

# MINUTES

## 82ND ANNUAL SESSION

CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI ASSOCIATION  
OF  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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OSKALOOSA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

LIBERAL, MISSOURI

FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 16, 1990

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"CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART O GOD"  
PSALM 51.10

MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
1990

OFFICERS

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

EXECUTIVE AND HOME MISSION BOARD

1. Bethel	Deacon Lural Mays	1991
2. Greenfield	Deacon Jess Moody	1991
3. Hannon	Deacon Charlie Hoover	1992
4. Hickory Grove	Rev. Thayne Fast	1992
5. Oskaloosa	Deacon Reed Smith	1993
6. Stockton	Deacon John Bough	1993
7. Verdella	Deacon Roger Phillips	1993

CHURCH CLERKS

BETHEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Eldorado Springs, MO  
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HANNON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Liberal, MO  
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HICKORY GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Harrisonville, MO  
Glenna Stackhouse, Rt. 1, Box 74, Archie, MO 64725

OSKALOOSA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Liberal, MO  
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VERDELLA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Liberal, MO  
Ruth Foger, Route 3, Box 39, Liberal, MO 64762

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None

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Rev. Perry Brake, Rt. 1, Liberal, MO 64762

HICKORY GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Harrisonville, MO  
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STOCKTON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Stockton, MO  
Rev. Bill Ragsdale, Rt. 4, Box 73, Stockton, MO 65785

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

## PROCEEDINGS

Friday Evening, March 16, 1990, 7:30 P.M.

The 82nd Annual session of the Central Western Missouri Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the Oskaloosa Church.

With Lita Munn as song leader and Wilma Smith at the piano, the congregation sang "When We All Get To Heaven".

The host pastor, Bro. Cecil Campbell extended a very gracious welcome.

Clerk, Doris Whitson, declared a quorum present and turned the meeting to moderator, Curt Holland.

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

Curt gave the moderator's message and announcements.

Special music was by a group from the Verdella Church. With Virginia Walker at the piano, Roger Phillips, Roy Holder, Jim Holder, Curt Holland, Bill Walker, Stacie Spurgeon and Mary Holland sang "No Tears".

Other special music was a song by Mark Williford with his wife, Jennie, at the piano. They were visiting from South Carolina.

Bro. Stan Bunch, missionary to Panama, brought the message. He also brought greetings from the Free Will Baptist Churches in Cuba. He had just returned from a visit there. Bro. Stan used Phil 3: 12-16 and Heb. 12: 1-3 as his text.

After the message the congregation sang "Higher Ground".

An offering of \$157.66 was taken to be given to the speaker. The ushers were Perry Brake, Lural Mays, Elbert Yoos and Marcus VanDorn. Bro. Curt Holland asked the blessing on the offering.

We were dismissed with prayer by Bro. Bob Selvey

Saturday Morning, 9:45 A.M., Business Session, March 17, 1990

The meeting was opened with the Congregation singing "A New Name in Glory", with J. R. Smith as song leader and Wilma Smith at the piano.

Bro. Bill Ragsdale led in prayer. The congregation then sang "Higher Ground".

Devotion was by Bro. Jim Mertz, Home Missionary to Wentzville, MO using Rev 2: 1-5 as his text.

Bro. Bill Ragsdale read the By-Laws.

Church letters were read and delegates seated.

Executive board financial 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.

Virginia Bunton presented the Statistician's Report. M/S/C to accept as presented.

The moderator, Bro. Curt appointed his committees and made some state announcements. We dismissed for a short recess.

Woman's Auxiliary, 11:00 A.M. Session, March 17, 1990

Session was opened by President, Mary Holland.

Congregational song, "He Brought Me Out".

Welcome was given by Wilma Smith.

Response was given by Ruth Foger.

Kim Hoover sang, "If You Have A Problem".

Offering was taken after prayer was given by Nancy Mays.

Staci Spurgeon sang "Create In Me A Clean Heart, O God".

Brenda Bunch, Missionary from Panama was the guest speaker. Brenda gave a reading entitles "The House That Is My Heart". She also shared pictures and stories of people in Panama their struggles and their hearts desire requesting that we remember to pray for their hearts desires to be Christ centered.

Mary Holland appointed nominating committee: Dorothy Dickey, Margaret Walker, Nancy Mays, and Mae Cleffman.

Sondra Brake led the closing prayer and asked the blessing on the meal.

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

Afternoon business session was called to order by Sondra Brake. \$89.00 went to the morning speaker. Two songs were sung. Secretary report was read and amended to read 44 members instead of 35. Motion made and seconded, passed. Treasurer report was read and approved as read by Wilma Smith.

New Business - Conducted by Mary Holland. Motion made, second, and passed for the District to adopt a missionary (s) same as chosen by State Assoc. in June. state Association June 4-7 with June 5 designated as Ladies Auxiliary Day. State Retreat Aug. 24-25 at Stonecroft near Branson, MO with speaker to be Mom Willey. Mother/Daughter Banquet to be May 4, 1990. Skit presented by Mary Holland "Fashion of Hearts".

**Installation of officers:**

President - Mary Holland, Verdella  
Vice President - Sondra Brake - Hannon  
Secretary - Loretta Hoover, Hannon  
Treasurer - Wilma Smith, Oskaloosa

**Members at Large:**

Linda Hall, Nancy Mays - Bethel  
Margaret Walker, Ruth Foger - Verdella  
Virginia Hoover - Hannon  
Donna Cobler - Oskaloosa

Each officer was handed a lit candle by Vice-President Sondra Brake while Pres. Mary Holland read a charge of each officers duties. Each promised to do their best for the Lord.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

**Saturday Afternoon Business Session, 3:00 P.M., March 17, 1990**

Bro. Curt called the afternoon business session to order.

Bro. Cecil Campbell shared for a few moments about the Free Will Baptist Historical Society.

Bro. Warren Hall led in prayer.

The Business Committee report was read.

Items 1,2,3, and 5 were voted upon and accepted, item 4 was defeated.

The Ministerial Standing Committee report was read, after two amendments M/S/C to accept.

Obituary Committee report read. M/S/C to accept as read, after a moment of silent prayer, Bro. Jess Moody led in prayer.

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

The delegates recommended that Roger Phillips, Verdella; Reed Smith, Oskaloosa; John Bough, Stockton, represent the Churches on the Executive and Home Mission Board. M/S/C to accept this recommendation.

M/S/C, that the moderator appoint anyone present at the State Association meeting, as a delegate, that can qualify.

We will meet with the Stockton Mission in 1991, March 15th and 16th. We were dismissed with prayer by Bro. Curt Holland.

After a short recess we came together at 4:15, Bro. Jim Hertz shared his burden I Chron. 28: 10 and slides of the work at Wentzville.

We were again dismissed in prayer by Bro. Curt Holland.

**Saturday Evening Worship Service 7:30 P.M., March 17, 1990**

The moderator welcomed people back. With Virginia Bunton at the piano and J. R. Smith as song leader, the congregation sang "I know Who Holds Tomorrow". We were then led in prayer by Bro. Cecil Campbell, another Congregational Song, "Victory In Jesus", was sang. Curt spoke a few words on our responsibility to Missions. With Reed Smith, Roger Phillips and Charlie Hoover as ushers, an offering of \$154.00 was taken, to be divided between Bro. Stan Bunch and

Bro. Jim Mertz. Bro. Stan requested that all of the offering go to Bro. Jim. Bro. Curt asked the blessing on the offering.

Special music was a song by Bro. Perry Brake.

The evening message was by Bro. Stan Bunch. He also shared more about his visit to Cuba. II Cor. 5:17 was used as a text.

We were dismissed in prayer by Charles Whitson.

#### REGISTRATION

MINISTERS - Curt Holland, Warren Hall, Hollis Walker, Perry Brake, Thayne Fast, Bill Ragsdale, Fidell Bridges, Cecil Campbell and Bob Dickey.

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

DELEGATES - Sandra Brake, Linda Hall, Stacie Spurgeon, Dorothy Dickey, Mae Cleffman, Donna Cobler, Loretta Hoover, Addis Foger, Ruth Foger, Wilma Smith, Betty Crutcher, Lucille Franklin, Virginia Bunton, Virginia Hoover, J. R. Smith, Mary Holland, Linda Stackhouse, Glenna Stackhouse and Charles Stackhouse.

VISITORS - Marcus VanDorn, Don Smith, Ken Spurgeon, Nancy Mays, Lois Smith, Sonny Smith, Margaret Walker, Irene Thomas, Virginia Walker, Bill Walker, Heather Hall, Kimberly Hall, Jonathan Hall, Sarah Hall, Betty Selvey, Theo Bough, Loretta Ragsdale, Sarah Ragsdale, Clifford Hoover, Jim Mertz, Kelsey Holland, Amber Holland, Nancy Dickey, Alice Hoover, Hazel Fleeman, Ken K. Koch, Lita Munn, Roy Holder, Maxine Holder, Jim Holder, B. J. Morgan, Teresa Morgan, Lee Bunton.

#### 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 or Bro. Bob Dickey 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.

3. We recommend that the Saturday evening offering be split between Bro. Jim Mertz and Bro. Stan Bunch.

4. That three words be stricken from Article 12 of the By-Laws. From line 4, the word "suggested" and from line 5 the words, "strongly suggest".

5. That we give the Oskaloosa Church a standing vote of "thanks" for the wonderful hospitality and meal served.

Signed: Bob Dickey, Linda Hall, Hollis Walker, Jr., Charlie Hoover, Virginia Hoover.

M/S/C/ to accept recommendations No. 1, 2, 3, and 5.

M/S/C/ to leave Article 12 as it now reads.

## MINISTERIAL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Committee on Ministerial Standing recommend the executive board meet with all ministers of this Association at a special called meeting.

If anyone has a charge to bring against any minister, please contact the executive board.

Signed: Roger Phillips, Lural Mays, Mary Holland, Virginia Bunton.

M/S/C to amend the report on ministerial standing to read thus:

All ministers of this Association are to meet with the Executive Board at the next quarterly meeting. If anyone has a charge to bring against any minister, the charge must be in writing and signed by that person.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Signed: Perry Brake, Stacie Spurgeon, Charles Whitson, Warren Hall.

## 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. Jess Moody will lead the prayer. The deceased are Wade Brotherton, Rev. Lowell Martin, Bea Prouse, Thelma Wilkinson, Greenfield. Mable Blythe and Clemma Hoover, Hannon.

Signed: Ruth Foger, Addis Foger, Jess Moody, Wilma Smith, Betty Crutcher.

## MINISTER'S REPORTS

Rev. Perry Brake - Sermons preached, 80; Churches pastored, 1; Professions witnessed, 2; Number baptized, 2; Additions to church 2; Miles traveled 10,000; Money received \$14,796.17.

Rev. Curt Holland - Sermons preached, 79; Churches pastored, 1; Professions witnessed, 2; Additions to Church, 2; Funerals preached, 7; Miles traveled 15,937; Money received \$16,613.74.

Rev. Warren Hall - Sermons preached, 154; Churches pastored 2; Professions witnessed, 1; Revivals held, 1; Additions to church, 13; Funerals preached, 2; Miles traveled, 12,000; Money received \$11,960.00.

Rev. Fidell Bridges - Sermons preached, 106; Churches pastored, 1; Revivals held 1; Additions to church, 1; Miles traveled 3,000; Money received, \$5,200.00.

Rev. Bob Dickey - Sermons preached, 22; Funerals preached, 6; Miles traveled, 1,250; Money received, \$350.00.



Rev. Stan Bunch - Sermons preached, 156; Professions witnessed, 5; Number baptized, 5; Mission organized, 1; Miles traveled, 18,000; Money received, \$10,800.00

Rev. Thayne Fast - Sermons preached, 44; Church's pastored, 1; Funerals preached, 1; Weddings performed, 1; Miles traveled, 9,250; Money received \$2,100.00.

Rev. Hollis Walker, Jr. - Sermons preached, 4; Weddings performed, 1.

ASSOCIATIONAL CLERKS FINANCIAL REPORT  
MARCH 1, 1989 - MARCH 1, 1990

Balance Brought Forward, March 1, 1989.....\$284.28

Receipts:

Budget Money	\$368.00
Missions Offering	\$209.23

Total Receipts.....\$861.51

Disbursements:

Verdella Missions Team	\$209.23
State Dues	\$ 35.00
Nat'l Dues	\$ 70.00
1989 Minutes	\$135.50
Gen Bd. Mem. Exp	\$ 92.82
Honorarium	\$ 25.00

Total Disbursements.....\$567.55

Balance in Bank.....\$293.96

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD FROM MARCH 1, 1989 TO MARCH 1, 1990

March 19, 1989

Greenfield, MO

The Executive Board met after the close of the association for the purpose of organizing the Board. Members present were: Charlie Hoover, John Bough, Jess Moody, Lural Mays, Roger Phillips and Reed Smith. Charlie Hoover called for nominations. A motion was made to hold over the present officers and the motion was seconded. The motion passed. Charlie Hoover President, Jess Moody Vice-president, Roger Phillips Sec/Treas., Lural Mays Asst. Sec/Treas. Bethel requested examination of Bro. Degonia, their new pastor, for acceptance into the Association. A discussion was held on the cards of standing on ministers. Time will be used in working out the details. the meeting then adjourned with prayer by Jess Moody.

June 3, 1989

ElDorado Springs, MO

Following the worship service with Bro. Stan Bunch bringing the evening message, the Executive Board met. Bro. Charlie Hoover called the meeting to order and prayer was given by the Host Pastor, Bro. Degonia. Members present were John Bough, Lural Mays, Reed Smith and Roger Phillips. A request was presented from Bethel Church for Bro. Degonia to receive a card of standing from the Central Western Missouri Association. A letter of dismissal from the First Quarterly Conference of Kansas was read. A question and comment time was made and a motion was then made to accept Bro. Degonia and give him a card of standing from the Association. A discussion then followed on the card of standing of Ministers of our Association and a motion was made and seconded to give each one a card of standing. No further business was on the agenda so Bro. John Bough gave a prayer for our dismissal.

Sept. 2, 1989

Greenfield, MO

The Executive board met after the regular worship service. Those present were moderator Charlie Hoover, members Lural Mays, John Bough, Reed Smith, Roger Phillips and Jess Moody. Prayer was given by John Bough. A discussion was held on several subjects but no action was taken on any. We were dismissed by prayer.

	BETHEL	GREENFIELD	HANNON	HIO GR	OSKALOOSA	STOCKTON	VERDELLA	TOTAL
Members Received	7	1	2		0	0	2	12
Members Lost	4	0	2		0	0	0	7
Members Deceased	0	4	2		0	0	0	6
Total Membership	33	21	110		6	0	71	265
S.S. Average	44	19	85		11	19	72	260
Woman's Auxiliary	17	0	20		0	0	7	44
Ordained Ministers	1	1	2		0	0	2	7
Licensed Ministers	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
Ordained Deacons	1	1	4		1	0	4	11
Pastor's Salary	12,662.71	5,200.00	14,796.17	100.00	3,276.28	9,600.00	16,613.74	64,248.90
Evangelistic	0	0	799.49	0	0	781.35	652.66	2,233.50
Bldg. Costs & Repair	3,351.46	2,014.24	1,090.33	0	0	39.90	19,975.69	26,471.62
Literature	1,174.15	244.60	3,673.50	130.52	151.79	215.79	1,319.99	6,910.34
Other	6,135.63	1,463.53	15,025.46	712.45	759.05	1,354.37	10,828.76	36,279.25
<u>TOTAL LOCAL CAUSES</u>	23,323.95	8,922.37	35,384.95	942.97	4,187.12	11,991.41	49,390.84	136,143.61
Cooperative Fund	450.32		3,917.07	155.00	132.18	1,200.13	2,280.57	8,135.27
Foreign Missions	1,399.80	200.00	4,627.49	81.90	36.75	0	4,129.01	10,474.95
Home Missions	1,101.65	170.00	2,123.56	0	0	237.20	300.00	3,932.41
Orphanage	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Youth Camp	180.00		180.00	0	80.00	0	120.00	560.00
Asso. Projects	0			0	0	0	0	0
Other	132.42	72.00	670.00	0	0	0	0	874.42
<u>TOTAL OUTSIDE CAUSES</u>	3,255.19	442.00	11,518.12	236.90	248.93	1,437.33	6,829.58	23,968.05
<u>TOTAL SPENT</u> 89-90	26,579.14	9,364.37	46,903.07	3179.87	4,436.05	13,428.74	56,220.42	160,111.66
88-89		5,954.66	48,467.14	4223.65	4,925.76	8,602.54	39,132.34	129,491.32
<u>CHURCH PROPERTY</u>	200,000.00	30,000.00	136,000.00	20000.00	16,000.00	125,000.00	250,000.00	777,000.00

Host - Oskaloosa FWB Church, 1990

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STATISTICAL TABLE 1989-90

Dec. 2, 1989  
Hannon FWB Church

After Bro. Burtons good message and dismissal prayer the Executive Board met with all members present. Moderator Charlie Hoover asked Bro. Thayne Fast to lead in prayer. A letter from Bethel FWB Church requesting their pastor Warren Hall to be examined for a card of standing. He gave an account of his work and calling and Bro. Reed moved we grant him a card of standing and extend fellowship to him. Bro. Thayne seconded and a vote was unanimous in favor of granting him a card of standing. The next item was the setting of Jan 12, 7 p.m. at Oskaloosa to be the time we plan our Association. A discussion followed on changing the wording of the By-Laws. This will be looked into at our Jan. meeting. A discussion and report was given on the Stockton Church. The insurance policy needs to be located so a search will be made for it. We were dismissed by Bro. Jess Moody.

Jan. 12, 1990  
Oskaloosa FWB Church

A covered dish supper was served before the business session was called. Attending the meeting were Charlie Hoover moderator, Reed Smith, Thayne Fast, Lural Mayes, Roger Phillips and Curt Holland. Prayer was given by Bro. Thayne and a financial report was given. A request from our Association for a recommendation to the St. Francois Association in the St. Louis area for Bro. Degonia, the former pastor of Bethel, was presented to the Board. After some discussion a motion was made and seconded to send a letter of good standing as requested. It was passed. The Association Clerk was to be notified to send the recommendation. We then began planning the program for the Association which convenes March 16 & 17, 1990 at Oskaloosa. The theme which was chosen was Philippians 3: 13,14. Press toward the Mark. Speakers will be chosen according to availability. Stan Bunch is to be contacted first. A notice is to be sent to churches of the Association as to a possible changing of article 12 of the By-Laws. We were then dismissed by Lural Mayes.

**CENTRAL WESTERN EXECUTIVE BOARD  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
01/01/89 - 12/31/89**

**GENERAL ACCOUNT FUND**

Beginning Balance for 1989.....	\$3,994.20
Income for 1989 Int. on account w/Farm & Home.....	<u>203.61</u>
	\$4,197.81

**EXPENSES FOR YEAR**

April 24	Ins. on Property.....	\$207.00
July 14	Ins. on Property.....	184.25
Oct. 20	Ins. on Property.....	184.25
Dec. 11	Registration for Incorporation.....	11.00
Dec. 16	Materials for Cabin Roof.....	60.00
Jan. 16	Ins. on Property.....	<u>184.25</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES.....		830.75
BALANCE.....		\$3,367.06

CENTRAL WESTERN MO. DISTRICT AUXILIARY  
TREASURERS REPORT  
MARCH 1989 - 1990

	<u>Bethel</u>	<u>Hannon</u>	<u>Oskaloosa</u>	<u>Verdella</u>	<u>Total</u>
Members on roll	17	18	3	6	44
Membership dues	\$ 51.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 132.00
Home Missions		100.00		75.00	175.00
Foreign Missions	420.00	790.00		50.00	1,260.00
Bible Colleges					
WNAC(emphasis month-general fund)	20.00	65.00		40.00	125.00
Co-Labor Offering	80.00				80.00
Provision Closet		75.00		50.00	125.00
Children's Home					
Local Church Activities		662.73		128.19	790.92
Aux. Literature and Supplies	11.55	75.00	25.00	25.00	136.55
<u>Money Sent Directly:</u>					
Puerto Rico (Hurricane)				25.00	25.00
Mo. Retreat (Reeves & Bunches)	50.00	50.00	10.00		110.00
Foreign Mission (Dist. Auction for Missions (Linda & Steve Reeves)					315.00
<u>Home Missions</u>				20.00	20.00
GRAND TOTAL					
DISBURSEMENTS	\$632.55	\$1971.73	\$44.00	\$431.19	\$3394.47

Youth Meeting  
March 17, 1990, 4:30 P.M.

Theme: "Pressing Toward the Mark".

The rally started around 4:30 p.m. when Bro. Perry Brake opened with prayer. He then led us in singing a few choruses. Angela Hardy sang "Light your World, followed by Jennifer Thompson Singing, "People Need the Lord".

Bro. Perry introduced Ken Koch who came forward and gave a devotion on, "Pressing Toward the Mark". The "Mark" meaning for us to be more like Jesus. Two ways we can do this is by reading the Bible and praying.

After the devotion we had a Mexican dinner. We didn't have quite as many youth as was expected, but we all had a good time.

Daniel Dickey and Daniel Charlton were chosen as representatives from Hannon and Verdella for activities concerning Associational Youth, this will include all churches of the Association.

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 live and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men".

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, and family devotions and social worship; and by self-denial, faith and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour 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.