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

**FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION**

**1957**

**When Convened With  
Wagoner Free Will Baptist Church  
Stockton, Missouri**

**The 50th Annual Session Will Meet With  
The Hannon Church  
Liberal, Mo.**

**Tuesday Night, July 29, 1958**

## OFFICERS

Moderator.....	Dea. John Bough, Stockton, Missouri
Assistant.....	Dea. J. E. Cockrell, Kansas City, Missouri
Clerk-Treasurer.....	Mrs. Reva Prinz, Independence, Missouri
Assistant.....	Miss Alberta Hoover, Liberal, Missouri
Statistician.....	Mr. Arlie Hoover, Liberal, Missouri

## EXECUTIVE AND HOME MISSION BOARD

Dea. John Bough, Stockton.....	1962
Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys, Monett.....	1961
Dea. Orville Foger, Liberal.....	1960
Rev. Alice Dickey, Kansas City .....	1959
Dea. W. M. Bowman, Liberal.....	1958

## CHURCH CLERKS

Beacon.....	Mrs. Carmen Smith, 7310 Ralston, Raytown.
Greenfield.....	Jewel Maberry, Greenfield.
Hannon.....	Bessie Bunton, Liberal
Hickory Grove.....	Iris Jones, Harrisonville.
Independence.....	Mrs. Elza Routh, Stockton.
Kansas City.....	Mrs. Clyde Cheatham, 805 Smith, K.C.
Verdella.....	Janie Fast, Liberal.
Victory Church.....	Mrs. Billie Hensley, 2632 Campbell, K.C.
Wagoner.....	Jeanne Barton, Stockton.

## CHURCH PASTORS

Beacon.....	Rev. Lester Jones, 4110 E. 6th, K.C.
Greenfield.....	Rev. Otto Mackey, Monett, Mo.
Hannon.....	Rev. Harry Sterling, Webb City.
Hickory Grove.....	Rev. Ralph Cook, Parkville.
Independence .....	None
Kansas City.....	Rev. Alice Dickey, 5504 Appleton, K.C.
Verdella.....	Rev. Archie Burres, Granby.
Victory.....	Rev. Russel B. Spurgeon, 518 Wabash, K.C.
Wagoner.....	Rev. Jack McAllister, Holden, Mo.

## MINISTERS

Mrs. Callie Achord, Rt. 1, Jerico Springs; Mrs. Alice Dickey, 5504 Appleton, K.C.; Arlie Hoover, Liberal (Sup.); Loyd Jeffreys and Mrs. Opal Jeffreys, 304 Euclid, Monett; Lester Jones, 4110 E. 6th St., K.C.; James McAllister, 828 W. 40th, K.C.; Jack McAllister, Holden; Mrs. Lowell Martin, Castle Rock, Colo.; Mrs. Edith Mayfield, Iantha (Sup.); Mrs. Roena Thomas, Rt. 2, Liberal.

The 50th Annual Session will convene with the Hannon Church, Liberal, Missouri, Tuesday night, July 29, 1958.

**SPEAKERS:** Russel B. Spurgeon; Alternate, Lloyd Jeffreys.

**MINISTERS CONF.:** Lester Jones; Alternate, James McAllister.

**LEAGUE CONV.:** Alice Dickey; Alternate, James McAllister.

meeting Victory church K.C.  
Speaker - James McCullley  
alternate - J. Martin  
PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday Evening—August 6, 1957

The Forty-Ninth Annual Session of the Central Western Missouri Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the Wagoner Church at Wagoner, Missouri. Congregational singing opened the meeting with Bro. Russel Spurgeon leading singing and Miss Beverly Barton at the piano. Songs were "Love Lifted Me", "Blessed Assurance", and "There Shall Be Showers Of Blessings." Mrs. Reva Prinz, the clerk, declared a quorum present, the association in session for business, and called the moderator to the floor. Bro. Lloyd Jeffreys led in an opening prayer. The congregation then sang "At The Cross." Bro. J. E. Cockrell, moderator, presented the speaker of the evening, Bro. Jack McAllister. Scripture text was Revelations 5, reading the entire chapter, with the introductory sermon being based on "Justification." The Meeting was then turned back to the Moderator for appointment of the Committee on Committees. This Committee being as follows: John Bough (ch), Roena Thomas, J. K. Stevens. Dismissed by Rev. Lester Jones from Beacon Church of Raytown.

Wednesday Morning—August 7, 1957

The morning session opened with congregational singing led by Miss Alberta Hoover with Beverly Barton at the piano. Songs were "Joy Unspeakable" and "Blessed Assurance" The devotional, given by Rev. Roena Thomas, was taken from the 26th chapter of Matthew, verses 30 through 46, with prayer by Sis. Myrtle Jones.

Motion made and second that we vote on the letters as a whole and seat the delegates in the same manner. Letters were read, received and delegates seated. The Verdella letter was not read, but delegates were seated, with a promise of a letter coming later. Constitution and By-Laws of the association were read by Rev. Lester Jones. The Covenant was read by Rev. Alice Dickey.

Motion carried to seat visiting brethren with full privileges, except for making nominations or motions, seconding motions or voting. A special prayer for guidance in our election of officers was led by Rev. Roena Thomas.

Election of officers:

Moderator.....	Dea. John Bough, Stockton
Assistant.....	Dea. J. E. Cockrell, Kansas City
Clerk-Treasurer.....	Mrs. Reva Prinz, Independence
Assistant.....	Miss Alberta Hoover, Liberal

The election of Statistician and Executive board member was delayed until after their respective reports. Motion carried to accept the invitation of the Hannon church for the 50th Annual session. Bro. Russel Spurgeon was elected to be the introductory speaker with Bro. Lloyd Jeffreys as alternate. The delayed letter from the Verdella Church was read and accepted. Motion carried to send the following delegates to the State association at Monett, Missouri.

Ruby McAllister (K.C.), Greta Carter (Beacon), Gladys Goddard (Hickory Grove), Mary Cook (Victory), Beverly Barton (Wagoner), Mary Wade (Hannon), Ionia Phillips (Verdella). Motion carried to give each delegate power to appoint alternate. The following people were recommended to the State as delegates to the National Association. J. K. Stevens, Ross Thomas, and Jeanne Barton.

At this time Bro. John Bough was given permission to appoint Bro. J. E. Cockrell to replace him as chairman of the Committee on Committees. Report of the Executive board was read and accepted. Bro. John Bough was re-elected to the Executive board. Motion carried to adjourn until after Ministers Conference.

Dismissed by Roena Thomas.

### Wednesday Afternoon

The meeting was recalled to order following Ministers Conference. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted. A report was given by Rev. Lester Jones concerning his work as our State Home Missionary. Motion made to adjourn until evening service. Motion carried, and the meeting was dismissed by Bro. Carl Bough.

### Wednesday Evening

Meeting opened with singing, "Is Thy Heart Right With God", "I Love Him", "Near the Cross", and "Bringing In The Sheaves", with Jack McAllister leading and Thor Grider at the piano. After prayer led by Mrs. Elaine Spurgeon, we sang "Sweet By and By." A reading entitled "Dedication" was given by Susan Coiner, and she also gave the books of the Bible. This was followed by another congregational song, "I Will Sing The Wondrous Story." Rev. Russel Spurgeon took charge of the service, delivering a sermon on "Take Ye away the stone," with scripture being taken from John 11:33-45. Dismissed by Bro. Preston Cross.

### Thursday Morning—August 8, 1957

The Association opened by singing "Where He Leads I'll Follow" and "Just Over in the Glory Land," with Jack McAllister leading, and Thor Grider at the piano.

Devotional was led by Arlie Hoover with scripture being the 112th Psalm, and Psalm 111:10. Nita Coiner led in prayer. Statistician report was read and accepted. Bro. Arlie Hoover was elected as statistician for the coming year. Sunday school Committee report was read and accepted. Obituary Committee report, Publications, and Temperance Committee reports were read and accepted. The Business Committee gave a partial report concerning establishing another fund for a cabin at youth camp. This recommendation was placed before the Association for discussion from the floor. This partial report was accepted with expectations of a future recommendation on the same subject. Missions Committee report was read and discussed item by item. The report was returned to the Committee for some changes in wording on the first recommendation with the understanding it would be brought up later. Christian education report was read and accepted. The present minutes were read up to this point for reprove or correction. Voting on accepting this was held up until the final reading. Motion carried to adjourn until after the League Conference. Dismissed by H. C. Zellmer.

### Thursday Evening

The Association was recalled to order following the League Convention. Missions Committee report read, and motion carried to adopt the report item by item.

Item no. 1: Read and accepted.

Item no. 2: Read and accepted.

Item no. 3: Read and accepted.

Ministerial report read and accepted after a discussion from the floor. Business report was read and motion carried to adopt the report item by item.

Item no. 1: Read and accepted.

Item no. 2: Read and accepted.

Item no. 3: Read and accepted.

Motion carried to grant Bro. Henry Ford a certificate of Standing, since his report was not received. A special offering of \$39.07 was taken for our Cabin Fund. Motion carried to accept the minutes as read giving clerk power to change or correct. Motion carried to give Moderator power to appoint a Committee to be announced at a later date, and to be in charge of our 50th Anniversary Meeting. Motion carried to adjourn until next year's session when we will convene with the Hannon church near Liberal, Missouri. Prayer by Dea. J. E. Cockrell.

### REPORTS

Committee on Committees:

Business Committee: Alice Dickey, Joe Cockrell, Preston Cross.

Ministerial Standing: J. K. Stephens, Rutha Altis, Carl Bough, Thor Grider, Vera Hoover.

Publications Committee: Roena Thomas, Lena Stacy, Geo. Whistance.

Missions Committee: Jeanne Barton, Alberta Hoover, Greta Carter.

Sunday School Committee: Janie Fast, Vallie Grout, Gertie Crabtree.

Temperance Committee: Lucille Miller, Lester Jones, Mary Cook.

Christian Education Committee: Jack McAllister, Alba Campbell, Carl Campbell.

Obituary Committee: Albert Whistance, Iona Mae Phillips, Orville Foger.

Pulpit Committee: J. K. Stephens, Rutha Altis, Carl Bough, Thor Grider, Vera Hoover.—s—John Bough (ch), Roena Thomas, J. K. Stephens.

Obituary Committee:

Since our Heavenly Father has seen fit to call some 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.

These members have been called from the Verdella Church. Mrs. Anna Mae Davis, and William Campbell, and this member from the Wagoner Church—W. M. Marshall.—Ionia Mae Phillips (ch), Albert Whistance, Orville Foger.

### Ministerial Standing:

Having examined individual letters from the following Ministers, we find them to be eligible to receive yearly certificates of Ministerial Standing.—Opal Jeffreys, Lloyd Jeffreys, Ralph Cook, Lester Jones, Jack McAllister, Roena Thomas, James McAllister, Russel Spurgeon, Callie Achord, Lowell Martin, Alice Dickey, Everett Smith, and two Superannuated Ministers, Bro. Arlie Hoover and Sister Edith Mayfield.—s—J. K. Stephens (ch), Vera Hoover, Carl Bough, George Whistance, Thora Grider.

### 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 every Sunday School teacher be a Christian, and not depend entirely on literature, but carefully study each lesson from God's Word.

—s—Janie Fast (ch), Gertrude Crabtree, Vallie Grout.

### Temperance Committee:

1. That our Ministers warn our people of the subtle methods of liquor and tobacco advertisements, and the danger of dope handlers, especially in connection with our youth.

2. That as much as possible our people refuse to patronize any business that sells intoxicating beverages.

3. That we do not patronize any business unnecessarily operating on Sunday.

4. That our people refrain from dressing indecently before the Public.

5. That our Churches and parents alike give special emphasis on teaching our youth the Christian principles in contrast to the principles of the world.

6. That we oppose all things that tend to draw us away from God.—s—Lucille Miller (ch), Mary Cook, Lester Jones

### **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 if there is none.
  2. That each church sponsor a D. V. B. S. each year.
  3. That each person support their mid-week Bible study.
  4. That each church send a delegation to league Conventions, if possible, and support in such a meeting.
  5. That we support our State youth encampment, and supply them with financial aid, and additional equipment.
- s—Jack McAllister (ch), Alba Campbell, Carl Campbell

### **Missions Committee:**

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

We recommend that our churches give a per-cent of all offerings or special offering quarterly toward a fund to be used by our local associational work which is to be under the direction of the Home Mission board.

We recommend that our association designate Wednesday night of our local association as Missions night, and that the Executive Board be responsible for all of the program arrangements.

We recommend that a Missions offering be taken at our Association, on Missions night.

We recommend that our churches organize a womens Auxiliary whereby they might become more acquainted with our mission work.

—s—Jeann Barton (ch), Alberta Hoover, Greta Carter.

### **Publications Committee:**

1. We recommend the Denominational paper, F. W. B. Gem, and Contact, and the Church family plan.

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

3. We recommend that our Churches use F. W. B. Sunday School Literature.

4. We recommend that where ever practical we supply our visitors with cards of Welcome messages.

—s—Roena Thomas (ch), Geo. Whistance, Lena Stacy.

### **Business Committee:**

1. We recommend that due to the great need for more cabin space at our Youth Camp that we start a cabin fund at this setting of Central Western Missouri Association. This fund to be in the hands of the League Officers, and Executive board of the association.

2. We recommend that since our next session is to be the 50th anniversary, that the Executive board be charged with the responsibility of setting the time so as not to conflict with other nearby Associations.

3. We recommend that a standing vote of thanks be given to the Wagoner church and community for the wonderful way they have entertained us this year.

—s—Alice Dickey (ch), J. E. Cockrell, Preston Cross.

### Executive Board Report:

To the Association when in session with Wagoner Church:

Members, John Bough, Alice Dickey, and Lloyd T. Jeffreys met in called session Aug. 22, 1956, at the youth camp at Niangua, Missouri, during the State Association to consider a request that Bro. Jack McAllister be examined for license to preach the gospel. He was examined and a motion unanimously carried to grant him license. No other business was transacted.

The Board met in called session September 30, 1956, with the Greenfield Church. Rev. Alice Dickey was unable to be present. No one was seated in proxy. The board organized with John Bough as chairman, and Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys as secretary. Bro. Tony Davis of the Verdella Church was examined for Deacon by request of that church. Motion unanimously carried that he be ordained. (Ordination carried out in afternoon service the same day.) Adjourned till call of Chairman.

The Board met in called session October 28, 1956, with the Hickory Grove Church. All members were present. Item No. 2 of the report of the Committee on Ministerial Standing to the Forty-Eights Annual Session concerning Bro. Ralph Cook, was brought into consideration. Bro. Cook was extensively examined. Motion unanimously carried to grant him a Card of Ministerial Standing of full fellowship as an ordained minister in this Association. Adjourned until call of chairman.

The Board met in called session March 31, 1957, with the Kansas City First Free Will Baptist Church. Members John Bough and W. E. Bowman were unable to attend. Bro. Joe Cockrell and Bro. Clifford Altis were seated in Proxy. Bro. Jim McAllister was examined for license to preach the Gospel by request of Kansas City First Church. Motion unanimously carried to grant him license. Petitionary letters for membership in Central Western Missouri Association were received from Victory Free Will Baptist Church and Beacon Free Will Baptist Church, both organized March 28, 1957. Statements were heard from Bro. Joe Cockrell and Bro. D. York, who were present at the organization of these churches. Rev. Lester Jones of the Beacon church and Bro. Billy Hensley of the Victory church appeared before the board and gave testimony of the fellowship and doctrine of these churches. Motion unanimously carried to receive them into the fellowship of the association. (This was done in the afternoon service at the church.) Rev. Lester Jones was examined and motion carried to grant him a Card of Ministerial Standing in full fellowship as an ordained minister in this association. Adjourned till call of chairman.



Board met in called session June 30, 1957, with the Verdella Church. All members were present. Bro. Everett Smith was examined at the request of the Victory Free Will Baptist Church. Motion unanimously carried to receive him into full fellowship as an ordained minister and grant him a Card of Ministerial Standing whenever suitable. Transcript of record was received from his former Association. A request of Rev. Conrad Williford that he be granted a letter of dismission pertaining to his standing as a minister was considered. Motion unanimously carried to grant the letter and the secretary was directed to prepare and send same.

Please pray for your board as they continue their labors of service and love in matters of vital importance to all of us.

—s—Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, Secretary.

#### Treasurer's Report: 1956-57

##### General Fund

Brought Forward from Last Year .....\$ 59.58  
Budget Fund (with 1956 letters)

Greenfield .....\$ 4.50  
Hannon ..... 12.75  
Hickory Grove ..... 15.50  
Independence ..... 6.30  
Kansas City First ..... 18.25  
Verdella ..... 12.50  
Wagoner ..... 9.00

Total Budget .....\$78.80

To C. W. Clerk .....\$11.25

To State Assoc. .... 11.25

Total Deducted from Budget ..... 22.50

Remainder of Budget Deposited to General ..... 56.30

Ministers Conference ..... 12.25

League Convention ..... 7.20

TOTAL IN GENERAL FUND .....\$135.33

##### Disbursed from General Fund:

Raytown News (for programs) .....\$ 23.95

A-1 Print Shop (for minutes) ..... 80.00

A-1 Print Shop (ministers cards) ..... 11.75

Rev. Halbrook (church letters) ..... 1.80

Cash (supplies) ..... 3.00

TOTAL DISBURSED ..... 120.50

Left in General Fund (Raytown Bank) .....\$ 14.83

## REPORTS OF MINISTERS

**CALLIE ACHORD**—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I humbly submit the following report. I haven't done too much preaching this last year as my health didn't permit. I have held 1 revival, preacher 40 sermons, conducted 4 funerals, also witnessed the salvation of lost souls. I do want to do his sweet will. (present)

**RALPH COOK**—Annual report. Sermons preached—30, pastored church half time, witnessed 1 profession, baptized 6, added 7 to church, traveled 1500 miles, and received \$6.50. I desire your prayers that I might go all the way.

**ALICE DICKEY**—To Central Western Mo. Association. I have pastored the First Free Baptist Church of Kansas City, during the past year. I have brought 94 messages, performed 2 marriages, baptized 1, received 5 into church membership, and witnessed 12 conversions. I request your prayers that I may be true to my Lord, and His calling. (present)

**LLOYD JEFFREYS**—I have delivered 22 messages, conducted 1 funeral, helped ordain two deacons, traveled about 1,350 miles, and received \$189.38. Besides this I have attended all five called Executive Board meetings, for which I kept no record of miles traveled. (present)

**OPAL E. JEFFREYS**—I'm sorry that my report is so small this year, but thankful for even a small report, trusting God to receive glory unto Himself for it. Have delivered 4 messages, traveled 228 miles, and received an offering of \$12.50. (present)

**JAMES W. McALLISTER**—Since being called into the ministry late in December of 1956, I have served as acting pastor of a small mission in Kansas City, Kansas, receiving no salary, preached a total of 38 sermons, and witnessed 1 conversion. I am asking for your prayers that I may always be in the center of God's Will.

**LESTER JONES**—Annual report. Sermons preached 83, churches pastored 1, Revivals held 1, Professions witnessed 5, Number baptized 0, Additions to Church 4, Churches organized 4, Funerals preached 0, miles traveled 16,000, Amount received \$4,165.00. (present)

**JACK McALLISTER**—In the past year I have been pastoring the Wagoner Church half time for the past 5 months. I have brought 26 messages, received in offerings \$203.50, and have traveled 3200 miles. I have also helped in the Youth camp as cabin sponsor and have brought 1 message there. This is the first church I have pastored and ask the prayers of all Christian people that the Lord will truly bless in our work here. (present)

**LOWELL MARTIN**—My loving greetings to all. It was my fervent wish to attend the session this year, but it has not proved possible. However, since we are disposing of our business here it is my hope to be back in Missouri before too long, and to assume at least a limited place in the Lord's service there. I have no report to make of work for the past year. May God richly bless in all sessions of the Association, and lead all our Churches into an enlarged work, and increased zeal. (absent)

RUSSEL B. SPURGEON—I beg to submit the following yearly report of all my labors for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1957. Pastored 1 church, preached at other places 36 sermons, traveled 20,000 miles received into the churches 1, baptized 0, witnessed 4 conversions, received for my labors \$2270.00, fulfilled all appointments, marriages solemnized 1, funerals preached 3. (present)

ROENA THOMAS—I beg to submit the following report of my past year's work for the Lord. I have served as local pastor again for the Oskaloosa Church. This completes 4 years with this fine group. We do not have an organized church here, but I have hopes that we may see this done in time. We desire your prayers as we continue to labor with them. Bro. O. T. Alred is to begin a revival for us there immediately following the soon coming State Association. Also I have directed 3 D. V. B. S. and conducted 5 funerals. In all preached 25 sermons, and received offerings of over \$200.00 during the past years. Pray for me. (present)

EDITH MAYFIELD—Superannuated.

ARLIE HOOVER—Superannuated. (present)

## CONSTITUTION

Article 1—Name and Composition. This organization shall be known as the Central Western Missouri Association of Free Will Baptists, and shall be composed of such consistent, well regulated Free Will Baptist churches as shall from time to time unite with the organization and agree to this Constitution.

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

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

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

Article 4—Finance. —It shall be the duty of the churches of 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 or the Assistant Clerk, or in his or her absence the standing member having seniority in years of service. After the Clerk or the one calling the assembly to order shall declare a quorum he or she shall call the Moderator to the chair, or in his or her absence the standing member having seniority in years of service.

2. Each session of this Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

3. Five delegates from three or more churches shall constitute a quorum to transact business for the association, but any less number may adjourn.

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

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

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

7. It shall be the duty of each church of the Association to have 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 7, 1957—10:00 A.M.

The Ministers Conference of Central Western Missouri Association was called into session by the president, Bro. Jack McAllister with the congregation singing "Victory in Jesus," led by Miss Alberta Hoover with Beverly Barton at the piano. Prayer was led by Rev. Russel Spurgeon. Other songs were "I Love to Tell the Story," and a special song, "Living on the Halleuah Side," by Arlene Campbell. Due to the absence of the morning speaker and the alternate, Rev. Lester Jones conceded to fill the stand, reading the entire 5th chapter of Galatians, and giving a message based on the "Hindrances to Success." Time was allowed at the end of the sermon for a report from the Committee on Committees. Dismissed by Rev. Ralph Cook.

### Wednesday Afternoon

The session re-opened in the afternoon by singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," and "Trust and Obey." Prayer by Rev. Otto Mackey.

#### Election of Officers:

President ..... Rev. Jack McAllister  
 Vice-President ..... Rev. Ralph Cook  
 Secretary-Treasurer ..... Nita Coiner  
 General Topics for Discussion: We Would See Jesus—John 12:21

1. His Diety (Virgin Birth) ..... Rev. Russel Spurgeon
  2. His Life Work & Teaching ..... Rev. Lester Jones
  3. His Crucifixion—Atonement ..... Rev. O. Mackey
  4. His Resurrection ..... Rev. Ralph Cook
  5. His Second Coming ..... Rev. Roena Thomas
- Topics for discussion was closed by singing "Glory to His Name." The speaker elected for the 1958 session was Rev. Lester Jones. The alternate Rev. Jim McAllister. An offering was taken to defray expenses of the conference in the amount of \$22.61. Motion carried to put amount over the expense of programs on minutes. Dismissed by Rev. Arthur Kicenski.

—s—Nita Coiner—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 8, 1957—11:00 A.M.

The Annual Session of the Central Western Missouri League convention met with the Wagoner Free Will Baptist church. Congregational singing was led by Miss Alberta Hoover, with Sis. Thora Grider at the piano. Songs were: "He Keeps Me Singing", and the League Theme, "Free Will Baptist Leaguers." The meeting was called to order by our president, Bro. Ted Zellmer, who also led in prayer. Another song at this time was "I Am Thine, Oh Lord."

Services were then turned over to Rev. Jack McAllister, who consented to speak in the absence of the elected speaker, and the alternate. Bro. McAllister's subject was SIN, with scriptures in Luke 22:20, Acts 6:1-15, 7:54-60. An invitational hymn closed the sermon, and we were dismissed by Bro. Arlie Hoover.

### Thursday Afternoon

Afternoon services were called to order by singing "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" and "I Want to Be a Worker", led by Miss Alberta Hoover, with Mrs. Thora Grider at the piano. Devotional was led by Miss Beverly Barton. The scripture was Psalms 1. Prayer was led by Rev. Lester Jones.

### Program for the Afternoon:

Two Solos ..... Rev. Jack McAllister  
Solo ..... Miss Alberta Hoover  
Reading ..... Mrs. Greta Carter and Miss Jeanne Barton

A Sword Drill was directed by Mrs. Lester Jones. Contestants were Elaine Whitson, Susan Coiner (Verdella Church), and Pat Taylor (First Church, K. C.). The winner was Elaine Whitson, with Pat Taylor second. The winner of this Drill will participate in the State Sword Drill.

Letters were read and accepted, and delegates were seated from 6 Leagues.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

President ..... Nita Coiner  
Vice-President ..... Alberta Hoover  
Secretary-Treasurer ..... Beverly Barton

Introductory speaker for the next League session will be Rev. Alice Dickey: Alternate Rev. Jim McAllister. One half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the League dues will be sent to the State Association, and the other half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) will be used for a Youth Camp Cabin Fund. Motion was made and second that we adjourn until next year.

—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.



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Beacon <sup>7115</sup> ~~7115~~ <sup>7115</sup> Knapf 1

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Wagoner Theo ✓  
Albert ✓  
George

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New Hope <sup>7115</sup> Russell ✓  
Hammell

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Oskaloosa J<sup>d</sup> Dickey - Melina Reed -  
T. Dickey -

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Vardella Lena Stacey  
Elaine Whitson  
Virginia Metcalf.

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H.L. Doris Lee McGee  
Moria J.  
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Charles -

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Victory Prinz  
Mrs. Cook  
Hendley

**STATISTICAL TABLE**

	Beacon	Green-field	Hannon	Hkry. Grove	Indep.	K. C. First	Verdella	Victory	Wagoner	Total
Members received this year	20				4	6	4	17		51
Number baptized					4	1	5			10
Dismissed by letter			1	3	1	17	1			23
Deceased							2		1	3
Resident members	20	12	36	41	20	52	42	17	24	264
Non-resident members			40	40		11	40		15	146
Membership June 30, 1957	20	12	76	81	20	63	82	17	39	410
League membership	20		14	18	18	28	25		14	137
S.S. enrollment	25	13	57	57	22	125	42	29	30	400
Ordained Ministers	1	3	3			1	2	3		13
Licensed ministers						2				2
Ordained deacons		1	6	2	4	4	7	1	3	27
Paid pastor		\$ 395.90	\$ 664.00	\$ 575.00	\$ 115.00	\$ 1200.00	\$575.21	\$ 30.00	\$ 202.58	\$ 3757.69
For evangelism		94.44	130.00	122.40		120.00	399.61			866.45
Value of church property		4500.00	4000.00	3565.00	1500.00	18000.00			4000.00	35565.00
Amt. for building & repair		490.00	65.48		6.50	8936.53	449.56			9948.07
Incidentals	\$35.00	364.44	334.20	83.16	8.00	570.49	124.68	264.34	146.26	1930.57
Co-operative fund	87.67		132.85	109.65			362.21	63.23		755.61
Foreign missions					30.00	249.85			37.43	317.28
Home missions			79.00				51.87		43.65	174.52
Education			61.56				20.00		6.25	87.81
Youth camp			52.50	21.92	10.00	15.00	19.00		24.95	143.47
Budget	8.00	6.00	12.00	13.25	8.00	16.00	13.50	7.25	10.00	94.00