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Minutes--

CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI ASSOCIATION

of

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

1953

When Convened With
HICKORY GROVE CHURCH
Near Harrisonville, Missouri

The Forty-Sixth Annual Session will meet with
the Independence Church, near Stockton, Missouri,
Tuesday Night, August 3, 1954

O F F I C E R S

Moderator Dea. Joe Cockrell, Harrisonville
 Assistant Bro. Tony Davis, Iantha
 Clerk-Treasurer Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, Monett
 Assistant Sis. Alice Hoover, Liberal
 Statistician Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, Monett

EXECUTIVE AND HOME MISSION BOARD

Dea. Willie Bowman, Liberal 1958
 Dea. John Bough, Stockton (chm) 1957
 Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, Monett (sec'y) 1956
 Dea. Ottis Martin, Greenfield 1955
 Rev. Robert L. Nutting, Iantha 1954

CHURCH CLERKS

Hannon Bessie Bunton, Liberal
 Hickory Grove Iris Jones, R3, Harrisonville
 Independence Wilbia Sell, R4, Stockton
 Kansas City Mrs. Billy Hensley, 2632 Campbell, K.C.
 Mt. Olive Jewell Maberry, Greenfield
 Verdella Janie Fast, R2, Liberal
 Wagoner Fay Marshall, R6, Stockton

CHURCH PASTORS

Hannon Conrad Williford, Freeman
 Hickory Grove Conrad Williford, Freeman
 Independence Lorene Williford, Freeman
 Kansas City Alice Dickey, 5516 Appleton, K.C.
 Mt. Olive no pastor
 Verdella Kenneth Turner, Joplin
 Wagoner Lowell Martin, Greenfield

MINISTERS

Mrs. Callie Achord, R1, Jerico Springs; Mrs. Alice Dickey, 5516 Appleton, Kansas City; H. S. Ford, 618 S. Ottawa, Picher, Okla.; Arlie E. Hoover*, Liberal; Lloyd T. Jeffreys and Mrs. Opal E. Jeffreys, 304 Euclid, Monett; Mrs. Lowell Martin, Greenfield; Mrs. Edith Mayfield*, R1, Iantha; R. L. Nutting, R1, Iantha; Mrs. Roena Thomas, R2, Liberal; Mrs. Lorene Williford (licensed), Freeman.
 * are superannuated.

The Forty-Sixth Annual Session will convene with the Independence Church, Tuesday Night, August 3, 1954.

Speakers: Lowell Martin; alternate, Alice Dickey

Ministers' Conf.: Lloyd Jeffreys; alternate, Marie Hyatt

League Conv.: Conrad Williford; alternate, Opal Jeffreys

PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday Evening—August 18, 1953

The Forty-Fifth Annual Session of Central Western Missouri Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the Hickory Grove Church in Cass County near Harrisonville, Tuesday evening, August 18, 1953. Services opened with congregational singing led by Sis. Jeanne Barton, with Sis. Alice Snyder at the piano. Songs were "Showers of Blessings," and "When We All Get to Heaven." We were led in prayer by Dea. J. K. Stevens. The clerk, Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, called for the peace of the body, declared a quorum present, and called Dea. Myron Hyatt, assistant moderator, to the chair in the absence of the moderator. Congregational song, "To the Work." Duett, "The Cross is not Greater," Shirley Cross and Rosemond Bough, with Sis. Myrl York at the piano.

The introductory message was delivered by Rev. Opal E. Jeffreys: Scripture, Eph. 2 14-22; subject, "Church Similitudes," stressed harmonious activities of the church. Assistant moderator appointed Committee on Committees, Rev. Marie Hyatt, chairman; Sis. Myrl York, Dea. J. K. Stephens, Rev. Alice Dickey, and Sis. Rosemond Bough.

Song, "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder," and handshake. Benediction by Rev. B. F. Brown, visiting minister from Indian Creek Association.

Wednesday Morning—August 19, 1953

Congregational singing led by Sis. Jeanne Barton, with Sis. Alice Snyder at the piano. Songs, "I'm Camping in Caanan," and "He's A Wonderful Saviour to Me." Prayer by Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys. Devotions by Rev. B. F. Brown: Scripture, John 1:1-9. Assistant moderator, Dea. Myron Hyatt took charge. Letters from all churches were read, received and delegates seated. Visiting brethren were seated in council. After prayer by Rev. Marie Hyatt, officers of the Association were elected.

Election of Officers:

Moderator	Dea. Joe K. Cokrell, Harrisonville
Assistant	Bro. Tony Davis, Iantha
Clerk-Treasurer	Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, Monett
Assistant Clerk	Sis. Alice Snyder, Kansas City

Report of Committee on Committees read and received (see names of committees after each report). Report of Special Revision Committee (appointed at 1951 session, report submitted at 1952 session, tabled for 1953 session) again read. Motion carried to turn report to the Business Committee. Motion carried to recess until after Ministers Conference. Benediction by Sis. Myrl York.

Eleven O'Clock Service

See Minutes of Ministers' Conference.

Wednesday Afternoon

See Minutes of Ministers' Conference.

Wednesday Night Service

Congregational singing led by Dea. J. E. Williams, with Sis. Jean Williams at the piano. Songs, "I'll Fly Away," and "Camping in Caanan's Land." Prayer by Rev. Alice Diekey. Duet of choruses by Shirleen and Roy Lewis, children from an Indian reservation in Arizona.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 1 of Business Committee (see report).

Solo, "The Love of God," by Alberta Hoover. Song, "Where the Soul Never Dies, by the congregation.

The message was delivered by Rev. Conrad Williford: Scripture, Luke 9:23: subject, "Scriptural Christianity." This instructive message graphically pictured the Christian who would measure up to the text. Congregation sang, "Where He Leads Me." Prayer by Joe Cockrell.

Service turned to Rev. William Reeves, secretary of Missouri State Youth Camp Board. Rev. Reeves told of the growth of the Youth Camp, showed slide pictures of progress at the camp, and summarized present needs.

An offering of \$24.38 was received for the Co-Operative Fund as congregation sang, "I Am Resolved." Rev. Reeves asked God's blessings on the offering. Dismissed by Rev. Opal E. Jeffreys.

Thursday Morning—August 20, 1953

Singing led by Rev. Conrad Williford, with Sis. Jean Williams at the piano. Song, "Glory to His Name." The Scripture read by Dea. John E. Bough, Hebrews 11:1-10. Prayer by Rev. Roena Thomas.

Minutes read and approved. Statistician's report read and received by a standing vote of thanks. Statistician elected—Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys.

Report of Executive Board received. Member elected for five year term—Dea. Willie Bowman (to succeed self).

Treasurer's report read and accepted.

Minister's reports read. Motion carried to turn them to Committee on Ministerial Standing.

Motion carried to adopt report of Sunday School Committee (see report).

Delegates voted to convene with Independence Church in next annual session.

Motion carried that Sis. Thora Grider replace Bro. Tony Davis on Committee on Ministerial Standing.

Introductory speaker elected for next session—Rev. Lowell Martin. Alternate elected—Rev. Alice Dickey.

Delegates elected to State Association: Robert Hocker, Hickory Grove; Harold Smith, Hannon; Tony Davis, Verdella; Alice Snyder, Kansas City; Theo Bough, Wagoner; Mrs. Joe Rickman, Independence; Izola Zellmer, Hickory Grove. Alternates to be supplied if needed.

Sis. Jeanne Barton recommended to the State Association as possible delegate to National Association.

Motion carried to receive report of Obituary Committee (see report).

Motion carried to adopt report of Temperance Committee (see report).

Motion carried to adopt report of Christian Education Committee (see report).

Motion carried to adopt report of Missions Committee (see report).

Business Committee's report received for discussion. Successive motions carried to adopt items No. 2, 3, and 4 of the report (see report).

Motion carried to receive report of Committee on Ministerial Standing (see report).

Motion carried to recess to be called together at the discretion of the moderator. Benediction by Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys.

Eleven O'Clock Service

See Minutes of League Convention.

Thursday Afternoon

See Minutes of League Convention. Associational business resumed at close of League Convention.

Report of Publication Committee received. Motions carried to adopt items No. 1, 2, 3, and 4. (see report).

A standing vote of thanks was extended to Dea. John

E. Bough for his faithful and efficient service during the past few years he has served as our moderator.

Motion carried to recess. Dismissed by John Bough.

Thursday Night Service

Congregational singing led by Rev. Lorene Williford, with Miss Shirley Cross at the piano. Song, "Revive Us Again." Prayer by Dea. Lloyd Warren. Song, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus." A standing vote of thanks was extended to Hickory Grove Church and community for their gracious hospitality and fine entertainment. A duet of choruses by Shirleen and Roy Lewis, with Sis. Zona Lee Shipley at the piano. Duet, "It's Real," by Rev. Mrs. Opal Jeffreys and Miss Rosemond Bough. Prayer by Rev. Mrs. Roena Thomas.

The message was delivered by Rev. B. F. Brown, a former clerk of this association, now of Indian Creek. Bro. Brown used John 3:14-15 as a text and presented the 'lifted up' Christ as the only one on whom we may look and live, and through whom we may experience God's divine blessings.

Motion carried to adjourn. Benediction by Rev. Mrs. Opal E. Jeffreys.

REPORTS

Executive Board:

By request of the Kansas City First Church, the Executive Board met with the church on Sunday, March 1, 1953. Members John E. Bough, Ottis Martin and Lloyd T. Jeffreys were present. Bro. Billy Hensley appeared before the Board for examination for the office of deacon of that church. The Board unanimously recommended that Bro. Hensley be ordained at once. This service was carried out at the conclusion of the morning worship service.

/s/ Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, secretary

Obituary Committee:

Since our Heavenly Father has seen fit to call home some of our beloved members, we bow in submission and extend 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.

These members have been called from the following churches: Wagoner, Will Potts; Verdella, Ezekiel Barnes; Independence, Mrs. Zadio Sell; Hannon, Mrs. Joe Farmer and Miss Anna Reed.

/s/ Gladys Goddard, Rosemond Bough, Alberta Hoover

Treasurer's Report:

General Fund (forwarded from 43rd session) ..	\$14.58
Budget (with letters, 44th session)	\$90.00
To State Association	\$13.50
To C.W. Mo. Clerk	13.50
Less two above disbursements	27.00
Remaining budget to General Fund	63.00
From Ministers Conference	8.04
From League Convention	5.00
Total in General Fund	\$90.62
1952 programs, letter forms, etc.	7.00
Minutes, 1952	57.67
Telephone call (to chm of Board)	1.40
1953 programs, letter forms, etc.	6.65
Total disbursements	72.72
Balance in General Fund	\$17.90
Youth Camp Fund (brough forward)	31.95
Total All Funds (cash on hand)	\$49.85

True and correct to the best of my knowledge.

/s/ Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, treasurer

Sunday School Committee:

1. We recommend that all Sunday Schools use Free Will Baptist literature.
2. We recommend prayer at the beginning of Sunday School classes.
3. We recommend more committing of Bible verses to memory by Sunday School pupils.
4. We recommend that teachers of small children use flannel boards or picture charts with Bible stories.

/s/ Robert Hocker, J. K. Stevens: absent when report was signed, Irene Bunton and Derrell Sell

Temperance Committee:

We, your Committee on Temperance, recommend the following:

1. That as a denomination we oppose all worldly pleasures and amusements that tend to draw us away from God.
2. That our people be taught modesty in dress as becometh Christians.
3. That as far as possible we refuse to patronize places of business that sell intoxicating beverages.
4. That our ministers arouse our people to the dangers that the liquor element is pulling before our people, in the movies, on the radio, on television screens, and in the newspapers.

5. Facing the fact that the age in which we live presents evils of life so openly, we recommend that special emphasis in the home and church be given in teaching our children Christian principles in comparison to the ways of the world.

/s/ Janie Fast, Shirley Cross, Marie Hyatt, B. F. Brown

Christian Education Committee:

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

1. That we take more time in reading and studying our Bible and other Christian literature recommended by Free Will Baptists, both in our homes and churches.

2(a). That our churches urge, and when necessary, support our young people in attending the Youth Camp.

(b). That our Sunday Schools or Leagues adopt a plan of systematic support to our Youth Camp.

3. Realizing that in some instances many children cannot be reached in any other way, we recommend that all churches in our Association sponsor a Daily Vacation Bible School.

4. Being conscious of the fact that the need among our people for a Christian education is greater than ever before, we recommend our churches aid in supporting our Free Will Baptist Bible College.

/s/ Lorene Williford, Jean Williams,
Conrad Williford, Myron Hyatt

Missions Committee:

We suggest that some one be appointed from each church, to secure names of those interested in Missions, and send these names to Bro. Riggs for free literature, that will be sent to them, thereby revealing a greater vision for the needs in Missions. Also that our churches observe the month designated, as special Mission month by the National Association.

We recommend that all of our churches adopt the State Co-Operative Plan, and strive to reach our suggested quota of the National Association, which is, \$9,000.00 for Foreign Missions and \$2,000.00 for Home Missions.

We suggest a special prayer for the safety and welfare of our missionaries, and that the urgent need of the field of doctors, nurses, and trained agricultural workers will be supplied.

/s/ Roena Thomas, Jeanne Barton, Alice Snyder

Business Committee:

We, the Business Committee, recommend the following:

1. That a Co-Operative Fund offering be taken at the Wednesday night services of this association.

2. That this association begin on Tuesday night before the Second Sunday in August, provided that the Missouri State Association changes their date of meeting as proposed in the thirteenth item of the Business Committee of that Association in 1952: otherwise our present date of meeting continue.

3. That the report of the Special Revision Committee be adopted with the following ammendment; that the word *bodies* of Article 2 of the Constitution be changed to *churches*.

4. That this Association give a standing vote of thanks to the Hickory Grove Church and community for their gracious hospitality.

/s/ Lloyd T. Jeffreys, Joe Cockrell, Alice Dickey
absent when signed: Tony Davis, J. E. Williams

Ministeral Sitanding Committee:

We, your Committee on Ministerial Standing, having examined and found the following minister's reports satisfactory, recommended that the Yearly Certificate of Ministerial Standing be granted the following: Opal E. Jeffreys, Alice Dickey, Roena Thomas, Lowell Martin, Marie Hyatt, Lloyd T. Jeffreys, Callie Achord, Lorene Williford (licensed), and two superannuated ministers: Edith Mayfield and Arlie Hoover.

Due to the illness of Rev. H. S. Ford's brother, making Bro. Ford's absence unavoidable, we recommend that the body suspend the rules of Article V, Section 2 of the Constitution and grant him a certificate.

/s/ J. K. Stevens, Myrl York, Harold Smith,
Joe Cockrell, Thora Grider

Publications Committee:

1. We recommend that the Bible be read and studied more systematically in our homes.

2. We recommend that literature available at the Free Will Baptist Gem be used more fully in our homes and churches, and that a catalog of supplies be made available to each church.

3. We recommend that our members be subscribers and supporters of the Gem.

4. We recommend that each church select a church reporter to be responsible for reporting their church news regularly to the Gem.

/s/ Opal E. Jeffreys, Juanita Smith, Lena Stacy

Reports of Ministers

CALLIE ACHORD—I have pastored one community church twice monthly. Also, another community church once monthly, and

have filled other appointments at different churches. I have witnessed souls saved and saints stirred for God. Conducted two funerals, and made many sick calls. I preached 60 sermons. I desire your prayers that I might be busy for Him until He says it is enough. (present)

ALICE DICKEY—I have pastored the First Free Will Baptist Church of Kansas City, Missouri full time. During this year we have witnessed seven professions, received 10 new members into the church and baptized two. I have conducted two funerals and performed two marriage ceremonies, preached 106 messages, conducted a weekly prayer meeting and Bible study, a D.V.B.S., and organized a Woman's Auxiliary. Also, I have attended night school at Kansas City Bible College. I am grateful for a place to work in the Lord's great vineyard and have a deep desire to press forward for Him as I feel the time is indeed short. I need and desire your prayers. (present)

H. S. Ford—I wish to send in the report of my year's work. I had fully intended to come to the association, but due to the serious illness of my brother and other hinderances, I may not get to come. I have preached 135 sermons, witnessed 22 professions, conducted six funerals, performed three marriages, baptized six, and received \$1,131.91. Our mileage and sick calls are so many that we have no record of them. We need your prayers that we may remain busy in His service. (absence validated by Committee on Ministerial Standing. See report.)

ARLIE E. HOOVER—Superannuated. (absent)

MARIE HYATT—Sermons preached, 48; churches pastored, 1; revivals assisted, 1; professions witnessed, 12; number baptized, 6; (15 were baptized in the church); additions to the church, 19; funerals preached, 1; miles traveled, 1,200; money received, \$540.00. (present)

LLOYD T. JEFFREYS—During the year I have delivered 36 messages, assisted in one funeral, assisted in one revival, received \$224.12, and traveled 2,762 miles. Besides this I acted as principle of teaching at the youth camp, clerk of this association, clerk of the Executive Board, and have traveled many miles in these and other duties for the church. (present)

OPAL E. JEFFREYS—I have been very limited in my service for the Lord the past year. I have preached 17 messages, traveled 1,046 miles, received \$123.30 in offerings. My husband and I conducted one revival. May God bless these feeble efforts to His glory. (present)

LOWELL MARTIN—Greetings to the Central Western Missouri Association. I have done limited work this year, with only part

time pastoral work; preaching twice monthly at Wagoner. I have been recalled and have accepted. I have preached 70 sermons, conducted five funerals, performed three marriages, traveled 6,403 miles, received \$458.47. (absent)

EDITH MAYFIELD—Superannuated. (absent)

R. L. NUTTING—No report. (absent)

ROENA THOMAS—To Central Western Missouri Association when convened at Hickory Grove church, greetings. I have pastored Independence church since March 1, preaching two Sundays each month, conducted six funerals, in all have preached 30 sermons, witnessed one conversion, traveled about 600 miles, and received about \$235.00 in offerings. (present)

LORENE WILLIFORD—Nine months of this year I have been enrolled in our Free Will Baptist Bible College where the Lord abundantly blessed. Traveling to and from school and while there I have distributed approximately 100 gospel tracts and have done some personal witnessing. During the summer vacation I have conducted four Daily Vacation Bible Schools, assisted in two revivals and rendered other Christian service where needed. A summary of my work is as follows: messages delivered, 5; conversions witnessed, 10; miles traveled approximately 3,885; amount received, \$180.00. (present)

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1—*Name and Composition.* This organization 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 organization and agree to this Constitution.

ARTICLE 2—*Purpose.* The purpose of this organization shall be to unify the work of the various churches of which it is composed, and to promote plans for the extension of the Kingdom of God.

ARTICLE 3—*Representation.* Representation to this Association shall be those who are chosen by the churches of which it is composed; each church to be entitled to one delegate, and each church having twenty-five resident members two delegates, with one delegate for each additional twenty-five resident members or major part thereof, together with all ordained deacons, ordained or licensed ministers and their companions who are members in good standing with the Free Will Baptist Church, and the church clerks of the churches of this Association.

Section 2. A resident member shall be one in good standing who, if able, discharges his or her obligations to the church. All

other members shall be considered non resident.

ARTICLE 4—*Finance*. It shall be the duty of the churches of this Association to accompany their church letter with three dollars (\$3.00) per church plus twenty-five cents (25¢) per resident member for the Central Western Missouri Association 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.

ARTICLE 5—*Discipline*. Should a grievance arise which cannot properly and satisfactorily be settled in the local church, a request may be made to the Association that a council be appointed to advise or arbitrate; the decision of that council to be accepted as final.

ARTICLE 6—*Officers*. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, an Assistant Clerk, a Treasurer, and a Statistician; all 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 7—*Boards*. This Association shall elect a Board of five members, of which two shall be ministers, to be elected as follows: the first named for a term of one year, the second for a term of two years, the third for a term of three years, the fourth for a term of four years, and the fifth for a term of five years. After the first election one member shall be elected each year for a term of five years or until his successor is elected. This Board shall be called the Home Mission and Executive Board of Central Western Missouri Association, shall act as Trustees of any property of the Association, and shall have charge of the work of the Association when it is not in session.

ARTICLE 8—*Meetings*. 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 composing it to represent themselves by letter and delegates.

ARTICLE 9—*Amendments*. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular session of the Association by a two-thirds vote of members present, provided proposed alteration or amendment has been presented to the Executive Board in writing not less than three months before the session.

BY-LAWS

1. Each annual session of this Association shall be called to order by the Clerk or the Assistant Clerk, or 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, or 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 delegates from three or more churches shall constitute a quorum to transact business for the Association, but any less number may adjourn.

4. Regular Parliamentary procedure shall be followed. The method of voting shall be determined by the Moderator unless one-third of the voters present dissent. No one shall be allowed to speak more than five minutes nor more than twice on the same subject without consent of the Conference.

5. All Committees, or a Committee on Committees shall be appointed by the Moderator or Assistant Moderator.

6. New churches may be admitted to this Association by majority vote.

7. It shall be the duty of each church of the Association to have it's pastoral year end with the annual session of the Association, and to hold it's annual business meeting prior to the Associational session.

8. A Committee of five lay members, qualified delegates to the Association, shall be chosen to look into the standing of the ministry of the Association, and shall report to the Association for approval before adjournment.

9. No one shall be ordained to the ministry in this Association until they have carried ministers' license at least one year and must have received 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 or from the church in which he or she holds membership. Such a request may be denied or granted subject to the decision of the examining council.

10. No one in this Association shall be licensed or ordained to preach the Gospel or deacon ordained who is a user of tobacco.

11. It shall be required of the ministry of this Association to adhere to sound doctrine in both preaching and practice as embraced in our Treatise of Faith and Practice. 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 appointed Committee on Ministerial Standing.

Section 2. All aged or afflicted ministers, who so desire, may be enrolled on the superannuated list, not being required to report to the Association in order to have a Certificate.

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

See Treatise for ARTICLES OF FAITH and CHURCH COVENANT.

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Wednesday, August 19, 1953—11:00 O'Clock

The Ministers' Conference of Central Western Missouri Association was called to order by the secretary, Sis. Lorene Williford. Bro. Conrad Williford led the congregation in singing "Blessed Assurance" and "Footsteps of Jesus." Sis. Joan Davis led the devotional. Scripture reading was Hebrews 6. Rev. Alice Dickey brought the message which was entitled "The Need of the Hour." Scripture, Phil. 3:10.

Wednesday Afternoon

The afternoon session was opened by Sis. Lorene Williford who led in singing "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings." Devotional by Bro. Myron Hyatt: Scripture, Psalm 136. Prayer by Sis. Wilbia Sell. Congregational song, "Praise Him, Praise Him."

Election of Officers:

President Sis. Lorene Williford
Vice President Sis. Alice Dickey
Secretary-Treasurer Sis. Jeanne Barton

Motion carried that officers of the Ministers' Conference spend balance in the treasury. Offering was \$11.06. Speaker elected for next session, Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys; alternate, Rev. Marie Hyatt.

General topics for discussion: "Christ, the Central Theme." 1. The Virgin Birth, Rev. Marie Hyatt. 2. The Atonement, Rev. Opal E. Jeffreys. Congregational song, "He's A Wonderful Saviour to Me." Duet, "Pearly White City," Sis. Alberta Hoover and Sis. Joan Davis. 3. Resurrection, Rev. Roena Thomas. 4. The Second Coming, Rev. Conrad Williford. Various comments and discussions followed each topic.

Motion carried that Conference be adjourned until 1953. Disbursement of offering: \$6.06 to State Co-Operative Fund, and \$5.00 for printing of minutes.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1. This organization shall be known as the Ministers' Conference of 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 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 expenses 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.

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.

LEAGUE CONVENTION

Thursday, August 20, 1953—11:00 O'Clock

The annual Central Western Missouri League Convention met with Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church, August 20, 1953. Bro. Conrad Williford led the congregational singing, with Sis. Jean Williams at the piano. Song, "He Leadeth Me." Prayer by Rev. Alice Dickey. Message by Rev. Lorene Williford: Haggai 1:2-8, "Consider Your ways."

Thursday Afternoon

Congregational singing led by Sis. Loren Williford, Sis. Thora Grider at the piano. Songs were, "Blessed Be the Name," and "Onward Christian Leaguers." Devotional by Sis. Juanita Smith, II Tim. 2. Prayer by Sis.

Alberta Hoover. Letters were read, approved, and delegates seated from Hannon, Wagoner, Hickory Grove and Kansas City. Dues, but no report was received from Independence. Constitution and By-Laws were read by the president, Sis. Jeanne Barton.

Election of Officers:

President Sis. Jeanne Barton
Vice President Bro. Charles Foger
Secretary-Treasurer Sis. Shirley Cross
Field Worker Bro. J. E. Williams

Motion carried each League see how much their church would pledge for a cabin at the Youth Camp. Motion carried for president to appoint a committee to give field worker some ideas. Committee appointed: Lorene Williford, Betty Hoeker and Rosemond Bough. Motion carried to give \$10.00 for printing of minutes. Convention gave officers power to spend money as they think necessary. Introductory speaker elected to bring message at Independence, Bro. Conrad Williford; alternate, Sis. Opal Jeffreys.

Program was as follows: Duet, "There's A Bridge O'er the River," Rev. Opal Jeffreys and Sis. Rosemond Bough. Quartet, "Tell Me the Old Old Story," Rev's. Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Williford, Bro. and Sis. J. E. Williams. "The Doughnut Girl," Sis. Thelma Osborn. Sis. Lorene Williford led in choruses. Motion carried to adjourn.

LEAGUE CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1. 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 2. 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.

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

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

ARTICLE 3. The standing delegates of this Convention shall be the

General officers of the Convention, the President and Secretary 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 one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) 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.

STATISTICAL TABLE

	Hannon	Hickory Grove	Independence	Kansas City	Mt. Olive	Verdella	Wagoner	Other	Totals
Members received this year	1	19		10			1		31
Number baptized		15		2		4	1		22
Resident members	51	71	39	33	25	47	26		292
Non-resident members	49	64	50	8	50	11	19		251
Membership July 1, 1953	100	135	89	41	75	58	45		543
League membership	20	30	27	26			16		119
Auxiliary membership				10					10
Sunday School enrollment	60	69	31	53		60	30		303
Number ordained ministers	3	1		1	4	2			11
Number licensed ministers	1								1
Number ordained deacons	5	4	5	4	4	5	3		30
Amount paid pastor	\$ 471.11	\$ 480.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 630.00	\$	\$ 678.92	\$ 446.00	\$	\$ 2,881.03
Amount for evangelism	239.07	252.50	182.55	200.00		221.07	140.00		1,235.19
Amount for building and repairs .	461.65	1,117.07	225.23	1,681.99		286.18			3,772.12
Value of church property	4,000.00	3,000.00	500.00	7,800.00	1,200.00	2,000.00	3,000.00		21,500.00
Co-Operative Fund	67.57	146.07				144.78	175.22		533.64
Foreign Missions		31.27	34.13	68.40	244.00	357.64	62.58	46.59	844.61
Home Missions	46.00	15.03		15.00	100.00				176.03
For education			75.70	108.80		101.04			285.54
For publications	85.78	36.12	49.44	191.70		56.30	45.31		464.65
Budget Fund	15.75	20.75	12.75	11.25	10.50	14.75	10.00	2.00	97.75

NOTE: Amount given for Co-Operative Fund will increase the total given in some cases; i.e., Foreign Missions, etc.