

Minutes . . .

of the 64th Annual Session of the

Central Western Missouri

Association

of

Free Will Baptists

When Convened With

HANNON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Tuesday Evening, July 25, 1972



The 65th Annual Session

Will Meet With the

BETHEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Tuesday Evening, July 24, 1973

OFFICERS

Moderator Deacon Charlie Hoover
 Assistant Moderator Rev. Bob Dickey
 Clerk-Treasurer Thora Grider
 Asst. Clerk Alice Hoover
 Statistician Elnora Fast
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 Rev. Fidell Bridges, Eldorado Springs, Mo. 1975
 Deacon John Bough, Stockton, Mo. 1974
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 State General Board Member, Rev. Bob Dickey 1974

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 None
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 Rev. Lowell Martin, 408 Maple, Greenfield, Mo. 65661

OTHER MINISTERS' OF ASSOCIATION

Rev. Arlie Hoover, Liberal, Mo. (superannuated)
 Rev. Alice Dickey, 9125 Old Santa Fe Road, Kansas City, Mo. 64100
 Rev. Finis Johnson, West Plains, Mo.

PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday Evening, July 25, 1972

Evening service was opened by Rev. Dennis Mays. Congregational singing was led by Daniel (Blue) Dickey, accompanied at the piano by Virginia Bunton. Songs sung were "Trust and Obey" and "Heavenly Sunshine." Prayer by Bill Jones, president of Hillsdale Bible College.

The welcome to the Association from the host church was given by Rev. Dennis Mays.

Special music for the evening: A duet by Mrs. Dee York and Rebecca, a solo by Mrs. Virginia Bunton singing "Till Tell the World I Am a Christian," accompanied by Mrs. Janie Dickey.

The clerk declared a quorum present and the Association ready for business. Then turning the meeting over to the Moderator, Charlie Hoover who read the following scriptures: Ecc. 7:12 and Proverbs 22:6. Announcements were then made.

Rev. Bill Jones brought greetings from the Hillsdale Free Will Baptist Bible College in Moore, Okla. He then read scripture I Tim. 2:2.

Offeratory song was sung by congregation "Jesus Loves Even Me." Amount of offering \$24.25.

Moderator then turned the service over to the speaker, Rev. Bob Dickey. Speaking on our theme, "Possessing Our Possessions . . . Our Youth." Scripture read was taken from I Cor. 3:9-15, Matt. 6:19-21, John 6:27 and I Cor. 4:18.

Invitation song "Softly and Tenderly." Service was turned back to the Moderator for placement of guest and announcements for the following day.

Benediction by Rev. Fidell Bridges.

Wednesday Morning, July 26, 1972

Morning service opened by singing "Trusting Jesus" and "There Is Power in the Blood," led by Clifton Mayo, accompanied at the piano by Thora Grider.

Devotion by Rev. David Painter reading Psalm 100.

Moderator taking charge of the service extended a welcome to all visitors. He then called on Rev. Bob Dickey to read the By-Laws. Prayer by Rev. Lowell Martin.

Church letters were read and delegates seated. Executive Board's report was read. M/S/C to accept with corrections.

Committee on Committees was appointed by Moderator Charlie Hoover.

Rev. Bill Jones was then asked to further acquaint us with our Bible College, Hillsdale in Moore, Okla.

Morning session was dismissed in prayer by Rev. Alice Dickey.

Wednesday Afternoon, July 26, 1972

Afternoon session opened with congregation singing "To God Be the Glory," led by Clifton Mayo, accompanied by Ramona York. Prayer by Rev. Bob Dickey.

Committee on Committees report was read.

Treasurer report was read and M/S/C to accept as read.

Change of Article 9 of the constitution and Article 13 of the By-Laws was brought from the table of last year. It was read and M/S/C to accept. (See revision in the Constitution and By-Laws.)

It was voted on and passed to add Section 2 to Article 9 of the By-Laws. (See revision in the By-Laws.)

Benediction by Rev. Thayne Fast.

Wednesday Evening, July 26, 1972

Evening services started with congregation singing "Have Faith in God" and "The Old Account Was Settled," led by Sis. Jean Crockett accompanied by Sis. Virginia Bunton. Prayer by Bro. Bob Selvey followed by congregation singing, "When We All Get to Heaven."

The Congregation enjoyed the following specials. Solo by Cindy Smith, four songs were sung by the Holt family. Prayer by Bro. Roger Phillips. The youth group from Hannon and Oskaloosa sang "My Everything" and "I've Got a Reason to Sing."

Moderator made announcements then turned the service over to Rev. Ernie Deeds, returned missionary from Brazil. Linden Deeds gave John 3:16 in Portuguese. Rev. Deeds acquainted us with his field of work. Taking his Scripture from Psalm 2:3, Acts 17:32-34 and Philipians 1:2, 3:4-8.

Invitation song was "Just As I Am." Moderator taking charge of the service had a missionary offering taken to be given to Rev. Deeds' account. Amount of offering was \$68.22.

Benediction by Rev. Bob Dickey.

Thursday Morning, July 27, 1972

Morning service opened with congregational singing led by Clifton Mayo, accompanied by Sis. Wilma Smith, singing "Higher Ground" and "Blessed Be the Name." Devotion by Rev. Lowell Martin, Scripture text taken from Acts 21:14-17.

Temperance Committee report read and discussion followed. Motion M/S/C to accept as read.

Christian Education Committee report was read. Motion was made to adopt as a whole, carried.

Ministerial Standing report was read M/S/C to accept as read.
Missions Committee report was read M/S/C to accept as read.
Morning benediction by Dea. Orville Foger.

Thursday Afternoon, July 27, 1972

Moderator opened afternoon session. Prayer by Sis. Dorothy Dickey.

Statisticians report was accepted.

Obituary Committee report read, motion to accept and followed with prayer by Rev. Dennis Mays.

Business Committee report was read and acted on item by item. (for details see committee report.)

Item No. 1 motion M/S/C to accept.

Item No. 2 motion M/S/C to accept.

Item No. 3 motion M/S/C to accept.

Item No. 4 motion M/S/C to accept.

It was voted to let the Executive Board be our placement committee. It was also voted for the General Board member be empowered to appoint delegates at the State Meeting.

Nominating Committee report was accepted as follows:

Moderator — Charlie Hoover

Asst. Moderator — Bob Dickey

Clerk-Treasurer — Thora Grider

Asst. Clerk — Alice Hoover

Statistician — Elnora Fast

Itinerate Contact — Dennis Mays

Executive Board member to replace Rev. F. D. Johnson

Rev. Fidell Bridges

Charlie Hoover was voted to replace himself as Executive Board member.

State General Board member — Rev. Bob Dickey

Benediction by Bro. Clifton Mayo.

REGISTRATION

MINISTERS — Fidell Bridges, Dennis Mays, Bob Dickey, Alice Dickey, Arlie Hoover, Lowell Martin, Thayne Fast, David Painter.

MINISTERS WIVES — Dorothy Dickey, Mildred Kicenski, Vera Hoover, Myrl York, Mrs. David Painter, Mrs. Thayne Fast.

DEACONS — Ronald Dickey, Don Thomas, Reed Smith, John Bough, Orville Foger, Roger Phillips, Don Smith, Morgan Walker.

CHURCH CLERKS — Wilma Smith, Theo Bough, Frances Foger, Mildred Kicenski, Eulah Payne, Margaret Smith.

DELEGATES — Carolyn Dickey, Thelma Dickey, Betty Gilmartin, Harold Smith, Mary Cross, Becky York, Homer Heath, Clifton Mayo, Amos Eastman, Ann Jones, Levon Sutton, Ronda Sutton, Bob Payne, Shirley Beason, R. L. Hoover, Hazel Fleeman, Hazel Bowman, Thaylia Fast, Mrs. Beulah Casteel.

VISITORS — Rev. and Mrs. Bill Jones, Rev. and Mrs. Hollis Walker, jr., Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Munn, Mrs. Roger Phillips, Clinton Phillips, Lora Phillips, Lynette Phillips, Loretta Smith, Martha Cooper, Ramona York, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bunton, Rodney Bunton, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hastings, Dale Hastings, Debbie Hastings, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Rouse, Rick Rouse, Elaine Rouse, Cathy Rouse, Nancy Rouse, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Selvey, Brenda Selvey, Sandra Selvey, Mrs. Harold Smith, Lynn Smith, Allan Smith, Lyle Hoover, Lynn Hoover, Craig Hoover, Doug Hoover, Irene Thomas, Vickie Thomas, Denise Thomas, Ethel Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Blue Dickey, Tony Dickey, Danny Dickey, Ruby Skakal, Bernice Eastman, Blanche Heath, Lorene Beason, Nancy Fleeman, Linda Beason, John A. Grider, Larry Holt, Linda Holt, Jeanie Baldwin, Lueral Mays.

REPORTS OF MINISTERS

REV. FIDELL BRIDGES — Sermons preached 160, churches pastored 1, number baptized 1, additions to church 7, funerals preached 6, miles traveled, 3,000, amount received \$1,260.00, radio programs 51, weddings 4.

REV. ALICE DICKEY — Sermons 17, weddings 5, number saved 13.

REV. BOB DICKEY — Sermons preached 91, churches pastored 1, professions witnessed 2, funerals preached 1, miles traveled 4,500, amount received \$1,610.

REV. THAYNE FAST — Sermons preached 103, churches pastored 1, professions witnessed 4, funerals preached 2, miles traveled 13,750, amount received \$365.00, special car fund, \$200.00, gift \$91.00.

REV. FINIS JOHNSON — Sermons preached 95, professions witnessed 4, miles traveled 8,978, amount received \$1,797.40, weddings 1.

REV. DONOVAN MAXWELL — Sermons preached 104, professions witnessed 2, number baptized 1, funerals preached 2, miles traveled 2,500, amount received approx. \$2,400.

REV. DENNIS MAYS — Sermons preached 110, churches pastored 2, revivals 1, additions to church 2, funerals preached 1, miles traveled 16,000.

REV. LOWELL MARTIN — Sermons preached 38, funerals 1, weddings 2.

REV. DAVID PAINTER — Sermons preached 42, churches pastored 1, miles traveled 2,916, amount received \$1,175.

REV. ELWOOD R. PERRY — Sermons preached 99, churches pastored 1, miles traveled 1,000, amount received \$385.00

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT 1971-72

July 29, 1971, First Free Will Baptist Church, Greenfield, Mo.

At the close of the Association we met for the purpose of electing officers. Chairman, Charlie Hoover, clerk and treasurer, Bob Dickey.

November 23, 1971

Verdella church to examine Rev. Elwood Perry for ordination. M/S/C that we recommend him for ordination.

January 30, 1972, Wagoner Church

We discussed trying to get a missionary for the Association. It was decided to have Bro. Johnson contact Nashville and see who was available.

We also examined Sis. Beulah Casteel for a license to preach. M/S/C that we table this until a later date as we knew little about her.

March 4, 1972, Hannon Church

1. Item of business was to examine Rev. Thayne Fast for ordination. M/S/C that we recommend him.

2. Item of business was to discuss the program for the Association.

3. Item of business was to recommend the change of Article 9 of the constitution and Article 13 of the by-laws.

4. Item of business was to recommend adding Section 2 to Article 9 of the By-Laws.

April 16, 1972, First Church, Kansas City

Rev. Thayne Fast was ordained into the ministry. Rev. Woodrow Matthews brought the message.

Rev. Alice Dickey gave the charge. Rev. Bob Dickey prayed the prayer.

April 30, 1972, First Church, Kansas City

We met with Rev. David Painter of the Hickory Grove church to examine him for ordination. M/S/C that we recommend him for ordination.

June 10, 1972, Hannon Church

We met with Rev. Dennis Mays of the Hannon church and granted him a card of standing into the Association.

We also discussed the letter we received from the First Church of Eldorado Springs asking to be re-installed into the Association.

As no action was ever taken on this we recommended them to send church letter and delegates to the Association.

/s/ Bob Dickey, Clerk

EXECUTIVE BOARD TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance, July, 1971	\$36.99
Balance, July, 1972	\$36.99
No deposits or withdrawals.	

/s/ Bob Dickey, Treasurer

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUSINESS COMMITTEE:

1. We recommend that the Association clerk follow the pattern set this year, of reading from each church letter only the church name, pastors name, clerk and delegates both standing and elected, leaving the statistics to the Statistical report.

2. We recommend that the Executive Board give immediate attention to making some changes in the order of taking care of the business of the Association while the major part of the delegates are present.

3. We recommend that all pastors strongly urge delegates from their churches to arrange to attend the full Association.

4. We recommend that we give a standing vote of thanks to the Hannon church in recognition of the gracious hospitality given to our Associational delegates and guests.

/s/ Rev. Fidell Bridges, Wilma Smith, Rev. Lowell Martin

MINISTERIAL STANDING COMMITTEE

After examining these reports and found satisfactory, the motion was made and seconded to approve the following ministers in good standing: Bob Dickey, Dennis Mays, Finis Johnson, Elwood Perry, Donovan Maxwell, Fidell Bridges, Alice Dickey, and Thayne Fast.

/s/ Orville Foger, Ramie Hoover, Gladys Brooks,
Hazel Bowman, and Theo Bough

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1. We recommend that each church use nationally approved Free Will Baptist literature in all S. S. classes, CTS classes and Auxillary.

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

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

4. We recommend that our churches use the family plan for Free Will Baptist "Gem" and "Contact," our state and national periodicals.

5. We recommend that each person be a daily Bible reader.

6. We recommend that each church support our Free Will Baptist colleges with their prayers and financial giving.

7. We recommend that each family having children who are prospective college students seriously consider Free Will Baptist colleges.

/s/ Rev. Dennis Mays, Carolyn Dickey, Mary Cross

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We recommend the following:

1. That every Christian pray and raise all their influence against legalizing drugs.

2. That every Christian write letters to our congressman protesting legalizing liquor by the drink and also drugs.

/s/ Rev. Alice Dickey, Floy Hartley, Beatrice Bough

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

We urge our churches to support all missions both home and foreign with constant prayer and liberal giving. We suggest each church (or persons) choose a missionary family and follow their work and needs closely. We feel by doing this we would know their personal needs Spiritually, financially, and materially.

/s/ Rev. Thayne Fast, Arlie Hoover, Betty Gilmartin

STATISTICAL

	Bethel	First of ElDorado	First of K. C.	Greenfl'd	Hannon Iron works
Members Received ...	6	0	0	2	0
Members Dismissed ..	0	1	1	1	2
Memb's Deceased	0	0	0	1	1
Total Members	39	37	90	34	72
CTS	0	0	11	0	40
SS	55	40	24	33	80
Ordained Ministers ..	1	0	2	1	2
Licensed Ministers ...	1	0	0	0	0
Deacons	0	1	3	0	4
Paid Pastor	\$1,260.00	\$ 870.00	\$ 669.00	\$2,600.00	\$ 3,663.00
Evangelist	187.43	0	41.25	0	050.00
Property Value	7,000.00	15,000.00	85,000.00	7,500.00	12,000.00
Bldg. and Rep.	674.43	153.51	4,486.29	191.10	1,257.63
Total Spent	3,308.79	1,731.57	5,722.57	3,275.37	9,997.91
Co-op	103.09	0	0	0	1,068.93
Foreign Missions	108.49	0	0	106.80	938.57
Home Missions	30.00	103.60	0	0	982.37
Literature	187.51	85.30	118.34	104.90	556.47
Youth C	0	0	0	0	263.65
Budget	19.00	18.50	20.00	19.50	36.00
Orphanage	0	59.53	0	0	031.00
Auxiliary	6	0	6	0	11
Bible College	0	0	0	0	300.00

TABLE

ry e	Indep	Oskaloosa	Verdella	Waggoner	TOTALS
4	0	3	0	0	15
5	0	0	0	0	10
0	0	0	0	0	2
49	26	38	53	18	456
0	0	0	25	0	76
46	25	24	50	15	392
1	1	2	1	0	11
0	0	0	0	0	1
2	4	2	3	3	22
00	\$290.00	\$ 1,590.40	\$2,323.55	\$ 378.60	\$ 16,294.55
00	0	184.84	486.98	0	1,050.50
00	0	10,900.00	18,000.00	4,000.00	173,400.00
00	981.14	396.94	189.12	0	9,080.16
43	1,658.16	3,128.35	5,106.53	679.96	39,850.64
51	0	209.02	467.67	0	2,104.22
10	120.00	25.00	508.44	102.10	2,122.50
0	0	0	0	0	1,115.97
08	55.85	192.15	304.28	57.70	1,844.58
79	0	0	120.00	0	583.44
50	13.50	15.50	18.50	15.00	198.00
00	0	0	18.94	0	109.47
8	0	0	13	0	44
0	0	0	0	0	300.00

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Since our Heavenly Father in His wisdom has called the following: Alta Mayberry, Greenfield, Mo. and Lindsey Wade, Hannon, Mo., 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.

/s/ Mrs. Bob Dickey, Mrs. Orville Foger, Mrs. Hazel Fleeman

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

(See minutes, Thursday afternoon)

/s/ Bob Dickey, Dennis Mays, Roger Phillips

ASSOCIATION TREASURER'S REPORT 1971-72

Balance from last year	\$177.20
Budget from church letters	129.75
Tuesday night offering	40.10
Wednesday night offering	102.04

TOTAL \$449.09

DISBURSED FROM GENERAL FUND:

Foreign Mission Bd. Palmer Acct.	\$102.04
Bob Dickey (State Association Expense)	47.62
Liberal News, programs	12.00
Liberal News, minutes and postage	95.75
Clerical Work	19.46

TOTAL \$276.87

BALANCE \$172.22

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Rev. Fidell Bridges led the ministers' conference. Scripture used was I Cor. 13, the love chapter.

Time was given to each minister to speak; Dennis Mays, Lowell Martin, Beulah Casteel, Bob Dickey, Alice Dickey, Thayne Fast, Fidell Bridges concluded with a few remarks. Meeting was turned back to the moderator.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND C. T. S. CONVENTION

Officers elected for coming year were as follows:

President — Dennis Mays

Vice President — Margaret Smith

Secretary-Treasurer — Jo Hastings

Minutes of Sunday School and C. T. S. convention were not turned in.

THE DISTRICT WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

July 26, 1972, Hannon Free Will Baptist Church

The meeting of Woman's Day for the Association was called to order by Ionia Phillips, the president, at 11:05 a. m. Congregation sang "America," led by Dorothy Dickey. Prayer was offered by Alice Dickey. A special number was given by a grandmother, mother, and daughter trio from the Independence church. They sang "Alone With Jesus." It was announced that name stickers would be given out at the noon hour. The fact that Bethel church, Eldorado Springs, had started a new auxiliary was announced and request was made for prayer by their group by Eulah Payne. The service was then turned over to Sis. Joy Jones who was the speaker for the morning. Her topic was "Life in Africa," Scripture reading from Ps. 90:17, offering was taken and \$65.00 was given to Sis. Jones. The meeting was then turned over to the Moderator, Charlie Hoover, who adjourned the meeting until the afternoon. Brother Dennis Mays gave the prayer for the noon meal.

The meeting was again called to order by President Ionia Phillips. Corsages were given to all officers and the oldest person present, which was Sis. Pearl Lewis. The nominating committee gave the following list of officers, which were later approved:

President: Juanita Smith

Vice President: Jo Hastings

Secretary-Treasurer: Eulah Payne (Bethel)

Program, prayer chairman: Elnora Fast

Reports as follows were given by Secretary-Treasurer Juanita Smith and approved: Treasurers report of Hannon and Kansas City church; recording secretary reports from Kansas City and Verdella.

Meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Juanita Smith, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT — JULY, 1972

Amount on Hand	\$17.50
Amount received from Hannon Auxiliary	\$16.50
Amount received from Kansas City Auxiliary ...	\$ 4.50
Amount received from Verdella Auxiliary	\$ 5.65

TOTAL AMOUNT	\$44.15
Paid Dorothy Dickey for corsages and material used for meeting	\$ 8.63
Total amount in Treasury as of July 30, 1972 .	\$35.52
Sent to State Secretary for Hannon Auxiliary ..	\$11.00

BALANCE IN TREASURY	\$24.52
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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 church clerks of the member churches by the Executive Board 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.

Articles 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—Section 1. 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.

Section 2. The associational clerk is to reimburse our general board member from this association to the State Association for gas, lodging and food per receipts.

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 years in person. Ministers in the Armed Forces shall not be required to report in person during their term of service. All ministers meeting these requirements shall be granted a Certificate of Ministerial Standing when and if approved by the appointed Committee on Ministerial Standing.

Section 2. All aged or afflicted ministers, who so desire, may be enrolled on the superannuated list, not being required to report to the Association in order to have a Certificate.

Article 13. These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a two-thirds vote of members present, providing that a notice of proposed change has been given to the church clerks of the member churches by the Executive Board 30 day 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.