

**Minutes of the 58th  
Annual Session  
of the  
Central Western Missouri Association  
of  
Free Will Baptists  
1966**

**When Convened With  
WAGONER FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
Stockton, Missouri**

**TUESDAY NIGHT, JULY 26, 1966**

**THE 59th ANNUAL SESSION  
Will Meet With the  
Victory Free Will Baptist Church  
Avondale, Missouri  
Tuesday Night, July 25, 1967**



## OFFICERS

Moderator .....	Rev. Cle'tus Nichols
Assistant Moderator .....	Rev. Woodrow Matthews
Clerk-Treasurer .....	Alice Hoover
Assistant Clerk-Treasurer .....	Loviena Johnson
Statistician .....	Jean Williams
Itinerate Missionary Contact .....	Rev. James McAllister

## EXECUTIVE AND HOME MISSIONS BOARD

Rev. Glenn Rehkep, Avondale .....	1971
Deacon Joe Cockrell, Kansas City .....	1970
Rev. Woodrow Matthews, Raytown .....	1969
Deacon Reed Smith, Liberal .....	1968
Deacon Charlie Hoover, Liberal .....	1967

## CHURCH CLERKS

Beacon .....	Mrs. Faye Ratterre, 209 Myron Ave., Belton, Mo.
Belton .....	Jo Ann Johnson, 15207 White Ave., Grandview, Mo.
Central .....	Katherine J. Barclift, 3000 So. 63rd, Kansas City, Ks.
First Free Will Baptist Church, El Dorado Springs, Mrs. Mildred Kicenski, Route 5, Box 204, El Dorado Springs, Mo.	
First FWB Church, Kansas City, Fern Smith, 431 N. Wheeling, K. C., Mo.	
Greenfield .....	Jewel Mayberry, Greenfield, Mo.
Hannon .....	Bessie Bunton, Liberal, Mo.
Hickory Grove .....	Mrs. Iris Jones, Harrisonville, Mo. R 3
Olivet .....	Lena R. Cheek, 663 W. Clay, Marshall, Mo.
Oskaloosa .....	Mrs. Wilma Smith, Liberal, Mo.
Verdella .....	Mrs. Frances Foger, Iantha, Mo.
Victory .....	Mrs. Fannie Painter, 806 E. 67 Terr., Gladstone, Mo.
Wagoner .....	Mrs. Theo Bough, Stockton, Mo.

## CHURCH PASTORS

Beacon .....	Rev. Woodrow Matthews, 7920 Harris, Raytown, Mo.
Belton .....	Rev. John C. McAllister, 215 W. Mill, Belton, Mo.
Central .....	Rev. James McAllister, 8032 Brooklyn, Kansas City, Mo.
First FWB Church, El Dorado Springs, Bro. Robert Payne, R 1, ELD. Spgs.	
First FWB Church Kansas City, Rev. Alice Dickey, 9125 Old Santa Fe Rd. Kansas City, Mo.	
Greenfield .....	No Pastor
Hannon .....	Rev. Grover Terry, Liberal, Mo.
Hickory Grove, Rev. James L. O'Dell, 305½ N. Scott, Lot 5, Belton, Mo.	
Olivet .....	Rev. Junior Ussery, Marshall, Mo.
Oskaloosa .....	Rev. Frank Johnson, Liberal, Mo.
Verdella .....	Rev. Celtus Nichols, Iantha, Mo.
Victory .....	Rev. Glenn Rehkop, Avondale, Mo.
Wagoner .....	Rev. Harry Sterling, 1211 Mineral St., Webb City, Mo.

## OTHER MINISTERS OF ASSOCIATION

Rev. Arthur Kicenski, R 5, El Dorado Springs, Mo.; Rev. Lowell Martin, Greenfield, Mo.; Rev. Bill Beazley, 406 E. Clara, Carterville, Mo.; Rev.

Lester Jones, Kansas City, Mo. (superannuated); Rev. Lester Nutting, R. 4, Box 282, Joplin, Mo.; Arlie Hoover, Liberal, Mo., (superannuated); Rev. James Elmore, Marshall, Mo.; Rev. Bob Dickey, Liberal, Mo.; Rev. Otto J. Mackey, Monett, Mo.; Rev. Hollis Walker, Jr., Liberal, Mo.; Rev. Ralph Cook, Parkville, Mo.; Rev. C. T. Christensen, Pleasant Hill, Mo.

## PROCEEDINGS

**Tuesday Evening, July 26, 1966**

The 58th annual session of the Central Western Missouri Association of the Free Will Baptists convened with the Wagoner Church near Stockton, Mo.

The service opened with the congregational singing led by Rev. Bob Dickey with Wilma Smith at the piano. Songs sung were, "I Want to Be a Worker," "Victory In Jesus," prayer by Arlie Hoover, "Just Over In the Gloryland," and "We Have an Anchor," were then sung.

Welcome from host church by John Bough. The clerk declared a quorum present and the session opened for business. Rev. Woodrow Matthews, moderator, taking charge gave a short devotional taken from Romans 12:1-13. We then sang "The Unclouded Day." Offering received in the amount of \$22.24.

Rev. Cletus Nichols, speaker for the evening, led the prayer. Scripture was taken from John 9:4, John 4:31-41 and Matt. 16:27. Invitation song "Near the Cross." Benediction by Eldon Thomas.

## **Wednesday Morning, July 27, 1966**

Opened morning session with congregation singing with Mrs. Christensen leading, Linda Christensen at the piano. Songs were "He Keeps Me Singing," and "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings." Devotional by Rev. C. T. Christensen, Scripture Matt. 9:35-38. Prayer by Deacon Joe Cockrell. Reading of the Constitution and By-laws by Rev. Woodrow Matthews. Church letters read, motion made and carried to accept letters and seat delegates.

Executive board report read and accepted.

Committee on committees appointed by Woodrow Matthews: Charlie Hoover, chairman; Joe Cockrell and Cletus Nichols. Dismissed morning session with prayer by Rev. Harry Sterling.

Reconvened at 11:45 for a short business session. Remaining church letters read and accepted. Committee on committees report read as follows: Christian education committee, James McAllister, ch., Jean Williams, Lowell Martin; business committee, Glenn Rehkop, ch., Lester Jones, Arlie Hoover, Preston Cross, Cletus Nichols; ministerial standing committee, John Bough, ch., Reed Smith, Tom Lewis, Louella Thomas, Clyde Cheatham; publication committee, Alice Dickey, ch., Hilda Nichols, Eloise Thornton; obituary committee, Myrl York, ch., Ruby Smith, Laphema Herrell; mission committee, C. T. Christensen, ch., Loviena Johnson, Reba Rouse; nominating committee, Charlie Hoover, W. O. Martin, Reed Smith; location committee, Bob Payne, Evelyn Rehkop, Jewell Maberry.

Morning service benediction and grace at noon meal by Rev. James O'Dell.

### **Wednesday Afternoon, July 27, 1966**

Rev. Woodrow Matthews opened the afternoon session by leading the congregation in singing "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart," with Linda Christensen at the piano. Led in prayer by Rev. Lester Jones.

Financial report read and accepted.

Publication committee report read and accepted item by item.

Business committee report read and accepted items I, IV, V, VI. Items II and II were tabled.

Obituary report was accepted followed by silent prayer and prayer by Rev. Woodrow Matthews in memory of our Brothers and Sister in Christ.

Afternoon session dismissed until evening with prayer by Rev. Harry Beatty.

### **Wednesday Night, July 27, 1966**

Service was opened by singing. Rev. Bob Dickey leading with Rev. James McAllister at the piano. Songs were, "When We All Get to Heaven" and "I'll Fly Away." Prayer by Rev. Glen Rehkop. We then sang, "Joy Unspeakable," and "O How I Love Jesus." Special by Oskaloosa quartet, Rev. and Mrs. Frank Johnson, Reed Smith, and Rev. Bob Dickey, singing "When He Blessed My Soul." "Turn Around," was sung by Mrs. C. T. Christensen and Linda.

Lonnie Palmer, missionary on furlough from Africa was in charge of the evening program. Showing slides of their work on the Ivory Coast. Scripture reading Psalm 22.

Invitation song, "I'll Live for Him." Mission offering was taken for the Palmer family. Prayer by Rev. Woodrow Matthews. Amount of offering, \$72.47. Benediction by Rev. James McAllister.

### **Thursday Morning, July 28, 1966**

Morning session opened with congregational singing, led by Mrs. C. T. Christensen with Linda at the piano. Songs were, "Victory in Jesus" and "I'll Live in Glory." Rev. Arthur Kicenski brought the devotion taken from Eph. 5:1-19 and led in prayer.

Statistical report was read and accepted.

Temperance committee report read and accepted as a whole.

Mission committee report read and adopted in its entirety.

Christian Education committee report read and accepted.

It was voted to bring from the table the Business committee report. Items No. II, III and VII were adopted.

Delegates for State Association are as follows: Bob Payne, Thro Grider, Theo Bough, Laphema Herrell, Clyde Cheatum, Frances Foger and Patty Payne.

Motion was made and carried to give Moderator or Assistant Moderator power to fill in vacancies of delegates at State Association. Rev. Frank Johnson dismissed us in prayer for recess.

### **Thursday Afternoon, July 28, 1966**

Location committee recommended Victory for our 1967 session. Invitation accepted.

Ministerial standing report accepted as read.

Item No. 8 of Business committee was adopted as read.  
Motion made to amend the Executive report to read Rev. Lester Jones received card of standing through correspondence.

Associational officers for the coming year are as follows:

Moderator: Rev. Cletus Nichols

Assistant Moderator: Rev. Woodrow Matthews

Clerk-Treasurer: Alice Hoover

Assistant Clerk-Treasurer: Laviena Johnson

Statistician: Jean Williams

Itinerant Missionary Contact: Rev. James McAllister

Executive Board Member: Rev. Glenn Rehkop

Wilma Smith gave a brief announcement concerning auxiliary.

Motion made and seconded we adjourn, Singing, "Amazing Grace."  
Benediction by Rev. Harry Beatty.

### **WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION**

**Wednesday, July 27, 1966, 11:00 A. M.**

Convention opened with congregation singing, "When We All Get to Heaven," led by Lou Thurston. Prayer was given by Sister Alice Dickey. Sister Ionia Phillips, our president, introduced the speaker, Lonnie Palmer, missionary to Africa. His text was Matt. 6:24-34. Sister Lowell Martin dismissed us for the noon hour.

#### **Wednesday Afternoon, 1:30 P. M.**

Following lunch Sister Ionia Phillips called meeting to order. The congregation sang, "Standing on the Promises," and "Jesus Calls Us." Devotion was given by Sister Lil Cheathum using Luke 12:41-43, Luke 19:30-32 and Timothy 4:12. An offering was taken for the Lonnie Palmers, which was \$46.00.

Resolution committee report was read: We the Resolution committee recommend the following:

1. That Auxiliaries send their yearly report and fees to the local treasurer by June 1st in order that they can be compiled for the National Convention.
2. That each Auxiliary member be a personal soul winner for Christ, for this is our purpose in the world.
3. That each Auxiliary adopt the Budget plan of support for our National Auxiliary.
4. That our district adopt the Lonnie Palmers as their project for the coming year.
5. That we give \$5.00 for printing of the minutes.

Signed by Hilda Nichols, Virginia Bunton and Gladys Brooks

The Resolution committee report was accepted.

Nominating committee report was read as follows:

President ..... Wilma Smith, Oskaloosa

Vice President ..... Ionia Phillips, Verdella

Secretary-Treasurer ..... Lou Thomas, Hannon

Study Course Chairman, Rev. Alice Dickey, First Church

Personal Service Chairman ... Katie Brown, Beacon

Program Prayer Chairman ... Lou Thurston, Avondale

Signed by Laviena Johnson, Reba Rouse, Evelyn Rehkop, Alice

Hoover, and Jean Williams. This was acted upon and carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

**Dues Received From Each Auxiliary**

Hannon .....	\$ 3.30
Victory .....	5.80
Verdella .....	1.40
Beacon .....	1.00

**\$11.50**

**Expenditures**

Amount sent to Hazel Hutsell for State and

National Dues ..... \$ 5.40

Amount for home dues, this remained in Dist Treas. 6.10

Amount for printing minutes ..... 5.00

**BALANCE IN TREASURY ..... \$ 1.10**

Amount from 1965-66 Balance ..... **\$10.05**

**TOTAL ..... \$11.15**

Motion made to accept as a whole. It was seconded and carried. This concluded the business session. A program followed with a special from the Beacon Church and a special from Hannon. A short play was given by the Oskaloosa Church. A talk was given by Sister Palmer on the work in Africa. Session adjourned with a closing prayer.

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**Thursday Morning, July 28, 1966**

Church Training Service opened by singing "More About Jesus," led by Rev. Glenn Rehkop with Sister Ramona York at the piano. Prayer by Rev. Cletus Nichols. "Come, Thou Fount," was then sung. Special by Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Williams and Mrs. C. T. Christensen and Linda entitled "What a Day That Will Be." Second special for the morning Sister Ramona York played the accordion and sang, "Inside the Gate."

Service was then turned over to Rev. Harry Beatty for the morning message. Scripture: Jeremiah 17:15, Luke 5 and Titus 3:5. Invitation song "Just As I Am." Benediction on morning service and grace for the noon meal by Reed Smith.

**Thursday Afternoon, July 28, 1966**

Afternoon session opened with singing, "I Am Thine, O Lord," led by Rev. Frank Johnson with Wilma Smith at the piano. Prayer by Brother Bob Payne. Devotion by Sister Laphema Herrell.

Jean Williams gave a short talk about the purpose and meaning of CTS and exhibited samples of the literature. Rev. Lester Jones discussed our Tic-tat-toe, declamations contest and Bible Bowl competition. Rev. Glenn Rehkop, Hilda Nichols and Charlie Hoover explained how they conduct CTS at their churches.

Election of officers for the coming year resulted as follows:

President ..... Sister Hilda Nichols

Vice President ..... Jean Williams

Secretary-Treasurer ..... Alice Hoover

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer ..... Evelyn Rehkop

We were dismissed by prayer.

## REGISTRATION

**MINISTERS**—Cletus Nichols, Alice Dickey, Woodrow Matthews, Harry Sterling, James O'Dell, James D. Elmore, Glenn Rehkop, Bob Dickey, Lester C. Jones, Bob Payne, Frank Johnson, Hollis Walker, jr., Arlie Hoover, Billy Christensen, James McAllister, Lowell Martin, Arthur Kicenski.

**MINISTERS' WIVES**—Sharon O'Dell, Mrs. Christensen, Loviena Johnson, Myrl H. York, Wanda Elmore, Evelyn Rehkop, Maxine Sterling, Vera Hoover, Hilda Nichols.

**CHURCH CLERKS**—Frances Foger, Wilma Smith, Jewell Maberry.

**DEACONS**—Reed Smith, Tom Lewis, Charlie Hoover, Otis Martin, John Bough, Preston Cross.

**DELEGATES**—Reba Rouse, Eloise Thornton, Lorene Beason, Laphema E. Herrell, Hazel Fleeman, Lou Thurston, Jere Carlton, Janice Carlton, Thelma Dickey, Gladys Brooks, Louella Thomas.

**VISITORS**—Ray Markley, Marsha Payne, Pat Payne, Nancy Fleeman, Eulah Payne, Lonnie Palmer, jr., Verla Smith, Cheryl Elmore, Beverly Rehkop, Randy Rehkop, David Thurston, Cheryl Thurston, Ramona York, Benny York, Dale York, Becky York, Mark York, Hazel Bowman, Ionia Phillips, Linda Christensen, Lyle Hoover, Lynn Hoover, Craig Hoover.

## REPORTS OF MINISTERS

**BOB DICKEY**—Sermons preached 26, professions witnessed 15, miles traveled 2,000, amount received \$35.00.

**ALICE DICKEY**—Sermons preached 98, churches pastored 1 fulltime, professions witnessed 10, number baptized 7, additions to church 5, funerals preached 1, amount received \$1800.

**CLETUS NICHOLS**—Sermons preached 101, churches pastored 2, professions witnessed 3, funerals preached 1, miles traveled 5,775, amount received \$2,580, rededications 8, marriages 1.

**FRANK JOHNSON**—Sermons preached 108, churches pastored 1, professions witnessed 11, funerals preached 5, miles traveled 4,200, amount received \$1,527.58.

**JOHN McALLISTER**—Sermons preached 156, churches pastored 1, professions witnessed 30, number baptized 23, additions to church 15, funerals preached 1, miles traveled 16,000, amount received \$1,210.

**JAMES McALLISTER**—Sermons preached 110, churches pastored 1, revivals 2, professions witnessed 46, number baptized 32, additions to church 33, miles traveled 15,501, amount received \$6,270.00, rededications 25, weddings 1.

**JAMES O'DELL**—Sermons preached 80, churches pastored 1, additions to church 1, miles traveled 5,000, amount received \$840.

**JUNIOR W. USSERY**—Sermons preached 107, churches pastored 1, revivals held 1, professions witnessed 11, rededications 15, additions to church 14, miles traveled 6,000, amount received \$510, weddings 1, radio broadcasts 28.

**JAMES D. ELMORE**—Sermons preached 38, churches pastored 1, professions witnessed 3, miles traveled 240, amount received \$120.

**GLENN REHKOP**—Sermons preached 128, churches pastored 1, revivals held 3, professions witnessed 21, number baptized 25, additions

to church 33, funerals preached 3, miles traveled 15,000, amount received \$5,050.

**ARTHUR KICENSKI**—Sermons preached 15, rededications 2, additions to church 6, funerals preached 4.

**C. T. CHRISTENSEN**—Sermons preached 24, professions witnessed 2, traveled 3,333 miles, amount received \$30.

**LOWELL MARTIN**—Sermons preached 46, church pastored 1, funerals preached 4, amount received \$527.50.

**WOODROW MATTHEWS**—Sermons preached 125, professions witnessed 6, number baptized 4, revivals held 1, marriages performed 4, funerals preached 2, miles traveled 17,000, money received \$3,900.

**HOLLIS WALKER, JR.**—Sermons preached 27, amount received \$225, miles traveled 500, professions witnessed 1.

**LESTER NUNTING**—Sermons preached 58, churches pastored 1, number baptized 1, funerals preached 1, miles traveled 4,000, amount received \$800.

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT—1965-66 (July 25, 1966)**

The board met July 29, 1965 at the Hannon Church, Liberal, Missouri. Members present were Charlie Hoover (presiding), Reed Smith, and Glenn Rehkop. Orville Foger and Ralph Cook were seated as proxy for members absent.

Prayer was offered by Brother Cook.

Ministerial reports from Junior Ussery and Frank Johnson were received and cards of standing granted. (Ussery & Johnson.)

Organization of Board: Charlie Hoover, Chairman; Woodrow Matthews, Clerk-treasurer.

Adjourned with prayer by Brother Rehkop.

Signed: Clerk Pro-tem, Charlie Hoover.

### **Meeting — November 12, 1965**

The board met at the Hannon Church, November 12, 1965, 7:30 p.m. Members present were Charlie Hoover, Glenn Rehkop, Reed Smith, and Woodrow Matthews.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Brother Hoover; prayer was offered by Brother Smith.

Motion was made to receive Rev. Cletus Nichols into the fellowship of the association. (Letter of recommendation was received from the Northeast Missouri Association of Free Will Baptists.)

Motion was made that Brother Nichols be seated as proxy for Brother Joe Cockrell.

Upon request of the Hannon Church, Brother Don Thomas was examined for deacon. It was motioned that Brother Thomas be ordained, and that we proceed with the service as requested.

The ordination service was held at the Hannon Church on the same date at 8:00 p.m. Brother Charlie Hoover presided at the service. The charge to the deacon was given by Brother Glenn Rehkop; Brother Matthews gave the charge to the church. The ordination prayer was offered by Brother Cletus Nichols followed with fellowship handshake. The meeting was closed with prayer.

Business session continued:

The program for the 1966 session was outlined.



# STATISTICAL TABLE

	Beacon	Central	Green-field	Hannon	Hickory Grove	K. C. First	First of Dorado Springs	Olivet	Oskaloosa	Verdella	Victory	Wagoner	Belton	TOTALS
Members Rec'd This Year	3	33			1	6	6	15	2	2	33		12	113
Members Baptized	2	32				4		2			25			65
Dismissed By Letter		3				1	4		2				2	12
Deceased				2	2		1		1					6
Resident Members	81	133	19	42	44	70	14	40	17	57	123	20	31	689
Members June 30, 1966	91	143	19	67	80	103	17	40	47	77	145	50	51	930
C. T. S. Membership	35	87	5		10	25				25	60		31	273
S. S. Membership	125	300	35	75	65	75	18	55	35	60	178	25	47	1,145
Ordained Ministers	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	1	1	18
Licensed Ministers	1			1		1			1	1	2			7
Ordained Deacons	4		2	6	3	5	1		1	6	2	2		32
Paid Pastor	\$ 3,770.00	6,270.00	612.50	915.00	840.00	1,875.00	305.50	380.58	1,487.58	2,550.00	4,725.00	606.05	1,210.00	25,247.21
For Evangelism	150.00	344.68		240.00		270.00	50.00	31.00	170.31	262.75	420.00		350.00	2,318.74
Value of Ch. Property	125,000.00	50,000.00	7,500.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	75,000.00	300.00	20,000.00	2,000.00	10,000.00	25,000.00	4,000.00	34,000.00	323,000.00
Amt. for Bldg. and Repair	5,093.62	5,916.91		1,453.25		3,400.86		12,000.00	848.85	209.08	744.92	220.79	1,059.00	30,951.08
Incidentals	1,625.49	1,382.19	130.58	534.34	397.70	1,121.69		431.96	551.76	511.09	907.46	76.03	150.00	7,820.29
Co-operative Fund	1,121.14	884.00		337.94	140.46		4.85	214.00	102.23	432.47	994.00			4,231.09
Foreign Missions	434.30	1,369.66	61.68	902.30	56.11	139.11		28.20	52.00	372.56	100.00		200.00	3,715.92
Home Missions	61.00	130.86		383.00	26.00	177.13		15.00	24.75	51.18	26.50			895.42
Ed. Bible Sc. C. T. S., Lit. and Publications	507.48	463.80	29.10	294.47	90.00	369.21	29.55	95.68	69.98	287.30	370.32	44.33	200.00	2,851.28
Youth Camp		50.00		15.00										65.00
Budget and Minutes	23.25	18.00	7.75	15.00	14.00	28.50	6.50		7.25	16.50	27.50	10.00		174.25
Orphanage	43.35	100.59			30.00		12.00	7.50						193.44
Amt. for Bible College				15.00						8.00				23.00
Membership in Auxillary	12	13		11.00		15.00			10.00	15.00	19.00		12	107.00
Superannuation									15.00					15.00

Motion that upon request of the Beacon Church, Raytown, Mo., that renewal of license to the ministry be granted Brother C. T. "Billy" Christenson. (Renewal granted December 5, 1965.)

Motion that the board receive the certificate of license and card of ministerial standing from Brother Thayne Fast, member of the Verdella Church. (Credentials returned without request from the board.)

Adjourned with prayer.

Signed: Woodrow Matthews, Clerk.

**Transaction by Correspondence — April 26, 1966**

Renewal of license to the ministry for one year for Brother Bob Dickey. (Requested by Oskaloosa Church.)

Renewal of license to the ministry for one year for Brother Hollis Walker, Jr. (Requested by the Verdella Church.)

Signed: Woodrow Matthews, Clerk.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT**

**From July 1, 1965 — July 1, 1966**

**CABIN FUND:**

Balance brought forward .....\$25.62

No receipts—no disbursements.

Balance on hand ..... \$25.62

**HOME MISSION FUND:**

Balance brought forward .....\$41.32

No receipts — no disbursements.

Balance on hand ..... \$41.32

**TOTAL IN ALL FUNDS ..... \$66.94**

Funds are deposited in the Bank of Lee's Summit, Lee's Summit, Missouri.

Signed: Woodrow Matthews, Clerk-Treasurer.

**REPORTS**

**Treasurer's Report:**

**GENERAL FUND:**

Brought forward from last year ..... \$ 64.39

Budget from letters .....\$172.44

Tuesday night offering ..... 24.22

Wednesday night offering ..... 48.00

Thursday night offering ..... 36.28

**TOTAL .....\$345.33**

To Missouri State Association ..... \$20.00

To C.W.M. Clerk ..... 25.65

**TOTAL DEDUCTED FROM BUDGET ..... \$45.65**

**TOTAL IN GENERAL FUND ..... \$299.68**

**Disbursed from General Fund:**

Foreign Missions .....\$ 84.28

Liberal News ..... 109.16

**TOTAL DISBURSED .....\$193.44**

**TOTAL IN GENERAL FUND ..... \$106.24**

## **Christian Education Committee Report:**

1. We recommend that our churches investigate the doctrinal standing of our denominational colleges and recommend them to our youth if we consider the school doctrinally sound.

2. We recommend that, because of the growing trend toward liberalism each church appoint a research committee to check the literature from our CTS and Sunday School dept.

3. We recommend that literature for CTS and Sunday School be purchased from our National Headquarters.

Signed: Rev. James McAllister, Jean Williams, Lowell Martin.

## **Ministerial Standing:**

Having examined individual letters from the following ministers, we find them eligible to receive certificates of Ministerial standing: Hollis Walker, Jr., James McAllister, Glenn Rehkop, John C. McAllister, James O'Dell, C. T. Christensen, Woodrow Matthews, Lowell Martin, Cletus Nichols, Bob Dickey, Arthur Kicenski, Alice Dickey, Frank Johnson, Junior W. Ussery, and James D. Elmore.

Superannuated list: Arlie Hoover, Lester Jones.

Signed: J. E. Williams, Tom Lewis, John Bough, Reed Smith, Louella Thomas.

## **Temperance:**

We the temperance committee recommend the following:

1. That our ministers deliver at least one message on temperance during the year.

2. That our people refrain from trading in businesses which sell alcoholic beverages unless purchases cannot be made otherwise.

3. That the parents supervise carefully the programs our children see, hear and attend.

4. That we, as God's people, submit ourselves to be led by the Holy Spirit and be temperate in all things.

Signed: Rev. Arthur Kicenski, Wilma Smith, Jere Carlton.

## **Obituary:**

Since our Heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to call from our midst our sisters Mary Wade and Frankie Wade from the Hannon church, Brother Henry Reeves from Eldorado Springs, Sister Bessie Lyon and Brother Leroy Powell from Hickory Grove, and Brother Tommy Dickey from Oskaloosa. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved families and pray God will comfort them in their sorrow. May we take up the Christ like work where they left off and carry on in our communities. Let us stand in a moment of silent prayer in memory of the life they gave to Christ.

Signed: Myrl York, Laphema E. Herrell, Ruby Smith.

## **Business Committee:**

We of the Business Committee recommend the following:

1. We invite the Missouri State Association to convene with Central Western Association at the Central F.W.B. Church of Kansas City.

2. We recommend to amend Article 7 to read as: This Ass'n shall meet annually on Tuesday night following the 4th Sunday of July and it shall be the duty of the churches composing it to represent themselves by letter and delegates.

3. We recommend that it will be the duty of the Executive Board to plan and carry out the program of the Ass'n and article 8 of the Constitution be changed to article 9.

4. Since it is recommended by the Missouri State Ass'n that each affiliated church give 10 per cent of its regular income to the State Co-operative Fund as the minimum of our Denominational giving, and whereas our state program has shown commendable advancement through this plan of giving we urge our churches to continue this plan of support.

5. We recommend that our church covenant be printed in our association minutes, and that our people acquaint themselves with it.

6. That we continue to support the Missouri State Youth Camp with our prayers and finance and furthermore recommend that our churches encourage their youth to attend.

7. That we give the Wagoner Church a standing vote of thanks for the hospitality shown during this association.

8. That a committee of three be appointed by the Associational moderator to study the possibility of revitalization of the Sunday School and CTS convention and bring their report to the body in 1967.

We further recommend that these men serve on this committee.

Signed: Rev. James McAllister, Rev. Cletus Nichols, Rev. Woodrow Matthews.

#### **Publications Committee:**

We the Publications Committee recommend the following:

1. That we reaffirm our stand for the King James Version of the Bible.

2. That each church immediately start a Christian library and add to it consistently.

3. That our churches continue to use the family plan for Gem and Contact.

Signed: Rev. Alice Dickey, Hilda Nichols, Eloise Thornton.

#### **Missions Committee:**

1. We strongly urge that the utmost effort be made to insure that no Missouri Missionaries account shall be allowed to fall into arrears at any time.

2. We recommend that our churches keep informed of the needs of our Missionaries by reading "Heartbeat," "Mission-Grams" and Gem.

3. We recommend that each of our churches remember April as Foreign Missions month and November as Home Missions month.

4. We recommend that each pastor encourage each family of his congregation to pray daily for home and foreign missionaries in the following way: spiritual, physical, material and pray for the new converts, converted through their ministry.

Signed: C. T. Christensen, Loviena Johnson, Reba Rouse.

#### **Location Committee:**

We recommend that we accept the invitation given by the Victory Church in Kansas City.

Signed: Evelyn Rehkop, Jewell Maberry.

## 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 members of 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 in this Association, and one delegate from each church represented in a Quarterly Meeting from the Central Western Missouri 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 be properly and satisfactorily 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 the 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 on Tuesday night following the 4th Sunday in July, and it shall be the duty of the churches composing it to represent themselves by letter and delegates.

Article 8—Program.—It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to plan and carry out the program of the Association.

Article 9—Amendments.—This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular session of this Association by a two-thirds vote of members present, provided proposed alteration or amendment has lain 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 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 their 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 honorarium for Central Western Missouri Associational Clerk, and 85% for the 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 minister's license two years, or major fraction of the second year, and must be currently performing the

duties of 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.

### **CHURCH COVENANT**

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Jesus Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to provide things honest in the sight of all men.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship, and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.