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of the 73rd Annual Session

of the

CENTRAL WESTERN  
MISSOURI ASSOCIATION

OF

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

When Convened With

ELDORADO SPRINGS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Friday Evening, March 27, 1981

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OF

LIBERAL, MO.

Friday Evening, April 2, 1982

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1981

OFFICERS

MODERATOR	Deacon Charley Hoover, Liberal, Mo.
ASSISTANT MODERATOR	Deacon Phillip Munn, Liberal, Mo.
CLERK - TREASURER	Thora Grider, Greenfield, Mo.
ASSISTANT CLERK	Tonia Phillips, Liberal, Mo.
STATISTICIAN	Lita Munn, Liberal, Mo.
ITENIRANT CONTACT	Rev. Bob Dickey, Liberal, Mo.
STATE GENERAL, BOARD MEMBER	Deacon Charley Hoover, Liberal, Mo.

EXECUTIVE AND HOME MISSION BOARD

1. BETHEL	REV. FIDELL BRIDGES	1982
2. EVANGEL	REV. STEVEN SHAW	1982
3. ELDORADO SPRINGS FIRST	REV. MORGAN WALKER	1982
4. GREENFIELD	REV. LOWELL MARTIN	1982
5. HANNON	DEACON CHARLEY HOOVER	1983
6. HICKORY GROVE	REV. THAYNE FAST	1983
7. INDEPENDENCE	DEACON DEE YORK	1983
8. OSKALOOSA	DEACON PHILLIP MUNN	1984
9. STOCKTON	DEACON JOHN BOUGH	1984
10. VERDELLA	DEACON ROGER PHILLIPS	1984

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BETHEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, ELDORADO SPRINGS, MO.  
Lois Smith, 106 E. Poplar, Eldorado Springs, Mo. 64744

EVANGEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, 221 S. Liberty, Webb City, Mo.  
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VERDELLA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Liberal, Mo.  
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## MINISTERS OF CHURCHES

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Rev. Steven C. Shaw, 503 Lone Elm, Carl Junction, Mo. 64834  
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Rev. Morgan Walker, R#1, Eldorado Springs, Mo. 64744  
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Rev. Bob Dickey, Liberal, Mo. 64762  
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Rev. Stan Bunch, R#2, Liberal, Mo. 64762

## MINISTERS OF CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI ASSOCIATION

Rev. Fidell Bridges, Eldorado Springs, Mo.; Rev. John McClure, Stockton, Mo.; Rev. Steven Shaw, Carl Junction, Mo.; Rev. Elwood Perry, Jerico Springs, Mo. Rev. Morgan Walker, Eldorado Springs, Mo.; Rev. Thayne Fast, Liberal, Mo.; Rev. Bob Dickey, Liberal, Mo.; Rev. Stan Bunch, Liberal, Mo.; Rev. Hollis Walker, Jr., Liberal, Mo.; and two superannuated: Rev. Lowell Martin, Greenfield, Mo., and Rev. Arley Hoover, Liberal, Mo.

## PROCEEDINGS

Friday Evening, March 27, 1981

The 73rd annual session of Central Western Missouri Free Will Baptist Association convened with Eldorado Springs First Church. The meeting was called to order by the clerk, who declared a quorum present and called the Moderator, Bro. Charley Hoover, to take charge following a hearty welcome extended by the host pastor Bro. Morgan Walker.

The worship program began with congregational singing led by Roger Phillips with sister Paula McClure at the piano. Songs were "Power in the Blood", and, "I Love To Tell the Story".

The Moderator brought some remarks concerning business to be transacted, and committees to be appointed.

Bro. Charley called attention to the theme of the association, "Serve God with all your heart, that ye be not deceived", using scripture from both Deuteronomy, and Luke; making some comments concerning the urgency for being spiritually prepared, in the face of increasing ungodliness.

An offering of \$64.35 was taken to defray association expenses, and special music was called for.

The McClure children's songs were thoroughly enjoyed, also, Bro. John and Sister Paula brought some beautiful songs with Sister Ramona York playing.

At this time the moderator called Bro. Clarence Burton, of the Missouri State Association Office, to bring news from our state office, and to bring the message of the evening.

He complimented the Central Western Association for its constant and consistent support of the work in general over the years, and called attention to special needs currently existing.

Basing his remarks on scriptures from Mark, Phillipians, Acts, and other Books, he brought a soul-stirring message on the theme "Serve with all your heart". He emphasized the fact that only by total commitment of the heart could a child of God, of a pharisaical nature, be freed for complete, unreserved dedication to God.

Every recess of the human heart must be permeated by the Holy Spirit, if one is to enjoy perfect peace, have the wonderful fellowship God has for His own, and be in the place of effective, and efficient service.

God's people should not be forgetful of the fact that aside from the act of conversion, it is imperative to experience many infillings of the Spirit, to accomplish the continual tasks to satisfy the demands, and expectations of a Holy God. Also, it is important to remember that the work of God is not to be carried on completely between four walls, but the field must be the world.

The word of God must be spoken and lived with boldness if the will and purpose of the Great Commission is carried out.

"Is thy heart right with God" was sung as an invitation was extended for any one to come who desired to seek God either for salvation, or to desire a closer walk for service.

After remarks concerning the Saturday morning session and the appointment of committees, the evening service closed.

#### SATURDAY MORNING 9:45 BUSINESS SESSION, MARCH 28, 1981

The morning session was called to order by congregational singing of "When we all get to Heaven", led by Lita Munn, with Ramona York playing.

The Moderator took charge and called on Bro. Elwood Perry for prayer.

Roger Littlefield brought a beautiful, meaningful solo, after which Bro. Bob Dickey led in prayer.

Bro. Steven Shaw brought the devotional from Deut. 11:13. From this scripture he brought some thoughts along the line of the thoughts contained in Bro. Roger Littlefield's song, which stressed the need of entertaining a humble and contrite heart in order to be able to respond to the needs of the lost, or needy soul who is weak in the faith.

The moderator called for the reading of the By-Laws, which Phillip Munn read, preceeding the continuation of business.

Church letters were read, and M/S/C to receive, and seat the delegates.

Report of the Executive Board was read and M/S/C to receive.  
Report of the Statistician read and M/S/C to receive.  
Moderator, after some remarks to committees, asked Bro. Thayne  
Fast to dismiss the business session, to resume at 3:00 P. M.  
following the Auxiliary Meeting.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY SESSION 11:00 A. M., MARCH 28, 1981  
Theme: "For Where Your Treasure Is, There Will Your Heart Be Also"  
Luke: 12:34

The meeting opened with Brenda Bunch, President, giving a welcome to everyone. Ionia Phillips led in prayer. Paula McClure led the congregation in singing "Blessed Assurance" with Ramona York at the piano. Lita Munn, Loretta Hoover, and Jan Munn sang "Born To Serve The Lord" and "Only One Life".

Sister Shirley Bowden, Lebanon, Missouri gave a beautiful book review on "I'm A Woman, By God's Design" written by Beverly LaHaye. In her message she explained the steps we must take in accepting ourselves as a woman, according to God's Word.

The Treasurers report was given by Lita Munn. The President appointed Alice Hoover, Wilma Smith, Doris Whitson and Irma Mouttet as a nominating committee. Alice Hoover than dismissed with prayer.

#### WOMAN'S AUXILIARY BUSINESS SESSION 2:00 P.M.

Session was called together by Brenda Bunch with Faye Marshall leading in prayer. With Ramona York at the piano and Paula McClure as song leader the congregation sang "He Leadeth Me". Announcements were made concerning the Fellowship Dinner, May 12th and State Retreat in September. Sister Paula McClure gave a devotion using I Timothy 6: 6-12 - But Godliness with contentment is great gain. Pointing out the fact that we brought nothing into this world, and we can carry nothing out.

"He Was There All The Time" was sang by Pam Niehaus accompanied by Virginia Bunton at the piano. Paula McClure than led the congregation in singing "Ready". A beautiful reading entitled "The Shunammite" was given by Joan Kirby.

An offering of \$107.10 was taken with Dorothy Dickey asking the blessing on it, to be shared by our morning and afternoon speakers.

Sister Patsy Gwartney from Central Free Will Baptist Church, Grandview, Mo. spoke on our Attitudes Toward Riches (earthly and eternal). She did an excellent job bringing out the auxiliary theme "For Where Your Treasure Is, There Will Your Heart Be Also".

The nominating committee reported and the officers remained the same for the following year: Brenda Bunch-President, Joan Owens-Vice President and Lita Munn-Secretary-Treasurer.

A prayer of dedication for the new officers and benediction was given by Juanita Smith.

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION 3:00 P. M. March 28, 1981

Congregational singing brought the meeting to order. Sister Lita Munn led in singing "Higher Ground" with Sister Ramona York playing.

Business was resumed with the reading of the reports.

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

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

Item No. 1 read, and M/S/C to adopt.

Item No. 2 read, and M/S/C to adopt.

Item No. 3 read, and M/S/C to adopt.

Item No. 4 read, and M/S/C to adopt.

The matter of appointing delegates to the State Association was discussed, and M/S/C to empower the Moderator to appoint them from those who are in attendance at the time of the State Meeting.

A discussion of the church in line for the next local association, which would be Greenfield Free Will Baptist, resulted in changing places as the church at Greenfield felt it would be a hardship, because of some prevailing conditions at this time. M/S/C to meet at the Hannon Church for the 1982 session.

Since the time of the Executive and Home Mission Board Members of Oskaloosa, Stockton, and Verdella was expiring, appointments were called for to fill the office. M/S/C to retain the same officials, from their respective churches for another three years.

Report of the Nominating Committee read, and M/S/C to accept.

The Moderator declared all business finished, and called for a motion for adjournment. M/S/C to adjourn to meet with the Hannon Church for the 1982 session to convene on Friday Evening April 2, following the fourth Sunday in March.

Benediction by Bro. John Bough.

#### SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE MARCH, 28, 1981

The Moderator called the house to order, and asked Bro. John Bough to lead in prayer.

Sister Juanita Smith led the congregation in singing "At Calvary", with Sister Ramona York at the piano, and Bro. Phillip Munn led in prayer.

"We have an Anchor", was led by Juanita, after which some beautiful music was brought by Elton Tolliver and his little granddaughter, which was very much enjoyed.

As Sister Ramona York blessed with some beautiful numbers on the piano, and offering of \$59.31 was received.

Bro. Fidell Bridges challenged with an inspiring, and thought provoking message, in line with other messages, on the matter of worshipping with all the heart. The essence of his remarks carried the fact of the necessity to first "harken" as commanded in so many scriptures, then to act upon the message received by the heart, without any reservations. This can only come as a result of the soul saturated, and enraptured with, and by the presence of the Holy Spirit, as He does his office work in the heart. The effect will be magnetic on other hearts who come in contact with one whose deepest emotions have been stirred by the moving of the Holy Spirit.

The benediction was pronounced by Bro. Harold Smith.

## REGISTRATION

MINISTERS - Rev. Morgan Walker, Rev. Stan Bunch, Rev. John McClure, Rev. Fidell Bridges, Rev. Elwood Perry, Rev. Steven Shaw, Rev. Thayne Fast, Rev. Bob Dickey.

DEACONS - Phillip E. Munn, Jr., Roger Phillips, Reed Smith, Carl Bough, Dee York, Amos Eastman, John Bough, Charley Hoover.

VISITORS - Rev. Clarence Burton, Vivian Burton, Charri McClure, Paulette Munn, Opal Williams, Jared McClure, Fay Marshall, Mary Cross, Theo Bough, Hazel Bowman, Chris Gilbert, Shelley Gilbert, Ethel O'Conner, Lucille Miller, Shirley Bowden, Loretta Hoover, Regina McClure, Nikki McClure.

STANDING DELEGATES - Paula McClure, Ramona York, Anna Walker, Amos Eastman, Bernice Eastman, Mildred Kicenski, Mary E. Perry, Mae Cliffman, Margaret Walker, Wilma Smith, Dorothy Dickey, Brenda Bunch.

## BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

We recommend that each church set their own goal in raising funds for the youth camp, since past efforts have failed to materialize in trying to accomplish this.

We recommend that Bro. Steve Shaw send each church a reminder pertaining to this need.

We recommend each church to continue support for the Stockton Mission; as the fund is getting low. We encourage that an effort be made soon to help relieve in this need.

We recommend that we give the Eldorado Springs First, and The Bethel Church a standing vote of thanks for the wonderful fellowship, and hospitality shown during this session.

We recommend that each church in this association participate in revival efforts during the month of October, if possible.

/s/ Stan Bunch, Bob Dickey, John Bough, Lita Munn, Stella White, and Fidell Bridges.

## MINISTERIAL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your committee in ministerial standing, have examined the reports of these ministers, and found them to be in good standing.

Reported in person: Fidell Bridges, John McClure, Steven Craig Shaw, Elwood Perry, Morgan Walker, Thayne Fast, Bob Dickey, Stan Bunch and Hollis Walker Jr.; Andy Lay did not report.

Superannuated are: Lowell Martin, and Arley Hoover.

/s/ Phillip Munn, Bill Owens, Doris Whitson, John Grider, and Ramona York.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Nominating Committee, do nominate the following to serve the association during the coming year.

Moderator: Charley Hoover

Assistant Moderator: Phillip Munn

Clerk-Treasurer: Thora Grider



Assistant Clerk: Ionia Phillips  
Statistician: Lita Munn  
Itinerant Contact: Bob Dickey  
State General Board Member: Charley Hoover

/s/ Roger Phillips, Beaterice Bough, Harold Smith, Hollis Walker, Jr., and Steven Shaw.

### MINISTER'S REPORTS

Rev. Steven Craig Shaw - Sermons preached, 105; churches pastored, 1; number baptized, 4; professions witnessed, 9; additions to church, 4; miles traveled, 5360.

Rev. Bob Dickey - Sermons preached, 96; Churches pastored, 1; professions witnessed, 10; number baptized, 10; funerals preached, 6; miles traveled, 8000; amount received, \$10,400.00; weddings performed, 2; additions to church 28.

Rev. Morgan Walker - Sermons preached, 84; churches pastored, 1; funerals preached, 1; miles traveled, 600; amount received, \$780.00.

Rev. Hollis Walker, Jr., Number baptized, 1; funerals preached, 1;

Rev. Thayne Fast - Sermons preached, 47; churches pastored, 1; amount received, \$2960.00; miles traveled, 10,200.

Rev. Stan Bunch - Sermons preached, 130; churches pastored, 1; professions witnessed, 18; number baptized, 12; additions to church, 7; miles traveled, 9,280; amount received, \$6500.00

Rev. Elwood Perry - Sermons preached, 62; churches pastored, 2; revivals held, 1; funerals preached, 4; miles traveled, 1,250; dedicated, 1; amount received, \$240.00.

Rev. Fidell Bridges - Sermons preached, 100; churches pastored, 1; revivals held, 1; professions witnessed, 6; number baptized, 6; additions to church, 8; funerals preached, 5; amount received, \$8,075.73.

Rev. John McClure - Sermons preached, 151; Churches pastored, 1; additions to church, 15; miles traveled, 4,200; amount received, \$8,580.00; (Stockton Mission Church, in charge of Bro. McClure, Missionary)

### ASSOCIATION TREASURER'S REPORT MARCH 1980 - MARCH 1981

Balance, March 1980	\$190.88
Receipts:	
Church Budget Money	\$212.00
Association Offering	66.00
Total receipts	278.00
	<u>\$468.88</u>

Disbursements:	
Association Minutes	\$ 95.00
General Board Member's Expense to State	90.00
State Expense Money	45.00
Clerk's Honorarium	31.80

# STATISTICAL TABLE

	Bethel	Eldorado First	Hannon	Greenfield	Index	Hickory Grove	Oskaloosa	Verdella	Webb City Evangel	TOTAL	Stockton Mission
Members Received	8	0	26	0	1	0	0	0	4	44	5
Members Lost	17	6	1	0	1	4	1	1	2	33	0
Members Deceased	1	1	1	0	-	-	0	0	1	4	0
Total Membership	64	18	109	36	8	15	23	59	39	390	19
Sunday School Ave.	95	15	80	24	8	17	19	68	33	377	18
Women's Auxiliary	-	0	19	-	-	-	8	12	9	48	-
Ordained Ministers	1	1	2	1	-	-	1	2	2	10	-
Licensed Ministers	1	0	-	-	1	1	0	0	-	3	-
Ordained Deacons	1	1	3	-	2	-	2	4	-	14	1
Pastor Salary	7940.29	780.00	10600.00	4056.19	50.0	2950.00	3006.53	6500.00	7960.00	49,843.01	Housing 6880.00
Evangelistic	250.00	40.00	300.00	380.00	600.0	200.00	28.82	800.00	-	2,797.88	199.06
Building Repair	1725.09	79.95	333.47	-	-	-	1916.81	3593.65	175.00	8,879.97	1056.00
Literature	-	108.77	1292.86	142.15	66.1	116.05	279.97	1296.00	-	3,545.05	243.10
Other	-	-	2874.13	657.72	994.8	-	62.25	1080.18	2872.00	8,643.34	102.26
TOTAL LOCAL CAUSES	9915.38	1008.72	15400.46	5236.06	1710.9	3266.05	5294.38	13269.83	11007.00	76,389.25	10280.42
Co-op	-	60.00	2615.00	-	-	187.99	225.30	1565.30	527.00	5,180.59	-
Foreign Missions	1348.03	-	1307.50	-	-	187.99	70.00	240.00	49.00	3,348.52	146.00
Home Missions	2001.98	-	2898.50	374.45	210.6	-	887.70	2079.00	-	8,472.30	20.00
Orphanage	-	-	-	-	-	107.00	-	-	-	107.00	-
Assoc. Projects	-	60.00	-	-	1200.0	-	170.00	-	51.00	1,481.00	-
Other	17801.16	-	1765.23	-	32.0	920.55	-	459.02	181.00	20,464.16	25.20
TOTAL OUTSIDE CAUSES	3350.01	120.00	8586.23	374.45	1442.6	1403.53	1353.00	4343.32	808.00	21,972.41	191.20
TOTAL SPENT	30,346.55	1128.72	23986.69	5610.51	3153.6	4669.58	6647.38	17613.15	11815.00	115,442.82	10471.62
Church Property	125,000.00	20000.00	-	-	-	20000.00	12000.00	-	24000.00	251,000.00	50000.00

Association Programs	15.00	
Mailing Minutes	7.42	
New Checkbooks	3.95	
Phone Bill	2.66	
Total Disbursements:		<u>\$290.03</u>
Balance March 28, 1981		\$178,85

#### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD FROM MARCH 29, 1980 TO MARCH 27, 1981

Moderator, Charlie Hoover; Assistant Chairman, John Bough; Secretary - Treasurer, Phillip Munn; Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Roger Phillips.

March 28, 1980: Evangel F.W.B. Church. The meeting was held during the Association, to examine Bro. Stan Bunch for ordination. After examination a vote was taken to approve him for ordination.

March 29, 1980: After the Association closed the board met to organize for the following year. The Executive Board remains the same. The officers named above were nominated, and voted in for the coming year. The program committee (Charlie Hoover, Rev. Bob Dickey, Roger Phillips, and Phillip Munn) will remain the same.

May 16, 1980: Hannon F.W.B. Church. This special meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Fidel Bridges. Rev. Steve Shaw brought a short devotion. This meeting was called to discuss the various problems that the Stockton Mission was having. Two members of the Board were to check on the problems and report back to the Board.

June 7, 1980: Independence F. W. B. Church: The meeting was called after the Quarterly Meeting adjourned. Reports were read, approved, and accepted. Approval was given to purchase mattresses for the boys cabin at Youth Camp. Rev. Fidel Bridges gave a report on the Stockton Mission; a discussion followed and no further action was to be taken at this time.

September 6, 1980: Oskaloosa F. W. B. Church. The Board met at the conclusion of the Quarterly Meeting, but did not have a quorum. The financial situation was discussed. A special meeting was set for 2:30 P. M. Sunday, September 14th at Stockton.

September 14, 1980: Stockton F. W. B. Church. There was a discussion about the financial status of the Executive Board. Motion was made and seconded to increase Bro. McClure's salary to \$125.00 a week and housing allowance to \$215.00 a month until the end of October, 1980, at which time he would be paid what is taken in unless it exceeds the present salary and housing allowance.

October 5, 1980: Stockton F. W. B. Church. Reports were read, approved, and accepted. There was further discussion about the financial situation of the Mission. The Board decided to pay Bro. McClure \$50.00 for each trip to promote the Mission to the Churches in our Association.

December 6, 1980: Stockton F. W.B. Church. The Board met at the conclusion of the Quarterly meeting, but did not have a quorum. It was decided to meet in January at the Mission to plan the Association programs.

January 9, 1981: Stockton F. W. B. Church. This meeting was held at the Mission to plan the program for the yearly Association, when it convenes March 27, 28, of 1981. Reports were read, approved, and accepted. Eight Board Members were present. The financial status of the Mission was again discussed and Bro. John Bough reported that the debt was reduced to \$19,416.79. Discussion about starting work on the boys cabin at the Youth Camp when the amount of funds reached \$2,000.00, this amount was set at the Verdella meeting in 1978. There was also discussion about the state wide revival in October. At the conclusion of the business meeting refreshments were served, and a time of fellowship was enjoyed by all.

# CENTRAL WESTERN EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

Annual

04/08/80 - 02/28/81

04/08/80	YOUTH CAMP FUND		
	Balance	1,358.08	
	Expenses	95.29	
	Contributions	73.20	
02/28/81	Balance	<u>1,335.99</u>	
04/08/80	GENERAL ACCOUNT		
	Balance	164.86	
	Expenses		
	Salary Rev. John McClure	5,750.00	
	Housing Rev. John McClure	2,150.00	
	Travel Rev. John McClure	200.00	
	Miscellaneous	10.70	
	Total Expenses	<u>8,110.70</u>	
	INCOME		
	Bethel	1,528.31	
	Evangel	51.00	
	Eldorado First	55.00	
	Greenfield	374.45	
	Hannon	2,888.50	
	Hickory Grove	187.99	
	Independence	177.93	
	Oskaloosa	896.70	
	Verdella	1,745.00	
	Other contributions	<u>230.00</u>	
	Total Income	<u>8,134.88</u>	
02/28/81	Current Balance	189.04	

CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI DISTRICT AUXILIARY  
Treasurer's Annual Report 1981

	Evangel 6	Hannon 19	Oskaloosa 8	Verdella 12	TOTAL 45
Members On Roll					
Home Missions					
Pre-Thanksgiving Offering		50.00		25.00	75.00
State Missions Offering	22.25	50.00			72.25
Special Projects		50.00			50.00
Foreign Missions					
Pre-Easter Offering		100.00		29.25	129.25
Special Projects		100.00			100.00
Bible Colleges					
Student Loan Funds		40.00			40.00
WNAC General Fund (Emphasis Mo.)		40.00	25.00		65.00
Co-Laborer Offerings	10.00	83.24		50.50	123.74
Children's Homes		200.00		15.00	215.00
Auxiliary Literature & Supplies			5.09	45.30	50.39
Local Church Activities		175.18	22.60		197.78
Other Special Offerings		53.60		52.50	106.10
TOTAL Disbursements	32.25	922.02	52.69	217.55	1224.51
Cash Gifts					
Home Missions	16.15				16.15
TOTAL CASH GIFTS	16.15				
Non Cash Gifts (Evaluate)					
Children's Homes				10.00	10.00
Missionary Provision Closet				15.00	15.00
TOTAL NON CASH GIFTS				25.00	25.00
GRAND TOTAL DISBURSED	48.40	922.02	52.69	242.55	1265.66

## 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: Officer. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, an Assistant Clerk, a Treasurer, and 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 maintain a Board, to be known as the Home Mission and Executive Board of the Central Western Missouri Association. This Board shall be made up of one ordained person from each church. If an ordained representative is not available, a church may recommend a non-ordained person, who otherwise meets the qualifications for ordination stated in these By-Laws. Such members shall be elected by the Association, with consideration given to the nominees submitted by their churches.

One third of the members of this board shall be elected each year, for a three year term of office. (The churches shall be listed alphabetically with the first third and fraction, if any, elected for a one year term; the second third and fraction, if any, elected for a two year term; and the third third elected for a three year term.)

The duties of this board shall be: to serve as trustees of any, and all, property belonging to the association; to serve as the examining council of the Association; to promote, and oversee Home Mission work within the Association; to act upon any expedient business of the Association that may arise between meetings of the Association.

The board must have at least a simple majority present to officially conduct business.

Article 7: This Association shall meet annually on Friday, following the fourth Sunday in March, and continue through Saturday night. 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 of 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 delegated 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 in the Association to determine its own fiscal year. We suggest March 1st to February 20 or 29.

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 dollar (\$5.00) per church plus fifty cents (50¢) 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 of 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 1 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 Threatise 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.