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CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI ASSOCIATION

of

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

FORTY - SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

1954

When Convened With
INDEPENDENCE CHURCH
Near Stockton, Missouri

The Forty-Seventh Annual Session will meet with
the Verdella Church, near Iantha, Missouri,
Tuesday Night, August 2, 1955

O F F I C E R S

Moderator Dea. Joe Cockrell, Harrisonville
 Assistant Dea. Preston Cross, Stockton
 Clerk-Treasurer Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, Monett
 Assistant Sis. Alice Hoover, Liberal
 Statistician Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, Monett

EXECUTIVE AND HOME MISSION BOARD

Rev. Alice Dickey, Kansas City 1959
 Dea. Willie Bowman, Liberal 1958
 Dea. John Bough, Stockton (chm.) 1957
 Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, Monett (sec'y) 1956
 Dea. Ottis Martin, Greenfield 1955

CHURCH CLERKS

Hannon Bessie Bunton, Liberal
 Hickory Grove Iris Jones, R3, Harrisonville
 Independence Beatrice Bough, 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 Harold Hoover, Carterville
 Hickory Grove Conrad Williford, Freeman
 Independence Conrad Williford, Freeman
 Kansas City Alice Dickey, 5516 Appleton, K.C.
 Mt. Olive no pastor
 Verdella Frank Linton, Macks Creek
 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; Conrad Williford and Mrs. Lorene Williford (licensed), Freeman. * These are superannuated.

The Forty-seventh Annual Session will convene with the Verdella Church, Tuesday Night, August 2, 1955.

Speakers: Opal Jeffreys; alternate, Conrad Williford
 Minis. Conf.: Lorene Williford; alternate, Lowell Martin
 League Conven.: Alice Dickey; alternate, Lowell Martin

PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday Evening—August 3, 1954

The Forty-Sixth Annual Session of the Central Western Missouri Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the Independence Church near Stockton, Missouri in Cedar County. Congregational singing was led by Sis. Rosemond Bough, with Sis. Shirley Cross at the piano. Songs were, "Love Lifted Me," and "Tell Me the Story of Jesus." Prayer was by Dea. J. K. Stevens. The clerk, Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, called the Association to order, declared a quorum present, and the association convened for business, and turned the service to the moderator, Dea. Joe Cockrell. The moderator introduced the introductory speaker, Rev. Lowell Martin. The congregation sang, "Close to Thee." After prayer by Sis. Martin, she spoke on the subject, "Tarry ye . . . Go ye," from Luke 24:46-49 and Matt. 28:19-20. The message was to Christians, to prepare for service, and to go forth to do service. Song, "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus." Dismissed by Rev. Alice Dickey.

Wednesday Morning—August 4, 1954

The session began with congregational singing led by Sis. Jeanne Barton; Sis. Jean Williams at the piano. Songs were, "How Firm A Foundation," and "Trust and Obey." Devotional thoughts were by Rev. Roena Thomas: Scripture, John 15:1-21, "Abiding in the vine." Prayer by Sis. Mary Wade.

The Associational By-Laws were read by Sis. Alice Hoover. The Moderator appointed the Committee on Committees. The letters were read, received, and delegates seated from all churches. Motion carried to seat any visiting brethren with full privileges except making nominations, motions or seconding motions, and voting.

Election of Officers:

Moderator	Dea. Joe Cockrell, Harrisonville
Assistant	Dea. Preston Cross, Stockton
Clerk-Treasurer	Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, Monett
Assistant	Sis. Alice Hoover, Liberal
Statistician	Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, Monett

Motion carried that the next annual session convene with the Verdella Church near Iantha, Missouri in Barton County. Rev. Opal E. Jeffreys was elected introductory

speaker, with Rev. Conrad Williford the alternate. Delegates elected to the State Association convening at Jones Chapel near Stella, Missouri in Indian Creek Association: S.s. Jewell Maberry (Mt. Olive), Sis. Hazel Bowman (Hannon), Bro. Orville Foger (Verdella), Sis. Theo Bough (Wagoner), Sis. Betty Hocker (Lickory Grove), Sis. Alma Mason (Kansas City) and Bro. Darrell Sell (Independence). Motion carried to recess until close of ministers conference. Benediction by Dea. John Bough.

Wednesday Afternoon

The Association reconvened at conclusion of Ministers Conference. Report of Committee on Committees read and accepted by motion (see reports). Delegates named to be recommended to the State Association to represent at the National Association are: Dea. J. K. Stevens, Sis. Jeanne Barton, Sis. Thora Grider, Sis. Alice Hoover, and Bro. Charlie Hoover. These are recommended to be used as many as are needed in the order named. Motion carried to recess to meet back at the call of the moderator. Benediction by Dea. Preston Cross.

Wednesday Evening

Congregational singing was led by Rev. Lowell Martin, with Sis. Grace O'Conner at the piano. Songs were "Dwelling in Beulah Land," and "He Hideth My Soul." Duet, "Let Me Lose Myself and Find It Lord in Thee," Sis. Rosemond Bough and Sis. Shirley Cross, with Sis. Ramona York at the piano. Prayer by Rev. Lowell Martin. After giving her testimony, Sis. Ramona York sang "Ship Ahoy," accompanied by Sis. Shirley Cross at the piano. Congregational number, "Jesus Took My Burden."

The moderator introduced the speaker of the evening, Rev. Alice Dickey, of Kansas City. Prayer by Sis. Mary Wade. Scripture reading was Matt. 12:33, 35-36; Luke 10: 25-28. The message, "This do, and thou shalt live," contrasted the vast difference between existing and living for Christ. Benediction by Dea. Ottis Martin.

Thursday Morning—August 5, 1954

Called to order by the moderator. Singing directed by Sis. Jean Williams, Sis. Grace O'Conner at the piano. Song, "Love Lifted Me." Devotional reading, I Tim. 4: 1-16, by Rev. Alice Dickey. Prayer by Rev. Lowell Martin.

Minutes of the previous session were read and accept-

ed. Report of Obituary Committee read. Motion carried to add names of Sis. Nellie Fast and Sis. Florence Pelts to the list of deceased. Motion carried to receive report as amended (see reports). Motion carried to adopt report of the Sunday School Committee (see reports). The Ministerial Standing Committee report was read. Motion carried to receive report for discussion. Motion carried to adopt the report. Motion carried to refer the request of Rev. R. L. Nutting to the Executive Board for decision (see committee report and report of Rev. Nutting). Report of Christian Education Committee was received for discussion. Motion carried to adopt the report (see reports). Temperance Committee report adopted by motion (see reports). A report of the recent session of the National Association was given by Sis. Jeanne Barton. The Treasurer's report was read and motion carried to receive it (see reports). Report of the Executive Board read and received (see reports). Sis. Jean Williams led the congregation in singing, "Oh, How Sweet to Trust in Jesus." Business Committee's report read and received for discussion. Item one adopted (see report). Report of Publication Committee read and adopted (see report). Motion carried to recess until called together by the moderator at the conclusion of the League Convention.

Thursday Afternoon

Called to order at the conclusion of the League Convention. Sis. Jean Williams led in singing, "Leaning On the Everlasting Arms," with Sis. Ramona York at the piano.

Report of the Missions Committee read and adopted (see report). Special prayer for our home mission teams was led by Rev. Lowell Martin. Items 2, 3 and 4 of the Business Committee were discussed and adopted by motions (see report). Motion carried to recess until the evening service. Benediction.

Thursday Evening

Service opened with the congregation singing, "Jesus Saves," "Sweeter Than the Day Before," and "The Way of the Cross Leads Home," led by Bro. Ned Rhodes. Prayer by Bro. McCoy.

The assistant moderator, Dea. Preston Cross, called the delegates into business session, and asked for any unfinished business. Motion carried to adjourn business to meet in the next annual session with the Verdella Church.

Services were turned to the speaker of the evening, Rev. Lowell Martin. A testimony period was enjoyed. Quartet, "Wonderful Grace of Jesus," Bro. and Sis. Dee York, Sis Beatrice Bough, and Bro. Keith Bough. Miss Elaine Rickman sang, "No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus," accompanied by Bob Rickman. Sis. Ramona York sang, "Win Them One By One," with Sis. Grace O'Conner at the piano. The message was from I Kings 20:40 on the subject, "The stewardship of life." A wonderful and inspiring message resulted in the salvation of one soul. Benediction by Rev. Alice Dickey.

REPORTS

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, Mrs. Mattie E. Whistance; Independence, Mrs. Estella Long, Mrs. Lenor Anderson, Ellen Reeves; Hickory Grove, Mrs. Pauline Warren, Allen Hatch; Mt. Olive, Mrs. Price Bowles; Hannon, Mrs. Emma Thomas, Mrs. Martha Rickets, Mary Spainhoward; Verdella, Mrs. Nellie Fast, Mr. Edd Coles; Old Sons Creek, Mrs. Florence Pelts.

/s/ Fay Marshall, Louise Jones, Alice Routh

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.

5. We recommend that all learn the Books of the Bible.

/s/ Arlie Hoover, chm.; Louise Nutting, Zona Lee Shipley

Ministerial Standing Committee:

We, your committee on Ministerial Standing, having examined and found the following ministers' reports satisfactory, recommend that the Yearly Certificate of Ministerial Standing be granted the following: Alice Dickey, Opal Jeffreys, Lowell Mar-

tin, Lloyd Jeffreys, Roena Thomas, Callie Achord, H. S. Ford, Conrad Williford, Lorene Williford (licensed); and two superannuate ministers: Edith Mayfield and Arlie Hoover.

The committee received a report from Rev. R. L. Nutting requesting that he be superannuated. Feeling that this is not in our jurisdiction, we leave this matter for the association to decide.

/s/ J. K. Stephens, chairman; Jean Williams,
Betty Hocker, Alta Maberry, Carl Bough

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 for Free Will Baptists, both in our homes and churches.

2. We recommend that steps be taken to encourage the revival of the work at our own Youth Camp at Niangua, and that our churches urge, and when necessary support, the children attending Youth Camp.

3. We recommend that the churches of our Association sponsor a D.V.B.S.

4. We recommend that our churches aid in supporting our Free Will Baptist Bible College.

/s/ Myrl York, Robert L. Nutting, Roena Thomas

Temperance Committee:

We, your Committee on Temperance, recommend the following:

1. That as a denomination we oppose all worldly pleasures that tend to draw us away from God.

2. That our people be taught modesty in dress as becometh Christians.

3. If at all possible, that we refuse to patronize places of business that sell intoxicating beverages.

4. That our Ministers and Christians arouse our people to the dangers that the liquor element is putting 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/ Ross Thomas, Lucille Miller, Laura Cockrell, Theo Bough

Treasurer's Report: 1953-1954

General Fund—Forwarded from 1952 - 1953	\$17.90
Budget Fund (with letters to 1953 session) ..	\$97.75
To State (check 194, Sept. 8, 1953) ...	\$14.66
To Clerk	14.66
Less two above expenditures	29.32
Remainder to General Fund	68.43
From Ministers Conference	5.00
From League Convention	10.00
Total in General Fund	\$101.33
Disbursements:	
Minutes and Postage	62.76
Programs	7.00
Total Disbursements	69.76
Balance on hand—General Fund	\$ 31.57
Co-operative Fund—August 19, 1953 (at Association at Hickory Grove)	24.38
Paid out of Co-op. Fund (check 195, Sept. 8, 1953..) ..	24.38
Total Co-operative Fund balance	None
Youth Camp Fund, brought forward	31.95
August 30, 1953 (5th Sunday at Verdella)	18.50
Total Youth Camp Fund	50.45
Total on hand—all funds	\$ 82.02

Executive Board:

The Board met in special session at the Verdella Church on the last Sunday in August, 1953 to transact business placed before it by the Hannon Church. All members of the board were present. Bro. Conrad Williford was examined and the board recommended that he be ordained to preach the Gospel and directed an ordaining council be formed at once, Rev. Lowell Martin to be the chairman. This was done and Rev. Williford was ordained.

/s/ Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, secretary

Business Committee:

1. We recommend that by-law No. 9 be changed to read, "No one shall be ordained to the ministry in this association until they have carried ministers' license at least one year in this association 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.

2. We recommend that our clerk be responsible for printing sufficient minutes that each home of all resident members have a copy at the earliest possible date.

3. We recommend that we support our State Association in abstaining from the use of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible in our churches and Sunday Schools.

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

/s/ John E. Bough, Orville Foger, Mary Wade,
Alice Dickey, Allen D. York

Publications Committee:

1. Since we know the Bible is God's Word, we urge every one to study it more dilligently and also that we as an association take our stand for the original King James Version.

2. We recommend that our members subscribe to and support the Free Will Baptist Gem, and we urge our people to send in sermons and articles, such as will be helpful to all the readers of the Gem.

3. We also recommend our new national paper, "Contact" and the "Free Will Baptist" of Ayden, North Carolina.

/s/ Lloyd T. Jeffreys, Roena Thomas, Audra Dill

Missions Committee:

1. We suggest a special prayer during this association for the three new Home Mission teams commissioned in July, 1954.

2. Realizing the special need of our foreign missionaries, doctors, nurses, and trained agricultural workers we recommend daily prayers for these workers in Christ.

3. To supply the needs of all phases of our work we recommend wholehearted support of the State Cooperative Fund.

/s/ Shirley Cross, Betty Hocker, Tony Davis

Reports of Ministers

CALLIE ACHORD—I have pastored two community churches twice monthly at each church. I have witnessed souls stirred and renewed for God, conducted six funerals, baptized nine, preached 70 sermons, and have done a lot of personal work in homes. I do desire your prayers that I might do His will at all times. (absent)

ALICE DICKEY—I have worked full time in the Free Will Baptist Church of Kansas City, Missouri. I have conducted one funeral, brought 90 messages, conducted one D.V.B.S., baptized two, and received 23 new members into the church. I attended Kansas City Bible College one semester. (present)

H. S. FORD—I wish to submit the following report of my year's work. I have pastored one church full time; preached 121 sermons, witnessed 13 professions; conducted eight funerals, performed four marriages. We are continually making sick calls and have kept no record of our mileage. Pray for us that we may stay busy in His service. (absent)

ARLIE E. HOOVER—Superannuated. (present)

LLOYD T. JEFFREYS—I have preached 29 messages in eight churches and over one radio station, performed two weddings, assisted in one funeral, helped to ordain one minister, witnessed one person confess a special call to the ministry, travelled 1,620 miles in the above services, received \$170.00, served as clerk of this association and of its executive board, served full time as editor of the Free Will Baptist Gem, and did such other duties as I could. (present)

OPAL E. JEFFREYS—I humbly submit the smallest report that I have ever made since I have been in the ministry. I have not been able to accept all the preaching engagements that have come my way. I have served as editor of the Woman's Auxiliary section of the Gem, which has called for some writing of articles which I have attempted to do during the year. I have preached three sermons, traveled 46 miles, received \$10.00, and performed one wedding. (present)

LOWELL MARTN—I have pastored the Wagoner Free Will Baptist Church the past year, preaching 60 sermons, conducting five funerals, performed three marriages, travelled 3,697 miles, received \$464.28. Yours in the Master's service. (present)

EDITH MAYFIELD—Superannuated. (absent)

R. L. NUTTING—Greetings. I have only delivered two messages during the past year, but have been active in other forms of religious service. Having arrived at the age when the modern tendency is to shelve the old ministers to make a place for the new, I request you to place my name on the superannuated list. Your brother in Christ. (present)

ROENA THOMAS—I have been preaching twice a month since last December at Oskaloosa Church near my home. This has been a Protestant Methodist Church, and was closed with no services at all for three or four years. To Rev. Wm. Buster and Rev. Virgil Greenway goes the credit for starting a work there again some two years ago. I helped conduct a D.V.B.S. there, assisted by Sis. Thora Grider and Sis. Phylis Fast. We had 54 children enrolled, with an average attendance of 38. This is a very needy field. We covet your prayers for us in our efforts there. Also, I

have conducted two funerals, performed one wedding, traveled over 300 miles, received \$135.00 in love offerings. Yours in Him. (present)

CONRAD WILLIFORD—The Lord has richly blessed me since I came to Missouri about a year ago. I have pastored two half-time churches, preached 82 sermons, assisted in one revival, witnessed one profession, performed one marriage, preached one funeral, travelled 4,800 miles, and received \$1,300.00. It grieves my heart to have to turn in a report with only one profession witnessed during the whole year. Although I could not devote as much time to the Lord's work as I would have desired, because I had full time employment in Kansas City, I feel that with my first year or pastoral experience behind me, I can press forward in His grace and accomplish much more in the coming year. It is my prayer that our association will soon have full time churches so God's servants can devote all of their time to His work. I desire your prayers that I may be faithful to our dear Lord Jesus Christ until He returns. (absent)

LORENE WILLIFORD (Licensed)—During the past few months I have acted as supply pastor for the Independence Church. During this time I have delivered 30 messages, traveled approximately 1,800 miles, made several sick calls and personal contacts, received seven new members into the church, and received approximately \$300.00. Also, I assisted with one funeral. Truly the Lord has blessed this year of service, however it is my desire to be of more fruitful service this coming year. (absent)

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

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 *National Treatise for Articles of Faith and Church Covenant.*

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Wednesday, August 4, 1954—11:00 A. M.

The Ministers' Conference of Central Western Missouri Association was called to order by the vice president, Rev. Alice Dickey. Services opened with congregational singing led by Sis. Jeanne Barton, with Sis. Shirley Cross at the piano. Songs were, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" and "My Hope is Built." A duet, "Why Should He Love Me So?" was given by Shirley Cross and Rosemond Bough. Devotions by Rev. R. L. Nutting: Scripture, Psalm 133. Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys brought the message: Scripture, Exodus 8.

Wednesday Afternoon

The afternoon session was opened by congregational singing led by Bro. Junior Shipley with Sis. Jean Williams at the piano. Songs sung were, "What a Friend," and "I Am Thine O Lord." Devotional by Rev. Arlie Hoover: Scripture, Psalm 119:1-16. Prayer by Bro. Ross Thomas. A special number, "The Lord's Last Supper," was given by Young Jimmie Shipley. The Constitution and By-Laws were read by the secretary.

Election of Officers:

President Rev. Alice Dickey
Vice President Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys
Secretary-Treasurer Sis. Jeanne Barton

Congregational song, "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder." An offering was taken at this time to defray any expenses. Motion carried that officers of the Minis-

ters Conference spend the balance in the treasury which was \$16.16. Disbursement of the offering was as follows: 11.16 to State Co-Operative Fund and \$5.00 for printing of the minutes. Speaker elected for the next session, Rev. Lorene Williford; alternate, Rev. Lowell Martin. Special number, "Faith Is the Victory," given by Ramona York. General topics for discussion: "Present Day Heresies."

1. Seventh Day Adventist—Rev. Lowell Martin
2. Jehovah's Witness—Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys
3. Christian Scientist—Rev. Roena Thomas
4. Unitarianism—Rev. Alice Dickey

Various comments followed each topic.

Special numbers between the topics were a congregational song, "More Than Life to Me," and a solo by Junior Shipley, "Neath the Old Olive Tree."

Motion carried to adjourn.

Sis. Jeanne Barton, Secretary-Treasurer

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 Minister's 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 5, 1954—11:00 O'Clock

The annual Central Western Missouri League Convention met with the Independence Free Will Baptist Church, August 5, 1954. Sis. Jean Williams led the congregation in singing, "He Is So Precious to Me" and "Take the Name of Jesus With You." The president, Sis. Jeanne Barton, called the meeting to order. Bro. Don McCoy, a League delegate from Kansas City, brought the introductory message. The theme was "The Importance of Constant, Consistent Christian Living."

Thursday Afternoon

The meeting was called to order by congregational singing led by Sis. Rosemond Bough. Songs were, "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story" and "Onward, Christian Leaguers." Devotional by Sis. Betty Hocker: Matt. 6:24-33. Prayer by Sis. Jean Williams. Constitution and by-laws were read by the secretary, Sis. Shirley Cross. Letters were read and approved and delegates seated from the following Leagues: Hickory Grove, Independence, Hannon, Wagoner, and Kansas City.

Election of Officers:

President Sis. Jeanne Barton
Vice President Bro. Dee York
Secretary-Treasurer Sis. Shirley Cross

Introductory message for the 1955 convention to be brought by Rev. Alice Dickey; alternate, Rev. Lowell Martin. Motion carried for officers to spend money as necessary. Ten dollars was given for printing of minutes. Choruses were led by Sis. Jean Williams and Sis. Thora Grider. Sword drill by Sis. Alice Hoover. Duet, Sis. Alice Hoover and Sis. Jean Williams. Solo, Elaine Rickman. Piano solo, Bob Rickman; vocal solo, Rosemond Bough.

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 cents (20¢) 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		6	23		4			34
Number baptized			9	6					15
Number dismissed by letter	3					2			5
Number deceased	3	2	1		1	1	1		9
Resident Members	38	70	38	50	25	45	25		291
Non-resident members	41	63	37	10	50	15	20		236
Membership June 30, 1954	79	133	75	60	75	60	45		527
League membership	15	32	23	20			16		111
Auxiliary Membership	16			16					32
Sunday School enrollment	44	61	32	88		45	28		298
Number ordained ministers	4			2	4	2			12
Number licensed ministers	1								1
Number ordained deacons	5	3	5	4	4	3	3		27
Amount paid pastor	\$ 820.00	\$ 690.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 850.00	\$	\$ 525.02	\$ 365.39	\$	3,490.41
Amount for evangelism	100.26	234.76	15.00	160.00		214.29			724.31
Value of church property	4,000.00	3,565.00	750.00	8,500.00	1,200.00	1,500.00	3,000.00		22,575.00
Amount for building and repairs ..	96.40	53.57	27.21	1,783.44		71.71	40.82		2,073.15
Amount for incidentals	177.11	147.29	52.00	430.81		205.03	136.67		1,148.91
Co-Operative fund	155.80	127.90		75.00	100.00	101.19	234.92		794.81
Foreign Missions			12.00		70.00	336.77			418.77
Home Missions	157.89				30.00				187.89
For education			96.00			76.33			172.33
Amount for youth camp	21.00								21.00
Amount for publications	73.79	52.60	142.39			54.28	32.44		355.50
Budget Fund	12.50	20.50	12.50	17.50	13.25	14.25	10.00		100.50

Allocation of Co-Operative Fund will raise some other totals; i.e., Missions, Youth Camp, etc.