

MINUTES

83RD ANNUAL SESSION

CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI ASSOCIATION

OF

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

WHEN CONVENED WITH THE

STOCKTON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

STOCKTON, MISSOURI

FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 15, 1931

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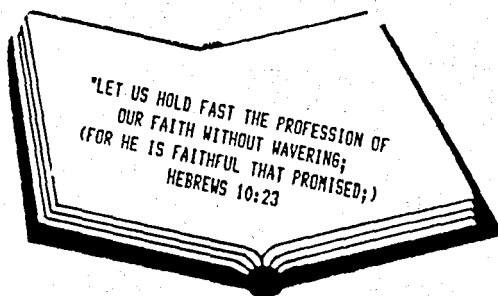
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# MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS 1991

## OFFICERS

Moderator.....Rev. Bill Ragsdale, Stockton, 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. Hannon	Deacon Charlie Hoover	1992
2. Hickory Grove	Rev. Thayne Fast	1992
3. Oskaloosa	Deacon Reed Smith	1993
4. Stockton	Deacon John Bough	1993
5. Verdella	Deacon Roger Phillips	1993
6. Bethel	Deacon Lural Mays	1994
7. Greenfield	Deacon Jess Moody	1994

## 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 178, Liberal, MO 64762  
STOCKTON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Stockton, MO  
Bill Ragsdale, Rt. 4, Box 73, Stockton, MO 65705  
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. Warren Hall, Rt. 3, Box 424, ElDorado Springs, MO 64744  
GREENFIELD FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Greenfield, MO  
Rev. Bob Dickey, Liberal, MO 64762  
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. Hollis Walker, Jr. Liberal, MO 64762  
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. Don Anderson, Liberal, MO 64762

## PROCEEDINGS

Friday Evening, March 15, 1991, 7:30 P.M.

The 83rd Annual session of the Central Western Missouri Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the Stockton Church.

The host pastor, Bro. Bill Ragsdale welcomed those in attendance.

Bro. Jess Moody led in prayer.

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

Curt gave the moderator's message and announcements.

With Martha Reinhart at the organ, Joe Page at the piano, Juanita Page, guitar, and Melvin Reinhart as song leader, the congregation sang "Faith Is the Victory", "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms", and "My Faith Looks Up to Thee". Special music was a solo "Each Step I Take" by Bro. Paul Cole. A trio, Juanita Page, Loretta Ragsdale and Patsy Thompson, singing, "Do You Know My Jesus?" These were all from the Stockton Church.

Bro. Curt Holland, missionary appointee to Brazil, brought the message using Heb. 10:23 and 11:1 and 6 as scripture text.

With Bro. Jerry Thompson and Bro. Melvin Reinhart as ushers, an offering of \$125.27 was taken to be put in Curt's account. Bro. Bill Ragsdale asked the blessing on the offering.

We were dismissed with prayer by Bro. Warren Hall.

Saturday Morning, 9:45 A.M., Business Session, March 16, 1991

The moderator welcomed those in attendance.

With Melvin Reinhart as song leader, Martha Reinhart at the organ, Joe Page at the piano and Juanita Page on the guitar, the congregation sang, "I Know Whom I Have Believed" and "Kneel at the Cross".

Bro. Perry Brake led in prayer. Special music was Sis. Linda Warren singing "My Faith Still Holds" and Sis. Nancy Mays singing, "The Sun's Coming up".

Devotion was by Bro. Warren Hall using Acts 11:24 as his text.

We had a moment of silent prayer and then Bro. Hall led us in prayer.

Reading of By-Laws by Bro. Bob Dickey.

Church letters and delegates were read by Clerk, Doris Whitson. M/S/C to seat delegates.

Roger Phillips gave the financial report of the Executive Board. M/S/C to accept as read.

Bro. Clarence Burton, State Promotional Secretary, reported on State happenings and made announcements of coming events.

The moderator appointed his committees.

We were dismissed with prayer by Bro. Lural Mays, for a short recess.

#### Woman's Auxiliary, 11:00 A.M. Session, March 16, 1991

Session was opened by Sondra Drake, Vice President.

Prayer: Wilma Smith.

Welcome was given by Loretta Ragsdale.

Thank you response given by Linda Hall.

Pianist, Stacie Spurgeon, and song leader, Nancy Mays, led the congregation in singing "Count Your Many Blessings".

Prayer and offering while singing "Victory in Jesus".

Stacie Spurgeon sang a special "Been Through Enough".

Mary Holland, Missionary appointee to Brazil, was the morning speaker. II Kings 5 was the chosen scripture to show "God is Faithful". Mary said "Without following directions God has given us, we cheat ourselves out of many blessings as a final result". Mary shared the desires of her heart regarding the mission work in Brazil and the great needs for these people.

Mary Holland appointed the nominating committee: Nancy Mays, Chairman; Loretta Ragsdale, Gayla Charlton, Alice Hoover.

Regina Sprenkle led the closing prayer and asked the blessing upon the noon meal as we were dismissed.

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

Mary Holland opened the afternoon session with the presentation of a skit entitled "All For Jesus" based upon the scripture Matt 9: 37,38. Prayer by Nancy Mays.

The morning offering \$110.00 was given to the Curt and Mary Holland account for Brazil missions.

Secretary's report was read. Motion made and seconded to accept report as read. Treasurer's report was read by Wilma Smith. Motion was made and seconded to accept report as read making revisions if necessary.

New Business - Conducted by Mary Holland requested State Officer Lita Munn to present new business from state level. Lita shared from Prov. 29:18 "A Vision Touching the Untouchables" written by Laura Bell Barnard.

Announcements -

June 3-6 State Assoc. at Arnold, MO.

June 4 Women's Aux. Day. Theme: "Behold the Bridegroom Cometh" Matt. 25:6. Banquet tickets will be \$5.00, State also asked each district to send \$30.00 to defray the expenses of banquet.

August 23 & 24 Retreat at Stonecroft with guest speakers Mom Willey, and Diane Thomas.

New Business - Peek and Pray Calendars will be available requesting all money to be sent to District Treasurer then to State Treasurer. The money will be designated for missionaries upon recommendation of State.

Mother/Daughter Banquet possibly May 7th. Motion made and seconded to allow new officers to work out details.

Installation of Officers:

President - Regina Sprengle

Vice-President - Mary Holland/Loretta Ragsdale to stand in when Mary is not able to be there.

Secretary - Loretta Hoover

Treasurer - Wilma Smith

Members at Large - Nancy Mays, Ruth Foger

State delegates (3) to be appointed at State.

### Saturday Afternoon Business Session, 3:00 P.M., March 16, 1991

Moderator called the afternoon business session to order.

Virginia Hoover read the Statistician's Report. M/S/C to accept as read.

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

The Business Committee report was read and voted on item by item.

Items I, II, were voted on and carried.

Item III after discussion was tabled until the churches can be given information, thirty days before the next quarterly meeting.

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

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

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

Moderator will appoint anyone that is in attendance at the State Association as delegates.

### Saturday Worship Service 3:45 P.M., March 16, 1991

After a short recess from the afternoon business session, we came together for our worship service.

Bro. Jess Moody led us in prayer. The congregation sang, "I Am Resolved" and "Amazing Grace: with Joe Page at the piano, Martha Reinhart at the organ, Juanita Page on the guitar and Melvin Reinhart as song leader.

An offering of \$54.01 was taken with Jerry Thompson and Melvin Reinhart as ushers. Bro. Curt Holland asked the blessing on the offering. The offering was to go to the speaker, Bro. Ragsdale, but he very graciously added it to Bro. Curt's missionary account.

Bro. Paul Cole sang "How Great Thou Art".

Randy and Regina Sprenkle, and Gary Wayne Charlton sang "Mansion Over the Hilltop".

Regina Sprenkle sang "Thank You For Giving to the Lord".

Bro. Bill Ragsdale brought the message using several verses from the book of Acts as his text.

We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Jerry Thompson. We will meet with the Verdella Church the evening of March 13, 1992.

#### REGISTRATION

MINISTERS - Warren Hall, Hollis Walker, Perry Brake, Curt Holland

Bill Ragsdale, Thayne Fast, and Bob Dickey.

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

DELEGATES - Randy Sprenkle, Regina Sprenkle, Mary Holland, J. R. Smith, Wilma Smith, Linn Moody, Ruth Foger, Addis Foger, Virginia Hoover, Loretta Hoover, Alice Hoover, Dorothy Dickey, Betty Crutcher and Lucille Franklin.

VISITORS - Gary Wayne Charlton, Gayla Charlton, Don Smith, Margaret Smith, Margaret Walker, Melvin Reinhart, Martha Reinhart, Joe Page, Juanita Page, Patsy Thompson, Jerry Thompson, Jimmy Holder, Roy Holder, Maxine Holder, Inez Holder, Lois Smith, Sonny Smith, Mary Cross, Vivian Burton, Clarence Burton, Hazel Fleeman, Nancy Fleeman, Lita Munn, Bradley Workman, Jan Workman, Stacie Spurgeon, Clifford Hoover, Paul Cole, Theo Bough 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, Bob Dickey or Roger Phillips will be in contact with those who can work.

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

3. That the words "the pastors (who are members of the Association) of each Church and" be added to line three of Article 6 of the Constitution. This insertion to be made after the words, "This board shall be made up of" and before "one ordained person from each Church". Signed: Perry Brake, Charles Whitson, Lural Mays, Hollis Walker, Jr., Bill Ragsdale.

N/S/C/ to accept Items I, and II.

N/S/C/ to table Item III until the churches can be given information, 30 days before the next quarterly meeting.

## MINISTERIAL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Ministerial Standing Committee agree to give all ministers a card of standing in good report. Recommending and encouraging that all ministers attend all conferences and church meetings from beginning to end, encouraging and requesting the presence of their deacons and church workers to attend as well.

Signed: Reed Smith, Addis Foger, Virginia Hoover, Nancy Mays, Loretta Hoover.

M/S/C to accept.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

We the nominating committee suggest these people for the following offices:

Moderator - Bill Ragsdale; Assistant Moderator - Roger Phillips; Clerk-Treasurer - Doris Whitson; Assistant Clerk-Treasurer - Stacie Spurgeon; Statistician - Virginia Hoover; Itinerant Contact - Bob Dickey; Executive Board Members - Jess Moody, Greenfield; - Lural Mays, Bethel.

Signed: Charlie Hoover, Ruth Foger, Linda Hall, Jess Moody, Randy Sprenkle.

## OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We recommend that the congregation stand in a moment of silent prayer for our beloved deceased since the last Association. We request that Bro. Lural Mays lead in memorable prayer following this time of silence. Our deceased are: Sister June West and Bro. Marvin Eslinger of Bethel. Sister Floy Hartley of Greenfield.

Signed: Warren Hall, Alice Hoover, Wilma Smith, Linn Moody, J.R. Smith.

## MINISTER'S REPORTS

Rev. Warren Hall - Sermons preached, 150; Churches pastored, 1; Professions witnessed, 2; Additions to church 3; Miles traveled 6,500; Funerals, 2; Money received, \$13,125.00.

Rev. Bill Ragsdale - Sermons preached, 90; Churches pastored, 1; Professions witnessed, 3; Number baptized, 2; Funerals, 2; Miles traveled 10,500; Money received \$12,100.00.

Rev. Bob Dickey - Sermons preached, 84; Churches pastored 1; Number Baptized, 1; Funerals preached, 7; Weddings, 1; Miles traveled, 4,500; Money received \$4,600.00.

Rev. Thayne Fast - Sermons preached, 47; Churches pastored, 1; Miles traveled, 9,400.00; Money received \$2,400.00.

Rev. Perry Brake - Sermons preached, 80; Churches pastored, 1; Addition to Church 6; Miles traveled, 12,500; Money received \$14,805.80.

Rev. Curt Holland - Sermons preached, 90; Churches pastored, 1; Professions witnessed, 4; Number baptized, 1; Funerals, 1; Miles traveled, 13,195; Money received, \$14,396.00.

Rev. Hollis Walker, Jr. - Sermons preached, 9; Weddings, 1; Money received, \$220.00.



ASSOCIATIONAL CLERKS FINANCIAL REPORT  
MARCH 1, 1990 - MARCH 1, 1991

Balance Brought Forward, March 1, 1990.....\$293.66

Receipts:

Budget Money	\$361.00
Missions Offering	\$311.66

Total Receipts.....\$966.62

Disbursements:

Stan Bunch	\$157.66
Jim Mertz	\$154.00
State Dues	\$ 35.00
Nat'l Dues	\$ 70.00
Gen Bd. Mem. Exp	\$ 86.18
Honorarium	\$ 35.00

Total Disbursements.....\$678.34

Balance in Bank, March 1, 1991.....\$288.28

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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD FROM MARCH 1, 1990 TO MARCH 1, 1991

March 17, 1990

Oskaloosa, MO

Free Will Baptist Church

The Executive Board met after the closing of the Association Sat. afternoon. Those in attendance and the Church they represent are as follows: Charlie Hoover, Hannon; Reed Smith, Oskaloosa; Lural Mays, Bethel; John Bough, Stockton; Roger Phillips, Verdella; and Jess Moody, Greenfield. Bro. Charlie served as moderator. A motion was made and seconded to hold over the present officers for the coming year. It was seconded and passed. The officers will be for the new year. Charlie Hoover, Moderator; Jess Moody, Assistant Moderator; Secretary-Treasurer, Roger Phillips; Assist. Lural Mays. The next meeting to be held at Hickory Grove and each minister is to be present. If any complaints are made against the minister, it must be written and signed before we will act on it. The meeting was then closed in prayer.

June 2, 1990

Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist

The meeting was held at the Church near Harrisonville, Mo. The sermon of the evening was brought by Curt Holland. Stan Bunch, Missionary to Panama was also present. After the service was concluded the Executive Board met with Bro. Charlie Hoover calling the meeting to order. We were to consider and act upon any complaint people had made against any minister. None were turned in so each minister was given his card of standing. We were dismissed by prayer.

Sept. 1, 1990

Stockton Free Will Baptist Church

The Quarterly meeting was held at Stockton Saturday Evening. Bro. Warren Hall, Pastor of Bethel Eldorado Springs Free Will Baptist Church brought the message of the evening. After the service closed, the Executive Board met and determined there was no business to act upon. They closed with prayer

	BETHEL	GREENFIELD	HANNON	HIGH GROVE	OSKALOOSA	STOCKTON	VERDELLA	TOTAL
Members Received	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	6
Members Lost	4	1	4	0	0	0	2	11
Members Deceased	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Total Membership	32	15	112	20	6	0	70	259
S. S. Average	53	20	85	11	8	20	73	269
Woman's Auxiliary	19	0	20	0	3	12	14	68
Ordained Ministers	1	1	2	1	0	0	3	8
Licensed Ministers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ordained Deacons	1	1	4	0	1	0	4	11
Pastor's Salary	1,300.00	5,250.00	14,805.80	200.00	2,353.50	12,000.00	14,047.19	52,156.49
Evangelistic	0	0	846.37	0	0	645.30	731.06	2,222.73
Bldg. Costs & Repairs	1,550.00	0	2,061.87	0	141.75	0	19,920.00	23,673.62
Literature	1,358.00	171.10	3,569.75	1.78	156.57	257.68	2,151.40	7,856.18
Other	5,282.00	5,289.54	7,314.60	3.47	785.50	1,310.43	13,597.41	34,262.96
<u>TOTAL LOCAL CAUSES</u>	21,190.00	10,710.64	28,598.39	35.25	3,437.32	14,213.44	50,447.06	131,772.10
Cooperative Fund	616.00	0	4,524.25	4.91	0	1,253.66	2,262.10	8,810.98
Foreign Missions	1,832.00	0	6,657.55	10.27	0	0	6,489.17	15,008.99
Home Missions	1,190.00	0	1,594.47	0	0	180.05	120.00	3,084.52
Orphanage	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Youth Camp	180.00	0	528.00	0	0	0	60.00	768.00
Association Projects	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	6,985.26	0	0	0	0	6,985.26
<u>TOTAL OUTSIDE CAUSES</u>	3,818.00	0	20,289.53	15.18	0	1,433.71	8,911.27	34,657.69
<u>TOTAL SPENT 90-91</u>	25,008.00	10,710.64	48,887.92	30.43	3,437.32	15,647.15	59,358.33	166,429.79
89-90		9,364.37	46,903.07	39.87	4,436.05	13,428.74	56,220.42	133,532.52
<u>CHURCH PROPERTY</u>	200,000.00	30,000.00	136,000.00	200.00	16,000.00	130,000.00	250,000.00	782,000.00

Host - Stockton FWB Church, 1991

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STATISTICAL TABLE 1990-91

Dec. 1, 1990

Oskaloosa Free Will Baptist Church

The Quarterly Meeting opened at 7 P.M. with Moderator of the Association, Curt Holland, presiding. After song service and prayer, Bro. Corky Walker brought the message of the evening. After the close of the service, the Executive Board met and had no business to attend to. It was determined the night for the meeting of the board to meet and plan the program for the Association would be set at a later date. We were dismissed.

1991

Stockton Free Will Baptist Church

The complete board met at the church with each one bringing a covered dish. We enjoyed our meal together. After the meal, we had prayer and began planning the program for the association to be held at Stockton March 15 & 16. Bro. Curt Holland moderator of the Association and Bro. Bill Ragsdale, host pastor, were in attendance also. After completing the program, prayer was offered and we were then dismissed.

CENTRAL WESTERN EXECUTIVE BOARD  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
01/01/90 - 12/31/90

EXPENSES FOR YEAR

April 18	Ins. on Stockton Church.....	\$184.25
July 20	Ins. on Stockton Church.....	195.25
Oct. 20	Ins. on Stockton Church.....	195.25
Jan 22	Ins. on Stockton Church.....	195.25

Amount of Insurance \$141,000.00

May 7	Liberal Building Center.....	125.60
	Paint for Youth Camp cabin	

May 17	Mary Holland, Material for.....	25.00
	Curtains for Youth Camp	

BALANCE AS OF 2/1/91.....\$2,591.97

CENTRAL WESTERN MO. DISTRICT AUXILIARY TREASURERS REPORT  
MARCH 1990 - 1991

CHURCH	GREENFIELD	BETHEL	HANNON	OSKALOOSA
Active Members		18	17	3
Membership dues		\$54.00	\$51.00	\$9.00
State Missions Jim Williams				
Home Missions		93.21	250.00	
Special Project Jeff & Susan Turnbough		5.00	5.00	5.00
Foreign Missions		63.50		20.00
Pre-Easter (District)		520.00	455.00	
Bible Colleges				
WNAC (Emphasis)				
Month (General Fund)		30.00		
Co-Labor Offering		50.00		
Children's Home				
Actives				
Local Church			1571.61	
Auxiliary literature & Supplies			78.75	25.00
Special Offerings				
Money Sent Direct				
Money sent to Foreign Missions from Fall Banquet/Auction				
Peek, Pray, Pay	71.16	63.00	95.00	37.90
TOTALS	\$71.16	\$878.71	\$2596.36	\$96.90

STOCKTON	VERDELLA DAY	VERDELLA NIGHT	TOTAL
12	5	8	63
\$36.00	\$15.00	\$24.00	\$189.00
	25.00		25.00
			343.21
5.00	5.00	5.00	30.00
			83.50
	75.00	807.05	1857.05
	40.00		70.00
			50.00
	25.00		25.00
Retired Minister	10.00		10.00
		1851.21	3422.82
102.20	25.00	95.00	325.95
	31.83		31.83
		50.00	50.00
designated Turnbough's account			394.95
135.23	63.26	75.00	540.55
\$322.43	\$310.09	\$2907.26	\$7448.86

## 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 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.