



Minutes
of the
101st Session
of the
Central Western
Mo. Association
of
Free Will Baptist
at
Stockton
Free Will Baptist
Church
Stockton, Missouri





The 102nd Session of the
Central Western Missouri Association of
Free Will Baptist will meet at the
Verdella Free Will Baptist Church in
Liberal, Mo. on March 13th, 2010 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 Greenfield Free Will Baptist Church, Greenfield, Missouri

Rev. Joe Turner, Pastor

June 21, 2008

Our meeting was opened by taking prayer request. Bro. Bob Dickey led in prayer.

Our congregational songs were: *To God Be The Glory, This Is My Father's World* and *Victory In Jesus* led by Lucille Franklin.

The offering was received.

Bro. Warren Hall gave a report of the General Board Meeting. There will be a marriage conference in November. L.A.M.B will be providing on line classes. Our International Missions Program is changing , look for further information on this. Carol and Jerry Pinkerton are home but not retired yet. They will retire on January 2009.

The business brought up was Oskaloosa and Verdella Executive board members that expired. Oskaloosa had none. Verdella had not responded so no action was taken.

Our speaker was Bro. Buck Dickey on Successful Evangelism. His scripture was Eph. 2:1-3. He had 3 steps: 1-Pray, 2-Study and 3-Apply.

Our next meeting will be at Hannon on September 6 at 7 p.m.

We were dismissed in prayer with blessing asked on the refreshments.

*Submitted by
Linda Hall, Clerk*

**Minutes of meeting at Hannon Free Will Baptist Church,
Liberal, Missouri**

No Pastor

September 6, 2008

Bro. Bob Dickey, our Assistant Moderator, called our meeting to order. He asked Bro. Glenn Murray to lead us in prayer. The congregational songs were *This Is My Father's World, When We All Get To Heaven* and *Sweet, Sweet Spirit*.

Our offering was received and will go to our speaker, Bro. Stan Bunch. The scripture was Philippians 4:10-20. Is this promise for all or some? We want our churches to be outwardly focused. The church in these scriptures was suffering – yet they helped with Paul's needs. The church belongs to Jesus and we need to listen to HIM. He gave 5 points to ensure our church is reaching out to others: 1-To develop a genuine concern for others. 2-Pray for the lost, be full of care for others. 3-Remain committed to world evangelism. 4. The people in churches that are actively involved in reaching out are blessed. 5-Have a desire to serve God wholly and with a Godly character for other to see.

Are we outwardly focused Christians? May God help us to be.

Bro. Lural Mays asked the blessing on the refreshments and dismissed us with prayer.

*Submitted by
Linda Hall, Clerk*



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

Bro. Buck (Daniel) Dickey, Pastor

December 6, 2008

Moderator Chris Bearden called our meeting to order and led us in prayer.

Our congregational songs were *Trust and Obey*, *What a Day That Will Be* and *We Gather Together*. We had special music by Shel Dreyer and Katie Evans singing *Go Tell It On The Mountain*. Lynette Emmerson sang *I Miss My Time With You*.

Bro. Stan Bunch brought the message. He spoke on: The doctrine of unconditional eternal security and how Free Will Baptist are unique. His message text was I John 5:11-13.

Bro. Warren Hall gave a report of the General Board Meeting.

The Executive Board met following the services.

Bro. Brent Emmerson dismissed us in prayer and asked blessings on our refreshments.

*Submitted by
Linda Hall, Clerk*



CENTRAL WESTERN

Mo. Association of Free Will Baptist Annual Session

*Convened at 9 am, Saturday, March 14, 2009
Stockton Free Will Baptist Church, Stockton, 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.....	Dennis 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
Nevada.....	None, 2010
Oskaloosa.....	None, 2011
Stockton.....	None, 2011
Verdella.....	None, 2011

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REGISTRATION

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

Delegates:

Bethel: Beula Chism and Nancy Mays.

Greenfield: Vicky Turner.

Hannon: Dorothy Dickey, Rebecca Nutting, and Cindi Thompson.

Nevada: Gretchen Dickey and Davie Evans.

Stockton: Linda Hall and Harold Cross.

Oskaloosa: Kendra Bearden

Verdella: Doris Whitson and Ionia Phillips

Ministers:

Bethel: Rev. Dennis Johnston.

Greenfield: Rev. Joe Turner.

Hannon: Bro. Robert Nutting and Rev. Bob Dickey.

Nevada: Bro. Buck (Daniel) Dickey.

Oskaloosa: Rev. Chris Bearden.

Stockton: Rev. Warren Hall.

Rev. Frank Webster, Mo. FWB Missions

Rev. Stan Bunch, Panama

Rev. Bruce Moore, Mt. Grove, MO

Visitors: Betty Selvey, Hannon; Colleen Howard, Winnie Lira, Lonva Hall and Bonnie Stapert, Stockton and Gary Whitson, Verdella

CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI ASSOCIATION Saturday Morning Proceedings:

The 101st Annual Session of the Central Western Missouri Association of Free Will Baptist was called to order and our clerk declared a quorum present. The church letters were read. A motion was made to seat the delegates. The motions was seconded and carried.

Bro. Lural Mays gave the Executive Board's financial report. Motion was made to accept the report. It was seconded and motions carried.

We were dismissed for a break so our moderator could assign committees. Kendra Bearden dismissed us in prayer.

After our break, we had a congregational song: *I Love to Tell the Story*. We then turned the service over to our speaker, Bro. Frank Webster. He shared that missions are changing. The Show Me Plan may be put into an international general fund beginning in 2010 that will support all our Missouri missionaries. If this passes at the State Meeting, 30% will go to State Missionaries, 10% to National Missionaries and 60% to International Missionaries. All

of these must have some tie with the state of Missouri. The offering was received and Bro. Bearden appointed Committees as follows:

Business Committee: Lural Mays, Brent Thompson, Harold Cross, Vicki Turner and Buck Dickey.

Ministerial Standing Committee: Roger Phillips, Davie Evans, Warren Hall and Mary Warner.

Obituary Committee: Doris Whitson, Kendra Bearden, Rebecca Nutting and Dorothy Dickey.

Nominating Committee: Bob Dickey, Charles Whitson, Cindy Thompson, Nancy Mays, Joe Turner and Dennis Johnston.

The Clerk's financial report was given. Motion and second to accept the report. Motion carried.

The morning was then turned over to the Central Western District Women Active for Christ

CENTRAL WESTERN ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD Financial Report – 2008

	Beginning Balance	\$3,870.10
INCOME:	Offerings	\$411.57
	Interest	<u>14.18</u>
TOTAL INCOME:		\$425.75
EXPENSES:	Foreign Missions-Bunch	347.57
	Verdella –Youth Trips	<u>600.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES:		\$947.57
	ENDING BALANCE:	\$3,348.28



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

January 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008

Balance Brought Forward	\$1,339.78
Receipts:	
Association Dues (Budget money)	\$979.00
Offering	355.00
Total Receipts	<u>\$1,334.00</u>
BALANCE:	\$2,673.78
Disbursements:	
Victorymen	\$ 455.00
Mo. State Assoc. of FWB	700.00
LNC Printing	105.20
Clerk Honorarium	<u>100.00</u>
Total Disbursements:	\$1,360.20
ENDING BALANCE	\$1,313.5

**CENTRAL WESTERN DISTRICT
WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST**

*Convened at Stockton Free Will Baptist Church,
Stockton, Missouri
at 11:00 a.m. March 14, 2009*

Morning Session

The Central Western Auxiliary Session was opened with prayer by President, Cindi Thompson. The congregation joined us in singing 2 hymns, *He Lifted Me* and *Joy Unspeakable*.

Cindi Thompson announced the Nominating Committee with one member from each auxiliary selected to serve on this committee. The nominating committee members are: Beulah Chism - Bethel, Betty Selvey - Hannon and Doris Whitson - Verdella. This committee met during break to come up with their list of suggested nominees for officers for the coming year.

The Woman's retreat which is to be held September 25th and 26th was discussed. The missionaries that will be our project for the retreat are David and Kendra Dodson.

Our State projects for 2009 were Show Me Plan - \$3,000, WNAC - \$3,000 and Scott Chatham - \$3,000. The 2010 projects

that start in January are Show Me Plan - \$3,000, WNAC - \$3,000, David & Kendra Dodson (Urquay) - \$1,500 and Nate & Jenna Altom (Pennsylvania) - \$1,500.

We were glad to welcome Brenda Bunch as our guest speaker for the service.

Brenda recognized Brooke and Zander Bearden for being here. Brenda also thanked each WAC for their gifts during the year. She spoke on the blessings that we receive for giving to missions. How the Lord keeps on blessing those who keep on giving. She also wanted us to know they try to communicate needs that they have through their newsletter.

We need to have our self-esteem through Jesus – He designed each of us as we are. We are an extension of the local church. We are the ones who are helping to plant churches, evangelize, disciple, train and teach Bible clubs and lead children ministries. She reminded us of all God has done until we get to heaven. Lives are changed because we prayed and gave. They had prayed for this new church for 21 years and wondered if it would ever be a reality, but in God's time it was. His time not ours. James 5:16. Prayer can make a difference. Is it worth it all?

An offering was taken for Brenda.

Our morning session was closed by singing *Footsteps of Jesus* and in prayer by Becky Nutting.

CWDWAC Afternoon Session

After the break Linda Hall gave the treasurer's report. Motion was made to accept the report. This was seconded and the motion carried.

The Nominating committee came back with these suggestions for new officers:

Cindi Thompson - President,
Rebecca Nutting - Vice-President
Linda Hall - Treasurer
Rachel Miller - Secretary.

These were presented to the body, voted on and accepted as the new officers.

Central Western District WAC Treasurer's Report

January 1 - December 31, 2008

Prepared by Linda Hall

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BEGINNING BALANCE							\$370.94
CHURCH AUXILIARY:	Bethel	Greenfield	Hannon	Stockton	Verdella	Total Membership	
MEMBERS	12	0	8	2	10	32	
RECEIPTS:							
<i>Association Offering</i>							<i>CWD WAC & CWMAFWB offerings received together for the Victormen -- on Clerk's Report</i>
<i>Fall Auction</i>							\$1,200.00
<i>Designated Receipts</i>	1,074.00	50.00	886.00	791.20	157.50		2,958.70
<i>District Membership Dues</i>	3.00	0	2.00	.50	2.50		8.00
TOTAL RECEIPT							\$4,166.70
BALANCE:							\$4,537.64
Disbursements:	Bethel	Greenfield	Hannon	Stockton	Verdella	District	
Alice Lupton	40.00	0	0	0	0	0	40.00
State Home Missions							
Alpha House	0	0	0	50.00	0	0	50.00
Pregnancy Ctr.							
Back to School Fair	0	0	0	25.00	0	0	25.00
Fall Auction:							
Kendra & David Dodson	0	0	0	50.00	0	1,200.00	1,250.00
International Missions	0	50.00	0	0	0	0	50.00
Emphasis Month							
Laura B. Barnard Off.	0	0	0	129.70	0	0	129.70
Show-Me Plan	520.00	0	540.00	180.00	0	0	1,240.00
Terry Burke	0	0	100.00	0	0	0	100.00
USPS	0	0	0	0	0	24.60	24.60
WAC State Project:							
Camp Niangua Dorms	90.00	0	0	85.00	0	0	175.00
WAC State Project:							
Show-Me Plan	0	0	0	190.00	0	0	190.00
WAC State Project:							
WNAC	105.00	0	0	25.00	0	0	130.00
WAC State Retreat							
Project: 20/20/20	0	0	0	25.00	0	0	25.00
WNAC	130.00	0	120.00	0	0	0	250.00
WNAC/ WAC State Dues	189.00	0	126.00	31.50	157.50	0	504.00
TOTALS	\$1074.00	\$50.00	\$886.00	\$791.20	\$157.50	\$1,224.60	\$4,183.30
ENDING BALANCE:							\$354.34

CENTRAL WESTERN
Mo. Association of Free Will Baptist
Annual Session

Saturday Afternoon

The business session was convened with prayer led by Rev. Dennis Johnston.

The following reports were given:

Business Committee Report:

We, the Business Committee, recommend:

1. That the morning offering goes to the Missouri Missions Account.
2. The afternoon offering go to Camp Niangua Youth Camp.
3. That \$350 be given to Stan and Brenda Bunch from the Executive Board funds.

Submitted by

*Lural Mays, Brent Thompson, Harold Cross,
Vicki Turner and Buck Dickey*

Motion and second to receive the report. Motion carried.

Ministerial Committee Report:

We, the Ministerial Standing Committee, have reviewed the minister's reports of the following:

Bethel FWB Church: Rev. Dennis Johnston.

Greenfield FWB Church: Rev. Joe Turner.

Hannon FWB Church: Rev. Bob Dickey.

Nevada FWB Church: Bro. Daniel (Buck) Dickey license be renewed.

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.

*Submitted by
Roger Phillips, Davie Evans, and Warren Hall*

Motion and second to receive the report. Motion carried.

MINISTER REPORTS

NAME	Churches Pastored	Sermons	Additions to Church	Professions	Baptisms	Weddings	Funerals	Miles Traveled	Money Received
Rev. Chris Bearden	1	83	0	1	1	1	1	6,500,	\$8,000.00
Rev. Bob Dickey	0	29	NA	0	3	0	7	0	\$2,400.00
Bro. Buck Dickey	1	70	3	15	3	0	0	0	\$5,500.00
Rev. Warren Hall	1	100	0	0	0	0	2	5,000	\$13,000.00
Rev. Dennis Johnston	1	103	0	0	0	0	3	3,035	\$8,160.00
Rev. Randy Sprenkle	1	60	9	3	3	1	3	0	0
Rev. Joe Turner	1	92	0	0	0	2	0	3,735	\$7,800.00

Obituary Committee Report

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

Stockton F.W.B. Church: Mary Pendergraph and
Rebecca White

Verdella F.W.B. Church: Lorraine Long

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

*Respectfully submitted by
Doris Whitson, Kendra Bearden, Rebecca Nutting
and Dorothy Dickey*

Motion and second to receive the report. Motion carried.

Nominating Committee Report:

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

Moderator: Rev. 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: Dennis Johnston
Historians: Dorothy & Bob Dickey

*Submitted by
Bob Dickey, Charles Whitson, Cindi Thompson, Nancy Mays,
Joe Turner, and Dennis Johnston*

Motion and second to accept this report. Motion carried.

Bro. Chris Bearden turned the service over to Rev. Stan Bunch. He shared about his mission works and encouraged us to work together to accomplish more.

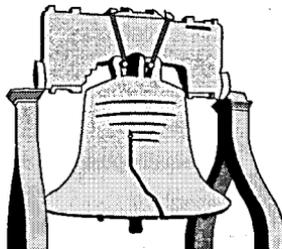
Rev. Bruce Moore was our afternoon speaker. He shared news from Camp Niangua Youth Camp. He challenged us with the statement, "Whatever you do, do it well." If we don't leave with anything else, leave with that thought.

He brought his message from the Song of Sol. 8:8-9. He shared 5 languages of love that people relate to. 1. Touch 2. Time 3. Gifts, 4. Talk and 5. Service.

Bro. Bob Dickey gave blessing on the offering received for the youth camp.

Our next Annual Meeting will be at the Verdella Free Will Baptist Church on March 12, 2010.

Charles Whitson dismissed us in prayer.



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 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