

MINUTES

BOTH ANNUAL SESSION

CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI ASSOCIATION

OF

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

When Convened With The

HANNON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Friday Evening, March 18, 1988

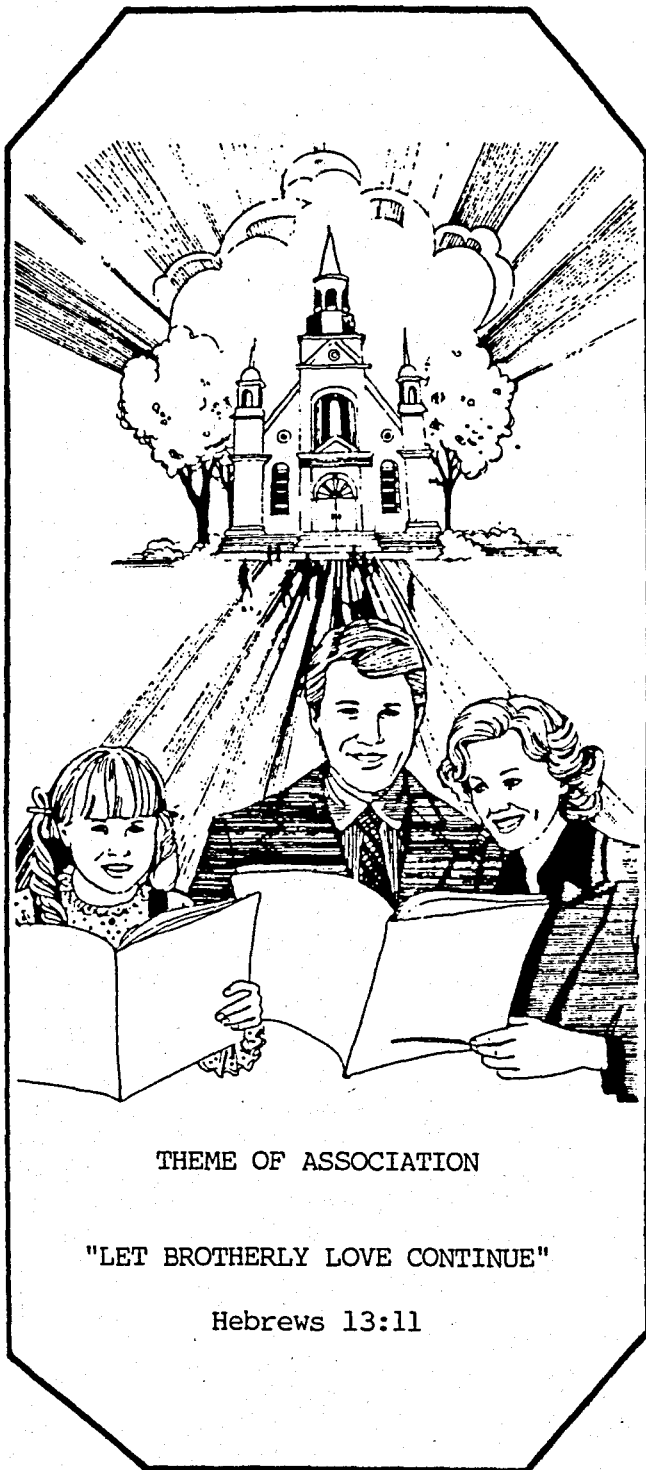
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Greenfield Free Will Baptist Church

Greenfield, Missouri

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"LET BROTHERLY LOVE CONTINUE"

Hebrews 13:11

MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
1988

OFFICERS

Moderator.....Deacon Roger Phillips, Liberal, MO
Assistant Moderator.....Deacon Lyle Hoover, Bronaugh, MO
Clerk-Treasurer.....Doris Whitson, Liberal, MO
Asst. Clerk-Treasurer.....Lita Munn, Liberal, MO
Statistician..... Rev. Curt Holland, Liberal, MO
Itinerant Contact.....Rev. Bob Dickey, Liberal, MO
State Gen. Board Member.....Deacon Reed Smith, Liberal, MO

EXECUTIVE AND HOME MISSION BOARD

1. Hannon	Deacon Charlie Hoover	1989
2. Hickory Grove	Rev. Thayne Fast	1989
3. Oskaloosa	Deacon Reed Smith	1990
4. Stockton	Deacon John Bough	1990
5. Verdella	Deacon Roger Phillips	1990
6. Bethel	Deacon Lural Mays	1991
7. Greenfield	Deacon Jess Moody	1991

CHURCH CLERKS

BETHEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Eldorado Springs, MO
Lois Smith, 1102 S. Kirkpatrick, Eldorado Springs, MO 64744
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
Jan Workman, Rt. 1, Box 74, 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, Box 39, Liberal, MO 64762

MINISTERS OF CHURCHES

BETHEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Eldorado Springs, MO

Rev. Cletus Nichols, 208 W. Marshall St., Eldorado Springs, MO 64744

GREENFIELD FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Greenfield, MO

Rev. Fidell 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

Rev. Bill Ragsdale, Marshfield, MO

VERDELLA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Liberal, MO

Rev. Curt Holland, Rt. 3, Liberal, MO 64762

PROCEEDINGS

Friday Evening, March 18, 1988, 7:00 P.M.

The 80th Annual session of the Central Western Missouri Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the Hannon Church.

With Kathy Thornton at the piano, Virginia Bunton as organist and Perry Brake as song leader, the congregation sang, "To God Be The Glory". Bro. Bob Dickey led in prayer.

Bro. Perry Brake, pastor of the host church extended a welcome to those in attendance.

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

Roger then gave the moderator's message and announcements.

The congregation sang "Take The Name of Jesus With You".

Special music was a song "One More Time" by Bro. Perry Brake.

An offering of \$92.00 was taken to be given to our speaker Bro. Ken Bailey, Missionary to Japan. Bob McAdams asked the blessing on the offering.

Bro. Ken Bailey was introduced by the moderator. He delivered the evening message, using Matt: 28:18,19,20 as his text.

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

Saturday Morning, 9:45 A.M., Business Session, March 19, 1988

The meeting was opened by the Moderator welcoming those in attendance.

With Lita Munn as pianist and Perry Brake as song leader, the congregation sang, "Stand Up For Jesus".

Bro. Charlie Hoover led in prayer.

Moderator, Roger Phillips declared the session open for business.

Devotion was by Les Green using Heb.13:1-4 and I Sam.18:1-3.

Appointing of Committees by Moderator.

Bob Dickey read the by-laws.

Church letters were read and delegates seated.

In the absence of Cletus Nichols, Roger Phillips read the report of the Executive Board and also their financial report. M/S/C to accept as read.

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

Curt Holland gave the Statistician's Report. M/S/C to accept report.

We were dismissed in prayer by Sis. Lovell Martin. After a short recess the meeting was turned to the Woman's Auxiliary

Woman's Auxiliary Session

11:00 A.M., March 19, 1988

Theme: "But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another." I Thess. 4:9

"Let brotherly love continue", Hebrews 13:1

Meeting was called to order by President Lita Munn.

Congregational singing, was led by Mary Holland.

Opening prayer was given by Wilma Smith.

Welcome was given by President of Hannon Aux., Nancy Dickey.

Hilda Nichols gave the response.

Regina Sprenkle sang "Friends Are Friends" as a special.

Mary Holland introduced our speaker, Lita Munn, who shared her heart on what Brotherly Love had done for her and her family through trying times, and how important it was to show and have love in our live.

We were dismissed in prayer.

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

Meeting was called to order by Lita Munn. Corky Walker opened the session with prayer.

The congregation joined together to sing "Love Lifted Me".

An offering was taken up for the Ken Bailey family.

The Secretary Report was read by Mary Holland and accepted.

Treasurer Report was read by Doris Whitson and accepted.

We received thimbles that our skit was given on how to help a new Aux. member.

Auxiliary Assoc. needs to paint for the National Assoc. which is in July.
We were reminded of the State Assoc. in Mt. Grove and Women's Retreat at Stonecroft August 26 thru 27th.

Special was sung by Valerie Hoover.

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

The following officers for 1988-1989 were elected:

President - Lita Munn

Vice President - Ruth Foger

Secretary - Mary Holland

Treasurer - Sondra Brake

Members at Large - Hilda Nichols, Donna Cobbler, Virginia Hoover.

"If the Shoe Fits" installation of new officers was given by Lita Munn.

The congregation was also made a challenge to "Wear the Shoe".

Dismissal in prayer was given.

Saturday Afternoon Business Session, 3:00 P.M., March 19, 1988

The meeting was opened with prayer by Reed Smith.

Business Committee report was read by the Clerk. It was discussed item by item. M/S/C to accept items 1, 2, 3, 5, & 6.

After a discussion, the body voted to drop item 4.

Motion was made by Bro. Curt Holland, that we set up an account to be used for a missions conference in conjunction with the yearly associational meeting.
M/S/C.

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

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

Obituary Committee report read.

M/S/C to accept Lural Mays, Jess Moody and Reed Smith as Executive Board Members.

Bro. Bill Ragsdale gave a brief report on the Stockton Mission.

Lita Munn gave comments on roll call Sunday.

M/S/C that we meet with the Greenfield Church for the 1988 session.

Motion made to adjourn and go into the worship service. At this time, a plaque was presented to Lita Munn in honor of her deceased husband, Phillip Munn, for his dedicated and faithful service in behalf of the Association.

We were dismissed with prayer by Bro. Perry Brake.

Saturday Evening Worship Service at 4:30 P.M., March 19, 1988

With Virginia Bunton at the piano and Bro. Brake as song leader, the congregation sang "Come Thou Fount" and "In Times Like These".

We were led in prayer by Bro. Reed Smith.

An offering of \$124.00 was taken to be given to Missionary, Ken Bailey. Bro. Curt Holland asked the blessing on the offering.

Special music was a song "Upon This Rock" by Lita Nunn and Loretta Hoover.

Bro. Ken Bailey delivered a short message using Exodus 4:12,13 as his text.

Addis Foger dismissed us with prayer.

REGISTRATION

MINISTERS - Fidell Bridges, Bob Dickey, Perry Brake, Cletus Nichols, Curt Holland, Thayne Fast, Hollis Walker, Bill Ragsdale.

DEACONS - Jess Moody, Charles Whitson, Lural Mays, Lyle Hoover, Reed Smith, Roger Phillips, Charlie Hoover and John Bough.

DELEGATES - Juanita Smith, Dorothy Dickey, Nancy Mays, Wilma Smith, Mae Cleffman, Addis Foger, Hazel Bowman, Hilda Nichols, Geneva Collins, Bob McAdams, Finley White, Hazel Fleeman, Margaret Walker, and Sondra Brake.

VISITORS - Irene Thomas, Lee Bunton, Virginia Hoover, Clifford Hoover, Ruth Foger, Les Green, Ionia Phillips, Stella White, Nancy Fleeman, Mary Cross, Theo Bough, Virginia Bunton, Valerie Hoover, J. R. Smith, Lynette Phillips.

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

3. That Article 12, Section 1 of the By-Laws be changed 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.

4. That all men of the Association who can to attend Youth Camp work day and that this endeavor be led by Bro. Bob Dickey.

5. Give the Hannon Church a standing vote of "Thanks".

Signed: Bob Dickey, Perry Brake, John Bough, Addis Foger and Wilma Smith.

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. Stan Bunch, Bob Dickey, Thayne Fast, Fidell Bridges, Curt Holland, Cletus Nichols, Hollis Walker, Jr. and Perry Brake. Superannuated are: Arlie Hoover and Sis. Lowell Martin. Signed: Lita Munn, Charlie Hoover, Charles Whitson, Margaret Walker and Hazel Bowman

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Signed: Curt Holland, Geneva Collins, Les Green, Hollis Walker and Reed Smith.

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. Bro. Curt Holland led the prayer. The deceased are Grant Saith and Ethel Bell, Hannon. Phil Munn, Oskaloosa; Morgan Walker and Clara Bybee, Eldorado First. Signed Mae Cleffman, Frances Foger, Hilda Nichols, Juanita Smith.

MINISTER'S REPORTS

Rev. Cletus Nichols - Sermons preached, 99; Churches pastored, 1; Professions witnessed, 1; Number Baptized, 1; Funerals preached, 4; Miles traveled, 5,000; Money received, \$11,840.00.

Rev. Curt Holland - Sermons preached, 75; Churches pastored, 1; Professions witnessed, 5; Number baptized, 5; Additions to Church, 9; Weddings, 2; Funerals preached, 3; Miles traveled 14,000; Money received \$15,982.00

Rev. Perry Brake - Sermons preached, 76; Churches pastored 1; Professions witnessed, 5; Number baptized, 5; Additions to church, 6; Miles traveled, 5,500; Money received \$13,575.00.

Rev. Fidel Bridges - Sermons preached, 104; Churches pastored, 1; Revivals held, 1; Additions to Church, 3; Funerals preached, 1; Money received \$4,420.00.

Rev. Hollis Walker, Jr. Sermons preached, 17; Professions witnessed, 1; Money received, \$67.50. Worked in Children's Church.

Rev. Bob Dickey - Sermons preached, 16; Professions witnessed, 2; Funerals preached, 5; Miles traveled, 4,500; Sunday School teacher and helped in Children's Church.

Rev. Thayne Fast - Sermons preached, 49; Churches pastored, 1; Funerals preached, 2; Miles traveled, 10,250; money received \$2,795.00.

Rev. Henry Conners - Sermons preached, 30; Revivals held, 1; Miles traveled, 15,000; Money received \$2,000.00.

ASSOCIATIONAL CLERKS FINANCIAL REPORT

MARCH 1987 - MARCH 1988

Balance Brought Forward.....\$282.29

Receipts:

Budget Money \$238.00

Missions Offering \$107.00

Friday Night Offering \$ 41.49

Dist. Aux. for Minutes \$ 25.00

Total Receipts.....\$693.78

Disbursements:

Lytle's \$107.00

1987 Minutes \$130.50

Nat'l Dues \$ 80.00

State Dues \$ 40.00

Total Disbursements.....\$357.50

Balance in Bank.....\$336.28

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD FROM MARCH 1, 1987 TO FEBRUARY 28, 1988

June 6, 1987 The Executive Board met at Greenfield Free Will Baptist Church Saturday Evening June 6, 1987. Board members present were - Bro. Charlie Hoover, Bro. John Bough, Bro. Reed Smith for Bro. Phil Munn due to Bro. Phil's illness, Sis. Martin and Bro. Jess Moody and Bro. Fidel Bridges were asked to set in on meeting and Roger Phillips act as secretary for the board. Business of the evening was a request for the Hannon Church to examine their new pastor, Bro. Perry Brake, for ordination. Bro. Brake was questioned and dismissed. A vote was called and Bro. Brake was to proceed with his plans of ordination service. There was no further business and we were dismissed.

Sept. 12, 1987 The Executive Board met at the Hannon Free Will Baptist church. Board was called to order by the chairman, Bro. Charlie Hoover, by having prayer by Thayne Fast. A discussion was held on the matter of the State Home Mission Board sending a man to pastor and work at the Stockton Church.

Due to the serious health condition of Bro. Phil Munn it was decided that an alternate to State Board should be chosen. Bro. Charlie Hoover was elected to serve if Bro. Phil was unable .

Present at the board meeting were, Bro. Cletus Nichols, Bro. John Bough, Bro. Jess Moody, Bro. Thayne Fast, Bro. Charlie Hoover and Bro. Roger Phillips who acted as Sec. in absence of Bro. Phil Munn. Special concern was on the mind of each one and may God Bless Bro. Phil and his family of whom we love and appreciate. We dismissed in prayer by Bro. John Bough.

Dec. 5, 1987 Board met after Quarterly meeting at Hickory Grove. Board members present were Charlie Hoover, Roger Phillips, Thayne Fast and Cletus Nichols. No quorum so no business.

Jan. 14, 1987 The Executive Board met at Hannon Free Will Baptist Church to plan the annual meeting which will be Mar. 18th and 19th, 1987. Meeting was called to order by chairman Bro. Charlie Hoover and opened by prayer by Bro. Curt Holland. Members present were Bro. Charlie Hoover, Bro. Roger Phillips, Bro. Reed Smith, Bro. Jess Moody, Bro. Thayne Fast, and Bro. Cletus Nichols. Bro. Perry Brake set in for Bro. John Bough. Bro. Curt Holland was asked to set in on the meeting. Business of the evening was to plan program of the annual meeting. Theme chosen was Heb. 13:1. Let Brotherly Love Continue. Motion made by Bro. Curt Holland, seconded by Bro. Reed Smith, motion carried.

Motion made by Bro. Roger Phillips to contact the National Mission Board to see what missionaries would be available at the time of the meeting, seconded by Bro. Perry Brake, motion carried. Bro. Curt Holland is to contact the Mission Board in this matter. If no missionary is available Bro. Clarence Burton was selected for Friday Evening Service and Bro. Bill Ragsdale for Sat. afternoon. Motion made by Bro. Curt Holland that the business session Sat. Evening start at 3:00 p.m. seconded by Bro. Reed Smith, it was carried. Also, in the motion was that the Sat. evening service begin at the conclusion of the business meeting. For Sat. morning devotion Bro. Les Green was chosen. They also decided to present Sis. Lita Munn a plaque in appreciation for Bro. Phil's work in various offices in the association and we thank God for Bro. Phil's service in our association. May God Bless Bro. Phil's family since God has called Phil Home to be with him. Motion to adjourn by Bro. Curt Holland, motion seconded and carried.

March 19, 1988 At the closing of the Association meeting at Hannon the Executive Board met to organize for the new year ahead. the positions were filled by nomination and vote taken. The new officers are Chairman, Charlie Hoover; Vice-Chairman, Jess Moody; Secretary and Treasurer, Lural Mays. A motion was made and seconded to have Bro. Bob Dickey purchase and paint the Stockton Church. It was approved. The meeting was adjourned in prayer.

STATISTICAL TABLE 1987-88

	BETHEL	ELDORADO FIRST	GREENFIELD	HANNON	HICKORY GROVE	OSKALOOSA	VERDELLA	<u>TOTAL</u> '86-'87 '87-'88	
Members Received	0	0	3	6	0	1	9	9	19
Members Lost	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	9	5
Members Deceased	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	3	6
Total Membership	27	7	7	108	17	12	74	285	272
Sunday School Average	42	5	5	70	14	15	76	237	247
Woman's Auxiliary	13	0	0	15	0	5	10	50	43
Ordained Ministers	1	0	0	1	1	0	3	7	8
Licensed Ministers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Ordained Deacons	1	1	0	4	0	1	4	14	12
Pastor Salary	11,890.00	570.00	4,420.00	13,575.00	2,795.00	4,870.30	15,982.00	54,102.30	
Evangelistic	346.75	0.00	0.00	725.00	0.00	0.00	565.00	1,636.75	
Building Repair	420.00	0.00	0.00	1,880.00	1,872.99	4,669.98	423.14	9,266.11	
Literature	806.58	27.77	337.90	2,726.00	153.94	244.38	1,917.68	6,214.26	
Other	5,361.02	861.04	1,494.90	0.00	715.71	0.00	14,767.60	23,200.32	
<u>TOTAL LOCAL CAUSES</u>	<u>18,824.35</u>	<u>1,458.81</u>	<u>6,252.80</u>	<u>18,906.00</u>	<u>5,537.64</u>	<u>9,784.66</u>	<u>33,655.42</u>	<u>94,419.74</u>	
Cooperative Fund	0.00	45.00	0.00	3,035.72	175.41	248.54	2,292.27	5,796.94	
Foreign Missions	1,597.45	0.00	0.00	4,900.00	249.15	572.76	4,972.62	12,291.98	
Home Missions	833.73	45.00	0.00	4,275.00	20.00	141.00	1,685.00	6,999.73	
Orphanage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	86.00	0.00	0.00	86.00	
Youth Camp	180.00	0.00	0.00	180.00	0.00	191.00	120.00	671.00	
Association Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Other	303.51	13.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	240.00	0.00	556.51	
<u>TOTAL OUTSIDE CAUSES</u>	<u>2,914.69</u>	<u>103.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>12,390.72</u>	<u>530.56</u>	<u>1,393.30</u>	<u>9,069.89</u>	<u>26,402.16</u>	
<u>TOTAL SPENT</u>	<u>21,739.04</u>	<u>1,561.81</u>	<u>6,252.80</u>	<u>31,296.72</u>	<u>6,068.20</u>	<u>11,177.96</u>	<u>42,725.31</u>	<u>120,821.90</u>	
'86-'87	20,295.36	2,043.45	5,583.60	30,900.00	4,574.80	8,635.86	42,189.16	114,222.25	
<u>CHURCH PROPERTY</u>	200,000.00	20,000.00	60,000.00	& parsonage 20,000.00 113,000.00		16,000.00	250,000.00	679,000.00	

STOCKTON Information not available

CENTRAL WESTERN EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT
ANNUAL STATEMENT
01/01/87 - 12/31/87

YOUTH CAMP FUND

January 1, 1987 Balance.....	\$590.61
Expenses.....	.00
Contributions.....	.00
December 31, 1987.....	Youth Camp Current Balance \$590.61

GENERAL ACCOUNT FUND

December 31, 1987 Balance.....	\$5,587.65
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Expenses (-)

Building Insurance	\$844.00
Miscellaneous	\$208.00
Total Expenses.....	\$1,052.00

Income (+)

Interest On Savings Account	\$288.54
Other Contributions	\$110.00
Total Income.....	\$398.54

December 31, 1987.....	General Account Current Balance \$4,934.19
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**CENTRAL WESTERN MO. DISTRICT AUXILIARY
TREASURERS REPORT
1987 - 1988**

	<u>Bethel</u>	<u>Hannon</u>	<u>Oskaloosa</u>	<u>Verdella</u>	<u>Total</u>
Members on roll	15	13	5	10	43
Membership dues	\$ 30.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 86.00
Foreign Missions	220.00	670.00	70.00	100.00	1,060.00
Home Missions		100.00		112.00	212.00
WNAC				50.00	50.00
Aux. Literature	78.50	77.78	50.00	50.00	256.28
Retired Ministers				10.00	10.00
Nat'l Conv. Exp.		100.00		25.00	125.00
Eunice Edwards Loan Fund	100.00	50.00			150.00
Local Church	146.51	546.80		59.86	753.17
<u>Sent Directly:</u>					
Children's Home		45.00		50.00	95.00
Clothing to Children's Home		80.94			80.94
Paper Supply to Bunch's				50.00	50.00
Other Special Offerings	174.50				174.50
 GRAND TOTAL					
DISBURSEMENTS	\$749.51	\$1696.52	\$130.00	\$526.86	\$3102.89

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. All business if possible be presented to the business committee prior to the business session of the Association.

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 one dollar (\$1.00) 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 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. 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.