



Central Western Missouri Association of Free Will Baptist

The 103nd Session of the will meet at the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church in El Dorado Springs, Mo. on March 19th, 2011 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 Oskaloosa Free Will Baptist Church, Liberal, Missouri

Rev. Chris Bearden, Pastor

June 13, 2009

Since only the Stockton and Oskaloosa churches were represented, there was no quorum. The meeting was dismissed.

The blessing was asked on the refreshment and fellowship followed.

Submitted by Linda Hall, Clerk



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

Rev. Warren Hall, Pastor

September 12, 2009

Moderator Chris Bearden welcomed us and asked for prayer request. Prayer was offered by Robert Williams. Congregations songs were: *Sunshine In My Soul* and *It Won't Be Very Long*. Our offering was received with the offertory prayer by Rev. Bob Dickey.

Bro. Chris asked for each church to give a report of what God is doing in their churches. After those reports, Bro. Chris announced he has resigned from the Oskaloosa Church.

Bro. Gary Fry was our speaker. His sermon challenged us with 3 questions about our churches:

- Who are we who is the church of Jesus Christ?
 We are the Bride of Christ!
- What are we suppose to be doing?We are to bring glory to Christ and point others to Him.
- We are to bring giory to chirst and point others to Finn.What is the future of our church?Jesus is coming! He's coming for us!

The next meeting will be at Verdella on December 12.

The Walk-a-thon for missions will be on Oct. 10 in Nevada at the Walton Park.

We were dismissed by Bro. Chris Bearden with blessings on the refreshments.

Submitted by

Linda Hall, Clerk

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

Rev. Randy Sprenkle, Pastor

December 5, 2009

Moderator Chris Bearden welcomed us and we were led in prayer by Bro. Roger Phillips.

Our congregational songs were: Sunshine In My Soul and Open My Eyes That I May See. Our special music was by Lynette Emmerson: I Want to Stroll Over Heaven With You.

There was no business.

Our speaker was Rev. Frank Webster. He first spoke on the new set up of our Show-Me-Plan that will be starting on January 1, 2010.

His sermon covered the following points.

- 1. God loves you.
- 2. Who are you having a hard time forgiving?

 Are you having a hard time forgiving yourself? <u>He</u> forgives you.
- 3. He needs you...

To be men and women of righteousness. Seek out what you believe and share it with others.

Our offertory prayer was given by Bro. Bob Dickey.

Bro. Chris Bearden blessed our refreshment and dismissed us with prayer.

Submitted by Linda Hall, Clerk

CENTRAL WESTERN

Mo. Association of Free Will Baptist Annual Session

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Convened at 9 am, Saturday, March 13, 2009 Verdella 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	Rev. Dennis Johnston
Historians	Rev. Bob and Dorothy Dickey

EXECUTIVE AND HOME MISSION BOARD

Bethel	Lural Mays, 2012
Hannon	Brent Thompson, 2013
Nevada	
Oskaloosa	
Stockton	
Verdella	



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REGISTRATION

Deacons:

Lural Mays, Bethel;

Roger Phillips, Charles Whitson, Marty Warner and

Erik Miller, Verdella.

Delegates:

Bethel: Leanna Johnston, Beula Chism, Virginia Toliver and

Nancy Mays.

Hannon: Dorothy Dickey, Angela Moreno, Carlos Moreno

Nevada: Gretchen Dickey and Shel Dreyer.

Stockton: Linda Hall.

Oskaloosa: Kendra Bearden.

Verdella: Doris Whitson and Ionia Phillips.

Ministers:

Bethel: Rev. Dennis Johnston.

Hannon: Rev. Bob Dickey.

Nevada: Bro. Daniel (Buck) Dickey.

Oskaloosa: Rev. Chris Bearden.

Stockton: Rev. Warren Hall.

Visitors:

Ricky Fast, Alice Hoover.

Chelsea Johnston, Bethel.

Ionia Phillips, Doris Whitson, Tricia McKay and Gary Whitson, *Verdella*.

Carol & Jerry Pinkerton, 1st FWB Mtn. Grove.

Lucille Franklin & Betty Crutcher, Greenfield.

Gary Fry, State Office.

Gib Dreyer, Johnnie Dreyer, Dray Dickey, Gia Dickey, Nevada.

Virginia Hoover, Hannon.

CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI ASSOCIATION Saturday Morning Proceedings:

Moderator Rev. Chris Bearden called our 102nd Annual Session of the Central Western Missouri Association of Free Will Baptist to order. Congregational songs were: *To God Be the Glory* and *Surely Goodness and Mercy* led by Roger Phillips.

Clerk Linda Hall declared a quorum present and the church letters were read. Having only received Bethel, Stockton and Oskaloosa's letters, there was a discussion on why the others were not submitted. There was a verbal request from the Hannon Church that Virginia Bunton and Carlos Marino serve as delegates. They also requested that Rev. Bob Dickey receive a card of standing. It was suggested if the other churches could have their letters after the break that they might be accepted at that time. A motion was made to receive the letters and request that had been received and seat their delegates. The motion 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.

CENTRAL WESTERN ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD Financial Report – 2009

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	S: Foreign Missions:-Bunch L EXPENSES:	350.00 \$350.00	
	ENDING BALANCE:	\$3,205.30	

Sis. Linda Hall gave the Clerk's Report. Motion was made to accept the report. Motion was seconded and carried.

CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI ASSOCIATION CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORT

January 1, 2009 – December 31, 200)9
Balance Brought Forward	\$1,313.58
Receipts:	
Association Dues (Budget money)	\$1,081.00
Morning Offering	179.00
Afternoon Offering	
Total Receipts	\$1,448.50
BALANCE:	\$2,762.08
Disbursements:	
USPS	\$19.84
Mo. State Assoc. of FWB	800.00
Mo. State Assoc. of FWB	367.50
(\$179.50 for Stan Bunch & \$188.00 for Youth Car	np)
LNC Printing	
Clerk Honorarium	
Total Disbursements:	
ENDING BALANCE	\$1,395.99

We were dismissed for a break with prayer by Rev. Dennis Johnston.

After our break, we had a congregational song: *Blessed Assurance* led by Bro. Roger Phillips.

Bro. Chris asked Bro. Gary Fry to address us from the State Office. He shared his rejoicing over the giving in 2009 even though it was down some. He gave thanks to our churches for their Coop support.

Rev. Jerry Pinkerton was asked to address us for the Youth Camp. He shared there were going to be some changes in the rules: no cell phones (or must be left in vehicles) and the dress code WILL be enforced. We have the new girl's dorm... the shell of it at least. Funds are needed to finish it. 90 children came to our Lord last year at camp! A wonderful report.

For our International Missions, Bro. Jerry asked we get our class, kids and churches involved for the International Missions Offering in April. He asked we pray for our Missionaries. Some jobs had to be cut, salaries reduced and some churches closed. There may not be money to send some that are ready to leave for the field.

Bro. Chris Bearden asked for the remaining church letters to be submitted. The clerk read the Hannon FWB letter. Motion was made to accept the letter. Motion was seconded and carried. Verdella and Nevada's letters were submitted without the signature of their clerk. Motion was made to accept these letters with the agreement from the churches that the clerk's signature would be added later. Motion seconded and carried.

The committees were appointed as follows: **Business Committee:** Lural Mays, Chairman; Daniel Dickey,
Erick Miller, Dennis Johnston and Gretchen Dickey. **Ministerial Standing Committee:** Charles Whitson, Chairman;

Cindi Thompson, Beula Chism and Charles Moreno. **Obituary Committee:** Virginia Hoover, Chairman; Shel Dreyer

Obituary Committee: Virginia Hoover, Chairman; Shel Dreyer and Angela Moreno.

Nominating Committee: Bob Dickey, Chairman, Marty Werner, Nancy Mays and Roger Phillips.

Our morning session was dismissed with prayer.

CENTRAL WESTERN DISTRICT WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST

Convened at Verdella Free Will Baptist Church, Liberal, Missouri at 11:00 a.m. March 13, 2010

Morning Session

The Central Western WAC Session was opened with prayer by President, Cindi Thompson. The congregation joined us in singing. Leanna Johnston opened our session with prayer.

Our special music was given by Cindi Thompson: *The King Is Coming*.

Sis. Cindi appointed the Nominating Committee with one member from each auxiliary selected to serve on this committee. They were: Iona Phillips, Virginia Hoover, Linda Hall and Beula Chism. She then turned our meeting over to our speaker, Sis. Carol Pinkerton.

Sis. Carol took her scripture form Psalms 23. She reminded us..."Sheep are dump." They need a shepherd to watch out for them... Remember the 99 that were in the fold? One was missing and the shepherd cared enough to leave them and go looking for that one until it had been found. She reminded us we need to watch out for the 'What ifs' and the 'How'lls' in our lives. They can entangle us.

Special music was offered by Shel Dreyer and Lynette Emmerson: *What We Needed*.

Sis. Cindi offered blessings on our pot luck lunch and dismissed our morning session.

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Afternoon Session

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

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Central Western District WAC Treasurer's Report

January 1 - December 31, 2009

Prepared by Linda Hall 5385 E. 350 Rd., El Dorado Springs, Mo. 64744 lfhall6@hotmail.com 417-876-6467

BEGINNING BALANCE \$354.34

CHURCH AUXILIARY:	Bethel	Hannon	Stockton	Verdella	Total Membership	
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The Nominating committee reported there were no members willing to take offices except Linda Hall for the treasurers' position. Sis. Cindi asked for a motion that we nominate and so elect her. Motions was made, seconded and carried. We were encouraged to seek members to fill the President, Vice-President and Secretary positions and to let Linda know of any willing to serve.

We were dismissed in prayer.

CENTRAL WESTERN Mo. Association of Free Will Baptist Annual Session

Saturday Afternoon

Our business session was opened with special music by Shel Dreyer and a reading by Beula Chism.

Business Committee Report:

We the Business Committee, recommend:

- 1. The afternoon offering go to the Youth Camp Girls Dorm.
- 2. We take \$350 from the Executive board account to go to Warren and Linda Hall for help with their expenses with Jonathan.
- 3. Upon a request from the 1st Kansas Quarterly Assoc. concerning Rev. Derl Hicks for a letter of recommendation that although he has been out of the association longer than a year and so does not have a card of good standing at the present time, that we send them a letter of recommendation from Central Western Missouri Association.

Submitted by,
Lural Mays, Daniel Dickey, Erik Miller,
Dennis Johnston and Gretchen 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.

Hannon FWB Church: Rev. Bob Dickey.

Oskaloosa FWB Church: Rev. Chris Bearden

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

Charles Whitson, Cindi Thompson, Beula Chism and Carlos Moreno

Motion and second to receive the report. The motion carried.

MINISTER REPORTS

NAME	Churches Pastored	Sermons	Additions to Church	Professions	Baptisms	Weddings	Funerals	Miles Traveled	Money Received
Rev. Chris Bearden	1	92	0	5	5	0	0	1,100	\$8,500.00
Rev. Bob Dickey	1	31	0	7	7	2	6	3,000	\$0
Bro. Buck Dickey	1	60	7	2	5	0	1	200	\$5,000.00
Rev. Warren Hall	1	96	0	0	0	0	2	2,000	\$13,000.00
Rev. Dennis Johnston	1	75	0	0	0	4	1	2,026	\$8,160.00
Rev. Randy Sprenkle	1	55	0	0	4	0	0	0	0

Obituary Committee Report

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

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Bethel F.W.B.: Luke Gardner

Hannon F.W.B.: Betty Selvey and Bob Hopkins

Oskaloosa F.W.B.: Roy Yokley

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

Respectfully submitted by Virginia Hoover, Shel Dreyer and Angela Moreno

Nominating Committee Report:

We, the Nominating Committee, nominate the following for

office:

Moderator: Rev. Chris Bearden Asst. Moderator: Bob Dickey Clerk/Treasurer: Linda Hall

Asst. Clerk/Treasurer: Barb Hopkins

Itinerant Missionary Contact: Dennis Johnston

Historians: Dorothy & Bob Dickey

We nominate the following for the Executive and Home Mission Board:

Bethel F.W.B.: Lural Mays to expire in 2012

Hannon F.W.B.: Brent Thompson to expire in 2013

Nevada F.W.B.: Paul Dreyer to expire in 2013

Submitted by,

Bob Dickey, Marty Werner, Nancy Mays and Roger Phillips

Motion and second to accept this report. Motion carried.

Our next Quarterly Meeting will be at Bethel F.W.B. on June 5, 2010. Our Annual Association Meeting will be at Bethel F.W.B. on March 19, 2011.

We stood to thank Verdella F.W.B. for hosting our Association Meeting. Our business session was dismissed with prayer by Bob Dickey. Services were turned over to Rev. Jerry Pinkerton.

Bro. Jerry took his scripture from Matthew 21:44. Christ's return will be a sudden experience! In the twinkling of an eye – the speed of light...

He told us we need to use our church bank accounts for Christ – NOW! Don't hoard it.

Our offering was received and will be split between the Central Western Missouri Association and the Central Western Women Active for Christ. The Association offering will go to the Youth Camp girls dorm and The WAC parts went to Carol our speaker. She asked that it be sent to the Youth Camp for the girls' dorm as well.

Bro. Buck Dickey 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.

<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.

<u>Discipline.</u> 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.