

**MINUTES**

**79TH ANNUAL SESSION**

**CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI ASSOCIATION**

**OF**

**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

When Convened With The

**BETHEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

Friday Evening, March 27, 1987

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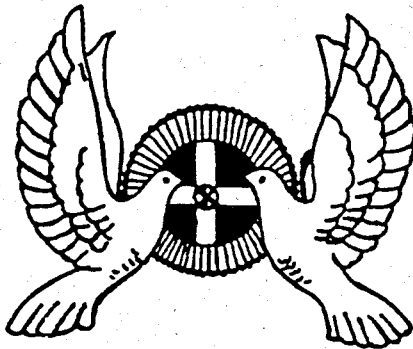
**BOTH ANNUAL SESSION**

Will Meet With The

**Hannon Free Will Baptist Church**

Near Liberal, Missouri

Friday Evening, March 18, 1988





**THEME OF ASSOCIATION**

"The night is far spent, the day is  
at hand: let us therefore cast off  
the works of darkness, and let us put  
on the armour of light." Romans 13:12

# MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS 1987

## 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.....Curt Holland, Liberal, MO  
Itinerant Contact.....Rev. Bob Dickey, Liberal, MO  
State Gen. Board Member.....Deacon Phillip Munn, Liberal, MO

## EXECUTIVE AND HOME MISSION BOARD

|                           |                       |      |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|------|
| 1. Bethel                 | Rev. Cletus Nichols   | 1988 |
| 2. Eldorado Springs First | Rev. Morgan Walker    | 1988 |
| 3. Greenfield             | Rev. Lovell Martin    | 1988 |
| 4. Hannon                 | Deacon Charlie Hoover | 1989 |
| 5. Hickory Grove          | Rev. Thayne Fast      | 1989 |
| 6. Oskaloosa              | Deacon Phillip Munn   | 1990 |
| 7. Stockton               | Deacon John Bough     | 1990 |
| 8. Verdella               | Deacon Roger Phillips | 1990 |

## CHURCH CLERKS

BETHEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Eldorado Springs, MO  
Lois Smith, 106 East Poplar, Eldorado Springs, MO 64744  
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GREENFIELD FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, South Allison  
Lucille Franklin, 403 Toney Avenue, Greenfield, MO 65661  
HANNON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Liberal, MO  
Margaret Smith, P.O. Box 274, Liberal, MO 64762  
HICKORY GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Harrisonville, MO  
Glenna Stackhouse, Rt. 1, Archie, MO 64725  
OSKALOOSA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Liberal, MO  
Wilma M. Smith, Rt. 1, Box 17B, Liberal, MO 64762  
STOCKTON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Stockton, MO  
John Bough, Rt. 4, Stockton, MO 65785  
VERDELLA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Liberal, MO  
Ruth Foger, Route 3, Liberal, MO 64762

## MINISTERS OF CHURCHES

BETHEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Eldorado Springs, MO  
Rev. Cletus Nichols, Rt. 3, Eldorado Springs, MO 64744

ELDORADO SPRINGS FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Eldorado Springs, MO  
Rev. Raymond Reasoner, 501 North Grand, Eldorado, Springs, MO 64744

GREENFIELD FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Greenfield, MO  
Rev. Fidel Bridges, 109 West Cruce, Eldorado Springs, MO 64744

HANNON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Liberal, MO  
Rev. Perry Brake, Rt. 1, Liberal, MO 64762

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

OSKALOOSA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Liberal, MO  
Rev. Cecil Campbell, Rt. 1, Box 219A, Stella, MO 64867

STOCKTON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Stockton, MO  
None Reported

VERDELLA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Liberal, MO  
Rev. Curt Holland, Rt. 3, Liberal, MO 64762

## PROCEEDINGS

Friday Evening, March 27, 1987, 7:00 P.M.

The 79th Annual session of the Central Western Missouri Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the Bethel Church.

Moderator, Phillip Munn opened the meeting by calling on Bro. Curt Holland to lead in prayer.

With Sonny Smith as song leader and Jeanne Hoover at the piano, the congregation sang "Victory in Jesus".

A welcome from the Bethel Church was extended by the pastor, Bro. Cletus Nichols.

Clerk, Doris Whitson, declared a quorum present and turned the meeting back to the moderator to conduct business.

State Promotional Secretary, Bro. Clarence Burton was introduced and made announcements concerning state work.

The congregation then sang "What a Day That Will Be" and "Amazing Grace".

An offering of \$41.49 was taken to be added to the district treasury. Roger Phillips asked the blessing on the offering.

Special music was a duet by Cletus and Hilda Nichols, "Roll You Over The Tide".

Missionary, Steve Lytle, from Panama was the evening speaker, using the theme of the association as his text. He also reported that many people were being saved in Panama.

We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Cletus Nichols.

**Saturday Morning, 9:45 A.M., Business Session, March 28, 1987**

Moderator, Phillip Munn, called the meeting to order. Bro. Lytle led in prayer. With Alice Hoover as pianist and Lita Munn as song leader, the congregation sang "Sunlight".

The morning devotion was by Bro. Curt Holland, using I Thess. 5:1-8 as his text.

The by-laws were read by Roger Phillips.

Church letters were read and delegates seated.

The yearly Executive Board report was given by Phil Munn. M/S/C to accept report as read.

Bro. Phil told the plans concerning the Stockton Church and reported that the State is looking for a pastor for the Church.

Annual treasury report of the Executive Board was read by Phil Munn. Questions were entertained. Repairs to the Youth Camp Cabins were discussed. M/S/C to accept report.

The Clerk-Treasurer's report was given by Doris Whitson. M/S/C to accept report.

Statistician's report given by Alice Hoover. M/S/C to accept report.

Appointing of committees by the Moderator.

Special music by Henry and Becky Connors. They sang three beautiful songs.

We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Hollis Walker, Jr.

We were given a short recess before the meeting was turned to the Woman's Auxiliary.

**Woman's Auxiliary Session  
11:15 A.M., March 28, 1987**

Theme: "Ask and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you", Matt. 7:7-12

Meeting was called to order by President Hilda Nichols.

Congregational singing, led by Loretta Hoover, "Heavenly Sunlight".

Opening prayer by Alice Hoover.

Congregation sang "He Brought Me Out".

Welcome by Eula Payne, Bethel Aux.

Mary Holland gave response.

President Hilda Nichols appointed nominating committee.

Special by: Loretta, Gena Hoover and Lita Munn, "Pass It On".

Hilda Nichols introduced our Missionary to Panama, Judy Lytle who brought the morning message using scripture Matt. 7:7-11; I John 5:14-15; Psalms 4-8; Psalms 3:7, 4:5.

Closing prayer by Judy Lytle.

Juanita Smith asking blessing on offering for the speaker which was \$81.79.

Dismissed in prayer by Ruth Fogar.

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

Meeting was called to order by Hilda Nichols, congregation sang "Send The Light".

Prayer by Geneva Collins.

Treasurer Report was given by Juanita Smith. M/S/C.

Alice Hoover made motion to give Association \$25.00 to help with printing Association Minutes. M/S/C.

In absence of Secretary Virginia Hoover, Wilma Smith read Secretary Report. M/S/C to accept as read.

Appointed delegates for Woman's Auxiliary for State Association: Loretta Hoover, Juanita Smith, and Alice Hoover. Others can be appointed from those who go.

Voted to continue banquets.

Lita Munn spoke on centerpieces for National Association in 1988. State bird will be given out at State Association for Auxiliary members to paint.

Video from Stan and Brenda Bunch, Missionaries to Panama was shown.

The following officers for 1987-1988 were elected:

President - Lita Munn

Vice President - Betty Selvey

Secretary - Mary Holland

Treasurer - Doris Whitson

Members at Large - Hilda Nichols, Denna Cobler, Virginia Hoover.

Candle lighting installation for new officers by Hilda Nichols.

Closing prayer by Steve Lytle.

#### Saturday Afternoon Business Session, 3:30 P.M., March 28, 1987

The meeting was opened with prayer by Bro. Bob Dickey.

Business Committee report was read by Curt Holland. It was discussed item by item. M/S/C that Article 7 of the Constitution now read second Sunday instead of fourth Sunday.

Bro. Cecil Campbell spoke a few words on the state historical work. He brought out the fact that "The church that forgets her history will re-live it."

Ministerial Standing Committee read, M/S/C to accept.

Obituary Committee report read.

Nominating Committee report read, M/S/C to accept.

The following people were chosen as delegates to the State Association: Lita Munn, Alice Hoover, Wilma Smith, Thora Grider, John Grider, and Virginia Hoover.

The 80th Annual Session will meet with the Hannon Church on March 18 and 19, 1988.

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Thayne Fast.

#### **Saturday Evening Worship Service at 6:30 P.M., March 28, 1987**

With Lita Munn at the piano and Sonny Smith as song leader, the congregation sang "Mansion Over the Hilltop" and "Near the Cross".

An offering of \$107.00 was taken to be given to Bro. Steve Lytle. Cletus Nichols asked the blessing on the offering.

Special music was by Lita Munn, Loretta and Gina Hoover.

Bro. Steve Lytle was the evening speaker, again using Romans 13:11-14 as his text. He left the thought with us that as Christians, if we do the following three things, we will be wearing the Armour of Light.

1. Have a personal relationship with God, who is light.
2. Read and meditate on the Word of God.
3. Have a walk with God.

We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Fidel Bridges.

#### **REGISTRATION**

**MINISTERS** - Henry G. Conner, Curt Holland, Cletus Nichols, Bob Dickey, Steve Lytle, Fidel Bridges, Thayne Fast, Raymond Reasoner, and Hollis Walker, Jr.

**DEACONS** - Phillip E. Munn, Jr., Roger Phillips, Reed Smith, Lural Mays, John Bough, Orville Fogar, Charlie Hoover.

**DELEGATES** - Thora Grider, Lois Smith, Finley White, Wilma Smith, Mae Cleffman, Loretta Hoover, Hilda Nichols, Hazel Bowman, Addis Fogar, Donna Cobler, Juanita Smith, Jeanne Hoover, Geneva Collins.

**VISITORS** - John A. Grider, Rebecca Conner, Stella White, Mary Holland, Judy Lytle, Theo Bough, Doris Whitson, Ruth Fogar, Frances Fogar, Ionia Phillips, Dorothy Dickey, Alice Hoover, Lita Munn, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Moody.

#### **BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT**

We the business committee recommend the following to our churches:

1. The following statement be added to Article 6 of the By-Laws; All business if possible be presented to the business committee prior to the business session of the association.

2. That Article 7 of the Constitution be changed as recommended at the 1986 session.

3. Change Article 9 of the By-Laws from .50 to \$1.00 per resident member.

4. That Article 12, Section 1 of the By-Laws instead of reading "It shall be the duty of the active minister to report each year by letter and to attend at least once each year a quarterly meeting or the Annual Association Meeting" to read thus: It shall be the suggested duty of all active ministers to report each year by letter and strongly suggest all active ministers and all active deacons attend all quarterly and annual meetings of the Association.

5. That a Historical Committee be set up and appointed by the Moderator at his discretion.

6. All who can attend Youth Camp Work-Day.

7. Give the Bethel Church a standing vote of "Thanks".

Signed: Curt Holland, Loretta Hoover, Thayne Fast, Orville Foger.

#### MINISTERIAL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Committee on Ministerial standing have reviewed and recommend that the following be granted certificates of good standing in the Association: Bros. Thayne Fast, Bob Dickey, Hollis Walker Jr., Henry Conner, Curt Holland, Morgan Walker, Cletus Nichols, Fidel Bridges and Stan Bunch. Superannuated are: Arlie Hoover and Lowell Martin. Signed: Reed Smith, Lyle Hoover, Hazel Bowman, Addis Foger and Finley White.

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Signed: Roger Phillips, John Bough, Mae Cleffman, Henry Conner and Bob Dickey.

#### OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We recommend that the congregation stand in reverence and honor, for a few moments of meditation for our beloved members, deceased, since the last Association, and end with prayer. The deceased are Goldia Heinrich, Oskaloosa and Mildred Kicenski, Eldorado Springs First. Signed Thora Grider, Geneva Collins and Wilma Smith.



## MINISTER'S REPORTS

Rev. Fidel Bridges - Sermons preached, 98; Churches pastored, 1; Additions to church, 1; Funerals preached, 1; Miles traveled, 5,960; Money received, \$3,865.00.

Rev. Thayne Fast - Sermons preached, 48; Churches pastored, 1; Miles traveled, 4,900; Money received, \$2,860.00.

Rev. Bob Dickey - Sermons preached, 20; Funerals preached, 2; Weddings performed, 2.

Rev. Hollis Walker Jr. - Sermons preached, 9; Money received, \$210.00.

Rev. Henry Conner - Sermons preached, 18; Churches pastored, 1; Funerals preached, 1; Miles traveled, 4,330; Money received, \$780.00.

Rev. Curt Holland - Sermons preached, 84; Churches pastored, 1; Revivals held, 1; Professions witnessed, 3; Funerals preached, 2; Miles traveled, 6,426; Money received, \$12,000.00; Weddings performed, 2.

Rev. Morgan Walker - Sermons preached, 46; Churches pastored, 1; Additions to church, 1; Miles traveled, 100; Money received, \$690.00.

Rev. Cletus Nichols - Sermons preached, 97; Churches pastored, 1; Number baptized, 1; Additions to church, 3; Miles traveled, 5,000; Money received, \$11,840.00.

## ASSOCIATIONAL CLERKS FINANCIAL REPORT MARCH 1986 - MARCH 1987

Balance Brought Forward.....\$33.24

### Receipts:

|                                |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Budget Money                   | \$291.00 |
| Missions Offering              | \$125.50 |
| Special Offering From Churches | \$208.55 |

Total Receipts.....\$658.29

### Disbursements:

|               |          |
|---------------|----------|
| Rolla Smith   | \$125.50 |
| National Dues | \$ 80.00 |
| State Dues    | \$ 40.00 |
| 1986 Minutes  | \$130.50 |

Total Disbursements.....\$376.00

Balance in Bank.....\$282.29

## REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD FROM MARCH 1, 1986 TO FEBRUARY 28, 1987

Annual Association Meeting at Verdella Free Will Baptist Church, March 29, 1986. The Executive Board met during the regular session of the Association.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Cletus Nichols.

Board members present were: Charlie Hoover, Roger Phillips, Rev. Cletus Nichols, and Phillip Munn.

Executive board members with expiring terms were elected as follows:

Hannon - Deacon Charlie Hoover & Hickory Grove - Rev. Thayne Fast.

We did not have a quorum, so no business was conducted.

We were dismissed in prayer by Roger Phillips.

May 3, 1986 - Stockton Free Will Baptist Church - Special Meeting.

The meeting was opened with prayer by John Bough.

Board members present were: Charlie Hoover, John Bough, Roger Phillips, Rev. Morgan Walker, Rev. Cletus Nichols, and Phillip Munn.

The board met to organize for the coming year. Executive Board members for the coming year are: Chairman - Charlie Hoover; Assistant Chairman - Roger Phillips; Clerk-Treasurer - Phil Munn; Assistant Clerk-Treasurer - Cletus Nichols; Program Chairman - Roger Phillips.

This special meeting was called to discuss the possibility to get the State Home Mission Board to help with the Stockton Church.

We discussed the Youth Camp, there needed to be some general maintenance and repair to the cabins before Youth Camp this year.

There was a short discussion about the Stockton Church.

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

June 7, 1986 - Hannon Free Will Baptist Church - Quarterly Meeting.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Bro. Roger Phillips.

Board members present were Charlie Hoover, Roger Phillips, John Bough, Rev. Cletus Nichols, Rev. Thayne Fast and Phil Munn.

The board discussed the possibility of having Bro. Harry Beatty or a tent maker to go the Stockton Church.

The Advanced Celebration Project for Foreign Missions was discussed.

As there was no further business to be conducted, we were dismissed in prayer by Rev. Cletus Nichols.

September 6, 1986 - Bethel Free Will Baptist Church - Quarterly Meeting.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Sister Lovell Martin.

Board members present were Charlie Hoover, Roger Phillips, John Bough, Rev. Cletus Nichols, Sister Martin and Phil Munn.

We received a letter from the Greater Kansas City Association of Free Will Baptists concerning the standing of Bro. Alvin Hook. A motion was made by Bro. Cletus that we send a letter of good standing for Bro. Hook. The motion was seconded by John Bough and the vote was unanimous.

# STATISTICAL TABLE 1986 - 87

|                             | BETHEL     | ELDORADO<br>FIRST | GREENFIELD | ANNON              | HICKORY<br>GROVE | OSKALOOSA | STOCKTON      | VERDELLA  | TOTAL      |
|-----------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|------------|
| Members Received            | 3          | 2                 | 1          | 3                  | 0                | 0         | *             | 0         | 9          |
| Members Lost                | 3          | 4                 | 0          | 2                  | 0                | 0         |               | 0         | 9          |
| Members Deceased            | 1          | 1                 | 0          | 0                  | 0                | 1         |               | 0         | 3          |
| Total Membership            | 29         | 13                | 25         | 106                | 17               | 27        |               | 68        | 285        |
| Sunday School Average       | 43         | 6                 | 26         | 70                 | 10               | 18        |               | 64        | 237        |
| Woman's Auxiliary           | 12         | 0                 | 0          | 20                 | 0                | 5         |               | 13        | 50         |
| Ordained Ministers          | 1          | 0                 | 2          | 1                  | 1                | 0         |               | 3         | 7          |
| Licensed Ministers          | 0          | 1                 | 0          | 0                  | 1                | 0         | Building Fund | 5,450.15  | 2          |
| Ordained Deacons            | 1          | 1                 | 1          | 5                  | 0                | 2         |               | 4         | 14         |
| Pastor's Salary             | 11,872.00  | 720.00            | 4,420.00   | 180.00             | 2,860.00         | 5,592.39  |               | 12,785.00 | 49,199.39  |
| Evangelistic                | 0          | 0                 | 0          | 00.00              | 0                | 408.15    |               | 400.00    | 1,308.15   |
| Building Repair             | 53.62      | 151.08            | 0          | 00.00              | 1,149.72         | 0         |               | 300.56    | 2,754.98   |
| Literature                  | 760.00     | 15.77             | 278.52     | 00.00              | 157.58           | 314.20    |               | 1,543.58  | 5,069.65   |
| Other                       | 4,448.16   | 1,036.60          | 885.10     | 50.00              | 0                | 910.58    |               | 7,661.27  | 20,391.71  |
| <u>TOTAL LOCAL CAUSES</u>   | 17,133.78  | 1,923.45          | 5,583.62   | 200.00             | 4,167.30         | 7,225.32  |               | 28,140.56 | 84,174.03  |
| Cooperative Fund            | 0          | 60.00             | 0          | 16.04              | 184.55           | 312.54    |               | 2,144.08  | 5,717.21   |
| Foreign Missions            | 1,923.00   | 0                 | 0          | 00.00              | 86.30            | 978.00    |               | 7,315.71  | 14,503.01  |
| Home Missions               | 593.46     | 60.00             | 0          | 00.00              | 70.65            | 0         |               | 1,690.81  | 3,914.92   |
| Orphanage                   | 0          | 0                 | 0          | 0                  | 66.00            | 0         |               | 0         | 66.00      |
| Association Projects        | 0          | 0                 | 0          | 0                  | 0                | 120.00    |               | 120.00    | 120.00     |
| Other                       | 645.12     | 0                 | 0          | 44.00              | 0                | 0         |               | 2,778.00  | 5,607.12   |
| <u>TOTAL OUTSIDE CAUSES</u> | 3,161.58   | 120.00            | 0          | 100.00             | 407.50           | 1,410.54  |               | 14,048.60 | 30,048.22  |
| <u>TOTAL SPENT</u>          | 20,295.36  | 2,043.45          | 5,583.62   | 300.00             | 4,574.80         | 8,635.86  |               | 42,189.16 | 114,222.25 |
| <u>CHURCH PROPERTY</u>      | 200,000.00 | 20,000.00         | 30,000.00  | 110.00<br>and page | 20,000.00        | 16,000.00 |               | 50,000.00 | 449,000.00 |

\* STOCKTON information not available

The board received a letter from the Greenfield Free Will Baptist Church requesting that we examine Bro. Jess Moody who was recommended for ordination as deacon. Motion was made and seconded and the vote was unanimous that Bro. Moody be ordained as a deacon.

The board also received a letter from the Verdella Free Will Baptist Church requesting that we examine Bro. Curt Holland as a candidate for ordination. After a brief examination, a motion was made and seconded and the vote was unanimous.

With no further business to be conducted, we were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Cletus Nichols.

October 18, 1986 - Stockton Free Will Baptist Church - Special Meeting.

Bro. Cletus Nichols opened the meeting with prayer.

Board members present were Charlie Hoover, Roger Phillips, John Bough, Rev. Cletus Nichols and Phil Munn. Guests were Lyle Hoover, Brent Thompson and Bro. Shelva Hart.

The board received a letter from the Hannon Free Will Baptist Church to examine Bro. Lyle Hoover for deacon. Bro. Brent Thompson sat in as proxy for Charlie Hoover during the examination of Lyle. Motion was made and seconded to accept Lyle for a candidate for ordination. The vote was unanimous.

Discussion concerning the pastorate at Stockton took place with Bro. Hart. A motion was made to give Bro. Hart \$200.00 per week to help with his expenses if he would pastor the church. The vote was unanimous.

With no further business to conduct, we were dismissed in prayer by Roger.

December 6, 1986 - Verdella Free Will Baptist Church - Quarterly Meeting.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Bro. Fidel Bridges.

Board members present were Charlie Hoover, Roger Phillips, Bro. Cletus Nichols and Phil Munn. Guest was Bro. Fidel.

January 10, 1987 at 7:00 P.M. was set to meet at Bethel to plan the program for the Annual Association Meeting. Phil was to check with the Foreign Missions Department to see if it would be possible to have a missionary to speak at our Annual Meeting.

We did not have a quorum, we were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Roger.

January 31, 1987 - Bethel Free Will Baptist Church - Special Meeting to plan the Annual Association.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Bro. Roger Phillips.

Board members present were Charlie Hoover, Roger Phillips, Bro. Cletus Nichols, John Bough, Jess Moody and Phil Munn.

The theme chosen for the 1987 Central Western Association was Romans 13:12 "Let us put on the armour of light". The churches were to be notified of the proposed change to the Constitution.

Article 7 of the Constitution to be proposed as follows:

This Association shall meet annually on Friday, following the second Sunday in March, and continue through Saturday. It shall be the duty of the churches composing it to represent themselves by letter and delegate.

The churches were to be notified also of the amount needed to be raised for the National Association when it convenes in Missouri in 1988.

The churches having Executive Board members with expiring terms were to be notified, they are Deacon John Bough - Stockton, Deacon Roger Phillips - Verdella, and Deacon Phillip Munn - Oskaloosa.

The Foreign Missions Department confirmed that Bro. Steve Lytle would be able to attend the Annual meeting.

There was a discussion about letting the State Home Mission Board take over the Stockton Church. We were to meet with the State Board at a later date. As there was no further business, we were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Cletus Nichols.

February 24, 1987 - Stockton Free Will Baptist Church - Special Meeting.

Opening prayer by Charlie Hoover was given.

Board members present were Charlie Hoover, John Bough, Rev. Cletus Nichols, Jess Moody and Phil Munn. Guests from the State Home Mission Board were Rev. Cliff Bowman and Rev. Roger Harwell.

The special meeting was called in order to meet with the State Home Mission Board to discuss the possibility of them providing a minister for the Stockton Church. They would be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Church, but it would remain in the possession of the Central Western Missouri Association. It shall remain the responsibility of the Central Western Missouri Association to provide insurance coverage on the property.

We were dismissed with prayer by Bro. Cletus Nichols.



CENTRAL WESTERN EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT  
ANNUAL STATEMENT  
03/01/86 - 02/28/87

YOUTH CAMP FUND

|                            |                                     |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| March 1, 1986 Balance..... | \$653.20                            |
| Expenses                   | \$62.59                             |
| Contributions              | .00                                 |
| February 18, 1987.....     | Youth Camp Current Balance \$590.61 |

GENERAL ACCOUNT FUND

|                             |            |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| March 1, 1987, Balance..... | \$5,370.89 |
|-----------------------------|------------|

Expenses (-)

|                            |          |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Building Insurance         | \$759.50 |
| Quarterly Meeting Speakers | \$163.18 |
| Miscellaneous              | \$ 1.00  |

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|----------------------|----------|
| Total Expenses ..... | \$923.68 |
|----------------------|----------|

Income (+)

|                             |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Interest On Savings Account | \$339.71 |
| Bethel                      | .00      |
| ElDorado First              | \$ 55.00 |
| Greenfield                  | .00      |
| Hannon                      | .00      |
| Hickory Grove               | \$ 49.65 |
| Oskaloosa                   | \$ 29.00 |
| Stockton                    | .00      |
| Verdella                    | .00      |
| Other Contributions         | \$163.18 |

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|-------------------|----------|
| Total Income..... | \$636.54 |
|-------------------|----------|

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|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| February 2, 1987..... | General Account Current Balance \$5,083.75 |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------|

**CENTRAL WESTERN NO. DISTRICT AUXILIARY  
TREASURERS REPORT  
1986 - 1987**

|                              | <u>Bethel</u> | <u>Hannon</u> | <u>Oskaloosa</u> | <u>Verdella</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Members on roll              | 11            | 17            | 5                | 11              | 44           |
| Membership dues              | \$ 22.00      | \$ 34.00      | \$ 10.00         | \$ 22.00        | \$ 88.00     |
| Foreign Missions             | 137.65        | 730.00        | 15.00            | 105.20          | 987.85       |
| Home Missions                | 40.00         | 180.00        | 20.00            | 50.00           | 290.00       |
| WNAC                         |               |               | 10.00            | 56.08           | 66.08        |
| Aux. Literature              | 184.51        | 95.00         | 50.00            | 60.00           | 389.51       |
| Retired Ministers            |               | 25.00         |                  | 10.00           | 35.00        |
| Local Church                 | 46.00         | 724.09        |                  |                 | 770.09       |
| <u>Sent Directly:</u>        |               |               |                  |                 |              |
| Foreign Missions             | 100.00        |               | 30.00            |                 | 130.00       |
| Home Missions                | 120.00        |               |                  |                 | 120.00       |
| Gifts for Miss.              | 17.00         |               |                  |                 | 17.00        |
| Love gifts                   | 120.36        |               |                  |                 | 120.36       |
| Children's Home              |               |               |                  | 100.00          | 100.00       |
| Local project                |               |               |                  | 61.58           | 61.58        |
| GRAND TOTAL<br>DISBURSEMENTS | \$787.52      | \$1788.09     | \$135.00         | \$464.86        | \$3175.47    |

## 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 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 second 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 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 expenses.

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 active ministers to report each year by letter and to attend at least once each year 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 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 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.

