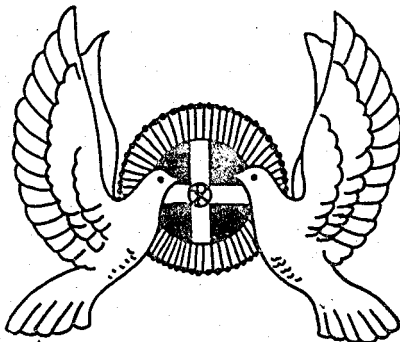
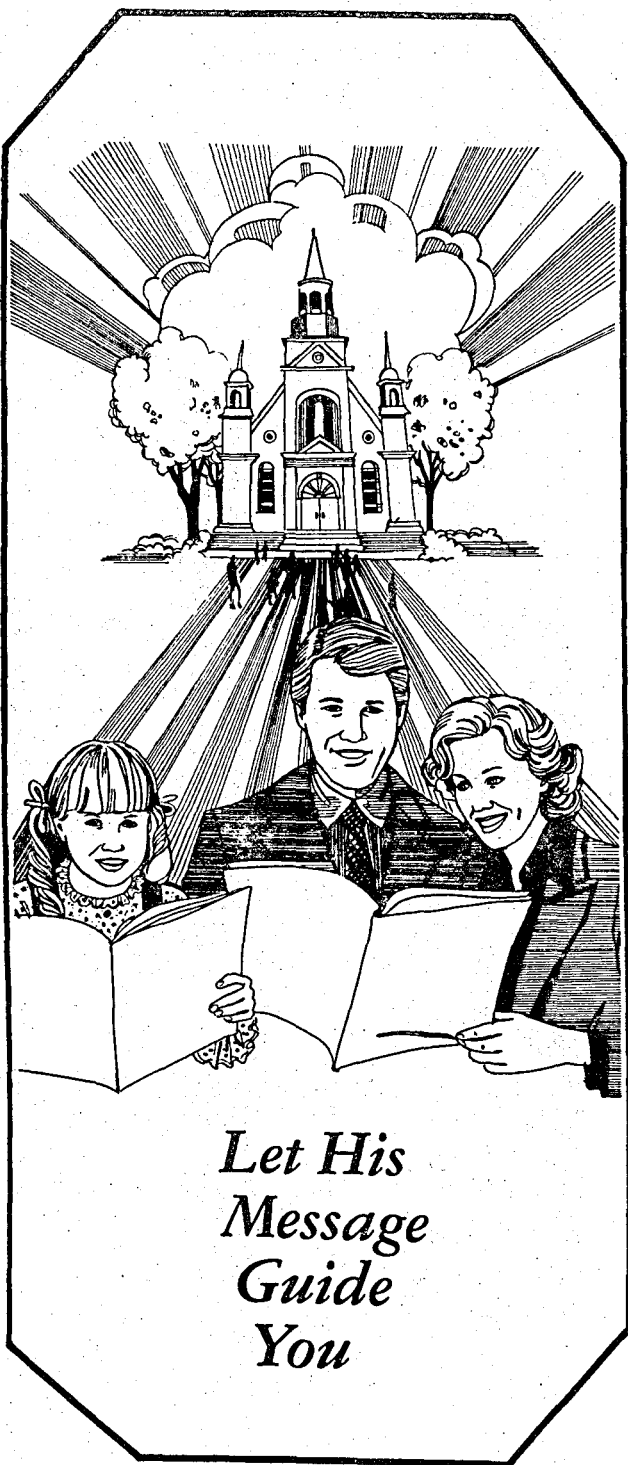


MINUTES
OF THE 75TH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

When Convened With
VERDELLA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Friday Evening, April 1, 1983

THE 76TH ANNUAL SESSION
Will Meet With The
OSKALOOSA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
of Arcadia, Kansas
Friday Evening, March 30, 1984





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MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST
1983

OFFICERS

MODERATOR
ASSISTANT MODERATOR
CLERK - TREASURER
ASSISTANT CLERK
STATISTICIAN
ITENIRANT CONTACT

Deacon Phillip Munn, Liberal, MO
Deacon Charlie Hoover, Liberal, MO
Doris Whitson, Liberal, MO
Thora Grider, Greenfield, MO
Alice Hoover, Liberal, MO
Rev. Bob Dickey, Liberal, MO

EXECUTIVE AND HOME MISSION BOARD

1. OSKALOOSA	DEACON PHILLIP MUNN	1984
2. STOCKTON	DEACON JOHN BOUGH	1984
3. VERDELLA	DEACON ROGER PHILLIPS	1984
4. BETHEL	DEACON LURAL MAYS	1985
5. EVANGEL	REV. LESTER NUTTING	1985
6. ELDORADO SPRINGS FIRST	REV. MORGAN WALKER	1985
7. GREENFIELD	REV. LOWELL MARTIN	1985
8. HANNON	DEACON CHARLIE HOOVER	1986
9. HICKORY GROVE	REV. THAYNE FAST	1986

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

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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
OSKALOOSA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Arcadia, KS
Rev. Cecil Campbell, Stella, MO 64867
STOCKTON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Stockton, MO
None reported
VERDELLA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Liberal, MO
Rev. Stan Bunch, Rt. 1, Box 1C, Liberal, MO 64762

PROCEEDINGS

Friday Evening, April 1, 1983, 7:00 P.M.

The 75th annual session of Central Western Missouri Free Will Baptist Association convened with the Verdella Church.

Stan Bunch as pastor of the Church extended a welcome. Doug Hoover led in prayer. The congregation sang "Victory in Jesus" led by Charles Whitson, with Barbara Hopkins at the piano. Doris Whitson, Clerk, declared a quorum present and turned the association to moderator, Phil Munn, to conduct business. After announcements were made, Bro. Clarence Burton, Mo. State Promotional Secretary, presented information about State work. Bob Dickey led in prayer. We then enjoyed special music presented by the Bethel Church and the New Kingdom Sounds. A missionary offering of \$106.25 was taken. The evening message was given by Bro. Jim McLair, missionary from Japan. Chapters 17, 18, and 19 of I Kings was the basis for his message. We were dismissed by prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING 9:45 A.M. BUSINESS SESSION APRIL 2, 1983

The moderator called the meeting to order, Bro. Roger Phillips led in prayer. With Charles Whitson as Song Leader and Jan Munn at the piano, the congregation sang, "Blessed Redeemer" and "Where He Leads I'll Follow." Martha Nutting blessed our hearts with a song which beautifully portrayed the story of Easter. Devotion was a skit by Stan and Brenda Bunch.

By-laws were read by Roger Phillips.

Church letters were read and delegates seated.

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

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

Report of Statistician read, M/S/C to accept with corrections to be made by April 15th.

Committees appointed by Moderator.
Meeting adjourned for Auxiliary meeting, dismissed in prayer by Rev. Lester Nutting.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY SESSION 11:00 A.M. APRIL 2, 1983

THEME: Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain:
but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.

SCRIPTURE: Proverbs 31:30

The Annual Central Western Missouri District Auxiliary was welcomed by President Brenda Bunch and followed by prayer.

Martha Nutting led the congregation in singing "Send The Light" with Jan Munn at the piano. An offering of \$138.22 was taken for the Jerry Pinkertons, Missionaries to the Ivory Coast and Jim McLains, Missionaries to Japan, with Brother Charles Whitson asking God's Blessing on it.

"Give Them All" was sang by Jan, Paulette, and Lita Munn.

Greetings were extended to the District Ladies from Olena McLain who was unable to attend because of illness.

Carol Pinkerton brought the morning message "Happiness as a Christian" using scripture from Phillippians 4:8.

Lita Munn gave the treasurer's report and also commended the ladies as a District for their giving during the past year. As a District we now have 5 Auxiliaries, 60 members, and a total giving of \$2538.27 for the year 1983.

Irma Ledford, Alice Hoover, Thelma Dickey and Martha Nutting were appointed as a Nominating Committee.

Benediction was given by Fidel Bridges.

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

Martha Nutting led the congregation in a song followed in prayer by Lester Nutting.

"He's Still Workin' On Me" was sang by Jan Munn, Paulette Munn, Andrea Walker and Lynette Phillips.

A humorous skit (Parade of Pious Personalities) was presented by the District Auxiliary. The purpose of the skit was to let people see the kind of characteristics that offend others and determine to change for the better.

The Nominating Committee reported and the following officers were elected for a one year term: Hilda Nichols-President; Ruth Foger-Vice President; Virginia Hoover-Secretary; and Irma Mouttet-Treasurer.

Special prayer was given by Hilda Nichols for Jim and Olena McLain; Martha Nutting for Jerry and Carol Pinkerton and Lita Munn in dedication for the new officers and benediction.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION, APRIL 2, 1983

Moderator Phil Munn called the meeting to order again and called on Bro. John Bough to lead in prayer.

Report of Business Committee read, M/S/C to adopt.

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

It was recommended that Curt Holland's license be renewed for another year.

Report of nominating committee was read, and accepted.

M/S/C to give the General Board Member permission to appoint whoever might be in attendance at the State Association, as delegates.

Report of Associational Clerk-Treasurer was read and accepted.

Greetings were sent by Sis. Lowell Martin who was unable to attend, she was greatly missed.

There was a discussion on having the Saturday evening service earlier.

M/S/C there be a short break after the afternoon business session and go into the evening service at the 1984 session.

Letter read from the Independence Free Will Baptist Church, withdrawing from the Association.

The next Associational Meeting will convene with the Oskaloosa Free Will Baptist Church, March 30 and 31, 1984.

M/S/C, the officers nominated be elected to serve.

Motion made that our board members take information back to their respective Churches on how the foreign mission program works through the Cooperative Fund.

M/S/C.

Motion made we adjourn. We were dismissed in prayer by Roger Phillips.

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE, APRIL 2, 1983

Moderator Phil Munn took charge. The congregation sang "How Great Thou Art" with Jan Munn as pianist, Virginia Walker at the organ and Charles Whitson as Song Leader. Prayer was offered by Don Smith. Special Music was given by Stan Bunch. A missionary offering plus an offering of quarters was taken in the amount of \$188.81. This was added to the Friday night offering and divided equally between the McLains and Pinkertons.

Bro. Jerry Pinkerton, Missionary to Ivory Coast brought the evening message. He gave us a Mini-Course on the 3 basic types of missions giving. Then used Romans 10:13, 14 and 15 as the scripture for his message. He challenged us to be missionaries where we are and stressed the importance of praying for our missionaries. An invitation was given. Bro. Stan Bunch closed the service praying. We then had a handshake with our missionaries, Jim McLain, Jerry and Carol Pinkerton.

REGISTRATION

MINISTERS - Revs. Morgan Walker, Stan Bunch, Bob Dickey, Lester Nutting, Hollis Walker Jr., Cletus Nichols, Fidell Bridges, Thayne Fast

DEACONS - Phillip E. Munn Jr., Charles Whitson, Roger Phillips, Lural Mays, Read Smith, John Bough, Butch Splitter, Orville Foger

DELEGATES - Finley White, Virginia Hoover, John Grider, Irma Ledford, Irma Mouttet, Hazel Bowman, Wilma Smith, Martha Nutting, Hilda Nichols, Harold Smith, Juanita Smith, Mae Cleffman, Velma Miller, Judy Ayers, Virginia Bunton, Brenda Bunch, Viola Bussone, Reba Rouse, Elnora Fast, Dorothy Dickey

VISITORS - Lita, Paulette, Jan, and Eva Munn, Jerry and Carol Pinkerton, Ionia and Lynette Phillips, Kelli Brooks, Chris Mays, J.R. Smith, Jim McLain, Judy Sprenkle, Kaye Charlton, Wilma Crockett, Margaret Walker, Clifford Hoover, Thelma Dickey, Frances Foger, Trent Walker, Doug Hoover, Alice Hoover, Theo Bough, Opal Williams

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORTS

We recommend to our churches that sometime before April 24, we put a special effort in trying to raise money for our missionaries accounts that are in the red.

We recommend that we give a standing vote of thanks to the Verdella Church for hosting the Association.

/s/ Harold Smith, Fidel Bridges, Cletus Nichols, Bob Dickey, and Thayne Fast

MINISTERIAL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the committee on Ministerial Standing, do recommend the following be granted certificates of good standing in the Association: Bros. Lester Nutting, Thayne Fast, Morgan Walker, Stan Bunch, Bob Dickey, Fidell Bridges, Cletus Nichols, Hollis Walker Jr., Curt Holland. Superannuated are: Arlie Hoover & Lowell Martin.

/s/ Roger Phillips, Viola Bussone, Juanita Smith, Orville Foger, John Grider.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

We the nominating Committee make the following recommendations: Moderator, Phillip Munn; Assistant Moderator, Charlie Hoover; Clerk, Doris Whitson; Assistant Clerk, Thora Grider; Statistician, Alice Hoover; Itenerate Contact, Bob Dickey; State General Board Member, Charlie Hoover. Exec. Board Members, Hickory Grove, Thayne Fast; Hannon - no recommendation.

/s/ Charles Whitson, Wilma Smith, Charlie Hoover, Stan Bunch, Virginia Hoover, Lester Nutting.

MINISTER'S REPORTS

Rev. Morgan Walker - Sermons preached, 48; Churches pastored, 1; miles traveled, 800; money received, \$720.00.

Rev. Fidell Bridges - Sermons preached, 98; churches pastored, 1; churches organized, 1; funerals preached, 4; miles traveled, 6,000; money received, \$8,300

Rev. Lester Nutting - Sermons preached, 85; churches pastored, 2; professions witnessed, 1; number baptized, 8; additions to church 2; funerals preached, 1; miles traveled, 9,200; money received, \$3,800.00.

Rev. Bob Dickey - Sermons preached, 105; churches pastored, 1; professions witnessed, 2; number baptized, 2; additions to church, 10; funerals preached, 10; miles traveled, 9,500; money received, \$11,700.00; weddings, 10.

Rev. Stan Bunch - Sermons preached, 105; churches pastored, 1; revivals held, 1; professions witnessed, 3; number baptized, 8; additions to church, 12; funerals preached, 3; miles traveled, 11,000; money received, \$10,300.00.

Rev. Cletus Nichols - Sermons preached, 104; churches pastored, 2; professions witnessed, 1; number baptized, 7; additions to church, 6; miles traveled, 7,000; money received, \$7,800.00.

Thayne Fast - Sermons preached, 48; churches pastored, 1; additions to church, 1; funerals preached, 2; miles traveled, 9,560; money received \$2,905.00.

Hollis Walker Jr. - Sermons preached, 3; funerals preached, 1; weddings, 2; money received, \$40.00.

Curt Holland -

ASSOCIATION CLERKS FINANCIAL REPORT MARCH 1982 - MARCH 1983

Balance Brought Forward	\$206.71
Receipts:	
Budget Money	\$310.00
Missionary Offering.	\$167.00
State Expense.	<u>\$ 45.00</u>
Total Receipts.	\$522.00
	<u>\$728.71</u>

Disbursements:

1982 Minutes	\$125.00	
Missionary	\$167.00	
Board Member to State.	\$209.00	
State Board Expenses	<u>\$ 45.00</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$546.00
Balance in Bank		<u>\$182.71</u>

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD FROM APRIL 3, 1982 TO APRIL 1, 1983

Annual Association Meeting at Hannon Free Will Baptist Church.

The executive board met during the regular session of the Association to organize the board for the coming year. The officers are: Chairman - Charlie Hoover; Assistant Chariman - Steve Shaw; Secretary & Treasurer - Phil Munn; Assistant Secretary & Treasurer - Roger Phillips.

Fidel Bridges opened the meeting with prayer.

Board members present were: Charlie Hoover, Steve Shaw, Morgan Walker, Thayne Fast, Roger Phillips, John Bough and Phillip Munn.

A letter was received from the Verdella Free Will Baptist Church to examine Brother Curt Holland to be licensed to preach the gospel. A motion was made by Steve Shaw and seconded by John Bough to issue the license, after an examination to place.

Program committee for the coming year will be Charlie Hoover, Thayne Fast, and Phillip Munn.

A report was given by Fidel Bridges on the Stockton Mission.

A discussion took place of a Bible Conference for the Annual Association meeting. There would be four sessions, Friday night, Saturday morning, afternoon and evening.

Executive board members for the expiring terms were elected as follows:

Bethel - Laurel Mays
Evangel - Steve Shaw
ElDorado - Morgan Walker
Greenfield - Lowell Martin

June 5, 1982 ElDorado First Free Will Baptist Church - Quarterly Meeting - Board members present: Charlie Hoover, Roger Phillips, John Bough, Morgan Walker, & Phillip Munn. Did not have a quorum.

September 4, 1982 Greenfield Free Will Baptist Church - Quarterly Meeting - Board members present: Charlie Hoover, John Bough, Roger Phillips, Phillip Munn, Morgan Walker, Laurel Mays and Sister Martin.

Motion was made by John Bough to grant Hollis Walker a card of Standing for the remainder of the year and seconded by Sister Martin.

Roger and Phil are to go to the youth camp and check on addition for the boys cabin.

Motion was made by Roger and seconded by Sister Martin to move the next annual association meeting to Verdella on approval of the Church.

Motion was made for the Association to have a foreign mission conference at our Annual Meeting by Phil and seconded by Laurel Mays.

Motion was made by Phil Munn and seconded by Sister Martin to grand Brother Cletus Nichols a card of standing with our Association.

Motion to dismiss by Sister Martin and seconded by John Bough.

December 4, 1982 Hannon Free Will Baptist Church - Quarterly Meeting - Board members present: Charlie Hoover, Roger Phillips, Laurel Mays, John Bough, Lester Nutting, and Phillip Munn.

STATISTICAL TABLE
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	BETHEL	ELDORADO FIRST	HANNON	GREENFIELD	HICKORY	OSKALOOSA	VERDELLA	EVANGEL	STOCKTON	TOTAL
Members Received	6	0	10	0	1	0	5	3	28	53
Members Lost	3	0	1	0	0	1	2	5	0	12
Members Deceased	1	1	3	0	2	0	1	1	0	9
Total Membership	30	19	118	36	17	27	67	22	28	364
Sunday School Average	56	12	94	24	17	19	80	18	30	350
Women's Auxiliary	10	0	20	0	0	6	20	4	0	60
Ordained Ministers	1	1	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	10
Licensed Ministers	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
Ordained Deacons	1	1	3	0	0	2	4	0	1	12
Pastors Salary	9356.00	780.00	11770.00	4420.00	2885.00	3421.78	10033.60	6000.00	8200.00	56866.38
Evangelistic	00	00	472.29	00	00	00	963.10	65.00	625.00	2125.39
Building Repair	6199.00	119.96	1764.15	689.73	00	2071.67	1789.69	00	00	12634.20
Literature	700.00	115.82	1893.05	124.74	126.75	326.52	1991.56	107.50	385.00	5770.94
Other	6568.00	964.58	00	986.08	00	236.22	6515.80	100.00	00	15370.68
TOTAL LOCAL CAUSES	22823.00	1980.36	15899.49	6220.55	3011.75	6056.19	21293.75	6272.50	9210.00	92767.59
Cooperative Fund	00	60.00	3090.74	00	199.95	226.69	1799.92	00	00	5377.30
Foreign Missions	00	00	1939.27	00	144.48	122.83	2231.75	00	00	4438.33
Home Missions	00	60.00	3090.74	256.00	199.95	919.10	1928.92	82.50	1200.00	7737.21
Orphanage	00	00	00	00	88.00	00	00	00	000	88.00
Association Projects	00	00	00	00	00	120.00	00	00	00	120.00
Other	213.00	26.50	00	00	887.59	00	00	00	00	1127.09
TOTAL OUTSIDE CAUSES	213.00	146.50	8120.75	256.00	1519.97	1388.62	5960.59	82.50	1200.00	18887.93
TOTAL SPENT	23036.00	2126.86	24020.24	6476.55	4531.72	7444.81	27254.34	6355.00	10410.00	111655.52
Church Property	150000.00	20000.00	60000.00	60000.00	20000.00	16000.00	38000.00	20000.00	120000.00	504000.00

Motion was made by Roger and seconded by John to seat Lester Nutting on the board as a proxy for Evangel until association time.

Motion was made by Roger and seconded by John to give \$100.00 a month to Evangel to help them through until Association time.

January 8, 1983 was set to meet at Hannon to plan the program for the Annual Association Meeting.

Motion was made by Phil & seconded by John to adjourn

January 8, 1983 Hannon - Special Meeting to plan Annual Association Meeting. Board members present were: Charlie Hoover, Thayne Fast, John Bough, Roger Phillips, Lester Nutting, Morgan Walker, Laurel Mays and Phillip Munn. Guest: Stan Bunch.

Opening prayer by Lester Nutting. The Youth Camp Project was dismissed. The program was planned for the Annual Association Meeting with both evening services to start at 7:00 p.m.

The offerings taken to be given to the Missionaries.

CENTRAL WESTERN EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT
ANNUAL STATEMENT
03/01/82 - 02/28/83

03/01/82	YOUTH CAMP FUND	Balance	\$1,961.52
	Expenses		-405.20
	Contributions		108.11
02/28/83	YOUTH CAMP CURRENT BALANCE		<u>\$1,664.43</u>
	GENERAL ACCOUNT FUND		
03/01/82		Balance	\$1,093.17
	Expenses:		0.00
	Debt Retirement Fund		4,080.00
	Operating Fund		2,160.00
	Miscellaneous		669.92
	TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>\$6,909.92</u>
	Income:		
	Interest on savings account		79.36
	Bethel		0.00
	Evangel		5.00
	ElDorado First		65.00
	Greenfield		256.00
	Hannon		3,095.74
	Hickory Grove		199.95
	Independence		0.00
	Oskaloosa		985.52
	Stockton		1,325.00
	Verdella		1,689.44
	Other Contributions		62.50
	TOTAL INCOME		<u>\$7,763.51</u>
02/28/83	GENERAL ACCOUNT CURRENT BALANCE		<u>\$1,946.76</u>

Central Western Missouri District Auxiliary
Treasurer's Annual Report 1982-1983

	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>ELDORADO</u>	<u>EVANGEL</u>	<u>HANNON</u>	<u>OSKALOOSA</u>	<u>VERDELLA</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	105.00	10	4	20	6	20	105.00
Members on Roll (60)-Dues							
Home Missions:							
Pre-Thanksgiving Off.				50.00	25.00		75.00
State Missions							0.00
Special Offerings						10.00	10.00
Foreign Missions:							
Pre-Easter Off.				150.00		271.00	421.00
Provision Closet				25.00		50.00	75.00
Special Offerings	237.10						237.10
Bible Collges:							
Student Loan Fund							0.00
Special Offerings				50.00			50.00
WNAC General Fund						111.26	111.26
Co-Laborer Off.							0.00
Children's Home		10.00		50.00	10.00	50.00	120.00
Youth Camp Project					200.00		200.00
Retired Ministers						37.71	37.71
Other Special Off.					25.00		25.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	342.10	10.00	0.00	325.00	260.00	529.97	1467.07
Cash Gifts							
Foreign Missions				50.00		22.00	72.00
Home Missions							0.00
State Missions							0.00
Hillsdale							0.00
Children's Home							0.00
Youth Camp				44.33		35.00	79.33
Local Church Act.				194.91			194.91
Auxiliary Lit.		60.99		59.35	45.08	70.00	235.42
Other Special Off.			144.00	57.15		80.00	281.15
TOTAL	0.00	60.99	144.00	405.74	45.08	207.00	862.81
Non Cash Gifts (evaluate)							
Children's Home				115.00	150.00		265.00
Missionary Prov.				38.39			38.39
Retired Ministers							0.00
Youth Camp				10.00			10.00
TOTAL NON CASH GIFTS				163.39	150.00		313.39
GRAND TOTAL DISBURSED	237.10	70.99	144.00	894.13	455.08	736.97	2538.27

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, and 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 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 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 in the Association to determine its own fiscal year. We suggest March 1st to February 28 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 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 (15%) for an honorarium for the Associational clerk, and eighty-five percent (85%) for the Central Western Missouri Association expense.

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

Article 10: Section 1: No one shall be ordained to the ministry in the Association until they have carried a license two years, or should they be called to pastor a church, they may be ordained in one year.

Section 2: Examination for ordination to the ministry may be carried out at the regular session of the Association, or as otherwise directed by the Association. Examination for license or for ordination (both ministers and deacons) to be done at a time and place agreeable to both candidates and examining council. Ordination may be carried out in the local church (if desired) subsequent to examination and favorable action of the examining council.

Article 11: No one shall be licensed or ordained in this Association who is used or 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 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.