

# MINUTES

of the 67th Annual Session

of the

Central Western  
Missouri Association

of

FREE WILL  
BAPTISTS

When Convened With

Hickory Grove

Free Will Baptist Church

Tuesday Evening, July 29th, 1975

The 68th Annual Session

Will Meet With the

Oskaloosa Free Will Baptist Church

Tuesday Evening, July 27, 1976

## OFFICERS

Moderator .....	Deacon Charlie Hoover, Liberal, Mo.
Assistant Moderator .....	Rev. Bob Dickey, Liberal, Mo.
Clery-Treasurer .....	Thora Grider, Greenfield, Mo.
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Statistician .....	Ionia Phillips, Liberal, Mo.
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Rev. Fidell Bridges, ElDorado Springs, Mo. ....	1980
Deacon John Bough, Stockton, Mo. ....	1979
Deacon Roger Phillips, Liberal, Mo. ....	1978
Deacon Charlie Hoover, Liberal, Mo. ....	1977
Rev. Bob Dickey, Liberal, Mo. ....	1976
State General Board Member, Charlie Hoover .....	1976

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OSKALOOSA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Arcadia, Kan.  
     Rev. Bob Dickey, Route 1, Liberal, Mo. 64762

VERDELLA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Iantha, Mo.  
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## OTHER MINISTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

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

Rev. Dale Pitts, Aurora, Mo. 65605

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

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

## PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday Evening July 29, 1975

The worship service opened with the congregation singing "Oh, There's Sunshine," led by Glenna Stackhouse, with Iris Jones at the piano.

The meeting was called to order by the Clerk, who officially opened the business session by declaring a quorum present to transact business, and calling the Moderator, Charlie Hoover to the chair.

The Moderator called attention to the theme of the session, "He Lives," and read Rev. 1:18. His brief remarks admonished, and encouraged that in all the activities of the association, Christ's living presence in our midst at all times should be stressed.

Following preliminary remarks, concerning the next day's business, an offering, amounting to \$31.35, was taken to help defray expenses.

Brother Fidell Bridges, speaker of the evening, was called to the stand to conduct the service. Preceding the preaching, he presented several from his church, who entertained with singing and musical numbers.

Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Smith, Nancy Mays and Larry West sang some quartet numbers, accompanied by Mrs. Holt; Nancy Mays accompanied Kent Culbertson and Sonny Smith, for duet numbers; Diana Baldwin accompanied Sam Moss for a solo, and Linda and Larry Holt for duet numbers. Larry Holt accompanied several numbers with his guitar. The music was all beautiful, and added so much to the worship service.

Brother Bridges brought a stirring message on the theme text Rev. 1:18, and also passages from John 14. He stressed the vital importance of the Christian living a vibrant, consistent life empowered by the Spirit, as convincing evidence of the ever present motivating power of Christ to help us maintain our Christian integrity in the midst of overwhelming evil influences in society.

"Jesus Is Calling" was sung, as an invitation was extended. Brother Dale Pitts pronounced the benediction.

Wednesday Morning 9:45, July 30, 1975

The morning services opened with Juanita Smith leading the congregation in singing "Send The Light," with Pat Pitts at the piano.

Brother Bob Dickey brought a devotional message from Romans 4 and 5. His exhortation was toward perseverance, that we might grow in the faith, and become mature Christians, through His justification.

Moderator called the meeting to order, and asked for the reading of the By-Laws by John Bough.

Church letters were read, and MSC to receive same, and seat the delegates.

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

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

Moderator called on Roger Phillips to pronounce the benediction, and called for an intermission before the worship hour.

Wednesday Morning Worship, 11:00 A. M.

Worship began with congregational singing of "Amazing Grace,"

and "At Calvary," led by Roger Phillips, with Pat Pitts at the piano. Juanita Smith led in prayer, after which "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder," and "The Kingdom Is Coming" were sung.

Sister Pat Pitts sang a beautiful number "I Won't Have to Worry Any More," and Brother Thayne Fast led in prayer.

The message was brought by Brother Hollis Walker, jr., who took his text from Acts 2 and 1 Thess. 4. The subject of his message was the abundant entrance the Christian can expect, because Jesus is living and providing the needed sustenance for our growth, that we may have overcoming grace. The Christian has access to an unlimited supply of effectual, energizing power to promote to high spiritual plateaus.

An offering, amounting to \$25.65 was taken for association expenses. John Grider pronounced the benediction, and asked a blessing on the noon meal at the dismissal for the noon hour.

#### **Ministers Conference, Wednesday, 1:30 P. M., July 30, 1975**

The Assistant Moderator, Brother Bob Dickey, took charge, as the Ministers Conference program began. Becky York led the congregation in singing "Showers of Blessings," with Ramona York at the piano.

"The Trial of Jesus" was the subject dealt with in the conference, with different ministers discussing the different aspects of the trial and conviction.

Brother Thayne Fast dealt with the false accusation, with its injustices, as His enemies contrived to have Him crucified, as it relates to us, as the recipients of His victorious death in our stead.

Brother Corky Walker discussed the necessity of Christ's substitutionary death that man might have redemption from the inherited Adamic nature, which all humanity is possessed with.

At this time Sisters Ramona and Becky York brought some very beautiful, and inspiring songs, "Give Us Barabus," "Find No Fault in Him," and "Should Have Been Crucified."

Brother Steve Burton read from Scripture, and brought some facts that Christ's death was the fulfillment, in every phase, of what had been prophesied so many years before.

Brother Steve Lytle spoke on the accomplishments of Christ's death, and its uniqueness among the religions of the world. His death, burial and resurrection, being the key to His followers hope in eternal life, is a factor not found in any other.

#### **Sunday School and C. T. S. Wednesday Afternoon, 3:00 P. M.**

Brother Steve Burton took charge for the sessions on Sunday School and C. T. S. work. Becky York led the congregation in singing "Blessed Assurance," with Ramona York at the piano. Brother Charlie Hoover led in prayer and after some remarks concerning the work the special speakers, Steve and Judy Lytle, Missionary interns preparing to go to Panama, were introduced.

Sister Judy brought real interesting and inspiring thoughts, and advice on the importance of maintaining a live spiritual training program, in both the Sunday School and C. T. S. She brought out the fact that it is imperative that we maintain a high level of teaching and training in the local church, if we are to be able to provide the qualified leadership necessary to go out and evangelize the unchurched here at home, and reach out to "the uttermost parts."

She brought out the fact that there are just as evident symptoms present to herald the condition of "sick" Sunday School or C. T. S. as here are to diagnose a terminal disease. Some of the symptoms being unprepared teachers, disinterested students, part-time attendance, people attending either the Sunday School or the worship, but not both.

As a remedy they suggested some necessary prerequisites to a good training program. Some of these being: Teachers maintaining enthusiasm, through extensive preparation, being concerned about the lost, involving all persons in activity of a spiritual nature, and use of teaching aids—visual and otherwise—which would create an interest among students.

#### **Wednesday Evening Worship Service, 8:00 P. M., July 30, 1975**

The Moderator called the meeting together for worship, and Becky York led the congregation in singing "Standing on the Promises of God," and "Beulah Land," with Ramona York playing the piano.

Some beautiful numbers in song were brought at this time, as Sisters Ramona and Becky York sang "Skipping on the Clouds," and "Touring the City;" and Sister Pat Pitts sang "Death Cannot Hold Our King."

Moderator turned the service to the visiting Missionary Interns, Rev. and Mrs. Steve Lytle, who are expecting to serve God, as our representatives in Panama, Central America.

These young people are very dedicated to the Lord's work, and spoke enthusiastically, under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, of their urge to get to the mission field, and down to the business of winning souls.

Judy used Acts 4:12, as a basis for her message concerning the compelling force of the love of God, in motivating His people, and thrusting them out to the "regions beyond." She spoke briefly of her experience, as a summer missionary in Panama, and looked with great anticipation to returning there as a permanent missionary.

From Matt. 28:16, Brother Lytle brought a soul-inspiring message on the compelling love of God, and spoke with much fervor of his desire to fulfill what he feels is God's will for him life—to be an ambassador of his King, out in a lost world.

His words were full of power, and the unction of the Spirit, and a great challenge to the hearts of all of us, as he impressed everyone that it is imperative that we live consecrated lives if we are to be the witnesses He intended us to be, in reconciling the world to God.

By way of comparison, he likened the child of God to the Ambassador of a country—both are citizens of a country, and go out to represent the policies of his country, in a foreign land. Just as an ambassador represents the policies of his country to foreign governments, the Christian is a citizen of God's Kingdom, carrying the policies of God into the Kingdom of this world.

The compelling force to thrust the child of God out is the direct call of God, and his feeling of obligation, being a sinner saved by grace, should provide the impetus necessary.

To satisfy God all Christians are called on to make some necessary commitments. These are—pray, give, send and go. The "going" he qualified by saying that as God does not call everyone to leave and go to foreign lands, He calls them to go by sending some others in their place.

As "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" was sung, an invitation was given for total commitment. An offering of \$167.50 was taken for the Lytles, as a conclusion of the service.

#### **Thursday Morning, 9:45 A. M., July 31, 1975**

#### **DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION**

The service opened by singing "Oh, How I Love Jesus," led by Juanita Smith, with Pat Pitts at the piano. Dorothy Dickey led in

prayer.

The devotional thoughts were brought by Brother Thayne Fast, and he used Acts 1:10-11 as he enlarged on the association theme "He Lives." From Eph., he quoted Scripture which pointed to the importance of the Christian drawing on the strength of God daily, to empower him to overcome the temptations of the world, and give him grace to persevere in a consistent spiritual life.

Moderator Charlie Hoover called the meeting to order for business.

Report of the Obituary Committee read, M/S/C to receive report.

Report of Ministerial Standing Committee read, M/S/C to receive.

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

Report of Christian Education Committee was read, M/S/C to adopt report as a whole.

Report of statistician read, M/S/C to receive with necessary corrections and additions.

Moderator declared a short recess before the 11:00 Auxiliary hour. Dorothy Dickey pronounced the benediction.

11:00 A. M. July 31, 1975

#### DISTRICT WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

THEME: Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? Acts 9:6b.

Auxiliary President Alice Hoover called the meeting to order. Ionia Phillips led the congregation in singing "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations," accompanied by Ramona York. Prayer was offered by Pat Pitts of Aurora Free Will Baptist Mission. Our President asked that we concentrate our thoughts during the Auxiliary service upon the mission field right around our homes, and ask the Lord what He would have US to do.

Ramona York and daughter Becky played a piano duet, "America the Beautiful," as a tribute to our Centennial Year. They also sang two songs, "There's Something About That Name" and "What a Precious Friend Is He."

Rev. Steve Burton brought a message from Luke 18:18-23 with the thought, "Lord What Must I Do to Have Eternal Life?" The service was dismissed for the noon hour by missionary Steve Lytle.

#### Thursday Afternoon, 1:30 P. M., July 31

The convention reconvened and President Alice Hoover called us to order. Congregation sang, "If Jesus Goes With Me."

Juanita Smith brought us a fine devotion on hearing what God is telling us to do.

The Pleasant Ridge Singers from near Hickory Grove church presented five musical numbers for us.

Tina Hopkins sang "Jesus Loves Me."

"Your Home" was the subject of a wonderful talk given to us by Mrs. Vivian Markley of Joplin, Mo. Mrs. Markley and her husband work with Child Evangelism in the Joplin Area.

Martha Cooper of Oskaloosa church sang "Pass It On."

An offering was taken for Mrs. Markley, and then our president asked for a report from the nominating committee. Nominations were as follows:

President: Virginia Hoover

Vice President: Ionia Phillips

Secretary-Treasurer: Martha Cooper

Entire slate was elected by the body.

## TREASURER'S REPORT FOR AUXILIARY FUNDS

Balance on hand from previous year \_\_\_\_\$37.97  
Membership fees enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ 44.50  
Offering of the day \_\_\_\_\_ 35.55

**TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE** \_\_\_\_\_\$118.02

**EXPENSES:** Paid Pleasant Ridge Singers \_\_\_\_\$20.00  
Paid Vivian Markley \_\_\_\_\_ 35.00  
Paid .50 per mbr. to State Treas. \_\_\_\_ 16.00  
Paid to Assoc. Clerk for Printing \_\_\_\_ 10.00  
Total Expenses \_\_\_\_\_\$81.00

Balance on hand for year \_\_\_\_\_\$37.02

/s/ Virginia Bunton, Secreary-Treasurer

## Thursday Afternoon Business Session, 3:00 P. M., Aug. 1, 1975

The Moderator called the meeting to order to finish transacting business.

Report of Mission Committee was read, M/S/C to receive report.

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

Item 1: M/S/C to adopt; Item 2: M/S/C to adopt. Item 3: M/S/C to adopt. Item 4: M/S/C to adopt, and act upon immediately.

Moderator called for nominations for delegates to the State Meeting, at West Plains. Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Malone were elected, and the Moderator was instructed to appoint others who might be present at the meeting.

Due to a change in the date of the State Association, from Tuesday evening, 7:30 p. m., following the third Sunday in August, to Tuesday evening, 7:30 p. m., following the first Sunday in June, it will be convening before our next local association.

In order that our Central Western Association may be represented, the Moderator was instructed by the body to appoint delegates who might be present at that meeting, also.

Report of the Nominating Committee was read, M/S/C to receive report, and opportunity was given by Moderator, for nominations from the floor.

M/S/C that nominations be closed, and we proceed to elect all but the Moderator, and State Board Member, since there was a nomination from the floor for each of these offices.

M/S/C to elect Charlie Hoover as Moderator.

M/S/C to elect Charlie Hoover as State Board Member.

M/S/C to accept the Oskaloosa church's invitation to meet with them for the 1976 session.

M/S/C to adjourn until the 1976 session.

## REPORT ON COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Ministerial Standing Committee: Chairman, Orville Foger; Roger Phillips, Gladys Brooks, Virginia Hoover, Viola Bassone.

Christian Education Committee: Chairman, Juanita Smith; Theo Bough, John Gridler.

Obituary Committee: Chairman, Dorothy Dickey; Hazel Bowman, Frances Foger.

Nominating Committee: Chairman, John Bough; Hazel Fleeman, Hershel Malone.

Temperance Committee: Chairman, Thayne Fast; Joyce Rose, Iva Hensley.

Mission Committee: Chairman, Hollis Walker, jr.; Dale Pitts, Joe

# STATISTICAL TABLE

	Bethel	ElDorado	Hannon	Gr'nfd	Inkry Grove	Oskl'sa	Wagoner	Verdella	Evangel	TOTAL
M'bers Rec'd	3		13			13		10	38	77
Members Lost			1	4	6	3		6		20
Members Deceased										
Total M'b'sh'p	44	39	85	37	41	42	15	48	54	417
Prpty. Val. \$75,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	7,500.00	20,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$19,500.00	\$12,000.00	\$178,000.00	
S. S. Average	60	20	70	27	20	30		50	68	357
CTS Average			30					20		50
Midweek Avg.	20		35	12		15			35	117
Aux. Avg.	10		12					12		34
V. B. S. Avg.	50				20			45	50	165
Ord. Ministers	1	1	1	1	1	1		2	1	9
Lic. Ministers		1							1	2
Deacons										
Pd. Pastor	2,600.00	735.00	5,200.00	2,375.00	2,965.00	1,606.43		5,250.00	6,813.00	27,634.43
Pd. Evang.										
Foreign Mis'ns	525.00		2,612.88	1	94.72		43.50	968.18	743.00	5,106.78
Home Mis'ns	476.00		3,208.23	142.56		251.73	76.60	455.76		4,671.58
Co-op			1,492.05		266.28			891.66	1,029.00	3,678.99
Bible College			985.00						87.00	1,072.00
Orphanage					67.00					67.00
Home for Aged										54.00
Youth Camp								120.00		120.00
Lit. and Util.		323.85		422.67	697.04	835.23	154.32	2,144.35	1,776.00	6,353.46
Bldg., Rep.	41,000.00	1,769.50	1,986.80			203.73		57.61	8,871.00	53,888.64
Other Cont.			203.00			150.00				424.92
Budget	30.00	14.50	42.50	19.00	18.00	18.00	10.00	20.00	30.00	213.00
Total Spent			9,936.80	2,797.67	3,902.04			\$17,934.00	\$34,570.51	



Bassone.

Business Committee: Chairman, Bob Dickey; Steve Burton, Ramona York.

/s/ Bob Dickey, John Bough, Orville Foger

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Christian Education Committee Report:**

1. We recommend that all Free Will Baptists avail themselves of all the study courses offered by the Free Will Baptist Bible College.
2. We recommend that every church in this association have a 10-day Vacation Bible School.
3. We recommend that parents push attendance at our Free Will Baptist Colleges and Youth Camp.
4. We recommend the Free Will Baptist devotional booklet "Outlook" be used in family worship.
5. We recommend that the fundamental ordinances be taught the young people of our churches.
6. We recommend that each of our churches have a Mission Circle.

/s/ Juanita Smith, Theo Bough, John A. Grider

### **Mission Committee Report:**

We recommend that each church in the association strongly support the new mission work, starting in Stockton, in every way.

/s/ Hollis Walker, jr., Dale Pitts, Joe Bassone

### **Obituary Committee Report:**

We recommend that we have a moment of silent prayer of thanksgiving, since our Heavenly Father has not seen fit to call any of our members during the past year.

/s/ Dorothy Dickey, Hazel Bowman, Frances Foger

### **Business Committee Report:**

1. We recommend that our churches continue to support our local Home Mission program, as the Executive Board has called Rev. Lavelle Reeves to start a mission work in Stockton, Mo.
2. We recommend that the Executive Board send a recommendation to each church in the association, 30 days prior to the 1976 session, asking that they consider the possibility of changing the date our association convenes, so our reports would not be a year late getting to the State Association, since the State Association date had to be changed to Tuesday night following the first Sunday in June.
3. We recommend that this association comply with the State Association's request, that each association send \$5.00 per church to help defray expenses of the association.
4. We recommend that we give a standing vote of thanks, for the hospitality extended us by the Hickory Grove church.

/s/ Bob Dickey, Steve Burton, Ramona York

### **Ministerial Standing Committee Report:**

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

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

/s/ Orville Foger, Roger Phillips, Gladys Brooks, Virginia Hoover, Viola Bassone

### **Temperance Committee Report:**

1. We recommend that all Christians speak out against legalizing

harmful drugs.

2. We recommend that we remain firm on Article 2 of 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 amusements, and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the us and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to provide things honest in the sight of all men."

3. We recommend that Christians speak out, and every family regulate their TV entertainment, against sinful advertisements and amusement.

/s/ Thayne Fast, Iva Hensley, Joyce Rose

#### **Nominating Committee Report:**

We recommend the following as officers for the coming year:

Moderator, Deacon Charlie Hoover

Assistant Moderator, Rev. Bob Dickey

Clerk-Treasurer, Thora Grider

Assistant Clerk, Alice Hoover

Statistician, Ionia Phillips

Itinerant Contact, Dorothy Dickey

Executive Board Member for five years, Rev. Fidell Bridges

State General Board Member, Deacon Charlie Hoover

/s/John E. Bough, Hazel Fleeman, Hershel Malone

#### **REGISTRATION**

**MINISTERS**—Steve Lytle, Dale Pitts, Thayne Fast, Bob Dickey, Hollis Walker, jr., Steve Burton.

**VISITORS**—Joey Bassone, Teresa Dickey, Jim Bassone, Nancy Fleeman, Steve Lytle, Judy Lytle, Nina Holt, George Holt, Louise Jones, David Dickey, Tina Dickey, Connie Jones, Patricia Jones, Tammy Jones, Angela Shriver, Alice Hoover, Tina Hopkins, Martha Cooper.

**STANDING DELEGATES**—Frances Foger, Vickie Burton, Dorothy Dickey, Patricia Pitts, Dale Pitts, Roger Phillips, Rebecca York, Theo Bough, Charlie Hoover, John Bough.

**ELECTED DELEGATES**—Virginia Hoover, Joyce Rose, Viola Bassone, Joe Bassone, Gladys Brooks, Stephanie Hensley, Iva Hensley, John A. Grider, Hazel Bowman, Juanita Smith, Hazel Fleeman, H. E. Malone, Ramona York, Betty Gilmartin, Ionia Phillipt, Virginia Bunton.

#### **MINISTERS' REPORTS**

**REV. FIDELL BRIDGES**—Sermons preached, 98; churches pastored, 1; professions witnessed, 8; rededications, 1; funerals preached, 4; miles traveled, 3,000; money received, \$2,600.00.

**REV. STEVE BURTON**—Sermons preached, 92; churches pastored, 1; professions witnessed, 6; number baptized, 6; funerals preached, 1; miles traveled, 22,000; money received, \$5,200.00.

**REV. HOLLIS WALKER, JR.**—Sermons preached, 16; professions witnessed, 1; miles traveled, 300; money received, \$65.00.

**REV. BOB DICKEY**—Sermons preached, 93; professions witnessed, 18; number baptized, 14; additions to church, 13; funerals preached, 5; miles traveled, 8,000; money received, \$1,683.

**REV. DALE PTTS**—Sermons preached, 135; churches pastored, 1; professions witnessed, 32; miles traveled, 10,000; money received, \$7,200.00.

**REV. ANDY W. LAY**—Sermons preached, 102; churches pastored, 1; revivals held, 2; professions witnessed, 51; number baptized, 23;

additions to church, 38; funerals preached, 2; miles traveled, 28,000; money received, \$6,988.00.

**REV. MORGAN R. WALKER**—Sermons preached, 102; churches pastored, 1; miles traveled, 600; money received, \$735.00.

**REV. THAYNE FAST**—Sermons preached, 98; churches pastored, 1; funerals preached, 2; miles traveled, 11,780; weddings performed, 2; money received, \$2,965.00.

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT FOR 1975**

**March 23, 1975, Oskaloosa Church**

1. The Board met at the close of the 5th Sunday meeting and set a date to plan the program for the 1975 association.
2. Decided to contact Rev. Lavelle Reeves and see if he was interested in helping with the Mission work.

**June 9, 1975, Independence Church**

1. The Board met with Rev. Bill Christiansen concerning the Mission program.
2. Made plans concerning the program for the Association.

**June 29, 1975, Hannon Church**

1. The Board met at the close of the 5th Sunday meeting and set a date to examine Brother Phil Munn for the office of deacon.
2. The Board has met several times during the year concerning the Mission program and made many telephone calls to ministers to see if they were interested in starting one.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Balance July '74 .....	\$82.77
Offering from 5th Sunday .....	30.00
Costs for Youth Camp .....	112.77
(cots and bunks)	
Screen Door, Youth Camp .....	16.72

**BALANCE JULY '75 .....** \$22.93

### **Association Treasurer's Report July 1974-75, to Association**

Balance July, 1974 .....	\$162.05
Budget from church letters, 1974-1975 .....	183.50
Home Mission Offering .....	78.54
Offering for Association Expense .....	59.10
Contributions From Other Sources for Printing of Minutes .....	31.62

**\$514.91**

### **DISBURSEMENTS:**

Printing of Minutes .....	\$126.48
Home Mission Offering .....	78.54
Phone Calls .....	8.50
Mailing of Local, State and National Minutes .....	6.70
Programs for Association .....	20.00
Bob Dickey, Expenses to State Board Meeting .....	66.74
Clerical Supplies .....	7.05
Clerical Expense, Thora Grider .....	27.52

**\$341.73**

**\$173.18**

### **CONSTITUTION**

Article 1—Name and Composition.—This organization shall be known as the Central Western Missouri Association of Free Will Bap-

tists, 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, 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 Associa-

tion who is a user of tobacco, alcohol, or who cannot qualify according to I Timothy 3:1-12 and Titus 1:6-9.

Article 12.—Section 1.—It shall be required of the ministry of this Association to adhere to sound doctrine in both preaching and practice as embraced in our Treatise of Faith and Practice. It shall further be the duty of the active ministries to report each year by letter and at least once in three 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.