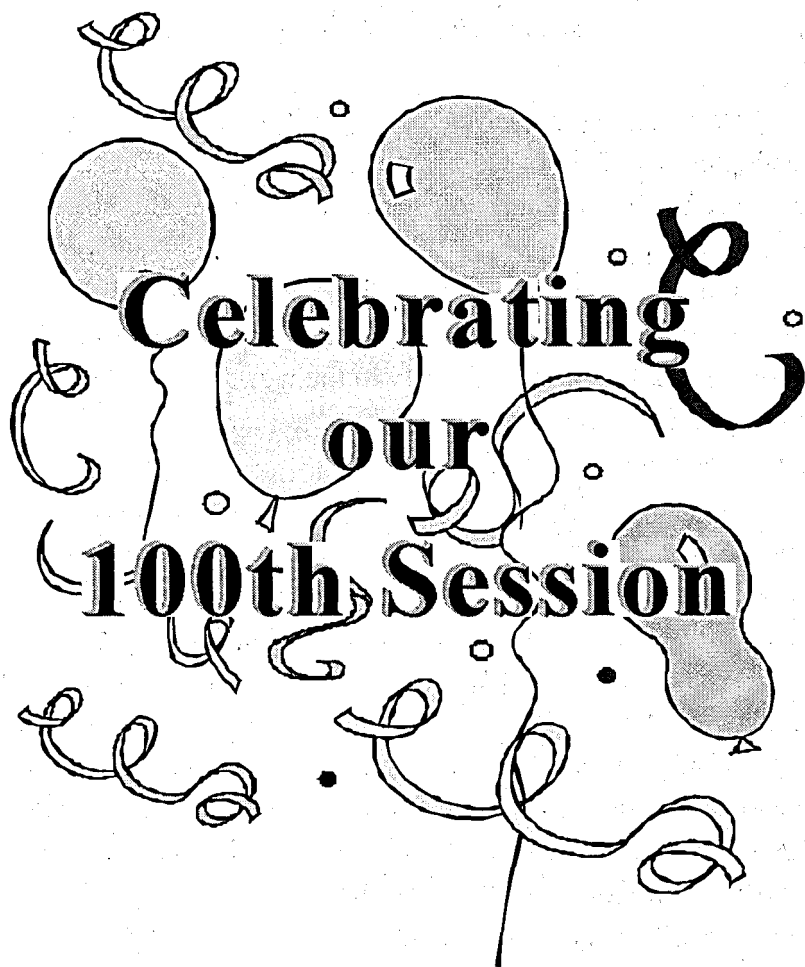


Minutes  
of the  
100<sup>th</sup> Session  
of the  
Central Western  
Mo. Association  
of  
Free Will Baptist



The 101<sup>st</sup> Session of the  
Central Western Missouri Association of  
Free Will Baptist will meet at the  
Stockton Free Will Baptist Church in  
Stockton, Mo. on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 9 a.m.

# 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.

# Central Western Missouri Association of Free Will Baptist

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

Rev. Warren Hall, Pastor

June 9, 2007

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

Our congregational songs were *Victory in Jesus* and *I Would Not Be Denied*. The offering was taken and we were reminded that the next Quarterly Meeting will be at Verdella Free Will Baptist Church September 8, 2007 at 7 p.m.

Bro. Warren Hall brought the following report from the General Board of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist. The state wants the representatives to pass on information thru e-mail. Moderator Chris Bearden asked for each church to provide him with an e-mail address.

Bro. Gene Howell from Raymore, Missouri brought the message from I Kings 18-38 titled "Our God is a consuming fire."

We were dismissed in prayer and refreshments were served.

*Submitted by*  
*Leana Johnston, Clerk*

# Minutes of meeting at Verdella Free Will Baptist Church, Liberal, Missouri

Rev. Randy Sprenkle, Pastor

September 8, 2007

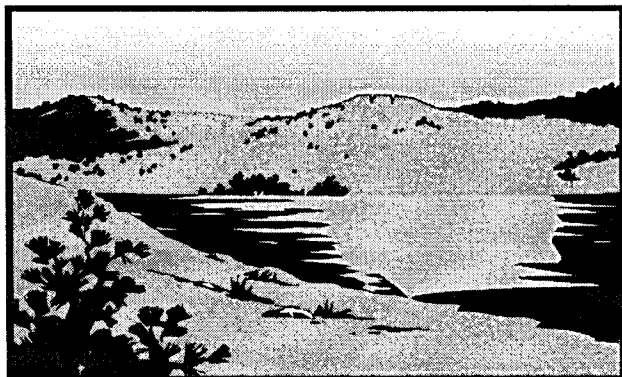
Moderator Chris Bearden called our meeting to order.  
There was no business.

Our congregational songs were *Standing on the Promises* and *There is Power in the Blood*. The offering was taken and we were reminded that the next Quarterly Meeting will be at Bethel Free Will Baptist Church December 1, 2007 at 7 p.m.

Bro. Glenn Murray, from Hannon Free Will Baptist Church, brought the message from Job 22:21-30.

Raymond Kalm asked the blessing on the refreshments and dismissed in prayer.

*Submitted by*  
*Leana Johnston, Clerk*



# Minutes of meeting at Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, El Dorado Springs, Missouri

Rev. Dennis Johnston, Pastor

December 1, 2007

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

Our congregational songs were *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*, *Silent Night* and *O Little Town of Bethlehem*. The offering was taken and we were reminded that the next Quarterly Meeting will be at Hannon Free Will Baptist Church March 15, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

Bro. Buck Dickey from the Nevada Free Will Baptist Church brought the message titled "A 3D View of the Church."

We were dismissed and refreshments were served.

*Submitted by*  
*Leana Johnston, Clerk*



**CENTRAL WESTERN**  
**Mo. Association of Free Will Baptist**  
**Annual Session**  
*Convened at 9 am, Saturday, March 15, 2008*  
*Hannon Free Will Baptist Church, Liberal, Missouri*

**OFFICERS**

Moderator..... Rev. Chris Bearden  
Assistant Moderator..... Rev. Bob Dickey  
Clerk/Treasurer..... Linda Hall  
Asst. Clerk/Treasurer..... Barb Hopkins  
State General Board Member.....Rev. Warren Hall  
Itinerant Missionary Contact..... Leana Johnston  
Historians ..... Bob and Dorothy Dickey

**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

## **CHURCH PASTORS and Clerks**

### **Bethel Free Will Baptist, 417-876-6459**

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Rev. Dennis Johnston, 417-876-2451

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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

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Rev. Glenn Murray, 417-843-5664

P.O. Box 13, Liberal, MO 64762

*Clerk: Angela Moreno, 417-843-5358*

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No pastor.

*Clerk: Glenna Stackhouse, 816-899-2219*

12305 East 299 St., Archie, MO, 64725

### **Nevada Free Will Baptist, 417-549-6383**

1030 South Clay, Nevada, MO 64772

Bro. Buck Dickey, Pastor

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**Oskaloosa Free Will Baptist, 417-843-5617**

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Rev. Chris Bearden, 417-843-5617

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*Clerk: Kendra Bearden, 417-843-5617*

204 N. Denton, Liberal, MO, 64762

**Stockton Free Will Baptist, 417-276-3690**

P.O. Box 251, Stockton, MO 65785

Rev. Warren Hall, 417-876-6467

5385 East 350 Road, El Dorado Springs, MO 64744

*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

531 N. W Hwy., Lamar, MO 64759

*Clerk: Gayla Charlton, 417-843-4255*

P.O. Box 154, Liberal, MO 64762

## **REGISTRATION**

**Deacons:** Lural Mays, *Bethel*; Brent Thompson, *Hannon*; Roger Phillips, Charles Whitson and Marty Warner, *Verdella*.

### **Delegates:**

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

*Greenfield:* Betty Crutcher, Vicky Turner and

Lucille Franklin.

*Hannon:* Dorothy Dickey, Barb Hopkins, B.J. Morgan and Virginia Hoover.

*Nevada:* Gretchen Dickey.

*Stockton:* Linda Hall, Harold Cross.

*Verdella:* Doris Whitson.

## Ministers:

*Oskaloosa:* Rev. Chris Bearden.

*Hannon:* Rev. Glenn E. Murray.

*Stockton:* Rev. Warren Hall.

*Verdella:* Rev. Randy Sprenkle.

*Nevada:* Buck (Daniel) Dickey

*Greenfield:* Rev. Joe Turner.

*Bethel:* Rev. Scott Roe.

*Hannon:* Rev. Bob Dickey.

**Visitors:** Shirley Yokley, Jan Cross, Alice Hoover and  
Ruth Elaine Foger

## CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI ASSOCIATION Saturday Morning Proceedings:

The 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Central Western Missouri Association of Free Will Baptist convened with the Hannon Free Will Baptist Church.

Bro. Marty Warner opened with prayer. With Barb Hopkins on the piano, we were led in congregational singing by Sister Cindi Thompson singing *Sweet, Sweet Spirit* and *The Family of God*.

The Assistant Clerk, Barb Hopkins, then read the church letters for delegates to be seated.

Bro. Lural Mays presented the Executive Board Financial Report. Motion and second to accept. The motion carried.

Bro. Daniel (Buck) Dickey dismissed in prayer, and we had a 15-minute break.

After reassembling in the sanctuary, Bro. Chris Bearden appointed the committees:

*Business Committee:* Lural Mays, Marty Warner & Randy Sprenkle.

*Ministerial Standing Committee:* Roger Phillips, Brent Thompson, Nancy Mays & Lucille Franklin.

*Obituary Committee:* Doris Whitson, Beulah Chism, Gretchen Dickey & Linda Hall.

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*Nominating Committee:* Charles Whitson, Virginia Hoover, Vickie Turner & Scott Roe.

The morning offering was taken by Bro. Glenn Murray and Charles Whitson. The Victorymen then presented their music ministry.

**CENTRAL WESTERN ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD  
Financial Report – 2007**

	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$4,678.69</b>
<b>INCOME:</b>	Offerings	\$608.35
	Interest	<u>23.31</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>		<b>\$631.66</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	Foreign Missions	162.50
	Home Missions	162.75
	Krystal Coatney	500.00
	Jonathan Hall	500.00
	Gene Howe	<u>115.00</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>		<b>\$1,440.25</b>
	<b>ENDING BALANCE:</b>	<b>\$3,870.10</b>

**CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI ASSOCIATION  
CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORT**

**January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006**

<b>Balance Brought Forward .....</b>	<b>\$1,063.98</b>
<b>Receipts:</b>	
Association Dues (Budget money) .....	\$1,000.00
Offering .....	<u>186.00</u>
<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>\$1,186.00</b>
<b>BALANCE: .....</b>	<b>\$2,249.98</b>
<b>Disbursements:</b>	
United States Postal Service .....	\$ 8.20
Mo. State Assoc. of FWB .....	700.00
Star Graphics .....	102.00
Clerk Honorarium .....	<u>100.00</u>
<b>Total Disbursements: .....</b>	<b>\$910.20</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCE .....</b>	<b>\$1,339.78</b>

# CENTRAL WESTERN DISTRICT WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST

*Convened at Hannon Free Will Baptist Church,  
Liberal, Missouri  
at 11:00 a.m. March 15, 2008*

## Morning Session

Session was opened with congregational singing *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* and prayer by Cindi Thompson.

President, Cindi Thompson, called us to order.

Linda Hall gave the District WAC Treasurer's report. Motion and second to accept the report. Motion carried.

The Ladies Retreat will be held September 19-20, 2008 at the Clarion in Springfield. The theme this year is "What NOT to Wear." Each group is to decorate a box like a brick as the project is "Building for the Future – One Brick at a Time."

Officers were elected as followed:

President: Cindi Thompson

Vice-President: Leana Johnston

Secretary: Rachel Miller

Treasurer: Linda Hall

Member at Large: Dorothy Dickey

Sister Cindi Thompson then sang a special – *Except for Grace*. This ended the Women's session and was turned back over to Bro. Chris Bearden.

Bro. Chris asked our State Executive Director, Bro. Gary Fry, and our State Mission Board Director, Frank Webster, to give their reports.

Bro. Gary Fry gave a quick breakdown on the status of State, National and International Missions. Frank Webster also gave a short outline on Missions, which is to "OBEY, LOVE and GO out to all the world and preach the Gospel."

We were dismissed in prayer and blessing on noon meal by Bro. Randy Sprenkle.

# Central Western District Auxiliary Treasurer's Report

January 1 - December 31, 2007

Prepared by Linda Hall

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

lfhall6@hotmail.com

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<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>							<b>\$365.69</b>
<b>CHURCH AUXILIARY:</b>	<b>Bethel</b>	<b>Greenfield</b>	<b>Hannon</b>	<b>Stockton</b>	<b>Verdella</b>	<b>Total Membership</b>	
<b>MEMBERS</b>	17	0	0	4	0	21	
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>							
<i>Association Offering</i>							<b>\$363.00</b>
<i>Fall Auction</i>							<b>\$1,152.00</b>
<i>Designated Receipts</i>	1,047.75	0	1,170.00	653.00	0		<b>2,870.75</b>
<i>District Membership Dues</i>	4.25	0	0	1.00	0		<b>\$5.25</b>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPT</b>							<b>\$4,391.00</b>
<b>BALANCE:</b>							<b>\$4,756.69</b>
<b>Disbursements:</b>	<b>Bethel</b>	<b>Greenfield</b>	<b>Hannon</b>	<b>Stockton</b>	<b>Verdella</b>	<b>District</b>	
<b>Camp Niangua Dorms</b>	0	0	265.00	0	0	0	265.00
<b>Coatney, Krystal</b>	0	0	0	0	0	363.00	363.00
<b>E-Team:</b>							
<b>Brooklyn Holland</b>	0	0	100.00	0	0	0	100.00
<b>Fall Auction: Monet</b>							
<b>Mission/Panama Seminary</b>	0	0	0	50.00	0	1152.00	1,202.00
<b>Mo. WAC Project:</b>							
<b>Dan Booth</b>	0	0	200.00	0	0	0	200.00
<b>Mo. WAC Project:</b>							
<b>Show-Me Plan</b>	0	0	0	180.00	0	0	180.00
<b>Mo. WAC Project:</b>							
<b>Terry Burke</b>	0	0	0	180.00	0	0	180.00
<b>Mo. WAC Project:</b>							
<b>WNAC</b>	180.00	0	0	0	0	0	180.00
<b>Show-Me Plan</b>	480.00	0	495.00	0	0	0	975.00
<b>SC FWB Children's Home</b>	0	0	0	180.00	0	0	180.00
<b>WNAC</b>	120.00	0	110.00	0	0	0	230.00
<b>WNAC/Mo. WAC Dues</b>	267.75	0	0	63.00	0	0	330.75
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,047.75</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,170.00</b>	<b>653.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,515.00</b>	<b>4,385.75</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCE:</b>							<b>\$370.94</b>

# **CENTRAL WESTERN Mo. Association of Free Will Baptist Annual Session**

## **Saturday Afternoon**

The business session was begun with prayer by Alice Hoover.

The Victorymen again presented their music ministry.

### **Business Committee Report:**

We, the Business Committee, recommend:

1. Giving the youth in our Association going on Mission trips this summer \$200 each from the Association Executive Board account. Those known that are going are: Sienna Morrow (Spain), Wade Sprenkle (to Truth and Peace as a 101) and Bethany Sprenkle (to Truth and Peace as a 401).
2. We give the Victorymen \$100. from the Central Western Association account plus the offering.
3. That the Nevada Free Will Baptist Church joins our Association.

*Submitted by*

*Charles W. Whitson, Dennis Johnston, Randy Sprenkle*

Motion and second to receive the report. 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 Rev. Scott Roe.  
*Greenfield FWB Church:* Rev. Joe Turner. *Hannon FWB Church:* Rev. Glenn Murray and Rev. Bob Dickey. *Oskaloosa FWB Church:* Rev. Chris and Rev. Hollis Walker. *Stockton FWB Church:* Rev. Warren Hall. *Verdella FWB Church:* Rev. Randy Sprenkle.

The committee found these in good standing with our association.

*Submitted by  
Roger Phillips, Lucille Franklin, Brent Thompson and Nancy Mays*

Motion and second to receive the report. Motion carried.

### MINISTER'S REPORT

NAME	Churches Pastored	Sermons	Additions to Church	Professions	Baptisms	Weddings	Funerals	Miles Traveled	Money Received
Rev. Chris Bearden	1	75	2	1	0	0	1	1,500	\$12,000.
Rev. Bob Dickey	0	29	NA		1	1	7	2,600	\$16.
Rev. Warren Hall	1	100	2	0	0	0	1	2,580	\$13,000.
Rev. Dennis Johnston	1	96	0	16	1	0	2	2,610	\$8,441.
Rev. Glenn Murray	2	105	18	22	11	1	15	25,000	\$20,000.
Rev. Randy Sprenkle	1	67	0	7	7	0	3	-	\$6,000.
Rev. Joe Turner	1	95	0	0	0	0	2	10,000	\$7,650.

### Obituary Committee Report

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

Hickory Grove F.W.B. Church: Charles P. Stackhouse

Stockton F.W.B. Church: Velma Thornton

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

*Respectfully submitted by  
Doris Whitson, Linda Hall, Beula Chism and Gretchen Dickey*

Motion and second to receive the report. Motions carried. We had a moment of silent meditation for the departed and prayer by Bro. Warren Hall.

### Nominating Committee Report:

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

Moderator: Chris Bearden

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Asst. Moderator: Bob Dickey  
Clerk/Treasurer: Linda Hall  
Asst. Clerk/Treasurer: Barb Hopkins  
State General Board Member: Warren Hall  
Itinerant Missionary Contact: Leana Johnston  
Historians: Dorothy & Bob Dickey

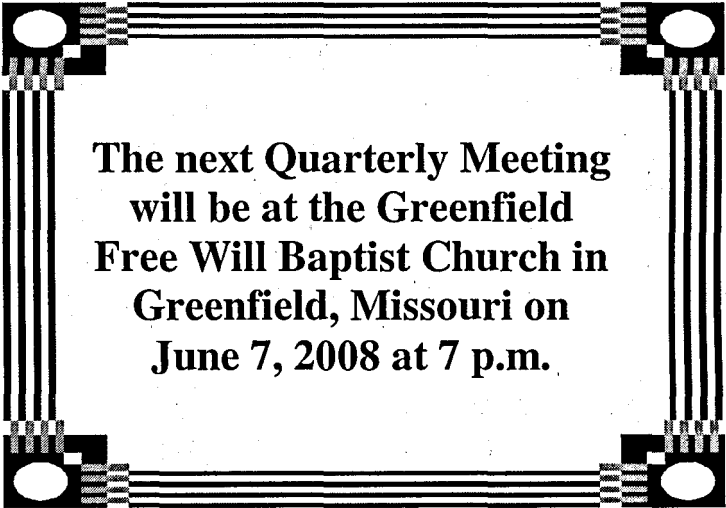
*Submitted by  
Roger Phillips, Virginia Hoover, Vicki Turner and Scott Roe*

Motion and second to accept this report. Motion carried.

Bro. Chris Bearden then presented a Certificate of Ordination to Bro. Scott Roe and a Certificate of License to Bro. Daniel (Buck) Dickey.

Bro. Chris Bearden read several histories of individual churches. Bro. Dee York presented to our new Historians, Bob & Dorothy Dickey, a ledger handwritten by his father, William Henery York, of the Southwest Missouri/Southeast Kansas Association's 1926, 1927 and 1928 meetings.

We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Lural Mays.



**The next Quarterly Meeting  
will be at the Greenfield  
Free Will Baptist Church in  
Greenfield, Missouri on  
June 7, 2008 at 7 p.m.**



# 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.

**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.



## 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 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>.

## **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 Baptists.

*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 Baptists.

### **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