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The 100th Session of the Central Western Missouri Association of Free Will Baptist will meet at the Oskaloosa Free Will Baptist Church in Liberal on March 15th, 2008 at 9 a.m.

Central Western Missouri Association of Free Will Baptist

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

Rev. Joe Turner, Pastor

June 3, 2006

In the absence of our Moderator and Assistant Moderator, Rev. Bob Dickey called our meeting to order. There was no business.

Sis. Lucille Franklin led our congregation song service. We sang *He Brought Me Out, Have Faith in God* and *It Is No Secret*. Betty Crutcher and Lucille Franklin sang *The Unseen Hand* for our special music.

Bro. Bob Dickey brought the message on Matt. 9:35-38. What should we see when we see people? What did Christ see when he saw the multitude? He looked and saw sickness, disease, and those scattered like sheep without a shepherd and he had compassion on them. We need to have compassion for the multitude. They are without our Shepherd.

Bro. Bob also gave a report on the work Gary Charlton is doing through an addict's class.

Prayer request were taken and Bro. Warren Hall offered the blessings and dismissal prayer.

Our next meeting will be Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. at Hannon Free Will Baptist Church

Submitted by, Linda Hall, Clerk

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

Rev. Benny Reece, Pastor September 9, 2006

Bro. Chris Bearden, Moderator, called us to order. We were led in prayer by Bro. Roger Phillips. Bro. Ben Reece led us in Joy Unspeakable, A Shelter in the Time of Storm and Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus as our congregational songs.

Bro. Chris asked our clerk, Linda Hall, if a quorum was present. She declared there was. The old bylaw **ARTICLE 9**. *Section I*. was read.

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 by Bro. Bob Dickey and seconded by Bro Warren Hall to adopt the motion. Motion carried.

Bro. Warren asked to meet with the board in charge of the Stockton properties. An easement is being requested on the property. Bob Dickey, Reed Smith and Roger Phillips are the board. Motion and seconded to close the business. Motion carried. Our business session was dismissed in prayer by Bro Bob Dickey.

Bro. Chris then turned the service over to Bro. Gary Fry, State Executive Director. He had brought a CD on stem cells for the pastors. He brought his sermon on four things we must do for God to bless our church from Acts 2:41-47. First: Apostles' doctrine... The proper doctrine of Christ and what they had experienced themselves. Second-Fellowship: To share something in common... We are to lay aside what we want for the greater good of God's people. Third-Breaking of bread: Means 'Worship' or communion. It's about Christ not about us. We're at church to honor Him. Forth-Prayer: Crucial component in the power of our churches. Prayer is the VITAL necessity above all else. Faucets are not the source of water but are connected to pipelines that lead to the water. Prayer is like that. His promise is in vs. 47 - "The Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."

Bro. Gary closed in prayer.

Ushers were called to receive our offering and we were led in prayer by Lyle Hoover.

Our next meeting is Dec. 2 and the location will be announced.

Bro. B.J. Morgan dismissed us in prayer and asked the blessing on the refreshments.

Submitted by, Linda Hall, Clerk



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

Rev. Chris Bearden, Pastor

January 6, 2007 (December meeting postponed due to weather.)

Bro. Chris Bearden, Moderator, led our service. We were opened with prayer by Bro. Roger Phillips. Special music was by Aaron Thompson and Cindi Thompson.

Bro. James Forlines was one of the speakers and talked about the financial need for missionaries. There are more people wanting to go out now then there ever has been, but getting financial support is a big problem. He talked about different ways possible to change the way churches give so that there would be more money available to all men and women wanting to become missionaries.

Also, Bro. Frank Webster was there. He talked about his new roll as Home Missions Director for the state of Missouri. He then had a short sermon.

No business was discussed.

Submitted by, Cindi Thompson, Assistant Clerk



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CENTRAL WESTERN Mo. Association of Free Will Baptist Annual Session

Convened at 9 am, Saturday, March 17, 2007 Hannon Free Will Baptist Church, Liberal, Missouri

OFFICERS

Moderator	Rev. Chris Bearden
Clerk/Treasurer	Leana Johnston
Asst. Clerk/Treasurer	Barb Hopkins
State General Board Meml	ber Rev. Warren Hall



EXECUTIVE AND HOME MISSION BOARD

Bethel	Deacon Lural Mays, 2009
Greenfield	None, 2009
Hannon	Brent Thompson, 2010
Hickory Grove	None, 2010
Oskaloosa	Deacon Reed Smith, 2008
Stockton	None, 2008
Verdella	Rev. Randy Sprenkle, 2008

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REGISTRATION

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

Delegates: *Bethel:* Beula Chism, Nancy Mays, Leana Johnston and Virginia Toliver.

Greenfield: Betty Crutcher and Lucille Franklin.

Hannon: Dorothy Dickey, Barb Hopkins, Cindi Thompson and Virginia Bunton.

Verdella: Doris Whitson, Marty Werner, Lau Ohen and Ionia Phillips.

Oskaloosa: Al Ussery

Ministers: Stockton: Rev. Warren Hall.

Oskaloosa: Rev. Chris Bearden. Bethel: Rev. Dennis Johnston. Verdella: Rev. Randy Sprenkle. Hannon: Rev. Bob Dickey

SATURDAY MORNING PROCEEDINGS:

Moderator Chris Bearden began the Central Western Association's annual meeting with prayer. Chris asked Barb Hopkins and Eric Miller to come and lead us in songs. B.J. Morgan brought us a special. Just As I Am was the title of his song.

Chris gave the welcome and thanked everyone for coming and thanked the Hannon Church for hosting this year's annual meeting.

Rev. Dennis Johnston, pastor of the Bethel Church, gave the morning devotion. He spoke on God's plan for our lives. Not our plan but His and we need to seek out His will. We often forget God's awesomeness. God plans that we should all live and for no one to perish. His plan is personal for you and for me. Romans 12:2: "Be not conformed to this world but transformed." Being thankful for the day we go to heaven, we should be telling others of God's plan so they too can know God's plan for them. We all must live by faith. What is God's plan for your life? Step up and get on God's plan in our church, our community and our work.

Chris thanked Bro. Dennis for his devotion.

Chris asked Cindi to come before the body and read the church letters that had been received.

Bro. Lural Mays read the financial report. Beginning balance \$4,527.84. The offering from our last meeting was \$128. interest on the account \$22.85 for a total of \$4,678.69. No money had been used in the past quarter. Motion made by Bro. Warren Hall to accept the treasurer's report and seconded by Bob Dickey. Motion carried.

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CENTRAL WESTERN ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD Financial Report – 2006

Beginning Balance

\$4,527.84

INCOME:

EXPENSES:

Offerings \$128.00 Interest <u>22.85</u> \$150.85

TOTAL INCOME:

No Expenses

ENDING BALANCE: \$4,678.69

Cindi Thompson read the clerk's treasurer report and Chris Bearden passed out copies of the report. There was no discussion and no questions on this report. Motion was made by Brent Thompson to accept this report. It was seconded by Dorothy Dickey and the motion carried.

CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI ASSOCIATION CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance Brought Forv		cember 31, 2006	\$1,336.10
Receipts:		1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 -	
Association Dues (Bu	dget money)		\$1,101.00
Offering Total Receipts			\$1,236.55
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BALANCE:	*****	*****	\$2,572.65
Disbursements:		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Raymond Riggs		*****	\$500.00
Raymond Riggs United States Postal S	Service	••••••	8.67
Mo. State Assoc. of F			
Star Graphics Clerk Honorarium	•••••		<u>100.00</u>
Total Disbursements:			\$1,508.67
ENDING BALANCE			\$1.063.98

Chris brought up some discussion on Article 3 in the constitution as he had been asked to explain it. This article is written concerning representation by the churches for the state meetings. The question that had been asked was does a delegate have to be a member of the church. After discussion, the body agreed that a delegate does have to be a member of the church in order to represent that church.

Bro. Warren Hall dismissed the morning session in prayer.



CENTRAL WESTERN DISTRICT WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST Convened at Hannon Free Will Baptist Church, Liberal, Missouri

at 10:35 a.m. March 17, 2007

Morning Session

The morning session opened with prayer by President Cindi Thompson. Congregational singing: *He Keeps Me Singing* and *We'll Work Till Jesus Comes*.

The Nominating Committee was: Dorothy Dickey, Hannon; Iona Phillips, Verdella; Beula Chism, Bethel and Betty Crutcher, Greenfield.

Bro. Lural Mays led a special prayer for Jonathan Hall and family.

Announcements:

- 1. Scholarships are available for young girls going to a Free Will Baptist College.
- 2. The Women's Retreat is at Clarion Hotel in Springfield. Forms are available for all ladies.
- The state projects for 2007 are Show Me Plan \$3,000, National Home Missionary Dan Booth \$3,000, State Home Missionary Terry Burke \$3,000 and WNAC \$3,000.

The Financial report was distributed and asked if there was any question on this. None were asked.

Our special music was by Cindi Thompson singing *Blessed* Assurance.

Speaker Krystal Coatney told of her calling to work with children in Brazil. She talked about her previous trips and what she will be doing when she leaves in a week. She will be there for 6 months.

An offering was accepted for Krystal's trip and she challenged each one to get involved in mission work of some kind. (\$186 was given to her.)

Special get acquainted sheets were passed out to all the women to be filled out during the lunch break with a prize for the first one to complete theirs.

After a congregational song, we were dismissed in prayer and blessed the meal by Al Ussery.

Moderator Chris Bearden appointed committees to serve. Eric Miller then came and led us in a couple of songs until lunch was ready to be served. We sang; *Mansion Over the Hilltop* and *How Great Thou Art.* We were then dismissed to lunch and the blessing was given on the food by Bro. Bob Dickey

Central Western WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST

Afternoon Session

Our session was opened with prayer by Dorothy Dickey. Our congregational songs were *Higher Ground* and *Have Faith in God*. The new officers were presented to everyone and voted upon. President: Cindi Thompson Vice President: Leana Johnston Secretary: Rachel Miller Treasurer: Linda Hall Member at Large: Dorothy Dickey After prayer, the session was turned over to Bro. Chris

Bearden.

Central Western District Auxiliary Treasurer's Report

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CHURCH AUXILIARY: MEMBERS	Bethel 0 (On 2005 report)	Greenfield D	Hannon O (On 2005 report)	Stockton 6	Verdella 12	Total Membership 18 (20 pd. in 2005)	
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Association Offering	<u></u>	• • • • • • • • •			· · · · · · ·		\$147.58
Fall Auction			ter an ter	a finan a sa s	11 - A	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	\$1,245.40
Designated Receipts	830.00	150.00	\$1407.20	\$1114.50	\$397.71		\$3899.41
District Membership Dues	0 (Pd. in 2005)	0	0 (Pd. In 2005)	1.50	3.00		\$4.50
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Mo. WAC Project: WNAC	180.00	0	0	0	0	0	180.01
Mo. WAC Retreat Project	50.00	0	0	25.00	0	0	75.00
Show-Me Plan	480.00	0	540.00	285.00	Ō	0	1305.00
SC FWB Children's Home	· 0	0	0	240.00	0	0	240.00
Speaker: Bernice Riggs	0	0	0	0	0	\$0.00	50.00
TN FWB Children's Home	0	0	200.00	0	0		200.00
USPS	0	0	0	0	0	7.80	7.80
WNAC	120.00	0	120.00	0	0	0	240.00
WNAC Christmas Joy	0	0	0	45.00	0	0	45.00
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CENTRAL WESTERN Mo. Association of Free Will Baptist Annual Session

Saturday Afternoon

The afternoon session was opened by Bro. Chris Bearden and led in prayer by Marty Warner. The following reports were heard from the committees:

Business Committee Report:

We, the Business Committee, recommend:

- 1. That we give Krystal Coatney \$500. toward her mission trip from the Central Western Assoc. finances
- 2. That we give Jonathan Hall \$500. for general expenses.

Submitted by,

Charles W. Whitson, Dennis Johnston, Randy Sprenkle and Virginia Bunton

Motion was made by Mary Werner to accept this motion. It was seconded by Bob Dickey and the motion carried.

Ministerial Committee Report:

We, the Ministerial Committee, have reviewed the minister's reports of the following: *Bethel FWB Church:* Rev. Dennis Johnston and Scott Roe. *Greenfield FWB Church:* Rev. Joe Turner. *Hannon FWB Church:* Rev. Bob Dickey. *Oskaloosa FWB Church:* Rev. Chris Bearden and Rev. Hollis Walker. *Stockton FWB Church:* Rev. Warren Hall. *Verdella FWB Church:* Rev Randy Sprenkle, Rev. Jimmy Holder, Rev. Curt Holland and Rev. Stan Bunch.

The committee found these in good standing with our association.

NOTE: Stockton FWB: Derl Hicks is currently not attending or preaching at a FWB church and therefore, not in good standing.

Submitted by,

Brent Thompson, Bob Selvey, Robert Williams, Al Ussery and Lural Mays

MINISTER'S REPORT

NAME	Churches Pastored	Sermons	Additions to Church	Professions	Baptisms	Weddings	Funerals	Miles Traveled	Money Received
Rev. Chris Bearden	.1	104	4	0	0	0	2	3,200	\$12,000.
Rev. Bob Dickey	0	12	NA	-	-	0	8	2,000	\$300.
Rev. Warren Hall	1	98	3	0	1.	0	1	4,500	\$13,000.
Rev. Dennis Johnston	2	89	15	52	14	2	2	2,413	\$9,407.
Bro. Scott Roe	0	37	NA	40+	- 4	1	1	NA	\$50.
Rev. Randy Sprenkle		70	0	14	.4	1	2	• .	\$495.
Rev. Joe Turner	1	90	0	0	0	0	0	1,250	\$7,650.

Obituary Committee Report

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

GREENFIELD: Finley White

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

Respectfully submitted by, Dorothy Dickey, Lucille Franklin, Doris Whitson, Ionia Phillips and Betty Crutcher

The congregation stood for moments of silent prayer in the honor of this member who had gone on to meet the Lord.

Nominating Committee Report:

1. We, the Nominating Committee, nominate the following for office:

Moderator: Chris Bearden

Asst. Moderator: Marty Werner Clerk/Treasurer: Leana Johnston Asst. Clerk/Treasurer: Barb Hopkins

- State General Board Member: Warren Hall
- 2. We nominate the following for the Executive and Home Missions Board:

Bethel: Lural Mays 2009 Hannon: Brent Thompson, 2010

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Oskaloosa: Reed Smith 2008 Verdella: Rev. Randy Sprenkle 2008

Submitted by, Roger Phillips, Marty Werner, Barb Hopkins, Erick Miller and Raymond Kalm

Motion was made by Bob Selvey to accept these nominations. It was seconded by Raymond Kalm and the motion carried.

The following men are to be examined: Gary Charlton, Marty Werner and Eric Miller for Deacons at Verdella. Scott Roe for Ministry and Richard Goodwin for Deacon at Bethel.

> Submitted by, Cindi Thompson, Assistant Clerk

The next quarterly meeting will be at the Stockton Free Will Baptist Church in Stockton on June 2, 2007 at 7 p.m.





Afternoon Worship Service

Bro. Gary Fry brought special music to us. Bro. Gary presented plaques to the Hannon and Verdella churches from the National Association of FWB for churches in Chitre Panama donations.

Bro. Gary's afternoon devotion was on 'Church is the creation of God.' The largest church in the world is in South Korea. It has 750,000 people. Some say, "The church is dying." The church should be able to minister to the society in which we live. Mathew 16:13 says "Who do you say that I am:" Peter said you are the Son of the living God and upon this rock I will build my church.

- 1. It is my church Jesus gave birth to the church
- 2. Jesus will build it
- 3. The devil cannot stop it.

Often Christ speaks, we should listen and adhere. Peter knew the truth; Jesus is the Son of the living God. The world tries to make Jesus just a man. Jesus purchased the church with his own blood. He takes a great deal of pride in it. No one else can claim ownership. The church does not belong to the congregation. The Bible is clear at not touching God's anointed. We don't own it, Jesus does. Some members want a place of comfort. In I Corinthians 3, God gave the increase. Unless God blesses our efforts they are worthless. Acts 2:47: "The Lord added daily to the church such as should be saved." Building the church is just people finding Jesus as Savior. The church is here to lead people to Jesus.

> Bro Chris thanked Bro. Gary Fry for coming. We were dismissed in prayer by B.J. Morgan.

> > Submitted by, Cindi Thompson, Assistant Clerk

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1.

<u>Name and Composition.</u> 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.

<u>Purpose.</u> 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.

<u>Officers.</u> 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.

<u>Meeting.</u> 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.

<u>Program.</u> It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to plan and carry out the program of the Association.

ARTICLE 9.

<u>Amendments.</u> This Constitution may be altered or amended at any Quarterly Meeting or Annual session of this Association by a twothirds 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.



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 Missouri 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.

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