

MINUTES

96TH ANNUAL SESSION

CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI
ASSOCIATION OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST
WHEN CONVENED WITH THE
VERDELLA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
LIBERAL, MISSOURI
SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 20, 2004

97TH ANNUAL SESSION
WILL MEET WITH THE
BETHEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
EL DORADO SPRINGS, MISSOURI
SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 19, 2005

THEME OF ASSOCIATION

EPHESIANS 5:8

YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE
WORLD

FOR YE WERE SOMETIMES DARKNESS
BUT NOW ARE YE LIGHT IN THE LORD
WALK AS CHILDREN OF LIGHT

EPHESIANS 5:8

MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS 2004 OFFICERS

Moderator.....Rev. Chris Bearde
Assistant Moderator.....
Clerk/Treasurer.....Alice Hoover
Asst. Clerk/Treasurer.....Linda Hall
State General Board Member.....Rev. Warren Hall

EXECUTIVE AND HOME MISSION BOARD

Bethel	Deacon Lural Mays	2006
Greenfield	None	
Hannon	Deacon Charlie Hoover	2005
Hickory Grove	None	
Oskaloosa	Deacon Reed Smith	2005
Stockton	None	
Verdella	None	

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GREENFIELD FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Greenfield, MO

Rev. Bob Dickey, P.O. Box 53, Liberal, MO 64762

HANNON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Liberal, MO 64762

None

HICKORY GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Archie, MO

Rev. Bill Christensen, 510 Park Ave., Belton, MO 64012

OSKALOOSA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Liberal, MO

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STOCKTON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Stockton, MO

Rev Warren Hall, 5385 E. 350th. Rd., ElDorado Springs, MO

VERDELLA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Liberal, MO

Rev. Randy Sprenkle, 531 North "W" Hwy., Lamar, MO 64759

SATURDAY MORNING PROCEEDINGS, MARCH 20, 2004

The 96th annual session of the Central Western Missouri

Association of Free Will Baptist convened at the Verdella Free Will Baptist Church.

Rev. Randy Sprenkle, pastor of the Verdella Church extended a warm welcome to the congregation. Rev. Hollis Walker led us in the opening prayer. Congregational singing was led by Deacon Charles Whitson. Accompanists were Regina Sprenkle, at the piano, Bruce Short playing guitar and Wade Sprenkle on the drums. Songs sung were "Victory in Jesus" and "At Calvary".

Clerk Alice Hoover called a quorum present and the association opened for business.

Moderator Chris Bearden had the clerk read the church letters. Motion was made to accept the church letters and seat the delegates. The moderator introduced Rev. Robby Rutledge, pastor of the Nevada F.W.B. Church. He was our speaker for the morning service. Rev. Rutledge spoke on, "Is your Chirstian experience stale", from Philippians 3:13.

Bro. Bearden, called on Bro. Lurel Mays to present the associational executive board financial report. M/S/C Accepted as read. The clerks financial report was read. M/S/C

Dismissed with prayer by Stan Bunch for recess. Returned at 11:00 for Ladies Auxiliary.

Following the Auxiliary meeting Moderator Chris Bearden appointed the committees. Dismissed for lunch.

THE CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI WOMEN'S
AUXILIARY 11:00 A.M. SESSION
MARCH 20, 2004

The morning session opened with prayer and call to order by President Marian Kahler. Welcome was given by Regina Sprenkle, Verdella Church, with Linda Hall, Stockton Church, responding.

The nominating committee was appointed as follows: Beulah Chism, Lucille Franklin, Jeannie Zimmerman, Linda Hall and Ionia Phillips.

Special music, "Redeemed and Washed Whiter Than Snow" by Linda Hall.

Our speaker, Sister Brenda Bunch, presented a video of the work and believers in Panama. Her message was "Lights, Camera, Action!" learning to trust God, to surrender to His will and get involved in carrying out the Great Commission. She then distributed copies of "A Dozen Prayers for the Nations", a challenge to all of us to be constant in prayer. Our hearts were blest by sister Brenda's message and her passion for reaching the people in Panama with the gospel.

Dismissal prayer and blessing on the meal was given by Betty Crutcher.

Women's Auxiliary, 1:30 P.M. Session

The afternoon session opened with the congregation singing "Praise Him, Praise Him" and "How Majestic is Your Name" led by Calvin Brous and Erik Miller, accompanied by the Verdella musicians.

Marian Kahler expressed appreciation to the Verdella Church for the lovely meal. After prayer by Jeannie Zimmerman, the Puppet Group from Bethel Church presented their program. We praise God for those children and their leaders.

The nominating committee presented their slate of officers for the coming year as follows:

PRESIDENT.....	Marian Kahler
VICE PRESIDENT	Cindi Thompson
SECRETARY.....	Betty Crutcher
TREASURER.....	Linda Hall

With no nomination from the floor, motion was made to accept by acclimation. Motion carried. The officers were then presented to the congregation.

Marian requested that prior to next association meeting each Auxiliary would appoint one member to serve on the nominating committee.

Secretary's report was read and approved. Financial report was given, corrections on 2003 minutes were noted, and report was approved. Linda reported our projects for 2004 are the Show-Me plan \$3,000; Jimmy Kiser, Jefferson City, \$2,000; Robby Rutledge, Nevada, \$2,000; and WNAC \$3,000. Plans for the state W.A.C. meeting to be held on June 7th in Springfield was announced and the National WNAC will be in Kansas City, July 19th and 20th. This year's Missouri's State Retreat will be August 20th and 21st at Stonecroft in Branson.

Meeting was closed in prayer.

Saturday Afternoon Business Session

Moderator Chris Bearden called the afternoon session to order.
The committee reports were read as follows:

Obituary committee Report read by Cindi Thompson. M/S/C
Prayer by Charlie Hoover.

Ministerial standing committee report read by Charles
Whitson. All minister's reports were accepted. M/S/C

The Business Committee report was read by Rev. Randy
Sprenkle:

1. Committee wishes to table the membership of Liberty Church until June quarterly meeting according to associational by-laws. M/S/C
2. Committee recommends that \$500 to be taken from the Assoc. Executive Board Fund plus an offering be given to speaker Ken Bailey, missionary to Japan. M/S/C
3. Committee recommends the Association give \$250 each to Alicia Bunch and Jeanette Wilson, for summer mission trip, to be taken from the Associations Executive Board Fund. M/S/C
4. Committee recommends that the Executive Board look into appointing a new Examining Committee. M/S/C
5. Business committee recommends a by-law change. We need to change Article 9 to read \$100 per church instead of \$50. Tabled until June quarterly meeting. M/S/C
6. Committee recommends that \$350 be taken from the Association Fund to complete the dues for this year. M/S/C

Nominating committee report was given by Roger Phillips.

Moderator - Warren Hall - M/S/C

Asst. Moderator - Chris Bearden - M/S/C

Clerk/Treasurer - Linda Hall - M/S/C

Asst. Clerk/Treasurer - Cindi Thompson - M/S/C

State General Board Member - Derl Hicks - M/S/C

Dismissed for break. Prayer by Cathy Williams.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON WORSHIP SERVICE

Late afternoon worship services began with a chorus led by Calvin Brous and Eric Miller. Accompanied by the Verdella band, consisting of Bruce Short and Randy Sprenkle, guitars; Wade Sprenkle, drums; Regina Sprenkle, keyboard; Suzanne Bunton, trumpet; accompanied at the piano by Trish McKay.

Offering was taken for our speaker, Ken Bailey, missionary to Japan. Amount of offering was \$185.00.

Special music was provided by Regina Sprenkle, Bruce Short and Eric Miller, titled "The straight and Narrow Road".

Moderator introduced speaker Ken Bailey. He told about their work in Japan. Bro. Bailey's sermon was, "Jesus is the light of all the world" taken from the book of John. Moderator Chris Bearden dismissed the Association and service with prayer.

REGISTRATION

MINISTERS: Warren Hall, Bob Dickey, Stanley Bunch, Derl A. Hicks, Chris Bearden, Hollis Walker, and Randy Sprenkle.

DEACONS: Charles Whitson, Lural Mays, Roger Phillips, Charlie Hoover, Bob Selvey and Reed Smith.

DELEGATES: Gary Charlton, Sylvia Zimmerman, Marian Kahler, Margaret Walker, Beula Chism, Dorothy Dickey, Cindi Thompson, Lucille Franklin, Bruce Short, Betty Crutcher, Ionia Phillips, Marty Werner, Cathy Williams, Doris Whitson and Linda Hall.

VISITORS: Dawn Hicks, Ruth Foger, Kaitlin Hicks, Jonathan Hall, Sarah Hall, Erik Miller and Calvin Brous.

CLERKS FINANCIAL REPORT
JANUARY 1, 2003 - DECEMBER 31, 2003

Balance brought forward January 1, 2003	\$1,472.98
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Receipts:

Budget Money	\$668.00
Offerings	\$263.00
Total Receipts	\$931.00

Disbursements:

F.W.B. Foreign Mission Dept.	\$190.00
MO State Assoc of F.W.B.	\$350.00
Minutes (125 copies)	\$125.00
Honorarium	\$100.00
Total Disbursements	\$765.00

Balance in account	\$1,638.98
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CENTRAL WESTERN DISTRICT AUXILIARY TREASURER'S REPORT

JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2003

Prepared by Linda Hall

5385 E. 350 Rd., El Dorado Springs, MO 64744

417-876-6467

BEGINNING BALANCE

\$ 273.81

CHURCH AUXILIARY	BETHEL	GREENFIELD	HANNON	STOCKTON	VERDELLA	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP
MEMBERS	12	5 (Dist. Only)	12	8	5	30

RECEIPTS:

ASSOCIATION OFFERING							\$ 193.25
FALL AUCTION							\$ 1,247.00
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	\$ 1,059.00	\$ -	\$ 1,786.00	\$ 801.00	\$ 1,691.47		\$ 5,337.47
DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$ 3.00	\$ 1.25	\$ 3.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.25		\$ 10.50
TOTAL RECEIPT							\$ 6,783.22

BALANCE:

\$ 7,057.03

Disbursements	BETHEL	GREENFIELD	HANNON	STOCKTON	VERDELLA	DISTRICT	
Alpha House Pregnancy	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Ben Bailey	\$ 180.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 110.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 290.00
Bud Bivens	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 242.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 242.00
Camp Niangua/Laundry	\$ 135.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 285.00
Offering						\$ 193.25	\$ 193.25
Crises Intervention Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Emphyis Month Offering	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00
Nevada FWB	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5.00	\$ -	\$ 1,242.00	\$ 1,247.00
John Chang	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 220.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 220.00
David Potete	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Laura B. Barnard Offering	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 350.00	\$ -	\$ 687.72	\$ -	\$ 1,037.72
Lizzie McAdams Pre-Th	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Micah Derby	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
National Dues	\$ 129.00	\$ -	\$ 129.00	\$ 86.00	\$ 53.75	\$ -	\$ 397.75
New Life Children's Home	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00
Service Charge	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
Scott Cheatham	\$ 135.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 235.00
Show-Me Plan	\$ 360.00	\$ -	\$ 585.00	\$ 180.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,125.00
TN Children's Home	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00
WNAC	\$ 120.00	\$ -	\$ 130.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00
TOTALS	\$ 1,059.00	\$ -	\$ 1,786.00	\$ 801.00	\$ 1,691.47	\$ 1,445.25	\$ 6,782.72

ENDING BALANCE

\$ 274.31

MINISTER'S ANNUAL REPORT

Rev. Bob Dickey		Number baptized	2
Churches pastored	1	Weddings	1
Sermons preached	96	Funerals preached	3
Additions to Church	0	Miles traveled	8,500
Professions witnessed	2	Money Received	\$ 6,500
Rev. Chris Bearden		Number baptized	0
Churches pastored	1	Weddings	0
Sermons preached	60	Funerals preached	2
Additions to Church	0	Miles traveled	1,100
Professions witnessed	1	Money Received	\$ 5,200
Rev. Warren Hall		Number baptized	0
Churches pastored	1	Weddings	0
Sermons preached	102	Funerals preached	2
Additions to Church	0	Miles traveled	5,000
Professions witnessed	0	Money Received	\$ 13,000
Rev. Randy Sprenkle		Number baptized	1
Churches pastored	1	Weddings	0
Sermons preached	60	Funerals preached	1
Additions to Church	0	Miles traveled	-
Professions witnessed	2	Money Received	\$ 1,200
Rev. Hollis Walker		Number baptized	0
Churches pastored	0	Weddings	0
Sermons preached	5	Funerals preached	2
Additions to Church	0	Miles traveled	-
Professions witnessed	3	Money Received	\$ 200

MINISTER'S ANNUAL REPORT

Rev. Curt Holland		Number baptized	0
Churches pastored	0	Weddings	0
Sermons preached	0	Funerals preached	0
Additions to Church	0	Miles traveled	-
Professions witnessed	0	Money Received	\$ -
Rev. Jimmy Holder		Number baptized	0
Churches pastored	0	Weddings	0
Sermons preached	0	Funerals preached	0
Additions to Church	0	Miles traveled	-
Professions witnessed	0	Money Received	\$ -
Rev. Deryl Hicks		Number baptized	2
Churches pastored	1	Weddings	2
Sermons preached	100	Funerals preached	10
Additions to Church	9	Miles traveled	5,000
Professions witnessed	5	Money Received	\$ 19,500
Rev. Stanley Bunch		Number baptized	0
Churches pastored	1	Weddings	1
Sermons preached	98	Funerals preached	3
Additions to Church	7	Miles traveled	11,262
Professions witnessed	6	Money Received	\$ -



*"I am the light of the world. Whoever
follows me will never walk in
darkness, but will have the light of life."*

John 8:12b

MINISTERIAL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Ministerial committee, have reviewed the Ministers' Reports of the following: Chris Bearden, Bob Dickey, Stanley Bunch, Hollis Walker, Derl Hicks, Randy Sprengle, Warren Hall, Curt Holland and Jimmy Holder. We have found them all in good standing with this Association.

Signed: Bruce Short, Reed Smith, Charles Whitson,
Sylvia Zimmerman, Marian Kahler and
Betty Crutcher.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The following people were suggested by the nominating committee:

Moderator	Warren Hall
Asst. Moderator	Chris Barden
Clerk/Treasurer	Linda Hall
Asst. Clerk/Treasurer	Cindi Thompson
State Gen Bd. Member	Derl Hicks

Executive and Home Mission Board:

Bethel	Lural Mays	2006
Greenfield	Gilbert York	2006
Hannon	Charlie Hoover	2005
Oskaloosa	Reed Smith	2005

Signed: Roger Phillips, Stanley Bunch, Gary Charlton, Linda Hall, Marty Werner and Deryl Hicks.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

Bethel	Myrtle Callahan
Hannon	Roma Charlton
Oskaloosa	Clyde Hendricks
Greenfield	Velma Jones
Stockton	Rita Howard

Signed: Cindi Thompson, Cathy Williams, Beula Chism, Margaret Walker.

CENTRAL WESTERN ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE
BOARD
FINANCIAL REPORT 2003

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	\$4,860.03
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INCOME:

Bethel	\$ 300.00
Verdella	\$ 829.89
Offerings	\$ 188.00
Interest	<u>\$ 26.80</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,344.69

EXPENSES:

Richard Robertson	<u>\$ 68.00</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$68.00

ENDING BALANCE	\$6,136.72
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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, and their wives, 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 and a Treasurer; 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 Saturday, following the second Sunday in March. 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 the 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 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, is 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 Jan 1st. to Dec 31st.

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 fifty dollars (\$50.00) 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 Baptist; fifty dollars (\$50.00) to the National Association of Free Will Baptists. The honorarium for the Associational Clerk will be \$100.00, with the remaining percentage 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 a 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, drugs 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 Missions 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 will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of 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.