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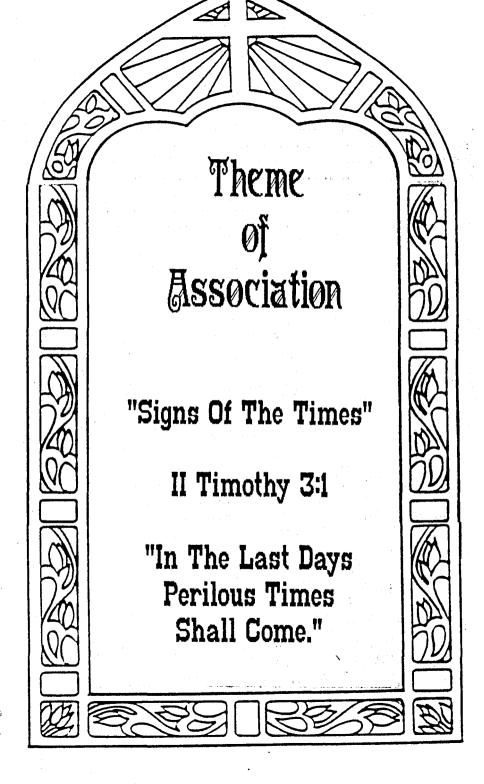
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OFFICERS

Moderator	Rev. George Naumann
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Bob Dickey
Clerk-Treasurer	Doris Whitson
Asst. Clerk-Treasurer	
Statistician	····· Virginia Hoover
Itinerant Contact	lim Holder
State Gen. Board Member	Rev. Milan Ruble

EXECUTIVE AND HOME MISSION BOARD

į.	Hannon	Deacon Charlie Hoover	1995
2.	Hickory Grove	Rev. Thayne Fast	1995
3.	Oskaloosa	Bro. Charles Do Byns	1996
4.	Stockton	Deacon John Bough	1996
5.	Verdella	Deacon Randy Sprenkle	1996
6.	Bethel	Deacon Lural Mays	1997
7.	Greenfield	None	1997

CHURCH CLERKS

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VERDELLA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Liberal, MO

Rev. Milan Ruble, FF West V Huy., Liberal, MO 64762

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PROCEEDINGS

Friday Evening, March 18, 1994, 7:30 P.M.

The 86th Annual session of the Central Western Missouri Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the Greenfield Church.

Bro. Bob Dickey, pastor of the Church, welcomed those present.

With Betty Crutcher at the piano and Lucille Franklin as song leader, the congregation sang "Jesus Saves" and "Scattering Precious Seed".

Clerk, Doris Whitson, declared a quorum present and turned the meeting to

Bro. Bill Ragsdale, Moderator.

Bro. Bill called on Bro. George Naumann to lead in prayer. Bro. Bill gave the Moderator's message using the Theme and Scripture Text of the session. He ended his message with prayer. Special music was a trio from the Verdella Church, Randy and Regina Sprenkle and Bro. Milan Ruble, they sang, "I Will Meet You In The Morning".

The Moderator then introduced the speaker of the evening, Bro. Stan Bunch, Missionary to Panama. Bro. Stan brought a stirring message using II Timothy 3:1-13 and part of the 24th chapter of Matthew. He ended his message by leading us in prayer. The Congregation sang, "Will Jesus Find Us Watching?" An offering of \$92.52 was taken, to be given to the speaker. The session was dismissed in prayer by Bro. Charlie Hoover, to convene again on Saturday Morning at 9:45 A.M.

Saturday Horning, 9:45 A.H., Business Session, March 19, 1994

With Betty Crutcher as pianist and Lucille Franklin as song leader, the congregation sang, "He Keeps He Singing" and "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes".

Bro. Lural Mays led in prayer. Special music was a solo by Janet Smith from the Hannon Church, she sang a beautiful song. "When You Are A Soldier".

A trio composed of Sarah, Jonathan and Linda Hall from the Bethel Church did an excellent job singing, "He's Got The Whole World in His Hands".

The Devotional was given by Bro. George Naumann using Rev. 3: 14-22. Church letters were read by the Clerk. M/S/C to seat delegates.

The By-Laws were read by Bro. Warren Hall.

The appointing of Committees were made by the Moderator.

The Executive Board's Financial Report was given by Lural Mays. M/S/C to accept as read.

Statistician, Virginia Hoover, gave her report. M/S/C to accept.

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

Bro. Nathan Ruble, Promotional Secretary for the State of Missouri was given time to bring to our attention to some state happenings that will be coming up soon.

Bro. Ragsdale dismissed the morning session with prayer.

Woman's Auxiliary, 11:00 A.M. Session, March 19, 1994

Dur session was opened with congregational singing lead by Lucille Franklin, planist was Betty Crutcher.

The meeting was called to order by Dianne Naumann, President. We were led in prayer by Annalee York. We were velcomed by Betty Crutcher from the Greenfield F. W. B. Church. A response to the velcome was given by Nancy Mays.

The floor was opened for nominations for the Mominating Committee. Nominations were Marcella Ruble, Nancy Mays, Doris Whitson and Alice Hoover. Motion, second and carried to accept these as the Nominating Committee.

Offertory prayer was by Dianne Naumann.

Loretta Ragsdale brought our special music. Dianne introduced our speaker, Brenda Bunch, missionary to Panama. Scripture was taken from Micah 6:8 Brenda gave an illustrating skit on the world having so little knowledge of the Bible. She then shared a story about opening all the "rooms" of our heart to Christ for his "management."

Our closing prayer and blessing on the noon meal was given by Ruth Foger.

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

Congregational singing was led by Linda Hall with Barb Hopkins at the piano.

President, Dianne Naumann asked Virginia Hoover to open our afternoon session in prayer. The Greenfield ladies gave us a good laugh with a skit about their pastor, Bob Dickey. The special music was given by Linda Hall.

Secretary, Linda Hall, read the minutes from the annual meeting. Motion, second, and carried to approved minutes with a correction to the line "Suggested offering to the state was 20 foreign/10 national/15 state from each auxiliary." The "15" was changed to 10.

The Treasurer's report was given by Alice Hoover. Motion, second and carried to accept the report.

Under old business, raising the District dues to .75 was discussed. Motion, second and carried to leave District dues the same (.25). New business: Motion, second and carried to encourage each local auxiliary to send \$40.00 or what they can to the state for missions in lieu of a banquet. The morning offering was \$125.61. Motion, second and carried to give the offering monies to the Bunches.

April is Foreign Missions month - encourage our auxiliaries to participate.

The State Projects this year are as follows: \$3000 to Home Missionaries

Rose & Jim Mertz, \$3,000 to Foreign Missionaries Carol & Jerry Pinkerton, \$3,000 to Women Nationally Active for Christ (WNAC)

After a discussion about the raise in dues at the national level, we had a motion, second and was carried to accept any of our local church auxiliaries active in our district.

The Nominating Committee presented the following for offices:

President: Dianne Naumann Vice Pres: Regina Sprenkle Secretary: Linda Hall Treasurer: Alice Hoover Members at Large:

Virginia Hoover, Nancy Mays, Loretta Ragsdale, Betty Crutcher, Doris Whitson. No further nominations were given and we had a motion to accept officers as read. The motion was seconded and carried. We had a motion, second and was carried to close our business session.

Regina Sprinkle shared the special music. Barb Hopkins installed our new officers and we were closed in prayer.

Saturday Afternoon Business Session, 3:00 P.M., March 19, 1994

The Congregation sang "Faith Is The Victory" with Lucille Franklin as song leader and Betty Crutcher at the piano. We were led in prayer by Charles Whitson.

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

Obituary Committee report was given M/S/C to accept.

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

Business Committee report read. After much discussion and some revisions, M/S/C to accept.

M/S/C to accept Bethel Church's recommendation of Deacon Lural Mays as their Executive Board Member.

Greenfield announced they would wait to recommend a new board member for their church.

The next annual session of Central Western Association of Free Will Baptists will be with the Hannon Church near Liberal, Missouri, March 17 & 18, 1995.

State delegates will be appointed by the Moderator or Asst. Moderator of those in attendance who qualify.

Motion was made to adjourn. A vote of thanks was given to the Greenfield Church for doing such an excellent job of hosting the Association.

The Late Afternoon Worship Service began with the Congregation singing "Redeemed" and "Victory In Jesus". We were led in prayer by Bro. Jim Holder. Bro. Stan Bunch was our speaker. He gave a report of events of his recent trip to Cuba. He gave an encouraging report on the Free Will Baptist Churches in Cuba. He also reported on the work in Panama. He again used the Theme and Scripture of the session. He encouraged us to stay faithful. An offering of \$157.00 was taken with Bro. Milan Ruble asking the blessing on the offering. M/S to adjourn the 1994 session. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Ragsdale.

REGISTRATION

- MINISTERS George Naumann, Warren Hall, Stan Bunch, Jim Holder, Bill Rägsdale, Bob Dickey, Milan Ruble and Thayne Fast.
- DEACONS Charles Whitson, Charlie Hoover, Reed Smith, Lural Mays, Roger Phillips and Randy Sprenkle.
- DELEGATES Wilma Smith, Alice Hoover, J.R. Smith, Ruth Foger, Addis Foger, Marcella Ruble, Loretta Ragsdale, Maxine Holder, Dorothy Dickey, Virginia Hoover, Dianne Naumann, Lois Foger, Gilbert York, Annalee York, Lucille Franklin, Elnora Fast, Doris Whitson, and Linda Hall.
- VISITORS Sarah Hall, Jonathon Hall, Sarah Ragsdale, Benjamin Ragsdale, Brenda Bunch, Velma Jones, Lois Smith, Sonny Smith, Regina Sprenkle, Bethany Sprenkle, Roy Holder, Hazel Fleeman, Nancy Fleeman, Jacob Hoover, Barbara Hopkins, Nancy Mays, Phil Smith, Janet Smith, Nathan Ruble, Judy Ruble, Mary Cross and Fay Marshall.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

- I. All churches of the Association were informed 30 days prior to the Annual Associational Session, that the Executive Board of this Association recommends the Quarterly meeting in September be changed from the 1st Saturday to the 2nd Saturday. This is to avoid the meeting falling on Labor Day weekend. This was voted on, passed and is now in effect.
- II. The Executive Board will examine the Constitution to see if any changes should be made. If so, they will inform the churches thirty days prior to the 1995 annual meeting.

Signed,

Milan Ruble Bob Dickey Addis Foger Gilbert York Reed Smith

MINISTERIAL STANDING CONNITTEE REPORT

We the Ministerial Standing Committee agree to give all ministers in good report a card of standing. We recommend and encourage all Ministers attend all conferences and church meetings from beginning to end, encouraging and requesting the present of their deacons and church workers to attend as well. Signed: Lural Mays, Maxine Holder, Virginia Hoover, Annalee York and Alice Hoover.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The following people were suggested by the Nominating Committee:
Moderator - George Naumann; Assistant Moderator - Bob Dickey; ClerkTreasurer - Doris Whitson; Assistant Clerk-Treasurer - Marcella Ruble;
Statistician -Virginia Hoover; Itinerant Contact - Jim Holder; State General

Board Member - Milan Ruble.

Signed: George Naumann, Loretta Ragsdale, Wilma Smith, Heather Hall and J.R. Smith.

OBITUARY CONNITTEE REPORT

We have no deceased to report to the Association.

Signed: Linda Hall, Nancy Mays, Regina Sprenkle and Marcella Ruble.

MINISTER'S REPORTS

Rev. Thayne Fast - Sermons preached, 47; Churches pastored, 1; Funerals preached, 2; Miles traveled, 8,500; Money received, \$2,250.00; Weddings performed, 1.

Rev. Milan Ruble - Sermons preached, 105; Churches pastored, 1; Professions witnessed, 2; Number baptized, 1; Additions to Church, 4; Funerals preached, 1; Miles traveled 15,000; Money received \$16,250.00.

Rev. Warren Hall - Sermons preached, 102; Churches pastored 1; Profession witnessed, 2; Number baptized, 2; Additions to Church, 3; Funerals preached, 1; Miles traveled, 11,080; Money received \$17,050.00

Minister's Report (Con't)

Rev. Bob Dickey Sermons preached, 95; Churches pastored, 1; Number baptized, 2; Funerals preached, 1; Miles traveled, 8,500.00; Money received \$6,500.00.

Rev. George Naumann - Sermons preached, 86; Churches pastored, 1; Funerals preached, 1; Miles traveled, 6,815; Money received \$18,639.05; Weddings performed, 1.

Rev. Bill Ragsdale - Sermons preached, 101; Churches pastored 1; Funerals preached, 1; Hiles traveled, 7,000; Money received \$12,000. 00

Rev. Stanley Bunch - Sermons preached, 120; Churches pastored, 1; Professions vitnessed, 100+; Number baptized, 5; Addition's to Church, 9; Funerals preached, 2; Miles traveled, 25,000+; Money received, \$13,000.00; Weddings performed, 2.

Rev. Hollis Walker - Sermons preached, 88; Churches pastored, 1; Funerals preached, 1; Miles traveled, 1,000; Money received \$3,600.92; Weddings performed, 1.

Rev. Jim Holder - Sermons preached, 20; Miles traveled, 530; Money received, \$470.00.

ASSOCIATIONAL CLERKS FINANCIAL REPORT MARCH 1, 1993 - MARCH 1, 1994

Fri. night offering	\$348.00 \$ 80.70 \$ 76.00	
Total Receipts		\$684.6
Disbursements:		
Bro. Dale Skiles State & Nat'l Dues Minutes Honorarium	\$ 76.00 \$105.00 \$13B.80 \$ 30.00	
Total Receipts	•••••	\$684.6
Total Disbursements	•••••	\$349.80

	BETHEL	GREENFIELD	HANNON	HICKORY GROVE	OSKALOOSA	STOCKTON	VERDELLA	TOTAL
MEMBERS RECEIVED	3	0	1	0	2	0	4	10
MEMBERS LOST	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	6
MEMBERS DECEASED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	38	17	114	23	11		58	261
S.S. AVERAGE	55	18	80	8	10.3	13	72	256.3
WOMEN"S GROUP	12	6	16	0	0	0	12	46
ORDAINED MINISTERS	2	1	2	1	1	0	11	8
LICENSED MINISTERS	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
ORDAINED DEACONS	1	11	4	0	2	0	3	9
PASTORS SALARY	16,900.00	6,500.00	18,639.05	2,250.00	3,581.00	12,000.00	18,722.24	78,592.09
EVANGELISTIC BLDG. (COSTS/REPAIR)	230.00 315.00	1,537.39	635 J00 2,341.06	1,323.05	193.20	50.00 1,220.09	2,245.18 31,358.07	3,160.18 38,282.86
LITERATURE	902.00	253.91	2,474,71	89.96	250.80	214.54	2,646.60	6,581.72
OTHER	13,759.00	3,087.28	16,681.80	668.29	819.50	157.76	10,797.33	45,970.96
TOTAL LOCAL CAUSES	32,106.00	11,378.58	41,044.62	4,331.30	100.00	14,642.39	65,669.42	169,272.31
COOPERATIVE FUND	673.00	906.00	4,953.33	187.00	409.60	1,319.57	4,275.27	12,723.77
FOREIGN MISSIONS	1,613.00	2,064.50	8,800.00	59.16	500.00		8,384.87	21,421.53
HOME MISSIONS	1,150.00	40.00	2,563.00	0	0	230.00	100.00	4,083.00
ORPHANAGE	0	0	171.00	0	0	0	0	171.00
YOUTH CAMP	0	0	180.00	0	0	0	98.00	278.00
ASSOCIATION PROJECTS	180.00	0		28.00	0	0	0	208.00
OTHER	161.00	0	3,822.64	274.16	79.30	0	0	4,337.10
TOTAL OUTSIDE CAUSES	3,777.00	3,010.50	20,489.97	274.16	50.00	1,549.57	12,858.14	42,009.34
TOTAL (93-94) SPENT (92-93)	35,883.00 29,595.61	14,389.08 11,855.72	61,534.59 66,000.00	4,605.46 3,273.14	5,883.40 6,436.17	16,191.96 15,229.74	78,527.56 74,605.55	217,015.05 206,974.93
CHURCH PROPERTY	200,000.00		150,000.00		16,000.00		340,000.00	907,000.00

HOST - GREENFIELD FWB CHURCH 86th ANNUAL SESSION WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS, MARCH 18th & 19th, 1994 STATISTICAL TABLE - 1993/1994

March 20, 1993 Bethel Church

The Board met during the yearly association to organize for the the new year. I did not take the minutes for this meeting as I did not know I would be elected clerk, so I do not recall the business that was discussed.

Charlie Hoover was elected moderator and Lural Mays was elected clerk/treasurer. Randy Sprinkle was elected assistant clerk/treasurer.

June 6, 1993 Stockton Church

The Board met following the Quarterly meeting, members present were Corkey Walker, Lural Mays, Warren Hall, Milan Ruble, Bill Ragsdale, George Naumann. Opened with prayer by Warren Hall.

The bill for Stockton Church termite treatment was turned in by Bill Ragsdale and a check for \$426.00 was given to the Stockton Church. Total cost was \$756.00 with Stockton Church paying the difference. Meeting was dismissed with prayer by Corkey Walker.

September 4, 1993 Verdella Church

Board met following the Quarterly meeting, members present were Charlie Hoover, Bob Dickey, Corkey Walker, Bill Ragsdale, Charles Do Byns, Thayne Fast, Milan Ruble, Randy Sprenkle, Warren Hall, Lural Mays.

There was no business to come before the board. Bob Dickey asked about the procedure for a deacon from another denomination coming into a Free Will Baptist Church.

Milan Ruble asked why Jim Holder had never received his license from the association.

Charlie Hoover asked about changing the 3rd Quarter meeting so it wouldn't fall on Labor Day weekend. It was decided to think about it. Dismissed in prayer by Randy Sprinkle.

January 15, 1994 Greenfield Church

Special meeting was held at Greenfield Church to make plans for yearly associational meeting.

Members present were Charlie Hoover, Randy Sprinkle, Warren Hall, Bill Ragsdale, Bob Dickey, George Naumann, Milan Ruble, Lural Mays and guest Stan Bunch.

Discussed theme for yearly meeting. It was decided to use II Timothy 3:1. Set program for devotions and messages and special music.

Discussed changing quarterly meetings from Saturday to Friday. It was decided to leave as is.

Discussed changing meeting in September from first Saturday to Second Saturday. It was decided to recommend to the Association to amend by-laws to meet the second Saturday in September each year.

It was decided to appoint a committee of three board members to form a questionnaire to use when examining applicants for ordination or license. The committee is Milan Ruble, George Naumann, and Warren Hall.

It was decided to give the offerings from the yearly meeting to Stan and Brenda Bunch.

Report was given from the Mission committee that they think we need to see Stockton Church self-supporting before beginning another mission work.

Financial report was given by Lural Mays Closed in prayer by Bill Ragsdale.

CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI DISTRICT AUXILIARY TREASURES REPORT 1993-91

	District	. Bothel	.Greenfield .	, Hannon	Oskaloosa	Stockton	.Verdella_d	y,Verdella N	t, Total
Membership		12	· 6	16	5	7	5	7	58
Dues		132.00		176,00			55.00	77.00	1,40.00
Co-Labor offering		l ₁ 2.00							1,2.00
Provision Closet				75.00					75.00
Literature		İ		76.80	25.00	55.00		50.00	206.80
State Aux.Gen.Fun	d			1,0.00					1,0.00
State Projects		90.00		50.00			20.00		160.00
Childrens Home				350.00	ļ		100.00		450.00
Foreign Missions		1,20.00		920.00	57.38	30.00	230.00	361.00	2,017.88
Home Missions		95.00		75.00	20.00		50.00		21,0.00
Retired Ministers							10.00	21.54	31.5/1
Local Church Proj	ect								
Mem. Student Loan		25.00							25.00
WNAC		120.00		120.00			26.70	15.00	281.70
Fall Bang>	1,224,00								1,221,00
Bunch Acct. Emphasis Mo.offer.		30.00		100,00			1,0.00		170.00
						,		Total	5,103.92

CENTRAL WESTERN EXECUTIVE BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT 05/13/93 - 02/28/94

INCOME:				
	Bethel			\$165.00
	Hannon			\$451.71
	Oskaloosa			66.78
	Verdella			369.03
	Offerings			131.44
	Interest			25.91
<i>i</i> .		TOTAL INC	OME	\$1209.87
EXPENSES);			
	Termite Trea	tment - Stockton	• 1.	\$426.00
	Insurance -	Stockton Church		653.40
	Check Charge			5.82
		TOTAL EXI	PENSES	\$1085.22
Balance	02-28-94			\$1678.65

CONSTITUTION

- Article 1. Name and Composition. This organization shall be known as the Central Western Hissouri 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 Hill 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 Mestern 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 bylaws. 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-Lavs 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.