

*Rev. Lowell Manton*

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**Central Western Missouri  
Association  
of  
Free Will Baptists**

**FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION**

**1956**

**When Convened With  
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
Kansas City, Missouri**

**The Forty-Ninth Annual Session Will Meet  
With the Wagoner Church Near  
Stockton, Missouri**

**Tuesday Night, August 6, 1957**

## OFFICERS

Moderator.....	Dea. J. E. Cockrell, Kansas City
Assistant.....	Dea. Allen D. York, Kansas City
Clerk—Treasurer.....	Mrs. Reva Prinz, Kansas City
Assistant.....	Mrs. Alice Hoover, Liberal
Statistician.....	Dea. John Bough, Stockton

## EXECUTIVE AND HOME MISSION BOARD

Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys, Monett.....	1961
Dea. Orville Foger, Liberal.....	1960
Rev. Alice Dickey, Kansas City.....	1959
Dea. Wm. Bowman, Liberal.....	1958
Dea. John Bough, Stockton.....	1957

## 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.....	Rev. Ralph Cook, Parkville, Mo.
Independence.....	Unchosen
Kansas City.....	Rev. Alice Dickey, 5516 Appleton, K. C.
Verdella.....	Rev. Otto Mackey, Monett
Wagoner.....	No Pastor

## MINISTERS

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, Castle Rock, Colo.; Mrs. Edith Mayfield, (Sup.) Iantha; Mrs. Roena Thomas, R. 2, Liberal.

The Forty-Ninth Annual Session will convene with the Wagoner Church near Stockton, Missouri, Tuesday Night, August 6, 1957.

SPEAKERS: Jack McAllister; alternate, Roena Thomas

MINISTERS CONF.: Lloyd Jeffreys; alternate, Ralph Cook.

LEAGUE CONV.: Ted Davis; alternate, Lloyd Jeffreys.

## PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday Evening—August 7, 1956

The Forty-Eighth Annual Session of the Central Western Missouri Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Kansas City, Missouri. Mrs. Betty Solem played the marimba with Mrs. Ramona York at the piano. Congregational singing was led by Dea. J. E. Williams, singing, "I Am Resolved," and "Revive us Again." Mrs. Alice Hoover, acting assistant clerk, called the meeting to order by declaring a quorum present and the association in session for business, and called the Moderator to the chair. The congregation then sang, "Jesus Saves." Dea. Ross Thomas led our thoughts in prayer. Special numbers given at this time were a double quartet from Kansas City, singing, "I am all upon the Altar," with Mrs. Ramona York at the piano. Our sister missionary on furlough from Cuba, Miss Lucy Wisheart, played the accordin and sang, "I'd Rather Have Jesus." The Moderator, Deacon J. E. Cockrell, presented the introductory speaker, Rev. Roena Thomas. She read from Psalms 23 for the devotional, also using scripture from Exodus 14:15. The congregation sang "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms," before a beautiful ordination service for Brother Clifford Altis of the Kansas City Church. The Ordaining Council: Rev. Alice Dickey (ch), Rev. Roena Thomas, Rev. Ralph Cook. Dismissed by Dea. J. E. Williams.

Wednesday Morning—August 8, 1956

The session opened with congregational singing led by Brother Vernon Mason, with Mrs. Thora Grider at the piano. Songs were, "We'll Work 'Till Jesus Comes," and, "Near The Cross." The devotional and prayer was led by Mrs. Thora Grider, with the lesson being taken from Nehemiah 1:3, 4:14-23, 6:16.

Letters were read, received, and the delegates were seated. Constitution and By-Laws of the Association were read by Allen D. York. The Covenant was read by Rev. Alice Dickey.

### Election of Officers:

Moderator.....Deacon J. E. Cockrell, Kansas City, Mo.  
Assistant.....Allen D. York, Kansas City, Mo.  
Clerk—Treasurer.....Mrs. Reva Prinz, Kansas City, Mo.  
Assistant.....Mrs. Alice Hoover, Liberal, Mo.  
Statistician.....John Bough, Stockton, Mo.  
Committee on Committees: Jean Williams, Rev. Roena Thomas, J. K. Stephens.

Motion carried to seat visiting brethren with full privileges, except for making nominations, motions, seconding motions, or voting. Motion carried to accept Wagoner's invitation for next years association with Rev. Jack McAllister as introductory speaker, and Rev. Roena Thomas as alternate. Motion carried to send these delegates to the State Association at Niangua, Missouri: Beatrice Bough, (Independence) Mary Cross, (Wagoner) Rutha Altis, (Kansas City) Tony Davis, (Verdella) Lucille Franklin, (Greenfield) Gladys Goddard, (Hickory Grove). Motion carried to give each delegate power to appoint alternates. Motion carried to adjourn until after Ministers' Conference.

#### Wednesday Afternoon

The association re-convened at the conclusion of the Ministers' Conference. Sunday School committee report was read and accepted. The executive report was read and accepted. Temperance and Obituary committee reports were read and accepted. Motion carried to adjourn until the evening services. Benediction—Mrs. Theo Bough.

#### Wednesday evening

Meeting opened by singing, "Sweetest Name I Know"—"He Brought Me Out." Prayer by Dea. Billie Hensley. Another song by the congregation was, "The Heaven of Rest." Special Singing: "The Upper Window," by Lucy Wisheart. "Stand by Me," by trio (Mrs. Betty Solem, Raymond Dickey, and Vernon Mason). Solo, by Mrs. Ramona York. Miss Lucy Wisheart took charge of the service giving a wonderful service on Missionary work in Cuba. A special offering was taken for missions while the congregation sang, "Ready to Go." The amount of this offering was \$28.77. Dismissed by Rev. Ralph Cook.

#### Thursday Morning—August 9, 1956

Our meeting opened with Johanna Eccher reading the devotional from Psalms 19. Christian Education report read and accepted. Publications Committee report read and accepted. Statisticians report read and accepted. The Foreign Mission report held up from Wednesday was accepted. At this time Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys was re-elected to the Executive and Home Mission Board. Since Dea. Ottis Martin has left the state, Brother Orville Foger was elected for his remaining time on the Board. We adjourned for a short time for a Committee meeting.

The meeting recalled to order by Moderator. Brother J. K. Stephens gave a report on the Ministerial Standing Committee. The Committee report was then read and received with stated conditions on the second recommendation. Meeting adjourned until after League Conference. Dismissed by Thor Grider.

### Thursday Afternoon

The Association was called into session following the League Convention. The congregation sang, "Send The Light." The following people are recommended by the Association as delegates to the National Association: Alberta Hoover, J. K. Stevens, Iona Phillips, Vallie Grout, Thor Grider. Business Committee report was read and accepted. Motion carried to adjourn until next year when we convene with the Wagoner Church near Stockton. Dismissed by Brother J. K. Stevens.

### REPORTS

#### Committee On Committees:

Publications Committee:—Alice Dickey, Johanna Eccher, Laura Cockrell.

Missions Committee:—Thora Grider, Alma Mason, Theo Bough.

Sunday School Committee:—Ross Thomas, Reva Prinz, Jewel Maeberry.

Business Committee:—Roena Thomas, Allen D. York, J. K. Stephens

Temperance Committee:—Theo Bough, Ramona York, Beverly Sue Barton.

Christian Education Committee:—Alice Hoover, Jack McAllister, Lena M. Stacy.

Ministerial Standing Committee:—J. K. Stephens, Jean Williams, Alice Hoover, Ross Thomas, Allen D. York.

Obituary Committee:—Laura Cockrell, Theo Bough, Eulah Payne.

Pulpit Committee:—J. K. Stephens, Allen D. York, Alice Hoover, Jean Williams, Ross Thomas

#### Obituary Committee:

Since our heavenly father has seen fit to call some one of our beloved members, we bow in submission and extend sympathy to the bereaved families, pointing them, for solace, to the Comforter. We ask them to look ever to God, our refuge and strength in time of trouble.

This member has been called from Independence Church—Mrs. Mae Barton—s—Laura Cockrell (ch), Theo Bough, Eulah Payne.  
Ministerial Standing Committee:

We, your committee on Ministerial Standing have examined and found the following reports satisfactory; recommend that the Yearly Certificate of Ministerial Standing be granted the following:—Alice Dickey, H. S. Ford, Lloyd Jeffreys, Opal Jeffreys, Lowell Martin, and Roena Thomas.

We recommend also that Bro. Ralph Cook be granted a certificate if agreeable with the Executive Board.

We received a letter from Bro. R. L. Nutting and would like to

express our appreciation for his year's work.

—s—J. K. Stephens, (ch), Jean Williams, Alice Hoover, Ross Thomas, Allen D. York.

#### Sunday School Committee:

1. We recommend that all Sunday Schools use Free Will Baptist literature, or carefully examine for sound doctrine any literature from other companies.

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

3. We recommend that everyone read the daily bible readings given in our literature.

4. We recommend more committing of Bible verses to memory by Sunday School pupils.

5. We recommend that teachers of small children use flannel boards, or picture charts with Bible stories.

6. We recommend that all learn the books of the Bible.

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

—s—Ross Thomas (ch), Reva Prinz, Jewel Maeberry.

#### 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, tobacco and dope 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 do not patronize any business unnecessarily operating on Sunday.

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

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

6. That we oppose all worldly pleasures that tend to draw us away from God.

—s—Theo Bough (ch), Ramona York, Beverly Sue Barton.

#### **Christian Education Committee:**

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

1. That our churches encourage their league and organize a league in your church if you have none.
2. Encourage the young people to attend youth camp and back them with financial aid, and additional equipment.
3. That all our churches aid in the support of our Free Will Baptist college.
4. That all our churches sponsor a D. V. B. S.

—s—Alice Hoover (ch), Jack McAllister, Lena M. Stacy.  
**Missions Committee:**

We, your committee on Missions, make the following recommendations:

We recommend that our people continue to give, by whatever method best adapted and effective in their individual church, continued and increased support to meet the demand as the Lord blesses and enlarges our Mission fields, both at home and abroad.

We recommend that our delegates assume the responsibility as, they return to their churches, of bringing before our people the fact of our having a medical student in our ranks, in the person of Bro. LaVern Milley, and that they stress the importance of supporting him by prayer and financially in view of the possibilities of our work through his efforts in the future.

—s—Thora Grider (ch), Alma Mason, Theo Bough.

#### **Publications Committee:**

1. We recommend the denominational papers, F. W. B. "Gem," and "Contract," also the church family plan for the Gem.

2. We recommend the King James version of the Holy Bible.

—s—Alice Dickey (ch), Johanna Eccher, Laura Cockrell.

#### **Business Committee:**

We recommend a suggestion to the State Association that our groups of children at Youth Camp be divided into two different age groups and that two different sessions be held.

We express the thanks of all to the K. C. Church for their wonderful way of taking care of the Association while we were in session.

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

—s—Roena Thomas (ch), Allen D. York, J. K. Stephens, Joe Cockrell.

### Executive Board:

The Executive Board of The Central Western Missouri Association met at Verdella church November 25, 1955. The Board organized with John Bough, chairman and Alice Dickey, secretary. All members were present except Lloyd Jeffreys. Discussion concerning Youth Camp cabin. Discussion concerning a list of questions on our doctrine to be used by the board in examining candidates for deacons or ministers. Motion carried that we adopt this list to be used.

Motion carried that article #7 be changed to read, "and shall be the examining council of the association." Adjourned.

The Executive Board met at Verdella Free Will Baptist Church April 29, 1956, to examine Clifford Altis for the office of deacon as requested by First Free Will Baptist Church of Kansas City. Bro Altis was found worthy and the board recommended him for ordination when ever the church desires.

Members present were John Bough, Willie Bowman, Alice Dickey, Proxys Arlie Hoover, and L. C. Wade.

—s—Alice Dickey, Secretary.

### Treasurer's Report: 1955 - 1956—

#### General Fund

Brought Forward from last year..... \$39.02

#### Budget Fund (with 1955 letters)

Hannon .....\$13.50

Greenfield ..... 8.00

Hickory Grove ..... 17.00

Independence ..... 11.55

Kansas City ..... 17.75

Verdella ..... 14.00

Wagoner ..... 10.00

For Mr. Olive (by C. A.) ..... 1.00

Total Budget Fund .....\$92.80

To State Association (cash by L. Jeffreys) ..... 13.92

To Clerk of C. W. Mo. Association ..... 13.92

Total Deductions from Budget Fund .....\$27.84

Remainder of Budget Fund to General Fund..... 64.96

Ministers Conference ..... 8.00

League Convention ..... 7.60

Total in General Fund .....119.58



Disbursements (from G. F.)	
To Cedar County Republican for Minutes (Nov. 22) ....	60.00
Total disbursements .....	60.00
Balance in General Fund .....	59.58
Youth Camp Fund	
Brought Forward .....	60.45
Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. York .....	15.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cockrell .....	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Mason .....	10.00
Offering 5th Sunday Rally at H. G. ....	22.78
Greenfield Church (by L. Martin) .....	5.14
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Williams .....	10.00
Kansas City League .....	25.00
Mrs. Raymond Dickey .....	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Ross Thomas .....	10.00
Hannon Women's Auxiliary .....	16.50
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Prinz .....	10.00
Offering 5th Sunday Rally at Indep. ....	19.57
Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hoover .....	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Horn .....	10.00
Independence Church .....	75.00
Greenfield Church (by L. Jeffreys) .....	10.00
Hannon Sunday School .....	60.00
Kansas City Church (by A. Dickey & A. Mason) ..	20.00
Verdella League .....	15.00
Greenfield Church (by J. Mayberry) .....	10.00
Greenfield Church (by D. & R. York) .....	15.00
Hickory Grove Church .....	25.00
Wagoner Church .....	100.00
Hannon Sunday School .....	10.00
Offering 5th Sunday at Verdella .....	25.90
Total Youth Camp Fund .....	605.34
Disb. from Fund for Gravel & Filling Mar. 24, 1956....	32.00
Labor on Cabin (Rev. Reeves) .....	50.00
Material on Cabin (Rev. Reeves) .....	443.74
Labor on Cabin (Rev. Reeves) .....	70.00
Cabin Beds (John Bough) .....	59.60
Cabin Beds (June 22, John Bough) .....	38.40
Total disbursed .....	\$693.74
Received May 31, Hickory Grove Church .....	50.00
Received July 29, (Offering 5th Sunday Wagoner) .....	38.40
Total Youth Camp Funds .....	693.74
Total Disbursed .....	\$693.74

## REPORTS OF MINISTERS

**RALPH COOK**— I have pastored Hickory Grove Church half time the last year. Preached 24 sermons, received \$260.00, and traveled 1,600 miles. I am praying to be in the center of Gods will in all things I do. Pray for me.. (present)

**ALICE DICKEY**— I have pastored the Kansas City Church full time the past year. Brought 72 messages, received 23 new members into the church, baptized five (5), witnessed nine conversions, helped in D.V:B.S., and performed two marriage ceremonies. I need your prayers that I might be in the center of His will. (present)

**H. S. FORD**— I wish to submit the following report of our years work. I have preached 80 sermons, witnessed 7 professions, conducted 9 funerals, performed 5 weddings, and am continually visiting and praying for the sick. We covet an interest in your prayers that we may stay in the center of the Lords will. (absent)

**LLOYD JEFFREYS**— I have delivered 29 messages, baptized 3, received 4 into the church, traveled about 1,791 miles in these services, and received \$187.00. Besides this I have traveled many miles in service for the Executive Board and in helping establish the church at Greenfield. I am certainly disappointed that we are unable to attend this year due to the condition of Mrs. Jeffreys health, and the nature of my employment. (absent)

**OPAL E. JEFFREYS**— I have delivered 20 messages, traveled 1,122 miles, received \$173.00, and witnessed the salvation of two precious souls. I am so sorry that we will not be able to be present, but pray that the Spirit of the Lord will prevail and great and lasting good will be accomplished. (absent)

**LOWELL MARTIN**— Until leaving the state of Missouri in May of this year I pastored the Wagoner Church and also, beginning in January, preached at a Community church—Fairview—near Jerico Springs, Missouri. I preached 45 sermons, performed one marriage, traveled 2,750 miles and received \$373.99. I will no doubt be idle as far as preaching is concerned as long as we are here, but if the Association consents, would like to retain my ministerial standing, with the hope that I may be back home and in the work I love before another year is gone. (absent)

**ROENA THOMAS**— I humbly ask to make this report of my work for the Lord during the past year. I have pastored 1 church half time, and conducted 2 vacation Bible schools. We saw 24 children accept the Lord as their Saviour, for which we do praise Him! Also I conducted one funeral and performed 1 wedding ceremony. I covet your prayers, that I may serve Him better the coming year, and be faithful until He comes. (present)

EDITH MAYFIELD— Superannuated. (absent)

ARLIE HOOVER— Superannuated. (absent)

R. L. NUTTING— During the past year I have only preached six or eight sermons, and witnessed only one conversion. About the first of the year I felt a special burden for the community around the Old Bluff Church where there had been no services for several years. I got busy and worked up enough interest to organize a Sunday School there and we have been having preaching services two Sundays a month. I teach the adult Bible class and have been present every Sunday since January 1, this year. Two other ministers have done some of the preaching. I think the seed sown in our Sunday School has helped bring about the conversion of three other souls that had not been in services any where for a long time until we got our Sunday School started. (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 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.

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, 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 be the examining council of the Association.

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 of 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 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 8, 1956 — 11:00 A. M.

The Minister's Conference of Central Western Missouri Association was called into session by singing, "When We all Get to Heaven," and "I am Resolved." Prayer by Rev. Roena Thomas. Another congregational song, "There is a Name I Love to Hear." Special song, "Tenderly He Watches Over You," by Lucy Wisehart. Another prayer by Rev. Alice Dickey. Mrs. Reva Prinz was appointed secretary protem. Due to the absence of the morning speaker and alternate, Bro. Jack McAllister was asked to fill the stand. His message was on the 3rd chapter of St. John, the subject being, "Ye Must Be Born Again." Time was granted for a report to the Committee on Committees. Dismissed by Theo Bough.

### Wednesday Afternoon

The session reopened in the afternoon by singing, "Send the Light." Sister Lucy Wisehart led the devotional based on, "Stand Not in the Way of Sinners." Scripture, Psalms 1. Prayer by Sister Alice Hoover. Reading of by-laws by acting secretary. Business meeting called to order by president, Alice Dickey.

#### Election of Officers:

President.....Jack McAllister  
Vice-President.....Alice Dickey  
Secretary.....Johanna Eccher  
General Topics for Discussion: Missionary of the Gospel.

1. "Go"—Rev. Roena Thomas
2. "Sin"—Rev. Alice Dickey
3. "On The Field"—Lucy Wisehart

The speaker elected for the 1957 session is Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys. The alternate speaker Rev. Ralph Cook.

An Offering was taken to defray expenses of the conference in the amount of \$12.25. Motion carried to adjourn.

—s—Johanna Eccher, 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 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 9, 1956 — 11:00 A. M.

The annual session of the Central Western Missouri League Convention met with the Kansas City First Free Will Baptist Church. Congregational singing was led by Mrs. Billy Hensley. Songs were, "Til Morning Comes," and the chorus "Jesus is a Wonderful Saviour." The meeting was called to order by the President, Ted Zellmer. Motion was made that letters be read. Letters were approved and delegates seated.

### Elections of Officers:

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

Motion was made and second that half (\$7.20) of the dues be spent for the printing of the minutes. The other half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) to go to the state league.

Motion was made and second that Article #2 be changed to read, "shall preside over all League rally's and meetings and appoint all committees." Introductory speaker for 1957 session, Rev. Ted Davis; alternate, Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys. Special numbers given at this time were; Solo by Ramona York, Solo by Lucy Wischart. Rev. Roena Thomas brought the message from 2 Kings 2. Motion was made and carried that we adjourn. Dismissed by Ted Zellmer.

—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 League rallies and 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 ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote of the members present.



STATISTICAL TABLE

	Greenfield	Hannon	Hkry Gr.	Indep.	K. C.	Verdella	Wagoner	Totals
Members received this year		2			23	4		29
Number baptized					5	2		7
Dismissed by letter		3	7	1	6	2		19
Deceased				1				1
Resident members	13	37	50	18	61	38	24	241
Non-resident members		40	77	26	15	40	16	214
Membership June 30, 1956	13	77	127	44	76	78	40	455
League membership		11	18	15	20	25	13	104
Sunday School enrollment	17	79	55	30	125	63	30	399
Ordained ministers	3	3	1		2	3		12
Licensed ministers			1					1
Ordained deacons	1	7	3	4	5	5	3	28
Paid pastor	\$ 15.25	\$ 6.30	\$ 420.00	\$244.00	\$ 1200.00	\$756.75	\$ 280.66	\$ 2922.96
For Evangelism		130.00		142.31	186.47	203.29		662.07
Value of church property	4500.00	4000.00	3565.00		10000.00		4000.00	26065.00
Amount for building & repair	1405.07	11.00		43.00	219.20	408.86		2187.13
Incidentals	156.48	223.05	204.99		570.81	50.00	128.74	1334.07
Cooperative fund		121.81	132.12			293.57	7.06	554.56
Foreign missions						43.96	28.20	72.16
Home missions					125.00	61.00	42.30	228.30
Education					29.97	56.99	7.06	94.02
Youth camp	50.14	210.75	75.00	75.00	30.00	55.65	28.20	625.24
Budget	4.50	12.75	15.50	6.00	18.25	9.50	9.00	75.80