

*Minutes of the 61st Annual Session*  
*of the*

CENTRAL WESTERN  
MISSOURI ASSOCIATION  
of Free Will Baptists

WHEN CONVENED WITH OSKALOOSA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
AT OSKALOOSA, MISSOURI

Tuesday Evening, July 29, 1969



THE 62nd ANNUAL SESSION WILL MEET  
WITH THE VERDELLA CHURCH  
TUESDAY EVENING, JULY 28, 1970

## OFFICERS

Moderator .....	Deacon Charlie Hoover
Assistant Moderator .....	Rev. Bob Dickey
Clerk-Treasurer .....	Alice Hoover
Assistant Clerk .....	Theo Bough
Statistician .....	Rev. Alice Dickey
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## EXECUTIVE AND HOME MISSIONS BOARD

Deacon John Bough, Stockton .....	1974
Deacon Reed Smith, Liberal .....	1973
Deacon Charlie Hoover, Liberal .....	1972
Rev. Bob Dickey .....	1971
Rev. Finis Johnson .....	1970

## CHURCH CLERKS

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, El Dorado Springs, Mo.  
 Mrs. Mildred Kicenski, 311 S. Sumner, El Dorado Springs, Mo. 64744  
 FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Greenfield, Mo.  
 Mrs. Lucille Franklin, 403 Toney Ave., Greenfield, Mo. 65661  
 FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH of K. C., Mo.  
 Mrs. Elizabeth Mason, 520 Lakeview Road, Blue Springs, Mo. 64015  
 HANNON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Liberal, Mo.  
 Mrs. Bessie Bunton, Route 2, Liberal, Mo. 64762  
 HICKORY GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Harrisonville  
 Mrs. Iris Jones, Route 3, Harrisonville, Mo. 64701  
 OSKALOOSA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Arcadia, Kan.  
 Mrs. Wilma Smith, Route 2, Liberal, Mo. 64762  
 VERDELLA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Iantha, Mo.  
 Mrs. Frances Foger, Iantha, Mo. 64753  
 WAGONER FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Stockton, Mo.  
 Mrs. Theo Bough, Route 4, Stockton, Mo. 65785

## CHURCH PASTORS

First Free Will Baptist Church, El Dorado Springs, Mo.  
 Rev. George Conner, Route 2, Walnut Grove, Mo. 65770  
 First Free Will Baptist Church, Greenfield, Mo.  
 Rev. Winford Davis, Route 1, Monett, Mo. 65708  
 First Free Will Baptist Church, of Kansas City, Mo.  
 Rev. Alice Dickey, 9125 Old Santa Fe Trail, Kansas City, Mo. 64100  
 Hannon Free Will Baptist Church, Liberal, Mo.  
 Rev. Donovan Maxwell, Route 2, Liberal, Mo. 64762  
 Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Harrisonville, Mo.  
 Rev. Bob Dickey, Route 3, Archie, Mo. 64701  
 Oskaloosa Free Will Baptist Church, Arcadia, Kan.  
 Rev. Carl Eden, Route 2, Liberal, Mo. 64762  
 Verdella Free Will Baptist Church, Iantha, Mo.  
 Rev. Finis Johnson, Iantha, Mo. 64753  
 Wagoner Free Will Baptist Church, Stockton, Mo.  
 No Pastor

## OTHER MINISTERS OF ASSOCIATION

Rev. Arthur Kicenski, 311 S. Sumner, El Dorado Springs, Mo. 64744; Rev. Hollis Walker, Jr., Liberal, Mo.; Rev. Lowell Martin, Greenfield, Mo.; Rev. Keith Dickey, U. S. Army; Rev. Arlie Hoover (superannuated).

## PROCEEDINGS

**Tuesday Evening July 29, 1969**

The 61st session of the Central Western Missouri Association services opened with singing "Victory in Jesus," led by Rev. Bob Dickey, accompanied at the piano by Wilma Smith.

Rev. Carl Eden gave the welcome. Prayer by Rev. Finis Johnson. Congregation sang "Joy Unspeakable," and "Won't It Be Wonderful There?." Prayer by Rev. Hollis Walker, Jr.

Associational clerk declared a quorum present and the 61st session opened for business. Services were turned over to Moderator Charlie Hoover. Special singing by the Holt family, "Have a Desire," solo by Linda Kay Holt singing "Which Road Leads to Heaven?"

Evening offering taken while congregation sang "O How I Love Jesus." Offering was \$23.61.

Evening message by Rev. Glenn E. Murray, Scripture taken from Romans 1:11-12, using the theme of the Association, "Evangelize Through Unity." Invitation song, "Just as I Am." Following an altar service, "O How I Love Jesus," was sung. Dismissed with prayer.

### **Wednesday Morning, July 30, 1969**

Service opened with congregation singing, "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes" and "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder," led by Rev. Bob Dickey with Miss Mary Ruth Wisehart as pianist.

Devotion by Rev. Finis Johnson, Scripture taken from Matt. 20:1-16.

Moderator Charlie Hoover, taking charge of the service. Deacon John Bough read the Associational By-laws.

Church letters read and delegates seated.

Minutes of Executive Board were read and approved.

Moderator appointed the Committee on Committees as follows: Rev. Lowell Martin, Chairman; Rev. Bob Dickey and Dec. John Bough.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Bob Dickey with Association reconvening following the Auxiliary meeting.

### **Wednesday Afternoon, July 30, 1969**

Opened with singing "The Way of the Cross Leads Home," led by Rev. Bob Dickey with Wilma Smith pianist. Prayer by Rev. Lowell Martin.

Treasurers report was accepted as read.

Mission report was read, motion was m/s/c to accept as a whole.

Christian Education Committee report was read and opened for discussion. Report accepted.

Temperance Committee report read motion m/s/c to accept as read.

Obituary Committee report was accepted as read and acted upon.

Benediction by Rev. Glenn Murray.

### **Wednesday Evening, July 30, 1969**

Deacon Charles Whitson lead the congregation in singing, "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms." Prayer by Rev. Lester Nutting. "Just Over in the Glory-Land" was sung. Rev. Carl Eden prayed the offeratory prayer, followed by singing, "There is Power

in the Blood."

A duet "I Saw A Man" was sung by Martha and Mary Nutting.

The evening message by Rev. Finis Johnson, Scripture taken from Matt. 10:5-11. Prayer by Rev. Lowell Martin. Invitation song, "Tell it to Jesus."

Offering \$26.54 to be sent to missions.

Benediction by Deacon Don Smith.

#### **Thursday Morning, July 31, 1969**

(All committee reports are found elsewhere in minutes)

Morning services opened with congregational singing lead by Rev. Bob Dickey, songs sung were "Jesus Saves" and "I Must Tell Jesus."

Prayer by Deacon John Bough, devotion by Rev. Carl Eden, Scripture I John 1, followed by a verse of "Only Trust Him."

Moderator called morning session open for business.

A motion was made that any ordained member of our Association will have the authority to appoint delegates to the state Association at Leadington, if in attendance.

The Publication Committee report was read, motion m/s/c to accept.

Motion was m/s/c to accept the Ministerial Standing Committee report. Benediction on morning session by Deacon Reed Smith.

#### **Thursday Afternoon, July 31, 1969**

Moderator called Association back in session.

Statistician's report read by Rev. Alice Dickey. Motion m/s/c to accept as read.

Rev. Bob Dickey was selected to speak at the evening service. It was voted to send our Wednesday night mission offering to Miss Mary Ruth Wischart.

Executive Board's financial report was read and approved.

Business Committee report was read and voted on item by item:

Item 1, motion m/s/c to adopt as read.

Item 2, motion m/s/c to adopt as read and motion m/s/c for the Executive Board to take care of the above item.

Item 3, was discussed, motion made and carried to table until next year.

Item 4, motion m/s/c to leave printing of the minutes in the hands of the associational officers.

Item 5, motion m/s/c to adopt as read.

Item 6, was discussed, motion m/s/c to table this item until next year.

Item 7, motion m/s/c to table this item until next year.

Report of Nominating Committee read, motion m/s/c to adopt.

Motion m/s/c to convene with the Verdella church for our 1970 session.

A discussion was brought to the Association to accept Rev. Carl Eden. It was voted to give Rev. Carl Eden a card of Ministerial Standing.

Benediction by John Bough.

## REGISTRATION

**MINISTERS**—Lowell Martin, F. D. Johnson, Arthur Kicenski, Arlie Hoover, Bob Dickey, Alice Dickey, Glenn E. Murray, Harry Sterling, Hollis Walker, jr., Carl Eden.

**MINISTERS WIVES**—Myrl H. York, Mildred Kicenski, Vera Hoover, Dorothy Dickey, Sue Eden, Maxine Sterling, Tula Johnson.

**DEACONS**—John Bough, Reed Smith, Charlie Hoover, Roger Phillips, Orville Foger, Raymond Dickey.

**CHURCH CLERKS**—Theo Bough, Mildred Kicenski, Wilma Smith and Frances Foger.

**DELEGATES**—Lephema E. Herrell, Hazel Bowman, Hazel Fleeman, Fred Wolf, Grace Hendrickson, Amos Eastman, Ionia Phillips, Clemma Hoover, Olive Smith, Gladys Brooks, Beulah Casteel.

**VISITORS**—Alta Wolf, Bernice Eastman, Ramie Hoover, Eleonore Mayo, Dennis Riley, Craig Hoover, Doug Hoover, Thelma Dickey, Lynn Hoover, Lyle Hoover, Ben Solem, Loretta Smith, Lois Foger, Theresa Foger, Verla Costley, Gene Costley, Mary Ruth Wisheart.

## REPORTS OF MINISTERS

**ALICE DICKEY**—Sermons preached, 65; churches pastored, 1; professions witnessed, 14; number baptized, 6; funerals preached, 2; amount received, \$465.00.

**BOBBY DICKEY**—Sermons preached, 79; churches pastored, 1; professions witnessed, 2; additions to church, 2; funerals preached, 1; miles traveled, 3,000; amount received, \$2,650.

**F. D. JOHNSON**—Sermons preached, 127; churches pastored, 2, part time; professions witnessed, 8; marriages performed, 1; miles traveled, 16,341; additions to church, 2; amount received, \$3,028.14.

**\*GLENN E. MURRAY**—Sermons preached 175, churches pastored 1, revivals held 8, professions witnessed 34, number baptized 3, additions to church 3, funerals preached 2, miles traveled 25,000, amount received \$4,753.00.

**ARTHUR KICENSKI**—Sermons preached 62, churches pastored 1, number baptized 4, funerals preached 11, amount received \$618.85.

**LOWELL MARTIN**—This has been a year of inactivity in the ministry for me having preached only 8 sermons and conducted one funeral.

**CHARLES REGISTER**—Sermons preached 60, revivals held 1, professions witnessed 3, amount received \$50.00.

**HOLLIS WALKER, JR.**—Sermons preached 32, revivals held 1, professions witnessed 4, amount received \$374.00.  
Central Western Missouri Association.

**\*I wish to offer my resignation as a member of the executive board due to the fact I have resigned my pastorate at Hannon and will be leaving the association.**

In His Service,  
Glenn E. Murray

## ASSOCIATION BOARD REPORT—1968

Board met August 1 at close of Association meeting for the purpose of reorganizing, electing Brother Glenn Murray as chairman.

Reed Smith, Clerk and Treasurer

Board met August 31, 1968 at the Hannon church for the purpose of examining Brother Bob Dickey at the request of the Oskaloosa church and Brother Hollis Walker, jr., at the request of the Verdella church.

Brother Glenn Murray led in questioning both candidates, before passing on both for ordination.

We also agreed to send Brother Elmore's card of standing back to Brother Matthews as they knew his standing and were in the Kansas City association.

The board met March 30, 1968 at Kansas City.

Brother Glenn Murray read a letter asking the board to accept Brother Christenson's resignation from the board as he was going into the Kansas City association. Granted.

Next item of business was to examine Brother Register for the ministry at the request of the First Church of Kansas City. Agreed to grant a license and card of standing now. Then at the end of four months if he is pastoring a church or working evangelistic work at least four weeks, or after carrying a card and license one year we will again met with him counseling together and if finding all agreeable we will issue ordination papers.

Following program we resumed our meeting.

The state association made a request for \$200 to help finance the national at St. Louis. We had \$90, need \$110 more.

We then made plan of program for our Central Western Association.

With offerings and donations we had \$161.59 to send state association for helping toward caring for national association at St. Louis.

Reed Smith, Clerk

#### **EXECUTIVE BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT**

We sent \$161.59 to help pay state expenses of national association. Derived from Fifth Sunday offerings and gifts from individuals, as well as from some of the churches.

We have \$25.62 on hand.

Reed Smith

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **Business Committee:**

We recommend to take \$100.00 out of the Association treasury for repair on the youth camp cabins.

We recommend that we label all furniture with our associational name in our youth camp cabins.

We recommend that we discuss the change of the date of association and the change of the church fiscal year.

We recommend a discussing of printing of the minutes.

We recommend that we give a standing vote of thanks to the Oskaloosa church for their outstanding hospitality shown us during this 61st session of our Association.

We request discussion of change of Article 13 of By-laws to read. These Bylaws may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by two-thirds vote of members present providing that a notice of the proposed change has been given to the member churches 30 days prior to Associational meeting.

# STATISTICAL TABLE

	Hannon	Hickory Grove	Verdella	First K. C.	Oskaloosa	Greenf'd	El Dorado	Waggoner	TOTALS
Members Received .....	3	5	2	6	1	20	16	0	53
Baptized .....	1	2	0	6	0	0	0	0	9
Dismissed .....	1	0	7	13	2	0	15	0	38
Deceased .....	1	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	6
Total Membership .....	72	49	41	57	17	20	21	14	291
C. T. S. ....	30	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	55
S. S. ....	75	66	60	58	25	24	24	0	332
Ordained Ministers .....	2	1	2	2	0	1	1	0	9
Licensed Ministers .....	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Deacons .....	6	3	4	3	1	1	1	1	20
Paid Pastor .....	\$ 3,240.00	\$ 3,060.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 450.00	\$1,294.94	\$ 960.00	\$ 642.00	\$ 314.00	\$ 12,960.94
Evangelist .....	165.00	300.00	198.62	59.22	0	0	100.00	0	822.84
Value Church Property ....	12,000.00	10,000.00	18,000.00	85,000.00	10,000.00	7,500.00	4,500.00	4,000.00	\$295,000.00
Buildings and Repairs .....	1,054.20	310.00	436.66	4,354.08	0	0	25.00	0	6,179.94
Incidentals .....	1,110.58	638.25	718.49	405.73	287.15	1,013.31	0	78.04	4,251.55
Co-op .....	701.51	259.66	464.65	0	0	0	60.77	0	1,496.59
Foreign Missions .....	612.95	143.64	520.49	103.79	0	0	0	0	1,380.87
Home Missions .....	849.71	0	0	36.40	0	0	0	0	886.11
Literature .....	454.94	336.50	210.80	125.78	81.02	47.31	61.24	52.65	1,370.24
Youth Camp .....	140.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140.00
Budget .....	18.50	15.25	13.25	17.25	7.25	8.00	6.75	8.00	96.25
Orphanage .....	7.80	0	24.58	0	0	0	0	0	32.38
Bible College .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Auxiliary .....	13	8	13	9	7	0	0	0	50

committees at this time. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Kicenski.

At 1:30 our convention was called to order by our president having the congregation singing "Trust and Obey" led by Rev. Glenn Murray. At this time Sis. Martin led in a wonderful devotion taken from First Psalms, then a trio number was given by Bro. Bob Dickey, Sis. Dorothy Dickey, and Sis. Sue Eden singing "Jesus Passed By." Sis. Eleanor Mayo gave a book report on "Saved to Serve."

Reading of the Secretary and Treasurer's report, this was approved. Resolution Committee report was read and approved motion was made to adopt this as a whole, was seconded and carried. The nominating committee report was read and approved. Motion was made to accept the slate of officers as a whole. It was suggested we give Sis. Wisheart and Sis. Mayo a love offering as a gift for their part in the program. An offering was taken at this time. The meeting was adjourned for another year, we were dismissed in prayer by Sis. Alice Hoover.

We the Resolutions Committee recommend:

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 we give \$7.00 for printing of minutes.
3. To encourage ladies of local churches not having auxiliaries to strive to form an auxiliary in the next year.
4. Local church auxiliaries should feel free to call on District offices for any and all help needed.

Signed: Mrs. Don Thomas, Mrs. Bob Dickey and Beulah Casteel  
We the Nominating Committee do nominate for the coming year: President, Ionia Phillips; Vice-president, Virginia Bunton; Secretary-Treasurer, Dorothy Dickey; Personal Service, Laphema Herrell; Study Course, Alice Dickey; Program Prayer, Sue Eden.

Signed: Sue Eden, Gladys Brooks, Tula Johnson, Janie Dickey and Alice Hoover.

Last year we agreed to accept these By-laws and constitution:

1. That we adopt the suggested constitution and by-laws for the District Auxiliary Convention as set forth in our Auxiliary manual.
2. That Article III "Officers and Executive Committee" be considered for discussion.

Article III was discussed and motion was made, seconded and carried that corresponding secretary and treasurer officers be combined.

Our Treasurer's report is as follows:

Balance brought forward .....	\$17.00
Offering .....	14.25
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	31.25
Paid for printing of minutes .....	7.00
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	24.25
Paid for gift for Sis. Mayo .....	4.25
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	20.00
Given to Sis. Wisheart .....	\$20.00



## C. T. S. CONVENTION

Thursday Morning, July 31, 1969

President Sister Alice Hoover opened our program. Sister Virginia Bunton led the song service, accompanied at the piano by Sister Wilma Smith, singing "Hide Thou Me," and "O Say But I'm Glad." Prayer by Sister Myrl York.

Motion made and seconded for Alice Hoover to appoint a nominating committee. Roger Phillips, Wilma Smith and Alice Dickey were appointed.

Special by Virginia Bunton, "Make Me a Blessing Today." Alice Hoover at the piano.

Services were turned over to Rev. Bob Dickey. The morning message was taken from I Peter 5:6, Ephesians 6:10-18, theme being "Come Torture Satan." Prayer followed the sermon by Rev. Bob Dickey. Services were turned back to Alice Hoover. Dismissal of morning service and blessing on the noon meal by Sister Tula Johnson.

### Thursday Afternoon, July 31, 1969

Afternoon service opened with singing "Send the Light," and "The Way of the Cross Leads Home," led by Rev. Finis Johnson, accompanied at the piano by Wilma Smith. Prayer by Sister Lowell Martin. Devotion was given by Sister Tula Johnson reading I John 3:8, Hebrews 2:14, Genesis 3:14, Poem "God's Love." Prayer by Sister Johnson.

Services were turned over to Mary Ruth Wisehart for comments about C. T. S. and the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tenn.

Special by Loretta Smith, "You Are the Finger of God," accompanied at the piano by Wilma Smith. Two games of Bible Bowl were played between the young people at Hannon and Verdella, Hannon winning both games.

Motion made and seconded to take an offering for C. T. S. Song, "Mansion Over the Hilltop," led by Rev. Finis Johnson, accompanied at the piano by Wilma Smith.

Motion made and seconded to receive treasurer's report.

Brought forward .....	\$11.12
Offering .....	15.20
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Balance .....	\$26.32
Mary Ruth Wisehart .....	20.00
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Balance .....	\$ 6.32

Motion made and seconded to receive nominating committee report: President, Alice Hoover; vice president, Ionia Phillips; secretary-treasurer Sue Eden.

Services were turned over to the moderator.

## 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 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 "Robert's 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 members 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 ministries to report each year by letter and at least once in three year 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 influences 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 education 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.