

# MINUTES

OF THE 59th ANNUAL SESSION

## Central Western Missouri Association

OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

### 1967

WHEN CONVENED WITH VICTORY FREE WILL BAPTIST  
CHURCH IN AVONDALE, MO.

TUESDAY NIGHT, JULY 25, 1967



THE 60th ANNUAL SESSION WILL MEET WITH  
HICKORY GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

TUESDAY NIGHT, JULY 30, 1968

## OFFICERS

Moderator .....	Rev. Glenn Rehkop
Assistant Moderator .....	Rev. Grover Terry
Clerk-Treasurer .....	Alice Hoover ✓
Assistant Clerk-Treasurer .....	Louella Thomas ✓
Statistician .....	Jean Williams ✓
Itinerate Contact .....	Rev. Woodrow Matthews ✓

## EXECUTIVE AND HOME MISSIONS BOARD

✓ Deacon Charlie Hoover, Liberal .....	1972
✓ Rev. Glenn Rehkop, Avondale .....	1971
Deacon Joe Cockrell, Kansas City .....	1970
✓ Rev. Woodrow Matthews, Raytown .....	1969
Deacon Reed Smith, Liberal .....	1968

## CHURCH CLERKS

✓ Beacon .....	Faye Ratterre, 209 Myron Ave., Belton, Mo.
✓ Belton .....	No yearly report
✓ Central .....	Katherine J. Barclift, 3000 S. 63rd, Kansas City, Kan.
— First Free Will Baptist Church, El Dorado Springs, Mrs. Mildred Kicenski, Route 5, Box 204, El Dorado Springs, Mo. 64744.	
— First Free Will Baptist Church, Kansas City, Fern Smith, 431 N. Wheeling, Kansas City, Mo. 64123.	
— First FWB Church, Greenfield .....	Jewell Maberry, Greenfield, Mo.
— Hannon .....	Bessie Bunton, Route 2, Liberal, Mo. 64762.
— Hickory Grove .....	Iris Jones, Route 3, Harrisonville, Mo. 64701.
✓ Olivet .....	Lena R. Cheek, 663 W. Clay, Marshall, Mo.
— Oskaloosa .....	Wilma M. Smith, Route 2, Liberal, Mo. 64762.
— Verdella .....	Frances Foger, Rural Route, Iantha, Mo.
✓ Victory .....	Fannie Painter, 806 E. 67 Terr., N. Kansas City, Mo.
— Wagoner .....	Theo Bough, Stockton, Mo.

## CHURCH PASTORS

Beacon .....	Rev. Woodrow Matthews, 1920 Harris, Raytown, Mo.
Central .....	Rev. James McAllister, 1122 E. 77th St., Kansas City, Mo.
First FWB Church, El Dorado Springs, Rev. C. T. Christensen, 205 N. Jeffreys, Pleasant Hill, Mo. 64080.	
First FWB Church, Kansas City, Rev. Alice Dickey, 9125 Old Santa Fe Trail, Kansas City, Mo.	
First FWB Church, Greenfield, Rev. Lowell Martin, Route 2, Box 262, Greenfield, Mo. 65661.	
Hannon .....	Rev. Grover Terry, Route 2, Liberal, Mo.
Hickory Grove ..	Rev. James O'Dell, 305½ N. Scott, Lot 5, Belton, Mo.
Olivet .....	Rev. James D. Elmore, 644 N. Franklin, Marshall, Mo.
Oskaloosa .....	No Pastor
Verdella .....	Rev. Cletus Nichols, Iantha, Mo.
Victory ....	Rev. Glenn Rehkop, 3416 N. Bellefontaine, Kansas City, Mo.
Wagoner .....	No Pastor

## OTHER MINISTERS OF ASSOCIATION

Rev. Arthur Kicenski, Route 5, El Dorado Springs, Mo.; Rev. Lester Jones, Marshall (superannuated); Rev. Frank Johnson, Liberal; Rev. Bobby Dickey, Liberal; Rev. Hollis Walker, Jr., Liberal; Rev. Ralph Cook, Parkville, Mo.; Arlie Hoover (superannuated), Liberal.

## PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday Evening, July 25, 1967

The 59th annual session of the Central Western Missouri Association of the Free Will Baptists convened with the Victory Church in Avondale, Mo.

The evening service opened with a welcome given by the host pastor Rev. Glenn Rehkop. Congregational singing was led by Arlo Starnes, with Debbie Painter at the piano, singing "When I See the Blood". Clerk Alice Hoover declared a quorum present and called the moderator Cletus Nichols to the stand. Scripture reading was taken from Luke 2:49 and Psalm 133. We then sang "I Love to Tell the Story". Offering received in the amount of \$22.08. A solo by Arlo Starnes, "Peace in the Valley". Congregation then sang, "How Great Thou Art". Teddy Mason sang "Unworthy" accompanied by Vivian Mason. Moderator introduced the speaker for the evening, Rev. Grover Terry. Scripture taken from Acts 4:13 which was built around the associational theme, "Living Witness". Altar prayer by Rev. Harry Beatty. Prayer of benediction by Rev. Woodrow Matthews.

Wednesday Morning, July 26, 1967

Moderator Rev. Cletus Nichols opened morning session. Prayer by Rev. Glenn Rehkop. Song service led by Rev. Woodrow Matthews singing "To God Be the Glory", accompanied at the piano by Rev. James McAllister. Devotional thoughts were taken from Philippians 3:1-21 by Rev. James McAllister, followed by prayer. Reading of By-laws by Rev. Woodrow Matthews.

Church letters were read. Motion made and carried to accept letters and seat delegates. Executive Board Report was read and approved. Committee on Committees was as follows: Chairman Joe Cockrell, Blanche Matthews, Charlie Hoover. Benediction of morning service by Rev. Hollis Walker, Jr.

Before dismissing at noon the committees were appointed: The Christian Education Committee, Rev. Alice Dickey Chairman, Nina Holt, Stella Fast; Ministerial Standing, Charlie Hoover Chairman, Billy Hensley, Joe Cockrell, Clyde Cheatham, Gladys Brooks; Temperance Committee, Rev. Arthur Kicenski Chairman, Laphema Herrell, Leona Knapp; Obituary Committee, Blanche Matthews Chairman, Mary Percival, Lynn Hoover; Business Committee, Rev. Glenn Rehkop Chairman, Rev. James McAllister, Rev. Grover Terry; Publications Committee, Hilda Nichols Chairman, Barbara Spinning, Corky Walker; Missions Committee, Rev. James McAllister Chairman, Rev. Ralph Cook, Eulah Howard, Rev. Cletus Nichols; Location Committee, Evelyn Rehkop Chairman, Mildred Kicenski, Virginia Murray; Nominations Committee, Rev. Woodrow

Matthews Chairman, Izola Zellmer, Rev. Hollis Walker, Jr.

The Kansas City Quarterly Meeting report was read and accepted with delegates seated. Dismissed with prayer by Jean Williams.

### **Wednesday Afternoon, July 26, 1967**

Moderator Rev. Cletus Nichols took charge of the afternoon service. Letter from Olivet Church was read and accepted.

Trasurers report read and accepted. Obituary Committee report read and approved, followed with prayer for bereaved families by Rev. Alice Dickey. Temperance and Publications Committee reports were read and accepted as a whole. Partial report of the Ministerial Standing Committee was read and accepted. Jean Williams read the Statistical report and was approved as read.

A partial report of the business committee was read. Item No. 1 was amended to read as follows: (This is to amend Article 10, Section 1 of the By-laws) No one shall be ordained to the ministry in the Association until they have carried a ministers license three years, or the major fraction thereof. And must be currently performing the duties of pastor of an organized Free Will Baptist Church or mission, or actively engaged in full evangelistic work.

Item No. 2 of the Business Committee report was tabled until Thursday. Afternoon benediction by Rev. Grover Terry.

### **Wednesday Evening, July 26, 1967**

Moderator opened the evening service. Congregational singing led by Bro. Arlo Starnes with Vivian Mason at the piano. Songs were "Oh! Yes, Oh! Yes, I am a Child of the King", "Redeemed" and "I Don't Regret". Prayer by Deacon Joe Cockrell, followed by singing, "We've a Story to Tell". Special number by the Mason family and Mrs. Fern Smith, "Little Is Much If God Is In It". The Victory quartet with Lou Thurston, Arlo Starnes, Glenn Rehkop and Don Raney sang "Seeking the Lost".

Evening message was delivered by Rev. Woodrow Matthews, Scripture taken from Isaiah 54:2, Acts 2:1, 42. Invitation song, "Have Thine Own Way Lord". Offering \$55.16. Prayer of thanks for the offering by Rev. Glenn Rehkop. Prayer of benediction by Bro. Glenn Thurston.

### **Thursday Morning, July 27, 1967**

Moderator Rev. Cletus Nichols opened the morning session. Congregational singing led by Arlo Starnes with Debbie Painter at the piano. Song "I Want to Be a Worker". Prayer by Rev. Bob Dickey. Devotions by Rev. Glenn Rehkop, Scripture read, Romans 12, followed by prayer.

Education Committee report read and accepted as a whole.

Missions Committee report read and approved.

Location Committee recommended we accept Hickory Grove's invitation for the site of the 1968 Association. This was approved.

Rev. Harry Beatty gave a report on our State and National Co-Operative Plan. Prayer by Rev. Woodrow Matthews followed by recess.

### **Thursday Afternoon, July 27, 1967**

Business session resumed. Report of the examining council was read and accepted.

Business Committee report Items 3-7 were carried and acted upon.

The tabled Item No. 2 of the Business Committee report was brought to the floor for discussion. Item No. 2 failed to carry.

Nominating Committee report accepted to be voted on individually as follows:

Itinerate Missions Contact, Rev. Woodrow Matthews; Statistician, Jean Williams; Asst. Clerk-Treasurer, Louella Thomas; Clerk-Treasurer, Alice Hoover; Asst. Moderator, Rev Grover Terry; Moderator, Rev. Glenn Rehkop; Executive board member, Charlie Hoover.

Motion was made and carried to accept the five delegates suggested and select two in addition to represent us at our State Association. They were Lou Thurston, Stella Fast, Sam Hall, Eula Howard, Jean Williams, Sue Cook and Rev. Hollis Walker, Jr. Motion made and carried to give the Moderator or asst. Moderator power to fill in any vacancy. Motion carried to adjourn, with benediction by Deacon Charlie Hoover.

### WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Convention opened with congregation singing "Jesus Saves". Prayer was given by Rev. Grover Terry. Song "Send the Light" was sung. A solo was given by Sister Lil Cheatham "Breathe on Me".

Sister Louella Thomas introduced Rev. Harry Beatty, the speaker for the convention. His topic was "Finding Our Place in the Service of God, and Standing in It". Scripture was Luke 19:12-13, Judges 7:21. Dismissed for noon hour by Sister Jean Williams.

The afternoon session opened with singing "Anywhere with Jesus". Prayer by Sister Blanche Matthews. Song, "Rescue the Perishing". The devotion was given by Sister Lou Thurston.

The Resolution Committee report was read. We the Resolution Committee recommend the following:

1. That our district adopt the Foreign Mission Audio-Visual Dept. as their project for the coming year.
2. That Peggy Davis of the Independence Free Will Baptist Mission be accepted as a member in our district convention.
3. That a committee draw up plans for a constitution and by-laws for our district convention and present it to the next session. The committee will be Peggy Davis, Chairman, Virginia Bunton, Iona Phillips, Gladys Brooks, Evelyn Rehkop, Alice Dickey and Greta Carter.
4. That auxiliary send their yearly report and fees to the local treasurer by June 1 in order that they can be compiled by the National Convention.
5. That we give \$5.00 for printing of the Minutes. Signed by Jean Williams, Reba Rouse, Lou Thurston, Hilda Nichols, Alice Dickey. The Resolution Committee report was accepted.

The Nominating Committee report was read as follows:

President, Alice Dickey, First Church of Kansas City; Vice President, Jean Williams, Beacon; Secretary-Treasurer, Louella Thomas, Hannon; Study Course, Stella Fast, Verdella; Personal Service Chairman, Laphema Herrell, Oskakosa; Program Prayer, Joyce Oliver, Avondale. Signed by Greta Carter, Gladys Brooks, Evelyn Rehkop, Eloise Thornton, Alice Hoover. This was acted upon and carried.

### Treasurer's Report:

Balance in treasury .....	\$11.15
Amount received from dues .....	18.85
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
Amount sent to Audio-Visual Dept. ....	\$25.00
Amount given for printing Minutes .....	5.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES .....</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
Amount remaining in treasury .....	0.00

Motion was made to accept as a whole. It was seconded and carried. This concluded the business session. Session adjourned with a closing prayer.

### C.T.S. MINUTES

July 27, 1967

C.T.S. Convention was opened by President Hilda Nichols. Congregational singing led by Arlo Starnes, accompanied by Vivian Mason, singing "To God Be the Glory", "How Great Thou Art" and "Will Jesus Find Us Watching". Offering was \$18.24.

Solo "Jesus Never Falls" sung by Cheryl Starnes, accompanied at the piano by Debbie Painter, duet by Gary Starnes and Mike Kennedy.

Speaker Russell B. Spurgeon from Brigetown, Mo., gave a wonderful sermon entitled, "The Work of the Holy Spirit in the Life of a Believer". Prayer by the speaker.

Comments by President. Benediction and grace for our noon meal by Rev. Glenn Rehkop.

Afternoon C.T.S. session opened by singing, "All Hail the Power". Prayer by Rev. Hollis Walker, Jr. Congregational singing "He Lives". Devotion by Debbie Carter taken from James 1:13-15. Solo "Since My Savior Came", by Vivian Mason.

Rev. Russell B. Spurgeon gave us an interesting and informative workshop on the material and proper use of our C.T.S. publications. Sister Blanche Matthews led a group of children in Bible Tic Tat Toe.

Our president, Hilda Nichols, asked Rev. James McAllister, Rev. Woodrow Matthews and Rev. Glenn Rehkop to compile some Constitution By-laws for our district C.T.S.

It was voted to give Rev. Spurgeon \$25 for his expenses.

Election of officers for the coming year are as follows:

President .....	Mrs. Hilda Nichols
Vice President .....	Mrs. Blanche Matthews
Secretary-Treasurer .....	Mrs. Alice Hoover
Asst. Secretary-Treasurer .....	Mrs. Evelyn Rehkop

The C.T.S. treasury had a balance brought forward of \$53.20. A total of \$26.60 was disbursed to the Missouri C.T.S. Board, leaving a balance of \$26.60 in the treasury.

## REGISTRATION

**MINISTERS**—James McAllister, Arthur Kicenski, Grover Terry, C. T. Christensen, Woodrow Matthews, Cletus Nichols, Alice Dickey, Harry Beatty, Jim O'Dell, Ralph Cook, Glenn Rehkop, Bob Dickey, Lester Jones, Hollis Walker, Jr., R. B. Spurgeon.

**MINISTERS' WIVES**—Helen McAllister, Hilda Nichols, Mildred Kicenski, Peggy Davis, Sharon O'Dell, Blanche Matthews, Evelyn Rehkop, Juanita Christensen, Dorothy Dickey, Margaret Walker, Mrs. Ralph Cook.

**DEACONS**—Don Raney, Bill Hensley, Clarence Percival, Charlie Hoover, Raymond Dickey, Joe Cockrell, Orville Foger.

**CHURCH CLERKS**—Mildred Kicenski, Iris Jones, Frances Foger.

**DELEGATES**—Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie R. Davidson, Rick Percival, John Percival, Mrs. Mary Percival, Izola Zellmer, David Spinning, Nina Holt, Lephema E. Herrel, Gladys Brooks, Gene Carter, Leona Knapp, Lou Thurston, Lynn Hoover, Mrs. Joe Howard.

**VISITORS**—Mr. and Mrs. Eldo Davis, Dwight Carter, Gary Matthews, Randall Bassham, David Matthews, Lee Sherrel, Gary Starnes, Charlotte Starnes, Douglas Murray, Mike Kennedy, Debbie Painter, David Painter, Rita Lewis, David Thurston, Stella Fast, Cheryl Thurston, Debbie Carter, Mrs. Merle Rouse, Eloise Thornton, Greta Carter, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Ray, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Draper, Jennifer McAllister, Tamba McAllister, Greg McAllister, Stacia McAllister, Rachel Leclare, Charles Kennedy, Arlo L. Starnes, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ratterre, Roy Nichols, Cindy Nichols, Bessie Starks, Sue East, Jimmy Starks, Wandé Harris, Kenneth Harris, Mrs. Betty Jackson, Philip Jackson, Eric Jackson, Laura Davis, Audrey David, Karen Hensley.

## REPORTS OF MINISTERS

**C. T. CHRISTENSEN**—Sermons preached 26, professions witnessed 3, miles traveled 1,369, amount received \$65.

**RALPH COOK**—Sermons preached 12, miles traveled 350, amount received \$25.

**ALICE DICKEY**—Sermons preached 92, churches pastored 1, professions witnessed 16, number baptized 3, additions to church 7, funerals preached 3, amount received \$1,860, weddings 2.

**BOB DICKEY**—Sermons preached 31, revivals held 1, professions witnessed 1, miles traveled 508, amount received \$121.

**JAMES D. ELMORE**—Sermons preached 54, churches pastored 2, professions witnessed 6, additions to church 10, amount received \$148.

**JAMES McALLISTER**—Sermons preached 160, churches pastored 1, revivals held 5, professions witnessed 61, number baptized 20, addition to church 24, funerals preached 2, miles traveled 22,000, amount received \$5,970, rededications 51, weddings 2.

**LOWELL MARTIN**—Sermons preached 55, funerals 5, marriages performed 2, pastored 1 church, amount received \$614.25.

**WOODROW MATTHEWS**—Sermons preached 124, churches pastored 1, professions witnessed 24, number baptized 5, additions to church 13, funerals preached 2, marriages performed 2, miles traveled 17,000, money received \$4,000.

**CLETUS NICHOLS**—Sermons preached 102, churches pastored 1, professions witnessed 1, number baptized 3, additions to church 2, funerals preached 1, miles traveled 8,950, amount received \$2,879.65, rededications 7.

**JAMES O'DELL**—Sermons preached 92, churches pastored 1, additions to church 1, miles traveled 6,400, amount received \$840, weddings 2.

**GLENN REHKOP**—Sermons preached 132, churches pastored 1, revivals held 3, professions witnessed 63, number baptized 25, additions to church 18, funerals preached 2, miles traveled 15,000, amount received \$5,400.

**GROVER TERRY**—Sermons preached 108, churches pastored 1, revivals held 1, professions witnessed 9, number baptized 7, additions to church 16, funerals preached 2, miles traveled 22,500, amount received \$2,700.

**HOLLIS WALKER, JR.**—Sermons preached 15, professions witnessed 1, amount received \$21.

**ARTHUR KICENSKI**—Sermons preached 39, pastored 2 churches part time, revivals held 1, professions witnessed 1, baptized 1, funerals 5.

#### **EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT—1966-67 (July 25, 1967)**

The board met four (4) times during the year, and carried on other transactions by correspondence and by telephone. The meetings as follows:  
**First Meeting — July 28, 1966**

The board met at the Wagoner Church, Stockton, Missouri, following the final adjournment of the 1966 session of the association.

Members present were Reed Smith, Charlie Hoover, Glenn Rehkop, and Woodrow Matthews. Cletus Nichols, the moderator elect was also present.

Prayer by Brother Rehkop.

Organization of board as follows:

Charlie Hoover, Chairman

Woodrow Matthews, Clerk-Treasurer

Meeting scheduled for Saturday, December 3, 1966 at the Beacon Church, Raytown, Mo. Time 8:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned.

#### **Second Meeting — October 7, 1966**

October 7, 1966 the board met with Brother Cletus Nichols, Brother Frank Johnson and Brother Charles Whitson as proxies. Reverend Grover Terry was examined and received into the association and given a card of ministerial standing.

Rev. Lester Nutting was also given a card of ministerial standing on this date.

Signed: Clerk pro-tem, Charlie Hoover.

#### **Third Meeting — December 3, 1966**

The board met at the Beacon Church, Raytown, Mo., with all members present. The Moderator, Cletus Nichols was also present.

Meeting called to order by Chairman, Charlie Hoover; prayer by Brother Nichols.

Ministerial report from Rev. Ralph Cook read and received.

Motion to grant Brother Cook a card of good standing. (Carried).



## STATISTICAL TABLE

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The program for the 1967 session was outlined.

Meeting adjourned.

**December 27, 1966 (By correspondence)**

Renewal of license to the ministry for one year for Brother C. T. Christensen. (Request made by Beacon Church.)

**Fourth Meeting — April 4, 1967**

The board met at the Verdella Church. Members present were Charlie Hoover, Glenn Rehkop, Woodrow Matthews. Brother Orville Foger, a proxy for Reed Smith; Cletus Nichols, a proxy for J. E. Cockrell.

Meeting opened with prayer by Brother Rehkop.

Request from the Verdella Church that Brother Hollis Walker be ordained to the ministry read and received.

Request from the Oskaloosa Church that Brother Bob Dickey be ordained to the ministry read and received.

Motion — Inasmuch as there is some question as to the meaning of Article 10, Section I, of the By-Laws; we recommend that the license to the ministry for the above named candidates be extended for one year.

(The board requests clarification of Article 10, Section I, of the By-Laws.)

Signed: Woodrow Matthews, Clerk.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT**

**From July 1, 1966 — July 1, 1967**

**CABIN FUND:**

Balance brought forward .....\$25.62

No receipts—no disbursements

Balance in fund ..... \$25.62

**HOME MISSION FUND:**

Balance brought forward .....\$41.32

No receipts—no disbursements

Balance in fund ..... \$41.32

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

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

Signed: Woodrow Matthews, Clerk-Treasurer.

**REPORT OF THE EXAMINING COUNCIL**

1. We have examined Brother Glenn Murray and Brother Harold Oliver for the office of deacon in the Victory Church, and recommend that they be ordained to said office. We further recommend that the request for the service to be held in the home church be granted.

2. We have examined Brother C. T. Christensen for ordination to the ministry and recommend that he be ordained, and that the request for the service to be held in the home church be granted.

Signed: Woodrow Matthews, Cletus Nichols, Charlie Hoover, J. E. Cockrell, Glenn Rehkop.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Christian Education:**

1. We recommend that each church conduct a Vacation Bible School each year.

2. We recommend that each church use visual and audio aids to the

fullest extent possible.

3. In view of the false teaching and liberalism of today, we recommend that, in preference to other literature, each individual read and study the Bible consistently and systematically.

Signed: Alice Dickey, chairman, Stella Fast and Nina Holt.

#### **Ministerial Standing:**

Having examined individual letters from the following ministers and found them eligible to receive certificates of ministerial standing: Lowell Martin, Grover Terry, James D. Elmore, Bob Dickey, C. T. Christensen, Alice Dickey, James McAllister, Cletus Nichols, Glenn Rehkop, Ralph Cook, James O'Dell, Arthur Kicenski, Hollis Walker, Woodrow Matthews.

Superannuated list: Lester Jones and Arlie Hoover.

#### **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 patronizing any business which sell alcoholic beverages unless purchases cannot be made otherwise.

3. That the parents be concerned and select the programs our children see and hear.

4. That we should submit ourselves to the word of God and be led by the Holy Spirit and be temperate in all things.

Signed: Arthur Kicenski, chairman, Leona Knapp and Laphema E. Herrell.

#### **Obituary:**

Since God in His infinite wisdom has called from our midst, Bro. Preston Cross (Deacon) Wagoner, Sis. Mable Taylor, Nellie Brewer, Ida Gains of Hickory Grove, Bro. Eldon Thomas of Hannon, Sis. Hightower of First Church, Kansas City, Sis. Vivian Kennedy of Victory, Bro. Ross Paige of Verdella. We, the Obituary Committee, recommend we extend our sympathy to the bereaved families and pray God will comfort them in their sorrow. We further recommend we stand in a moment of silent prayer, to be followed with prayer led by Sis. Dickey.

Signed: Mrs. Blanche Matthews, chairman, Lynn Hoover, Mary Percival.

#### **Business:**

The business committee recommended the following items:

1. We recommend to amend article 10 of the By-laws to read as follows: (Amended) No one shall be ordained to the ministry in this association until they have carried a minister's license three years.

In the event the minister should be called to pastor a duly organized F.W.B. Church or mission or active participating in full time evangelistic work, he may be ordained after carrying a license the major fraction of the three years.

2. (Rejected) Article 12: Section 3 of the By-laws we recommend to be inserted:

All ministers and deacons holding ordination papers in this association shall accept the following as their doctrinal stand on the doctrine

of perserverance. Any minister or deacon refusing to accept same shall be denied a card of standing or recognition in this association. This shall be a part of the questionnaire given each prospective deacon and preacher.

**STATEMENT:** We do believe that an apostate is one who has had a born again experience and then willfully and openly denies that experience. We do believe in the conditional security of the believer. We do not believe that a person can be born into God's family spiritually more than once. (The doctrine of repeated regeneration). We believe the position of the backslider is Scripturally established as follows: That the backslider is a disobedient and unfruitful servant and that he is in danger of being eternally lost.

3. (Accepted). Whereas the Missouri State Association will be convening within the bounds of this association, we recommend that our people make a special effort to attend the State Association.

4. (Accepted). Since it is recommended by the Missouri Association 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. (Accepted). Whereas there was a record enrollment at our State F.W.B. Youth Camp, we recommend our churches to continue to support and to encourage their youth to attend.

6. (Accepted). We recommend that the committee appointed last year be retained and report to the 1968 session of their study of the possibility of revitalization of the Sunday School and C.T.S. Convention.

7. (Accepted). We recommend that we give the Victory F.W.B. Church a standing vote of thanks for the hospitality shown during this association.

Signed: Grover Terry, Glenn Rehkop and James McAllister.

#### **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 consistantly.

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

Signed: Hilda Nichols, Barbara Spinning, Corkie Walker.

#### **Missions:**

1. We strongly urge that our people pray that visas will soon be secured that Sherwood Lee, Joe Haas and their families will be able to enter India as missionaries.

2. There is a real need for a F.W.B. Church in Platte County. Rev. Ralph Cook has purchased property in hope to have a mission started. Pray for this project.

3. Rev. Ted Davis reports that the Independence mission is nearing

the organization stage. Pray for this important work.

4. Rev. Dale Skiles, missionary, will move to St. Joseph August 1, to establish a F.W.B. Church. Pray for this project. \$350 per month in pledges is needed for this account.

5. Several missionaries have deficit accounts totaling \$50,000. No more Foreign Missionaries will be sent out until these accounts are put into the black. We strongly urge each church to take regular monthly offerings for the cause of world missions.

6. Pray much for each of our missionaries, both home and foreign.

Signed: James McAllister, Ralph Cook, Cletus Nichols, Eula Howard.

#### Location:

We recommend that we accept the invitation given by the Hickory Grove Church.

Signed: Evelyn Rehkop, Virginia Murray, Mildred Kicenski.

#### Treasurer's Report:

##### GENERAL FUND:

Brought forward from last year .....	\$106.24
Budget from letters .....	\$174.75
Tuesday night offering .....	22.24
Wednesday night offering .....	72.75

TOTAL .....\$269.46

To C.W.M. Clerk .....\$26.21

TOTAL IN GENERAL FUND .....\$349.49

##### Disbursed from General Fund:

Foreign Mission (Lonnie Palmer) .....	\$ 72.47
Liberal News (Printing of Minutes) .....	107.00

TOTAL DISBURSED .....\$179.47

Added later \$5.00 Auxilliary for 1966 Minutes

TOTAL IN GENERAL FUND .....\$175.02

### 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 dele-

gate 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 de-

terminated 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 the Association until they have carried a minister's license three years, or the major fraction thereof, and must be currently performing the duties of pastor of an organized Free Will Baptist Church or mission, or actively engaged in full time evangelistic work.

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.