

Rev. Lowell Martin

Minutes...

Central Western Missouri Association of Free Will Baptists

FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

1955

When Convened With
VERDELLA CHURCH
Near Iantha, Missouri

The Forty-Eighth Annual Session Will Meet With
Kansas City First Free Will Baptist Church
2015 E. 43rd St. and Garfield
Tuesday Night, August 7, 1956

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OFFICERS

Moderator Dea. J. E. Cockrell, Kansas City
Assistant Dea. Preston Cross, Stockton
Clerk - Treasurer Rev. Lowell Martin, Greenfield
Assistant Mrs. Alice Hoover, Liberal
Statistician Dea. John Bough, Stockton

EXECUTIVE AND HOME MISSION BOARD

Dea. Ottis Martin, Greenfield 1960
Rev. Alice Dickey, Kansas City 1959
Dea. Wm. Bowman, Liberal 1958
Dea. John Bough, Stockton 1957
Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys, Monett 1956

CHURCH CLERKS

Greenfield Jewel Maberry, Greenfield
Hannon Bessie Bunton, Liberal
Hickory Grove Iris Jones, Harrisonville
Independence Mrs. Elza Routh, Stockton
Kansas City Mrs. Billy Hensley, 2632 Campbell, K. C.
Verdella Janie Fast, Liberal
Wagoner Rosemond Bough, Stockton

CHURCH PASTORS

Greenfield No Pastor
Hannon Rev. Harry Sterling, Carterville
Hickory Grove
Independence Rev. Opal Jeffreys, Monett
Kansas City Rev. Alice Dickey, 5516 Appleton, K. C.
Verdella Rev. Otto Mackey, Monett
Wagoner Rev. Lowell Martin (pro tem)

MINISTERS

Mrs. Callie Achord, R 1, Jerico Springs; Mrs. Alice Dickey, 5516 Appleton, Kansas City; H. S. Ford, 618 Ottawa, Picher, Okla.; Arlie Hoover, (Sup.) Liberal; Lloyd Jeffreys and Mrs. Opal Jeffreys 304 Euclid, Monett; Mrs. Lowell Martin, Greenfield; Mrs. Edith Mayfield, (Sup.) Iantha; Mrs. Roena Thomas, R 2, Liberal; Conrad Williford and Mrs. Lorene Williford, (licensed) Belton.

The Forty-Eighth Annual Session will convene with the Kansas City Church, Tuesday Night, August 7, 1956.

SPEAKERS: Lowell Martin; alternate, Henry S. Ford

MINISTERS CONF.: Lorene Williford; alt., H. S. Ford.

LEAGUE CONV.: Opal Jeffreys; alternate, Conrad Williford.

PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday Evening — August 2, 1955

The Forty-Seventh Annual Session of the Central Western Missouri Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the Verdella Church, near Iantha, Mo., in Barton county. Congregational singing was led by Charles Whitson with Barbara Weaver at the piano. Songs were: "When I See the Blood" and "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder." Prayer by Deacon J. K. Stephens. The clerk, Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys, called the Association to order, declared a quorum present and the Association in session for business and called the Moderator to the Chair. Special numbers given at this time were: "Kneel at the Cross," by Barbara and Sue Weaver and "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus", by Shirley Cross and Rosemond Bough. The moderator, Deacon J. E. Cockrell, presented the introductory speaker, Rev. Opal Jeffreys. After a prayer she spoke from Amos 6. Dismissed by Rev. Lowell Martin.

Wednesday Morning — August 3, 1955

The session opened with congregational singing led by Rev. Lowell Martin with Rev. Alice Dickey at the piano. Songs: "There Shall Be Showers," and "Blessed Be The Name." Prayer by Ottis Martin. The devotional was led by Rev. Roena Thomas; Scripture, Psalms 37. Prayer by Albert Whistance.

The Constitution and By-Laws of the Association were read by Raymond Dickey and John Bough. Letters were read, received and the delegates seated from all the churches. Motion carried to seat visiting brethren with full privileges except for making nominations, motions, seconding motions or voting.

Election Of Officers:

Moderator Deacon J. E. Cockrell, Kansas City, Mo.
Assistant Deacon Preston Cross, Stockton
Clerk - Treasurer Rev. Lowell Martin, Greenfield
Assistant Mrs. Alice Hoover, Liberal
Statistician Deacon John Bough, Stockton

Motion carried that the next annual session convene with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Kansas City, Mo. Rev. Lowell Martin was elected introductory speaker with Rev. H. S. Ford the alternate. The Executive Board report was read and received. Deacon Ottis Martin was elected to succeed himself on the Board for a term of five years. Delegates elected to the State Association at Flat River, Mo., were: Mrs. John Bough (Wagoner), Tony Davis (Verdella), Mrs. Mary Wade (Hannon), Miss Betty Bramblett (Kansas City), Mrs. Georgia Rickman (Independence), Mrs. Izola Zellmer (Hickory Grove), Mrs. Thora Grider (Greenfield). Motion carried to give delegates power to appoint alternates. The Moderator appointed a Committee on Committees. The session was, at this time declared recessed until the close of the Ministers' Conference.

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Wednesday Afternoon

The association re-convened at the conclusion of the Ministers' Conference. The treasurer's report was read and motion carried to receive it. Ministers' reports were read, accepted and turned to the Ministerial Standing Committee. Motion carried to recess, meeting again at the call of the Moderator. Benediction — J. E. Cockrell.

Wednesday Evening

Congregational singing was led by Charles Whitson with Mrs. Louise Nutting at the piano. Songs were: "I'm Going That Way" and "Where He Leads I'll Follow." Special numbers given in the service were: "Since the Fullness of His Love Came In," by Joyce Davis; "Is Your All On The Altar?" by Alberta Hoover and Joan Nutting; "I Know Who Holds My Hand," by Raymond Dickey; and "My God Is Real," by Rev. Otto Mackey. Prayer by Rev. Harry Sterling. The speaker, Rev. H. S. Ford, was introduced and a rousing message based on Isaiah 9:6 was enjoyed. The subject was "Wonderful — in Birth, Death and Resurrection." Following the message an ordination service was held and the following six deacons were ordained: Charles Whitson, Roger Phillips and Orville Foger of the Verdella Church; Charlie Hoover, Donald Smith and Everett Crockett of Hannon Church. The Ordaining Council: Rev. Arlie Hoover (ch.), Rev. Alice Dickey, Rev. Roena Thomas and Rev. Lowell Martin. Benediction by Mrs. H. S. Ford.

Thursday Morning — August 4, 1955

The session was called to order by the Moderator, J. E. Cockrell. Congregational singing was led by Joan Nutting with Shirley Cross at the piano. Song: "I Am Thine." Prayer by Rev. Roena Thomas. Special: "No One Ever Cared Like Jesus," by Jean Crockett. Devotions were led by Rev. Arlie Hoover. Scripture: Psalms 90. Prayer by Rev. Alice Dickey. Minutes of the previous sessions were read and approved. Statistical report read and received. Report of the Christian Education Committee read; motion carried to discuss item by item. Motion carried to adopt item number one; — the decision made was for the stated money to be left in the present fund. Items number two, three and four were adopted. Report of Ministerial Standing Committee read and adopted. Report of Sunday School Committee read and adopted. Report of Temperance Committee read and adopted. Report of Obituary Committee read and adopted with privilege given clerk to add any overlooked names. Motion carried to recommend J. K. Stephens, Ottis Martin, Ross Thomas, John Bough and J. E. Cockrell to the State Association as delegates to the 1956 session of the National Association. Motion carried to recess for the League Convention and until called by the Moderator. Dismissed by Deacon Raymond Dickey.

Thursday Afternoon

The Association was called into session at the close of the League Convention. Congregational singing was led by Jean Crockett with Shirley Cross at the piano. Songs were: "Where He Leads I'll Follow," "He's A Wonderful Saviour. —Prayer by Deacon Preston Cross.

Report of Publications Committee read and adopted. Partial report of the Business Committee was read and motion carried to adopt item number one. A spirited praise service, led by Rev. Alice Dickey was enjoyed at this time. Motion carried to recess until the evening session.

Thursday Evening

Services opened with congregational singing led by Rev. Harold Hoover with Mrs. Louise Nutting at the piano. Songs were: "The Lily of the Valley," "Standing on the Promises." Special numbers given in this service were: "A Sunbeam," by Joyce Davis; "God Is Still On His Throne," by Raymond Dickey; "My Desire," by Rev. Otto Mackey; "What A Friend," by Rev. Harold Hoover, and "Its Real," by Alberta Hoover and Joan Nutting. Prayer by Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys. The speaker, Rev. Harry Sterling, was presented and took as his Scriptural text, Colossians 2:21. At the conclusion of the worship service, the Moderator called the delegates into business session. Item number two of the Business Committee report was read and adopted. Motion carried to adjourn until next year's annual session at the Kansas City Church. Closing prayer by Rev. Opal Jeffreys.

R E P O R T S

Committee On Committees:

Publications Committee:— Janie Fast, Lena Stacey, Alice Hoover.

Missions Committee:— Preston Cross, Rev. Arlie Hoover, Laura Cockrell.

Sunday School Committee:— Joan Nutting, Pearl Lewis, Rev. Callie Achord.

Business Committee:— Rev. Alice Dickey, Orville Foger, Ted Zellmer.

Temperance Committee:— Ross Thomas, Rev. R. L. Nutting, Albert Whistance.

Christian Education Committee:— Rev. Roena Thomas, Theo Bough, Betty Bramblett.

Ministerial Standing Committee:— Ross Thomas, Ottis Martin, Raymond Dickey, John Bough, J. K. Stephens.

Obituary Committee:— Kenneth Smith, Grover Lewis, Vera Hoover.

Pulpit Committee:— Kenneth Smith, Laura Cockrell, Bessie Bunton.

—s— John Bough, Raymond Dickey, Ross Thomas, Ottis Martin, Rev. Arlie Hoover.

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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 gone from us, pointing them, for solace, to the Great Comforter. We ask them to look ever to God, our refuge and strength in time of trouble.

These members have been called from the following churches:

Independence:— Mel Hill, Mrs. Mamie Bough, Mrs. Eupha Bell.

Hannon:— Mrs. Sarah Russell, Mrs. Nettie Reed, Mrs. Zella Hoover.

Hickory Grove:— Mrs. Lizzie Van Meter, Ross Luther, Jim Luther.

Verdella:— Mrs. Ruby Reed, Bascom Cassatt.

—s— Kenneth Smith (ch.), Vera Hoover, G. C. Lewis.

Ministerial Standing Committee:

We, your Committee on Ministerial Standing have examined and found the following ministers reports satisfactory; recommend that the Yearly Certificate of Ministerial Standing be granted the following:— Callie Achord, Alice Dickey, H. S. Ford, Lloyd Jeffreys, Opal Jeffreys, Lowell Martin, Roena Thomas, Conrad Williford, Lorene Williford (licensed) and two super-annuated ministers: Edith Mayfield and Arlie Hoover.

—s— John E. Bough (ch.), Ross Thomas, J. K. Stephens, Ottis Martin, Raymond Dickey.

Sunday School Committee:

1. We recommend that all Sunday Schools use Free Will Baptist literature or carefully examine the literature of other companies before using it.

2. We recommend prayer at the beginning of each Sunday School class.

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.

6. We recommend that pupils should not depend entirely on literature but carefully and extensively study each lesson from God's Word.

—s— Joan Nutting (ch.), Mrs. Pearl Lewis, Rev. Callie Achord

Temperance Committee:

We, your Committee on Temperance, wish to recommend the following:

1. That our Ministers and church members warn our people of the danger of all forms of liquor advertising being placed before the public.

2. That as much as possible, we refuse to patronize places of business that sell intoxicating beverages.

3. That we emphasize the importance of modesty in dress as becometh Christians.

4. That in our churches and homes special emphasis be given in teaching our children Christian principles in contrast to the ways of the world.

5. That we oppose all wordly pleasures that tend to draw us away from God.

—s— Ross Thomas (ch.), R. L. Nutting, A. B. Whistance
Christian Education Committee:

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

1. That a decision be made for the use of the money now on hand in the Youth Camp Fund.

2. (a) That our churches encourage their children to attend the Youth Encampment.

(b) That each church try to work out a financial plan for expenses of their group attending camp.

3. That all our churches sponsor a D.V.B.S.

4. That our churches aid in the support of our Free Will Baptist College.

—s— Rev. Roena Thomas (ch.), Theo Bough, Betty Bramblett
Missions Committee:

1. We want to make mention of the newly organized church at Greenfield and also the work that is in progress at Belton, Mo., towards the organization of a new church. We suggest they be supported with our prayers and finance as much as possible.

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

3. To supply the needs of all phases of our work, we recommend whole-hearted support of the State Co-operative Fund.

—s— Preston Cross (ch.), Rev. Arlie Hoover,
Laura C. Cockrell

Publications Committee:

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

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2. We recommend that all who subscribed and supported the Free Will Baptist Gem, continue to support it when, and if, again published. We urge all Free Will Baptists to support our papers.

3. We recommend our new national paper "Contact" and the "Free Will Baptist" of Ayden, N. C.

—s—Janie Fast (ch.), Lena Stacey, Alice Hoover.

Business Committee:

1. We recommend that our clerk be responsible for the printing of the minutes, having them printed wherever she judges best and most economical.

2. We recommend that this body give a standing vote of thanks to the Verdella church and community for their gracious hospitality during this Association.

—s— Rev. Alice Dickey, Ted J. Zellmer, Orville Foger.

Executive Board:

The Executive Board of Central Western Missouri Association met in called session with the Hannon Free Will Baptist Church on August 29, 1954. Members present were John E. Bough, W. O. Martin, W. E. Bowman and Lloyd T. Jeffreys. The board was organized with John E. Bough elected chairman and Lloyd T. Jeffreys, clerk. The directive of the Association concerning disposition of the application of Rev. R. L. Nutting, that he be enrolled on the superannuated list was carefully and impartially considered. The opinion and vote of the Board was that the Constitution and By-laws of this Association regulating this matter did not warrant granting the request. The Board further agreed that an Annual Card of Good Standing was within our power to grant and was in order. The clerk of the Board was instructed to initiate the card and notify Rev. Nutting of the action taken. This was carried out in correspondence with Rev. Nutting on September 1, 1954.

The Board sat in called session with the Wagoner Church on January 30, 1955. Members: Bough, Martin, Bowman and Jeffreys were present. Rev. Conrad Williford was seated as proxy for Rev. Alice Dickey. The petitionary letter of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Greenfield, Mo., was received. The petition of the church for admittance to the Central Western Missouri Association was granted subject to final approval by this body now in session.

No other business was transacted by the Board during the Associational year.

—s— Lloyd T. Jeffreys, Secretary

Treasurer's Report: 1954 - 1955—

General Fund

Brought forward from last year	\$31.57
Budget Fund (with 1954 letters)	
Hannon	12.50
Hickory Grove	20.50
Independence	12.50
Kansas City	17.50
Mt. Olive	13.25
Verdella	14.25
Wagoner	10.00
Total Budget Fund	100.50
To State Association	15.08
To Clerk of C. W. Mo., Association	15.08
Total deductions from Budget Fund ...	30.16
Remainder of Budget to General Fund	70.34
Ministers Conference	5.00
League Convention	10.00
Total in General Fund	116.91
Disbursements (from G. F.)	
F.W.B. Gem — Minutes (1-28-55)	71.19
F.W.B. Gem — Supplies (7-9-55)	6.70
Total disbursements	77.89
Balance in General Fund	39.02

Youth Camp Fund

Brought forward	50.45
Verdella (9-13-54) (by O. Foger)	10.00
Total youth Camp Fund	60.45
Total on hands — all funds	\$99.47

Lloyd T. Jeffreys, Treasurer

Reports of Ministers

CALLIE ACHORD— I have worked in a community church full time. I have conducted 5 funerals, preached 75 sermons and made many sick calls. My great desire is to go forward for Him because I believe the time is indeed short. (present)

ALICE DICKEY— I have pastored the First Free Will Baptist Church of Kansas City full time during the year 1954 and 1955. During this time I have brought 112 messages, received 8 new members into the church, witnessed 10 conversions, performed 3 marriage ceremonies and conducted a D.V.B.S. I have received \$1,220.00. I ask your prayers that I may continue in His great service until He says enough.

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H. S. FORD— I wish to submit the following report of our years work. I have pastored a church full time, preached 133 sermons, witnessed 26 professions, conducted 6 funerals, performed 2 marriages and we are constantly making sick calls. We desire an interest in your prayers that we may be true to our calling. (present)

ARLIE HOOVER— Superannuated. (present)

LLOYD JEFFREYS— In my work for the Lord this year I have delivered 22 messages in nine different churches, performed 1 wedding, received \$111.49 and traveled some 1,491 miles in these services. Besides this I have traveled several hundred miles in connection with my office on the State and National Superannuated Board. I served until recently as Editor and Manager of the Free Will Baptist Gem. I have assisted in such ways as I could in the organization of the First Church of Greenfield, and in locating and purchasing a building. It is my hope that I shall soon be able to again enter full-time service for the Lord. (present)

OPAL JEFFREYS— I humbly submit the following small report. Since our last Association I have delivered 7 messages, traveled 274 miles and received \$48.00. I have accepted the pastorate of the Independence Church for the coming year and ask your prayers that the Lord will lead and bless our efforts with them. (present)

LOWELL MARTIN— I have pastored the Wagoner Church the past year, preaching 61 sermons, conducting 6 funerals, performed 3 marriages, traveled 3,961 miles and received \$380.54. Yours in His service. (present)

EDITH MAYFIELD— Superannuated. (present)

ROENA THOMAS— I humbly ask to report the following of my ministry for the past year: I have pastored one church one-half time, assisted in 1 revival, conducted 1 D.V.B.S., witnessed 5 conversions, conducted 5 funerals, received offerings of about \$150.00 during the year. Trusting the Lord will lead me that I may be busy in His service the coming year, and be a blessing in His Name. (present)

CONRAD WILLIFORD— I have pastored the Hickory Grove and Independence churches the past year, preached 95 sermons, assisted in one revival, witnessed 6 professions, received 5 new members into the church, traveled 8500 miles, and received \$990.00. At the close of the Associational year I have been making contacts and laying the groundwork for a new church to be organized in Belton, Mo., where I am living now. I am very optimistic about the work here in

Belton and believe there are strong prospects of having a growing full-time church here in a short while. Pray for us that we will be led of the Lord and blessed by Him as we labor for His cause. (absent)

LORENE WILLIFORD— (licensed)— My work has been very limited this past year. Beyond assisting my husband in his pastoral duties I have only preached one sermon. Pray for us here that we may be able to do His will. There seems to be a wide-open field here for a church. (absent)

C O N S T I T U T I O N

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 the Association to accompany their church letter with three dollars (\$3.00) per church plus twenty-five cents (25c) per resident member for the Central Western Missouri Association Fund to be allocated thus: 15% for Missouri State General Association 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.

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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 officials shall 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 Trustee 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 or 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 its pastoral year end with the annual session of the Association, and to hold its 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 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.

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 National Treatise for Articles of Faith and Church Covenant.

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Wednesday, August 3, 1955 — 11:00 A. M.

The Ministers' Conference of Central Western Missouri Association was called into session by the President, Rev. Alice Dickey. Congregational singing was led by Mrs. H. S. Ford with Alice Hoover at the piano. Songs were: "Lord Send Me", "All Alone", and "When the Saints Go Marching In". Mrs. Joan Nutting was appointed secretary, pro

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tem. Prayer by Rev. H. S. Ford. The morning message was brought by Rev. Lowell Martin—Scripture, Matthew 16:6 and Mark 8:15. Subject: "The Leaven of the Pharisees, Sadduces and Herodians." Benediction by Dea. Preston Cross.

Wednesday Afternoon

The President called the session to order. Congregational singing was led by Mrs. Otto Mackey with Mrs. Louise Nutting at the piano. Songs were: "I Will Pass Over You", "To the Work", and "Hold To God's Unchanging Hand". Rev. Otto Mackey led the devotional service. Scripture: Psalms 27. Prayer by J. E. Cockrell. Reading of Constitution and By-laws by the acting secretary.

Election of Officers:

President Rev. Alice Dickey
Vice President Rev. Arlie Hoover
Secretary-Treasurer Mrs. Joan Nutting

The congregation gathered around the Altar, at this time for special prayer on behalf of our beloved sister, Jeanne Barton who is greatly missed by all members of the Association. Speaker elected for the 1956 session was Rev. Lorene Williford, alternate Rev. H. S. Ford. With the singing of a congregational song an offering was taken to defray expenses of the Conference, in the amount of \$17.92. General topics for discussion: "The Great Salvation."

- 1. Great Facts —Rev. H. S. Ford
- 2. Great Faith —Rev. Arlie Hoover
- 3. Great Feelings— Rev. R. L. Nutting

Special by Rev. Otto Mackey: "My Desire". Motion carried for the offering to be disbursed by the officers. Motion carried that the Conference instruct the secretary to write a letter of appreciation to our past secretary for the services she has rendered. Motion carried to adjourn.

—s— Mrs. Joan Nutting, Sec.-Treas.

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 Minstry 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 4, 1955 — 11:00 A. M.

The annual session of the Central Western Missouri League Convention met with the Verdella Free Will Baptist Church. Sis. Jean Crockett led the congregation in singing "Help Somebody Today", and "Rescue the Perishing". Special: "It is No Secret", by Peggy Roby and Betty Bramblett. The Secretary-Treasurer, Shirley Cross, called the meeting to order. Devotional led by Sis. Joan Nutting Scripture I John 1. Rev. Alice Dickey brought the introductory message, using Scriptures, I Timothy 2:2 and I Timothy 4:12. Raymond Dickey, with Shirley Cross at the piano sang, "Open the Door", as an invitational song.

Thursday Afternoon

The meeting was called to order by congregational singing led by Sis. Martin. Songs were: "His Way With Thee" and "The Kingdom Is Coming"; Devotions led by Ted Zellmer. Scripture used: John 14:1-7. Prayer by Bro. Ross Thomas. Letters were read, approved and delegates seated from the Wagoner, Hickory Grove, Kansas City and Independence Leagues.

Election of Officers:

President Ted Zellmer
Vice President Rosemond Bough
Secretary-Treasurer Beverly Barton

Introductory speaker for the 1956 session: Rev. Onal Jeffreys; alternates, Rev. Conrad Williford. Motion carried for the officers of the Convention to spend money as necessary. State League Convention dues in the amount of \$7.60 was sent and the remaining \$7.60 was given to the printing of the minutes.

Special numbers given at this time were:

Duet Jean Crockett and Joan Nutting
Duet Peggy Roby and Betty Bramblett
Solo Beverly Barton
—s— Beverly Barton, Sec.-Treas.

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 (20c) 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 (2-3) vote of the members present.

STATISTICAL TABLE

	Green- field	Hannon	Hickory Grove	Indepen- dence	Kansas City	Verdella	Wagoner	Totals
Members received this year	13	9	7		8	2		39
Number baptized		3	5		4	2		14
Dismissed by letter		5	1	1	2	7	1	17
Deceased		3	3			4		13
Resident members	13	42	59	33	58	44	26	275
Non-resident members		56	77	46	16	25	19	239
Membership June 30, 1955	13	98	136	79	74	69	45	514
League membership			20	29	20		16	85
Sunday School enrollment		75	65	40	115	60	30	385
Ordained ministers	3	3	1		2	2		11
Licensed ministers			1					1
Ordained deacons	1	5	3	5	4	3	3	24
Paid pastor		\$745.00	\$713.00	\$480.00	1200.00	688.43	373.35	4199.78
For Evangelism		\$155.21	310.00	10.60	35.00	138.75	83.03	732.59
Value of church property	\$2500.00	\$4000.00	3565.00	750.00		3000.00	4000.00	17815.00
Amount for building & repair					1248.66	30.50	40.41	1319.57
Incidentals		243.52	128.70		706.29	186.15	73.19	1337.85
Cooperative fund		126.16	130.20			127.77		384.13
Foreign missions		66.10	44.76	17.03	38.50	145.23	66.00	377.62
Home missions		45.40		7.31	16.50		45.14	114.35
Education				7.50		44.45	37.00	88.95
Youth Camp		49.75	95.12	103.11		15.65	18.50	282.13
Budget	8.00	13.50	17.00	13.10	17.50	41.00	10.00	-90.10

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