

# **Minutes . . .**

Central Western Missouri  
Association  
of  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION  
1959

When Convened With  
Victory Free Will Baptist Church  
Avondale, Missouri

The 52nd Annual Session Will Meet With  
The Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church  
Harrisonville, Mo.  
Tuesday Night, August 9, 1960

## OFFICERS

Moderator.....Deacon J. E. Cockrell, Kansas City, Missouri  
Assistant.....Rev. Archie Burress, Liberal, Missouri  
Clerk-Treasurer.....Mrs. Greta Carter, Raytown, Missouri  
Assistant.....Mrs. Alice Hoover, Liberal, Missouri  
Statistician.....Rev. Archie Burress, Liberal, Missouri

## EXECUTIVE AND HOME MISSION BOARD

Rev. Lester Jones, Raytown.....1964  
Deacon Reed Smith, Liberal.....1963  
Deacon John Bough, Stockton.....1962  
Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys, Monett.....1961  
Deacon Orville Foger, Liberal.....1960

## CHURCH CLERKS

Beacon.....Mrs. Carmen Smith, 7310 Ralston, Raytown  
Greenfield.....Jewell Maberry, Greenfield  
Hannon.....Bessie Bunton, Liberal  
Hickory Grove.....Iris Jones, Harrisonville  
Independence.....Mrs. Elza Routh, Stockton  
Kansas City.....Mrs. Clyde Cheatham, 5426 Harvard, K. C.  
New Hope.....Lillian Bailey, 81 South 26th, K. C. Kan.  
Oskaloosa.....Wilma Smith, Liberal  
Verdella.....Mrs. James Fast, Liberal  
Victory.....Nina Faye Hensley, 2632 Compell, K. C.  
Wagner.....Mrs. John Bough, Stockton

## CHURCH PASTORS

Beacon.....Rev. Lester Jones, 7920 Northern, Raytown  
Greenfield.....None  
Hannon.....Rev. Charles M. Hatfield, Sarcoxie  
Hickory Grove.....None  
Independence.....None  
Kansas City First.....Rev. Alice Dickey, 5504 Appleton, K. C. 33  
New Hope.....Rev. James McAllister, 828 W. 40th K. C.  
Oskaloosa.....Rev. Cecil Blythe, Liberal  
Verdella.....Rev. Archie Burress, Liberal  
Victory.....Rev. R. B. Spurgeon, P. O. Box 152, Avondale  
Wagoner.....None

## MINISTERS

Rev. Archie Burress, Liberal; Cecil Blythe, Liberal; Ralph Cook, Parkville; Alice Dickey, 5504 Appleton, K. C. 33; Arlie Hoover, Liberal (Sup); Lloyd Jeffreys and Mrs. Opal Jeffreys, 304 Euclid, Monett; Lester Jones, 7920 Northern, Raytown; James McAllister, 828 W. 40th St., K. C.; Jack McAllister, Holden; Lowell Martin, Greenfield; Edith Mayfield (Sup), Lamar; Bobby Jones, K. C.; Russell B. Spurgeon, P. O. Box 152, Avondale; D. T. Eaves, Olathe, Kan.

The 52nd Annual Session will convene with the Hickory Grove Church, Tuesday night, August 9, 1960.

SPEAKERS: Rev. Russell Spurgeon; Alternate, Rev. Alice Dickey.

MINISTERS CONF.: Rev. Alice Dickey; Rev. Lowell Martin, Alternate.

## PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday Evening—August 4, 1959

The Fifty-first Annual Session of the Central Western Missouri Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the Victory Church, Avondale, Missouri. Congregational singing opened the meeting with Sis. Nina Fay Hensley leading the singing and Sis. Elaine Spurgeon at the piano. Songs were "We're Marching to Zion," and "O, Say, but I'm Glad." The clerk declared a quorum present, and the Association in session for business and called the moderator to the floor. The congregation sang "When We All Get to Heaven." Pray was led by Rev. Bobby Jones. A solo, "Close to Thee," was given by Rev. Archie Burress. Bro. Pedro Alvarez sang "Rock of Ages" in Spanish. Rev. James McCully brought the evening message, his subject being "The God of Abraham." Scripture, Gal. 3:29. We sang "Will Jesus Find Us Watching?" The meeting was then turned back to the moderator with an appointment of the following to serve as our committee on committees. Archie Burress, (ch), Ross Thomas and Laura Cockrell. Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Clifford Altis.

Wednesday Morning—August 5, 1959

The morning session opened by congregational singing led by Mrs. Nina Faye Hensley with Mrs. Dee York at the piano. We sang "Jesus Saves." Rev. Archie Burress led in prayer. We sang "Whosoever, Meaneth Me." The devotional was led by Rev. R. B. Spurgeon. Scripture used, II Cor. 6:16-18, 7:1. Motion carried that we vote on the letters as a whole and seat the delegates in the same manner. Motion carried that the moderator give a verbal report of the Quarterly Meeting and delegates seated. Motion carried that letters be received and delegates seated.

### Election of officers:

Moderator.....Joe Cockrell, Kansas City  
Assistant.....Bobby Jones, Kansas City  
Clerk.....Mrs. Greta Carter, Raytown  
Assistant.....Mrs. Alice Hoover, Liberal  
Statistician.....Rev. Archie Burress, Liberal  
Motion carried that we adjourn until after the ministers conference. Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Lester Jones.

### Wednesday Afternoon

Wednesday afternoon session was opened by singing, "When I See the Blood." Prayer by Sis. Ralph Cook.

The Proposed Constitution changes were read. Motion carried that Constitution changes be brought before the body and disposed of item by item. Motion carried that Article 1 be adopted. Motion carried that Article 2 be adopted. Motion carried that Article 3 be rejected. Motion

carried that Constitution Article No. 4 be transferred to No. 9 of the By-Laws. Motion carried that Article 5 be accepted. Motion carried that Article 6 be accepted. Motion carried that Association reject Article 7, Section 1. Motion carried that Association reject Article 7, Section 2. Motion carried that Association reject Article 8. Motion carried that Association accept Article 9.

The Proposed By-Law changes were read to be disposed of item by item. Motion carried that Association accept No. 1. Motion carried that Association accept No. 2. Motion carried that Association accept and change next to last word of No. 3 to read "shall" instead of "may." Motion carried that Association accept Article No. 4. Motion carried that Association adopt Section 1 of Article 5. Motion carried that Association reject Section 2 of Article 5. Motion carried that business committee be instructed to bring to the body, Section 2 of Article 5 with their report. Motion carried that Section 3 of Article 5 shall read as follows: "The second item of business of the Association shall be the report of the Executive Board." Motion carried that old Article 5 (to be 6) be amended to read as follows: "All committees or a committee on committees shall be appointed by the moderator." Motion carried that old Article 6 be handed to the business committee for clarification. Motion carried to reject Article 7. Motion carried that old Article 7 be referred to the business committee. Motion carried that new Article 9 be referred to the business committee. Motion carried that Article 8 be accepted. Motion carried that all of No. 9 (to be 11) be referred to the business committee. Motion carried that Article 10 be referred to the business committee. Motion carried that Article 11 be accepted. Motion carried that Article 14 be rejected. Motion carried that Article 12 be accepted. Motion carried that Association adjourn until night session. Dismissed with prayer by Sis. Lilly Mae Cheatham.

#### Wednesday Night—Missionary Night

The evening service was opened with singing "All Hail the Power," and "Revive Us Again," led by Bro. Bobby Jones with Sis. Ramona York at the piano. Prayer was led by Bro. Neville Allen. A special number was given by Bros. John and Jack McAllister "The Crucified One." Prayer by Bro. Elmer Russell. Sis. Ramona York sang "I'd Rather Have Jesus." A film, "Passion for Souls" was shown. Bro. Pedro Alvarez sang "How Great Thou Art." An offering was taken to be given as a donation for the use of the film. Twenty-nine dollars and twenty cents was received. Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Archie Burress.

#### Thursday Morning—August 6, 1959

The Association opened by singing "When We All Get to Heaven" led by Johanna Echer with Joyce Davis at the piano. Prayer by Bro. Reed Smith. Devotional was led by Rev. Alice Dickey. Scriptures used were Daniel 1:8 and II Timothy 2:1-9.

Associational minutes were read up to this time for approval or correction. Motion carried that they stand approved as read. Treasur-

er's report read and accepted. Obituary report read and accepted. Sunday School report was read and accepted to be printed in minutes as read, excepting the last item. Temperance report read and accepted. Publications report read and accepted. Executive Board report read and accepted. Reverend Lester Jones was elected to serve on Executive Board to replace Sis. Alice Dickey. Statistician Report read and accepted. Business committee report read and motion carried to accept the report to be voted on item by item.

Item No. 9 (to be 11), Section 1, read and accepted.

Item No. 9 (to be 11), Section 2, read and accepted.

Item No. 10 (to be 12), read and accepted.

Motion carried to adjourn until after the League Session. Dismissed by Bro. Ross Thomas.

#### Thursday Afternoon

Association opened for business following League Conference, continuing with the Business Committee report. Motion carried to adopt Article 5, Section 2, Item 1. Motion carried to adopt Article 5, Section 2, Item 2. Motion carried to adopt Article 7. Motion carried that old Article 4 of Constitution become Article 9 of By-Laws. Motion carried that we accept Christian Education committee recommendation to combine the League and Sunday School committees. Motion carried that Article 10 be adopted as follows. Section 1: No one shall be ordained to the ministry in this Association until they have carried a minister's license two years, or major fraction of the second year, and must be currently performing the duties of a pastor of an organized group. Section 2: Examinations for ordination to the ministry may be carried out at the regular session of the Association, or as otherwise directed by the Association. Examinations for license or for ordination (both ministers and deacons) to be done at a time and place agreeable to both candidate and examining council. Ordination may be carried out in the local church (if desired) subsequent to examination and favorable action of the examining council. Motion carried that Article 6 of By-Laws be eliminated.

Missions report read and discussed item by item. Items No. 1, 2 and 3 were adopted. Christian Education committee report read and accepted.

Motion carried to amend Article 11 in By-Laws to read as follows: It shall be required of the ministry of this Association to adhere to sound doctrine in both preaching and practice as embraced in the 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. Ministers in the Armed Forces shall not be required to report in person during their term of Service. All ministers meeting these requirements shall be granted a Certificate of Ministerial Standing when and if approved by the appointed Committee on Ministerial Standing.

The Ministerial report (partial report) was read and accepted. The delayed letter from The Quarterly Meeting was read. Motion carried that Moderator appoint a Location Committee.

Motion carried that Association convene on Tuesday before the 1st Sunday in August. Motion carried that delegates, standing delegates and moderator present, be allowed to appoint alternates from delegation present. Bro. Russell B. Spurgeon elected to be Introductory Speaker for the 1960 Session. Alternate to be Sis. Alice Dickey. Moderator appointed the following as Placement Committee: Bros. John Bough, Clifford Altis and Archie Burress. Motion carried that a standing vote of thanks be given the Victory church for its hospitality shown this Session. Motion carried that offering be taken for Bro. Pedro Alvarez on Thursday night. Motion carried that Article 4, Section 2, Item 1 shall read as follows: The election of officers of this Association shall be held at the closing business session of the regular session of the Association. They shall hold office until their successors are elected.

New officers elected as follows: Moderator, Bro. Joe Cockrell; assistant Moderator, Rev. Archie Burress; Clerk, Mrs. Greta Carter; assistant Clerk, Mrs. Alice Hoover; Statistician, Rev. Archie Burress.

Minutes were read and accepted up to this time. Motion carried that the Association order 200 minutes.

Delegates elected to the State Association were Bros. Ned Rhodes, Tony Davis, Jimmy Williams. Sisters Reva Prinz, Mary Lou Howard, Nina Faye Hensley, Joyce Davis and Johanna Eccher. Motion carried to adjourn until the Evening Session. Dismissed with prayer by Sis. Alice Hoover.

#### Thursday Night

Service opened by a congregational song, "When We All Get to Heaven," led by Sis. LaRue Horn with Sis. Alice Hoover at the piano. Prayer by Bro. Neville Allen. Special song by little Debbie Painter, "My Desire." Specials by Youth for Christ quartet, "O'ershadowed by God's Love," "I'll Be a Friend to Jesus," "Precious Lord, Take My Hand." Message by Rev. Bobby Jones, John 3:7. An offering of \$19.20 was taken for help with Bro. Pedro Alvarez's education. The Quartet sang "Just a Little Talk with Jesus." Closing song by the congregation, "When I See the Blood." Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Lester Jones.

#### REPORTS OF MINISTERS

**ARCHIE BURRESS**—Annual report. Sermons preached, 197; churches pastored, one; revivals held, seven; professions witnessed, 11; number baptized, seven; additions to church, 12; rededications, four; marriages, one; miles traveled, 5,300; amount received, \$2,215.15.

**CECIL BLYTHE**—I wish to submit the following report. I have preached 12 sermons to fill out the year, ending the last Sunday of July. I was filling out the time for Sister Roena Thomas. I do not say I took her place for no one could do that . . . I helped with one Vacation Bible school, traveled 500 miles; assisted in one revival; visited the sick and shut-ins; received around \$75 which I gave back to the church. I am 65 years old and new at this work. I need your prayers.

**RALPH COOK**—Annual report. Sermons preached, 24; churches pastored, one; miles traveled, 2,880; amount received, \$600.

**ALICE DICKEY**—I have pastored one church full time; brought 70 messages; performed three marriage ceremonies; received seven into the church; baptized seven; officiated at one funeral. I request an interest in your prayers that I might be in the Lords will at all times.

**D. T. EAVES**—Annual report. Sermons preached, 12; miles traveled, 800; organized one Sunday School; organized one Bible study. Hope to organize church soon.

**OPAL E. JEFFREYS**—Greetings to all in the Name of our Wonderful Saviour. I have not had a very active preaching ministry this past year, but am looking forward to being more active the coming year. I have only preached six messages, traveled 436 miles and received \$33.50.

**LLOYD T. JEFFREYS**—My work for the year statistically is 12 messages; 1,040 miles traveled; \$115 received. I also traveled 465 miles to board meetings and helped ordain five deacons.

**BOB L. JONES**—I pastored the West Wayne F. W. B. church, West Wayne, Michigan, full time this year. Sermons preached, 117; prayer meetings held, 34; revivals, one; baptized eight; members received, eight; rededications witnessed, 47; babies dedicated, one; professions witnessed, 27; weddings performed, one; amount received, \$5,000. I am now assistant pastor of the Beacon church.

**LESTER JONES**—Annual report. Sermons preached, 66; churches pastored, one; professions witnessed, eight; additions to church, eight; miles traveled, 12,500; amount received, \$3,380; weddings performed, four.

**LOWELL MARTIN**—For the past year our work has been with the Greenfield F. W. B. church half time and with a community church north of Jerico Springs, Mo. Sermons preached, 87, amount received, \$803.99; miles traveled, around 1,700; funerals, five; marriages, one. We have not yet accepted any work for the coming year, we are waiting on the Lord's will.

**JACK McALLISTER**—Dear Loved ones in Christ, It is a great joy I have of reporting to you at the meeting for this another year. I have witnessed to about 275 souls throughout the year, have witnessed two dedications to the Lord, traveled about four hundred miles. I feel that there is a great work that must be done before rest comes upon all the laborers.

As I will be going with the Lord's help, to the F. W. B. Bible college come Sept., which is but a few weeks away, I am asking a great interest in your prayers that God will give me victory over sin and temptation, and that He will supply a way for me to complete a full four years at the college. May God bless in all work that will be brought before the Association this year. Yours in Him.

**JAMES W. McALLISTER**—I wish to submit the following report. I have preached 105 messages; pastored one church full time; traveled 2,500 miles; received \$300; received 11 members into the church; witnessed 19 conversions. I request your prayers that I will be able to do more for the Lord.

RUSSELL B. SPURGEON—Annual Report. Sermons preached, 128; churches pastored, one; revivals held, two; professions witnessed, 8; additions to church, 17; miles traveled, 21,000; amount received, \$2,960.

EDITH MAYFIELD—Superannuated.

ARLIE HOOVER—Superannuated.

### MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Wednesday, August 5, 1959

The Ministers' Conference of the Central Western Association was called to order by Vice Pres. Archie Burruss. A congregational number "Standing on the Promises." Prayer was led by Bro. Lester Jones. After another congregational song, "Showers of Blessings," Rev. Archie Burruss brought the morning message with I Cor. 1:21 being his text.

### Wednesday Afternoon

The session reopened in the afternoon by singing "'Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus." Prayer was led by Rev. Russell Spurgeon. Another song at this time, "Love Lifted Me." Sis. Lilly Cheatham was elected to fill Rev. Lowell Martin's place as secretary.

Rev. Archie Burruss led in prayer. The text for the afternoon speakers was Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Lord."

Topics—The Wages of Sin is death—Rev. Archie Burruss.

But the gift of God is Eternal Life—Rev. Lester Jones.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord—Rev. Russell B. Spurgeon.

### Election of Officers:

President .....Rev. Lester Jones  
Vice-President .....Rev. Archie Burruss  
Secretary-Treasurer.....Sister Iris Jones

The speaker for the 1960 session: Rev. Alice Dickey—Rev. Lowell Martin, alternate.

While the congregation sang "We'll Work 'Til Jesus Comes," an offering of \$16.60 was taken, the full amount to be given to Pedro Alvarez for further schooling. Dismissed by prayer.

### 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 Morning, August 6, 1959

The Annual Session of the Central Western Missouri League Convention met with the Victory Free Will Baptist church. Congregational singing was led by Sis. Elaine Whitson with Sis. Joyce Davis at the piano. Song was "Oh Say But I'm Glad." Prayer was led by Sis. Beverli Barton. Services were then turned over to the morning speaker, Rev. Archie Burress. The group sang choruses led by Rev. Burress. He used as a Scripture text Luke 2:41-49. After an inspiring message to the youth, Rev. Lester Jones dismissed the service and asked the blessing on the noon meal.

### Thursday Afternoon

The afternoon session of the League convention was called to order by congregational singing led by Sis. Joyce Davis with Sis. Jean Williams at the piano. We sang our theme song, "Onward Christian Leaguers." The devotion and prayer was led by Sis. Myrtle Jones.

Motion was made and seconded that we read the letters and seat the delegates. Letters from eight Leagues were read and accepted.

We were entertained with a very interesting program. We had a congregational song, "He Ransomed Me." Sis. Jones led the young people in a Sword Drill. An offering for the afternoon was \$9.77.

Motion was made and seconded that the League convention pay the expense for our Sword Drill winner to the State Association.

Motion was made and seconded that the President, Vice-President and Secretary plan a program for the League convention and the Fifth Sunday League Rally.

The winner of the Sword Drill was Jimmie Williams who will compete in the State Sword Drill.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President .....	Joyce Davis
Vice-President .....	Jimmie Williams
Secretary-Treasurer .....	Beverli Barton

Introductory speaker for the next League session will be Rev. Bobby Jones—Alternate, Rev. R. B. Spurgeon.

# STATISTICAL TABLE

	Beacon	Green-field	Hannon	Hickory Grove	Indep.	K. C. First	New Hope	Oska-loosa	Verdella	Victory	Wagoner	Totals
Members Rec'd This Year	7			7		7		10	12	17	1	61
Members Baptized			3	2		6		7	11		1	30
Dismissed by Letter			5	3		2			6	2		18
Deceased			2						1			3
Resident Members	28	15	31	40		57	33	27	50	36	28	345
Non-Resident Members	8		52	62		10	12		20	2	19	185
Membership June 30, 1959	36	15	83	102		67	45	27	70	38	47	530
League Membership	25			20		24	27	20	25	30	14	185
Sunday School Membership	60	8	53	75		60	51	30	53	42	25	457
Ordained Ministers	2	3				1	2		1	2		11
Licensed Ministers			1									1
Ordained Deacons	1	2	6	3		5	1	1	6	1	3	29
Paid Pastor	\$3,380.00	\$ 480.00	\$ 720.00	\$ 575.00		\$1,800.00	\$ 301.20	\$178.90	\$1,240.50	\$2,860.00	\$524.09	\$12,059.69
For Evangelism	173.00		123.78	225.00		210.96		66.85	237.47	60.00		1,097.06
Value of Church Property	30,000.00	5,000.00	4,000.00	3,565.00		18,000.00	3,000.00		3,737.94	18,000.00	4,000.00	89,302.94
Amt. for Bldg. and Repair	4,925.64	747.90	40.95			666.76	3,934.76	127.78	737.94	1,280.00		12,461.73
Incidentals	447.17	99.31	373.06	118.92		448.92	29.15	100.00	399.55	620.00	85.66	2,721.74
Co-operative Fund	671.31		93.58	149.08			109.53	58.00	218.11	59.86		1,359.47
Foreign Missions	128.68					143.48	60.00		150.24	52.00	30.12	564.52
Home Missions	59.13	72.02	72.70			830.76	193.20	80.96	225.50		30.12	1,564.39
Education	206.49		113.88	44.13			73.67	26.00	63.79			527.96
Youth Camp	66.13	20.00	37.00	20.00		18.00	25.00	12.00	43.04	12.00	30.12	283.29
Budget	10.00	6.75	12.00	13.00		17.25	11.25	9.75	15.50	12.00	10.00	117.50

## LEAGUE CONSTITUTION

Article 1.—The 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 the 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 meeting 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 an 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.

### Friday Morning, August 7, 1959

The Sunday School Convention was opened by singing "Jesus Saves" led by Bro. R. B. Spurgeon with Sis. Jean Williams at the piano. Prayer was led by Bro. Joe Cockrell.

Sis. Myrtle Jones conducted a Sunday School work-shop using II Timothy 2:15 as a devotional reading.

The congregation sang, "When We All Get to Heaven," and "Since Jesus Came into my Heart." The morning message was given by Rev. R. B. Spurgeon using Isaiah 54:2 as a text. The convention was dismissed with prayer by Bro. Ross Thomas.

### Friday Afternoon

The first session of the Central Western Districts' Womens' Auxiliary convention convened at the Victory Free Will Baptist church.

Sister Lester Jones, our President, took charge and presented the

theme "The Challenge of the Cross." The watchword, "I Lay Down My Life," John 10:17.

At 1:30 the meeting opened by the congregation singing, "The Beautiful Garden of Prayer." Sis. Emalene Moser led in a devotional by reading St. John 10:17-18, followed by prayer by Sis. Ramona York. Special song by Sis. York, "I Gave My Life for Thee." Delegates were seated by all Auxiliaries being represented.

Business proceeded with Sis. Greta Carter, the secretary, reading the reports. They were accepted as read. Appreciation Committee report was read as follows: We recommend that a standing vote of thanks be given to the Victory church for the hospitality shown during the Association.—s—Greta Carter, Valda Woody, Emalene Moser. This was accepted unanimously.

Resolution Committee recommendations were read as follows:

1. We recommend that we give \$5.00 toward the printing of the Association Minutes.

2. We recommend that each Auxiliary contribute to the National project which is a Mission station in Mexico.

3. We recommend that all money be channeled through our District Treasury.—s—Mrs. J. E. Williams (ch), Mrs. Neville Allen, Rev. Alice Dickey. Motion made and seconded that the resolution be adopted as a whole. These were accepted.

Nominating Committee report was read and accepted as follows:

We, the Nominating Committee for the Executive Officers of our Womens' District Auxiliary nominate the following for the coming year.

President.....Myrtle Jones, 7920 Northern, Raytown, Mo.

Vice-President.....Alice Dickey, 5504 Appleton, K. C., Mo.

Secy-Treas.....Wilma M. Smith, Liberal, Mo., R.R. 2

Cors. Secy.....Doris Whitson, Iantha, Mo., R. R. 1

Youth Chairman.....Ruth Postlewaite, 4533 Lawn, K. C., Mo.

Study Course Chairman, Jean Williams, 8201 Northern, Raytown, Mo.

Stewardship Chairman....Elaine Spurgeon, P. O. Box 152, Avondale, Mo.

Personal Service Chairman, Reva Prinz, 16509 2nd St. N., Independence

—s—Mrs. Nina Faye Hensley, Mrs. Alma Mason, Mrs. Leona Knapp.

The following program was given by the Auxiliaries present

Presenting the theme.....Mrs. Myrtle Jones, our Pres.

Reading.....Mrs. Metcalf, Verdella Aux.

Song.....Victory Auxiliary

Monologue, "The Challenge to Service,".....Greta Carter, Beacon Aux.

Song.....New Hope Aux.

Reading, "The Challenge to Consecration".....Oskaloosa Aux.

Song.....Hannon Aux.

Mrs. Jones then gave "The Challenge of the Cross in Mexico."

Play, "The Challenge of the Cross".....First Church Aux.

Dedication of new officers followed by a season of prayer, while the new officers were grouped at the altar. The benediction was given by Mrs. Louella Thomas.—Signed: Mrs. Wilma M. Smith, Secy-Treas.

## REPORTS

### Sunday School:

1. We recommend that teachers of small children use flannel boards, or picture charts with Bible stories, and more action songs.
2. 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.
3. We suggest that the Pastor, Supt. and teachers encourage reverence in Sunday School classes.
4. We suggest that each Sunday School sponsor a library of Christian books and literature.
5. We recommend that the Supt. and teachers meet at least once a quarter to plan a program for the coming quarter—s—Alice Hoover (ch), Beverli Barton, Mary Lou Howard.

### 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, Lloyd Jeffreys, Jack McAllister, Cecil Blythe, Opal Jeffreys, James W. McAllister, Lester Jones, Archie Burress, Russell Spurgeon, E. T. Eaves, Lowell Martin and Bobby Jones. We accept Ralph Cook's report and grant his request that he not be granted a card—s—Clyde L. Cheatham (ch), S. M. Baker, Ross Thomas, Ramona York, Virginia J. Metcalf.

### Publications:

1. We recommend all our churches adopt the family plan in subscribing to the Gem and Contact.
2. We recommend that our churches use Free Will Baptist Sunday School literature published by Ernest Kennedy, Oklahoma City, or Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, North Carolina.
3. We recommend the King James version of the Bible.—s—Valda Woody (ch), Leona Knapp, Mrs. Vest.

### Missions:

1. We recommend an offering be taken during this Association in behalf of Pedro Alvarez for his support in Bible college.
2. We recommend that the churches of this Association contribute to the advancement of Pedro's education.
3. We recommend that our churches continue to pray for our Home and Foreign Missions.—s—Johanna Eccher, Bob Jones, Nina Faye Hensley.

### Christian Education:

1. That every church have a D. V. B. S.
2. Every Christian support their mid-week services with prayer, study of the Bible and their presence.
3. We support our Youth Camp with our spiritual, physical and financial aid.
4. That our people pray in behalf of our church schools.
5. That every Christian who is entrusted with the responsibility of

teaching, pastoring, or evangelistic work, take advantage of every possible opportunity to prepare himself academically for the work.—s—  
Lester Jones (ch), Joyce Davis, Mrs. Mae Baker.

**Obituary:**

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.

Rev. Roena Thomas and Rev. Henry Ford were called from the Hannon church, and Sis. Beatrice Dazey from the Verdella church.—s—  
Greta Carter (ch), Rita Smith, Elaine Whitson.

**Temperance:**

- 1. That we strive for a higher standard of Christian conduct.
- 2. That parents supervise all TV programs their children watch.
- 3. We recommend that we abstain from conformity to the world in such things as patronizing of business places dealing with alcoholic beverages, engaging in questionable forms of amusements, and we admonish the F. W. B. people to be modest in dress as becomes a Christian.—s—Alice Dickey (ch), Elaine Spurgeon, Iris Jones.

**Treasurer's Report**

**General Fund**

Brought Forward from Last Year.....\$ 6.50  
Budget Fund (with 1958 letters)

Beacon .....	\$ 10.25
Greenfield .....	6.25
Hannon .....	12.25
Hickory Grove .....	13.25
Independence .....	8.00
Kansas City First .....	16.00
New Hope .....	11.00
Oskaloosa .....	8.00
Victory .....	8.75
Verdella .....	15.50
Wagoner .....	12.00

Total Budget .....\$121.25  
To Central Western Clerk.....\$18.19  
To State Assoc. (Minutes)..... 18.19  
Total Deducted from Budget..... 36.38  
Remainder of Budget to General Fund..... 84.87  
Ministers' Conference..... 15.00  
League Convention..... 16.80  
TOTAL IN GENERAL FUND.....\$123.17  
Disbursed from General Fund:  
Liberal News (minutes)..... 85.00  
Cash (postage and supplies)..... 6.90  
Total disbursed from Fund..... 91.91  
Total in General Fund August 1, 1959.....\$ 31.26

## EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT—1958-1959

November 30, 1958: The Board met at Verdella Free Will Baptist church. Rev. Alice Dickey not present. Rev. Archie Burress seated as proxy member. All other Board members present. Prayer by Bro. Orville Foger.

Bro. Alan Dee York, member of Greenfield First Free Will Baptist church, examined for deacon. Approved.

Bro. Walter Anderson, jr., member of Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist church, examined for deacon. Approved.

Bro. Jack McAllister, member of New Hope Free Will Baptist church in Kansas City, Kansas, examined for ordination to the ministry. Approved. Notice sent to New Hope church to form ordaining council for ordination service at the church.

Bro. D. T. Eaves, member of New Hope Free Will Baptist church in Kansas City, Kansas, minister coming from another denomination, examined for credentials. Approved for license and card of standing.

Discussion of Youth Camp cabin debt. Moved to ask District League treasurer to apply the amount on hand to payment of the indebtedness and ask for further contributions for this matter.

All motions were carried unanimously. Rev. Lowell Martin named chairman of ordaining committee and Bro. York and Bro. Anderson ordained as deacons. Other committee members were Rev. Roena Thomas, Rev. Arlie Hoover, Rev. Archie Burress and Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys.

Early in May, 1959, considerable business was agreed upon by telephone concerning repair of damage to the youth camp cabins by a hail storm. Our thanks to Bro. W. E. Bowman, Rev. Archie Burress, and Rev. James McCully who assumed responsibility of securing materials and donated work in making the repairs.

May 24, 1959: The Board met at Oskaloosa Free Will Baptist church. Bro. Tony Davis seated as proxy for Rev. Alice Dickey and Rev. Archie Burress for Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys. Other members present. Motion carried that clerk of Board notify District League Treasurer to apply balance on hand on the Youth Camp cabin indebtedness. Notice was sent.

Motion carried that clerk of Board notify each church of the current debt on the Youth Camp cabins, and recommend that each church contribute toward same. Notices sent. (Amount of indebtedness at this time, \$167.57.)

Bro. Cecil Blythe, member of Hannon Free Will Baptist church, examined for license to the ministry by request of the Oskaloosa Free Will Baptist church. Approved.

Dismissal prayer by Bro. Orville Foger.

July 25, 1959: Board met at the Kansas City First Free Will Baptist church. All members were present. Prayer by Bro. Orville Foger. Bro. John Bough reported all current debt on Youth Camp cabins paid.

Bro. Clyde Cheatham, Bro. Kenneth Mason and Bro. Lavoe Moser, members of Kansas City First Free Will Baptist church, examined for deacons. Approved. Rev. Alice Dickey named as chairman of ordaining council. Other members of the council were Rev. Opal Jeffreys, Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys, Bro. John Bough and Bro. Clifford Altis.

Home Mission Fund on hand \$54.92. (Received entirely of Wag-  
oner church).

Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys, Clerk of Board

### 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—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 5—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 officers shall be elected annually at the regular session of the Association; and shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified.

Article 6—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 period 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 7—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 8—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 laid on the table at least one day.

#### BY-LAWS

Article 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.

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

Article 3. Delegates equal in number to the number of active churches and representing at least a simple majority of the active churches shall constitute a quorum to transact business for the Association, but any less number shall adjourn.

Article 4. Regular Parliamentary procedure as set forth in Roberts' "Rules of Order" 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 the consent of the Conference.

Article 5.—Section 1.—The first item of business of the Association shall be to receive the church letters and seat the delegates. However, business shall not be suspended to wait for late or delayed letters. Such letters shall be received upon arrival and their delegates seated.

Section 2.—Item 1.—The election of the officers of this Association shall be held at the closing business session of the regular session of the Association. They shall hold office until their successors are elected.

Section 2.—Item 2.—The Clerk-Treasurer shall supervise the printing of the minutes for the year of which they were Clerk-Treasurer.

Section 3. The second item of business of the Association shall be the report of the Executive Board.

Article 6. All Committees or a Committee on Committees shall be appointed by the Moderator.

Article 7. It shall be the right of each church of the Association to determine its own pastoral year. We urge that each church have its business year end on June 30th.

Article 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.

Article 9. 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 10.—Section 1.—No one shall be ordained to the ministry in this Association until they have carried a ministers license two years, or major fraction of the second year, and must be currently performing the duties of a pastor of an organized group.

Section 2. Examination for ordination to the ministry may be carried out at the regular session of the Association, or as otherwise directed by the Association. Examination for license or for ordination (both ministers and deacons) to be done at a time and place agreeable to both candidate and examining council. Ordination may be carried out in the local church (if desired) subsequent to examination and favorable action of the examining council.

Article 11. No one shall be licensed or ordained in this Association who is a user of tobacco, alcohol, or who cannot qualify according to I Timothy 3:1-12 and Titus 1:6-9.

Article 12.—Section 1.—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. Ministers in the Armed Forces shall not be required to report in person during their term of service. 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.

Article 13. 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.

