

MINUTES  
OF THE  
63rd ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE

**CENTRAL WESTERN  
MISSOURI ASSOCIATION**

OF  
**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

WHEN CONVENED  
WITH GREENFIELD  
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
TUESDAY EVENING  
JULY 27, 1971

THE 64th ANNUAL SESSION  
WILL MEET WITH THE  
HANNON FREE WILL  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
TUESDAY EVENING  
JULY 25, 1972

## OFFICERS

Moderator .....	Deacon Charlie Hoover
Assistant Moderator .....	Rev. Bob Dickey
Clerk-Treasurer .....	Alice Hoover
Assistant Clerk .....	Thora Grider
Statistician .....	Rev. Alice Dickey
Itinerate Contact .....	Rev. Finis Johnson

## EXECUTIVE AND HOME MISSIONS BOARD

Rev. Bob Dickey, Liberal, Mo. ....	1976
Rev. Finis Johnson, Iantha, Mo. ....	1975
Deacon John Bough, Stockton, Mo. ....	1974
Deacon Reed Smith, Liberal, Mo. ....	1973
Deacon Charlie Hoover, Liberal, Mo. ....	1972
State General Board Member, 2-year term, Rev. Bob Dickey .....	1972

## CHURCH CLERKS

BETHEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Eldorado Springs, Mo. Mrs. Irene Mizner, Route 2, Eldorado Springs, Mo. 64744	
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Kansas City, Mo. Mrs. Elizabeth Mason, 520 Lakeview Road, Blue Springs, 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, Route 2, Liberal, Mo. 64762	
HICKORY GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Harrisonville, Mo. Mrs. Iris Jones, Route 3, Box 212, Harrisonville, Mo. 64701	
INDEPENDENCE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH Mrs. Beatrice Bough, Route 2, Stockton, Mo. 65785	
OSKALOOSA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Arcadia, Kan. Mrs. Wilma Smith, 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, Stockton 65785	

## MINISTERS

BETHEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Eldorado Springs, Mo. Rev. Fidell Bridges, 109 W. Cruce, Eldorado Springs, Mo.	
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Kansas City, Mo. Rev. Thayne Fast, Liberal, Mo. 64762	
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Greenfield, Mo. Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo. 65708	
HANNON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Liberal, Mo. Rev. Donovan Maxwell, Route 2, Liberal, Mo. 64762	
HICKORY GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Harrisonville, Mo. Rev. C. T. Christenson, 205 N. Jeffreys, Pleasant Hill, Mo.	

**INDEPENDENCE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

Rev. Elwood Perry, Route 1, Box 52, Jerico Springs, Mo. 64756

**OSKALOOSA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Arcadia, Kan.**

Rev. Bob Dickey, Liberal, Mo. 64762

**VERDELLA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Ianta, Mo.**

Rev. Finis Johnson, Ianta, Mo. 64753

**WAGONER FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Stockton, Mo.**

Rev. Lowell Martin, Greenfield, Mo.

**OTHER MINISTERS OF ASSOCIATION**

Rev. Arlie Hoover, Liberal, Mo. 64762 (superannuated)

Rev. Carl Eden

**PROCEEDINGS**

**Tuesday Evening, July 27, 1971**

Evening service was opened by Rev. Winford Davis. Congregation sang, "At Calvary" and "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart," led by Richard Neeley accompanied at the piano by Thora Grider. The welcome from the host church was given by Rev. Winford Davis.

The associational clerk declared a quorum present and the association ready for business. The clerk then turned the association over to the Moderator Charlie Hoover. He gave opening comments and read Scriptures from Proverbs 11:30, I Cor. 3:9 and II Cor. 5:18. He declared the theme of the Association "Soul Winning With God Through Reconciliation."

Special by Jeanne Baldwin, Linda and Larry Holt singing, "I'm a Poor Rich Man" and "He'll Be a Friend." Special also by Rev. Don Davis, playing and singing "Remind Me Dear Lord." Prayer by Rev. Finis Johnson. Offering was taken while congregation sang, "I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go." Offering for evening was \$40.10.

Services were turned over to the speaker of the evening Rev. Fiddell Bridges. Scripture from II Cor. 5:14-21 was read, subject "The Ministry of Reconciliation." Invitational song, "Let Jesus Come Into Your Heart."

Moderator, again took charge of the meeting, making announcements. Benediction by Rev. Lowell Martin.

**Wednesday Morning, July 28, 1971**

Morning services opened with congregational singing led by Bob Dickey, accompanied at the piano by Thora Grider, singing, "When We All Get to Heaven."

Moderator Charlie Hoover called Rev. Elwood Perry to give our morning devotion. Scriptures taken from Amos 7:7 and 8, and I Peter 2:5 and Nem. 6:1-3.

John Bough read the Constitution and By-Laws. Prayer by Rev. Thayne Fast. Business opened by reading the church letters from all churches except First Church of Eldorado Springs. Delegates were seated.

Executive Board's reports were read and accepted. This report was tabled to be acted on at a later date.

Committee on Committees was as follows: Rev. Bob Dickey, chairman, John Bough, Thayne Fast and Finis Johnson.

Motion was made to drop the Publications committee and combine with the Christian Education committee. Motion passed, committee to be called Christian Education committee.

Rev. Harry Beatty, our State Promotional worker brought news of our state work. Reported Missouri is in the lead in co-operative giving.

We received a word of greeting from a visiting minister friend, Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys of Monett, Mo.

Morning business session was dismissed with prayer by John Bough.

Following the WSCS 11:00 o'clock service the Moderator, Charlie Hoover read the Committee on Committees report. Blessing on our noon meal was prayed by Rev. C. T. Christensen.

### **Wednesday Afternoon, July 28, 1971**

Afternoon business session started with singing "Heavenly Sunlight," led by Rev. Bob Dickey, pianist Jan Cross. Prayer by Bob Dickey.

Treasurers report was read and accepted.

Radiogram of thanks was read from missionary Bill Fulcher.

Missions Committee report was read M/S/C to accept as a whole.

A suggestion was made by Rev. Lowell Martin to set aside a 5th Sunday meeting to emphasize missions. A motion was then made to try to get a missionary in August or October of 1971 or at the earliest possible date.

Christian Education Committee report was read, accepted as a whole.

Obituary report was read and accepted. Prayer for sorrowing families was offered by Rev. Donovan Maxwell.

Motion was made that we bring tabled items from the Executive Board Report to the floor. First item read and acted upon was concerning Article 9 of the By-Laws to read thusly, \$5.00 per church and 50c per resident members." This passed. Second item of business was accepted for discussion. Item read as follows: All business except routine shall be presented to the body by an appropriate committee. This item was defeated.

Our missionaries to Africa, the Palmer family arrived for our evening services and gave us their greeting. Our afternoon services were dismissed with prayer by Sis. Juanita Smith.

### **Wednesday Evening, July 28, 1971**

Evening service started by singing "The Comforter Has Come" and "Jesus Loves Even Me," led by Dan (Blue) Dickey accompanied by Janie Dickey. Prayer by Rev. Harry Beatty. Congregation again singing "I Know Whom I Have Believed."

Young peoples choir from Hannon sang "This Is My Beloved Son," "Jesus Speaks to Our World" and "Christ Is King." Duet by Jane Garton and Cindy Smith, "Did You Think to Pray." Prayer by visiting minister Rev. Cletus Nichols.

Moderator turned services to missionary Lonnie Palmer on furlough from the Ivory Coast, Africa. He brought us up to date on the work. Scripture from Eph. 5:1-12. Offering for the evening was to be given to the Palmers. It was \$102.04. Offertory song, "Jesus Is Calling." Benediction by Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys.

#### Thursday Morning, July 29, 1971

Rev. Finis Johnson led us in singing "The Old Rugged Cross" and "He Keeps Me Singing." Pianist Ramona York.

Devotion was given by Rev. Thayne Fast, Scripture reading from Mark 16:15-18, I Cor. 31-5 and I Cor. 12:7. Prayer by Rev. Bob Dickey.

A special number was given by Ramona York and daughter Rebecca singing "The King Is Coming."

Rev. Harry Beatty explained the church family plan for subscribing for our state church paper, the "Gem."

Invitation was extended from Hannon to host the 1972 Association. M/S/C to accept invitation.

Ministerial Standing Committee report was read M/S/C to accept as read.

Temperance Committee report was read with discussion following. M/S/C to adopt as a whole.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Harry Beatty. Recessed for the Minister's conference and CTS and Sunday School conference.

#### Thursday Afternoon, July 29, 1971

Afternoon session opened with prayer by Bro. Harold Cross.

Statistician report was read M/S/C to accept as read.

The Business committee report was read and accepted for discussion.

Motion was made to return Item 1 to the Business committee for rewording.

Item 2 was accepted as read.

Item 3 was accepted and acted upon.

Item 1 was received in it revision as appears in committee report.

Nominating committee report was read M/S/C and accepted as follows: Moderator, Charlie Hoover; Ass't, Rev. Bob Dickey; Clerk, Alice Hoover; Ass't Clerk, Thora Grider; Statistician, Rev. Alice Dickey; Itinerate Contact, Rev. Finis Johnson; Executive Board member for 5 years, Rev. Bob Dickey.

Request for prayer from our association for the upcoming revival crusade in Greenfield was made by Sis. Thora Grider.

Associational benediction was prayed by Bro. Carl Bough.

#### REGISTRATION

MINISTERS—Donovan E. Maxwell, Donald Davis, Winford Davis, Elwood R. Perry, Fidell Bridges, Bob Dickey, Lowell Martin, Alice Dickey, Bill Christensen, Thayne Fast.

MINISTERS WIVES — Mrs. Donovan Maxwell, Mrs. Finis Johnson, Mrs. Fidell Bridges, Bernice Davis, Mrs. Bob Dickey, Mrs. Myrl York, Mrs. Thayne Fast.

DEACONS—Harold Cross, Alfred Bough, Carl Bough, Orville Foger, John Bough, Reed Smith, Roger Phillips, Ron Dickey, Don Thomas.

CHURCH CLERKS—Frances Foger, Beatrice Bough, Wilma Smith, Theo Bough, Bessie Bunton, Hazel Bowman.

**DELEGATES**—Jan Cross, Becky York, Romona York, Mary Cross, Thelma Dickey, Carolyn Dickey, Larry Holt, Robert Hastings, Jo Hastings, Burl Fast, Laphema Herrell, Loretta Smith, Juanita Smith, Hazel Fleeman, Betty Selvey, Betty Gilmartin, Thaylia Fast, Floy Hartley, Elnora Fast.

**VISITORS**—Jeanie Baldwin, Linda Holt, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Davis, Beulah Reeves, Irene Vittetoe, J. R. Smith, Martha Cooper, Rev. O. T. Allread, Martin Brandon, Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, Rev. Opal E. Jeffreys, Ionia Phillips, Bob Selvey, Leah Nell Smith, Lyle Hoover, Carolyn Smith, Phil Smith, Merle Rouse, Reba Rouse, Cathy Rouse, Elaine Rouse, Rick Rouse, Nancy Rouse, Lynn Hoover, Doug Hoover, Craig Hoover, John Grider, Thora Grider, Jane Garton.

### REPORTS OF MINISTERS

**REV. FIDELL BRIDGES**—Sermons preached 128, churches pastored 1, professions witnessed 5, number baptized 4, additions to church 7, funerals preached 5, weddings performed 2, radio programs 24, miles traveled 3,000, amount received \$760.00.

**REV. C. T. CHRISTENSEN**—Sermons preached 106, churches pastored 2, revivals held 1, professions witnessed 17, number baptized 8, additions to church 10, funerals preached 2, miles traveled 7,200, amount received \$1,515, weddings 3.

**REV. ALICE DICKEY**—Sermons preached 28, pastor emeritus 1 church, professions witnessed 4, additions to church 6, funerals preached 2, weddings 3, amount received \$42.00.

**REV. BOB DICKEY**—Sermons preached 84, churches pastored 2, funerals preached 2, miles traveled 10,000, amount received \$2,226.

**REV. CARL EDEN**—Sermons preached 26, baptized 1, weddings 1, traveled 8,000 miles, amount received \$140.

**REV. THAYNE FAST**—Sermons preached 45, churches pastored 1, additions to church 6, funerals preached 1, miles traveled 6,600, amount received \$135.

**REV. FINIS JOHNSON**—Sermons preached 101, churches pastored 1, professions witnessed 3, funerals preached 1, miles traveled 14,633, amount received \$2,765.59.

**REV. LOWELL MARTIN**—Sermons 44, 7 funerals.

**REV. DONOVAN MAXWELL**—Sermons 104, churches pastored 1, additions to church 5, funeral 1, miles traveled 15,000, amount received \$3,330.

**REV. ELWOOD R. PERRY**—Sermons 87, churches pastored 1, professions witnessed 4, baptized 4, additions to church 13, 2 weddings, received \$440.

### EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT 1970-1971

**HANNON CHURCH NOVEMBER 29, 1970**

We met with Rev. Elwood Perry and granted him a license to preach for one year.

M/S/C that we re-instate the Independence church back into the Association as they had failed to report for a number of years.

#### INDEPENDENCE CHURCH JANUARY 31, 1971

We met with Bro. Herbert Beason and Harold Cross of the Wagoner church and recommended these men for the office of deacon.

We also granted Rev. C. T. Christensen a card of good standing as he came back into the Association.

M/S/C that at our next meeting we consider changing some of the by-laws so that they may be easier to understand.

#### MARCH 5, 1971

At the home of Rev. F. D. Johnson.

Item 1—We met with Rev. Thayne Fast and granted him a license to preach the gospel for one year.

Item 2—We planned the coming Association and recommended these changes:

Article 9 of the by-laws to read as follows: It shall be the duty of the churches of the Association to accompany their church letter with five dollars per church, plus fifty cents per resident member for the Central Western Missouri Association fund to be allocated thus, 15 per cent for honorarium for the Association clerk and 85 per cent for the Association expenses.

We recommend to add section 2 to article 6 of the by-laws to read as follows: All business except routine shall be presented to the body by an appropriate committee.

Bob Dickey, Clerk

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD TREASURER'S REPORT — JULY 1971

Balance — July 1970 .....	\$26.96
Deposit May 26 .....	37.71
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Balance .....	64.67
Liberal Lumber Co. for plywood for youth camp ...	26.88
Balance .....	\$36.99

Bob Dickey, Treasurer

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### BUSINESS COMMITTEE:

1. We recommend that the clerk be authorized to reimburse our general board member from the Association to the State Association for gas, lodging and food, and that this be placed in the by-laws of our Association.
2. We recommend that Article 9 of the Constitution and Article 13 of the by-laws be amended to read, "change has been given to the church clerk of the member churches by the Ex. Board."
3. We recommend that we give a standing vote of thanks to the Greenfield church for their wonderful hospitality.

Signed, F. D. Johnson and Harold Cross

#### MINISTERIAL STANDING COMMITTEE:

After examining these reports and found satisfactory, the motion was made and seconded to approve the following ministers in good standing: Alice Dickey, C. T. Christensen, Carl Eden, Fidell Bridges, Lowell Martin. Sis. Martin has asked to be put on the superannuated list and we granted her request.

Elwood Perry and Thayne Fast, we recommend that they be ordained when they carry their license one year.  
(Report on a delayed meeting.)

We recommend after examining these reports and found satisfactory the motion was made and seconded to approve the following in good standing: Donovan Maxwell, Finis Johnson and Bob Dickey.

Signed, Orville Foger, Carl Bough, Myrl York, Thelma Dickey, Theo Bough

#### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

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

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

We recommend that each church begin a library of Christian books and literature.

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

We recommend that each person be a daily Bible reader.

Signed, Bob Dickey, Carolyn Dickey, Jan Cross

#### TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE:

We recommend the following:

1. That we follow more closely the word of God in separating ourselves from the world in ALL things. I John 2:15 "Love not the world neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world the love of the Father is not in Him," also Eph. 5:11.
2. That we should use all our influence and power against all illegal drug use in our communities and churches.
3. That we oppose more vigorously the Godless and immoral practices developing in our social structure that delude and degrade our young people. (ie) immodest dress, ungodly amusement, sex teaching in school, a growing disrespect and distrust between age groups and the tolerant attitude toward sin in general.

Signed Alice Dickey, Robert Hastings, Elwood Perry

#### MISSIONS COMMITTEE:

We urge our churches to support missions both home and foreign by much prayer and liberal giving, especially through the cooperative plan. We urge having missionary services when possible.

Signed Donovan Maxwell, Hazel Bowman, Burl Fast



# STATIST

	Bethel	First of K. C.	Greenfield	dry Hannone
Members Received ....	7	6	9	5 5
Dismissed .....	0	0	2	5 0
Deceased .....	0	1	2	0 0
Total Members .....	42	76	33	74 2
C. T. S. ....	0	0	0	40 0
S. S. ....	35	36	31	80 4
Ordained Ministers ....	1	1	1	2 1
Licensed Ministers ....	1	1	0	0 0
Deacons .....	0	3	0	6 2
Paid Pastor .....\$	700.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 3,330.00 0
Evangelist .....	147.00	93.46	0	154.00 0
Value Church Property	10,000.00	85,000.00	7,500.00	12,000.00 0
Bldgs. and Repairs ...	237.26	4,385.22	103.35	450.24
Total Spent .....	1,223.59	4,813.05	3,565.43	8,560.94 5
Co-op .....	0	0	0	823.14 7
Foreign Missions ....	0	0	30.00	931.36 5
Home Missions .....	0	3.65	0	497.10 9
Literature .....	119.17	184.96	91.36	559.75 9
Youth Camp .....	0	0	0	201.01
Budget .....	10.25	9.25	19.00	25.00 5
Orphanage .....	0	0	0	166.09 0
Auxiliary .....	0	0	0	13 0

# STATIST TABLE

Hannon	ory ve	Indep.	Oskaloosa	Verdella	Wagoner	Totals
5	5	13	0	4	1	50
5	0	0	1	8	0	16
0	0	0	1	2	0	6
74	52	32	35	56	17	417
40	0	0	0	18	0	58
80	54	30	27	38	18	349
2	1	0	1	1	0	8
0	0	1	0	0	0	3
6	2	4	2	3	3	23
\$ 3,330.00	.00	\$440.00	\$1,137.67	\$2,866.58	\$ 397.25	\$13,110.50
154.00	.00	240.50	182.00	254.67	206.64	1,578.27
12,000.00	.00	Union	10,900.00	18,000.00	4,000.00	157,400.00
450.24		714.46	701.05	79.72	155.35	6,826.65
8,560.94	.65	794.31	1,564.26		1,004.97	25,394.20
823.14	.67	0	21.65	406.17	0	1,442.63
931.36	.75	60.00		553.24	11.30	1,801.65
497.10	.79	0	76.62	38.67	0	722.83
559.75	.19	79.85	194.71	336.95	55.07	1,757.01
201.01		0	0	98.66		299.67
25.00	.75	15.50	7.00	19.00	10.00	129.75
166.09	.50					200.59
13	10		10	12		45

#### OBITUARY COMMITTEE:

Since our Heavenly Father in His wisdom has called the following; Keith Dickey, Oskaloosa; Edith Mayfield and Walter Stockton, Verdella; Ted Smith, Kansas City; Frank Sawyer and Ora Mayberry, Greenfield; Arthur Kensinski and Albert Biby, First Church Eldorado Springs. We extend 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.

Signed, Betty Selvey, Thaylia Fast, Larry Holt

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: (see minutes, Thursday afternoon)

#### ASSOCIATION TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance brought forward from last year .....		\$242.43
Budget from letters .....	\$ 97.00	
Tuesday night offering .....	19.01	
Wednesday night offering .....	103.30	
Auxiliary for minutes .....	7.00	
Meeting at Verdella (Miley and Fulcher) .....	144.18	
Churches and 5th Sunday Meeting (Miley and Fulcher) .....	275.52	
Offering for Rev. Gentry .....	50.00	
Donation .....	5.20	
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		\$943.64

#### DISBURSED FROM GENERAL FUND

Missions (Wed. night offering) .....	\$103.30
Oskaloosa (Dickey memorial fund) .....	15.00
Ionia Phillips (programs and revival ads) .....	12.50
Charlie Hoover (State Ex. Bd. member) .....	50.00
Alice Hoover (clerical work) .....	14.55
Mo. F. W. B Book store (supplies) .....	2.65
Billy Joe Gentry (evangelist) .....	50.00
Miley, Fulcher acct. (12-17-70) .....	144.18
Miley, Fulcher churches and 5th Sunday meetings .....	275.51
Liberal News (minutes and postage) .....	98.75
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	\$766.44
BALANCE .....	\$177.20

#### MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Rev. F. D. Johnson led the congregation by singing "In the Sweet By and By." We were then led in prayer by Bro. John Bough. Time was given to each minister to speak: Elwood Perry, Bob Dickey, Winford Davis, Lowell Martin, Thayne Fast and Donovan Maxwell.

We were then dismissed in prayer by Rev. F. D. Johnson. Meeting was then turned back to the moderator.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND C. T. S. CONVENTION

The songs for CTS were led by Rev. Winford Davis accompanied by Ramona York. We opened by singing "More About Jesus" also "At the Cross." The 11:00 o'clock message was brought by Rev. Harry Beatty. We were dismissed in prayer by Rev. Donovan Maxwell.

After the noon meal we opened the service by singing "Count Your Blessings." We were led in prayer by Sister Martin. Then we were led in a discussion on Sunday School and C. T. S. by Rev. Bob Dickey. There was then a panel discussion with four ministers as follows: Rev. Donovan Maxwell, Rev. Finis Johnson, Rev. Thayne Fast and Rev. Winford Davis. There was a discussion on soul winning. There was then election of officers as follows: president, Bob Dickey; vice president, Margaret Smith; secretary-treasurer, Donna Maxwell.

We were then dismissed in prayer by Sister Alice Hoover.

## THE DISTRICT WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

The meeting was called to order by our president, Ionia Phillips. Dorothy Dickey led the congregation singing "Send the Light," with Sister Thora Grider at the piano. We were led in prayer by Sister Alice Dickey. Alice Hoover sang "Make Me a Blessing Today." Brother Alred spoke at the 11 o'clock message hour. His theme was "The Urgency of the Hour in Which We Live," taken from Jude. We were dismissed in prayer. 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, "Anywhere With Jesus," led by Dorothy Dickey with Virginia Bunton at the piano. Sister Betty Selvey led us in prayer. Mrs. Laphema Herrell read a poem which she had written. A skit entitled "Entertained Angels Unaware," was given by Hannon, Verdella and Oskaloosa auxiliaries. Sister Juanita Smith gave the devotion taken from James 1:19-27. 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 was read by Irene Thomas. A motion was made to accept it in its entirety. The new officers are as follows: President, Ionia Phillips; vice president, Jo Hastings; secretary and treasurer, Juanita Smith; program-prayer chairman, Dorothy Dickey; personal service chairman, Betty Gilmartin; mission chairman, Alice Dickey. A poem entitled, "A Busy Christian's Prayer," by Mrs. Hartley was given. A song, "I Love to Tell the Story," and prayer by Elnora Fast concluded the auxiliary services. The meeting was then turned over to the moderator.

Mrs. Don Smith, secretary and treasurer

## 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 notice of proposed alteration or amendments 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 five dollars (\$5.00) per church plus fifty cents (50c) per resident member for the Central Western Missouri Association fund to be allocated thus: 15 per cent for honorarium for associational clerk, and 85 per cent 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 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.