

MINUTES

OF THE 60th ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE

CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI ASSOCIATION of Free Will Baptists

When Convened With Hickory Grove Free Will
Baptist Church Near Harrisonville, Mo.

Tuesday Evening, July 30, 1968



THE 61st ANNUAL SESSION WILL MEET
WITH OSKALOOSA CHURCH
TUESDAY EVENING, JULY 29, 1969

OFFICERS

Moderator Deacon Charlie Hoover
 Assistant Moderator Rev. Bob Dickey
 Clerk-Treasurer Alice Hoover
 Statistician Rev. Alice Dickey
 Itinerate Contact Ionia Mae Phillips

EXECUTIVE AND HOME MISSIONS BOARD

Deacon Reed Smith, Liberal 1973
 Deacon Charlie Hoover, Liberal 1972
 Rev. Glenn E. Murray, Liberal 1971
 Deacon Joe Cockrell, Kansas City 1970
 Rev. C. T. Christensen, Pleasant Hill 1969

CHURCH CLERKS

Beacon Faye Ratterree, 209 Myron Ave., Belton, Mo.
 Belton No yearly report
 Central None given in report
 First Free Will Baptist Church, El Dorado Springs ... Mildred Kicenski,
 Route 5, Box 204, El Dorado Springs, Mo.
 First Free Will Baptist Church, Greenfield, Mo. Lucille Franklin,
 403 Toney, Greenfield, Mo. 65661.
 First Free Will Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo. Jeanne Rhoades,
 5504 Appleton, Raytown, Mo. 64133.
 Hannon Bessie Bunton, Route 2, Liberal, Mo. 64762.
 Hickory Grove Iris Jones, Route 3, Harrisonville, Mo.
 Olivet Francis Bowman, 644 N. Franklin, Marshall, Mo.
 Oskaloosa Wilma M. Smith, Route 2, Liberal, Mo. 64762.
 Verdella Frances Foger, Iantha, Mo. 64753
 Victory Joyce Oliver, 2801 N. Park, Kansas City, Mo. 64117
 Wagoner Theo Bough, Stockton, Mo.

CHURCH PASTORS

Beacon Rev. Woodrow Matthews, 7920 Harris, Raytown, Mo.
 Central Rev. James McAllister, 1122 E. 77th St., Kansas City, Mo.
 First Free Will Baptist Church, El Dorado Springs Rev. C. T.
 Christensen, 205 N. Jeffreys, Pleasant Hill, Mo. 64080.
 First Free Will Baptist Church, Greenfield, Mo. Rev. Winford
 Davis, Route 1, Monett, Mo.
 First Free Will Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo. Rev. Alice Dickey,
 9125 Old Santa Fe Road, Kansas City, Mo.
 Hannon Rev. Glenn E. Murray, Route 2, Liberal, Mo. 64762.
 Hickory Grove Rev. Bob Dickey, Archie, Mo.
 Olivet Rev. Cliff Bowman, 644 N. Franklin, Marshall, Mo.
 Oskaloosa Rev. Carl Eden, Route 2, Liberal, Mo. 64762.
 Verdella No Pastor
 Victory, Rev. Lawrence Thompson, 3416 N. Bellefontaine, K.C., Mo. 64117
 Wagoner No Pastor

OTHER MINISTERS OF ASSOCIATION

Rev. Arthur Kicenski, Route 5, El Dorado Springs, Mo.; Rev. Lester Jones, Marshall (superannuated); Rev. Hollis Walker, Jr., Liberal; Rev. Lowell Martin, Greenfield; Rev. Ralph Cook, Parkville, Mo.; Rev. James D. Elmore, Marshall, Mo.; Arlie Hoover (superannuated); Rev. Keith Dickey, Arcadia, Kan.

PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday Evening, July 30, 1968

The 60th Annual session of the Central Western Missouri Association opened services with singing "Standing on the Promises" and "When Jesus Comes". Rev. L. D. Thompson leading with Linda Christensen at the piano.

In the absence of a Moderator or Assistant Moderator the Chairman of the Executive Board, Charlie Hoover, took charge of the evening service. Not enough delegates present to declare a quorum present so we continued with the worship service. We were led in prayer by Rev. C. T. Christensen. Congregation then sang, "Rescue the Perishing", offertory prayer by Mr. Tom Lewis. "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone", was sung while the offering was taken. Offering \$14.56. Service was turned over to the speaker of the evening, Rev. Glenn E. Murray. Scripture taken from Philippians 3:7-14. Preaching on our association theme, "Reaching Forth". Invitation song, "Pass Me Not", altar prayer for God's Spirit to be with each one during our yearly meeting. Dismissal prayer by Rev. L. D. Thompson.

Wednesday Morning, July 31, 1968

Morning service opened with congregational singing, led by Rev. Glenn Murray, song "Love Lifted Me." Pianist, Wilma Smith. Devotion by Rev. Carl Eden, Scripture Matthew 7:1-6, James 4:11. Prayer by Rev. Alice Dickey. Associational Clerk declared a quorum present, calling Deacon Joe Cockrell to take charge. Association elected a Moderator Pro-tem, Deacon Charlie Hoover, was voted to fill this vacancy.

Rev. Woodrow Matthews read the By-laws of the Association. Church letters were read and delegates seated. Executive Board Report was read and accepted. Committee on Committees appointed. Dismissed at 11:00 o'clock for the Women's Auxiliary Convention. Prayer by Deacon J. E. Cockrell.

Following the auxiliary meeting the association reconvened. Olivet's Church letter was read and delegates seated.

Committee on Committees' report was read and committees appointed. Benediction and blessing on the noon meal by Rev. Ralph Cook.

Wednesday Afternoon, July 31, 1968

Rev. Glenn E. Murray led the congregation in singing "Showers of Blessing" with Vivian Mason at the piano.

Moderator Charlie Hoover called our association back in session with Rev. Woodrow Matthews leading in prayer. Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

Petition from Kansas City Association was read and accepted except for the cabins to be in the hands of the executive board.

Missions Committee report read and accepted.

Publications Committee report read and accepted. Christian Education Committee report was accepted as read.

Obituary report read and accepted. Temperance Committee read and accepted as a whole.

Partial report of the Ministerial Standing Committee was read and accepted.

Meeting of the Executive Board to examine Bro. Keith Dickey for license to the ministry, which was granted

It was voted to give our evening offering to the Carlyle Hannas'. Afternoon benediction was by Rev. Lowell Martin.

Wednesday Evening, July 31, 1968

Rev. Bob Dickey opened the evening service by leading the song service with Sister Wilma Smith at the piano. Songs chosen were "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story", "Bring Them In". Prayer by Rev. Keith Dickey. We also sang "In My Heart There Rings a Melody".

Solo, "Vacation in Heaven" was sung by Sister Lou Thurston. A quartet consisting of Sue Eden, Reed Smith, Bob and Keith Dickey sang "Each Step I Take". Solo by Rev. Glenn E. Murray, "Till the Storm Passes By".

Offertory prayer by Rev. Glenn E. Murray. "Throw Out the Life-Line", was sung. Offering was \$71.56.

Moderator turned the service over to the speaker of the evening, Rev. Lawrence Thompson. Scripture was read from Matthew 14:15-21; song, "Just As I Am". Benediction by Pat Stackhouse.

Thursday Morning, August 1, 1968

Opened the morning service with singing, led by Rev. Glenn E. Murray, with Wilma Smith at the piano. Song, "Standing On the Promises".

Devotion by Rev. Bob Dickey, Col. 3:1-4,8,9,23. Prayer by Rev. Arthur Kicenski. Moderator called the conference to order.

The completed Ministerial Report was accepted. Executive Board Financial Report was read and accepted.

Motion made and carried to convene with the Oskaloosa Church for our 1969 session. Rev. Glenn E. Murray was recommended to the State Association as a General Board member from our Association.

Delegates to the state: Lou Thurston, Gladys Brooks, Ula Howard, Stella Fast, Ionia Phillips, and Theo Bough. In the absence of any above delegate the Moderator has power to appoint delegates in case of vacancies.

Due to absent Business committeeman, Rev. Bob Dickey, Rev. Lawrence Thompson was chosen to fill in.

Rev. Harry Beatty, our State Promotion Secretary, filled us in on our state work. Dismissed our morning service with prayer by Rev. Hollis Walker, Jr.

Thursday Afternoon, August 1, 1968

Recommendation from the Executive Board was read. Motion was made and passed to accept it as a whole (See Executive Board Report).

Business Committee Report was read and discussed item by item.

Article 10 of the By-laws was discussed. Motion was made and carried to amend it to read as follows:

No one shall be ordained to the ministry in the Association until they have carried a license 2 years, or should they be called to pastor a church they may be ordained in one year.

Item 2 was discussed. Motion was made and seconded to table until next year. Item 3 was passed. Item 4 was acted upon.

Report of Nominating Committee read. (Rev. Woodrow Matthews turned in his resignation from the Executive Board). Motion was made and carried to accept the report as follows:

Executive Board as follows: 5 years, Reed Smith; 3 years, Rev. Glenn Murray; and 1 year, C. T. Christensen.

Officers were nominated as follows:

Itinerate Contact, Ionia Phillips; Statistician, Rev. Alice Dickey; Assistant Clerk, Theo Bough; Clerk-Treasurer, Alice Hoover; Assistant Moderator, Rev. Bob Dickey; Moderator, Charlie Hoover.

Benediction of our 60th Annual meeting was prayed by Rev. Hollis Walker, Jr.

REGISTRATION

MINISTERS—Lawrence D. Thompson, Glenn E. Murray, Alice Dickey, Arthur Kicenski, Lowell Martin, Hollis Walker, Jr., Cliff Bowman, Dennis Bowman, Ralph Cook, Bob Dickey, Carl Eden, Harry Beatty, Keith Dickey.

MINISTERS' WIVES—Juanita Christensen, Ruth Thompson, Dorothy Dickey, Mildred Kicenski, Myrl York, Margaret Walker, Frances Bowman, Blanche Matthews, Rachel Murray, Sue Eden.

DEACONS—Billy Hensley, Charlie Hoover, Raymond Dickey, Tom Lew's, Orville Foger, Reed Smith, J. E. Cockrell, Walter Anderson, Jr.

CHURCH CLERKS—Faye Ratterree, Joyce Oliver, Frances Foger, Theo Bough, Wilma Smith, Edna Carder, Mildred Kicenski.

DELEGATES—Linda Christensen, Lou Thurston, Mary Shipley, Gladys Brooks, Mary Cross, Lorene Beason, Golda Ricketts, Janice Moore, Doris Whitson, Ionia Phillips, Ramie Hoover, Clemma Hoover, Hazel Fleeman, Fern Smith, Rick Percival, Corkie Walker, Reba Rouse, Judy Cockran, Ann Jones, Virginia Bunton, Blanche Ryther.

VISITORS—Gene Sloan, Cheryl Thurston, Karen Hensley, Thelma Dickey, Shirley Beason, Peggy Davis, Lloyde Tapore, Irene Thomas, Margaret Smith, Stella Fast, Dwight Murray, Lyle Hoover, Lynn Hoover, Wanda Smith, Janet Walker, Vivian Mason, Wesley Earl Murray, Craig Hoover.

REPORTS OF MINISTERS

C. T. CHRISTENSEN—Sermons preached, 124; churches pastored, 1; revivals held, 3; professions witnessed, 14; number baptized, 13; additions to church, 19; weddings, 1; miles traveled, 14,034; amount received, \$787.

RALPH COOK—Sermons preached, 80; churches pastored, 1; professions witnessed, 3; number baptized, 2; additions to church, 3; funerals preached, 1; miles traveled, 5,000; amount received, \$700.

ALICE DICKEY—Sermons, 81; churches pastored, 1; professions witnessed, 21; funerals, 3; weddings, 3; baptized 2.

BOB DICKEY—Sermons preached, 20; professions witnessed, 3; miles traveled, 850, amount received, \$120.

ARTHUR KICENSKI—Sermons preached, 43; churches pastored, 1; number baptized, 1; funerals preached, 2; amount received, \$450.

JAMES W. McALLISTER—Sermons preached, 120; churches pastored, 1; revivals held, 3; professions witnessed, 54; number baptized, 28; additions to church, 43; funerals preached, 1; miles traveled, 22,260; amount received, \$6,000; weddings performed, 4; rededications witnessed, 68.

LOWELL MARTIN—Sermons preached, 56; churches pastored, 1; ½ time; funerals, 4; professions and rededications witnessed, 8; additions to church, 5; amount received as pastor, \$720.

WOODROW MATTHEWS—Sermons preached, 140; churches pastored, 1; professions witnessed, 10; number baptized, 5; additions to church, 8; funerals preached, 5; marriages performed, 2; miles traveled, 16,500; money received, \$4,500.

GLENN E. MURRAY—Sermons preached, 150; churches pastored, 2; revivals held, 5; professions witnessed, 36; number baptized, 13; additions to church, 14; funerals preached, 9; miles traveled, 15,000; amount received, \$4,070.

L. D. THOMPSON—Sermons reached, 118; churches pastored, 2; revivals held, 2; professions witnessed, 44; number baptized, 22; additions to church, 44; miles traveled, 28,728; amount received, \$5,300.

HOLLIS WALKER, JR.—Sermons preached, 20; professions witnessed, 1; miles traveled, 500.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT—1967-68 (July 30, 1968)

The board met five times during the year, and carried out other transactions by correspondence and by telephone.

The Meetings are as follows:

First Meeting — July 27, 1967

The board met following the 1967 session at the Victory Church, Avondale, Missouri. Members present: Glenn Rehkop, J. E. Cockrell, Charlie Hoover, and Woodrow Matthews.

Organization of board: Charlie Hoover, Chairman; Woodrow Matthews, Clerk-Treasurer.

Meeting adjourned with prayer by Brother Rehkop.

Second Meeting — August 26, 1967

The board met at the Beacon Church, Raytown, Missouri, to ordain Brother C. T. "Billy" Christensen to the Ministry of the Gospel. Members present were Glenn Rehkop, J. E. Cockrell, Charlie Hoover, and Woodrow Matthews.

Reverend Charles Black delivered the sermon; Rev. Glenn Rehkop presented the charge. Prayers of ordination were offered by Charlie Hoover, J. E. Cockrell, and Woodrow Matthews.

The congregation participated in singing, led by Mrs. Jerry Moore, who also sang a solo entitled "Breathe On Me". The host pastor, Woodrow Matthews, acted as emcee.

Other business transacted:

M.S.C. that the mission offering received on Wednesday night at the last session be sent to the McLains account.

Meeting adjourned.

Third Meeting — September 23, 1967

The board met at the Victory Church, Avondale, Missouri, for the purpose of ordaining Brothers Glenn Murray and Harold Oliver as deacons of the Victory Church.

The host pastor, Brother Glenn Rehkop, acted as emcee. The sermon was delivered by Woodrow Matthews. Brother James McAllister presented the charge. The prayer of ordination was offered by Charlie Hoover, Billy Hinsley, and Glenn Rehkop.

The congregational singing was led by Arlo Starnes with Judy Starnes at the piano. Services dismissed with prayer.

Other business transacted was:

The board counseled with Brother Bill Beasley about being re-installed in the association as a minister in good standing.

Motion that we go on record as recognizing the profession of re-dedication of Brother Beasley, and that he be asked to present a report of his work at the next meeting of the board.

Meeting adjourned.

Fourth Meeting — December 2, 1967

The board met at the Beacon Church, Raytown, Missouri. Members present: Charlie Hoover, Reed Smith, Glenn Rehkop.

Meeting opened with prayer by Brother Smith.

Discussion on the fact that the Moderator, Brother Glenn Rehkop, and the Assistant Moderator, Brother Grover Terry, were moving from the association.

Motion to recommend to the association that Brother Woodrow Matthews become Moderator Pro-tem.

Program for the 1968 session was outlined and adopted.

Motion to receive Brother Carl Eden into fellowship of the association and issue a card of ministerial standing. This motion was withdrawn.

Motion to grant Brother Glenn Rehkop a letter of recommendation from this association. Letter was written by clerk and mailed.

Meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Fifth Meeting — April 20, 1968

The board met at the Beacon Church, Raytown, Missouri. Members present: Charlie Hoover, Reed Smith, and Woodrow Matthews. Prayer offered by Brother Smith.

Motion that Brother Glenn Murray, Kansas City, Missouri, be given a letter of recommendation to the Kansas Association. Letter was written by clerk and mailed.

Motion that the request of the Verdella Church for the renewal of the license to the ministry for Brother Hollis Walker be granted.

Motion that Brother Glenn Murray, pastor of the Hannon Church, be received into the association and given a card of good standing.

Motion that Brother Charles Black be received into the association and given a card of standing.

After examination, motion was made that we comply with the request of the Belton Church to ordain Brother Marion Allmon and Brother Melvin Leverich.

Meeting adjourned.

Sixth Meeting — June 8, 1968

The board met at the Belton Church for the purpose of ordaining Brother Marion Allmon and Brother Melvin Leverich as deacons of this church. Members present: Charlie Hoover, J. E. Cockrell, Woodrow Matthews.

Services opened with congregational singing and prayer. Rev. Charles Black delivered the message, and the charge was presented by Woodrow Matthews. The prayers of ordination were offered by Brother Cockrell and Brother Black. Charlie Hoover acted as emcee.

Other business transacted:

At request of the Victory Church, Brother Lawrence Thompson was received into the association and granted a card of standing.

Meeting adjourned.

Signed: Woodrow Matthews, Clerk.

NOTE

Due to an error on my part, the transaction of one item of the board was not recorded. The item concerns the licensing to the ministry of Brother Glenn Murray, Kansas City, Missouri.

I offer my sincere apology and ask that this report be corrected to show this motion in the proper place. I believe it should go in the December report.

Signed: Woodrow Matthews, Clerk

EXECUTIVE BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT

From July 1, 1967 — July 1, 1968

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, Missouri.

Signed: Woodrow Matthews, Clerk-Treasurer

	Belton	Beacon	Central	Gr'nfield	Hann
Mbrs. Recd. This Year		7	43	5	
Members Baptized ...		5	28	2	
Dismissed by Letter ..		6	10		
Deceased			1	1	
Resident Members		84	146	20	
Members June 30, 1968		99	150	25	
C. T. S. Membership ..		32	106		
S. S. Membership		110	148	30	
Ordained Ministers ..		1	1	1	
Licensed Ministers ...					
Ordained Deacons				2	
Paid Pastor		4,425.00	5,915.00	720.00	355
For Evangelism		150.00	850.42	350.00	316
Value of Ch. Property		100,000 00	100,000.00	7,500.00	12,000
Amt. for Bldg. and Rep.		8,500.65	10,068.14	600.00	14
Incidentals		1,519.61		120.00	94
Co-operative Fund		1,417.08	1,351.99		78
Foreign Missions		441.00	981.70		39
Home Missions		52.50	893.57		55
Lit. and Publications		425.97	571.00	75.00	83
Youth Camp					75
Budget and Minutes ..		24.00	35.25	9.25	18
Orphanage			24.86		5
Amt. for Bible College			136.71		20
Auxiliary Members ...		14	8		

STATISTICAL TABLE

Haxon	Hickory Grove	K. C. First	First of El-Dorado Spgs.	Olivet	Oskaloosa	Verdella	Victory	Wagoner	TOTALS
11		3	17	29	3	3	44		165
7		3		9	3	5	13		75
7	3	1			2	3	20		52
2	2	1				2		1	10
60	44	70	29	41	20	54	137	20	725
71	69	107	31	41	35	73	164	35	900
42		25			18	25	55		303
75	60	50	30	45	22	65	114	20	769
2	1	1	2	1			2		12
					1	1	1		3
6	3	5	1		1	4	3	1	26
5.00	840.00	1,800.00	625.00		1,400.00	3,290.00	5,460.00	690.77	28,320.77
6.53		325.51	233.54		126.95	116.35	681.73		3,151.03
12.00	10,000.00	75,000.00	4,000.00	30,000.00	10,900.00	10,000.00	40,000.00	4,000.00	403,400.00
106		4,248.05	24.80		794.89	43.05	433.58		24,927.22
185	427.51	1,589.08	201.96		1,844.66	458.07	10,757.71	101.42	18,014.94
136	109.76		49.31	106.30	186.71	471.80	1,512.88		5,884.19
109		293.24	60.41			607.73	217.57		3,340.74
139		53.85			95.00	43.67	377.71		2,211.69
136	131.89	149.96	46.35	55.70	86.26	345.05	482.61	41.88	2,895.03
100						25.00			100.00
450	14.50	20.50	10.25		8.00	16.50	37.25	8.00	202.00
100									79.86
100									336.71
11		14			13	11	12		83

EXAMINING COUNCIL REPORT

In compliance with the request of the Oskaloosa Church, we have examined Brother Keith Dickey and recommend that he be granted a license to the Gospel Ministry for one year.

Signed: Charlie Hoover, Reed B. Smith, and Woodrow Matthews.

EXECUTIVE BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We recommend that the four cabins at the Free Will Baptist youth camp, built and maintained by the Central Western Missouri Association be divided as follows:

That cabins No. 19 and 12 be the property of the Central Western Missouri Association.

That cabins No. 20 and 10 be the property of the Kansas City District Association. We further recommend that the original equipment be retained in each cabin; and that henceforth that each group be responsible for the upkeep of its own cabins.

2. We recommend that the Home Mission Fund (\$41.32) be given to the State Home Mission Board.

3. Be it resolved that the balance of \$25.62 in the Cabin Fund be considered as belonging to the Central Western Missouri Association. (To remain as a cabin fund.)

Signed: Charlie Hoover, J. E. Cockrell, Reed B. Smith, Woodrow Matthews.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Committees:

Business Committee: Joe Cockrell, Ramie Hoover, Lowell Martin; Ministerial Committee: Orville Foger, Iris Jones, Reed Smith, Fern Smith, Theo Bough; Obituary Committee: Gladys Brooks, Hazel Fleeman, Lorene Beason; Temperance Committee: Alice Dickey, Mary Cross, Bob Dickey; Christian Education Committee: Lou Thurston, Frances Foger, Dorothy Dickey; Missions Committee: Lawrence Thompson, Blanche Matthews, Ionia Phillips; Publication Committee: Glenn Murray, Goldie Ricketts, Wilma Smith; Nominating Committee: Woodrow Matthews, Lowell Martin, Hollis Walker, Jr.

Signed: Woodrow Matthews, Bob Dickey, and Orville Foger.

Business Committee:

We recommend the following:

1. We recommend that we discuss changing article 10 of the By-laws.
2. We recommend that we discuss changing article 13 of the By-laws.
3. We recommend that this association give a letter of recommendation to the Missouri State Association for the newly organized Kansas City District Association.

4. We recommend that we give a standing vote of thanks to the Hickory Grove Church for their outstanding hospitality shown us during this 60th session of our Association.

Signed: J. E. Cockrell, Bob Dickey, and Lawrence Thompson.

Ministerial Standing Committee:

After examining the reports for the following ministers: James McAllister, C. T. Christensen, Glenn Murray, Arthur Kicenski, Bob Dickey, Lowell Martin, Ralph Cook, Hollis Walker, Jr., L. D. Thompson, Alice Dickey, and Woodrow Matthews. We find these reports satisfactory.

Signed: Orville Foger, Reed Smith, Fern Smith, and Theo Bough.

Christian Education Committee:

1. We recommend that each church use our own F.W.B.S.S. and C.T.S. literature.

2. We recommend that each church take advantage of the teaching aids made available to them by the S.S. and C.T.S. National Offices.

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

Signed: Lou Thurston, Dorothy Dickey and Frances Foger.

Temperance Committee:

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

2. That our people refrain from patronizing any business that sells alcoholic beverages unless purchases cannot be made otherwise.

3. That parents closely supervise the TV programs both they and their children watch.

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

5. That we dress modestly and be careful of worldly amusements.

Signed: Alice Dickey, Bob Dickey and Mary Cross.

Publication Committee:

We the Publication Committee recommend the following:

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

2. That F.W.B. Churches use F.W.B. literature both in S.S. and C.T.S.

3. That each church start a church library and add consistently.

4. That our churches continue to use the Family Plan for the Gem and Contact.

5. That each family subscribe for any good Christian Literature and encourage each member of the family to use it.

Signed: Glenn Murray, Goldie Ricketts, and Wilma Smith.

Missions Committee:

We the Missions Committee recommend:

1. We praise the Lord for the progress of the Independence Church and we request your continued prayer support.

2. We earnestly request prayer for the St. Joseph Church that they might secure a pastor to lead them on in the work that has been started by Rev. Dales Skiles.

3. We request prayer for our new work starting at Columbia, Mo., with Rev. and Mrs. Mark Vandivort and the necessary finance will be raised for this work.

4. There are plans to begin a work around October 1, 1968 in Platte County, Mo. Rev. Ralph Cook has property that he is going to give to the Free Will Baptist Denomination when a work is organized. Pray for this new work.

5. We pray for Rev. and Mrs. Tom Willey during his illness, and for Brother Hanna's mother, who is very ill.

6. Pray much for all of our missionaries and for our State Home Mission Board.

Signed: Lawrence Thompson, Ionia Phillips and Blanche Matthews.

Obituary Committee:

Since our Heavenly Father in his infinite wisdom has called from our midst this past year our Sis. Jewell Mayberry, Greenfield; Bro. Lawrence Miller, Central; Sis. Bessie Moore, Wagoner; Sis. Mary Peck and Bro. Cecil Blythe, Hannon; Bro. Ned Brewer and Henry C. Hensley, Hickory Grove; Bro. John Stacy and Sis. Faye Gilmartin, Verdella; Hazel Sapp of First Church, Kansas City; 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. Wilma Smith.

Signed: Gladys Brooks, Hazel Fleeman and Lorene Beason.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

President, Sis. Alice Dickey, called the Convention to order. Congregational singing with Sis. Vivian Mason at the piano and Sis. Janice Moore leading. A solo was given by Sis. Marvelon Carter. The women present knelt at the altar and were led in prayer by Sis. Lowell Martin.

Sis. Peggy Davis was the morning speaker. The theme of the message was "Sowing Beside All Waters," Scripture text, Isaiah 32:20a.

The afternoon session opened with Vivian Mason at the piano and Janice Moore leading the congregation in the singing of "I Love to Tell the Story." Devotions by Vivian Mason. Scripture was II Tim. 2:11-15

We were led in prayer by Sis. Lawrence Thompson. Special music was by Sis. Janice Moore, Sis. Lou Thurston and a trio from the First Church of Kansas City.

The Constitution and By-laws Committee report was read. "We the Constitution and By-laws Committee recommend:

1. That we adopt the suggested Constitution and By-laws for the District Auxiliary Convention as set forth in our Women's Auxiliary Manual.

2. That Article III "Officers and Executive Committee" be considered for discussion."

Signed: Alice Dickey, Peggy Davis, Virginia Bunton, Gladys Brooks.
Report accepted.

Article III was discussed, motion made, seconded, and carried that Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer offices be combined.

The Resolutions Committee report was read. "We resolve:

1. To encourage our District Auxiliary collectively and individually to rededicate ourselves to the original purpose of Auxiliary work—promoting missions and leading souls to Christ.

2. That Frances Bowman of Olivet Free Will Baptist Church, Marshall, Missouri, be accepted as a member in our District Convention.

3. That we give \$5.00 for printing of the minutes."

Signed: Virginia Bunton, Fern Smith, Frances Foger, Margaret Walker, and Thelma Dickey.

Report was accepted.

The Nominating Committee report was read as follows:

President, Alice Dickey, First Church of Kansas City; Vice-president, Virginia Bunton, Hannon; Secretary-treasurer, Doris Whitson, Verdella; Personal Service, Laphema Herrell, Oskaloosa; Study Course, Stella Fast, Verdella; Program Prayer, Fern Smith, First Church.

Signed: Alice Hoover, Stella Fast, Vivian Mason, Dorothy Dickey, and Sue Eden.

Report was acted upon and carried.

Ionia Phillips was elected to attend state association and serve on the nominating committee.

The program for the afternoon was a panel discussion on "Discipline". The discussion was led by Virginia Bunton. Irene Thomas, Sue Eden and Stella Fast participated.

Motion made and carried to send \$4.00 to National Home Missions.

A game "Who Am I" was directed by Janice Moore, and session was adjourned.

C.T.S. CONVENTION

Thursday Morning, August 1, 1968

Vice-president Sis. Blanche Matthews opened our program. Rev. Glenn E. Murray led the song service, accompanied at the piano by Wilma Smith, singing "I Must Tell Jesus". Prayer by Rev. Ralph Cook.

Service was turned to Rev. Dale Skiles. A solo by Crystal Skiles, "Keep on Walking". The morning message was taken from Matthew 28:19, 20 and Exodus 12:21-28. Theme being "Reaching Forward Through Teaching and Training". Prayer followed the sermon by Rev. Skiles. Invitation song, "Near the Cross." Service was turned back to Sis. Matthews. Dismissal of morning service and blessing on the noon meal by Sis. Lou Thurston.

Thursday Afternoon, August 1, 1968

Afternoon service opened with singing "Have Thine Own Way, Lord", prayer by Rev. C. T. Christensen. Col. 3:15-17 and a poem entitled "Make Me a Blessing Today" was read by Sis. Blanche Matthews. Devotion and prayer was given by Sis. Lou Thurston. Solo, "Remind Me, Dear Lord" sung by Alice Hoover. Duet by the Cook sisters, "Neither Do I Condemn Thee" and "What A Day That Will Be." A quartet consisting of Sue Eden, Glenn E. Murray, Reed Smith and Bob Dickey, accompanied by Wilma Smith, sang "It's Not An Easy Road". Solo by Lou Thurston, "I Crucified the Lord". Discussion on C.T.S. was given by Alice Hoover.

Officers elected for the coming year are as follows:

President, Alice Hoover; vice-president, Fern Smith; secretary-treasurer, Sue Eden.

Treasurer's report was read and approved. Balance brought forward was \$52.24. Motion was made and passed to send 50 per cent to State S.S. and C.T.S. Board. Motion was made and approved to pay Bro. Dale Skiles \$15.00. Prayer of benediction by Rev. Woodrow Matthews.

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 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 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 delegate.

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 the Association until they have carried a license two years, or should they be called to pastor a church they may be ordained in one year.

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.