

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

1950

CONVENED WITH THE VERDELLA F. W. B. CHURCH IN BARTON COUNTY, MISSOURI BEGINNING TUESDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 22, 1950.

The Forty-Third Annual Session will convene with the Wagoner F. W. B. Church near Stockton, Missouri, beginning on Tuesday night before the Fourth Sunday in August, 1951.

Introductory Message Rev. Lowell Martin
Alternate Rev. Alice Dickey

Ministers' Conference Message Rev. Henry Ford
Alternate Rev. Arlie E. Hoover

League Message Rev. Opal Jeffreys
Alternate Sis. Lorene Bowman

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM—MONETT, MO.

CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI ASSOCIATION

OFFICERS

Moderator Dea. John Bough, Stockton, Mo.
Assistant Dea. Myron Hyatt, Centerview, Mo.
Clerk-Treasurer Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, Monett, Mo.
Assistant Clerk Sis. Thora Arbogast, Greenfield, Mo.
Statistician Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, Monett, Mo.

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EXECUTIVE AND HOME MISSION BOARD

Dea. Ottis Martin 1955
Rev. Robert L. Nutting 1954
Dea. Willie Bowman 1953
Dea. John Bough, Chairman 1952
Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, Sec'y.-Treas. 1951

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CHURCH CLERKS

Hannon Zola Truskett, Liberal, Mo.
Hickory Grove Pauline Warren, Archie, Mo.
Independence Wilbia Sell, 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.

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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 Rev. Opal Jeffreys, Monett, Mo.

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ASSOCIATIONAL PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday Evening

The Forty-Second session of the Central Western Missouri Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the Verdella Church Tuesday evening, August 22, 1950. The house was called to order with congregational singing led by Rev. Lowell Martin. Prayer by Rev. Arlie Hoover. The Moderator introduced the speaker of the evening, Rev. Roena Thomas, who brought an inspiring message from I Cor. 13. Moderator appointed Committee on Committees. Business session announced for 9:00 o'clock Wednesday morning. Prayer of dismissal.

Wednesday Morning

House called to order by the Moderator. Rev. Lowell Martin led in congregational singing. Prayer by Rev. Robert L. Nutting. Quorum declared present by Clerk. Moderator called for business of the Association.

By-Laws read by Rev. Opal Jeffreys. Church letters read and delegates seated. Election of officers.

Officers elected for 1950-51:

Moderator Dea. John Bough, Stockton, Mo.
Assistant Dea. Myron Hyatt, Centerview, Mo.
Clerk-Treasurer Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, Monett, Mo.
Assistant Clerk Sis. Thora Arbogast, Greenfield, Mo.
Board Member (5 yrs)-Dea. Ottis Martin, Greenfield, Mo.
Statistician Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, Monett, Mo.

Executive Board report read and received. Clerk-Treasurer's report read and received. Partial reading of Minister's reports. Same turned to the Committee on Ministerial Standing. Moderator declared business session recessed to meet back on call.

Wednesday—11:00 O'Clock

Introductory Message of Ministers' Conference (see report). Report of Committee on Committees read and adopted.

Wednesday Afternoon

Given to Ministers' Conference (see report).

Wednesday Night

Moderator called the house to order. Bro. Harold Williams led in congregational singing. Prayer by Bro. Ross-Thomas. Special number "He Makes My Life Worthwhile," by Hannon Quartett. Rev. Kenneth Turner led in a praise service. Reading by Lois Davis. "Abiding Peace from His Throne," by Hannon Quartett. Solo, "Stranger of Galilee," by J. E. Williams. Message by Rev. Opal E. Jeffreys, scripture from John 10:1-11, text from Rev. 3:8. Benediction by Bro. W. E. Bowman.

Thursday Morning

Congregation came together with singing led by the Assistant Moderator, Myron Hyatt. Devotion by Sis. Lorene Bowman ending with the congregation repeating the Lord's Prayer.

Letters from Kansas City and Verdella read, received and delegates seated. Statistician's report read and received. Report of Committee on Foreign Missions received. Motion carried to adopt item 1. Motion carried to adopt item 2 and grant the request. Motion carried to adopt item 3. Report of Sunday School Committee received. Motions carried to adopt items 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. Partial report of Business Committee received. Motions carried to adopt items 1, 2, and 3. Item 3 complied with. Amount of offering, \$18.00. Congregational number, "Showers of Blessings."

Thursday—11:00 O'Clock

Congregational singing led by Rev. Lowell Martin. Rev. Kenneth Turner brought the message, using Psalm 19 and Luke 12:27-31, "Pleasing the Father."

Thursday Afternoon

Called together by Moderator at the conclusion of League Conference. Congregational singing led by Sis. Izola Zellmer.

Report of Obituary Committee received. Report was adopted. Report of Temperance Committee received. Adopted items 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. Report of Home Mission Committee received. Adopted items 1, 2, and 3. Report of Christian Education Committee received. Adopted items 1, 2, 3, and 4. Report of Publications Committee received. Adopted items 1, 2, 3, and 4. Report of Committee on Ministerial Standing received. Adopted. Motion carried to withhold the printing of Minutes until after

the Fifth Sunday in October to allow receiving of the completed League manuscript. Final report of Business Committee received. Adopted items 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9.

Rev. Lowell Martin elected to preach the Introductory Sermon at 1951 session; Rev. Alice Dickey alternate. Delegates elected to State Association: Theo Bough, Ora Maberry, Thora Arbogast, Izola Zellmer, Lorene Bowman, Tony Davis, Carl Bough. Motion carried empowering delegates to appoint own alternates. Motion carried recommending Dea. J. K. Stevens to be delegate to the National Association. Motion carried to adjourn until evening session.

Thursday Night

Called to order by Moderator. Minutes read and accepted. Motion carried to grant a standing vote of thanks to the Sac River Lumber Company of Stockton, Missouri; the Greenfield Enterprises, Greenfield, Missouri, and Dea. Willie Bowman, Liberal, Missouri, for their donations and reduced prices on materials in the erection of a cabin by this association at the Missouri Youth Camp near Niangua, Missouri. Motion carried to adjourn until the 1951 session.

Congregational singing led by Sis. Lorene Bowman. Special number by Verdella League. Message from John 10:11-16, "God's Other Sheep," by Rev. Lowell Martin. Offering for Foreign Missions, \$32.78.

Final benediction.

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Wednesday—11:00 O'Clock

The Thirteenth Annual Session was called to order Wednesday morning, August 23, 1950 by the President, Rev. Lowell Martin. Congregational singing was led by Bro. Clayton Moore. All ministers gathered in the altar for prayer led by Sis. Opal Jeffreys. A very inspiring solo, "He'll Understand and Say Well Done," by Ramona Bough. Message, Four Miracles of Calvary," from John 3:16 by Sis. Marie Hyatt. Dismissed by Bro. John Bough.

Wednesday Afternoon

Congregational singing led by Bro. Clayton Moore. Devotional—Psalm 37, by Rev. Frank Linton. Prayer by Rev. Kenneth Turner. Constitution and By-Laws read by Secretary.

Officers elected for 1950-51:

President Rev. Lowell Martin
Vice President Rev. R. L. Nutting
Secretary-Treasurer Sis. Lorene Bowman

Rev. Henry Ford was elected to bring the introductory message at the 1951 session; Rev. Arlie Hoover, alternate.

An offering of \$15.77 was taken to defray expenses of the Conference. Motion carried that amount in treasury be left in hands of officers to be distributed as they feel it necessary. Duet, "On the Hallelujah Side," by Jean and Dee Sell. Mixed quartet, "I'll Meet You in the Morning," R. L. Nutting, Clayton Moore, Lena Marie Reed and Lorene Bowman.

Topic for discussion, "Building with God." Introduction from I Cor. 3:9,10, by Lorene Bowman. Sis. Opal Jeffreys discussed, "Building with God through Evangelism at Home." Bro. R. L. Nutting discussed "Building with God through Evangelism Abroad." Solo, "No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus," by Sis. Marie Hyatt. Sis. Roena Thomas discussed, "Building with God through Personal Work." Summary from Eph. 4:11-13, by Sis. Lowell Martin. Others who commented on these topics were: Frank Linton, Clayton Moore, Edith Mayfield, Lewis Nutting, and Callie Achord.

Motion carried to adjourn until the 1951 session.

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 whom shall be elected at the beginning of each regular session.

Sec. 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.

LEAGUE CONVENTION

Thursday Afternoon

The Central Western Missouri League Convention met in annual session at Verdella Free Will Baptist Church August 24, 1950. Congregational singing was led by Sis. Mildred Hoover. Devotional by Sis. Arlene Smith. Prayer by Sis. Lowell Martin. The business session was called to order by the President, Bro. Preston Cross. Letters were read, accepted, and delegates seated from Hannon, Independence, Verdella, Hickory Grove, and Wagoner.

Election of Officers as follows:

President Sis. Lorene Bowman
Vice President Bro. Preston Cross
Secretary-Treasurer Sis. Iva Jones
Field Worker Sis. Lorene Bowman

Report of Field Worker read and accepted with commendation. Motion carried to allow each League to appoint their two delegates to the State League Convention. Motion carried to draw up a Constitution and By-Laws

by which the District League should be governed; and that the District League officers be responsible for this work. Motion carried to give officers privilege of taking care of the printing of the Constitution and By-Laws. Motion carried to request the Association to hold up the printing of Minutes until the new Constitution and By-Laws can be inserted. Motion carried that the League elect a speaker to introduce the next session with a message at the eleven o'clock hour immediately preceding the business session. Sis. Opal Jeffreys was elected to bring the message at the 1951 session; Sis. Lorene Bowman alternate. Motion carried that officers be granted the privilege of allocating the money in the treasury as they deem advisable.

Program presented as follows: group singing by Verdella; dialogue by Wagoner; song by Verdella girls, and solo by Lorene Bowman.

Motion carried to receive Minutes as read.

Motion carried to adjourn.

LEAGUE CONSTITUTION

Article I

This organization shall be known as the Central Western Missouri League Convention, to be composed of the Leagues of the Central Western Missouri Association.

Article II

Sec. 1. The officers of this Convention shall be a President, who shall preside over all meetings and appoint all committees; a Vice President, who shall preside over the meetings in the absence of the President and generally assist in the supervision of the work, and a Secretary-Treasurer, who shall record proceedings of all meetings, edit minutes, send in annual report to the State League Convention, and give an accurate account of all funds received and disbursed.

Sec. 2. These officers shall compose the Executive Board of the Convention.

Sec. 3. All officers shall be elected annually at the beginning of the regular session.

Article III

The standing delegates of this Convention shall be the General officers of the Convention, the President and Secretaries of each League, and all Free Will Baptist Ministers in good standing.

BY-LAWS

1. **Representation**—Each local League shall be entitled to one (1) delegate for each five (5) members of their League.

2. **Dues**—It shall be the duty of each League to send yearly to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Convention an amount equal to twenty (20¢) cents per member to be divided as follows. one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) to be sent to the State League Convention, and the remaining half to be used by the local Convention.

These By-Laws may be amended or altered at any regular session of the League Convention by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the members present.

(Approved by League members present at Fifth Sunday Rally Day at Independence Church October 29, 1950.)

REPORTS

COMMITTEES

Foreign Missions:

We, the Committee on Foreign Missions recommend the following:

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

2. In response to the appeal of Sister Barnard, lately returned from the India field, for workers and funds for promoting much needed work there, that we offer special prayer during this Association that this might be fulfilled.

3. That we rally to the cause of raising the amount set as the goal for the State of Missouri in Foreign Missions by increasing our support.

Committee { Kenneth Turner
Mary Cross
Lowell Martin

Sunday School:

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

1. We recommend that the superintendents set the time for Sunday School and everybody be on time.
2. We recommend that all teachers and officers be consecrated Christians.
3. We recommend prayer and lots of singing at Sunday School.
4. We recommend that all students express and discuss all views and ideas of the lesson.
5. We recommend that teachers of classes of small children use flannel board pictures with Bible stories.

Committee { Carl Bough
Tony Davis
Joe Cockrell

Temperance:

1. We recommend that we, as a denomination, oppose such desecration of the Lord's Day as Sunday baseball, Sunday swimming, and mixed swimming parties at any time.
2. We recommend that we discourage the advertising of alcoholic drink in our local publications. Also, the sponsorship of baseball by liquor or beer industries or any advertisement of their products in connection with baseball games.
3. We recommend that our Sunday School teachers be instructed to make more of Temperance Sunday by stressing the evils of strong drink.
4. 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.
5. We request our ministry to devote more messages each year to the subject of intoxicating drinks and their effects.

Committee { Opal Jeffreys
Jean Sell
Tom Lewis

Obituary:

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."

From the following churches these have been called: Hannon—Mrs. Alice Brooks, Mr. Ed Wade; Mt. Olive—Rev. J. T. Williams, Mr. B. P. Vaughn; Independence—Mr. John Long; Verdella—Mr. O. T. Fast; Hickory Grove—Frank Evans, Ida Cummins, Mary Wright; El Dorado Springs—Rev. C. R. Dick.

Committee { Alta Maberry
Ramona Bough
Arlene Smith

Home Missions:

1. We recommend that our churches continue to send in Home Mission offerings, to be used exclusively for the purpose of promoting the work in Central Western Missouri Association as the Home Mission Board directs.

2. We recommend the continuation of offerings by the churches of this Association for the help of the Kansas City Church, since we helped to start this work and would like to see it finished.

3. We wish to urge a renewal of vision and zeal in the establishing of new F.W.B. church organizations in this Association, realizing we are failing to move in and harvest that which is spread before us.

Committee { Theo Bough
Fay Marshall
Vera Hoover

Ministerial Standing:

We, your Committee, recommend that the following ministers be given Certificates of Ministerial Standing: Rev. Opal Jeffreys, Rev. Marie Hyatt, Rev. Arlie Hoover, Rev. Roena Thomas, Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, Rev. Lowell Martin, Rev. Robert L. Nutting, Rev. Alice Dickey, and Rev. H. S. Ford. Superannuated: Rev. Edith Mayfield.

2. We recommend that Rev. Callie Achord be questioned by the Executive Board before being given a certificate.

Committee { Myron Hyatt, Preston Cross
Ottis Martin J. K. Stevens
Kenneth Smith

Christian Education:

We, the Committee on Christian Education, wish to recommend the following:

1. Realizing the responsibility of instilling gospel doctrine in the lives of our children, we heartily endorse the sponsorship of a Daily Vacation Bible School yearly, by each church of our Association.

2. In view of the great blessings received by the number of our young people who attended the last session of Youth Camp, we urge that the churches of this Association assume more fully the duty of stimulating interest and sponsoring attendance of our youth at the next encampment.

3. That our churches take a definite move toward the support of our Bible College.

4. That the Bible be studied more diligently in every F. W. B. home, realizing that Christian education begins at home, and further, that we also make use of publications approved by our denomination.

Committee { Lowell Martin
Lorene Bowman
Rosemond Bough

Publications:

1. We recommend that the Bible be read in every home. We stress the importance of a regular time for reading and family devotions. We also recommend the use of the good books suggested by the Gem office.

2. We recommend that each church use Free Will Baptist League and Sunday School literature.

3. We recommend that each home and church support the Free Will Baptist Gem fully with subscriptions and gifts. We suggest that the Sunday School superintendent or other designated worker keep this need before the people.

4. We recommend that the needs of any church, Sunday School, League, Auxiliary, or prayer meeting in regards to better literature be brought to the attention of this Committee and to the Association at next session. Also, we would like to have reports of publications that are found unusually helpful and inspiring in the home or church.

Committee { Lloyd T. Jeffreys
Everett Barton
La Rue Thomas

Business Committee:

1. We recommend that By-Law number 16 be changed to read "All aged 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."

2. We recommend that By-Law number 11 be changed to read: "It shall be the duty of the churches of this Association to accompany their church letter with \$3.00 per church plus twenty-five (25¢) cents per resident member for Central Western Missouri Budget Fund to be allocated thus: 15% for Missouri State General Associational expense, 15% honorarium for Central Western Missouri Associational Clerk, and 70% for Central Western Missouri Associational expense."

3. Due to the deficit in our Associational Expense Fund, we recommend that an offering be given at this time to take care of this indebtedness; balance, if any, to be used for expenses of 1950 session.

4. We recommend that the ministry of C. W. Missouri Association be subject to doctrinal questioning at any time by our Executive Board.

5. Realizing the need of a District Sunday School Convention in our Association, we recommend that our Moderator be given authority to appoint a committee of three to be responsible for the planning of a 1951 C. W. Missouri District Sunday School Convention to be held on Friday morning our Associational week.

6. We recommend that the 1951 setting of Central Western Missouri meet with Wagoner F. W. B. church.

7. We recommend that our Executive Board investigate the legal ownership of El Dordao Springs F. W. B. church property; if found under associational jurisdiction, this Board be given authority to repair or dispose of property.

8. That this Association give a standing vote of thanks to the Verdella Church and surrounding community for their gracious hospitality.

9. That we give our officers of this Association a standing vote of thanks for their faithful services.

Committee	{ Arlie E. Hoover	J. K. Stevens
	{ R. L. Nutting	Marie Hyatt
	{ Preston Cross	

MINISTERS' REPORTS

R. L. Nutting—

During the past year I have done no preaching. I have been active in Sunday School and prayer services, and have tried to do such things as I have been asked to do.

The aim of my life and the prayer of my heart now, as in the past, is that I may be ready to serve my master in whatever capacity He directs, and that I may have a conscience void of offence toward God and man.

Lowell Martin—

For the past year I have pastored Verdella and Hannon churches, with services twice monthly at each. I have also conducted services at two community churches on two Wednesday nights each month.

I make the following report on the year's work: sermons preached, 123; professions witnessed, 6; additions to church, 7; funerals, 5; miles travelled, 10,433; money received, \$1,099.26. I have been re-called by Verdella and Hannon churches for the coming year and earnestly request remembrance in your prayers that I may lead these flocks worthily.

Opal E. Jeffreys—

I started this pastoral year pastoring Mt. Olive church half time. In February we were called to pastor the Wagoner church quarter time. In this time we have preached 61 messages, travelled 3,970 miles, received \$541.61, made five sick calls in the pastorates, and had two additions to the Wagoner church. I have labored several hours for the Lord in the Free Will Baptist Gem office. We humbly ask your prayers for us as we go into our fields of service the coming year. I have been called to the Wagoner church half time and to Mt. Olive church quarter time.

Lloyd T. Jeffreys—

During the past year I have brought 12 messages, received \$47.50, and travelled some 1,140 miles. I did not pastor any churches but have travelled extensively with Mrs. Jeffreys in her pastoral work. Since December 1, 1949 I have been editor and manager of the Free Will Baptist Gem. This has taken much time and has been very exacting on me. I ask your prayers for every labor of love done in the name of Jesus.

Callie Achord—

I wish to submit my report for the year. I have pastored two churches. At the Independence church I held a two weeks Bible study, baptized 6, witnessed 5 souls saved, preached 2 funerals, had 2 additions to church, also a gain in attendance, received \$194.32 for the work there. The Lord has certainly blessed our ministry there. The other church was at a school house where I have pastored for seven years. It is a union church. The Lord has manifested Himself through the salvation of the lost. Couldn't say just how much I have received for work there and other work I have done at other places, but do say as an humble servant of His that I want to lift Him high to a world that needs God more than anything else.

Alice Dickey—

I have tried to pastor one church full time, giving 135 messages, and pray that God be pleased with my work. We are in a revival at present which makes it impossible for us to attend the association. Do pray for us.

Marie Hyatt—

I have pastored Hickory Grove church, delivered 46 sermons, preached one funeral, travelled about 3,000 miles in these services, and received \$422.00.

Roena Thomas—

My work has been very limited the past year due to physical handicaps, but I have tried to work where ever opportunity afforded the chance. I have supplied a few times for other pastors, conducted 1 funeral, beside teaching a Sunday School class. I trust that this year, by the Lord's help, I shall be able to do more for him. I covet your prayers.

Arlie Hoover—

I wish to report my feeble efforts the past year. I have been superintendent of our Sunday School. I have made several sick calls, and tried to be of assistance in any way that I could.

H. S. Ford—

I am sending my report for the past year in the service for my Master. I have pastored one church full time, preached 131 sermons, witnessed 20 professions, baptized 4, conducted 8 funerals, performed 4 marriages, and received \$1,250.57 in money besides other gifts. We make so many sick calls that our mileage would be hard to estimate.

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 delegate, 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.

Section 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.

Article 3

The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, and 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.

Section 2. 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.

Section 2. 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.

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 shall decide.

11. It shall be the duty of the churches of this Association to accompany their church letter with \$3.00 per church plus twenty-five (25¢) cents per resident member for Central Western Missouri Budget Fund to be allocated thus—15% for Missouri State General Associational expense, 15% honorarium for Central Western Missouri Associational Clerk, and 70% for Central Western Missouri Associational expense.

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 aged 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.

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 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, Perserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in the Scriptures as 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.

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, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of men requires.

6. **The Sinfulness of man.** Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherit 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 incar-

nation, life, suffering, 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 hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour 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 the Will. The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, 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 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 ministered to all true believers.

14. Tithing. God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ indorsed it in the Gospel (Matt. 23:23), and the apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him." (I Cor. 16:2).

15. 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.

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 will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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.

STATISTICAL REPORT

	Hannon	Hickory Grove	Independence .	Kansas City ..	Mt. Olive.....	Verdella	Wagoner	Total
Members received .....	.....5	.....	.....2	.....	.....1	.....2	.....13	.....23
Number baptized .....	.....	.....	.....6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....6
Resident members .....	.....63	.....48	.....36	.....18	.....50	.....41	.....25	.....281
Non-resident members ...	.....68	.....57	.....21	.....1	.....55	.....41	.....18	.....261
Tot. M'ship July 1, 1950.	.....131	.....105	.....57	.....19	.....105	.....82	.....43	.....542
Prayer meetings .....	.....1	.....1	.....1	.....	.....	.....1	.....1	.....5
League membership .....	.....16	.....25	.....20	.....	.....	.....14	.....12	.....87
Auxiliary membership ...	.....12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....12
S. S. membership .....	.....60	.....30	.....40	.....22	.....90	.....60	.....25	.....327
Ordained ministers .....	.....3	.....2	.....	.....1	.....4	.....2	.....	.....12
Ordained deacons .....	.....4	.....5	.....2	.....3	.....4	.....5	.....4	.....27
Paid pastor	\$. 480.00	\$. 315.00	\$. 180.32	\$. 20.00	\$. 390.00	\$. 359.92	\$. 130.92	\$. 1,876.16
For evangelistic work ...	.. 100.00	.....	.. 14.00	.. 50.00	.....	.. 88.43	.....	.. 252.43
For bldg.-repairs .....	.. 50.00	.. 192.39	.....	.. 644.92	.....	.. 88.00	.. 460.04	.. 1,435.35
For incidentals .....	.. 289.00	.. 66.30	.. 20.00	.. 251.73	.. 42.00	.. 30.00	.. 37.42	.. 736.45
Value church property ...	.. 2,500.00	.. 2,000.00	.....	.. 6,750.00	.. 1,200.00	.. 1,000.00	.. 1,000.00	.. 14,450.00
or foreign missions ....	.. 125.00	.. 98.86	.. 156.69	.. 50.00	.. 78.57	.. 137.04	.. 5.00	.. 651.16
For home missions .....	.. 175.00	.. 29.41	.. 15.44	.....	.. 29.85	.....	.. 19.91	.. 269.61