

MINUTES

81ST ANNUAL SESSION

CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI ASSOCIATION

OF

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

When Convened With The

GREENFIELD FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Friday Evening, March 17, 1989

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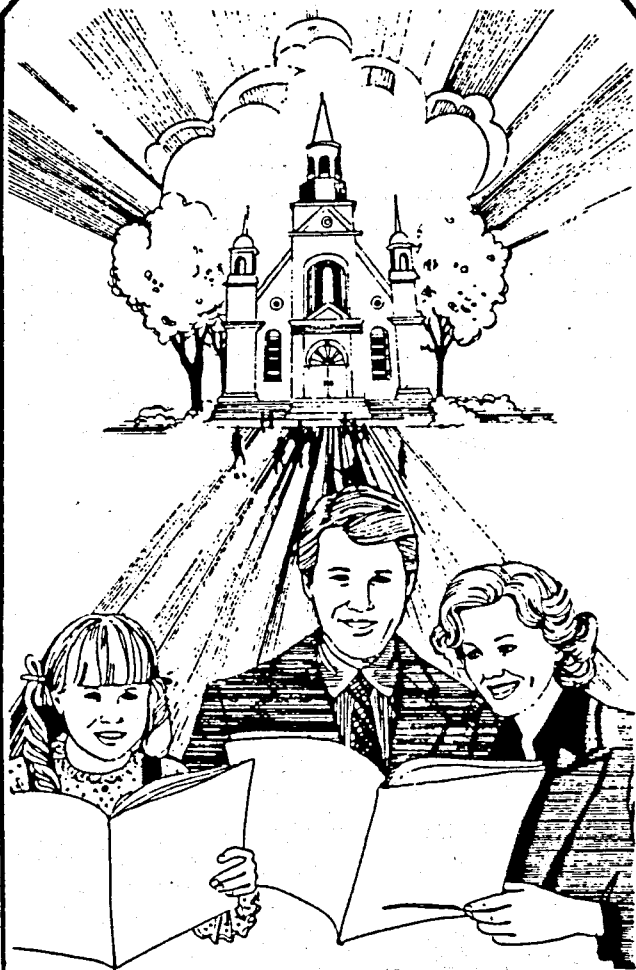
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OSKALOOSA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Liberal, Missouri

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"LIFT HIM UP - JOHN 12:32
"AND, I, IF I BE LIFTED UP FROM THE EARTH,
WILL DRAW ALL MEN UNTO ME"

MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS 1989

OFFICERS

Moderator.....	Rev. Curt Holland, Liberal, MO
Assistant Moderator.....	Deacon Roger Phillips, Liberal, MO
Clerk-Treasurer.....	Doris Whitson, Liberal, MO
Asst. Clerk-Treasurer.....	Gayla Charlton, Liberal, MO
Statistician.....	Virginia Bunton, Liberal, MO
Itinerant Contact.....	Rev. Bob Dickey, Liberal, MO
State Gen. Board Member.....	Deacon Reed Smith, Liberal, MO

EXECUTIVE AND HOME MISSION BOARD

1. Oskaloosa	Deacon Reed Smith	1990
2. Stockton	Deacon John Bough	1990
3. Verdella	Deacon Roger Phillips	1990
4. Bethel	Deacon Lural Mays	1991
5. Greenfield	Deacon Jess Moody	1991
6. Hannon	Deacon Charlie Hoover	1992
7. Hickory Grove	Rev. Thayne Fast	1992

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, Box 74, Archie, MO 64725

OSKALOOSA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Liberal, MO
Wilma Smith, Rt. 1, Box 17B, Liberal, MO 64762

STOCKTON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Stockton, MO
Bill Ragsdale, 516 E. Burford, Marshfield, MO 65706

VERDELLA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Liberal, MO
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GREENFIELD FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Greenfield, MO

Rev. Fidell Bridges, 1909 E. Cherry, Apt. 19, Springfield, MO 65802

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

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STOCKTON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Stockton, MO

Rev. Bill Ragsdale, 516 E. Burford, Marshfield, MO 65706

VERDELLA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Liberal, MO

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

PROCEEDINGS

Friday Evening, March 17, 1989, 7:30 P.M.

The 81st Annual session of the Central Western Missouri Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the Greenfield Church.

The host pastor, Bro. Fidell Bridges extended a welcome. Bro. Bill Ragsdale led in prayer.

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

Roger gave the moderator's message and announcements.

With Betty Crutcher at the piano and Lucille Franklin as song leader, the congregation sang "Victory in Jesus" and "Lift Him Up".

Bro. Perry Brake then led in Prayer.

Randy Sprenkle spoke for a few minutes on a missions trip to Brazil that a group of young people from the Verdella Church are planning. He read Col.4:2-6, Matt.9: 35-38 and commented on them.

Lynette Phillips sang a special number in song.

With Regina Sprenkle at the piano the Verdella Youth Group sang a number of songs and each gave their testimony. Besides Regina the others in the group were, Trent Walker, Mindy VanKirk, Andrea Walker, Lynette Phillips, Randy Sprenkle, Gary Wayne Charlton, Gayla Charlton, Naomi Fast, Jim Holder, Melanie Walker and Curt Holland.

Will Jess Moody and Charlie Hoover as ushers, an offering was taken for the Verdella Youth Group. Charlie asked the blessing on the offering.

Randy Sprenkle, Trent Walker, Gary W. Charlton, Jim Holder and Curt Holland sang, "Draw Me Nearer".

Regina Sprenkle Sang, "Thank You For Giving To the Lord".

We were dismissed with prayer by Bro. Fidell Bridges.

Saturday Morning, 9:45 A.M., Business Session, March 18, 1989

The meeting was opened with prayer by Bro. Ragsdale.

With Virginia Bunton at the piano and Charles Whitson as song leader, the congregation sang, "Praise Him, Praise Him" and "Lift Him Up"

Special Music was a song "Love Crucified A Rose" by Gayla Charlton.

Devotion was by Gary W. Charlton, he used the scripture, Gal.5: 16-18,22.

State Promotional Secretary, Rev. Clarence Burton made some announcements.

Bro. Perry Brake read the By-Laws.

Moderator Roger Phillips appointed committees.

Church letters were read and delegates seated.

Executive board report was given by Roger Phillips. 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 as read.

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

Woman's Auxiliary Session

11:00 A.M., March 18, 1989

Auxiliary session was opened by President, Lita Munn.

Congregational song, "Love Lifted Me".

Prayer was then given by Hazel Bowman.

Welcome was given by host church. The morning devotion was given by Jean Williams. Her devotion was on discipleship and "Will our lives live on after we are gone". We must invest our lives in the lives of others.

Two things endure, the souls of men and God's work.

Disciples are made not born, salvation is free but discipleship costs us everything.

Lou Ann Maggard sang "Whatever It Takes".

Offering was taken for Auxiliary.

Nominating Committee appointed was, Nancy Mays, Mary Holland, Loretta Hoover and Wilma Smith

Woman's Auxiliary 1:30 P.M. Session

Afternoon business session opened by Lita Munn. \$25.00 went to the morning speaker. A congregational song was sung. Secretary report was given by Mary Holland and accepted as read. Treasurer report was given by Sondra Brake and accepted as read. Old business - Some discussed how good the Woman's state retreat was last year. New business - Motion made to give part of the offering to the Verdella Mission team, voted and passed.

Discussion of State Meeting, June 5th - 8th, State retreat, Aug. 25th - 26th. We watched a film from Youth and Reach. This showed what the young people were doing in our denomination.

Installation of officers:

President - Mary Holland, Verdella

Vice President - Sondra Brake - Hannon

Secretary - Loretta Hoover, Hannon

Treasurer - Wilma Smith, Oskaloosa

Members at Large - Lois Smith, Gayla Charlton, Nancy Mays, Ruth Foger, Donna Cobbler, and Debbie Green.

Each officer lit a candle and promised to do their best for the Lord and our Auxiliary. Prayer was given that we all would do our best for the Lord. Session was adjourned.

Saturday Afternoon Business Session, 3:00 P.M., March 18, 1989

Announcements were made by the moderator.

Hollis Walker, Jr. led in prayer.

The Business Committee report was read M/S/C to accept these recommendations.

Ministerial Standing Committee report read, M/S/C that the Executive Board take the cards of standing and hand them out individually.

Obituary Committee report read. M/S/C to accept as read, after a moment of silent prayer, John E. Bough led us in prayer.

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

Moderator announced the 1990 session will be with the Oskaloosa Church.

Charlie Hoover was voted in as Executive Board Member for the Hannon Church.

M/S/C that anyone present at the State Association Meeting that can qualify as a delegate be appointed by the Moderator.

Saturday Afternoon Worship Service March 18, 1989

After a short recess from the business meeting, the worship service opened with Betty Crutcher at the piano, the congregation sang, "He Lives". Bro. Bob Dickey led in prayer.

A quartet, Gary W. and Gayla Charlton, Curt and Mary Holland sang, "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms".

An offering was taken, added to the Friday Night offering a total of \$209.23 was given to the Verdella Youth group to help with their planned Missions trip to Brazil.

The message was delivered by Rev. Bill Ragsdale, using Luke 4: 16-32 as his scripture text.

We were dismissed with prayer by Sis Lovell Martin.

REGISTRATION

MINISTERS - Curt Holland, Fidell Bridges, Perry Brake, Henry G. Conner, Lovell Martin, Thayne Fast, Bob Dickey, Opal Jeffreys, Bill Ragsdale, Hollis Walker, Jr., Clarence Burton.

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

DELEGATES - Finley White, Betty Crutcher, Wilma Smith, Lita Munn, Hazel Bowman, Virginia Bunton, Virginia Hoover, Dorothy Dickey, Elnora Fast, Juanita Smith, Nancy Mays, Lural Mays, Gary W. Charlton, Gayla Charlton, Mary Holland, Sondra Brake, Loretta Hoover, Margaret Walker.

VISITORS - Chad Mays, Trent Hark, Jody Smith, Charity Waring, Ionia Phillips, Gena Hoover, Velma Jones, Beatrice Prouse, Martha Johnson, Theo Bough, Edna Kissenger, John Grider, Alice Hoover, Fay Marshall, Mary Cross, Kyle Hoover, Amber Holland, Sharon Williams, Lu Anne, Maggard, Christy Hood, Jean Williams, Sarah Ragsdale, Loretta Ragsdale and Doris Whitson.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

We the business committee recommend the following to our churches:

1. That all men of the Association, who can, attend Youth Camp work day, Bro. Curt Holland will be in contact with those who can work.
 2. That consideration be given to the possibility of video taping portions of the Associational Meetings to be viewed at future meetings. Also that Lita Munn be appointed to pursue the idea.
 3. That we give the Greenfield Church a standing vote of "Thanks".
- Signed: Bob Dickey, Henry G. Conner, John E. Bough, Curt Holland.

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, Hollis Walker, Jr. and Perry Brake. Superannuated are: Arlie Hoover and Sis. Lovell Martin. Signed: Reed Smith, Charles Whitson, Charlie Hoover, Gary W. Charlton, Virginia Hoover.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Moderator - Curt Holland; Assistant Moderator - Roger Phillips, Clerk-Treasurer - Doris Whitson; Assistant Clerk-Treasurer - Gayla Charlton; Statistician - Virginia Bunton; Itinerant Contact - Bob Dickey; State General Board Member - Reed Smith.

Signed: Perry Brake, Fidell Bridges, Gayla Charlton, Lyle Hoover, Virginia Bunton.

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 Thelma Dickey, Verdella. Thora Grider and Lloyd Vincent, Greenfield. Vern R. Jones and Elmer Jones, Hickory Grove.

Signed: Lita Munn, Finley White, J. R. Smith, Dorothy Dickey

MINISTER'S REPORTS

Rev. Fidell Bridges - Sermons preached, 98; Churches pastored, 1; Miles traveled 6,327; Money received \$4,400.00.

Rev. Curt Holland - Sermons preached, 83; Churches pastored, 1; Professions witnessed, 7; Number baptized, 4; Additions to Church, 1; Funerals preached, 2; Miles traveled 15,943; Money received \$16,317.18; Weddings, 1; saw many saved during a trip to Brazil.

Rev. Perry Brake - Sermons preached, 76; Churches pastored 1; Additions to church, 4; Miles traveled, 10,000; Money received \$14,885.61.

Rev. Thayne Fast - Sermons preached, 46; Churches pastored, 1; Funerals preached, 5; Miles traveled, 9,600; money received \$3,310.00. Weddings, 1.

Rev. Hollis Walker, Jr. - Sermons preached, 2; Weddings, 1;

Rev. Bob Dickey - Sermons preached, 36; Professions witnessed, 2; Funerals preached, 5; Miles traveled, 2,450; Interim Pastor at the Belton F.W.B. Church from March to October.

Rev. Henry G. Conners - Sermons preached, 80; Church's pastored, 1; Miles traveled, 3,000; Money received \$1,600.00.

ASSOCIATIONAL CLERKS FINANCIAL REPORT

MARCH 1988 - MARCH 1989

Balance Brought Forward, March 1, 1989.....\$336.28

Receipts:

Budget Money	\$283.50
Missions Offering	\$216.00

Total Receipts.....\$835.78

Disbursements:

Ken Bailey	\$216.00
1988 Minutes	\$135.50
Nat'l Dues	\$ 70.00
State Dues	\$ 35.00
Gen Bd. Mem. Exp	\$ 70.00
Honorarium	\$ 25.00

Total Disbursements.....\$551.50

Balance in Bank.....\$284.28

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD FROM MARCH 1, 1988 TO FEBRUARY 28, 1989

March 19, 1988

The Executive Board met at Hannon Free Will Baptist Church, at the closing of the Associational Meeting to organize for the new year ahead. The meeting was called to order by Charlie Hoover and prayer was offered by Jess Moody.

The positions were filled by nominations and voted on. The new officers are, Chairman Charlie Hoover, Vice-Chairman, Jess Moody, Sec-Treasurer, Roger Phillips. Assistant Sec-Treasurer Lural Mays. A motion was made and seconded to have Bro. Bob Dickey purchase the paint and paint the Stockton Church, motion carried. In attendance at the meeting were members, Charlie Hoover, Jess Moody, John Bough and Roger Phillips. The meeting was closed with prayer.

June 4, 1988

At the close of the quarterly meeting at Oskaloosa the Executive Board met, Charlie Hoover, Chairman, presided. Members present were John Bough, Reed Smith, Lural Mays and Roger Phillips. Lural Mays led in prayer to open the meeting. Several items were discussed but no action taken. Meeting was concluded with prayer by Reed Smith.

Sept. 4, 1988

The Executive board met after worship services at Stockton, the speaker was Bro. James Crawford. The meeting was attended by a good number of people from Greenfield, Verdella, Hannon, Bethel, Oskaloosa, and Stockton. Board members present were, Charlie Hoover, Chairman; Lural Mays, John Bough, Reed Smith, Roger Phillips and Jess Moody. Bro. Ragsdale, pastor of the Stockton Church also met with the board. He requested permission to install cabinets in the kitchen of the Stockton Church. It was agreed to let him do so. We appreciate Bro. Ragsdale's dedication and interest in the work of the Lord. No more business was found. Prayer closed the meeting.

STATISTICAL TABLE 88-89

	BETHEL	GREENFIELD	HANNON	WICKORY MOVE	OSKALOOSA	STOCKTON MISSION*	VERDELLA	TOTAL '87-'88 '88-'89	
Members Received	0	1	4	0	0	*	1	19	6
Members Lost	4	0	2	0	0	*	5	5	11
Members Deceased	0	2	0	2	0	*	1	3	5
Total Membership	26	24	110	25	11	*	69	272	265
Sunday S. Average	42	20	75	12	16	17	82	247	264
Woman's Aux.	15	0	20	0	4	0	7	43	46
Ordained Ministers	1	2	2	1	0	0	3	8	9
Licensed Ministers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ordained Deacons	1	1	4	0	1	0	4	12	11
Pastor Salary	\$ 13,285.00	4,505.00	14,885.61	340.00	2,664.89	6,600.00	16,317.18	\$ 61,397.68	
Evangelistic	200.00	0.00	687.00	0.00	215.00	150.00	820.00	2,072.00	
Building Repair	508.79	0.00	2,728.00	0.00	554.64	54.50	74.03	3,919.96	
Literature	707.64	348.23	3,132.55	124.07	283.84	193.88	2,056.90	6,847.11	
Other	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	679.08	411.73	550.82	12,037.82	15,679.45	
<u>TOTAL LOCAL CAUSES</u>	<u>\$ 17,029.48</u>	<u>5,853.23</u>	<u>22,433.16</u>	<u>343.15</u>	<u>4,364.25</u>	<u>7,549.20</u>	<u>31,305.93</u>	<u>\$ 92,478.40</u>	
Cooperative Fund	0.00	0.00	3,400.50	173.40	139.20	824.04	2,250.85	6,787.99	
Foreign Missions	1,222.58	0.00	5,139.00	88.68	313.71	0.00	4,180.56	10,944.53	
Home Missions	1,317.24	0.00	2,480.00	18.40	28.60	229.30	380.00	4,453.54	
Orphanage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(aux) 50.00	50.00	
Youth Camp	180.00	0.00	180.00	0.00	80.00	0.00	120.00	560.00	
Assoc. Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	57.00	57.00	
Other	0.00	101.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	838.00	939.43	
<u>TOTAL OUTSIDE CAUSES</u>	<u>\$ 2,719.82</u>	<u>101.43</u>	<u>11,199.50</u>	<u>280.50</u>	<u>561.51</u>	<u>1,053.34</u>	<u>7,826.41</u>	<u>\$ 23,742.51</u>	
<u>TOTAL SPENT</u>	<u>\$ 19,749.30</u>	<u>5,954.66</u>	<u>33,632.66</u>	<u>623.65</u>	<u>4,925.76</u>	<u>8,602.54</u>	<u>39,132.34</u>	<u>\$ 116,220.91</u>	
'87-'88	\$ 21,739.04	6,252.86	31,296.72	668.20	11,177.96		42,725.31	\$ 120,821.90	
'86-'87	\$ 20,295.36	5,583.62	30,900.00	554.80	8,635.86		42,189.16	\$ 114,222.25	
<u>CHURCH PROPERTY</u>	<u>\$200,000.00</u>	<u>30,000.00</u>	<u>136,000.00</u>	<u>2000.00</u>	<u>16,000.00</u>		<u>250,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 652,000.00</u>	
			& parsonage						

81st ANNUAL SESSION CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS, MARCH 17th & 18th, 1989

Dec. 3, 1988

The Quarterly Meeting convened at Verdella. Bro. Burton, State Promotional Sec. gave a report on State work and events coming up with encouragement to attend these if at all possible. Bro. Burton then delivered an inspiring message. The Executive Board met after the service was concluded. Present were Moderator, Charlie Hoover and members, John Bough, Reed Smith, Lural Mays, and Roger Phillips. The 13th of Jan. was decided upon as the time to meet and plan the program for the Yearly Association, which will be at Greenfield, with each one to bring a covered dish. We are to make contact with the Mission Board to see if a missionary will be available. Bro. John Bough gave the closing prayer.

Jan. 13, 1989

The Executive Board met at the Greenfield Church to plan the Yearly Associational Meeting to be held at Greenfield March 17 & 18, 1989. As planned each member of the board brought a covered dish, the meal and fellowship was greatly enjoyed. After the meal the Moderator, Charlie Hoover called the meeting to order. Prayer was offered for God's leadership in the business we were to conduct. Members attending were John Bough, Lural Mays, Jess Moody, Roger Phillips and a guest, Curt Holland. Fidell Bridges, host pastor was present. The theme chosen was, "Lift Him Up". After concluding the planning a vote for dismissal was taken and the meeting adjourned with prayer. We are praying for a time of blessing at Yearly Association.

CENTRAL WESTERN EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT
ANNUAL STATEMENT
01/01/88 - 12/31/88

GENERAL ACCOUNT FUND

December 31, 1988 Balance.....\$5,177.01

Expenses (-)

Building Insurance	\$822.42
Paint & Painting	\$421.92
Miscellaneous	\$ 1.00

Total Expenses.....\$1,245.34

Income (+)

Interest On Savings Account	\$250.38
Offerings taken were given to the speaker at teach quarterly meeting.	

Total Income.....\$250.38

December 31, 1988.....General Account Current Balance \$4,182.05

Youth Camp Fund..... \$590.61

CENTRAL WESTERN MO. DISTRICT AUXILIARY
TREASURERS REPORT
1988 - 1989

	<u>Bethel</u>	<u>Hannon</u>	<u>Oskaloosa</u>	<u>Verdella</u>	<u>Total</u>
Members on roll	15	13	4	6	38
Membership dues	\$ 45.00	\$ 39.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 114.00
Home Missions		150.00		40.00	190.00
Foreign Missions	470.00	855.00	50.00	75.00	1,450.00
Bible Colleges				10.00	10.00
WNAC(emphasis month-general fund)		155.00		60.00	215.00
Children's Home		100.00			100.00
Local Church Activities	188.52			92.00	280.52
Aux. Literature and Supplies		79.95	29.20	35.00	144.15
<u>Money Sent Directly:</u>					
Childrens Home				50.00	50.00
Paper Supply to Bunch's			50.00		50.00
GRAND TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$515.00	\$1567.47	\$141.20	\$380.00	\$2603.67

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.