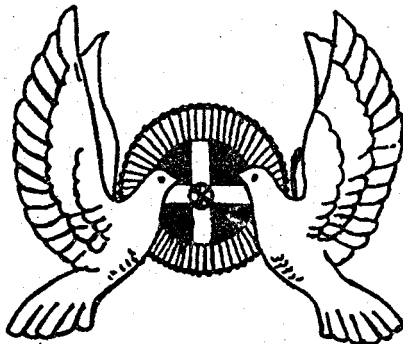


MINUTES  
OF THE 76TH ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI ASSOCIATION  
OF  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

When Convened With The  
OSKALOOSA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
Friday Evening, March 30, 1984

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THE 77TH ANNUAL SESSION  
Will Meet With The  
STOCKTON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
of Stockton, Missouri  
Friday Evening, March 29, 1985





THEME OF ASSOCIATION:

JAMES 1:22

"But be ye doers of the word  
and not hearers only, deceiv-  
ing your own selves."

MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF  
FREE WILL BAPTIST  
1984

OFFICERS

MODERATOR	Deacon Charlie Hoover, Liberal, MO
ASSISTANT MODERATOR	Deacon Roger Phillips, Liberal, MO
CLERK - TREASURER	Doris Whitson, Liberal, MO
ASSISTANT CLERK	Ionla Phillips, Liberal, MO
STATISTICIAN	Alice Hoover, Liberal, MO
ITINERANT CONTACT	Rev. Bob Dickey, Liberal, MO
STATE GEN. BOARD MEMBER	Deacon Charlie Hoover, Liberal, MO

EXECUTIVE AND HOME MISSION BOARD

1. BETHEL	DEACON LURAL MAYS	1985
2. ELDORADO SPRINGS FIRST	REV. MORGAN WALKER	1985
3. GREENFIELD	REV. LOWELL MARTIN	1985
4. HANNON	DEACON CHARLIE HOOVER	1986
5. HICKORY GROVE	REV. THAYNE FAST	1986
6. OSKALOOSA	DEACON PHILLIP MUNN	1987
7. STOCKTON	DEACON JOHN BOUGH	1987
8. VERDELLA	DEACON ROGER PHILLIPS	1987

CHURCH CLERKS

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

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

GREENFIELD FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, S. Allison  
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HANNON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Liberal, MO  
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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  
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. Alvin Hook, Liberal, MO 64762

## PROCEEDINGS

Friday Evening, March 30, 1984, 7:00 P.M.

The 76th annual session of the Central Western Missouri Association of Free Will Baptist convened with the Oskaloosa Church.

In the absence of their pastor, Phil Munn, extended a welcome. With Jan Munn at the piano and Irma Ledford as song leader we sang "At Calvary" and "He Is Able To Deliver Thee". There were not enough churches represented to declare a quorum.

Announcements were made by Bro. Phil Munn, Bro. Clarence Burton, Missouri State Promotional Secretary, was introduced and presented information about state work. He urged the people to participate in the different projects, especially the effort to get missionary accounts out of the red.

Another congregational song "He Hideth My Soul" was sung.

We then enjoyed special music by Jan and Paulette Munn, "Pierce My Ear" and "Learning to Lean". A missionary offering of \$50.00 was taken, Bro. Reed Smith asked God's blessing on the offering.

Bro. Stan Bunch, missionary appointee to Panama was the evening speaker. He used II Timothy 4: as the basis for his message. Some of the prayer requests for he and his family were, safety in travel, health, attendance at language school and their children.

We were dismissed in prayer by Roger Phillips.

## SATURDAY MORNING 9:45 A.M. BUSINESS SESSION MARCH 31, 1984

The meeting was opened with prayer by Bro. Cletus Nichols. Doris Whitson, Clerk, declared a quorum present and turned the meeting to the moderator, Phil Munn to conduct business. With Irma Ledford as song leader and Jan Munn, pianist, the congregation sang "Sunlight, Sunlight". Special music "Live for Jesus" was presented by Jan Munn. The morning devotion was by Rev. Alvin Hook using Zec. 4:6

The moderator appointed committees.

By-Laws were read by Roger Phillips.  
Church letters were read and delegates seated.  
Report of Executive Board read by Phil Munn, M/S/C to accept as read.  
Letter read from the former Evangel Free Will Baptist Church of Webb  
City withdrawing from the Association. M/S/C to accept the letter, as information.  
Report of Executive Board Clerk-Treasurer read, questions discussed. M/S/C  
to accept as given.  
The report of the Associational Clerk-Treasurer was read and accepted.  
A report by the Statistician was handed out to each one present, M/S/C to  
accept.  
We were dismissed in prayer by Harold Smith.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY SESSION 11:00 A.M., MARCH 31, 1984  
THEME: "Not everyone that saidth unto me, Lord, Lord, shall  
enter into the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 7:21

The Annual Central Western Missouri District Auxiliary was welcomed by  
Pres. Hilda Nichols, with Doris Whitson giving the opening prayer. Irma Ledford  
led the congregation in singing, "Just A Closer Walk With Thee", with Jan Munn  
as pianist. The minutes were read (and approved) by Virginia Hoover. Lita Munn  
gave the treasurers report. Three of the five allowed delegates to the State  
Association were appointed, Juanita Smith, Loretta Hoover, and Virginia Hoover.  
M/S/C to expand the number of officers from 4 to 7. The nominating committee  
appointed, Margaret Walker, Loretta Hoover, and Irma Ledford. A special "Born  
to Serve the Lord" was sung by Lita, Jan, Paulette, and Eva Munn with Jan at  
the piano.

Hilda presented our missionary appointee, Brenda Bunch. She gave a mission-  
aries view-point of James 1:22, "Be doers of the Word and not hearers only".  
Brenda told the need to witness in our home, community, state, and the world.  
Also we must have God's power through prayer, to be able to evangelize. After  
closing her message with prayer, she handed out sheets, entitled "How To Pray  
For The World".

Hazel Bowman dismissed the meeting with prayer.

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

Irma Mae Ledford led in singing "Higher Ground", followed with prayer by  
Jewel Campbell. A skit, "Ready For Take-Off", was presented by the district  
officers. A ladies trio from Raytown's Beacon Church sang "In The Shadow of  
the Cross" and "Down From His Glory". Sis. Barbara Harwell of Beacon Church  
spoke on James 1:22-25, telling of our need for a "Doer's Version" of the Bible.  
Alice Hoover gave the offertory prayer. An offering of \$131.00 was divided  
between our two speakers. The nominating committee presented the following names  
for district officers. President, Hilda Nichols; Vice-President, Gaye Hook;  
Secretary, Virginia Hoover; Treasurer, Pam Niehaus; Missions Prayer, Wilma Smith;  
Missions Action, Juanita Smith; Missions Study, Ionia Phillips. M/S/C to accept  
these as new officers for the coming year.

Dismissed in prayer by Irma Ledford.

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION MARCH 31, 1984

Moderator, Phil Munn, called the meeting to order again and Bro. Stan  
Bunch led in prayer.

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

Report of nominating committee read. M/S/C to accept.

Report of Business Committee read and discussed.

M/S/C that we delete the word, night, from Article 7 of the Constitution. This will be acted upon after compliance with Article 9.

M/S/C that we use the amount of money necessary from the Youth Camp Fund to purchase mattresses and whatever else is needed for the upkeep of our youth camp cabins.

M/S/C that the sentence in Article 12: Section 1 of the By-laws read thus: Ministers in the Armed Forces, Bible College students, and Missionaries shall not be required to report in person to receive a card of standing. This will be acted upon at the 1985 session after Article 13 has been carried out.

The next Associational meeting will convene with the Stockton Free Will Baptist Church March 29 & 30, 1985.

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

All officers suggested by the nominating committee were elected.

Dismissed in prayer by Roger Phillips.

#### SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE MARCH 31, 1984

Moderator, Phil Munn took charge. With Jan Munn at the piano and Irma Ledford as song leader, the congregation sang, "Each Step I Take" and "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow". After Bro. Bob Dickey led in prayer an offering of \$56.50 was taken to be put in the treasury of the association.

Special music was by Cindy Thompson.

Bro. Cletus Nichols brought the evening message using Romans 2:13 as his scripture. He stressed two things as being very essential in a Christian's life, watching and praying. The association adjourned by being led in prayer by Bro. Reed Smith.

#### REGISTRATION

MINISTERS - Stan Bunch, Alvin Hook, Cletus Nichols, Hollis Walker Jr., Bob Dickey, Cecil Campbell and Morgan Walker.

DEACONS - Phillip Munn Jr., Reed Smith, Charles Whitson, Roger Phillips, John Bough, Orville Foger, and Charlie Hoover.

DELEGATES - Harold & Juanita Smith, Wilma Smith, Irma Mae Ledford, Gaye Hook, Virginia Hoover, Debbie Green, Ionia Phillips, Loretta Hoover, Hilda Nichols, Hazel Bowman, Mae Cleffman, Dorothy Dickey, Mary Cross, Lois Smith, Ruth Foger.

VISITORS - Paulette Munn, Clarence and Vivian Burton, Jan Munn, Clifford Hoover, Bill and Virginia Walker, Andrea Walker, Judy Sprenkle, Addis Foger, Phillip Nichols, Margaret Walker, Mr. & Mrs. Elbert Yoos, Theo Bough, Henry G. Conner, Lynette Phillips, Eva Marie Munn, Barbara Harwell, Janice Moore, Sue Cook, Virginia Bunton, Brenda Bunch, Loretta Danley, Opal Williams, Sonny Smith, Gina Smith, Jody Smith, Jewell Campbell.

#### BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORTS

We the business committee recommend the following to our churches:

1. That we use the amount of money necessary from our Youth Camp fund to purchase mattresses and whatever else is needed for the upkeep of our Youth Camp cabins.

2. That the sentence in Article 12: Section 1 of the By-Laws be changed to include Bible College students and missionaries along with persons in the Armed Forces.

3. That we give the Oskaloosa Church a standing vote of thanks for hosting the Association.

Signed Bob Dickey, Cletus Nichols, Harold Smith, John Bough, and Morgan Walker.

#### MINISTERIAL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the committee on Ministerial Standing, do recommend the following by granted certificates of good standing in the Association: Bros. Alvin Hook, Hollis Walker Jr., Thayne Fast, Morgan Walker, Bob Dickey, Cletus Nichols, and Stan Bunch. Superannuated are: Arlie Hoover and Lowell Martin

May we the committee as well as the above pastors strive harder and more diligently to seek lost souls until the coming of our Lord. Signed Roger Phillips, Loretta Hoover, Mae Cleffman, Irma Mae Ledford, and Juanita Smith.

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

We the nominating Committee make the following recommendations: Moderator, Charlie Hoover; Assistant Moderator, Roger Phillips; Clerk-Treasurer, Doris Whitson; Assistant Clerk-Treasurer, Ionia Phillips; Statistician, Alice Hoover; Itinerant Contact, Bob Dickey; State General Board Member, Charlie Hoover; Exec. and Home Mission Board, Oskaloosa, Phil Munn; Stockton, John Bough; Verdella, Roger Phillips. Signed - Stan Bunch, Charles Whitson, Hollis Walker Jr., Virginia Hoover, Debbie Green, and Charlie Hoover.

#### MINISTER'S REPORTS

Rev. Stan Bunch - Sermons preached, 120; Churches pastored, 1; Professions witnessed, 3; funerals preached, 2; miles traveled, 15,080; money received \$9800.

Rev. Cletus Nichols - Sermons preached, 109; churches pastored, 1; professions witnessed, 3; number baptized, 6; additions to church, 3; funerals preached, 1; miles traveled, 5,000; money received, \$11,913.

Rev. Bob Dickey - Sermons preached, 94; churches pastored, 1; professions witnessed, 11; number baptized, 8; additions to church, 11; funerals preached, 4; weddings, 2; miles traveled, 9,500; money received, \$11,700.

Rev. Thayne Fast - Sermons preached, 49; churches pastored, 1; professions witnessed, 2; number baptized, 2; funerals preached, 1; weddings, 3; miles traveled, 10,200; money received, \$3,250.

Rev. Morgan Walker - Sermons preached, 46; churches pastored, 1; miles traveled, 775; money received, \$780.

Rev. Alvin Hook - Sermons preached, 167; churches pastored, 2; professions witnessed, 31; number baptized, 7; additions to church, 9; miles traveled, 6,000; weddings, 6; money received, \$4,200.

Hollis Walker Jr.-

Curt Holland -

# ASSOCIATION CLERKS FINANCIAL REPORT MARCH 1983 - MARCH 1984

Balance Brought Forward . . . . .		\$182.71
Receipts:		
Budget money . . . . .	\$333.00	
Missionary Offerings . . . . .	<u>\$295.06</u>	
Total Receipts. . . . .		\$628.06
		<u>\$810.77</u>

Disbursements:		
McLains. . . . .	\$147.53	
Pinkertons . . . . .	\$147.53	
National . . . . .	\$ 90.00	
State. . . . .	\$ 45.00	
1983 Minutes . . . . .	\$125.00	
Board Member to State. . . . .	\$101.85	
Clerk Honorarium . . . . .	\$ 20.00	
Total Disbursements:. . . . .		\$676.91

Balance in Bank . . . . .		<u>\$133.86</u>
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## REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD FROM MARCH 1, 1983 to FEB. 29, 1984

Annual Association Meeting at Verdella Free Will Baptist Church.

The executive board met during the regular session of the Association to organize the board for the coming year. The meeting was opened with prayer by Roger Phillips. The officers are: Chairman - Charlie Hoover; Assistant Chairman - Lester Nutting; Secretary & Treasurer - Phil Munn; Assistant Secretary & Treasurer - Roger Phillips. Board members present were: Charlie Hoover, Roger Phillips, Lester Nutting, John Bough, Lural Mays, Morgan Walker, Thayne Fast, and Phillip Munn.

Program committee for the coming year will be Phil Munn as Chairman and whoever else is appointed by the Chairman.

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

Hannon - Charlie Hoover

Hickory Grove - Thayne Fast

We were dismissed with prayer by Lester Nutting.

June 4, 1983 Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church - Quarterly Meeting  
Board members present: Charlie Hoover, Roger Phillips, Thayne Fast, Phil Munn and Cletus Nichols for Lural Mays.

We were led in prayer by Thayne Fast. We discussed the Stockton Free Will Baptist Church. The Youth Camp Project was also discussed. Closing prayer by Roger Phillips.

September 3, 1983 Oskaloosa Free Will Baptist Church - Quarterly Meeting  
Board members present: Charlie Hoover, Roger Phillips, Lural Mays, Morgan Walker, and Phil Munn.

Opening prayer by Lural Mays. No business to conduct. Dismissed in prayer by Roger Phillips.

December 3, 1983 Stockton Free Will Baptist Church - Quarterly Meeting.  
Board members present: Charlie Hoover, John Bough, Roger Phillips, Lural Mays and Phil Munn.



# STATISTICAL TABLE

1983

	BETHEL	ELDORADO FIRST	GREENFIELD	HANNON	HICKORY GROVE	OSKALOOSA	STOCKTON	VERDELLA	TOTAL
Members Received	3	0	0		3	4	0	13	34
Members Lost	7	0	0		0	0	0	2	14
Members Deceased	0	0	0		2	0	0	1	4
Total Membership	33	19	36	13	18	31	7	76	345
Sunday School Average	61	12	25	8	14	19	12	83	310
Women's Auxiliary	10	0	0	2	0	8	0	23	63
Ordained Ministers	1	1	1		1	0	0	3	9
Licensed Ministers	0	0	0		0	0	0	1	1
Ordained Deacon	1	1	0		0	2	1	4	12
Pastor's Salary	11,913.00	780.00	4,420.00	11,610.00	2,820.00	3,690.00	3,200.00	9,700.00	48,133.53
Evangelistic	200.00	0	0	300.00	0	198.74	0	1,323.63	2,022.37
Building Repair	0	0	1,044.00	374.50	0	946.49	0	5,325.72	7,690.75
Literature	698.45	120.74	198.80	1,631.00	124.29	292.43	160.00	3,150.00	6,375.90
Other	0	0	862.42	9,067.60	100.00	144.86	785.62	3,080.00	14,040.55
TOTAL LOCAL CAUSES	23,713.00	900.74	6,525.22	22,983.50	3,044.29	5,273.05	4,145.62	22,579.35	89,164.65
Cooperative Fund	0	45.00	0	2,881.00	195.44	211.58	0	2,186.43	5,520.21
Foreign Missions	851.00	0	30.00	4,068.00	133.25	828.01	0	6,362.73	12,273.39
Home Missions	0	45.00	168.10	2,881.00	195.44	900.86	0	1,320.00	5,511.16
Orphanage	0	0	0		63.00	0	0	0	63.00
Association Projects	0	0	0		0	187.85	0	1,304.69	1,492.54
Other	0	0	0	3,182.00	560.15	130.00	0	0	3,872.34
TOTAL OUTSIDE CAUSES	851.00	90.00	198.10	13,014.00	1,147.28	2,258.30	0	9,720.00	27,278.79
TOTAL SPENT	24,564.00	990.74	6,723.32	35,997.50	4,464.07	7,531.35	4,145.62	33,753.00	118,169.63
Church Property	175,000.00	20,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	20,000.00	16,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	451,000.00

Opening prayer was by Charlie Hoover. The board met with Brother Cliff Bowman from the State Home Missions Department. We discussed the possibility of the State Home Missions helping us to find and help support a minister for Stockton. Brother Bowman said that the State didn't have any money right now, but there might be a possibility that they would be able later to pay a ministers salary for 6 months. Saturday, January 7, 1984 at 6 o'clock at Verdella Free Will Baptist Church was set to plan the Annual Association Meeting, and to examine Brother Alvin Hook for a card of satnding. The offering of \$82.00 went to Brother Bowman. Closing prayer was by John Bough.

Saturday, January 7, 1984 - Special Meeting to plan Annual Association Meeting Board members present: Charlie Hoover, Roger Phillips, Lural Mays, Morgan Walker, & Phil Munn.

Opening devotion by Roger Phillips. The program was planned for the Annual Association Meeting with the Theme to be James 1:22. "But be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."

It was suggested that the money in the Youth Camp Fund be spent on needed repairs, mattresses and bedding. This must be voted on at the Annual Meeting.

There was a discussion about the condition of the Evangel Free Will Baptist Church in Webb City. It was decided to make an appointment with George Gooding for February 8, 1984. A committee of Charlie Hoover, Roger Phillips, Phil Munn, and Brent Thompson were to meet with George Gooding. Closing prayer by Lural Mays.

Saturday, March 3, 1984 - Special Meeting at Stockton Free Will Baptist Church Board members present: Charlie Hoover, Roger Phillips, Lural Mays, John Bough, Morgan Walker and Phil Munn. Brent Thompson was our guest. Roger PPhillips began the meeting with a scripture reading. Lural Mays gave the opening prayer.

The committee gave their report of the February 8th meeting with George Gooding about the Evangel Free Will Baptist Church.

The executive board then discussed the situation and what action we could take. A motion was made by John Bough that we as Central Western Executive Board do not have any authority over the property of Evangel and as such it should be the persons who signed the original note and who's names appears on the deed that should give the authority to the Missouri State Home Missions Board.

The motion was seconded by Lural Mays.

John Bough reported that as of March 10th we have 34 payments left on the Stockton Church which is an outstanding balance of \$10,357.42.

Roger Phillips dismissed us with prayer.

CENTRAL WESTERN EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT  
ANNUAL STATEMENT  
03/01/83 - 02/29/84

YOUTH CAMP FUND

03/01/83	Balance. . . . .	\$1,664.43
	Expenses	0.00
	Contributions	<u>0.00</u>
02/29/84	YOUTH CAMP CURRENT BALANCE	\$1,664.43

GENERAL ACCOUNT FUND

03/01/83	Balance. . . . .	\$1,946.76
	EXPENSES:	0.00
	Debt Retirement Fund	4,080.00
	Operating Fund	2,160.00
	Miscellaneous	<u>479.45</u>
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$6,719.45
	INCOME:	
	Interest on savings account	111.89
	Bethel	0.00
	Evangel	100.00
	Eldorado First	45.00
	Greenfield	168.10
	Hannon	2,670.67
	Hickory Grove	195.44
	Oskaloosa	865.86
	Stockton	200.00
	Verdella	1,263.97
	Other Contributions	<u>274.43</u>
	TOTAL INCOME	\$5,895.36
02/29/84	GENERAL ACCOUNT CURRENT BALANCE . . . . .	\$1,122.67

CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI DISTRICT AUXILIARY  
Treasurer's Annual Report 1983-1984

	<u>DISTRICT</u> 51	<u>BETHEL</u> 10	<u>HANNON</u> 22	<u>OSKALOOSA</u> 6	<u>VERDELLA</u> 23	<u>TOTAL</u> 61
Members on Roll						
Home Missions:						
Pre-Thanksgiving Off.			-0-		105.00	105.00
State Missions Project	15.00		100.00			115.00
Special Projects				73.30	25.00	98.30
Foreign Missions:						
Pre-Easter Off.					100.00	100.00
State Missions Project	15.00		100.00		25.00	145.00
Special Missions Project	152.00	10.00	145.00	35.00		342.00
WNAC General Fund						
Emphasis Month				20.00		20.00
Children's Home					50.00	50.00
Youth Camp Projects		10.00	25.00		167.50	202.50
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	182.00	20.00	370.00	128.30	472.50	1,172.80
CASH GIFTS (sent directly)						
Youth Camp Projects		10.00				10.00
Local Church Activities		182.80	545.82	24.95		753.57
Auxiliary Literature		54.05	103.20	30.15	101.10	288.50
Other Special Off.		20.00				20.00
TOTAL		266.85	649.02	55.10	101.10	1,072.07
NON CASH GIFTS (evaluate)						
Children's Home			15.00			15.00
Special Project				50.00		50.00
TOTAL			15.00	50.00		65.00
GRAND TOTAL DISBURSED	182.00	286.85	1,034.02	233.40	573.60	2,309.87

## 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 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 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.