

MINUTES

84TH ANNUAL SESSION

CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI ASSOCIATION  
OF  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

WHEN CONVENED WITH THE  
VERDELLA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
LIBERAL, MISSOURI  
FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 13, 1992

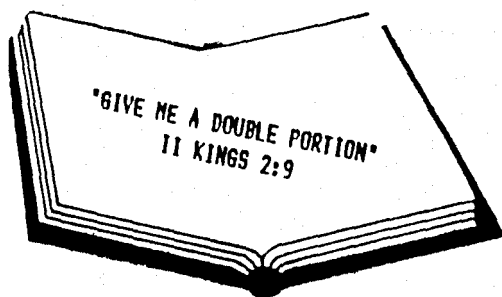
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MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
1992

OFFICERS

Moderator.....Rev. Bill Ragsdale, Stockton, MO  
Assistant Moderator.....Rev. Bob Dickey, Liberal, MO  
Clerk-Treasurer.....Doris Whitson, Liberal, MO  
Asst. Clerk-Treasurer.....Kayla Anderson, Liberal, MO  
Statistician..... Virginia Hoover, Liberal, MO  
Itinerant Contact.....Jim Holder, Liberal, MO  
State Gen. Board Member.....Deacon Reed Smith, Liberal, MO

EXECUTIVE AND HOME MISSION BOARD

1. Oskaloosa	Deacon Reed Smith	1993
2. Stockton	Deacon John Bough	1993
3. Verdella	Deacon Roger Phillips	1993
4. Bethel	Deacon Lural Mays	1994
5. Greenfield	Deacon Jess Moody	1994
6. Hannon	Deacon Charlie Hoover	1995
7. Hickory Grove	Rev. Thayne Fast	1995

CHURCH CLERKS

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HANNON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Liberal, MO

Rev. Perry Brake, P. O. Box 193, Liberal, MO 64762

HICKORY GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Harrisonville, MO

Rev. Thayne Fast, Rt. 3, Box 22A, Liberal, MO 64762

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STOCKTON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Stockton, MO

Rev. Bill Ragsdale, Rt. 3, Box 46, Stockton, MO 65785

VERDELLA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Liberal, MO

Rev. Don Anderson, Liberal, MO 64762

## PROCEEDINGS

Friday Evening, March 13, 1992, 7:30 P.M.

The 84th Annual session of the Central Western Missouri Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the Verdella Church.

With Virginia Walker at the piano and Bill Walker as song leader the congregation sang "Greater Is He That Is In Me" and "Sweet, Sweet Spirit".

Bro. Tom Crockett led in prayer.

Bro. Don Anderson, Host Pastor, extended a welcome to those present.

Clerk, Doris Whitson, declared a quorum present and turned the meeting to Bro. Bill Ragsdale, Moderator.

Bro. Bill made announcements and gave the moderator's message, using the theme scripture for his comments.

Another congregational song, "To God Be the Glory" was sung.

Special music was a song by Bro. Bill Walker, "How Long Has It Been?"

Bro. Curt Holland, missionary appointee to Brazil, brought the evening message using I Kings 19:19-21 and II Kings 4:1-7 as his scripture text.

With Randy Sprenkle, Don Anderson, Charles Whitson and Tom Crockett as ushers, an offering of \$137.16 was taken. Charles asked the blessing on the offering which will be given to Bro. Curt's account.

The evening session was dismissed with prayer by Bro. Perry Brake.

Saturday Morning, 9:45 A.M., Business Session, March 14, 1992

The meeting was opened with Congregational singing. With Charles Whitson as song leader and Virginia Walker as pianist, we sang "There Is Power In The Blood" and "There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood".

The Moderator called on Bro. Paul Cole to lead in prayer.

Special music was a song "I'm Going Home" by Bro. Perry Brake.

The devotion was by Bro. Jim Holder using 11 Kings 2:9 and Psalms 29:11.

Reading of the By-Laws was by Bro. Perry Brake.

Church letters read by Clerk, M/S/C to seat delegates.

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

Virginia Hoover gave 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 Moderator appointed his committees.

Dorothy Dickey was called on to dismiss the morning business session with prayer.

Woman's Auxiliary, 11:00 A.M. Session, March 14, 1992

President Regina Sprenkle called the meeting to order and asked Kathy Williams to lead us in prayer. Welcome was given by Ruth Foger followed by the acceptance and thank you given by Linda Hall. The Congregation was led by Sondra Brake singing "Come Thou Fount". Nominating committee was announced as follows: Mary Holland, Linda Hall, Sondra Brake, and Loretta Ragsdale presiding as chairman. Offering was taken by men present. Special music was provided by Linda Hall and her two daughters, Heather and Kimberly entitled, "I'm Standing On The Solid Rock". Next in order, Mary Holland, guest speaker and missionary appointee to Brazil gave the morning devotion entitled, "What would you ask for if given any wish?" Mary asked the question, "Why don't we ask for a double portion?" and responded that we don't have room for double portions in Christ because we don't use what we already have. Using scripture from Matt. 13:21, I Cor., Matt. 24, Heb. 5:14, Matt. 14:25, Luke 12:48, John 7:39, John 14 and 15, Heb. 5:14, and Heb. 6:9.

Announcements of the women's retreat to be held at Stonecroft near Branson, Aug. 21-22, and the State Association will be held in Lebanon on June 9. Secretary, Loretta Hoover asked the question as to whether or not the nominating committee should be chosen from the floor. Mary Holland suggested this be discussed at a later time and we were dismissed by prayer by Bro. Bill Ragsdale.

Meeting called to order by Regina Sprenkle asking Sondra Brake to lead the congregation in "Victory in Jesus". Prayer was led by Loretta Ragsdale. The Verdella night Auxiliary presented a skit for everyone to enjoy entitled "Behold Thy Crown". Loretta Ragsdale presented a special entitled, "When He Was On the Cross, I Was On His Mind".

The Secretary Report was read by Loretta Hoover. Motion was made and seconded that it be received as read. All were in favor and it was accepted. Next, the Treasurer Report was given by Wilma Smith. Motion was again made and a second that the report be approved as read. This, also, was approved and accepted.

New items of business discussed for the new year were:

- 1) Choose the State Missionary as the Lytles,
- 2) Peek and Pray calendar funds were suggested to be sent to the Lytles' account with all proceeds to be turned in no later than May 15th.
- 3) Mother/Daughter Banquet is tentatively planned for May 11 or 12th. If agreeable with majority, the meeting place will be at the Apple Blossom Cafe in Sheldon again. More definite plans to be announced at a later date.
- 4) Nominating committee presented a slate of officers as follows:  
President.....Regina Sprenkle  
Vice President.....Virginia Hoover  
Secretary.....Loretta Hoover  
Treasurer.....Wilma Smith

Members At Large:

Kayla Anderson      --      Nancy Mays      --      Loretta Ragsdale

Motion was made and a second to accept these as recommended by the nominating committee. This was approved and accepted.

- 5) Offering will go to Kurt and Mary Holland account in the amount of the offering totaling \$56.50.
- 6) State Association June 9th - our district will be in charge of providing enough salad to feed 200 people. The theme will be of Panama. More information will be given later.
- 7) April 24th the Ladies of Mtn. Grove have invited us to unite with them in an all night prayer vigil.
- 8) Ladies don't forget we'll be planning our 4th annual Fall Banquet and Auction.

Next on the agenda was the installation of the new officers with Mary Holland doing the honor of reading the charges of each officers duties.

Until the coming of our Lord, may we all ask and trust Him for that double portion that His name might be glorified.

Saturday Afternoon Business Session, 2:45 P.M., March 14, 1992

Moderator called the afternoon business session to order.

With Bro. Ragsdale as song leader and Nancy Mays at the piano, the Congregation sang "More About Jesus Would I Know".

Randy Sprenkle then led in prayer.

As old business, item no. III of last years business committee that was tabled was brought forward. M/S/C to put to a vote.

After much discussion M/S/C to accept as written.

Business Committee was read and acted on item by item.

Items I and II were acted upon and carried out.

Item III M/S/C to accept.

Items IV and V combined and M/S/C to accept as read.

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

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

It was reported that Sis Laura Belle Barnard, a Free Will Baptist pioneer Missionary had passed on to her reward.

Bro. Reed Smith requested that as our General State Board Member, how he should cast his vote for a new State Promotional Secretary. M/S/C that he take the recommendation of the State Executive Committee.

The Nominating Committee report was given, M/S/C to vote line by line.

Saturday Worship Service 4:00 P.M., March 14, 1992

With Nancy Mays as pianist and Charles Whitson, song leader, the Congregation sang "Mansion Over The Hilltop". We were led in prayer by Bro. Thayne Fast. The special was a beautiful message in song by Nancy Mays. Also music and song by George Moody and Evelyn Townsend, "I Dreamed Of The Old Rugged Cross".

Bro. Clarence Burton, State Promotional Secretary brought the afternoon message. First he made several announcements of coming state events. The scriptures used for his text were I Thess. 5: 19 and I Thess. 1: 3-7, 9, 10.

An invitation song "Just As I Am" was sung.

With Don Anderson, Randy Sprenkle, Charles Whitson and Roger Phillips as ushers, an offering of \$60.00 was taken and given to Bro. Burton.

M/S/C/ to adjourn the 84th Annual Session.

Bro. Ragsdale led in a dismissal prayer.

## REGISTRATION

**MINISTERS** - Don Anderson, Hollis Walker, Bill Ragsdale, Curt Holland  
Warren S. Hall, Perry Brake, Bob Dickey, Thayne Fast and Clarence Burton.

**DEACONS** - Roger Phillips, Charles Whitson, Lural Mays, Reed Smith, Charlie Hoover, Lyle Hoover and Randy Sprenkle.

**DELEGATES** - Dorothy Dickey, Ruth Foger, Linda Hall, Margaret Walker, Jim Holder, George Moody, Wilma Smith, Sondra Brake, Kathy Yokley, Mae Cleffman, Debbie Green, J. R. Smith, Virginia Hoover, Kimberly Hall, Heather Hall, Loretta Hoover, Betty Crutcher, Lucille Franklin, Mary Holland, Kayla Anderson, and Addis Foger.

**VISITORS** - Regina Sprenkle, Ionia Phillips, Tom Crockett, Wilma Crockett, Chad Fast, Roy Holder, Maxine Holder, Evelyn Townsend, Virginia Walker, Bill Walker, Irene Thomas, Loretta Ragsdale, Sarah Ragsdale, Benjamin Ragsdale, Paul Cole, Hazel Bowman, Angie Ioannides, Alice Hoover, Vivian Burton, Cathy Williams, Esther Williams, Hannah Williams, and Tabitha Williams.

## BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Have discussion on the condition of cabins at youth camp and what work needs to be done. (Bro. Don Anderson agreed to look into this).
2. Give Verdella a standing vote of thanks for facilities and the delicious meal.
3. We recommend that each church that can afford to, do so, contribute at least 1% of their income to the Executive Board Fund.
4. We recommend that all offerings received at the quarterly meetings be put in the Associations Executive Board fund.
5. We recommend that invited speakers from outside the Association be paid a fee, with the dollar amount to be determined by the Executive Board.

Signed,

Bob Dickey  
Don Anderson  
Charles Whitson  
George Moody  
Lural Mays



## MINISTERIAL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Ministerial Standing Committee agree to give all ministers in good report a card of standing. 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: Roger Phillips, Addis Foger, Wilma Smith, and Debbie Green.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The following people were suggested by the Nominating Committee:

Moderator - Bill Ragsdale; Assistant Moderator - Bob Dickey and Roger Phillips. Bob Dickey elected; Clerk-Treasurer - Doris Whitson; Assistant Clerk-Treasurer - Kayla Anderson; Statistician - Virginia Hoover; Itinerant Contact - Jim Holder; General Board Members - Reed Smith, Don Anderson and Jess Moody with Reed Smith being elected. Executive Board Members - Charlie Hoover - Hannon; Thayne Fast - Hickory Grove.

Signed: Reed Smith, Jim Holder, Ruth Foger, Mae Cleffman and Virginia Hoover.

## 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. Roger Phillips lead in memorable prayer following this time of silence. Our deceased are: Sister Lena Stacy and Bro. George Miller of Verdella.

Signed: Betty Crutcher, Heather Hall, Kathy Yokley, J. R. Smith and Sondra Brake.

## MINISTER'S REPORTS

Rev. Don Anderson - Sermons preached, 85; Churches pastored, 1; Revivals held 1; Professions witnessed, 15; Number baptized 9; Funerals preached 4; Miles traveled 12,527; Money received, \$13,439.36.

Rev. Perry Brake - Sermons preached, 84; Churches pastored, 1; Professions witnessed, 3; Additions to Church 6; Funerals preached 1; Miles traveled 10,400; Money received \$14,850.00.

Rev. Bob Dickey - Sermons preached, 98; Churches pastored 1; Number Baptized, 1; Additions to Church, 2; Funerals preached, 1; Miles traveled, 6,250; Money received \$5,200.00.

## Minister's Report (Con't)

Rev. Thayne Fast - Sermons preached, 46; Churches pastored, 1; Miles traveled, 6,500.00; Money received \$2,350.00.

Rev. Warren Hall - Sermons preached, 104; Churches pastored, 1; Professions Witnessed, 2; Number Baptized, 10; Funerals preached, 2; Miles traveled, 10,800; Money received \$15,755.00.

Rev. Curt Holland - Sermons preached, 111; Churches pastored, 1; Professions witnessed, 15; Miles traveled, 30,000; Money received, \$16,000.00.

Rev. Bill Ragsdale - Sermons preached, 90; Churches pastored, 1; Professions witnessed, 2; Funerals preached, 2; Miles traveled, 9,000; Money received \$12,050.00.

Rev. Hollis Walker, Jr. - Sermons preached, 42; Churches pastored, 1; Additions to Church, 3; Miles traveled, 1,352; Money received, \$1,930.00; Weddings performed, 2.

### ASSOCIATIONAL CLERKS FINANCIAL REPORT

MARCH 1, 1991 - MARCH 1, 1992

Balance Brought Forward, March 1, 1991.....\$288.28

#### Receipts:

Budget Money	\$336.00
Missions Offering	\$179.28

Total Receipts.....\$803.56

#### Disbursements:

Missions off. to Curt Holland	\$179.28
State & Nat'l Dues	\$105.00
Minutes	\$140.50
General Board Mem. Exp.	\$114.51
Elec. at Youth Camp	\$ 20.00
Honorarium	\$ 30.00

Total Disbursements.....\$589.29

Balance in Bank, March 1, 1992.....\$214.27

	BETHEL	GREENFIELD	HANNON	H. GROVE	OSKALOOSA	STOCKTON	VERDELLA	TOTAL
Members Received	0	2	6	0	3	0	2	13
Members Lost	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	6
Members Deceased	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Total Membership	33	17	116	23	8	0	52	249
SS. Average	62	24	99	8	9	18	71	290
Woman's Aux	17	0	18	0	0	0	13	48
Ord. Ministers	2	1	3	1	0	0	3	10
Lic. Ministers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ord. Deacons	1	1	4	0	1	0	3	10
Pastors Salary	14,725.00	5,200.00	14,805.80	2,350.00	2,107.00	12,000.00	13,439.36	64,627.16
Evangelistic	187.68	485.00	1,022.00	00	00	221.76	1,485.60	3,402.04
Bldg. Costs & Repairs	1,351.17	951.22	3,229.61	00	00	00	132.32	5,663.32
Literature	1,051.28	290.41	4,881.00	112.72	254.16	220.91	1,691.84	8,502.32
Other	7,399.32	1,729.17	00	703.22	550.57	1,246.79	12,326.58	23,955.65
<u>Total Local Causes</u>	24,714.45	8,655.80	23,938.41	3,165.94	2,911.73	13,689.46	29,075.70	106,151.49
Coop Fund	595.22	374.00	4,396.52	158.77	00	1,372.93	2,256.70	9,154.14
Foreign Missions	1,815.22	784.00	6,580.27	87.90	00	00	5,685.75	14,953.14
Home Missions	1,179.06	00	2,318.26	00	50.00	179.00	180.00	3,906.32
Orphanage	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
Youth Camp	180.00	00	180.00	00	00	00	00	360.00
Assoc. Project	00	00	00	00	00	20.00	00	20.00
Other	00	140.00	00	00	290.11	00	00	430.11
<u>Total Outside Causes</u>	3,769.50	1,298.00	13,475.05	246.67	340.11	1,571.93	8,122.45	281,823.71
Total Spent 91-92	28,483.95	9,753.80	58,544.00	3,412.61	3,251.84	15,261.39	37,198.15	156,105.74
90-91	25,008.00	10,710.64	48,887.92	3,380.43	3,437.32	15,647.15	59,358.33	166,429.79
<u>Church Property</u>	200,000.00	30,000.00	145,000.00	20,000.00	16,000.00	150,000.00	250,000.00	811,000.00

Host - Verdella Church, 1992

84TH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS, MARCH 13 & 14, 1992

STATISTICAL TABLE, 1991 - 1992

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD FROM MARCH 1, 1991 TO MARCH 1, 1992

March 16, 1991  
Stockton, MO  
Free Will Baptist Church

After the Association closed Saturday, the Executive Board met to organize for the coming year. Bro. Charlie Hoover called the meeting to order with Bro. Reed Smith leading us in prayer.

A motion was made to carry over the present officers. A vote was taken and the motion passed. The officers are as follows: Moderator - Charlie Hoover; Assistant Moderator - Jess Moody; Sec/Treas Roger Phillips; Assist. Sec/Treas Lural Mays. A discussion was held on the notifying of the churches in the Association about the proposed by-law change. After some discussion, we were dismissed by Bro. Bill Ragsdale. The next quarterly meeting will be June 1 at Verdella.

June 1, 1991  
Verdella, MO

The Executive Board was called to order by Moderator Charlie Hoover at the Verdella Church. Prayer was given by Bro. Ragsdale. A letter was presented from the Verdella Church requesting the examination of the pastor of their church. Their pastor, Don Anderson, desires to be examined for ordination. Present for the examination were members; Charlie Hoover, Jess Moody, Reed Smith, Lural Mays, Bill Ragsdale and Roger Phillips. Bro. Anderson was questioned by the board and Reed Smith moved we approve him for ordination. The vote carried and he can be ordained when and where he desires. Other business was discussed but no action was taken. We were dismissed with prayer.

Sept. 7, 1991  
\*Bethel Free Will Baptist Church  
Eldorado Springs, MO

Moderator Charlie Hoover called the meeting to order. Jess Moody led us in prayer. The first item of business for the evening was a request from the Verdella Church for the examining of Randy Sprenkle to serve as a deacon at Verdella. Bro. Randy was called in and was asked to give his testimony to start the examination. Each member of the board commented and questioned Bro. Randy. Lural Mays then moved we approve him to be ordained. He was approved by the board. A list was read of things that need to be considered as improvements to the cabins at youth camp. Bro. Reed Smith moved to table the recommendations until a later date. We would need more time to examine and discuss the items mentioned. we were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Bill Ragsdale. The members present were Bro. Ragsdale, Bro. Jess Moody, Bro. Reed Smith, Bro. Lural Mays, Bro. John Bough, Bro. Charlie Hoover and Bro. Roger Phillips.

Dec. 7, 1991  
Greenfield Free Will Baptist Church

The message of the evening was given by Bro. Warren Hall, Pastor of the Bethel Church in Eldorado Springs. At the close of the service the Executive Board met with Bro. Charlie Hoover leading the meeting. A date was set to meet and plan the association meeting which convenes at Verdella March 13 & 14, 1992. The night of January 16 was chosen and each member is to bring a covered dish for a fellowship supper before our meeting. The pastors of each church are invited to take part in the meeting and supper. No other business was discussed and we were dismissed by Bro. Moody.

January 16, 1992  
Verdella Free Will Baptist Church

The Executive Board met at the Verdella Church to plan the association meeting to be held in March at Verdella. A covered dish supper was enjoyed before the meeting was started. Present were: Reed Smith, Warren Hall, Bill Ragsdale, Perry Brake, Bob Dickey, Don Anderson, Thayne Fast, Lural Mays and Roger Phillips. After supper, the meeting was called to order by Bro. Charlie Hoover and he read two scriptures from Psalms. Prayer was given by Bro. Warren Hall. A theme was selected for the association taken from 11 Kings 2:9 "Give me a double portion". A notice will be sent to each church 30 days before the association of the proposed by-law change. The program outline was laid out and a discussion on how to raise money for the expenses of the association was discussed and we proposed a percentage plan be recommended. We were dismissed by Bro. Bob Dickey.

CENTRAL WESTERN MO DISTRICT AUXILIARY  
TREASURERS REPORT  
MARCH 1991-1992

	<u>Bethel</u>	<u>Hannon</u>	<u>Stockton</u>	<u>Verdella AM</u>	<u>Verdella PM</u>	<u>Total</u>
Active Mem.	18	12	12	6	7	55
Mem. dues	\$54.00	\$36.00	\$36.00	\$18.00	\$21.00	\$165.00
Lizza McAdams	\$35.00		\$79.00			\$114.00
Youth Camp	\$50.00	\$75.00				\$125.00
Spec. Proj.	\$54.80			\$50.00	\$96.25	\$201.05
Foreign Mis.	\$420.00	\$680.00		\$100.00	\$426.32	\$1626.32
Gen. Fund					\$10.00	\$10.00
Prov. Closet					\$58.00	\$58.00
Pre-Easter	\$50.85	\$131.25	Holland's	\$25.00		\$207.10
WNAC						
(Emphasis)	\$25.30		\$8.00	\$40.00		\$73.30
Co-Labor						
Offering	\$80.00			\$25.00	\$41.25	\$146.25
Memory of						
George Miller				\$10.00		\$10.00
Children's Home		\$50.00		\$50.00		\$100.00
Local Church		\$343.41		\$30.91	\$434.90	\$809.22
Literature		\$60.00				\$60.00
Peek & Pray						
Calendar			\$174.31	\$57.40		\$231.71
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$769.95</b>	<b>\$1375.66</b>	<b>\$297.31</b>	<b>\$406.31</b>	<b>\$1087.72</b>	<b>\$3936.95</b>

District Fall Banquet and Auction proceeds \$438.10

Gift to Mrs. Gentuso \$25.00

Total Through District \$4,400.05

CENTRAL WESTERN EXECUTIVE BOARD  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
03/01/91 - 03/01/92

EXPENSES FOR YEAR

April 22, 1991	Insurance.....	\$195.25
May 3, 1991	Repair at Youth Camp.....	32.00
July 26, 1991	Insurance.....	210.25
Oct. 24, 1991	Insurance.....	210.25
Jan. 27, 1992	Insurance.....	210.25
	Check Printing Charge.....	8.88

BALANCE AS OF February 29, 1992.....\$1,830.49

## 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 the pastors (who are members of the Association) of each Church and 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.