

MINUTES

of the
62nd
Annual Session
of the

Central Western Missouri Association of Free Will Baptists

When Convened
With
Verdella
Free Will Baptist
Church
Tuesday Evening
July 28,
1970

The
63rd ANNUAL
SESSION
Will Meet With
the
GREENFIELD
F. W. B.
CHURCH
Tuesday Evening,
July 27, 1971

OFFICERS

Moderator Deacon Charlie Hoover
 Assistant Moderator Rev. Bob Dickey ✓
 Clerk-Treasurer Alice Hoover
 Assistant Clerk Wilma Smith ✓
 Statistician Rev. Alice Dickey
 Itinerate Contact Rev. Finis Johnson ✓

EXECUTIVE AND HOME MISSIONS BOARD

Rev. Finis Johnson, Iantha, Mo. 1975
 Deacon John Bough, Stockton, Mo. 1974
 Deacon Reed Smith, Liberal, Mo. 1973
 Deacon Charlie Hoover, Liberal, Mo. 1972
 Rev. Bob Dickey, Archie, Mo. 1971
 State General Board Member, 2-year term Rev. Bob Dickey

CHURCH CLERKS

BETHEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, ElDorado Springs, Mo.
 Mrs. Sue Bridges, 109 West Cruce, ElDorado Springs, Mo. 64744
 FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, ElDorado Springs, Mo.
 Mrs. Mildred Kicenski, 311 S. Sumner, ElDorado Spgs., Mo. 64744
 FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Kansas City, Mo.
 Mrs. Elizabeth Mason, 520 Lakeview Road, Blue Spgs., Mo. 64015
 FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Greenfield, Mo.
 Mrs. Lucille Franklin, 403 Toney Ave., Greenfield, Mo. 65661
 HANNON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Liberal, Mo.
 Mrs. Bessie Bunton, Rt. 2, Liberal, Mo. 64762
 HICKORY GROVE F. W. BAPTIST CHURCH, Harrisonville, Mo.
 Mrs. Iris Jones, Rt. 2, Harrisonville, Mo. 64701
 OSKALOOSA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Arcadia, Ks.
 Mrs. Wilma Smith, Rt. 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, Rt. 4, Stockton, Mo. 65785

CHURCH PASTORS

BETHEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, ElDorado Springs, Mo.
 Rev. Fidell Bridges, 109 W. Cruce, ElDorado Springs, Mo. 64744
 FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, ElDorado Springs, Mo.
 Rev. Charles Register, 508 S. Grand, ElDorado Spgs., Mo. 64744
 FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Kansas City, Mo.
 Rev. Alice Dickey, 9125 Old Santa Fe Trail, Kan. City, Mo. 64100
 FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Greenfield, Mo.
 Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo. 65708
 HANNON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Liberal, Mo.
 Rev. Donovan Maxwell, Rt. 2, Liberal, Mo. 64762

HICKORY GROVE F. W. BAPTIST CHURCH, Harrisonville, Mo.
 Rev. Bob Dickey, Archie, Mo. 64725
 OSKALOOSA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Arcadia, Mo.
 No Pastor
 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, Eldorado, Springs, Mo.
 64744; Rev. Lowell Martin, Greenfield, Mo. 65661; Rev. Arlie Hoover,
 Liberal, Mo. 64762 (superannuated).

PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday Evening, July 28, 1970

Rev. Finis Johnson opened our services, calling Deacon Charles Whitson to lead the congregational singing, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Susan Splitter. Songs sung were "The Light of the World" and "Higher Ground." Prayer by Rev. Fidell Bridges.

Welcome given by host pastor, Rev. Finis Johnson, who turned the services over to the associational clerk, Mrs. Alice Hoover. The clerk declared a quorum present and the 62nd Annual Association of Central Western Missouri open for business. The meeting was then turned to Moderator Charlie Hoover who read Scriptures taken from Gal. 6:6 and Matt. 28:19-20. He then gave the response and opening remarks.

Rev. Rufus Coffey, our National Promotional Secretary, brought us greeting from our National work. Offeratory prayer by Rev. Finis Johnson. Congregation sang "Jesus Is All the World to Me." Offering was \$19.01.

Moderator turned the services to the speaker of the evening, Rev. Donovan Maxwell. Scripture taken from Acts 1:1-8. Invitational song, "Have You Counted the Cost?"

Special prayer for family of Rev. Keith Dickey who was killed in Vietnam, July 23rd. Prayer led by Rev. Finis Johnson.

Wednesday Morning, July 29, 1970

Wednesday morning service opened by singing, "Face to Face" and "Tell Me the Story of Jesus," led by Rev. Finis Johnson, pianist Wilma Smith. Prayer by Rev. Lowell Martin. Devotion by Rev. Finis Johnson, emphasizing our theme "Communicating Through Teaching." Scripture read, II Corinthians 6:14-18. Followed with prayer by Rev. Finis Johnson. Moderator started the business by calling on Deacon John Bough to read the Constitution and By-laws.

Church letters were read and accepted, then the delegates seated.

Letter of Petition from Bethel church for membership of Central Western Missouri Association was read and discussed. Motion made and carried to accept the Bethel church. Their church letter was received as read and delegates seated.

Executive Board report was read motion m/s/c to accept.

Moderator appointed the Committee on Committees as follows: Deacon John Bough, chairman; Deacon Reed Smith and Rev. Lowell Martin.

Benediction by Rev. Charles Register.

Wednesday Afternoon, July 29, 1970

Moderator brought the business session back to order.

Committee on Committees report was read, motion m/s/c to accept as read.

Executive treasurer's report was read, motion m/s/c to accept as read.

Moderator reminded delegates to restudy the proposed change in Article 13 of By-laws and Article 9 of Constitution.

Associational Treasurer's report was read, motion m/s/c to accept as read.

Motion m/s/c that standing delegates have the power to appoint delegates at the State Meeting from attending members.

Afternoon services dismissed with prayer by Deacon Orville Fogar.

Wednesday Evening, July 29, 1970

Moderator brought the evening service to order, beginning with congregational singing led by Deacon Charles Whitson, pianist Mrs. Susan Splitter. Songs were "More About Jesus," and "I Want to Be a Worker."

Prayer by Rev. Glenn Murray. Solo by Larry Holt, playing guitar and singing "Born to Serve the Lord."

Rev. Harry Beatty, our State Promotional Secretary gave us a few statistics on our state work.

Duet by Dan Dickey and Ronnie Talbott, singing "Thanks to Calvary" and "There Is a Cross I Must Bear."

Prayer by Rev. Carl Eden. Services were turned over to the speaker of the evening, Rev. Rufus Coffey. Scripture was taken from Acts 11:19-30, subject "Taught Much People."

Invitation song, "Where He Leads Me." Following altar service an offertory prayer by Rev. Finis Johnson. Offering of \$103.30 was given for missions while congregation sang "Wonderful Words of Life." Benediction by Rev. Harry Beatty.

Thursday Morning, July 30, 1970

Service opened by singing "There Is a Fountain" and "At Calvary," led by Rev. Finis Johnson with Mts: Connie Jones at the piano.

Devotion by Rev. Harry Beatty, reading Psalms I.

Solo was sung by Connie Jones, "No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus."

Prayer by Rev. Lowell Martin.

Temperance report read m/s/c to accept as a whole.

Christian Education Committee report read, motion m/s/c to accept (with clarification on item number 1).

Missions Committee report read, m/s/c to accept as a whole.
Publication Committee report read, motion m/s/c to accept as a whole.

Rev. Harry Beatty gave a report of his state promotional work.
Ministerial Standing Committee report was read and accepted.
Motion was made and carried to have a moment of silent prayer as a memorial to Rev. Keith Dickey, prayer closed by Rev. Finis Johnson.

Morning services were dismissed in prayer by Deacon Reed Smith.

Thursday Afternoon, July 30, 1970

Moderator opened afternoon services, reading of reports continued.

Obituary report read, motion m/s/c to accept as read.

Business report was accepted to be voted on item by item.

Item Nos. 1-4 were read, motion to accept as read.

Item No. 5 motion made to send contribution as a Memorial fund for Rev. Keith Dickey of \$15.00.

Item No. 6 motion m/s/c and acted upon.

Item No. 7 accepted as read.

Statistical Report was read by Rev. Alice Dickey, motion m/s/c to accept as read.

Nominating Committee report read and motion m/s/c to accept as a whole.

Benediction on our yearly meeting prayed by Sister Doris Whitson.

REGISTRATION

MINISTERS—Finis Johnson, Donovan E. Maxwell, Arlie Hoover, Charles Register, Arthur Kicenski, Carl Eden, Lowell Martin, Alice Dickey.

MINISTERS WIVES—Tula Johnson, Vera Hoover, Myrl York, Sue Eden, Donna Maxwell.

DEACONS—Charles Whitson, Orville Foger, John Bough, Reed Smith, Charlie Hoover, Roger Phillips, Don Smith.

CHURCH CLERKS—Theo Bough, Wilma Smith, Bessie Bunton, Frances Foger, Mildred Kicenski.

DELEGATES—Virginia Bunton, Mary Cross, Velma Miller, Beulah Casteel, Hazel Bowman, Betty Gilmartin, Laphema Herrell, Golda Ricketts, Hazel Fleeman, Olive Smith, Ramie Hoover, Clemma Hoover, Ghora Grider, Ionia Phillips.

VISITORS—Beulah Reeves, Mr. and Mrs. John Mizner, Rev. and Mrs. Rufus Coffey, Martha Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Payne, John Mizner, jr., Rev. and Mrs. Fidell Bridges, Doug Hoover, Lynn Hoover, Lyle Hoover, Craig Hoover, Rebecca Coffey, Reuel Coffey, Floy Hartley, Terry Estes, Rosie McCubbins, Susie Colley, Jim Goodnight, John A. Grider, Linda Williams, Cindy Nichols, Doris Whitson, Janie Dickey, Cindy Smith, Lena Dixon, Lena Stacy, Connie Jones, Lavonne Sutton, Devona Sutton, Devona Maxwell, Dennis Riley.

REPORTS OF MINISTERS

- REV. FIDELL BRIDGES—Sermons preached 113, churches pastored 1, number baptized 5, additions to church 9, revivals held 1, wedding performed 5, funerals conducted 8, amount received \$710.00.
- REV. ALICE DICKEY—Sermons preached 42, churches pastored 1, professions witnessed 8, weddings 2.
- REV. BOB DICKEY—Sermons preached 115, churches pastored 1, revivals held 1, professions witnessed 1, number baptized 2, additions to church 1, funerals preached 1, miles traveled 10,000, amount received \$3,600, weddings 2.
- REV. FINIS JOHNSON—Sermons preached 94, churches pastored 1, Professions witnessed 6, additions to church 4, funerals preached 3, miles traveled 12,842, amount received \$4,497.40.
- REV. DONOVAN MAWELL—Sermons preached 110, additions to church 7, funerals preached 1.
- REV. CARL EDEN—Sermons preached 98, churches pastored 1, professions witnessed 1, number baptized 3, additions to church 3, miles traveled 11,920, amount received \$1,720.40.
- REV. ARTHUR KICENSKI—Sermons preached 27, churches pastored 1 part time. Funerals preached 2.
- REV. LOWELL MARTIN—Sermons preached 10, conducted 7 funerals, marriages performed 2.
- REV. CHARLES REGISTER—Sermons preached 110, churches pastored 1, revivals held 1, additions to church 4, miles traveled 3,360, amount received \$330.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT—JULY 1970

July 31, 1969 at Oskaloosa church. Meeting at close of Association to reorganize. Elected Charlie Hoover, chairman; Reed Smith, clerk.

Decided to go to Youth Camp to work on cabins upkeep. Date to be decided later. Agreed to issue Bro. Keith Dickey a new license. Motion made and seconded to send Brother Glen Murray a letter of recommendation. Dismissed in prayer by Brother Bob Dickey.

September 13, 1969 at Youth Camp. Opened with prayer led by Bro. Johnson.

Item No. 1—Bro. Register card of standing discussed. Motion made and seconded to grant such, and carried.

Item No. 2—Plan program for 1970 Association. Speaker for meeting. Motion made to contact Bro. Coffey and ask for a reply by November 15, if at all possible.

Item No. 3—Cabin fund report: \$25.62 on hand, \$100.00 received from Association funds; total \$125.62.

Item No. 4—Check on material for cabins to build (3) tier beds and clothes hamper. Agreed to have Bro. Johnson and Bro. Reeves, if possible, to do the building, also while working on these to secure and put down new floor covering.

March 29, 1970, Greenfield church:

Item No. 1—Examined Bro. Donovan Maxwell. Motion made

and seconded to grant him a card of standing.

Motion made to seat Bro. Maxwell as proxy for Bro. Bob Dickey as he was absent; carried.

Set a date to complete program for Association.

Dismissed in prayer, led by Bro. Johnson.

Received \$15.00 for cabin funds from 5th Sunday meeting.

March 10, 1970, Hannon church—Purpose of meeting to complete the program for Association.

May 16, 1970, Oskaloosa church:

Meeting called to order by chairman, opened with prayer led by Bro. Bob Dickey.

Purpose of meeting to examine Bro. Ronnie Dickey for Deacon of Oskaloosa church. Bro. Johnson led in questioning, after which the motion made, seconded and carried for Bro. Ronnie Dickey to be ordained at the pleasure of the church and candidate.

May 31, 1970, Hickory Grove church:

Purpose of meeting to question Bro. Register at the request of the Eldorado church, for approval of ordination. After questioning, lead by Bro. Johnson, motion made, seconded and carried to grant Bro. Register ordination certificate.

June 19, 1970:

Ordination service held at Oskaloosa church for the ordaining of Bro. Ronnie Dickey. Bro. Carl Eden brought the message from First Cor. 10:1-21, after which invitation was extended for repentance or come to the altar for prayer. Bro. Johnson called for all ordained to join at the altar with Bro. Ronnie Dickey and wife as he gave the charge to the candidate, following with the ordaining prayer lead by Bro. Reed Smith.

After brief comment by Bro. Johnson were dismissed in prayer led by Sister Thelma Dickey.

Reed Smith, Clerk

EXECUTIVE BOARD TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand July 1969	\$ 25.62
Received from Associational Funds	100.00
Received from 5th Sunday meeting at Greenfield ...	15.00

TOTAL\$140.62

DISBURSEMENTS—

Day Lumber Co.	\$ 71.78
Bro. Reeves for labor on cabin	9.00
Hannon Auxilliary for bedspread for cabins	15.00
Gibson store for foam to make mattresses	17.88

TOTAL\$113.66
Balance July 1970\$26.96

Reed Smith, Treasurer

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUSINESS COMMITTEE:

1. Since the state and national have both dropped plans to change of meeting, we recommend that we drop this matter which was tabled last year.
2. We recommend that we adopt item No. 6 of last year's business committee report adding "providing that a notice of the proposed change has been given to the member churches 30 days prior to Association meetings.
3. We recommend that we adopt item No. 7 as it was proposed by business committee's report last year, which reads "provided notice of proposed change has been given to the member churches 30 days prior to Association's meeting.
4. We recommend that the clerk be authorized to reimburse our General Board member from this Association to the state Association for gas, lodging and food, per receipts.
5. We recommend that the Association make an appropriate tribute in memory of Rev. Keith Dickey, either flowers or a memorial fund to Oskaloosa church.
6. We recommend that we give a standing vote of thanks to the Verdella church for their wonderful hospitality.
7. We recommend that the ministers conference be planned in the program for yearly Association.

Signed, Alice Dickey, Thora Grider, Ramie Hoover,
Frances Foger, Reed Smith

MINISTERIAL STANDING COMMITTEE:

After examining these reports and found satisfactory, the motion was made and seconded to approve the following ministers in good standing:

Arthur Kicenski, Fidell Bridges, Charles Register, Alice Dickey, Finis Johnson, Carl Eden, Donovan Maxwell, Lowell Martin, Bob Dickey.

We are saddened by the calling from our midst our youngest minister, Bro. Keith Dickey, serving in the armed forces of the U. S. A.

Signed: Orville Foger, Wilma Smith, Myrl York, Olive Smith

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

We recommend that each church use our own National S. S. Department, Nashville, Tenn., Free Will Baptist literature.

We recommend that each church conduct a vacation Bible school.

We recommend that each Free Will Baptist family have good Christian books and literature in their homes.

We recommend that each person be a daily Bible reader.

Signed, Ionia Phillips, Mary Cross, Betty Selvey

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE:

We recommend the following:

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

STATISTICAL TABLE

	Bethel	First of ElDorado	First of K. C.	Greenfield	Hammon	Hickr'y Grove	Oskaloosa	Verdella	Wagoner	Totals
Members Received	9	4	0	2	8	1	3	6	0	33
Dismissed	0	0	4	0	4	2	0	4	0	14
Deceased	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	4
Total Members	37	26	86	28	74	65	31	61	14	422
C. T. S.	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	25	0	59
S. S.	21	30	21	20	75	53	20	60	18	318
Ordained Ministers	1	4	1	1	2	1	1	1	0	12
Licensed Ministers	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Deacons	0	1	3	1	6	3	2	3	1	20
Paid Pastor	\$ 520.00	\$ 685.00	\$ 0	\$ 1,040.00	\$ 3,385.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 1,720.40	\$ 3,480.00	\$ 0	\$ 14,230.40
Evangelist	200.00	65.00	26.50	168.00	103.22	291.81	110.00	354.37	0	1,318.90
Value Church Property	\$7,000.00	10,000.00	85,000.00	7,500.00	12,000.00	10,000.00	10,900.00	20,000.00	4,000.00	166,400.00
Bldgs. and Repairs	720.00	2,485.29	4,211.24	0	170.53	0	992.13	2,110.42	0	10,689.61
Incidentals	349.20	143.09	603.05	184.37	1252.53	0	0	540.39	52.55	3,125.18
Co-op	0	2.65	0	0	739.74	264.82	0	490.08	0	1,497.29
Foreign Missions	0	0	22.00	0	751.58	228.68	0	725.20	0	1,727.46
Home Missions	0	0	8.00	0	518.38	47.45	0	51.30	0	625.13
Literature	81.13	61.20	126.52	57.48	367.20	220.18	123.75	204.49	53.74	1,295.69
Youth Camp	0	0	0	0	169.00	0	0	51.30	0	220.30
Budget	12.00	7.75	8.50	8.50	19.00	14.75	7.50	11.00	8.00	97.00
Orphanage	0	0	0	0	7.00	0	0	0	0	7.00
Auxiliary	0	0	9	0	13	9	0	12	0	43

2. That we should submit ourselves to the Word of God and be temperate in all things.
3. That we dress modestly and abstain from worldly and ungodly amusements.
4. That parents supervise programs both they and their children watch.
5. That our people do not patronize any business that sells alcoholic beverages, unless purchases cannot be made otherwise.
6. We propose that our people carry out and observe the above recommendations as far as possible.

Signed: Arthur Kicenski, Beulah Castell, Golda Ricketts

PUBLICATION COMMITTEE:

We recommend that all the churches of this Association use Free Will Baptist literature in all their work.

We also recommend that our churches continue the family plan for the Gem and Contact.

We recommend daily Bible reading by all our people.

Signed: Theo Bough, Charles Register, Arlie Hoover

MISSIONS COMMITTEE:

We urge our churches to support missions, both home and foreign by liberal giving and much prayer, especially through the Cooperative plan.

Signed: F. D. Johnson, Fidell Bridges, Betty Gilmartin

OBITUARY COMMITTEE:

Since our Heavenly Father in His wisdom has called the following: James L. Sutton, Hickory Grove; Mary Middaugh and Rena Thomas, Harmon; and Willie Bowman, Verdella. We recommend extending our sympathy to the bereaved families and pray that God will comfort them in their sorrow. We also recommend having a moment of silent prayer followed by prayer led by Alice Dickey.

Signed: Laphema Herrell, Donovan E. Maxwell, Hazel Fleeman

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Moderator: Charlie Hoover

Assistant Moderator: Rev. Bob Dickey

Clerk: Alice Hoover

Assistant Clerk: Wilma Smith

Statistician: Rev. Alice Dickey

Itinerate Contact: Rev. Finis Johnson

Executive Board Member for 5-year Term: Rev. Finis Johnson

State General Board Member, 2-year Term: Rev. Bob Dickey

Signed: John E. Bough, Roger Phillips, Hazel Bowman, Bob Dickey, Lowell Martin

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance brought forward from last year	\$330.46
Budget from letters	\$94.25
Tuesday night offering	23.61
Wednesday night offering	26.54
Auxiliary	7.00

\$151.40

\$481.86

DISBURSED FROM GENERAL FUND

Mary Ruth Wisheart	\$26.54
Alice Hoover, clerical service	14.14
Executive Board for cabin repair	100.00
The Liberal News, printing of minutes (125)	98.75

\$239.43

TOTAL \$242.43

THE DISTRICT WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

The meeting was called to order by our president, Ionia Phillips. We were led in prayer by Sister Beulah Casteel. Irene Thomas led the congregation singing "Heavenly Sunlight," and "Help Somebody Today," with Virginia Bunton at the piano. President Ionia Phillips read a poem "Bad News." Betty Gilmartin and Ionia Phillips sang "Prayer at the Cross." Sister Coffey spoke at the 11:00 o'clock message hour. The Scripture used was John 15:16. Dismissed in prayer by Wilma Smith. The meeting was turned over to the moderator.

The afternoon service resumed at 1:00 o'clock. Called to order by our president, Ionia Phillips. It was opened by having a congregational song, "If Jesus Goes With Me," led by Irene Thomas. We were led in prayer by Sister Floy Hartley. The Hannon, Verdella and Oskaloosa women gave a skit entitled "A Women's Auxiliary Clinic." The speaker for the afternoon was Mrs. Joan Nutting. She and her husband are missionaries to New Guinea. She gave a wonderful talk on the land, the people and customs and their work there. Mrs. Laphema Herrell gave a reading entitled "Faith." This was followed by the business meeting. The annual report and the treasurer's report were read and approved. The resolutions committee report was read and accepted. The nominating committee report was read by Wilma Smith. A motion was made to accept it in its entirety. The new officers are as follows: President, Ionia Phillips; vice president, Virginia Bunton; secretary and treasurer, Margaret Smith; program prayer chairman, Tula Johnson; personal service chairman, Betty Gilmartin; mission chairman, Alice Dickey.

We were led in prayer by Irene Thomas. The officers were then installed and the pledge was read by Sister Coffey. Then she led in the closing prayer. The meeting was then turned over to the moderator.

Mrs. Bob Dickey, secretary and treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT

State dues received	\$25.50	
Local dues received	17.00	
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		\$42.50
Paid to state	\$25.50	
Dist. Clerk for minutes	7.00	
Gifts for speakers	10.00	
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SUNDAY SCHOOL AND C. T. S. CONVENTION

Thursday Morning, July 30, 1970

President Alice Hoover opened the convention. Rev. Bob Dickey led the congregation in singing "Sweet Hour of Prayer," and "Throw Out the Lifeline;" prayer by John Bough. Special song by Mrs. Rufus Coffey, "Only One Life."

Appointment of Nominating Committee for C. T. S. convention officers for next year, Rev. Donovan Maxwell, Rev. Finis Johnson and Wilma Smith. Solo by Janie Dickey, "Nothing Is Impossible." Morning message by Rev. Rufus Coffey. Prayer of benediction and blessing on noon meal by Rev. Charles Register.

Thursday Afternoon

Alice Hoover opened convention, Carolyn Gilmartin led the congregation in singing "Face to Face." Devotions by Rev. Lowell Martin.

Rev. Rufus Coffey talked about the different phases of our National work. Solo by Cindy Smith, "God Is Not Dead." A poem was read by Mrs. Herrell. Report of nominating committee was read and accepted. Officers for the coming year are as follows: Rev. Bob Dickey, president; Margaret Smith, vice president; and Betty Gilmartin, secretary and treasurer.

Sunday School and C. T. S. Convention was then dismissed by prayer.

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 com-

posed; 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 notice of proposed alteration or amendment has been given to the member churches 30 days prior to Association meeting.

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 Association's Clerk, and 85% for the Central Western Missouri Association's 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.

tion 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 the Association by a two-thirds vote of members present, providing that a notice of proposed change has been given to the member churches 30 days prior to the Association meeting.

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.