in a letter dated October 6, 1948, and signed by the Associational Clerk. This notice was interpreted to allow the Constitution to be acted upon by the delegates at this setting of the Association.

We, the Executive Board, therefore, make the following recommendations:

1. That Article 5, Sec. II of the Constitution be amended to read:

"It shall be required of the ministers of this Association to adhere to sound doctrine in both their preaching and practice as embraced in our Treatise of Faith and Practices. It shall further be the duty of the active ministers to report each year by letter and at least once in three years in person. All ministers meeting these requirements shall be granted a Certificate of Ministerial Standing when and if approved by the Committee on Ministerial Standing."

2. We recommend that By-Law number 14 be removed and that the remaining By-Laws be numbered so as to not leave any vacant numbers.

Lloyd T. Jeffreys, Secretary

#### **Business Committee:**

1. We recommend that this Association go on record as in favor of the proposition that we compile and publish our own literature at the Gem office.

2. In answer to an appeal upon the part of many young people of our Association, we recommend that this Association take steps necessary for the erection of a cabin on our Youth Camp site. We further recommend that the plans for financing same be left in the hands of the Leagues in this Association.

3. In answer to a request by the Committee on Ministerial Standing, we recommend that all ministers of this Association be instructed to give more complete reports; designating churches by name.

4. Feeling a sense of deep appreciation for the intense research done in compiling and printing the leaflets of our Constitution and By-Laws by Lloyd Jeffreys, we recommend that an offering be taken now to reimburse him.

5. We recommend that the business procedure remain the same as 1949 with this exception; the League time be allotted to Thursday afternoon.

6. We recommend that this Association give a standing vote of thanks to the Independence Church and surrounding community for their gracious hospitality.

Committee	{	Lowell Martin	Ora Maberry
		J. K. Stevens	Alice Dickey
		Roena Thomas	

### Ministerial Standing:

We, your committee, recommend that the following ministers be given Certificates for the following year:

Arley E. Hoover, Lloyd T. Jeffreys, Lowell Martin, Harold D. Hoover, Roena Thomas, H. S. Ford, Alice Dickey, C. J. Joy, Callie Achord, Marie Hyatt, and R. L. Nutting. Superannuated ministers: Edith Mayfield, J. T. Williams, and C. R. Dick.

Committee	{	Tom Lewis	W. E. Bowman
		Preston Cross	J. K. Stevens
		Ottis Martin	

## MINISTERS' REPORTS

### H. S. Ford—

I wish to submit my report for the year. I have pastored 1 church full time. I have preached 130 sermons, witnessed 27 professions, baptised 17, conducted 20 funerals, performed 1 marriage, and received \$997.27. I am continually making sick calls, so it is hard to estimate the mileage. Pray for us that we will always be doing the Lord's will.

### Arlie E. Hoover—

Greetings in Jesus' name. I beg to report my feeble effort in the Lord's work the past year. I am now superintendent of our Hannon Sunday School. I am also assistant teacher of the men's class. I have made several sick calls.

### Harold D. Hoover—

Greetings in Jesus' name. We humbly submit the following report of our activity for the year past. We have preached 42 sermons, conducted 3 funerals, and performed one wedding. We have held several services using religious slides and received a total offering of \$213.89.

**Roena Thomas—**

I humbly ask to submit the following report of my ministry for the past year which is very limited. I have supplied a few times for other pastors, and visited some of our churches and held services, and have taught the Ladies Bible class at my home church. My health is improved very much and I hope to be able to do more for the Lord as He leads me on this year. In the past year I have preached 16 sermons, conducted 5 funerals, and solemnized 1 wedding. Received about \$125.00 in offerings. I covet your prayers.

**C. J. Joy—**

Can still report victory in the Lord although my health has been very poor. I have not been very active the past 6 months on account of my health. Our last meeting was in Albany, Oregon, with very good results. We are thinking of starting a church here if it is the Lord's will. There is no F. W. B. Church up in this country and there is need for the Gospel here.

**Marie Hyatt—**

Following is the report of my year's activity in the Lord's service: Messages delivered—44, miles traveled—7,970, money received—\$394.96, professions witnessed—4, funerals conducted—1. I have pastored one church since December, 1948; served as president of W. N. A. C. which involved teaching, etc.

**Alice Dickey—**

I started this pastoral year as pastor of the Hickory Grove Church, resigned when called to pastor the First Free Will Baptist Church in Kansas City, Missouri. I assisted with 3 revivals, witnessed 8 souls saved, performed 1 marriage, baptized 4, organized 1 church making 19 additions to the church, preached 138 messages, and received \$155.00. God has blessed me and I pray I have been a blessing in this year's work. I have been called to pastor the First Free Will Baptist Church in Kansas City. I need your prayers.

**Callie Achord—**

Am still enjoying the blessings of the Lord in His vineyard. Have been working in 3 different churches, haven't held any revivals but have had the opportunity of seeing 10 souls saved in our regular services for which we do praise the Lord, have preached 85 sermons, con-

ducted 3 funerals, and am doing the best I can to be an humble servant for Him.

**Lloyd T. Jeffreys—**

I did not hold a pastorate this year; therefore my work has been supplying and co-operating with others. I brought 11 regular messages, baptized 13, traveled 1,257 miles in this service. I am at present employed at the Gem office and thus try to serve the Lord in this vocation also.

**Lewell Martin—**

I am glad to report that the Lord has given us sufficient health through the past year to carry full time work. We have pastored Verdella Church twice monthly and served in two other community churches in Cedar county. We have preached 103 sermons, traveled about 6,500 miles in the Lord's service, witnessed 8 conversions, saw 10 additions to the church at Verdella, conducted 6 funerals and 2 marriages, finished out 1 revival when the evangelist was called away. For all services we have received \$729.33. We have been called to pastor the Verdella and Hannon Churches this coming year, each twice monthly. Earnestly asking remembrance in your prayers that I may do an effective work there for our Master.

**Robert L. Nutting—**

During the past year I did very little preaching, only 3 or 4 sermons. Received \$5.59. Have been active in Sunday School and other religious work.

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## CONSTITUTION

### Article 1

This body shall be known as the Central Western Missouri 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.

### Article 2

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 their companions who are members in good standing with the Free Will Baptist Church and church clerks of the several churches composing this Association.

**Sec. II.** 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.

### Article 3

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.

### Article 4

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. II.** The Home Mission Board of this Association shall be Trustees of the Association, and shall have charge of its property.

### Article 5

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. II.** It shall be required of the ministers of this Association to adhere to sound doctrine in both their preaching and practice as embraced in our Treatise of Faith and Practices. It shall further be the duty of the active ministers to report each year by letter and at least once in three years in person. All ministers meeting these requirements shall be granted a Certificate of Ministerial

Standing when and if approved by the Committee on Ministerial Standing.

### Article 6

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.

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### 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 of service. After the Clerk or the one calling the assembly to order, shall declare a quorum, he or she shall call the Moderator to the chair, 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 minister'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 ministers 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 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. 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.

15. When a church fails to report to the Association, its last report shall be carried in the minutes.

16. 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.

17. It shall be the duty of the ministers 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 a future reference and use.

18. No one shall be licensed or ordained to preach the gospel or deacon ordained who is a user of tobacco.

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

## FREE WILL BAPTIST 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 all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of Missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the World. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**FOR "ARTICLES OF FAITH" See 1949 Missouri State Minutes, or 1948 Revised Treatise of Faith and Practices.**

# STATISTICAL REPORT

	Hannon .....	Hickory Grove ..	Independence ..	Kansas City ...	Mt. Olive .....	Verdella .....	Wagoner .....
Members received .....	6	5	8	19	10	5	30
Number baptized .....	6	3	8	7	5	44	41
Resident Members .....	60	53	48	19	50	41	85
Non-Resident Members .....	97	60	22	56	41	85	30
Total M'ship July 1, 1949 .....	157	113	70	19	106	85	30
Number Prayer Meetings .....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
League Membership .....	25	25	29	14	14	14	14
Auxiliary Membership .....	18	30	30	22	50	45	2
Sunday School Membership .....	60	30	30	22	50	45	2
Number Ordained Ministers .....	4	2	1	4	4	6	2
Number Ordained Deacons .....	4	4	5	3	4	6	2
Amount Paid Pastor .....	\$ 360.00	\$ 345.00	\$ 171.63	\$ 120.00	\$ 420.00	\$ 182.07	\$ .....
Amount for Evangelistic Work ..	150.00	318.60	130.26	294.16	90.88	1,000.00	1,000.00
Amount for Bldg. & Repairs .....	200.00	136.10	1,731.17	275.20	50.00	20.00	...
Amount for Incidentals .....	180.00	48.49	27.35	275.20	50.00	20.00	...
Value of Church Property .....	2,500.00	1,500.00	6,750.00	1,200.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Amount for Foreign Missions .....	40.00	108.47	117.63	50.00	258.72	133.67	...
Amount for Home Missions .....	40.00	20.76	50.45	10.33	127.45	25.33	...
Amount of Budget .....	6.00	4.00	4.45	2.50	5.00	3.50	...