



M I N U T E S

87TH ANNUAL SESSION

CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI ASSOCIATION

OF

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

WHEN CONVENED WITH THE  
HANNON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
LIBERAL, MISSOURI  
FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 17, 1995



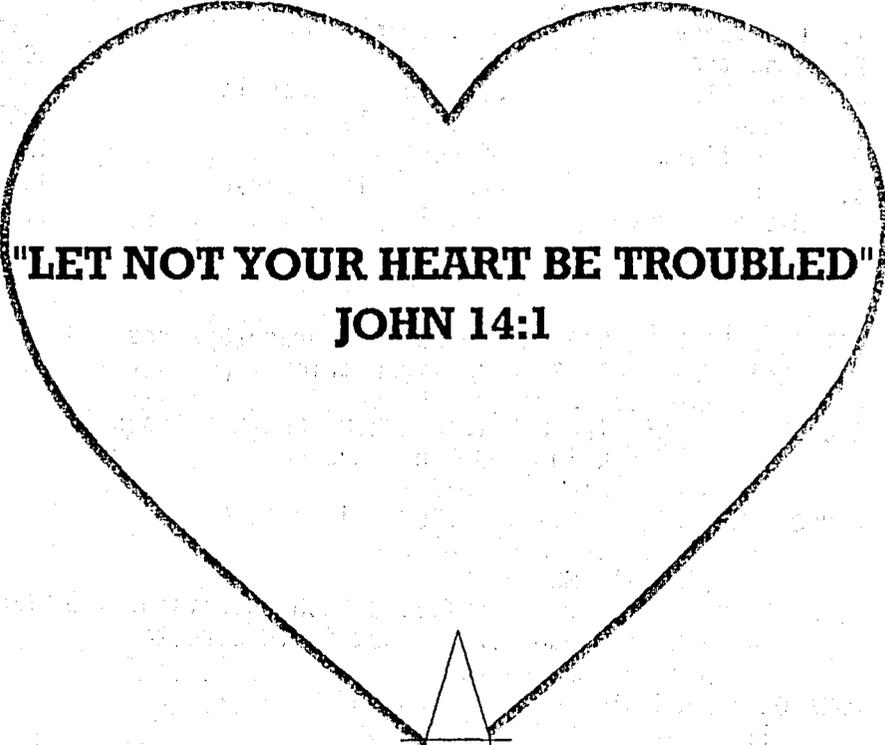
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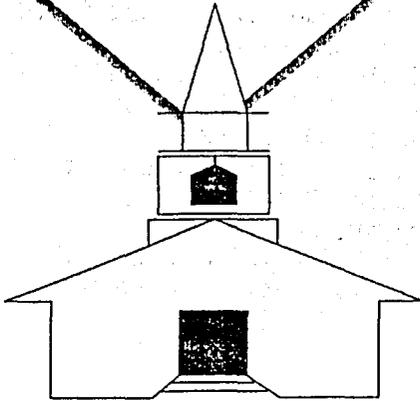


of  
Association



**"LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED"**

**JOHN 14:1**



MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
1995

OFFICERS

Moderator.....Rev. George Naumann  
 Assistant Moderator.....Rev. Bob Dickey  
 Clerk-Treasurer.....Doris Whitson  
 Assistant Clerk-Treasurer.....Marcella Ruble  
 Statistician.....Virginia Hoover  
 Itinerant Contact.....Jim Holder  
 State General Board Member.....Rev. Milan Ruble

EXECUTIVE AND HOME MISSION BOARD

1. Oskaloosa	Bro. Charles Do Byns	1996
2. Stockton	None	1996
3. Verdalla	Dea. Randy Sprengle	1996
4. Bethel	Dea. Lural Mays	1997
5. Greenfield	Gilbert York	1997
6. Hannon	Dea. Charlie Hoover	1998
7. Hickory Grove	Rev. Thayne Fast	1998

CHURCH CLERKS

BETHEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Eldorado Springs, MO  
 Lois Smith, 1102 South Kirkpatrick,  
 Eldorado Springs, MO 64744

GREENFIELD FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, South Allison  
 Lucille Franklin, 403 Toney Avenue,  
 Greenfield, MO 64661

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 Margaret Smith, P.O. Box 274,  
 Liberal, MO 64762

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 Glenna Stackhouse, 12305 East 299th Street,  
 Archie, MO 64725

OSKALOOSA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Liberal, MO  
 Wilma Smith, 1043 NW 30th Road,  
 Liberal, MO 64762

STOCKTON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Stockton, MO  
 Bill Ragsdale, RR#2, Box 2444,  
 Fairplay, MO 65649

VERDELLA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Liberal, MO  
 Ruth Foger, 799 West V Highway,  
 Liberal, MO 64762

## MINISTERS OF CHURCHES

- BETHEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Eldorado Springs, MO  
Rev. Warren Hall, RR#3, Box 424, Eldorado Springs, MO
- GREENFIELD FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, South Allison  
Rev. Bob Dickey, P.O. Box 53, Liberal, MO
- HANNON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Liberal, MO  
Rev. George Naumann, P.O. Box 122, Liberal, MO
- HICKORY GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Harrisonville, MO  
Rev. Thayne Fast, 945 NW 50th Lane, Liberal, MO
- OSKALOOSA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Liberal, MO  
Rev. Hollis Walker, Jr., P.O. Box 14, Liberal, MO
- STOCKTON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Stockton, MO  
Rev. Bill Ragsdale, RR#2, Box 2444, Fairplay, MO
- VERDELLA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Liberal, MO  
Rev. Milan Ruble, 798 West V Highway, Liberal, MO

### PROCEEDINGS

Friday Evening, March 17, 1995, 7:30 p.m.

The 87th Annual Session of the Central Western Missouri Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the Hannon Free Will Baptist Church.

Bro. George Naumann, pastor of the church and also Moderator, extended a welcome to those in attendance and called on Bro. Warren Hall to lead in prayer.

With Barbara Hopkins at the piano, Virginia Bunton at the organ and Janet Smith as songleader, the congregation sang, "I Love To Tell The Story", and "Jesus Is Coming Again."

Special music was by Janet Smith, singing, "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus."

Doris Whitson, Clerk, declared a quorum present.

Bro. Naumann gave the Moderator's message using John 14: 1-3, the theme and scripture text of the session, and also comments from the 13th chapter of John.

He introduced the speaker of the evening, Bro. Jim Williams, from Carthage.

Bro. Jim opened his message with prayer, then spoke, using John 14: 1-3 and Mark 14: 3-8 as his scripture text.

The evening offering was received, with Bro. Milan Ruble and Randy Sprenkle as ushers. Bro. Milan asked the blessing on the offering. The offering was \$94.84 and was added to the associational treasury.

We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Bob Dickey, to convene again on Saturday morning at 9:45 a.m.

Saturday Morning, 9:45 a.m., Business Session,  
March 18, 1995

The session was opened with the Moderator calling on Bro. Hollis Walker to lead in prayer. The congregation sang, "Love Lifted Me" and "All That Thrills My Soul", with Barbara Hopkins as pianist and Cindi Thompson as songleader. Special music was "People Need The Lord", sung by Melisha Thompson.

Randy Sprenkle gave the devotional using John 14:1. Church letters were read by the Clerk. M/S/C to seat the delegates.

Bro. Naumann appointed his committees.

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

The By-Laws were read by Bro. George Naumann.

The Morning Session was dismissed with prayer by Bro. Bob Dickey.

Women's Auxiliary, 11:00 a.m. Session, March 18, 1995

Our session was opened with congregational singing led by Cindi Thompson, with Barbara Hopkins as pianist.

President Dianne Naumann called us to order. We were led in prayer by Linda Hall. Alice Hoover welcomed us to their church and Betty Crutcher responded.

Offeratory prayer was by Dianne Naumann.

Loretta Ragsdale sang, "I Claim The Blood" for our special music. Our speaker was Leta Ford from First Free Will Baptist Church in Joplin. Our theme text was taken from John 14:1.

Marcella Ruble closed our morning session with prayer and included blessing on our food for our noon meal.

Congregational singing led by Cindi Thompson brought us back into our afternoon session. Alice Hoover led us in prayer. The Hannon Youth Puppet Group entertained us with their puppets, including their new singing group, "The Four Gos-pals."

"Master Of The Wind" was sung by Regina Sprenkle for our special music.

The secretarie's report was read by Linda Hall. M/S/C to accept the report as read.

Alice Hoover presented the treasurer's report with updates included that had been turned in today. M/S/C to accept the report as updated.

The Nominating Committee's Report was read with no nominations given from the floor. Officers are as follows:

- PRESIDENT.....Betty Crutcher
- VICE-PRESIDENT.....Regina Sprenkle
- SECRETARY.....Linda Hall
- TREASURER.....Alice Hoover
- MEMBERS AT LARGE...Annalee York, Nancy Mays, Doris Whitson, Virginia Hoover, and Loretta Ragsdale.

Motion was made to give \$25 toward the printing of the minutes for the district. It was S/C. M/S/C to send our guest speaker, Leta Ford, \$35. M/S/C to let each individual auxiliary have their own Mother/Daughter Banquet. Our Fall Craft Banquet and Auction is to be at Bethel in Eldorado Springs. M/S/C to send Linda Hall as our District Delegate for the State Meeting in Kirksville. In lieu of a State Banquet, our auxiliaries are encouraged to send \$40. One-half of this money will go to Foreign Missions, one-fourth to State Missions and the remaining one-fourth to National Home Missions. The State Projects are: \$3000 - Foreign Missions, \$3000 - State Missions, \$1500 - Missouri State Youth Camp, and \$1500 - WNAC Office. The State Retreat is August 18-19 at Stonecroft and will be \$40 this year. Carol Reed from the FWB Bible College will be the speaker. Our Retreat Project is for the Children's Home in Alabama. Auxiliaries are asked to bring or send a pledge or offering to the retreat for this project.

Barbara Hopkins installed our new officers with an installation service called "God's Crown Jewels."  
We were closed in prayer by Dianne Naumann.

Saturday Afternoon Business Session, 3:00 p.m.  
March 18, 1995

Moderator called the meeting to order. Congregational singing was "My Saviour's Love" with Barbara Hopkins as pianist and the Moderator as songleader. Bro. Bill Ragsdale was called on to lead in prayer.

The Business Committee report was given. M/S/C to accept.

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

The Obituary Committee report was read and Bro. Naumann led in prayer.

The Nominating Committee gave their report. M/S/C to accept as a whole.

It was suggested that State Delegates will be appointed by the Moderator or Asst. Moderator of those in attendance who qualify. M/S/C. National delegates would be the same.

M/S/C to accept Hannon's and Greenfield's recommendation of Charlie Hoover and Gilbert York as their Executive Board Members.

The next Annual Session of Central Western Association of Free Will Baptist's will be with the Oskaloosa Church, March 15-16, 1996.

Motion was made to adjourn.

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The Late Afternoon Worship Service began at 4:00 p.m. with the congregation singing, "Victory In Jesus" and "On Jordan's Stormy Banks". The Moderator was songleader and Barbara Hopkins was pianist.

Bro. Naumann led in prayer and then introduced the speaker, Bro. Nathan Ruble, Promotional Secretary for the State of Missouri. He shared some state announcements, reminding us that April is Foreign Missions Month. He used John 14:1-9 as the scripture text for his message and ended with prayer.

An offering of \$66.84 was taken with Bro. Bob Dickey and Bro. Randy Sprenkle as ushers. Bro. Bob asked the blessing on the offering. The Hannon Church was thanked for their hospitality. The 1995 Session was dismissed with prayer by Bro. Lyle Hoover.

## REGISTRATION

- MINISTERS....Bob Dickey, Stan Bunch, Milan Ruble, Warren Hall, Hollis Walker, Jim Holder, George Naumann, Thayne Fast, Jim Williams, Nathan Ruble and Bill Ragsdale.
- DEACONS.....Charles Whitson, Lural Mays, Lyle Hoover, Randy Sprenkle, Roger Phillips, Charlie Hoover and Reed Smith.
- DELEGATES....Dorothy Dickey, Marcella Ruble, Nancy Mays, Linda Hall, Ruth Foger, Addis Foger, Roy Holder, Margaret Walker, Gilbert York, Annalee York, Dianne Naumann, Barb Hopkins, Elnora Fast, Loretta Ragsdale, Jeannie Zimmerman, Alice Hoover, Wilma Smith, Virginia Hoover and Doris Whitson.
- VISITORS.....Irene Thomas, Loretta Hoover, Brenda Bunch, Regina Sprenkle, Lee Bunton, Virginia Bunton, Jonathon Hall, Sarah Hall, Judith Ruble, Floyd Crutcher, Betty Crutcher and J.R. Smith.

## BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

I. The committee proposes changing the dollar amount of Article 9: Section 1 of the By-Laws, to read \$35.00 instead of the \$20.00 as presently stated.

II. It has been suggested that Article 10: Section 1 of the By-Laws be changed to read: No one shall be ordained to the ministry in the Association until they are called to pastor a church or are engaged in other evangelistic work.

III. That the word "companions" be changed to "wives", in Article 3: of the Constitution.

Signed,

Bob Dickey  
Barb Hopkins  
Loretta Ragsdale  
Hollis Walker  
Jim Holder

## MINISTERIAL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Ministerial Standing Committee, recommend the following to receive a card of standing: Milan Ruble, George Naumann, Warren Hall, Bill Ragsdale, Hollis Walker, Stan Bunch, Thayne Fast, Bob Dickey, Jim Holder and Curt Holland.

Signed: Charlie Hoover, Regina Sprenkle, Dorothy Dickey, Cindi Thompson and Addis Foger.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The following people were suggested by the Nominating Committee:

Moderator.....George Naumann  
Assistant Moderator.....Bob Dickey  
Clerk-Treasurer.....Doris Whitson  
Assistant Clerk-Treasurer...Marcella Ruble  
Statistitian.....Virginia Hoover  
Itinerant Contact.....Jim Holder  
State General Board Member...Milan Ruble.

We, the Nominating Committee, appreciate the good work these present officers have done and encourage them to fulfill these offices to the best of their ability.

Signed: Bill Ragsdale, Randy Sprenkle, Ruth Foger, Thayne Fast and Jeannie Zimmerman.

## OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Obituary Committee, submit the following deceased members of our Association:

STOCKTON....Deacon John Bough, Sis. Mary Cross and Sis. Pauline Calhoun.

HANNON.....Rev. Arlie Hoover.

It is our recommendation that the congregation stand in a moment of silent prayer in honor of our beloved deceased.

Signed: Milan Ruble, Wilma Smith, Doris Whitson and Alice Hoover.

MINISTER'S REPORTS

Rev. Bob Dickey - - Sermons preached...97;  
 pastored...1; Funerals preached...9; Miles traveled...  
 8,500; Money received...\$6500.00; Weddings  
 performed...1.

Rev. Thayne Fast - - Sermons preached...45; Churches  
 pastored...1; Funerals preached...1; Miles traveled...  
 9,200; Money received...\$2,300.00; Weddings  
 performed...0.

Rev. Stan Bunch - - Sermons preached...110; Revivals  
 held...5; Professions witnessed...18; Number baptized.  
 5; Miles traveled...26,000; Money received...\$16,000.00

Rev. Hollis Walker - - Sermons preached...60;  
 Churches pastored...1; Funerals preached...0; Miles  
 traveled...3,000; Money received...\$4,100.00; Weddings  
 performed...1.

Rev. Bill Ragsdale - - Sermons preached...100;  
 Churches pastored...1; Funerals preached...3; Miles  
 traveled...4,500; Professions witnessed...2; Number  
 baptized...2; Money received...\$12,000.00; Weddings  
 performed...0.

Rev. Warren Hall - - Sermons preached...100; Churches  
 pastored...1; Professions witnessed...5; Additions to  
 Church...2; Funerals preached...2; Miles traveled...  
 9,200; Money received...\$17,100.00; Weddings performed.  
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Rev. George Naumann - - Sermons preached...79;  
 Churches pastored...1; Professions witnessed...4;  
 Number baptized...14; Additions to Church...2;  
 Funerals preached...2; Miles traveled...5,283; Money  
 received...\$21,591.75; Weddings performed...0.

Rev. Milan Ruble - - Sermons preached...104; Churches  
 pastored...1; Professions witnessed...5; Number  
 baptized...2; Funerals preached...2; Miles traveled...  
 24,000; Money received...\$18,300.00; Weddings  
 performed...2.

Rev. Jim Holder - - Sermons preached...18; Churches  
 pastored...0 Funerals preached...0 Miles traveled...  
 200; Money received...\$240.00; Weddings performed...0.

ASSOCIATIONAL CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORT  
March 1, 1994 - March 1, 1995

Balance Brought Forward, March 1, 1994.....\$334.81

Receipts:

Budget Money.....\$355.00  
Friday night offering.....92.52  
Saturday offering.....157.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS.....\$939.33

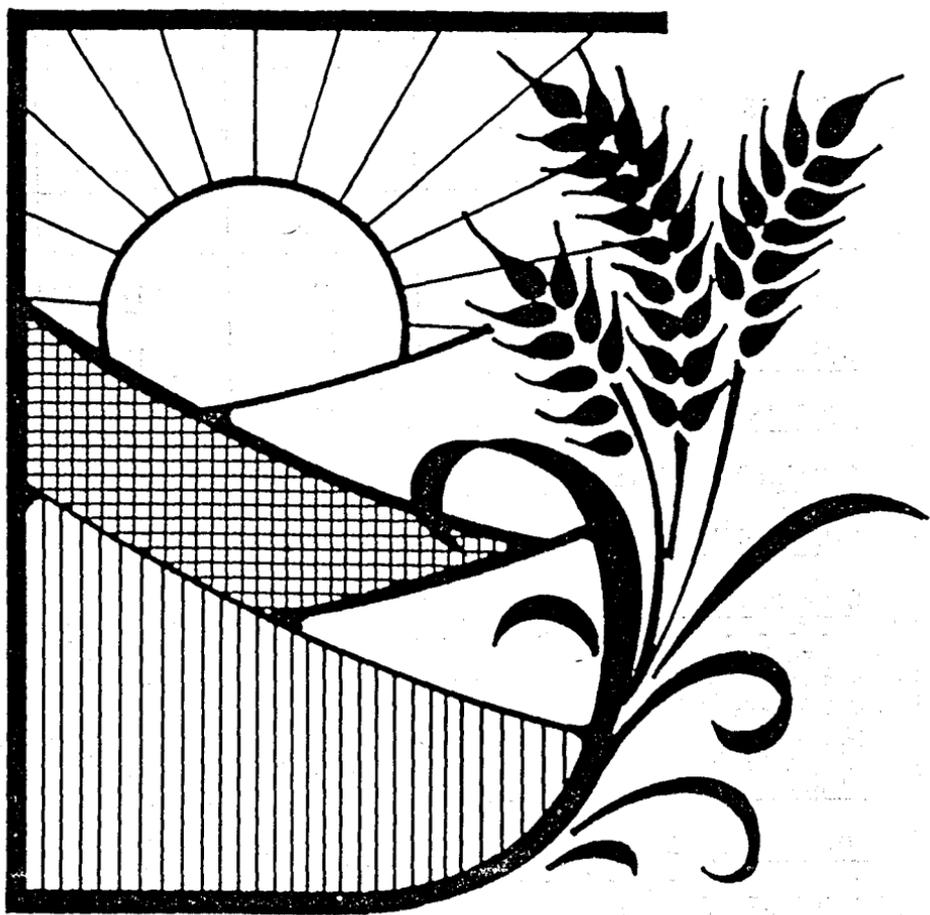
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Disbursements:

Bro. Stan Bunch.....\$249.52  
State and National Dues.....105.00  
General Board Member Expenses.....110.90  
Minutes.....125.00  
Honorarium.....30.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS.....\$620.42

Balance in Bank, March 1, 1995.....\$318.91



The valleys  
deck themselves  
with grain. PSALM 65:13

	BETHEL	GREENFIELD	HANNON	HICKORY GROVE	OSKALOOSA	STOCKTON	VERDELLA	TOTAL
MEMBERS RECEIVED	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	4
MEMBERS LOST	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	4
MEMBERS DECEASED	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	4
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	41	12	114	23	10	-	50	250
S.S. AVERAGE	59	12	81	8	12	-	72	244
WOMEN'S GROUP	14	6	14	0	0	10	12	56
ORDAINED MINISTERS	2	1	2	1	1	0	3	10
LICENSED MINISTERS	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
ORDAINED DEACONS	1	0	4	0	2	0	3	10
PASTORS SALARY	16,900.00	6,500.00	20,000.00	2,300.00	4,100.00	12,000.00	18,300.00	80,100.00
EVANGELISTIC	525.00	0	300.00	0	592.10	100.00	920.00	2,437.10
BLDG. (COSTS/REPAIR)	2,864.00	900.00	2,570.00	0	3,353.82	0	752.29	10,440.11
LITERATURE	1,149.52	272.50	2,509.00	112.78	243.40	230.68	1,499.49	6,017.37
OTHER	6,177.85	2,109.21	9,893.58	1,010.16	400.00	1,514.85	36,755.80	57,861.45
TOTAL LOCAL CAUSES	27,616.37	9,781.71	35,272.58	3,393.74	8,689.32	1,845.53	58,227.88	144,827.13
COOPERATIVE FUND	768.53	897.00	6,160.00	200.00	758.97	1,380.93	4,491.82	14,657.25
FOREIGN MISSIONS	2,094.46	2,448.27	10,475.15	55.68	55.00	0	8,269.90	23,388.46
HOME MISSIONS	1,128.53	40.00	4,051.00	0	0	240.00	90.00	5,549.53
ORPHANAGE	0	0	0	150.00	0	0	0	150.00
YOUTH CAMP	0	0	1,065.00	0	0	0	389.08	1,454.08
ASSOCIATION PROJECTS	300.00	92.00	500.00	38.00	106.89	0	444.49	1,481.38
OTHER	1,272.52	0	3,247.65	0	147.20	0	145.08	4,812.45
HILLSDALE COLLEGE			1,648.00					1,648.00
TOTAL OUTSIDE CAUSES	5,564.04	3,477.27	27,136.80	443.68	698.67	1,620.93	13,830.37	52,771.76
TOTAL (94-95)	33,180.41	13,258.98	62,409.38	3,837.42	10,456.05	3,466.46	72,058.25	198,666.95
SPENT (93-94)	35,883.00	14,389.08	61,534.59	4,605.46	5,883.40	16,191.96	78,527.56	217,015.05
CHURCH PROPERTY	200,000.00	30,000.00	164,000.00	20,000.00	18,000.00	152,000.00	340,000.00	924,000.00

HOST - HANNON FWB CHURCH

87th ANNUAL SESSION WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS, MARCH 17th & 18th, 1995  
 STATISTICAL TABLE - 1994/1995



CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI DISTRICT AUXILIARY TREASURERS REPORT  
1994-95

DATE	RECEIVED	DEPOSITED	FORWARDED TO STATE	BALANCE 1994 Brought forward
3/11/94	Bethel 45.00 Hannon 45.00	90.00	90.00	80.89
3/30/94	CWDA Bunches 125.61	125.61	125.00	80.89
3/30/94	(Dues included) Hannon 221.00 nite Verdella 77.00 day Verdella 55.00 Bethel 177.00 Oskaloosa 25.00	555.00	545.00	90.89
5/16/94	Hannon 195.00 Bethel 135.00 Stockton 1.75(dist.dues) day Verdella 120.00	451.75	450.00	92.64
6/17/94	Bethel 45.00 day Verdella 12.90 Hannon 230.00	287.90	287.90	92.64
8/16/94	Bethel 147.50(2 Mo.) Hannon 150.00	297.50	297.50	92.64
9/21/94	Bethel 45.00 day Verdella 37.33 Hannon 258.00 Greenfield 4.50 (dist.fund)	358.33	344.83	106.14
10/22/94	Bethel 45.00 day Verdella 30.00 Dist.Banq 1,383.50	1,458.50	1,458.50	106.14
12/3/94	Hannon 140.00 Bethel 45.00	185.00	185.00	106.14
1/30/95	Bethel 45.00 Bethel 45.00	90.00	90.00	106.14
2/21/95	Hannon 245.00 Hannon 45.00 Bethel 35.00	325.00	325.00	106.14

	District	Bethel	Greenfield	Hannon	Stockton	Verdella D.	Verdella Mt.	Total
Membership		11	Dist.	14	Dist.	5	7	37
Dues		121.00		151.00		55.00	77.00	407.00
Co-Labor Offering		40.12		120.00		25.00	50.00	235.12
Provision Closet								
State Aux.Gen.Fund								
State Projects				400.00				400.00
Childrens Home						100.00		100.00
Foreign Missions		570.00		691.88		200.00		1,461.88
Home Missions				50.00			250.00	300.00
Local Church Proj				159.74		31.66	633.00	824.40
Mem. Student Loan		25.00		50.00		30.00		105.00
Youth Camp				550.00		335.45	80.00	965.45
Fall Banquet	1,383.50							1,383.50
Emphasis Offer.		32.50		113.00		25.00		170.50
WNAC Annual Offer		125.00				25.23		150.23
							total	6,503.05

CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI DISTRICT AUXILIARY TREASURERS REPORT  
1994-95

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS  
March 1, 1994 to February 28, 1995

March 19, 1994  
Greenfield Church

The Executive Board met at at annual meeting to reorganize for the coming year. Opened with prayer by Bob Dickey.

Motion was made and passed to have the Moderator and the Assistant Moderator of the Association to fill the same offices on the executive board.

Chairman.....George Naumann,

Vice-Chairman.....Bob Dickey,

Clerk-Treasurer....Lural Mays

Meeting was adjourned in prayer by Randy Sprenkle.

September, 1994  
Hannon Church

The Executive Board met following the Quarterly Meeting. Present were: George Naumann, Thayne Fast, Bob Dickey, Randy Sprenkle, Charlie Hoover, Milan Ruble, Bill Ragsdale, Warren Hall, and Lural Mays.

Discussed questionnaire for ordination and licensing Questionnaire passed with changes. Ordination committee is: George Naumann, Milan Ruble and Warren Hall.

Meeting was dismissed in prayer.

January 21, 1995  
Hannon Church

The Executive Board met to make plans for the Annual Association Meeting. Present were: George Naumann, Milan Ruble, Bill Ragsdale, Bob Dickey, Lural Mays, Thayne Fast, Randy Sprenkle, Warren Hall and Charlie Hoover.

Opened with prayer by George Naumann. Scripture and theme decided on for Annual Meeting to be John 14:1 - "Let Not Your Hearts Be Troubled."

It was decided to contact Jim Williams and Richard Robertson for speakers. Meeting was dismissed.

CENTRAL WESTERN EXECUTIVE BOARD  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
03/01/94 - 02/28/95

Beginning Balance.....\$1678.61

Income:

Bethel.....\$300.00  
Hannon..... 43.62  
Oskaloosa..... 98.46  
Verdella..... 480.30  
Empire Electric..... 50.00  
Offerings..... 99.00  
Interest..... 40.13

TOTAL INCOME.....\$1111.51

Expenses:

Insurance - Stockton.....\$799.04

Ending Balance.....\$1991.12

## 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 wives 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. Officers. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, an Assistant Clerk, a Treasurer, and a 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. Board. 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. Meeting. 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.

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 assembly 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 opened 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 I. 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 II. 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.

Item 2: The Clerk-Treasurer shall supervise the printing of the minutes for the year of which they were Clerk-Treasurer.

Section III. 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, to be presented to the business committee prior to 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 I. 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 thusly: 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 Associational expenses.

Section II. 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 I. 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 II. 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 I. 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 II. 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 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.