

MINUTES . . .

of the 66th Annual Session
of the
**Central Western Missouri
Association
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

When Convened With
**VERDELLA
FREE WILL
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Tuesday Evening, July 30th, 1974

*The 67th Annual Session
Will Meet With the*
HICKORY GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Tuesday Evening, July 29, 1975

OFFICERS

Moderator	Deacon Charlie Hoover, Liberal, Mo.
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Bob Dickey, Liberal, Mo.
Clerk-Treasurer	Thora Grider, Greenfield, Mo.
Assistant Clerk	Alice Hoover, Liberal, Mo.
Statistician	Ionia Phillips, Liberal, Mo.
Itinerate Contact	Dorothy Dickey, Liberal, Mo.

EXECUTIVE AND HOME MISSION BOARD

Deacon John Bough, Stockton, Mo.	1979
Deacon Roger Phillips, Liberal, Mo.	1978
Deacon Charlie Hoover, Liberal, Mo.	1977
Rev. Bob Dickey, Liberal, Mo.	1976
Rev. Fidell Bridges, Eldorado Springs, Mo.	1975
State General Board Member, Rev. Bob Dickey	1975

CHURCH CLERKS

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VERDELLA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Iantha, Mo. Rev. Steve Burton, Route 2, Liberal, Mo. 64762

WAGONER FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Stockton, Mo.

No Pastor

EVANGEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Webb City, Mo.

Rev. Andy W. Lay, 13 Tanglewood, Carl Junction, Mo. 64834

OTHER MINISTERS OF ASSOCIATION

Rev. Arlie Hoover, Superannuated, Liberal, Mo. 64762

Rev. Lowell Martin, Superannuated, Greenfield, Mo. 65661

Rev. Dale Pitts, 1110 Sunshine Drive, Aurora, Mo. 65605

Rev. Hollis Walker, jr., Liberal, Mo. 64762

PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday Evening, July 30, 1974

The worship service began with congregational singing, led by Roger Phillips, with Virginia Bunton at the piano. Bro. Bob Dickey led in prayer.

The Clerk officially convened the business session by declaring a quorum present to transact business, and calling the Moderator, Charlie Hoover, to the chair.

The Moderator read some appropriate Scripture, and made some preliminary comments, relative to the necessity of maintaining harmony and love, in order to experience spiritual blessing and progress desired.

Vonda Johnson sang "I Can Make It After All," accompanying herself on the piano. The congregation joined in singing, "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations." Bro. Hollis Walker led in prayer, and an offering was received for associational expense, amounting to \$19.20.

Bro. Fidell Bridges was called to the pulpit to bring the message of the evening. He took a text from John 21:6, in keeping with the theme of the association "Cast Your Net." His message was relevant to the times, and his admonitions encouraging, in light of the promises of God.

Following the worship service, the Moderator took charge to make announcements concerning the business of the following day, and called for the benediction.

Wednesday Morning, 9:45, July 31, 1974

Devotional service opened with congregational singing "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus," led by Roger Phillips, with Jan Cross at the piano.

Bro. Steve Burton read from Matt. 13:47 as a basis for his devotional thoughts, and called on Bro. Andy Lay to lead in prayer. He made timely remarks on what God expects of His people, and how we may expect to accomplish the task.

Moderator, Charlie Hoover, called the meeting to order for business, and asked Bro. Bob Dickey to read the By-Laws.

Church letters were read, and delegates seated. Business proceeded, with the first item of business being the reading of a Petitionary Letter, from the newly organized Evangel Free Will Baptist Church of Webb City, Mo., requesting membership in the Central Western Missouri Free Will Baptist Association.

The Moderator called on Bro. Andy Lay, pastor of the new church, to give a more detailed verbal report, of their work and the progress being made. The work is progressing real well, and the future is bright.

M/S/C to accept Evangel Church into the fellowship of the

Central Western Missouri Free Will Baptist Association.

Report of Executive Board was read. M/S/C to receive report.

Bro. Bob Dickey, Executive Board member, was given time to give a verbal report on progress of the effort being made to establish a Home Mission work, within the bounds of the Central Western Missouri Association, in towns where there is no Free Will Baptist church. He discussed some of the problems encountered, in making a decision on the location, and also the selection of the right man for the work.

Report of the Treasurer was read. M/S/C to receive report.

Report of the Statistician read. M/S/C to receive report.

Business session was adjourned at this time for worship.

Wednesday Morning Worship, 11:00 A. M.

The congregation joined in singing "Oh Happy Day," and "Victory in Jesus," led by Roger Phillips, with Jan Cross at the piano. The Moderator asked that an offering be taken for expenses of the association, as the congregation sang "Near to the Heart of God." \$39.90 was received.

A beautiful number "Just Suppose," was sung by Patricia Pitts.

Bro. Russell Johnson, speaker, took the stand and brought a soul searching message, using passages from the book of Rev., as a basis for his thoughts. He challenged, and encouraged the Church to more dedicated and zealous living in the face of all the satanic influences of this present day.

At the conclusion of the message, the Moderator made some announcements, then called for the benediction and blessing on the noon meal.

Ministers Conference, Wednesday, 1:30 P. M., July 31, 1974

"To God Be the Glory," was sung, led by Roger Phillips, with Jan Cross at the piano. Bro. Steve Burton read from Romans 8:35-37 as a basis for the subject to be discussed in the hour to follow.

The importance of perseverance, as a convincing testimony to the world, was stressed as the following ministers discussed the different aspects of suffering for Christ: Revs. Bob Dickey, Thayne Fast, Morgan Walker, Hollis Walker, Russell Johnson, Steve Burton, and Lowell Martin.

Rev. Bob Dickey discussed the necessity of our being able to persevere, and undergo tribulation in a way that would prove the undergirding strength Christ can provide. He sighted Romans 5 and Acts 14 as Scriptures which can provide sustaining grace.

Rev. Thayne Fast emphasized the importance of the Christian remaining faithful through distress, as a confirming testimony to the keeping power of the Holy Spirit.

Rev. Lowell Martin used the life of Paul as an example of the possibility of triumphing over persecution, through the abundant mercy and grace offered. God provides all the grace necessary to help us overcome. She quoted Scripture to prove the necessity of our suffering for Him, if we expect to reign with Him.

She gave a suggestion she once heard, as a way to help the Christian prevail over the perplexing problems of life. "To help minimize our adversities, we should magnify our glorious hope of the future."

Rev. Morgan Walker discussed the element of famine, with re-

gard to our Christian growth. He pointed out the fact that our lives are nurtured by God, thus making it impossible for us to be completely vulnerable to the onslaughts of the enemy of the soul, either physically or spiritually. He is the sustenance of life.

Rev. Hollis Walker used Gen. 2, as a clarification of the word nakedness, as the subject is being considered. The word might be dealt with, both as the consequence of misfortune, and also as a condition, contrary to Christian beliefs, found in our society today.

The element of nakedness, both physically and spiritually, as dealt with in Genesis, brought out the fact that we were created in a perfect condition, in the Garden of Eden, and our nakedness was no cause for shame. Through the influence of satan our foreparents fell prey, and thus inherited the Adamic nature, which makes it necessary for us to have a covering for our nakedness both physically and spiritually.

Rev. Russell Johnson spoke on perils, as a condition the Christian may expect to face, even more as time goes on, in the light of warning God gives in 2 Tim. 3. He recalled incidents and related many passages of Scripture to substantiate the fact that God's grace will always be available to His people to escape the judgement, that God has told us will most certainly come on earth.

Rev. Steve Burton discussed the sword, as a condition the Christian will face symbolically, if not literally. He sighted Scriptures which may be applied to our life as a fortification against militant onslaughts of satanic forces.

The endurance of the Apostle Paul was referred to again as an example of one who lived a victorious life, over threats of the sword. Also Paul offered a new outlook on life for the child of God, in that he brought out the fact that for one to live is Christ but to die is gain.

At the conclusion of the Ministers Conference, a recess was declared by the Moderator, before the Sunday School and C. T. S. Convention.

Wednesday Afternoon, 3:00 P. M., July 31, 1974

SUNDAY SCHOOL and C. T. S.

The Convention was convened, and Becky York sang a beautiful number, "The King is Coming," accompanied by Ramona York.

The President, Bro. Bob Dickey, took charge and called three Sunday School teachers, Bro. Dale Pitts, Roger Phillips, and Hazel Fleeman, to the pulpit to discuss different teaching techniques they use, or might think helpful in getting the lesson across, and help hold the attention of the class.

A round table discussion followed, in which others offered some suggestions, and asked for advice on certain problems they may have encountered.

Officers were elected for the coming year as follows:

President: Rev. Steve Burton

Vice President: Rev. Russell Johnson

Secretary: Vonda Johnson

Signed: Sincerely, Dorothy Dickey

The Moderator took charge and after necessary announcements, concerning the night service, asked Bro. Dale Pitts to dismiss.

Wednesday Evening Worship Service, 8:00 P. M., July 31, 1974

Moderator, Charlie Hoover, called the meeting to order, and Roger

Phillips led the congregation in singing "America," with Mrs. Earlene Wilkie at the piano.

The Holt family of Eldorado Springs, entertained for a time with several beautiful numbers in music and song, which everyone enjoyed a lot. Bro. Lester Nutting led in prayer.

Mrs. Earlene Wilkie, a blind lady from Wichita, Kan., was introduced at this time, who gave a very inspiring resume of her life, and how God had opened avenues of blessing, and usefulness for her. She played and sang several numbers of her own composition, which was a great spiritual inspiration.

Bro. Gene Terry, pastor of the Kings Way Free Will Baptist Church, of Springfield, Mo., was introduced as the speaker of the evening. From Acts 2:14, he brought a very soul stirring message concerning the command God left to His church, to evangelize the world. He gave some prerequisites, necessary to successfully accomplish the task, He left for His disciples. Christ gave the great command "Go ye into all the world" as He went away, beginning at home, and spreading over all the earth.

"Is Thy Heart Right With God" was sung, as an appeal for greater consecration on the part of Christians, and an invitation to unsaved to respond to Christ's call to salvation.

An offering of \$78.54, was received for missions, for which Bro. Fidell Bridges offered thanks.

Mrs. Earlene Wilkie sang, and benediction by Bro. Bob Dickey.

Thursday Morning, 9:45 A. M., August 1, 1974 DISTRICT WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Juanita Smith led the congregational singing, to open the Auxiliary meeting. "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes," and "Work For the Night Is Coming," were sung, and Vonda Johnson at the piano.

Bro. Thayne Fast led the devotional, using Matt. 3, as a basis for his thoughts, and admonitions, for beginning the days activities.

Moderator, Charlie Hoover, opened the session for business.

Report of the Mission Committee was read. M/S/C to receive report of Mission Committee, with explanation of some points.

Report of Temperance Committee read. M/S/C to receive report.

Partial report of Business Committee read. M/S/C to receive partial report of the Business Committee, to be adopted item by item.

M/S/C to adopt item No. 1. M/S/C to adopt item No. 2. M/S/C to adopt item No. 3.

At this time the Moderator declared the business session adjourned until afternoon, to allow time for the Auxiliary program.

Thursday Morning Worship Hour, 11:00 A. M., August 1, 1974

Auxiliary President, Alice Hoover, took charge. She called the meeting to order, and Stella Fast led the congregation in singing "Make Me a Channel of Blessing," with Virginia Bunton playing.

Ionia Phillips led in prayer, after which we were favored with a special by the Verdella Trio, "Build My Mansion." Virginia Bunton sang "Oh, It Is Wonderful to Be a Christian."

The 11:00 message was then brought by Sister Lowell Martin, on Acts 1:8, and Romans 10:15. The service was then dismissed for the noon hour, with a prayer by Elnora Fast.

Thursday Afternoon, 1:30 P. M., August 1, 1974

The convention reconvened, and President, Alice Hoover, called

the meeting to order, and the congregation sang "Open My Eyes That I May See." Juanita Smith led in prayer.

At this time a wonderful testimony was given by Earlene Wilkie, from Wichita, Kan. She gave several specials in music and a reading she set to music called "Who Cares." A love offering of \$65.59 was taken for her.

A reading "The House That Is My Heart," was given by Brenda Selvey, accompanied by her sister Sandy Selvey.

A skit was given "Recipe for Happiness," at this time, in five scenes. Portrayed were: scene 1, Vonda Johnson; scene 2, Juanita Smith; scene 3, Vickie Burton; scene 4, Dorothy Dickey; and scene 5, Virginia Hoover. It was narrated by Betty Selvey and Margaret Smith.

We were then favored with a special by Vonda Johnson "Born to Serve the Lord."

Officers were elected for the coming year as follows:

President: Alice Hoover

Vice President: Ionia Phillips

Secretary-Treasurer: Virginia Bunton

New officers were called to the platform, along with Sister Lowell Martin, who prayed a prayer of dedication as the new officers assumed their duties in the installation service.

Signed: Dorothy Dickey

Thursday Afternoon, 3:00 P. M., August 1, 1974

The business session was called to order by the assistant Moderator, Bro. Bob Dickey. The congregation joined in singing "Sunlight, Sunlight," led by Roger Phillips, who also led in prayer.

Report of the Christian Education Committee was read. M/S/C to receive report to be adopted item by item. M/S/C to adopt item No. 1. M/S/C to adopt item No. 2. M/S/C to adopt item No. 3.

Report of the Ministerial Standing Committee was read. M/S/C to receive report.

M/S/C to empower the Moderator to appoint delegates to the State Association, from those who are at the State meeting.

The matter of a meeting place for the 1975 session of the Association was discussed. Since there was no invitation accompanying the church letters, a motion was made that the matter be left in the hands of the Executive Board.

M/S/C that the Executive Board be charged with the duty of locating the 1975 session.

The Board requested that all churches reconsider the possibility of entertaining the next session, and let them know if it would be possible for them to, as soon as possible.

Item No. 4 of the Business Committee report was read, per-shown by the host church, in entertaining the Association.

M/S/C to adopt item No. 4, and act upon it at this time.

Report of the Nominating Committee was read. M/S/C to receive report of the Nominating Committee as a whole.

After a few remarks by the Moderator, he called for a motion to adjourn.

M/S/C to adjourn.

MINISTERS' REPORTS

- REV. MORGAN R. WALKER** — Sermons preached, 105; churches pastored, 1; additions to church, 2; funerals preached, 1; miles traveled, 975; money received, \$800.00.
- REV. ANDY W. LAY** — Sermons preached, 123; churches pastored, 2; revivals held 3; professions witnessed, 24; number baptized, 2; additions to church, 28; churches organized, 1; funerals preached, 1; marriages performed, 2; miles traveled, 30,000; money received, \$5,865.00.
- REV. DALE PITTS** — Sermons preached, 135; churches pastored, 2; professions witnessed, 40; funerals preached, 2; miles traveled, 12,000; money received, \$5,700.00.
- REV. LOWELL MARTIN** — Since I am no longer able to do pastoral work my report this year is very small. I have preached 12 sermons; and conducted 4 funerals.
- REV. BOB DICKEY** — Sermons preached, 97; churches pastored, 1; professions witnessed, 5; number baptized, 4; funerals preached, 2; miles traveled, 4,500; weddings performed, 2; money received, \$1,626.
- REV. HOLLIS WALKER, Jr.** — Sermons preached, 19; number baptized, 6; funerals preached, 1; miles traveled, 500; money received, \$140.00.
- REV. RUSSELL JOHNSON** — Sermons preached, 98; churches pastored, 1; professions witnessed, 12; number baptized, 2; marriages performed, 2; miles traveled, 5,000; money received, \$4,680.00.
- REV. THAYNE FAST** — Sermons preached, 79; churches pastored, 1; additions to church, 5; funerals preached, 1; miles traveled, 16,450; money received, \$1,885.00; marriages performed, 1.
- REV. FIDELL BRIDGES** — Sermons preached, 146; churches pastored, 1; revivals held, 2; professions witnessed, 11; number baptized, 15; additions to church, 16; funerals preached, 3; miles traveled, 4,000; money received, \$1,688.00; radio programs, 39.

REGISTRATION

- MINISTERS** — Lowell Martin, Russell Johnson, Thayne Fast, Hollis Walker, jr., Arlie Hoover, Morgan R. Walker, Bob Dickey, Dale Pitts, Steve Burton.
- STANDING DELEGATES** — Dorothy Dickey, Vonda Johnson, Becky York, Iris Jones, Hollis Walker, jr., Thayne Fast, Theo Bough, Amos Eastman, Roger Phillips, Wilma Smith, Elnora Fast, Vera Hoover, Patricia Pitts, John Bough, Vickie Burton, Mildred Kicenski, Frances Foger.
- ELECTED DELEGATES** — Hazel Fleeman, Tom Turner, Ramona York, Ann Jones, Glenna Stackhouse, Janet Cross, Irene Thomas, Reba Rouse, Virginia Hoover, Hazel Bowman, Velma Miller, Thelma Dickey, Mary Cross, John A. Grider, Clara Bybee, Bernice Eastman, Leta Munn, Alice Hoover.
- VISITORS** — Kristi Crutcher, Beatrice Bough, Nancy Fleeman, Pearl Lewis, Doris Whitson, Margaret Walker, Brenda Selvey, Sandy Selvey, Harold Smith, Juanita Smith, Allen Smith, Virginia Buntton, Lyle Hoover, Loretta Hoover, Craig Hoover, Doug Hoover, Lynn Hoover, Mike Jones.

STATISTICAL TABLE

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT:

1. We recommend that every teacher and member attend the Missouri Bible Institute to be held at Joplin for our Free Will Baptists.
2. We recommend that every church in this Association have a Vacation Bible School yearly.
3. We recommend that parents push the attendance at our own Free Will Bible Colleges.

/s/ Dorothy Dickey, Vonda Johnson, Russell Johnson

MINISTERIAL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT:

We, your committee, have examined the following ministers reports, and found them in good standing: Rev. Steve Burton, Rev. Russell Johnson, Rev. Bob Dickey, Rev. Fidell Bridges, Rev. Dale Pitts, Rev. Morgan R. Walker, Rev. Thayne Fast, Rev. Hollis Walker, jr., Rev. Andy W. Lay.

The following ministers desire to be enrolled on the superannuated list: Rev. Lowell Martin and Rev. Arlie Hoover.

/s/ Roger Phillips, Thelma Dickey, Hazel Bowman, Amos Eastman

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT:

Since our Heavenly Father, in His wisdom, has called the following: Ralph Smith of Verdella; Darold Sell of Independence and Tom Mars of Hickory Grove; we extend sympathy to the bereaved families and pray that God will comfort them.

We recommend having a moment of silence, followed by audible prayer, in their memory.

We recommend that the names of the deceased be included in the church letters.

/s/ Irene Thomas, Becky York, Hazel Fleeman

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

We recommend the following as officers of the Association for the coming year:

Moderator, Deacon Charlie Hoover

Assistant Moderator, Rev. Bob Dickey

Clerk-Treasurer, Thora Grider

Assistant Clerk, Alice Hoover

Statistician, Ionia Phillips

Intimate Contact, Dorothy Dickey

Executive Board Member for a five year term, John Bough

Executive Board Member for a one year term, Rev. Fidell Bridges

State General Board Member, Rev. Bob Dickey

/s/ Orville Foger, John A. Grider, Theo Bough, Ramona York, Russell Johnson

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

1. We recommend that all Christians speak out against legalizing harmful drugs.

2. We recommend we remain firm to Article 2 in the church 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 amusement, 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."

3. We recommend every family regulate their TV entertainment against sinful advertisements and amusements.

/s/ Morgan R. Walker, Thayne Fast, Arlie Hoover

MISSION COMMITTEE REPORT:

We recommend that Sunday, August 11 be set aside as a special day of prayer, for our own local Mission, and each church to have special prayer for this cause.

We recommend that we give to Foreign Missions, and continue praying for our Foreign Missionaries.

We recommend that our churches pray for, and teach more, to encourage our young people in the field of missions, as the Great Commission states, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature," Mark 16:15.

We recommend that our Association pray and consider beginning a radio program, that would reach the seven cities in our area without Free Will Baptists churches.

/s/ Orville Foger, John A. Grider, Theo Bough, Ramona York, Bernice Eastman

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT:

1. We recommend that every church of this Association give 5% of their offering, to be placed in the hands of the Executive Board, to be used in Central Western Missouri Association as a mission fund, and recommend that it be given monthly.

2. We recommend that a committee be appointed to arrange sponsors, and attendance at the Youth Camp.

3. We recommend that the Association give a standing vote of thanks to the men who worked on the girls' cabin at Youth Camp.

4. We recommend that we give a standing vote of thanks to the Verdella Church for their hospitality during the Association.

/s/ Hollis Walker, Jan Cross, Steve Burton

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES:

Nominating Committee: Chairman, Orville Foger; Russell Johnson, Theo Bough, Ramona York, John A. Grider.

Ministerial Standing Committee: Chairman, Roger Phillips; Virginia Bunton, Amos Eastman, Thelma Dickey, Hazel Bowman.

Business Committee: Chairman, Hollis Walker, Jan Cross, Steve Burton.

Obituary Committee: Chairman, Irene Thomas, Hazel Fleeman, Becky York.

Temperance Committee: Chairman Morgan R. Walker, Thayne Fast, Arlie Hoover.

Christian Education Committee: Chairman Dorothy Dickey, Vonda Johnson, Mary Cross.

Mission Committee: Chairman, Russell Johnson; Velma Miller, Virginia Hoover, Tommy Turner, Bernice Eastman.

/s/ Chairman, Bob Dickey; Roger Phillips, Lowell Martin

ASSOCIATION TREASURER'S REPORT FROM JULY, 1973-JULY, 1974

Balance, July 24, 1973	\$189.73
Budget, 1972-1973	169.50
Offering for Aurora Mission	53.17
	412.40

DISBURSEMENTS:

Minutes, 1972-73	\$111.00
Aurora Mission Offering	53.17
Bob Dickey, State Board Expense	39.54
Association Programs, 1973	14.50
Randall Bookstore, Church Letters	5.00
Thora Grider, clerical work	25.42
Hortons, supplies	1.72
	250.35
	162.05

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

July 26, 1973, Bethel Church

The board met with Rev. Russell Johnson concerning a card of standing into this Association. M/S/C that we grant him a card of standing. We also met with Rev. Morgan Walker to examine him for ordination. M/S/C that we recommend him for ordination.

September 30, 1973, Hickory Grove

The board met with Bro. Amos Eastman of the First Church of Eldorado Springs to examine him for the office of deacon. M/S/C that we recommend him for ordination.

October 13, 1973, First Church of Eldorado Springs

The Board took part in the ordination of Rev. Morgan Walker and Bro. Amos Eastman.

December 17, 1973, Home of Rev. Fidell Bridges

1. We examined Bro. Lural Mays of the Bethel Church for office of deacon. M/S/C that we recommend him for ordination.

2. We discussed the expansion of the girls' cabin at youth camp. Decided to bring it before the 5th Sunday meeting and let them know the cost.

3. M/S/C that we will have a meeting at the Verdella Church January 17, 1974 to make further plans concerning the Mission program.

December 30, 1973, Hannon Church

The Board met with Rev. Thayne Fast concerning his card of standing as only 3 board members were present it was decided to have another meeting January 17.

January 17, 1974, Verdella

The board met with Rev. Thayne Fast concerning his card of standing. M/S/C that we grant him a card of standing.

April 26, 1974, Home of Roger Phillips

The board met for the purpose of planning the program for the

Association.

TREASURER'S REPORT

BALANCE, July, 1973	\$58.22
Telephone Calls	\$11.00
BALANCE, July, 1974	\$47.22

/s/ Rev. Bob Dickey, Clerk

PETITIONARY LETTER

From: Evangel Free Will Baptist Church, Webb City, Missouri

To: Central Western Missouri Association of Free Will Baptists,
when convened with the Verdella FWB Church, July 31, 1974

Greetings, in the name of the Lord Jesus:

We, of the Evangel Free Will Baptist Church of Webb City, Missouri formally organized as a Free Will Baptist Church on July 21, 1974, in accordance with the rules set forth in the TREATISE OF FAITH AND PRACTICES OF THE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS.

We adopted the Bible as our rule of faith and practice and adopted the Free Will Baptist Church Covenant. Brother and Sister Charlie Hoover, Brother and Sister Russell Johnson, and Brother Roger Phillips extended the right hand of fellowship to us.

We organized with 17 members on July 21, 1974, but have 13 other Christians worshipping with us regularly who will join our fellowship within the month. Some are on vacation and some have been out with illness.

We have adopted the Missouri State Cooperative Plan of giving to the world wide ministry of Free Will Baptists, by designating 10% of our general fund offerings for that purpose and feel keenly the responsibility that is ours to evangelize our community with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We now formally petition the Central Western Association of Free Will Baptists for membership, with the desire to fellowship with our Free Will Baptist brethren in your churches and to aid you in your projects of world evangelism.

Providing we are duly accepted, we send as our delegates to the Association Bob and Sue Howard.

/s/ Andy W. Lay, Pastor

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 open 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—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 candidates 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 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.