

**minutes**

of the 74th Annual Session

of the

**CENTRAL WESTERN  
MISSOURI ASSOCIATION**

OF

**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

When Convened With

**HANNON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Friday Evening, April 2, 1982**

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The 75th Annual Session

Will Meet With the

**HICKORY GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

OF

**HARRISONVILLE, MO.**

**Friday Evening, April 1, 1983**

MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF  
FREE WILL BAPTIST  
1982

OFFICERS

MODERATOR	Deacon Phillip Munn, Liberal, Mo.
ASSISTANT MODERATOR	Deacon Charlie Hoover, Liberal, Mo.
CLERK - TREASURER	Doris Whitson, Liberal, Mo.
ASSISTANT CLERK	Thora Grider, Greenfield, Mo.
STATISTICIAN	Lita Munn, Liberal, Mo.
ITENIRANT CONTACT	Rev. Bob Dickey, Liberal, Mo.

EXECUTIVE AND HOME MISSION BOARD

1. HANNON	DEACON CHARLIE HOOVER	1983
2. HICKORY GROVE	REV. THAYNE FAST	1983
3. INDEPENDENCE	DEACON DEE YORK	1983
4. OSKALOOSA	DEACON PHILLIP MUNN	1984
5. STOCKTON	DEACON JOHN BOUGH	1984
6. VERDELLA	DEACON ROGER PHILLIPS	1984
7. BETHEL	REV. FIDELL BRIDGES	1985
8. EVANGEL	REV. STEVEN SHAW	1985
9. ELDORADO SPRINGS FIRST	REV. MORGAN WALKER	1985
10. GREENFIELD	REV. LOWELL MARTIN	1985

CHURCH CLERKS

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  
Evelyn Simpson, 725 W. Broadway, Webb City, MO 64870

ELDORADO SPRINGS FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Park and Marshall St.  
Mildred Kicenski, 111 W. Walnut, Eldorado Springs, MO 64744

GREENFIELD FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, S. Allison  
Lucille Franklin, 403 Toney Ave., Greenfield, MO 65661

HANNON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Liberal, MO  
Margaret Smith, Liberal, MO 64762

HICKORY GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Harrisonville, MO  
Stephanie A. Henley, Rt. 3, Harrisonville, MO 64701

INDEPENDENCE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Stockton, MO  
Ramona L. York, Rt. 3, Stockton, MO 65785

OSKALOOSA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Arcadia, KS  
Wilma Smith, Rt. 1, Liberal, MO 64762

STOCKTON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH (Mission)  
Rev. Fidell Bridges, 109 W. Cruse, Eldorado Springs, MO 64744

VERDELL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Liberal, MO  
Mae Cliffman, Rt. 1, Irwin, MO 64754

## MINISTERS OF CHURCHES

BETHEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Eldorado Springs, MO  
None Reported.

EVANGEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, 221 S. Liberty, Webb City, MO  
Rev. Steven C. Shaw, 503 Lone Elm, Carl Junction, MO 64834

ELDORADO SPRINGS FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Eldorado Springs, MO  
Rev. Morgan Walker, Rt. 1, Eldorado Springs, MO 64744

GREENFIELD FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Greenfield, MO  
Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, MO 65708

HANNON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Liberal, MO  
Rev. Bob Dickey, Liberal, MO 64762

HICKORY GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Harrisonville, MO  
Rev. Thayne Fast, Liberal, MO 64762

INDEPENDENCE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Stockton, MO  
None Reported.

OSKALOOSA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Arcadia, KS  
Rev. Cecil Campbell, Stella, MO 64867

STOCKTON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Stockton, MO  
Rev. Fidell Bridges, 109 W. Cruse, Eldorado Springs, MO 64744

VERDELLA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Liberal, MO  
Rev. Stan Bunch, Rt. 1, Box 1C, Liberal, MO 64762

## PROCEEDINGS

Friday Evening, April 2, 1982, 7:00 P.M.

The 74th annual session of Central Western Missouri Free Will Baptist Association convened with Hannon Church.

Congregational singing "The Light of the World Is Jesus" was led by Rev. Bob Dickey, who also extended a welcome, as pastor of the church. Ionia Phillips, assistant clerk, took charge declaring a quorum present for transaction of business, and called the moderator, Charlie Hoover to conduct business.

Following announcements, there were more congregational songs, and prayer, after which Rev. Stan Bunch led the young people present in a Bible Bowl Match, which was enjoyed by everyone.

The Evangel youth group gave two special numbers, after which the evening offering, of \$166.85 was taken to be sent to Nashville to Doug Hoovers account, to assist Lini in summer mission work.

Bro. Doug Hoover, student from Hillsdale College, in Moore, Oklahoma, brought the message, and the congregation was dismissed by prayer.

Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the service.

## SATURDAY MORNING 9:45 A.M. BUSINESS SESSION APRIL 3, 1982

The Moderator called the meeting to order, and called on Bro. Fidell Bridges for prayer. The congregation sang, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus", led by Bro. Bob Dickey.

The moderator declared a quorum present for business. Lita and Jan Munn blessed the congregation with three numbers, "Give Them All To Jesus", "Pass It On", and "Tears are a Language".

Bro. Curt Holland, brought thought as a devotional, from John 1:35-38, "What Seek Ye", holding out the fact that our main priority is bringing others to Christ. Seek them out, and be persevering in an effort to bring them to Him. Asking the question "What if someone had not shared the message of salvation with us?", and the consequences if we don't.

By-laws were read by Bro. Phillip Munn, and business called for.

Church letters were read, and delegates seated for business deliberations.

Report of the Executive Board was read, and M/S/C to accept as read.

Report of Association Clerk-Treasurer was read, and M/S/C to receive.

Report of Executive Board Clerk-Treasurer was read by Phillip Munn, and M/S/C to accept as read.

Report of Statistician read, and M/S/C to receive.

Meeting was adjourned for auxiliary meeting, and prayer by Bro. Steve Shaw.

#### WOMAN'S AUXILIARY SESSION 11:00 A.M. APRIL 3, 1982

THEME: Patterns For Living

SCRIPTURE: I Timothy 6:6

President Brenda Bunch welcomed everyone to the Annual Central Western Missouri District Auxiliary. Lita Munn led in prayer. The congregation sang "Teach Me To Pray" with Loretta Hoover leading & Jan Munn at the piano. "Telephone Call From God" was answered by Ruth Foger. It was a very self-searching conversation to be pondered by all. Viola Bussone presented a lesson on Living Our Lives by a Pattern (God's Holy Word). It challenged everyone to live a more dedicated life before God and man.

Announcements were made concerning the Mystery Dinner, May 10th and the Woman's National Auxiliary Retreat - Sept. 23-25 in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

The Treasurers report was given by Lita Munn, also a letter was read that was received from Blanche Wisehart concerning the channelling of money by local and district treasurers.

Virginia Hoover, Wilma Smith, Mae Cleffman and Marion Shaw were appointed as a Nominating Committee. Dorothy Dickey than dismissed with prayer.

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

Session was called together by Brenda Bunch with Betty Selvey leading in prayer. "He Brought Me Out" was sang by the congregation.

An offering of \$107.10 was taken with Alice Hoover asking the blessing on it, to be sent to Doug Hoover who going to Brazil as a summer missionary.

Brenda Bunch presented a short book review entitled "Spirit Controlled Woman" followed by a Temperament Profile taken and evaluated by each member in the congregation. It was given by Joan Wilson.

The Nominating Committee reported & the following were elected for a one year term: Brenda Bunch-President; Marion Shaw-Vice President; and Lita Munn-Secretary and Treasurer.

A prayer of dedication for the new officers and benediction was given by Doris Whitson.

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION, APRIL 3, 1982

Sister Alice Hoover played "Jesus Saves" as the congregation reassembled for business. Bro. Charlie Hoover, Moderator, called on Bro. Don Smith for prayer.

Report of Business Committee was read, and M/S/C to accept, after discussion of various items.

Report of committee on Ministerial Standing was read, and M/S/C to receive.

Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church invitation, to convene with them for the 75th annual session, was accepted.

Rev. Fidell Bridges gave a very good report from the Stockton Mission.

The moderator urged everyone to attend the Missouri State Association.

Report of the Nominating Committee was read, and accepted.

Motion to adjourn.

Rev. Thayne Fast dismissed in prayer, after which supper was served to all who would stay.

#### SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE APRIL 3, 1982

Bro. Phillip Munn, new moderator, took charge. Bro. Steve Shaw led in prayer, after which Bro. Bob Hopkins led the congregation in singing "A Shelter in the Time of Storm", and "He Brought Me Out", with Barbara Hopkins at the piano. Prayer by Lita Munn.

Special music "Something Beautiful", "It is No Secret", and "Amazing Grace" was brought by Bro. Bob and Sister Barbara Hopkins.

An offering, amounting to \$60.47 was given Bro. Stan Bunch, who brought a good message from Phil. 4:11-13. The main thought of the message was that we should never allow our Christian life to get in a rut, and stagnant to the point where we are void of the spirit and fail to be the influence God wants us to. It is very necessary to let the spirit permeate our being until we automatically become a "living Bible" to those unsaved around us.

Accepting the will of God regardless of how we question, is necessary to remain contented, and portray the tranquility, and serene life God would have us show the world. It is easy to talk about, but hard to do as a reality. "I can do all things through Christ, which strengtheth me", has to become a part of us.

Bro. Phillip Munn, as new moderator, asked that we continue to work together the coming year for more effective service. Prayer of dismissal by Bro. Fidell Bridges.

#### REGISTRATION

MINISTERS - Revs. Fidell Bridges, Steve Shaw, Stan Bunch, Bob Dickey, Morgan Walker.

DEACONS - Orville Fogar, Phillip Munn, Roger Phillips.

DELEGATES - Doris Whitson, Thelma Dickey, Viola Bussone, Mae Cleffman, Marion Shaw, Evelyn Simpson, Virginia Hoover, Anna Walker, Dorothy Dickey, Debbie Prettyman, Wilma Smith.

VISITORS - Frances Fogar, Hazel Bowman, Brenda Bunch, Ionia Phillips, Ruth Fogar, Addis Fogar, Joey Bussone, Joan Wilson, Mary Cross, Theo Bough.

#### BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORTS

We recommend that Steve Shaw be responsible for getting a group together to rewire the cabin at the youth camp, May 15, 1982.

We recommend that we rewrite Article 9, Section 1 of the By-laws to read thus: It shall be the duty of the churches of the association to accompany their church letter with twenty dollars (\$20.00) per church, plus fifty cents (.50) per resident member for the Central Western Missouri Association fund to be allocated thus: five dollars (\$5.00) to the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists; ten dollars (\$10.00) to the National Association of Free Will Baptists; with the remaining amount, fifteen percent for an honorarium for the associational clerk, and eighty five percent for the Central Western Missouri Association expense.

We recommend that we give the Hannon Church a standing vote of thanks for hosting the association in such a hospitable way. Also we thank the Oskaloosa and Verdella Churches for their help.

/s/ Bob Dickey, Thayne Fast, John Bough, Curt Holland, and Steven Shaw.

#### MINISTERIAL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the committee on Ministerial Standing do recommend the following be granted certificates of good standing in the association: Bros. Thayne Fast, Steven Shaw, Morgan Walker, Stan Bunch, Bob Dickey, Bill Swearingen, Fidell Bridges, and Curt Holland.

Superannuated are: Arlie Hoover & Lowell Martin

/s/ Roger Phillips, Thee Bough, Doris Whitson, Viola Bussone, and Orville Fogger.

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your nominating committee recommend the following for officers: Moderator, Phillip Munn; Assistant Moderator, Charlie Hoover; Clerk, Doris Whitson; Assistant Clerk, Thora Grider; Statistician, Lita Munn; Itenerant Contact, Bob Dickey; State General Board Member, Charlie Hoover.

/s/ Stan Bunch, Fidell Bridges, Wilma Smith, Virginia Hoover, Phillip Munn, Morgan Walker

#### MINISTER'S REPORTS

Rev. Bill Swearingen - Sermons preached, 72; churches pastored, 1; Revivals held, 1; professions witnessed, 6; number baptized, 11; funerals preached, 1; weddings performed, 3; miles traveled, 8,589; amount of money received \$4859.00.

Rev. Fidell Bridges - sermons preached, 104; churches pastored, 1; professions witnessed, 7; funerals preached, 5; amount of money received, \$8582.73.

Rev. Thayne Fast - sermons preached, 53; churches pastored, 1; funerals preached, 1; miles traveled, 10,250; money received \$3015.00

Rev. Steven Shaw - sermons preached, 115; churches pastored, 1; professions witnessed, 21; number baptized, 5; additions to church, 7; miles traveled, 14,600; money received \$5,640.00.

Rev. Morgan Walker - sermons preached, 50; churches pastored, 1; miles traveled, 700; money received \$795.00.

Rev. Bob Dickey- sermons preached, 95; churches pastored, 1; professions witnessed, 10; number baptized, 8; additions to church, 13; funerals preached, 8; miles traveled, 12,000; money received, \$11,700.00.

Rev. Stan Bunch - sermons preached, 97; churches pastored, 1; revivals held, 1; professions witnessed, 16; number baptized, 21; additions to church, 15; funerals preached, 1; miles traveled, 11,000; money received, \$12,000.00.

# ASSOCIATION CLERKS FINANCIAL REPORT MARCH 1981 - MARCH 1982

Balance Brought Forward . . . . .		\$178.85
Receipts:		
Budget Money . . . . .	\$240.00	
Association Offering . . . . .	<u>123.66</u>	
Total Receipts. . . . .		\$363.66
		<u>\$542.51</u>
Disbursements:		
1981 Minutes . . . . .	\$125.00	
State Expense Money. . . . .	45.00	
Mailing and Telephone. . . . .	18.80	
Programs . . . . .	17.00	
Clerk's Honorarium . . . . .	33.00	
Board Member to State-Charlie Hoover . . . . .	<u>97.00</u>	
Total Disbursements . . . . .		\$335.80
Balance in Bank . . . . .		<u>\$206.71</u>

## REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD FROM MARCH 27, 1981 TO APRIL 2, 1982

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

March 27, 1981: First F.W.B. Church at ElDorado. The meeting was held during the Association to except the resignation of Rev. John McClure and to give him a vote of confidence. There was a discussion of the financial status of the Mission with the possibility of reversing the obligations.

March 28, 1981: After the Association closed the Board met to organize for the following year. The officers named above were nominated, and voted in for the coming year. The program committee will be Charlie Hoover and Phillip Munn.

April 11, 1981: Stockton F.W.B. Church. A special meeting was called to discuss the operation of the Mission. The Board decided to pay the up-keep on the Mission and allow the Mission to pay for the Pastor. When the Associations account reaches an excess of \$500.00 all over that amount will be given to the Mission for debt retirement.

May 16, 1981: Stockton F.W.B. Church. A special meeting was held to officially recognize Rev. Fidell Bridges as the new Pastor of the Mission. It was voted to pay Rev. John McClure 2 weeks vacation pay which would pay him thru the end of May and to have Rev. Bridges to start on May 24th.

Rev. Bridges presented a plan for the operation of the Mission: There will be 3 types of funds (1) Operating (2) Debt Retirement and (3) Surplus. His salary will be a maximum of \$100.00 weekly and \$250.00 a month for housing allowance. If the offering of the Mission does not meet the above criteria, he may draw from the Surplus Fund which is deposited to when there is an excess in the Sunday offering.

# STATISTICAL TABLE

1962

	Bethel	ElDorado First	Hannon	Greenfield	Inde	Hickory Grove	Oskaloosa	Verdella	Webb City Evangel	TOTAL	Stockton Mission
Members Received	2	2	13	-	-	-	6	15	8	46	0
Members Lost	2	0	3	-	0	0	2	0	16	23	0
Members Deceased	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	-	0	2	0
Total Membership	64	20	115	35	9	19	28	85	48	423	0
Sunday School Avg.	65	14	85	25	10	16	20	86	30	379	28
Women's Auxiliary	0	0	21	0	0	0	8	24	4	54	0
Ordained Ministers	0	1	2	1	0	0	1	2	1	9	1
Licensed Ministers	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Ordained Deacons	1	1	4	0	2	0	2	4	1	16	1
Pastor Salary	8922.37	795.00	11,925.00	4,285.00	-	3,015.00	3,700.78	8,000.00	5,640.00	52,748.44	6,465.29
Evangelistic	-	0	335.30	0	300.0	0	686.18	579.00	200.00	2,238.18	137.70
Building Repair	362.98	82.57	0	5,350.24	0	0	4,194.35	355.00	940.00	14,601.15	3,316.01
Literature	808.26	117.96	1,430.00	153.65	93.2	128.00	327.95	1,247.00	236.00	4,929.91	387.81
Other	13,665.12	0	0	636.79	1,550.2	81.80	198.05	6,453.00	5,830.00	29,934.80	1,519.82
TOTAL LOCAL CAUSES	23,758.73	995.53	13,690.30	10,425.68	1,943.2	3,224.80	9,107.31	16,634.00	12,846.00	104,452.48	11,826.63
Co-op Fund	-	60.00	2,467.00	0	0	192.41	237.56	1,573.00	351.00	4,880.97	0
Foreign Missions	640.02	0	1,993.00	0	225.0	103.05	108.95	735.00	650.00	4,455.02	0
Home Missions	-	60.00	2,851.00	254.00	283.6	192.00	794.97	1,828.00	0	7,226.52	962.90
Orphanage	-	0	0	0	0	71.00	0	0	0	71.00	0
Assoc. Projects	311.21	0	0	0	100.0	0	225.00	0	0	636.21	0
Other	-	36.75	0	0	359.0	703.28	0	432.00	53.50	1,747.62	163.09
TOTAL OUTSIDE CAUSES	951.23	156.75	7,311.00	254.00	967.6	1,261.74	1,366.48	4,568.00	1,054.50	19,017.34	1,125.99
TOTAL SPENT	24,709.96	1,152.28	21,001.30	10,679.68	2,911.1	4,486.54	10,473.79	21,202.00	13,900.50	123,469.82	12,952.62
Church Property	200,000.00	20,000.00	-	-	-	20,000.00	16,000.00	38,000.00	20,000.00	374,000.00	60,000.00



The weekly Sunday offering is deposited to the Operating Fund and distributed as follows:

10% to Home Missions

5% to Operating Expense

Maximum of \$100.00 salary & \$57.69 for housing to the Pastor weekly.

Remainder goes to the Surplus Fund.

The Debt Retirement Fund is paid into by the Executive Board to be used to pay the monthly bills of the Mission.

June 6, 1981: Verdella F.W.B. Church. The Board met at the conclusion of the quarterly meeting. Rev. Steve Shaw from the Evangel F.W.B. Church ask the Board to set a time to examine Bro. Brent Thompson and Bro. Bob Gilman.

September 5, 1981: Bethel F.W.B. Church. The Board met at the conclusion of the quarterly meeting. The Board examined Rev. Bill Swearingen from the Bethel F.W.B. Church and issued him a card of standing with our Association. The Board also examined and voted to except Brothers Brent Thompson and Bob Gilman as Deacons in the Evangel F.W.B. Church.

Rev. Fidell Bridges gave a report on the Mission and a discussion followed on organizing the Mission into a Church.

December 5, 1981: Evangel F.W.B. Church. The Board met at the conclusion of the quarterly meeting. A special meeting was set for January 9, 1982 at 7:00 p.m. at Hannon to plan the Annual Association Program.

The Youth Camp cabin was discussed either to expand the boy's cabin or a possibility of purchasing the adjoining cabin.

January 9, 1982: Hannon Free Will Baptist Church. This meeting was held to plan the program for the yearly Association, when it convenes April 2 & 3 of 1982. Reports were read, approved and accepted. Bethel submitted a letter for Rev. Swearingen to finish out the term as their member of the Executive Board.

Rev. Bridges reported that the Stockton Mission is now 77% self supporting and will be paid off December 10, 1986. A vote was taken to let Stockton organize into a church.

The Youth Camp Cabin Project was discussed and also insurance for the cabins.

The program was planned for the Annual Association Meeting, with Friday night services to start at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday night services to start at 6:30 p.m. The offerings taken on Friday and Saturday night will go the speakers.

The Churches are to be notified of a by-law change on Article 9: Section 1:

It shall be the duty of the churches of the Association to accompany their church letter with twenty dollars (\$20.00) per church plus fifty cents (50¢) per resident member for the Central Western Missouri Association. Funds to allocated thus: five dollars (\$5.00) to the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist; ten dollars (\$10.00) to the National Association of Free Will Baptist; with the remaining amount, 15% for honorarium for Associational Clerk, and 85% for the Central Western Missouri Association expense.

However the additional amount will have to paid this year in order that the churches in our Association will be seated at the State & National Association Meetings. 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 Statement

03/01/81 - 02/28/82

## YOUTH CAMP FUND

03/01/81	Balance . . . . .	\$1,335.99
	Expenses	0.00
	Contributions	<u>625.53</u>
02/28/82	Youth Camp Current Balance . . . . .	\$1,961.52

## GENERAL ACCOUNT FUND

03/01/81	Balance . . . . .	\$ 189.04
	Expenses:	
	Salary Rev. John McClure	1,625.00
	Housing Rev. John McClure	645.00
	Debt Retirement Fund	3,060.00
	Operating Fund	1,620.00
	Miscellaneous	<u>61.31</u>
	Total Expenses . . . . .	\$7,011.31
	Income:	
	Bethel	\$ 311.21
	Evangel	0.00
	Eldorado First	60.00
	Greenfield	254.00
	Hannon	2,907.00
	Hickory Grove	194.41
	Independence	283.65
	Oskaloosa	710.97
	Stockton	962.90
	Verdella	2,021.99
	Other Contributions	<u>209.31</u>
	Total Income . . . . .	\$7,915.44

02/28/82	General Account Current Balance . . . . .	\$1,093.17
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Central Western Missouri District Auxiliary  
Treasurer's Annual Report 1982

	Evangel	Hannon	Oskaloosa	Verdella	TOTAL
	4	21	8	21	54
Members on Roll					
Home Missions					
Pre-Thanksgiving		\$100.00		\$ 83.00	\$183.00
State Missions		\$100.00			\$100.00
Special Projects					
Foreign Missions					
Pre-Easter Offering		\$75.00		\$ 226.05	\$301.05
Special Projects		\$50.00			\$ 50.00
Bible Colleges					
General Fund					
Student Loan Fund					
Woman's National Auxiliary					
WNAC General Fund (Emphasis Month)		\$50.00		\$41.00	\$ 91.00
CoLaborer Offerings		\$72.00		\$141.20	\$213.20
Special Projects		\$50.00		\$ 86.00	\$136.00
Children's homes				\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Retired ministers				\$ 33.00	\$ 33.00
Youth Camps and Projects	\$24.00	\$50.00			\$ 74.00
Local Church Activities		\$ 291.35			\$291.35
Auxiliary Literature and Supplies	\$105.00	\$ 58.25		\$101.05	\$264.30
Other Special Offerings					
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:::	St. & Dist. Dues 6.00 \$135.00	\$396.60		\$ 761.30	\$1792.90
Gifts sent directly to:					
Foreign Missions	\$ 50.00		\$ 25.00	\$ 130.69	\$ 205.69
Home Missions			\$ 50.00	\$ 83.00	\$ 133.00
State Missions	\$ 38.00				\$ 38.00
Free Will Baptist Bible College	\$ 75.00	\$ 50.00			\$ 125.00
Hillsdale Bible College					
Children's homes				\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Youth Camps or projects	\$ 56.90		\$ 22.50		\$ 79.40
TOTAL - -	\$ 219.90	\$ 50.00	\$ 97.50	\$ 263.69	\$ 531.09
Non-Cash Gifts (evaluate)					
Children's homes		\$ 500.00			\$ 500.00
Missionary provision closet					
Retired ministers					
TOTAL Non-Cash Gifts	0	\$ 550.00			\$ 550.00
GRAND TOTAL DISBURSED	\$ 354.90	\$1446.60	\$97.50	\$1024.99	\$2923.99

## 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 member 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 Cler, 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 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 of 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 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 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 Cler-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 dollars (\$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 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 Threathise 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.