

Minutes
of the
98th Session
of the
Central Western
Missouri Association
of
Free Will Baptist

Theme:
***Train Up a Child
in the
Way They Should Go***



“And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frountlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.”

Deuteronomy 6:6-9

**The 99th Session of the Central Western
Missouri Association of Free Will
Baptist will meet at the
Hannon Free Will Baptist Church in
Liberal on March 17, 2007 at 9 a.m.**

Central Western Missouri Association of Free Will Baptist

Minutes of meeting at Stockton Free Will Baptist Church, Stockton, Missouri

Rev. Warren Hall, Pastor

June 11, 2005

Moderator Chris Bearden called our meeting to order.
There was no business.

Our congregational songs were *Hand in Hand, Trust and Obey* and *Jesus Saves!* The offering was taken and we were reminded that the next Quarterly Meeting is to be at the Verdella F.W.B. Church on September 10, 2005 at 7 p.m.

Bro. Warren Hall brought the following report from the General Board of the Missouri State Association of F. W. B. A committee has been formed to look into funding our Missouri State Missionaries through the Show-me Plan or some similar plan. Stonecroft Conference Center is up for sale and another committee has been set to look into the feasibility of purchasing the property.

“Spirit of the Sword” puppeteers from the Bethel F.W.B. Church brought our message.

Bro. Chris asked each pastor or representative from our churches to share their needs and blessing of their church. It was well received and he plans to continue these at future meetings.

Bro. Roger Phillips asked the blessing on the refreshments and dismissed us in prayer.

*Submitted by
Linda Hall, Clerk*

**Minutes of meeting at Verdella F.W. B. Church,
Liberal, Missouri**

Rev. Randy Sprenkle, Pastor
September 10, 2005

Bro. Derl Hicks, Assistant Moderator, opened in prayer and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

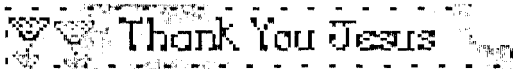
There were no items of business.

Mike led our song service singing: *New Name Written Down in Glory* and *I am Resolved*. There was no special. Bro. Derl turned the meeting over to the speaker Bro. Joe Turner, Pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church in Greenfield. His message was from Luke 10:38.

Bro. Derl introduced Bob Thompson. He shared with us his passion for a Christian school.

An offering was taken and we were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Bob Dickey.

*Submitted by
Cindy Thompson, Assistant Clerk*



**Minutes of meeting at Bethel F.W.B. Church,
El Dorado Springs, Missouri.**

No Pastor at this time.

December 3, 2005

Bro Chris Bearden, Moderator, opened our meeting by taking prayer request. Bro Roger Phillips led us in prayer.

Bro. Ben Reece lead our songs: *Angels from the Realms of Glory* and *Joy to the World*. Our special was brought by Chris Roe. She sang *Thank You Lord, for Saving Grace*.

Our message was presented in a little different way. Rev. Ben Reece led us in *Hark! The Herold Angels Sing* followed by Rev. Bob Dickey bringing "ANNOUNCEMENTS." Christ was announced approximately 4,000 years before he came. No other announcement was spoken of so far ahead or affected so many people.

We sang *While Shepherds Watch Their Flocks* and Rev. Ben Reece presented the "JOURNEY." A decision must be made in order to make a journey. God has called each of us to make a personal journey. The journey is well worth the trip!

Our next song was *Away in the Manger*. The "PREPARATION and the BIRTH" were covered by Rev. Chris Bearden. Mary wrapped her baby in swaddling clothes and cared for him. We care for our children and want them to serve Christ. Are we willing to let go of them so God can work in their lives? What example have we set for our children to follow Christ? It's never too late.

Our next meeting is in Greenfield and will be our annual meeting. Rev. Warren Hall asked the blessing on the refreshments and dismissed us in prayer.

*Submitted by
Linda Hall, Clerk*

CENTRAL WESTERN MO. ASSOCIATION
of Free Will Baptist
Annual Session, Saturday Morning
Convened at 9 a.m., March 18, 2006 at
Free Will Baptist Church
Greenfield, Missouri

OFFICERS

Moderator Rev. Chris Bearden
Assistant Moderator Rev. Derl Hicks
Clerk/Treasurer..... Linda Hall
Asst. Clerk/Treasurer.....Cindi Thompson
State General Board Member Rev. Warren Hall



EXECUTIVE AND HOME MISSION BOARD

Bethel.....Deacon Lural Mays, 2009
Greenfield None, 2009
HannonBrent Thompson, 2007
Hickory Grove None, 2007
Nevada..... None, 2007
OskaloosaDeacon Reed Smith, 2008
Stockton..... Derl Hicks, 2008
VerdellaDeacon Randy Sprenkle, 2008

Church Pastors and Clerks

Bethel Free Will Baptist, 417-876-6459

1300 S. Summer, El Dorado Springs, MO 64744:

No pastor.

Clerk: Vicky Spence, 417-576-5870

676 E. 550 Rd., El Dorado Springs, MO 64744

Free Will Baptist

403 Toney Ave., Greenfield, MO 65661:

Rev. Joe Turner, 417-673-3758

111 West Wilson St., Cartersville, MO 64835

Clerk: Lucille Franklin, 417-637-5545

403 Toney Ave., Greenfield, MO 65661

Hannon Free Will Baptist, 417-843-6616

1051 West V Highway, Liberal, MO 64762:

Rev. Benny Reece, 417-843-3394

301 S. Payne St., Liberal, MO 64762

Clerk: Peggy Dickey, 417-639-4404

Rt. 1 Box 157, Bronaugh, MO 64728

Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist, 816-899-2219

12305 E. 299 St., Archie, MO 64725:

No pastor.

Clerk: Glenna Stackhouse, 816-899-2219

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Nevada Free Will Baptist, 417-549-6383

1030 South Clay, Nevada, MO 64772:

Rev. George J. Naumann, 417-843-6579

1312 N. Main, Liberal, MO, 64762

Clerk: Tina Trotter, 417-448-5770

RR 6 Box 47 G, Nevada MO 64772

Oskaloosa Free Will Baptist, 417-843-5617

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Rev. Chris Bearden, 843-5617

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Clerk: Theresa Dalby, (417) 843-3968

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Rev. Warren Hall, 417-876-6467

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Clerk: Linda Hall, 417-876-6467

5385 East 350 Road, El Dorado Springs, MO 64744

Verdella Free Will Baptist, 417-843-5613

799 West V Highway, Liberal, MO 64762:

Rev. Randy Sprenkle, 417-843-4223

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Clerk: Gayla Charlton, 417-843-4255

P.O. Box 154, Liberal, MO 64762

PROCEEDINGS:

Moderator Chris Bearden extended a warm welcome to everyone. Bro. Bob Dickey led us in prayer. Songs led by Lucille Franklin and accompanied by Betty Crutcher. We sang, *I Want to be a Worker for the Lord* and *We'll Work Till Jesus Comes*. Our special music was brought by Bro. Ben Reece from Hannon. He sang *Fairest Lord Jesus*.

Moderator Chris Bearden brought our message from Deut. 7:1-6.

Bro. Chris then asked for the reading of the church letters. Cindi Thompson reported on what letters had been received and they were accepted. He appointed committees to serve.

Bro. Lural Mays gave the Executive Board Report. The Treasurer's Report was given by Cindi Thompson. Bro. Chris asked for a motion to receive both the Executive Board's Report and the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made and seconded to accept these reports as read. Motions carried.

Each church was asked to collect information for Roll Call Sunday on April 16th and report this information to Bro. Chris Bearden.

Our morning session was closed in prayer by Bro. Ben Reece.

CENTRAL WESTERN ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD
Financial Report - 2005

Beginning Balance \$5,037.06

INCOME:

Bethel	\$50.00
Offerings	\$216.10
Interest	\$22.68

TOTAL INCOME: \$288.78

EXPENSES:

McDonalds	\$250.00
Bivens	\$250.00
Kerrie Morgan	\$250.00
Puppet Team	\$48.00

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$798.00

Ending Balance \$4,527.84

Do not believe in miracles:
rely on them.

**CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI ASSOCIATION
CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORT
January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2005**

Balance Brought Forward \$1,309.88

Receipts:

Association Dues (Budget money).....	\$1058.00
Offering	404.25
Assoc. Exec. Board Funds	<u>750.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$2,212.25

BALANCE: \$3522.13

Disbursements:

Foreign Missions Dept. (Donnie McDonald)	\$654.25
Rainbow Ministries (Ruth Bivens)	250.00
Kerrie Morgan	250.00
Mo. State Assoc. of FWB	800.00
Postage.....	7.40
Printing of Minutes (125 copies)	124.38
Clerk Honorarium	<u>100.00</u>
Total Disbursements:	\$2,186.03

Ending Balance..... 1,339.10

REGISTRATION

Deacons: Lural Mays, Bethel; Brent Thompson, Hannon;
Roger Phillips, Charles Whitson, and Robert Williams,
Verdella.

Delegates: *Bethel:* Beula Chism, Nancy Mays and Virginia Toliver.
Greenfield: Betty Crutcher, Lucille Franklin and Vicki Turner. *Hannon:* Sylvia Zimmerman, Cindi Thompson, Robin Reece and Alice Hoover. *Verdella:* Doris Whitson, Gary Charlton and Ionia Phillips. *Stockton:* Dawn Hicks. Church not listed: Dorothy Dickey.

Ministers: *Stockton:* Warren Hall and Derl A. Hicks.
Oskaloosa: Chris Bearden. *Hannon:* Rev. Benny Reece. *Greenfield:* Joe Turner. Church not listed: Bob Dickey and Raymond Riggs.

Visitors: *Greenfield:* Kevin Turner and Kylie Turner. *Verdella:* Ruth Foger. Church not listed: Burnice Riggs.



CENTRAL WESTERN DISTRICT WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST

*Convened at Free Will Baptist Church,
Greenfield, Missouri
at 10:45 a.m. March 18, 2006*

Morning Session

The morning session opened with prayer by President Cindi Thompson. Congregational welcome by Betty Crutcher and response was given by Alice Hoover.

The congregational song was, *O How I Love Jesus*.

Those serving on the Nominating Committee were: Gayla Charlton, Betty Crutcher, Beulah Chism, Dawn Hicks and Jeannie Zimmerman.

Our special was brought by Kylie and Kevin Turner. Our speaker was Burnice Riggs. She brought her message from Deut. 6:2 and told her life as a minister's wife.

The offering was taken for the speaker and missions activities. We were dismissed for lunch in prayer by Robin Reece.

Afternoon Session

Opening prayer was by Iona Phillips. Our congregational song was *All That Thrills My Souls is Jesus*.

We had a special reading by Vicki Turner. Special music, *What a Day That Will Be*, was brought by Cindi Thompson.

Business: Dawn Hicks gave the Ladies Retreat Report, Secretary's Report and Treasurer's Report. They were accepted as read.

Nominating Committee Report:

President: Cindi Thompson

Vice President: Iona Phillips

Secretary: Robin Reece

Treasurer: Linda Hall

Member at Large: Betty Crutcher

We turned the service over to Bro. Chris Bearden.

*Submitted by
Dawn Hicks*

Central Western District Auxiliary Treasurer's Report

January 1 - December 31, 2005

Prepared by Linda Hall

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

417-876-6467

BEGINNING BALANCE							\$263.66
CHURCH AUXILIARY:	Bethel	Greenfield	Hannon	Stockton	Verdella	Total Membership	
MEMBERS	15	6 (Dist. Only)	8	8	14	51	
	12 (2006)		8 (2006)			20 (2006)	
RECEIPTS:							
<i>Association Offering</i>							\$195.00
<i>Fall Auction</i>							\$1,480.00
<i>Designated Receipts</i>	\$1,150.25	0	\$1,446.57	\$1,111.00	\$650.50		\$4,358.32
<i>District Membership Dues</i>	3.75	1.50	2.00	2.00	3.50		\$12.75
	\$3.00 (2006)		2.00 (2006)				\$5.00
TOTAL RECEIPT							\$6051.07
BALANCE:							\$6314.73
Disbursements:	Bethel	Greenfield	Hannon	Stockton	Verdella	District	
Alpha House Pregnancy...	0	0	0	25.00	0	0	25.00
Berea Ministry	0	0	0	100.00	0	0	100.00
Ruth Bivens/ Association Speaker	0	0	0	0	0	195.00	195.00
Fall Auction:	0	0	0	95.00	0	1,480.00	1,575.00
Pinkertons/Ivory Coast							
Gene Howell	0	0	111.27	165.00	0	0	276.27
Jimmy Kiser	15.00	0	0	15.00	0	0	30.00
Robbie Rutledge	15.00	0	0	15.00	0	0	30.00
National/State Dues	350.25	0	86.00	86.00	150.50	0	798.75
			126.00 (2006)				
New Life Children's Home	0	0	0	0	250.00	0	250.00
Rainbow Ministries/Bivens	0	0	257.03	0	0	0	257.03
SC FWB Children's Home	0	0	0	240.00	0	0	240.00
State WAC Retreat Project	0	0	50.00	25.00	0	0	75.00
Scott Cheatham	0	0	111.27	165.00	0	0	276.27
Show-Me Plan	470.00	0	495.00	180.00	0	0	1,145.00
TN FWB Children's Home	0	0	100.00	0	250.00	0	350.00
WNAC	120.00	0	110.00	0	0	0	230.00
WNAC State Project	180.00	0	0	0	0	0	180.00
TOTALS	1,150.25	0	1,446.57	1,111.00	650.50	1,675.00	6,033.32
District Expenses: Linda Hall/Dist. Basket for the State WAC Retreat						10.00	6043.32
ENDING BALANCE:							\$271.41

STATE WAC INFORMATION

Our Mo. State WAC projects for 2006 are \$3000 Missouri State Home Missions, \$3000 Abidjan Church/Parsonage, \$3000 Show-Me Plan and \$3000 for WNAC. Our Ladies Retreat is September 15-16 at the Windemere Conference Center. Both rooms and meeting place are in the new Lakeview Lodge. The cost is \$60. Our theme is "Slow down, there's no time to waste" and our speaker is Joanne Wallace. Our project is to help build the new church in India. The cost is \$15,000. We are asking you to bring \$25 gifts for this project. We encourage you to send this through our District and take a pledge to the retreat so we'll know an approximate amount of the total gifts at our retreat.

Our 2007 Mo. State WAC projects are Show-Me Plan \$3,000, WNAC \$3,000, National Home Missionary, Dan Booth (Roth Chester, NY) \$3,000 (Dan will be our speaker at the State Meeting in Springfield), and State Home Missionary Jimmy Kiser (Jefferson City) \$3,000. Remember these for NEXT year.



CENTRAL WESTERN MO. ASSOCIATION of Free Will Baptist Annual Session

Saturday Afternoon

Moderator, Rev. Chris Bearden called our session to order and led us in prayer. We had a congregational song.

The following reports were heard from the committees:

Business Committee:

We, the Business Committee, recommend:

1. That we pay Bro. Raymond & Mrs. Riggs \$500. for being our speakers for the day.
2. We would like to thank the Greenfield Church for hosting this years meeting.

Signed:

*Derl Hicks, Joe Turner, Charles Whitson, Ben Reece
and Nancy Mays*

Motion, second and carried to receive and accept the Business Committee's report.

CLERK'S NOTE: *There was no record of the following being acted upon from our previous Annual Meeting in 2005.*

2. *As the \$5.00 to the Missouri State Association no longer applies, we recommend this statement be removed from our Bylaws, Article 9: Section 1.*

Motion second and carried to table until the next quarterly meeting because it is a bylaw change.

Ministerial Committee:

We, the Ministerial Committee, have reviewed the minister's reports of the following: Joe Turner, Bob Dickey, Benny Reece, Chris Bearden, Warren Hall, Derl Hicks, Randy Sprenkle, Jimmy Holder, Curt Holland, Stan Bunch, Scott Roe and Hollis Walker. We have found them all in good standing with this Association.

Signed:

*Lural Mays, Robert Williams, Brent Thompson,
Betty Crutcher and Gayla Charlton*

Motion, second and carried to receive the Ministerial Committee's report for the cards of good standing.

CLERK'S NOTE: George Naumann refused examination by the committee and therefore will not receive a card of good standing as requested.

MINISTER'S REPORT

NAME	Churches Pastored	Sermons	Additions to Church	Professions	Baptisms	Weddings	Funerals	Miles Traveled	Money Received
Rev. Chris Bearden	1	108	16	2	2	1	2	1,500	\$11,000.
Rev. Bob Dickey	1	49	-	-	-	2	7	4,000	\$2,925.
Rev. Warren Hall	1	100	0	0	0	0	3	4,000	\$13,000.
Rev. Derl Hicks	1	125	3	8	6	1	3	5,000	\$14,000.
Rev. Benny Reece	1	110	6	1	3	0	0	bunch	-
Rev. Randy Sprenkle	1	75	20	3	11	1	3	-	\$8,200.
Rev. Joe Turner	1	110	0	5	0	1	1	10,000	\$4,983.
Rev. Hollis Walker	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	-	\$50.

Obituary Committee:

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

BETHEL: Ruby Barritt, Ken Culbertson. *GREENFIELD:* Stella White. *HANNON:* Charlie Hoover. *OSKALOOSA:* Steve Franklin. *STOCKTON:* Elza Routh, Emogene Cowan. *VERDELLA:* Addis Foger.

We recommend the congregation stand for a moment of silent prayer in their honor.

Respectfully submitted by
Doris Whitson, Lucille Franklin, Sylvia Zimmerman,
Vicki Turner and Virginia Toliver

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the Obituary Committee's report and honor their recommendation.

Nominating Committee:

The following people were suggested by the Nominating Committee:

1. Moderator: Chris Bearden
Asst. Moderator: Benny Reece
Clerk/Treasurer: Linda Hall
Asst. Clerk/Treasurer: Cindy Thompson
State General Board Member: Warren Hall
Missionary Support: Robin Reece
2. Executive and Home Mission Board:
Hannon: Brent Thompson, 2007
Stockton: Derl Hicks, 2008
3. Ministerial Examining Board:
Bob Dickey
Warren Hall
Derl Hicks

Signed:

Warren S. Hall, Beula Chism, Robin Reece and Marti Warner.

Number 1: Seconded and carried to accept these nominations for our Association's officers. Number 2: Seconded and carried to accept these nominations for the Executive and Home Mission Board. Number 3: Second and carried to accept the nominations for the Ministerial Examining Board.

Bro. Chris thanked the Greenfield church for hosting the annual meeting.

The next annual meeting will be held at the Hannon F.W.B. Church, March 17, 2007. The next quarterly meeting will be at the Free Will Baptist Church in Greenfield on June 3, 2006, at 7 p.m.

Motion, second and carried to dismiss the business session.
Bro. Derl Hicks dismissed us in prayer.

Worship Service

We were led in congregational singing by Lucille Franklin accompanied by Betty Crutcher. Lucille talked about this year being their churches 50th anniversary.

An offering was taken in the amount of \$135.55.

Bro. Raymond Riggs delivered his message from Deut. 6:1-9.

Bro. Chris Bearden closed the service, thanked the church again for having us and thanked Bro. Riggs for being with us.

We were dismissed in prayer by Iona Phillips.

Submitted by

Cindi Thompson, Assistant Clerk



CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1.

Name and Composition. This organization shall be known as the Central Western Missouri Association of Free Will Baptist, 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.

Section I: 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 II: 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 at 9:00 a.m. 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 Quarterly Meeting or Annual 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 Quarterly Meeting or Annual Association Meeting.

† Through Him all things are possible. †

BYLAWS

ARTICLE 1.

Each annual session of this Association shall be called to order at 9:00 a.m. 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. There shall be a morning message.

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 Quarterly Meeting or Annual Association Meeting.

ARTICLE 7.

It shall be the right of each church in the Association to determine its own fiscal year. We suggest January 1st to December 31st.

ARTICLE 8.

A committee of five lay members, qualified delegates to the Association, shall be chose 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 one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per church, plus one dollar (\$1.00) per resident member for the Central Western Missouri Association fund to be allocated thusly: one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to the National Association of Free Will Baptist. 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 Quarterly Meeting or Annual 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 I 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 churches must request a card of good standing for all ministers in their congregation and include the request in their church letter. 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.

Section I. We believe that any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery, and pornography are sinful perversions of God's gift of sex. (Gen. 2:24, Gen. 19:5, 13; Gen. 26:8-9; Lev. 18:1-30; Romans 1:26-29; I Cor. 5:1; 6:9; I Thess. 4:1-8 and Heb. 13:4). Any church which sanctions such conduct will not be accepted or retained as a member of the Central Western Association of Free Will Baptist.

Section II. We believe that human life begins at conception and that the unborn child is a living human being. Abortion constitutes the unjustified, unexcused taking of a human life. Abortion is murder. We reject any teaching that abortion of pregnancies due to rape, incest, birth defects, gender selection, birth or population control, or the mental well being of the mother are acceptable. (Job 3:16; Psalms 51:5; 139:14-16; Isa. 44:24 49:1, 5; Jer. 1:5, 20:15-18; Luke 1:44). Any church which sanctions such conduct will not be accepted or retained as a member of the Central Western Association of Free Will Baptist.

ARTICLE 14.

These Bylaws may be altered or amended at any Quarterly Meeting or Annual 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.