

MINUTES
OF THE 78TH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

When Convened With The
VERDELLA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Friday Evening, March 28, 1986

THE 79TH ANNUAL SESSION
Will Meet With The
BETHEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
At Eldorado Springs, Missouri
Friday Evening, March 27, 1987





THEME OF ASSOCIATION

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FREE WILL BAPTIST
1986

OFFICERS

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

EXECUTIVE AND HOME MISSION BOARD

1.	Oskaloosa	Deacon Phillip Munn	1987
2.	Stockton	Deacon John Bough	1987
3.	Verdella	Deacon Roger Phillips	1987
4.	Bethel	Rev. Cletus Nichols	1988
5.	ElDorado Springs First	Rev. Morgan Walker	1988
6.	Greenfield	Rev. Lowell Martin	1988
7.	Hannon	Deacon Charlie Hoover	1989
8.	Hickory Grove	Rev. Thayne Fast	1989

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 & Marshall St.
Ruby Shakal, Rt. 1, Box 223, 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
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OSKALOOSA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Arcadia, KS
Wilma Smith, R.R. 2, Box 98B, Liberal, MO 64762

STOCKTON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Stockton, MO
John Bough, Rt. 4, Stockton, MO 65785

VERDELLA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Liberal, MO
Roger Phillips, Rt. 2, Liberal, MO 64762

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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
Michael Neuman, Rt. 1, 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
Henry Conner, Rt. 2, Box 230A, Walnut Grove, MO 65770
VERDELLA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Liberal, MO
None Reported.

PROCEEDINGS

Friday Evening, March 28, 1986, 7:00 P.M.

The 78th Annual session of the Central Western Missouri Association of Free Will Baptist convened with the Verdella Church.

With Charles Whitson as song leader and Nancy Mays at the piano, the congregation sang, "Higher Ground".

Deacon Roger Phillips extended a welcome from the Verdella Church.

The congregation then sang "To God Be The Glory".

Announcements were made by the Moderator, Rev. Cletus Nichols. The moderators message was from the 133rd Psalm and Heb. 13:1.

The congregation sang two more songs, "Where We'll Never Grow Old" and "He Keeps Me Singing".

We were led in prayer by Lural Mays.

Special Music was by Stacie Spurgeon, she sang, "It's My Desire".

Clerk declared a quorum present.

The moderator introduced the speaker of the evening, Bro. Rolla Smith, retiring Foreign Missions Director from Nashville, Tenn. He brought a very inspiring message from Rev. 1:10-20.

We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Stan Bunch.

Saturday Morning, 9:45 A.M. Business Session, March 29, 1986

In the absence of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Roger Phillips opened the meeting by calling on Bro. Hollis Walker, Jr. to lead us in prayer.

With Vickie Neuman as pianist and Charles Whitson as song leader, the congregation sang two songs "Are You Washed in the Blood?" and "Nothing Between".

The Clerk gave a roll call for churches represented.

The By-Laws were read by Curt Holland.

Church letters were read and delegates seated.
Phil Munn gave the executive Board's yearly report and treasury report.
M/S/C to accept as read.
Doris Whitson gave the Clerk-Treasurer's report. M/S/C to accept as read.
Alice Hoover gave the Statistician's report. M/S/C to accept.
Special singing was several songs by Henry and Becky Conner.
The morning devotion was given by Bro. Henry Conner. He used the scripture text, Luke 2:41-52. The theme of his message was, "Are we seeking Jesus in the World or at the Cross?" He ended with prayer and an invitation to accept Christ as Saviour.
We were dismissed for a short recess.

Woman's Auxiliary Session
11:00 A.M., March 29, 1986

Theme: "Be Ye Ready" Therefore be ye also ready, for in such an hour
as ye think not the Son of Man cometh. Matt. 24:44

President Hilda Nichols welcomed everyone to the annual meeting; an opening prayer was given.

Alice Hoover led the congregational singing. Doris Whitson gave the welcome from the Verdella Church. Virginia Hoover gave the response. Stan and Brenda Bunch presented two skits called, "Pillars of the Assembly". These were humorous but had good messages.

The Verdella youth sang, "Pierce My Ear", accompanied by Stacie Spurgeon on the piano.

The devotional "Ready to Care about Others" was given by Brenda Bunch.

An offering was taken for the district auxiliary expenses. Hilda Nichols appointed the nominating committee.

Stan Bunch dismissed in prayer and asked the blessing on the bountiful meal.

Woman's Auxiliary 2:00 P.M. Session

Following the delicious noon meal, committee meetings and fellowship, Pres. Hilda Nichols again called the meeting to order.

The congregation led by Alice Hoover sang, "Open My Eyes", followed by prayer.

Special singing was by Jennifer, Aaron and Cindy Thompson, "Somebody Touched Me" and the Munn family sang "Born To Serve".

Speaking on "Be Ye Ready" were: Juanita Smith, Hannon - "Ready to Live"; Irma Mae Ledford, Oskaloosa - "Ready to Serve"; Mae Cleffman, Verdella - "Ready to Give an Account"; Becky Conner, Stockton - "Ready to Die" Hilda Nichols, Bethel - "Ready for His Return".

Lita Munn gave the Treasurer's report. A summary of the year's minutes was given by Virginia Hoover.

Announcements were made:

Missouri State Meeting at Lebanon, June 3rd thru 5th. Auxiliary Retreat at Niangua, Sept. 12 & 13.

The following women were chosen as delegates to the state meeting, Alice Hoover, Lita Munn, Juanita Smith, Virginia Hoover.

Nominating Committee gave their report and the following officers elected. President - Hilda Nichols; Vice President - Lita Munn; Secretary - Virginia Hoover; Treasurer - Juanita Smith; Members at Large - Lois Smith, Ruth Foger, and Wilma Smith.

Hilda led an installation of officers "Keys To Service". Alice Hoover sang "Footprints of Jesus". Bro. Bob Dickey gave the benediction.

Saturday Afternoon Business Session, 3:30 P.M., March 29, 1986

Phil Munn gave a report on coming events. People were reminded there was maintenance to be done on the Youth Camp.

The Churches need to get their money in to help host the National Association in 1988.

Business Committee report was read by Phil Munn. M/S/C that we adopt item by item and the same was done.

Ministerial standing report was read. M/S/C to accept as read.

Nominating committee report read and other nominations were from the floor. M/S/C to accept.

The following people will be delegates to the State Association: Phil and Lita Munn, Charlie and Alice Hoover, Harold and Juanita Smith, Virginia Hoover and whoever else might be in attendance.

M/S/C that each Church take an offering, to be put in the district treasure, as soon as possible.

Motion was made to adjourn.

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Stan Bunch.

Saturday Evening Worship Service at 7:30 P.M., March 29, 1986

With Charles Whitson as song leader and Jan Munn at the piano the congregation sang the following songs: "Stand Up For Jesus", "Amazing Grace", "How Great Thou Art".

Prayer was led by Bro. Bob Dickey. An offering of \$125.50 was taken to be given to our speaker Bro. Rolla Smith. Bro. Charlie Hoover asked the blessing on the offering.

Special Music was a song "How Long Has it Been?" by Lita Munn and Charles Whitson. The Munn family sang "Jesus is Coming Soon" and "I'll Rise Again".

Bro. Cletus again presented Bro. Rolla Smith, the speaker of the evening. His message urged us to share the Gospel, taken from the Scripture text Matt. 14:15-21 and Job 31:16-22.

We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Thayne Fast.

REGISTRATION

MINISTERS - Curt Holland, Michael Neuman, Stan Bunch, Thayne Fast, Bob Dickey, Henry G. Conner, Cletus Nichols and Hollis Walker Jr.

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

DELEGATES - Hazel Bowman, Wilma Smith, Irma Ledford, Geneva Collins, Hilda Nichols, Hazel Fleeman, Finley White, Juanita Smith, Virginia Hoover, Mae Cleffman, Jan Munn, Frances Foger, Alice Hoover and Rebecca Conner.

VISITORS - Chad Mays, Lural Mays, Nancy Mays, Ken Spurgeon, Stacie Spurgeon, Tommy Smith, Lois Smith, Paulette Munn, Eva Munn, Thelma Dickey, Rod Martinson, Marcia Martinson, Ryan Martinson, Ionia Phillips, Nancy Fleeman, Stella White, Theo Bough, Thora Grider, Mary Holland, John A. Bough, Lynette Phillips, Charity Waring, Lita Munn, Andrea Walker, Doris Whitson. Doris Whitson.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

We the business committee recommend the following to our churches:

1. We would like to recommend that Article 7 of the Constitution be changed from the fourth Sunday in March to the second Sunday in March.
2. We recommend that this association help host the state association in June of 1986.
3. We would like to recommend that all who can, attend the work day at Youth Camp, as there is some general maintenance work that needs to be done.
4. That we give the Verdella Church a standing vote of thanks for hosting the association.

Signed Bob Dickey, John E. Bough, Hollis Walker Jr., Thayne Fast and Phillip Munn.

MINISTERIAL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

We the committee on ministerial standing do recommend the following to be granted certificates of good standing in the Association: Bros. Henry Conner, Thayne Fast, Hollis Walker Jr., Bob Dickey, Michael R. Neuman, Stan Bunch, Cletus Nichols, and Curt Holland. Superannuated are: Arlie Hoover and Lowell Martin. Signed Irma Ledford, Charlie Hoover, Juanita Smith, Orville Foger, and Finley White.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Moderator - Phil Munn; Assistant Moderator - Roger Phillips; Clerk-Treasurer - Doris Whitson; Assistant Clerk-Treasurer - Lita Munn; Statistician - Alice Hoover; Itinerant Contact - Bob Dickey; General Board Member - Phil Munn.

We the nominating committee respectfully submit the above recommendations. Signed Stan Bunch, Charles Whitson, Jan Munn, Mae Cleffman, and Virginia Hoover.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We the obituary committee recommend that we stand for a silent prayer in behalf of the four members that we lost the past year. They are Paul Brummett of Bethel, Chester Hudson of Oskaloosa and two from Eldorado Springs First. Signed Reed Smith, Geneva Collins and Hazel Fleeman.

MINISTER'S REPORTS

Rev. Hollis Walker Jr. - Sermons preached, 23; Money received, \$700.00.
 Rev. Bob Dickey - Sermons preached, 36; Churches pastored, 1 part-time; Professions witnessed, 1; Number baptized, 1; Additions to Church, 2; Funerals preached, 7; Miles traveled, 4,500; Money received, \$6,000.
 Rev. Michael R. Neuman - Sermons preached, 102; Churches pastored, 2; Number baptized, 3; Miles traveled, 6,200; Money received, \$10,300.
 Rev. Henry G. Conner - Sermons preached, 104; Churches pastored, 1; Professions witnessed, 1; Miles traveled, 4,160; Money received, \$3,120.
 Rev. Thayne Fast - Sermons preached, 39; Churches pastored, 1; Miles traveled, 8,600; Money received, \$2,635; Weddings performed, 1.
 Rev. Cletus Nichols - Sermons preached, 98; Churches pastored, 1; Number baptized, 1; Funerals preached, 1; Miles traveled, 5,434; Money received \$11,840.
 Rev. Stan Bunch - Sermons preached, 32; Professions witnessed, 5; Miles traveled, 7,520; Money received, \$9,000.
 Rev. Curt Holland - Sermons preached, 18; Professions witnessed, 3; Miles traveled, 1,000; Money received, \$500.

ASSOCIATIONAL CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORT MARCH 1985 - MARCH 1986

Balance Brought Forward	\$139.94
Receipts:	
Budget Money.	\$289.50
Missions Offering	\$233.25
Total Receipts.	\$662.69
Disbursements:	
Curt Holland.	\$ 58.50
Pinkertons.	\$174.75
State Dues.	\$ 40.00
National Dues	\$ 80.00
1985 Minutes.	\$130.50
Board Member to State	\$145.70
Total Disbursements	\$629.45
Balance in Bank	\$33.24

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD FROM MARCH 1, 1985 TO FEB. 28, 1986

Annual Association Meeting at Stockton Free Will Baptist Church, March 30, 1985. 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 John Bough.

Board members present were: Charlie Hoover, Sister Lowell Martin, John Bough, Roger Phillips, Rev. Cletus Nichols, Rev. Morgan Walker, Rev. Thayne Fast and Phil Munn. The officers are: Chairman - Charlie Hoover; Assistant Chairman - Roger Phillips; Clerk Treasurer - Phil Munn; Clerk Treasurer Ass't. - Cletus Nichols; Program Chairman - Roger Phillips.

STATISTICAL TABLE 1985-86

	BETHEL	ELDORADO FIRST	GREENFIELD	HEN HICKORY GROVE	OSKALOOSA	STOCKTON	VERDELLA	TOTAL	
Members Received	0	0	0	5	0	0	2	7	
Members Lost	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	
Members Deceased	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	4	
Total Membership	28	16	38	105	17	29	68	307	
Sunday School Average	46	8	25	77	14	16	10	261	
Woman's Auxiliary	14	0	0	25	0	5	0	56	
Ordained Ministers	1	1	1	3	1	0	1	11	
Licensed Ministers	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	
Ordained Deacons	1	1	0	4	0	2	1	13	
Pastor's Salary	11,840.00	780.00	4,505.00	560.00	2,625.00	5,478.63	3,120.00	54,540.06	
Evangelistic	196.31	0	0	0	0	328.05	0	2,265.58	
Building Repair	1,063.57	15.00	0	500.00	165.08	757.69	0	5,718.13	
Literature	829.01	58.80	217.99	550.00	156.04	410.04	150.00	5,462.73	
Other	14,711.46	1,015.00	820.65	10.00	0	226.98	960.00	27,945.26	
TOTAL LOCAL CAUSES	28,473.79	1,868.80	5,543.64	220.00	2,946.12	7,201.39	4,230.00	95,765.20	
Cooperative Fund	0	60.00	0	22.00	164.82	253.03	0	5,435.79	
Foreign Missions	1,970.58	0	0	22.00	164.82	773.79	300.00	13,671.19	
Home Missions	0	60.00	0	100.00	124.51	119.50	0	4,656.01	
Orphanage	0	0	0	0	65.00	0	0	65.00	
Association Projects	0	0	0	0	0	120.00	0	240.00	
Other	243.56	0	0	0	32.56	120.00	0	396.12	
TOTAL OUTSIDE CAUSES	2,118.58	120.00	0	44.00	551.71	1,386.32	300.00	24,368.55	
TOTAL SPENT	30,758.93	1,978.80	5,543.64	264.00	3,497.83	8,587.71	4,530.00	113,290.31	
Church Property	200,000.00	20,000.00	60,000.00	100.00 and donage	20,000.00	16,000.00	60,000.00	50,000.00	539,000.00

Executive board members for the expiring terms were elected as follows: Bethel - Rev. Cletus Nichols; Eldorado First - Rev. Morgan Walker; Greenfield - Rev. Lowell Martin.

There was a discussion about the records of the Stockton Church being held by Mrs. Wyman Zander. Phil was to contact her to see if she would return them.

With no further business we were dismissed in prayer by Phil Munn.

June 1, 1985 - Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church - Quarterly Meeting. The meeting was opened with prayer by John Bough. Board members present were: Charlie Hoover, Roger Phillips, Rev. Cletus Nichols, John Bough, Rev. Thayne Fast & Phil Munn. Guests were Rev. Alvin Hook and Rev. Henry Conners. Financial report was read by Phil Munn. A report of the Youth Camp cabins was given by Bro. Hook and a discussion followed.

The board received a letter from Stockton Free Will Baptist Church requesting that we examine Bro. Henry Conners for a Card of Standing. Motion was made and seconded that we grant Bro. Conners a Card of Standing and the vote was unanimous.

As there was no further business to conduct, we were dismissed with prayer by Bro. Cletus Nichols.

September 7, 1985 - Oskaloosa Free Will Baptist Church - Quarterly Meeting. The meeting was opened in prayer by Bro. Cletus Nichols. Board members present were: Charlie Hoover, Roger Phillips, John Bough, Rev. Thayne Fast, Rev. Cletus Nichols and Phil Munn.

The board received a letter from the Hannon Free Will Baptist Church requesting that we examine Bro. Mike Neuman for a Card of Standing. Bro. Neuman presented a Letter of Dismissal from the Cave Springs Association. A motion was made and seconded that we grant Bro. Neuman a Card of Standing and the vote was unanimous.

As there was no further business to conduct we were dismissed in prayer by Bro. John Bough.

December 7, 1985 - Stockton Free Will Baptist Church - Quarterly Meeting. The meeting was opened with prayer by Phil Munn. Board members present were: Charlie Hoover, John Bough, Rev. Cletus Nichols, Roger Phillips and Phil Munn.

January 11, 1986 - 7:00 P.M. was set to meet at Verdella F.W.B. to plan the program for the annual association meeting.

Phil Munn as to check with the Foreign Missions Department to see if it would be possible to have a missionary to speak at the Annual Meeting.

Our Association has been contacted by the Kansas City Association to help host the State Association in June of 1986.

We were dismissed in prayer by Roger Phillips.

January 11, 1986 - Verdella Free Will Baptist Church - Special Meeting to Plan the Annual Association Meeting.

Members present: Charlie Hoover, Rev. Cletus Nichols, Rev. Morgan Walker, Rev. Thayne Fast, John Bough, Roger Phillips and Phil Munn.

Motion was made and seconded to have Rev. Bob Dickey as a proxy for Sister Martin.

Rev. Cletus Nichols gave a short devotion.

A discussion about the upcoming Annual Association Meeting took place. It was reported that Bro. Rolla Smith from the Foreign Missions Department would be our guest speaker.

The theme chosen for this year was "Walk in the old paths" with Jeremiah 6:16 as the scripture reference "Thus saith the Lord, stand in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk in it, and ye shall find rest for your souls".

The churches having executive board members with expiring terms are:

Charlie Hoover - Hannon Free Will Baptist Church

Thayne Fast - Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church

We were dismissed in prayer by Roger Phillips.

CENTRAL WESTERN EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

ANNUAL STATEMENT

03/01/85 - 02/28/86

YOUTH CAMP FUND

03/01/85	Balance.....\$	870.68
Expenses		217.48-
Contributions		0.00
02/28/86	Youth Camp Current Balance.....\$	653.20

GENERAL ACCOUNT FUND

03/01/85	Balance.....\$	5,514.94
Expenses:		
Building Insurance		515.00-
Quarterly Meeting Speakers		152.00-
Miscellaneous		501.00-
	Total Expenses.....\$	1,168.00-
Income:		
Interest on Savings Account		575.13
Bethel		29.00
ElDorado First		60.00
Greenfield		0.00
Hannon		0.00
Hickory Grove		164.82
Oskaloosa		43.00
Stockton		0.00
Verdella		0.00
Other Contributions		152.00
	Total Income.....\$	1,023.95
02/28/86	GENERAL ACCOUNT CURRENT BALANCE.....\$	5,370.89

CENTRAL WESTERN MO DISTRICT AUXILIARY TREASURERS REPORT - 1985 to 1986

OSKALOOSA FWB AUX.

Members	5	\$ 8.75
Foreign Miss.		\$ 21.20
Emphasis MO.		\$ 10.00
Children Home		\$ 20.00
Aux. Lit.		\$ 36.15
		\$ 96.10
Miscell.		\$ 5.00
TOTAL		<u>\$101.10</u>

HANNON FWB AUX.

Members	15	\$ 26.25
Home Miss.		\$ 70.00
Foreign Miss.		\$745.00
Emphasis Mo.		\$ 78.00
Children Home		\$ 65.00
Special Off.		\$150.00
		<u>\$1,134.25</u>

SENT DIRECTLY:

Foreign Miss.		\$133.00
Aux. Lit.		\$ 88.95
Youth Camp Pr.		<u>\$144.37</u>

TOTAL		<u>\$1,500.57</u>
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CENTRAL WESTERN MO. DIST. AUX.

Members	43	\$ 75.25
Foreign Miss.		\$255.65
		<u>\$330.90</u>

SENT DIRECTLY:

Foreign Miss.		\$ 58.25
Banquet Spkr.		\$ 50.00
Miscellaneous		\$ 21.00
		<u>\$179.25</u>

TOTAL		<u>\$460.15</u>
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VERDELLA FWB AUX.

Members	10	\$ 17.50
Home Miss.		\$ 30.00
Foreign Miss.		\$137.88
Provision Closet		\$ 25.00
Emphasis MO.		\$ 40.00
Childrens Home		<u>\$10.00</u>
		<u>\$260.38</u>

SENT DIRECTLY:

Local Church Act.		\$ 36.59
Childrens Home		\$100.00
Aux. Lit.		\$ 48.60
		<u>\$185.19</u>

TOTAL		<u>\$445.57</u>
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BETHEL FWB AUX.

Members	13	\$ 22.75
Home Miss.		\$ 13.00
Foreign Miss.		\$181.91
Cleo Pursell		\$ 20.00
Childrens Home		\$ 50.00
		<u>\$287.66</u>

SENT DIRECTLY:

Foreign Missions		\$175.00
Local Church Act.		\$464.61
Aux. Lit.		\$ 55.88
		<u>\$695.49</u>

TOTAL		<u>\$983.15</u>
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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. 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 assemble 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 consitute 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 ministers to report each year by letter and to attend at least once each year at a quarterly or the annual association meeting. Ministers in the Armed Forces, Bible College students, and Missionaries shall not be required to report in person to receive a card of standing. 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 Work 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.