

Minutes . . .

Central Western Missouri
Association
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
FIFTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

1958

When Convened With
Hannon Free Will Baptist Church
Liberal, Missouri

The 51st Annual Session Will Meet With
The Victory Free Will Baptist Church
Kansas City, Mo.

Tuesday Night, Aug. 5, 1959

OFFICERS

Moderator.....Deacon J. E. Cockrell, Kansas City, Missouri
Assistant.....Rev. Arlie Hoover, Liberal, Missouri
Clerk-Treasurer.....Mrs. J. E. Williams, Raytown, Missouri
Assistant.....Mrs. Carl Prinz, Independence, Missouri
Statistician.....Miss Alberta Hoover, Liberal, Missouri

EXECUTIVE AND HOME MISSION BOARD

Deacon Reed Smith, Liberal.....1963
Deacon John Bough, Stockton.....1962
Reverend Lloyd Jeffreys, Monett.....1961
Deacon Orville Foger, Liberal.....1960
Reverend Alice Dickey, Kansas City.....1959

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.
New Hope.....Mrs. Lillian Bailey, 81 South 26th, Kansas City, Kan.
Oskaloosa.....Mrs. Wilma Smith, Liberal.
Verdella.....Janie Fast, Liberal.
Victory.....Mrs. Opal Cook, Rt. 4, Box 47, Parkville.
Wagoner.....Jeanne Barton, Stockton.

CHURCH PASTORS

Beacon.....Rev. Lester Jones, 7920 Northern, Raytown.
Greenfield.....Rev. Lowell Martin, pro tem, Greenfield.
Hannon.....Rev. James McCully, Monett.
Hickory Grove.....Rev. Ralph Cook, Parkville.
Independence.....None.
Kansas City First.....Rev. Alice Dickey, 5504 Appleton, Raytown.
New Hope.....Rev. James McAllister, 828 W. 40th, K.C.
Oskaloosa.....Rev. Roena Thomas, pro tem, Liberal.
Verdella.....Rev. Archie Burress, Liberal.
Victory.....Rev. Russell B. Spurgeon, 518 Wabash, K.C.
Wagoner.....Rev. James McCully, Monett.

MINISTERS

Rev. Archie Burress, Liberal; Ralph Cook, Parkville; Alice Dickey, 5504 Appleton, Raytown; Arlie Hoover, Liberal (Sup); Lloyd Jeffreys and Mrs. Opal Jeffreys, 304 Euclid, Monett; Lester Jones, 7920 Northern, Raytown; James McAllister, 828 W. 40th, K.C.; Jack McAllister, Holden; Lowell Martin, Greenfield; Edith Mayfield (Sup), Lamar; Gene Postlewait, K.C.; Everett Smith, Oklahoma; Russell B. Spurgeon, 518 Wabash, K.C.; Roena Thomas, Liberal.

The 51st Annual Session will convene with the Victory Church, Kansas City, Missouri Tuesday night, August 6, 1959.

SPEAKERS: Rev. James McCully; Alternate, Rev. Lowell Martin.

MINISTERS CONF.: Rev. Archie Burress; Alternate, Rev. Lester Jones.

PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday Evening—July 29, 1958

The Fiftieth Annual Session of the Central Western Missouri Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the Hannon Church near Liberal, Mo. Congregational singing opened the meeting with Miss Alberta Hoover leading the singing and Mrs. John Grider at the piano. Songs were "Draw Me Nearer" and "God Leads Us Along." The clerk declared a quorum present, the association in session for business and called the moderator to the floor. Prayer was led by Rev. James McCully. A special song, "This World is Not My Home" was given by Arleen Campbell. Another prayer was offered by Bro. J. K. Stephens. Arlene was asked to sing again. "He Set Me Free" was her selection. Rev. Russell Spurgeon brought the evening message on "What Then Shall I Do With Jesus Which Is Called the Christ?" The meeting was then turned back to the moderator with an appointment of the following to serve as our committee on committees. Ross Thomas, (ch), Alice Dickey, Tony Davis, W. O. Martin, Charley Hoover: Dismissed by Rev. Alice Dickey.

Wednesday Morning—July 30, 1958

The morning session opened with congregational singing led by Mrs. Lily Cheatham with Mrs. Jean Williams at the piano. Songs were "Stand Up For Jesus," and "Sweetest Name I Know." The devotional was given by Rev. Lowell Martin. Scripture used, James, second chapter. Rev. Ralph Cook led in prayer. Constitution and by-laws were read by Bro. Joe Cockrell.

Motion made and seconded that we vote on the letters as a whole and seat the delegates in the same manner. Letters were read and delegates seated. The Hannon and Independence letters were delayed. The Quarterly Meeting letter was read and discussion was made from the floor. Motion was carried that we receive this Quarterly Meeting letter and seat the delegates.

Election of officers:

Moderator.....Joe Cockrell, Kansas City
Assistant.....Arle Hoover, Liberal
Clerk-Treasurer.....Mrs. J. E. Williams, Raytown
Assistant.....Mrs. Carl Prinz, Independence
Statistician.....Miss Alberta Hoover, Liberal

Motion carried to seat visiting brethren with full privileges, except for making nominations or motions, seconding motions or voting.

The delayed letter from Hannon Church was read and delegates seated. Motion carried to send the following delegates to the State Association at Niangua, Mo. Floyd Vance (Oskaloosa), Nina Faye Hensley (Victory), Vallie Grout (First Church), Elmer Russell (New Hope), Theo Bough (Wagoner), Leona Knapp (Beacon), Cecil Blythe (Hannon), and Thora Grider (Greenfield). Motion carried that delegates, standing delegates and moderator present, be allowed to appoint alternates from

delegation present from our association. Motion carried that we adjourn until after Ministers Conference.

Wednesday Afternoon

The meeting was recalled to order following Ministers Conference. Prayer by Rev. Archie Burress. The report from the Executive and Home Mission Board was read and accepted. The proposed Constitution and By-Laws Revisions were read. Motion carried to accept this report to discuss it item by item. Motion carried to postpone action on these proposed changes until the 1959 Session. Bro. Reed Smith was elected to the Executive Board to replace Bro. W. E. Bowman. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted. Motion carried to accept the invitation of the Victory Free Will Baptist church for the 1959 Session. Rev. James McCully elected to be introductory speaker. Rev. Lowell Martin to be alternate. Motion carried to adjourn until called back by the moderator. Dismissed by Bro. Elmer Russell.

Wednesday Evening

Meeting opened with singing, "A New Name in Glory," and "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus," with Alberta Hoover leading and Alice Hoover at the piano. After prayer by Bro. Harry Sterling, the Smith children sang, "The Man Upstairs." Then a special number was given by the ministers present, "Amazing Grace." The congregation sang "Send the Light." Solo, "If Jesus Goes With Me I'll Go," by Alberta Hoover. Rev. Elliston took charge of the service. He gave us information on the work and need at the Nogales Academy, and the Home Mission work in Arizona and Mexico. Acts 1:6-8 was the Scripture text for his message. Special offering of \$65.80 was taken for the work there. Dismissed by Bro. W. E. Bowman.

Thursday Morning—July 31, 1958

The Association opened by singing "The Old Rugged Cross" with Rev. Archie Burress leading and Mrs. Elaine Spurgeon at the piano. We were led in prayer by Bro. Tony Davis. The congregation sang "Revive Us Again."

Devotional was led by Rev. Roena Thomas with Scripture reading from 1 Timothy, 4th chapter. Letter from Independence church read and motion carried to accept the letter and seat the delegates. Statisticians report read and accepted. Temperance committee report. Obituary and Publications committee reports were read and accepted. The Missions committee report was read. Motion carried that the report be accepted and voted on item by item. Item No. 1, read and accepted, item No. 2, read and accepted; item No. 3, read and accepted; item No. 4, read and accepted; item No. 5, read and accepted. The present minutes were read up to this point for reprove or correction. Motion carried that they stand approved as read. Sis. Lester Jones was given the floor at this time to discuss plans for organizing a local Women's Auxiliary Convention. Officers elected for this are:

President.....Sis. Myrtle Jones
 Vice President..... Sis. Alice Dickey
 Secretary-Treasurer..... Sis. Greta Carter
 Corresponding Secretary..... Sis. Doris Whitson
 Assistant Secretary..... Sis. Olive Smith
 Youth Chairman Sis. Elaine Spurgeon
 Stewardship-Prayer Chairman Sis. Jean Crockett
 Study Course Chairman.....Sis. Wilma Smith
 Personal Service Chairman.....Sis. Rutha Altis

Motion carried to adjourn until after the League conference. Dismissed by Sis. Roena Thomas.

Thursday Afternoon

Association was recalled to order by Bro. Cockrell. Christian Education Report was read. Motion carried to accept the report and adopt it item by item.

Item no. 1: Read and accepted.

Item no. 2: Read and accepted.

Item no. 3: Read and accepted.

Item no. 4: Read and accepted.

Item no. 5 read. Motion carried for moderator to appoint a committee to meet with the Executive Board and make a decision about the possibility of a Sunday School Convention being organized and given time in the Association.

Item no. 6: Read and accepted.

Item no. 7: Read and accepted.

Item no. 8: Read and accepted.

Congregation sang "Trust and Obey." The superintendents of each Sunday School were appointed to meet with the board concerning the Sunday School Convention organization. Motion carried that Bro. Cockrell be chairman of that committee.

Report read from committee on Ministerial Standing. Motion carried that we empower the Executive Board to give Certificates of Standing to those ministers who have not given their yearly reports, if and when those reports are given. Motion carried that we give a standing vote of thanks to the Hannon Church for their hospitality to this session. Minutes were read and accepted. Motion carried that we adjourn until the 1959 Session with the Victory Church. Dismissed by Rev. Alice Dickey.

SPECIAL SERVICES TO COMMEMORATE THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASSOCIATION

Thursday Night

Services opened by Bro. Arlie Hoover. Congregational song, "Victory in Jesus," and "Put God First." Special songs: Jean Crockett, "No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus." Smith children, "My God Is Real." Trio consisting of Francis Dickey, Bob Dickey, and Archie Burress, "Camping in Canaan's Land." Prayer by Sis. Jeanne Barton. Bro. Jimmy McCully brought the message, 1 Corinthians 9:23.

Services were held to ordain as deacon, Bro. Reed Smith of the Oskaloosa Church. Dismissed by Rev. Roena Thomas.

Friday Morning—August 1, 1958

Sis. Alberta Hoover in charge of service. Services started with congregational singing led by Bro. Burress with Sis. Thora Grider at the piano. Songs "Trust and Obey" and "Throw Out the Lifeline." We were led in prayer by Sis. John Smith. Histories were read of the Oskaloosa and K. C. First Churches in the Association. "My Hope is Built" sung by the congregation. Then histories of the Wagoner and Beacon Churches were read. We sang "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone." We were led in prayer by Bro. Ralph Stout. Congregational song "How Firm a Foundation." Services were turned to the speaker, Rev. Winfred Davis. Text: "Therefore Brethren, We Are Debtors." We sang "Amazing Grace" and enjoyed a fellowship handshake. Dismissed for the noon hour by Mrs. Mary Wade.

Afternoon service opened by singing "Blessed Assurance," and "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." Devotional led by Rev. O. T. Allred, Psalms 46. Prayer was given by Bro. Arlie Hoover.

Program as follows: Reading, Rev. Lowell Martin. Song, Reed and Wilma Smith. Church histories were read from Hickory Grove and Hannon. Quartet, Mrs. Olive Smith, Mrs. Gertie Crabtree, Bro. Reed Smith and Bro. Ramie Hoover. Church histories were read from Independence, New Hope, Victory and Greenfield. Duet, Rev. Winfred Davis and Mrs. J. E. Williams. Solo, Anita Worsley. Song, Mrs. Mary Adams. Congregational song, "Sunlight." Prayer by Rev. Winfred Davis. Reading, Mrs. Mary Wade. History of the Association was read. Song, quartet. Song by congregation, "We Shall Meet." Rev. Roena Thomas led an "Experience Meeting" with the congregation participating by telling outstanding experiences in the Associational growth. Dismissed until night services by Sis. Lowell Martin. Special offering for Bro. Davis, \$40.15.

Friday Night

Meeting opened by Rev. Archie Burress by singing "At Calvary" with Elaine Whitson at the piano. Chorus "Thank You, Lord" and song, "Heavenly Sunlight" were sung. Scripture reading, 23rd Psalm. Prayer by Rev. O. T. Allred. Song, the Smith children. Solo, Jean Crockett. Choruses led by Alberta Hoover. Duet, Carl Venable and Patty Dickey. Song, Verdella trio. Solo, Alberta Hoover. Quartet, Oskaloosa boys. Song by congregation, "Send the Light." Play, young people, "Let the Lord Work It Out." Short message delivered by Bro. Burress. Dismissed by prayer.

REPORTS

Committee on Committees:

Business Committee: John Bough, Clyde Cheatham, Lowell Martin.

Sunday School Committee: Elmer Russell, Charles Marrs, Joyce Davis.

Ministerial Standing: Orville Foger, Thora Grider, Wilma Smith, Iris Jones, Jean Williams.

Publications Committee: Arlie Hoover, Greta Carter, Mary Lou Howard.

Missions Committee: Archie Burress, Billy Hensley, Theo Bough.

Temperance Committee: Myrtle Jones, Albert Whistance, Virginia Buntton.

Christian Education Committee: Russell B. Spurgeon, Tony Davis, Elaine Whitson.

Obituary Committee: Nina Faye Hensley, Judy Dickey, Kenneth Smith.

Pulpit Committee: Cecil Blythe, Virginia Metcalf, Opal Cook.

Signed: Ross Thomas (ch), Alice Dickey,
Tony Davis, W. O. Martin,
Charley Hoover.

Obituary Committee:

Since our Heavenly Father has seen fit to call some of our beloved members, we extend our sympathy to the bereaved families, and pray God will comfort them in their sorrow.

Bro. Wes Mayfield was called from the Verdella Church, and Sis. Lou Earl from the Hannon Church.—s—Nina Faye Hensley (ch), Judy Dickey, Kenneth M. Smith.

Ministerial Standing:

Having examined individual letters from the following ministers, we find them to be eligible to receive yearly certificates of ministerial standing. Alice Dickey, Lester Jones, Lowell Martin, Ralph Cook, Lloyd Jeffreys, Russell Spurgeon, Archie Burress, Roena Thomas, Opal Jeffreys, and James McAllister.—s—Orville Foger (ch), Iris Jones, Wilma Smith, Jean Williams.

Sunday School Committee:

1. We recommend that all Sunday Schools use the literature prepared by our national Sunday School Board.

2. We recommend that the opening and closing services of our Sunday Schools are made inspirational and devotional.

3. We recommend that each Sunday School will observe a Children's Day program, and take an offering for the orphanage; also that the Sunday School will observe Christmas and Easter with appropriate programs.

4. We recommend that every Sunday School receive birthday offerings for missions.

5. We recommend that Mother's Day will be observed with an appropriate program and services.

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

7. 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—Bro. Elmer Russell (ch), Charles Marrs, Joyce Davis.

Temperance Committee:

We recommend:

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

2. That our Sunday School teachers devote more time to teaching against the evil of liquor and dope.

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

4. That our Christian parents use discretion in the TV programs they allow their children to watch.

5. That our parents teach their children to dress more modestly.
—s—Myrtle Jones (ch), A. B. Whistance, Virginia Bunton.

Christian Education Committee:

We, your Committee on Christian Education, recommend the following:

1. That every church have a league in order to have a better trained church leadership.

2. That every church have a D. V. B. S.

3. That every Christian support their mid-week service with prayer, study and their presence.

4. That every league send delegates to the league convention.

5. That this convention give consideration to giving a period of time to our Sunday Schools for a convention.

6. That our churches have a district workshop for our Sunday Schools and League workers that they might become better trained workers.

7. That we support our Youth Camp with our spiritual, physical, and financial aid.

8. That our people pray in behalf of our Protestant churches which are providing elementary schools.—s—Rev. R. B. Spurgeon (ch), Tony Davis, Elaine Whitson.

Missions Committee:

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

We recommend that each church give ten dollars this coming year to the home mission board that new churches in this association might be encouraged to start and that our churches adopt the State Co-op plan.

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

We recommend that our association be extended until noon on Friday and this time be given to the Women's Auxiliary.

We recommend that churches adopt at least one of the children of the Arizona and Mexico Mission.

We recommend that our churches organize a Women's Auxiliary whereby they might become better acquainted with our mission work.
—s— Archie Burress (ch), Billy Hensley, Theo Bough.

Publications Committee:

1. We recommend that the churches adopt the church family plan in subscribing to the Gem and Contact.

2. We recommend the King James Version of the Bible.

3. We recommend that all our churches use F. W. B. Sunday School literature published by our National Association, where practical.
—s— Mary Lou Howard (ch), Arlie Hoover, Greta Carter.

Executive and Home Mission Board Report Central Western Missouri Association 1957-1958

The Board met August 21, 1957 at the Monett Free Will Baptist Church during the State Association, all members present. Board organized with Bro. John Bough, chairman, and Bro. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, clerk-treasurer. Motion carried to advance the setting of the 50th session of the association one week to avoid conflict with other associations. Also carried to include an extra day (Friday) for observance of the 50th session of the association.

The Board met in called session September 29, 1957 during the Fifth Sunday meeting convened at the site of the tent revival being conducted jointly by the Independence and Wagoner churches on the road between the two churches. Rev. Alice Dickey absent. Petitionary letter from the New Hope Free Will Baptist Church of Kansas City, Kansas, read and church unanimously approved for membership in this association. Rev. Jim McAllister appeared to request the presence of the Board at the organization of a Quarterly Conference of churches in the Kansas City area. Rev. Roena Thomas appeared to request the Board to meet with the believers at Oskaloosa, Missouri, to examine them for church organization. The Board met October 13 with the believers worshipping at Oskaloosa, Missouri. All members of the Board were present. After a message by Rev. O. T. Allred, the Board proceeded to examine and instruct the group for church organization. The church was duly organized with Rev. Roena Thomas pastor. There was a nice representation of other churches present for the service.

The Board met in called session with the Victory Church in North Kansas City, Missouri on Saturday night, October 19. Members, Sis. Alice Dickey, Bro. John Bough, and Bro. Lloyd T. Jeffreys present. The other positions were left vacant. Purpose of the meeting was the organization of a Quarterly Meeting. After a message by Rev. Jeffreys, Bro. Jim McAllister stated the purpose of the meeting and reviewed the preparation that had been done toward organizing. Bro. John Bough

STATISTICAL

	Beacon	Green- field	Hannon	Hickory Grove	Rep.
Members Rec'd This Year	12		1	11	1
Members Baptized	6			8	1
Dismissed by Letter			7	1	4
Deceased			1		
Resident Members	29	13	37	41	20
Non-Resident Members			52	57	10
Membership June 30, 1958	29	13	69	98	30
League Membership	25			26	15
S. S. Enrollment	45	11	59	40	20
Ordained Ministers	1	3	3		
Licensed Ministers					
Ordained Deacons		1	6	3	2
Paid Pastor	\$ 3,315.00	\$ 470.00	\$ 720.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 25.00
For Evangelism		149.78	112.66	161.58	10.00
Value of Church Property	10,735.00	4,500.00	4,000.00	3,565.00	50.00
Amt. for Bldg. and Repair	512.37	466.00	17.05	418.58	
Incidentals	300.00	141.89	176.62	94.48	15.50
Co-operative Fund	451.60		151.12	162.18	
Foreign Missions	55.79	23.11			0.00
Home Missions	37.66	31.51	42.87		
Education	157.79	16.00	196.74	63.72	53.00
Youth Camp	9.25	75.00	32.33	100.00	25.00
Budget	10.25	6.25	12.25	13.25	8.00

ICAL TABLE

Exp.	K. C. First	New Hope	Oskaloosa	Verdella	Victory	Wagoner	Totals
1	10	32	20	12	8	7	114
1	8		10	8		4	45
4	10			1			23
				1			2
20	52	32	20	54	24	31	353
10	11			40	2	15	167
30	63	32	20	94	26	46	520
15	23	26	20	25	25	14	199
20	75	56	43	45	60	30	484
	1	1			3		12
		1					1
2	3	1		7	1	3	27
\$ 25.00	\$1,800.00	\$ 251.00	\$80.93	\$1,160.00	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 364.16	\$11,686.09
10.00	358.94	196.65	210.00	90.86			1,420.47
150.00	18,000.00	3,000.00		3,000.00	15,000.00	4,000.00	67,300.00
	3,014.55	1,400.64		654.36	141.27	113.36	6,738.18
5.50	815.75	72.45		299.26	1,640.55	132.80	3,719.30
		113.65	12.00	447.70	220.63		1,558.88
0.00	51.20		35.00	15.49		25.23	265.82
	661.60	163.30	35.00	95.00		50.46	1,117.40
53.00	361.60	10.00		170.43	105.52	72.79	1,207.59
25.00	75.00	5.00	40.00	50.50		155.23	567.31
8.00	16.00	11.00	8.00	15.50	8.75	12.00	121.25

was asked to take charge. New Hope Church, Hickory Grove Church, Victory Church and Beacon Church were present with delegations. Bro. Jeffreys conducted the examination of the purpose and plans of the organization. Each pastor stated the purpose was for greater fellowship among the peoples of these churches and the plan was for a better coordinated plan of evangelism by the churches in and near greater Kansas City. It was declared that the Quarterly Conference would be governed and abide by the existing rules and regulations of this association's Constitution and By-Laws. The group presented their previously selected officers and resolved the churches into an organization to be called The Central Western Missouri Quarterly Meeting of Free Will Baptist Churches.

The Board met in called session with the Wagoner Church, March 20, 1958. Bro. Bowman was not present, place left vacant. The matter of a deficiency in the general treasury toward payment of minutes was discussed. Motion carried that each church be asked to contribute 15 cents per resident member to meet this debt. Clerk directed to communicate with each church to this effect. The proposition of another cabin for the girls at the Youth Camp discussed. Bro. Bough and Bro. Jeffreys directed to complete the arrangements and go ahead with the building. The letter of request from the New Hope Church for the examination of Bro. Jim McAllister and Bro. Jack McAllister for ordination was considered. Bro. Jim McAllister appeared and was extensively examined. Motion unanimously carried that Bro. Jim McAllister be ordained at the pleasure of the church. Bro. Jack McAllister was ill and could not appear. Motion carried that no decision be rendered until further conference with Bro. Jack McAllister. The New Hope Church advised of this action.

Rev. Alice Dickey and Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys represented the Board at the ordination of Jim McAllister Saturday night, April 12, at New Hope Church.

The amount of \$13.48 was received from the Wagoner Church for Home Missions in compliance with the report of the Mission Committee at last session. Check in full will be rendered upon proper request.

Correction: A typographical error appears in the report of the Board last year concerning the action of the Board toward Rev. Everett Smith. The third and fourth sentence of the paragraph should have read as one sentence; "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." (The records were received right away and the Card of Standing instantly issued).

Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys,
Clerk-Treasurer of the Board

Treasurer's Report: 1957-58

General Fund

Brought Forward from Last Year.....\$ 14.83

Budget Fund (with 1957 letters)

Beacon	\$ 8.00
Greenfield	6.00
Hannon	12.00
Hickory Grove	13.25
Independence	8.00
Kansas City First	16.00
Verdella	13.50
Victory	7.25
Wagoner	10.00

Total Budget\$94.00

To Central Western Clerk\$14.10

To State Assoc. (Minutes) 14.10

Total Deducted from Budget\$28.20

Remainder of Budget Fund to General Fund 65.80

Ministers Conference 11.61

League Convention

Cabin Fund 39.32

TOTAL IN GENERAL FUND\$131.57

Disbursed from General Fund:

A-1 Print Shop (Minutes)\$118.95

Cash (Postage) 3.25

Total Disbursed from Fund\$122.20 \$122.20

Amount Left in General Fund 9.37

Received to Replace Cabin Fund (Special) 36.45

Total in General Fund, July 1, 1958\$ 45.82

Disbursed to League Treasurer

(Replenished Cabin Fund) 39.32

Amount Left in General Fund\$ 6.50

REPORTS OF MINISTERS

OPAL E. JEFFREYS—I humbly submit the following report of the past year's work. Have preached 21 messages, traveled approximately 700 miles and received \$84.40. Preached one revival and witnessed the salvation of one soul in this effort. Earnestly request the prayers of every Christian that I may sincerely serve my Lord in every possible way.

ALICE DICKEY—I have pastored First FWB Church in Kansas City, Mo., brought 96 messages, baptized nine, performed one marriage ceremony, helped with D. V. B. School and two revivals. Witnessed 11 conversions; also helped organize a Y.P.A. and G.T.A. in our church. I ask an interest in your prayers that His Holy Will be done in my life.

RALPH COOK—Annual report. Sermons preached—38, pastored church half time, revivals held—one. Professions witnessed, 2; number baptized, 8; additions to church, 11; miles traveled, 4,560; amount received, \$800.

LLOYD JEFFREYS—I have had no regular work during the past year, but have enjoyed working when the brief opportunity presented itself. I have preached 12 sermons in six churches, one mission and one radio station. I have baptized two, helped organize one church, traveled about 900 miles in these services and received \$55.00. I have also traveled numerous miles to Executive Board meetings, committee meetings, and in other work for the church.

LESTER JONES—Annual report. Sermons preached, 106; churches pastored, one; revivals held, none; professions witnessed, six; number baptized, six; additions to church, 12; churches organized, one; funerals preached, none; miles traveled, 22,500; amount received, \$3,315.00.

RUSSELL B. SPURGEON—Annual report. Sermons preached, 120; churches pastored, one; revivals held, 0; professions witnessed, seven; number baptized, one; additions to church, eight; miles traveled, 20,000; amount received, \$2,750.00.

ROENA THOMAS—I beg to submit the following report of my work in the ministry for the past year. I have pastored Oskaloosa church one half time the past year. During this year, on September 13, 1957 we were happy to see a Free Will Baptist church organized there with 17 charter members. Since that time we have received eight more members into this church. We have witnessed seven conversions; also I have directed a D.V.B.S. at this church and helped organize a women's Auxiliary. I have conducted seven funerals and assisted in two revivals. I have traveled 2,000 miles in these services and received some over \$300. I need your prayers.

JAMES W. McALLISTER—I wish to submit the following report pertaining to my year's service for the Lord. I assisted in the organization of New Hope Free Will Baptist church, and have pastored that church the past year. Preached 105 sermons, witnessed six conversions, accepted 32 members into the church, traveled 6,500 miles in the church work, assisted in one revival and performed one marriage ceremony. I humbly ask for your prayers.

ARCHIE BURRESS—Annual report. Sermons preached, 160; churches pastored, one; revivals held, three; professions witnessed, 16; number baptized, 18; addition to church, 12; funerals preached, one; miles traveled, 4,000; amount received, \$1,345.00.

LOWELL MARTIN—Since returning to Missouri in the late fall, I have done only limited service for the Lord. I have been filling, temporarily, the vacancy caused by the resignation of the pastor of the Greenfield church, and since the first of May have been conducting services twice monthly at the Fairview Community church north of Jerico Springs, Mo. In this time I have preached 35 sermons, conducted one funeral, traveled around 850 miles and received \$265.50. Yours in His Service.

JACK MCALLISTER—In the past year of my ministry, I have brought a total of 20 messages, traveled about 2,000 miles, and have witnessed one conversion. Funerals preached, none; number baptized, none; additions to church, none; church pastored, none; revivals held, none. I hope this report is satisfactory.

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 or 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, July 30, 1958

The Ministers' Conference of Central Western Association was called to order by the Vice President, Bro. Ralph Cook. Congregational singing was led by Mrs. Lily Cheatham with Mrs. Elaine Spurgeon at the piano. Songs were "Standing on the Promises," and "Tell Me the Story of Jesus." Time was granted to the moderator for a report from the Committee on Committees. Prayer was led by Bro. John Bough. After a congregational song, "Heavenly Sunlight," Sis Alice Dickey again led in prayer.

Rev. Lester Jones brought the morning message with Scripture basing Matthew 23:16-20, Acts 24:49, and Acts 1:6-9, basing his message on "Tarry ye here until ye be endowed with power from on high." The morning service was dismissed with a song, handshake, and prayer by Rev. James McCully.

Wednesday Afternoon

The session reopened in the afternoon by singing "Oh Say But I'm Glad," and "Victory in Jesus." Prayer was led by Rev. Russell Spurgeon.

Election of Officers:

PresidentRev. Ralph Cook
Vice-PresidentRev. Archie Burress
Secretary-TreasurerRev. Lowell Martin

General Topics for Discussion:

1. Judgment Day Appointed.....Rev. Lowell Martin
 2. It is After Death.....Rev. James McCully
- Special song by Mrs. Lily Cheatham, "How Great Thou Art." Special song, "Something Got Hold of Me" by Rev. Archie Burress.

3. It will be In the Last Day.....Bro. Elmer Russell

While the congregation sang "God Leads Us Along," an offering of \$21.70 was taken to defray expenses. The speaker for the 1959 session, Rev. Archie Burress, Rev. Lester Jones, alternate, \$15.00 to be given for minutes. Remainder for missions in Mexico. Dismissed by Iris Jones.—s—Mrs. Lowell Martin.

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, July 31, 1958-11:00 A. M.

The Annual Session of the Central Western Missouri League convention met with the Hannon Free Will Baptist church. Congregational singing was led by Rev. James McCully with Joyce Davis at the piano. Songs were: "I am Thine, Oh Lord," and "Standing on the Promises." The meeting was called to order by our Vice-President, Alberta Hoover, in the absence of our president. Prayer was led by Wilma Smith. Another song at this time was, "Tell Me the Story of Jesus." Services were then turned over to the morning speaker, Rev. Alice Dickey. After an inspiring message to the youth, Bro. Tony Davis dismissed the services and asked the blessing on the noon meal.

Thursday Afternoon

Afternoon services were called to order by singing "At Calvary." Congregational singing was led by Rev. Archie Burress with Mrs. Jean Williams at the piano. Devotional was led by Bro. Francis Dickey. The Scripture reading was Matthew 4:16-25. At this time we sang "Amazing Grace." Rev. Spurgeon talked awhile on the Sunday school. Letters were read and delegates were seated. Rev. Jones read the League Constitution and By-Laws.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President Francis Dickey
Vice-President Alberta Hoover
Secretary-Treasurer Beverli Barton

Introductory speaker for the next League session will be Rev. Archie Burress. Alternate, Rev. Alice Dickey. We then took an offering which was \$18.43. Motion was carried that the offering go to the Youth Cabin Fund. Motion was carried that Article 2, Section 3, be changed as follows: "All officers of this convention shall be elected at the close of the regular session and shall hold office until the close of the next regular session, and any vacancy which might occur may be filled by the Executive Board between sessions.

Program for the Afternoon:

Solo Jean Crockett
Reading "Stand Still" Six teen-agers
Choruses led by Elaine Whitson, Joyce Davis at the piano
Solo Joyce Davis
Duet Lorene Beason and DeAnna Whistance
Solo Rev. Archie Burress
Trio Bob and Francis Dickey and Rev. Burress

A group of children from Wagoner church sang choruses.

We then adjourned until next year.—s—Beverli 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 of this Convention shall be elected at the close of the regular session and shall hold office until the close of the next regular session, and any vacancy which might occur may be filled by the Executive Board between sessions.

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.