

**Minutes of the 103rd
Session of the
Central Western Missouri
Association
of Free Will Baptist**



at
Bethel
Free Will Baptist Church
El Dorado Springs, Missouri

Theme:
**The Coming King and
Conqueror**
Rev. 19:11-15



**The 104th Session of the
Central Western Missouri
Association of Free Will Baptist
will meet at the
Hannon Free Will Baptist Church in
Liberal, Mo. on
March 17th, 2012 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 Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, El Dorado Springs, Missouri

Rev. Dennis Johnston, Pastor

June 5, 2010

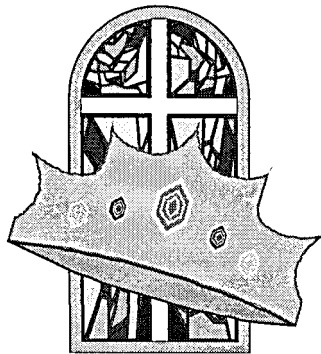
Bro. Dennis Johnston called us to order. He asked Beula Chism to lead in prayer. Our congregational songs were: *Nothing But The Blood* and *I'll Be Satisfied*.

There was no business and neither the Moderator nor his assistant was present.

Bro. Warren Hall talked about the State Meeting and the Support Walk for missions.

Our next meeting will be at Hannon F. W. B. Church on September 11. Lural Mays led us in blessings on the refreshment and dismissed with prayer

*Submitted by
Linda Hall, Clerk*



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

No Pastor

September 11, 2010

Moderator Chris Bearden called our meeting to order and asked for prayer request. Prayer was offered by Bro. Bob Dickey. Our congregational songs were: *He Touched Me*, *Without Him* and *What a Day That Will Be*.

Our offertory prayer was given by Marty Werner and the offering was received.

Bro. Chris asked for each church to give a report of their churches.

Bro. Frank Webster reported Bro. Gary Fry is walking some with help. He may be able to come home in mid October. He then updated us on our upcoming state works.

Bro. Dennis Johnston shared information for the Support Walk that will be held on October 15 – 16 at Walton Park in Nevada. On the 15th at 7 p.m., Jennifer Stogsdale will speak to us at the Nevada F. W. B. Church. Saturday the walk will start at 8 a.m. At 11 a.m., we will have a morning service at the church followed by a potluck lunch.

Our next quarterly meets December 4 at the Nevada FWB Church at 7 p.m.

Blessing was asked and we were dismissed in prayer by Marty Werner.

*Submitted by
Linda Hall, Clerk*

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

Rev. Daniel 'Buck' Dickey, Pastor

December 4, 2010

Bro. Chris Bearden opened and asked for prayer requests. Bro. Marty Werner led us in prayer. Our congregational songs were: *Are You Washed In The Blood* and *What a Friend We Have In Jesus*.

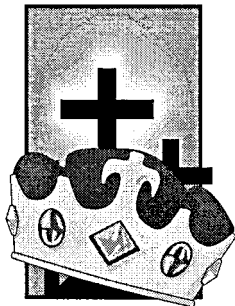
The offertory prayer was given and the offering received.

Other congregational songs were: *Power In The Blood* and *Mansion Over The Hilltop*. Shel Dreyer and Lynette Emmerson blessed us with our special music. They sang: *Beautiful Star of Bethlehem* and *What We Needed*. Janelle Bunning also sang: *Mary Did You Know* and *O Holy Night*. They were truly uplifted to our Lord.

Our speaker, Rev. Chris Bearden, took his scripture from Revelation 2:1-7. He asked, "Have we left our first love?"

Bro. Chris Bearden dismissed us in prayer and asked the blessing on the refreshments.

*Submitted by
Linda Hall, Clerk*



CENTRAL WESTERN
Mo. Association of Free Will Baptist
Annual Session

Convened at 9 am, Saturday, March 19, 2010¹¹
Bethel Free Will Baptist Church,
El Dorado Springs, Missouri

OFFICERS

Moderator.....Rev. Randy Bishop
Assistant Moderators .Rev. Bob Dickey and Rev. Chris Bearden
Clerk/TreasurerLinda Hall
Asst. Clerk/TreasurerHelen Bishop
State General Board Member..... Rev. Warren Hall
Itinerant Missionary Contact.....Rev. Dennis Johnston
Historians Rev. Bob and Dorothy Dickey

HOME MISSION AND EXECUTIVE BOARD

Bethel Lural Mays, 2012
Hannon.....Brent Thompson, 2013
Oak Grove.....None, 2013
NevadaPaul Dreyer, 2013
Oskaloosa.....None, 2014
Stockton Harold Cross, 2014
Verdella.....None, 2014

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and Clerks**

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REGISTRATION

Deacons:

Lural Mays and Richard Goodwin, *Bethel*.

Roger Phillips, Erik Miller and Marty Werner, *Verdella*.

Bob Selvey and Joe Yokley, *Hannon*.

Delegates:

Bethel: Nancy Mays, Leanna Johnston, Virginia Toliver
and Beula Chism.

Hannon: Angela Moreno, Helen Bishop and Shirley Yokley.

Nevada: Shel Dreyer.

Stockton: Linda Hall.

Oskaloosa: Kendra Bearden.

Verdella: Gary Whitson, Doris Whitson and Ionia Phillips.

Ministers:

Bethel: Rev. Dennis Johnston.

Hannon: Rev. Randy Bishop.

Nevada: Rev. Daniel (Buck) Dickey.

Oskaloosa: Rev. Chris Bearden.

Stockton: Rev. Warren Hall.

Verdella: Bro. Dalton Windsor and Bro. Ricky Fast

Visitors:

Sandy Smith, Kansas City, MO.

Vicky Spencer, Rhondfa Boch, Marguerite Goodwin,

Debbie Goodwin, Blanch Eslinger, Tosha Loane, Rich Rash,

Jimmy Loane, Lois Smith, Carolyn Rash and Chelsea

Johnston, *Bethel*.

Gib Dreyer, Esther Christie and Maggie Manese, *Nevada*.

CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI ASSOCIATION Saturday Morning Proceedings:

Bro. Dennis Johnston, Pastor of the Bethel FWB Church, welcomed us and led us in prayer. Our congregational singing was led by Vicky Spencer. Special music was brought by Bro. Dennis Johnston singing: *It's Me Again, Lord* and by Chelsea Johnston singing: *Call On Jesus*. He then turned the session over to Moderator Chris Bearden.

Bro. Chris asked everyone to stand and shake hands and make all feel welcome. Bro. Chris then led us in prayer.

Our Clerk declared there was a quorum. It was noted the there was no letter from the Verdella F.W.B. Church. Church letters were read. Motion was made and seconded that the letters be accepted and the delegates be seated. Motion carried.

Bro. Chris Bearden then turned the service over to our morning speaker, Bro. Dalton Windsor, pastor of the Verdella F.W.B Church. His sermon was: *Are we coming to the end times?* with his scripture from Matthew 24. We not only need to, but we must share with other the grace of God. Without Jesus Christ, there is no hope! He urged us to stay close to Christ so we'll be able to go forth for His cause. Remember, HE IS COMING!

Bro. Chris Bearden asked Marty Werner to dismiss us for a short break.

Following the break, Bro. Dennis Johnston called us to order and we were led in congregational singing by Vicky Spencer.

Bro. Dennis then asked Bro. Warren Hall to give a report from the General Board.

Bro. Chris Bearden asked Bro. Lural Mays to give the Executive treasure's report He explained this is a mission account and was established to help with the expenses for the Stockton mission church and other mission works. Motion was made to accept his report. It was seconded and carried.

CENTRAL WESTERN ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD Financial Report – 2010

| | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| | Beginning Balance | \$3,205.30 |
| INCOME: | Offerings | \$196.38 |
| | Interest | 4.73 |
| | Donation | <u>100.00</u> |
| TOTAL INCOME: | | \$301.11 |
| EXPENSES: | Foreign Missions:-Bunch | 350.00 |
| | Jerry Pinkerton | 100.00 |
| | Jennifer Stogsdale | <u>500.00</u> |
| TOTAL EXPENSES: | | \$950.00 |
| | ENDING BALANCE: | \$2,556.41 |

CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI ASSOCIATION CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORT

January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2010

Balance Brought Forward..... \$1,395.99

Receipts:

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Association Dues..... | \$872.00 |
| Afternoon Offering | <u>226.50</u> |
| <i>Total Receipts:</i> | <i>\$1,098.50</i> |
| BALANCE:..... | 42,494.49 |

Disbursements:

| | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| USPS | \$ 4.90 |
| Mo. State Assoc. of FWB..... | 600.00 |
| Clerk Honorarium | <u>100.00</u> |
| <i>Total Disbursements:.....</i> | <i>\$704.90</i> |
| ENDING BALANCE:..... | \$1,789.59 |

The Verdella F.W.B. Church letter had been submitted over the break. It was read and motion was made to accept their letter and seat their delegates. Motion was seconded and carried.

Bro. Chris appointed the following committees:

Business Committee: Lural Mays, Marty Werner, Ricky Fast and Dalton Windsor.

Ministerial Standing Committee: Joe Yokley, Richard Goodwin, Nancy Mayes and Roger Phillips.

Obituary Committee: Beula Chism, Doris Whitson, Ionia Phillips and Kendra Bearden.

Nominating Committee: Erik Miller, Bob Selvey, Shel Dreyer, Virginia Toliver and Dennis Johnston.

Our morning session was dismissed with prayer by Bob Selvey and turned over to the Central Western District Women Active for Christ.

CENTRAL WESTERN DISTRICT WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST

*Convened at Bethel Free Will Baptist Church,
El Dorado Springs, Missouri
at 11:00 a.m. March 19, 2011*

Morning Session

The Central Western WAC Session was call to order by Sis. Linda Hall. We were opened with prayer by Vicky Spencer.

The Nominating Committee was appointed as follows:
Bethel: Debbie Goodwin, Hannon: Angela Moreno and Stockton: Linda Hall. Verdella had no one willing to serve.

The congregational singing was led by Vicky Spencer.

Blessing on our offering was given by Sis. Leanna Johnston. It will be split between our two speakers, Sis. Sandy Smith and Sis. Chelsea Johnston.

Our special music was given by Linda Hall: *You Raise Me Up*. Sis.

Helen Bishop introduced our morning speaker, Sandy

Smith. Her scripture was taken from Phil. 3:8. She reminded us that home is our first mission field. Not the only one though. We have a community and world to go into.

Sis. Linda Hall closed the morning session with blessing on our potluck dinner.

WAC

Afternoon Session

After our congregational singing and prayer, Sis. Chelsea Johnston sang a special: *We can Make a Difference*. She spoke to us on her upcoming mission's trip to Brazil. She then asked her friend, Mariemme Luten to read a poem she had written: *When the Lord Makes You Feel Like Writing*.

Sis. Linda Hall gave the Treasurer's report. Motion, seconded and carried to accept the report.

The Central Western W.A.C. Nominating Committee nominates the following members: President: Helen Bishop, Vice President: Angela Moreno, Secretary: Shirley Yokley and Treasurer: Linda Hall.

Signed by

Angela Moreno, Debbie Goodwin and Linda Hall

No other nominations were made. Motion was seconded and we proceeded to elect. Motion carried.

Sis. Linda Hall dismissed our session with prayer.

CENTRAL WESTERN

Mo. Association of Free Will Baptist Annual Session

Saturday Afternoon

Bro. Chris Bearden opened our business session with prayer by Bro. Warren Hall.

Sis. Linda Hall, Clerk mention corrections on printed

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Central Western Women Active for Christ Treasurer's Report

January 1 – December 31, 2010

Prepared by Linda Hall

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|--|----------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| BEGINNING BALANCE | | | | | \$363.59 |
| CHURCH AUXILIARY: | Bethel | Hannon | Stockton | Total Membership | |
| MEMBERS | 10 | 8 | 5 | 23 | |
| RECEIPTS: | | | | | |
| <i>Association Offering</i> | | | | | \$226.50 |
| <i>Fall Auction</i> | | | | | 1,678.00 |
| <i>Designated Receipts</i> | 1067.50 | 786.00 | 833.75 | | 2,687.25 |
| <i>District Membership Dues</i> | 2.50 | 2.00 | 1.25 | | 5.75 |
| TOTAL RECEIPT | | | | | \$4,597.50 |
| BALANCE: | | | | | \$4,961.09 |
| Disbursements: | Bethel | Hannon | Stockton | District | |
| <i>Association Offering:</i> | | | | | |
| <i>Camp Niangua</i> | | | | 226.50 | 226.50 |
| <i>Back to School Fair</i> | | | 25.00 | | 25.00 |
| <i>Cheatham, Scott</i> | 45.00 | | | | 45.00 |
| <i>Fall Auction:</i> | | | | | |
| <i>Ken & Judy Bailey</i> | | | | 1,678.00 | 1,678.00 |
| <i>Laura B. Barnard Off.</i> | | | 35.00 | | 35.00 |
| <i>Show-Me Plan</i> | 570.00 | 540.00 | 180.00 | | 1,290.00 |
| <i>20/20/20</i> | 20.00 | | | | 20.00 |
| <i>WAC State Project:</i> | | | | | |
| <i>Nate Altom</i> | 15.00 | | 120.00 | | 135.00 |
| <i>WAC State Project:</i> | | | | | |
| <i>David & Kendra Dodson</i> | 15.00 | | 120.00 | | 135.00 |
| <i>WAC State Project:</i> | | | | | |
| <i>Show-Me Plan</i> | 75.00 | | 120.00 | | 195.00 |
| <i>WAC State Project:</i> | | | | | |
| <i>WNAC</i> | 30.00 | | 55.00 | | 85.00 |
| <i>WAC State Retreat</i> | | | | | |
| <i>Project: International Missions</i> | | | 100.00 | | 100.00 |
| <i>WNAC</i> | 140.00 | 120.00 | | | 260.00 |
| <i>WNAC/ MO WAC Dues</i> | 157.50 | 126.00 | 79.25* | | 362.75 |
| TOTALS | 1067.50 | 786.00 | 834.25 | 1,904.50 | \$4,592.25 |
| ENDING BALANCE: | | | | | \$368.84 |

*.50 correction Stockton 2009 due.

minute's pages 7 Bethel's clerk's phone number first digit is 8 not 5 and page 15 a phantom figure has appeared. It doesn't belong anywhere and is not on originals therefore, ignore. Motion was made to accept the corrections, seconded and carried.

Bro. Chris Bearden called for the reports to be given and they are as follows:

Business Committee Report:

We the Business Committee, recommend:

1. Chelsea Johnston be given both offerings (morning and evening). If this does not equal \$300, then the Executive Board will make up the rest.
2. A yearly free will offering will be given for the Executive Board account, from each church. Propose we try our quarterly meetings on Sunday nights, between 5:00 – 5:30 p.m. starting time. This time will be according to vote.

Submitted by,

Lural Mays, Marty Werner, Ricky Fast & Dalton Windsor

Motion and seconded to receive the report and to vote item by item. Motion carried

1. Motion, seconded and carried.
2. Motion to recommend to our churches how they can help fund the Executive Board account. Motion, seconded and carried.
3. Motion to change our Quarterly meetings to meet on Sunday evening at 5:00 p.m. instead of Saturday evenings. Motion, seconded and 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. Randy Bishop and Rev. Bob Dickey.

Nevada FWB Church: Rev. Daniel Dickey

Oskaloosa FWB Church: Rev. Chris Bearden

Stockton FWB Church: Rev. Warren Hall.

Verdella FWB Church: Rev. Randy Sprengle, Rev. Jimmy Holder,
and Rev. Stan Bunch.

The committee found these in good standing with our
association.

Submitted by

Joe Yokley, Richard Goodwin and Nancy Mays

Motion and seconded 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 | 68 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1,500 | \$4,300.00 |
| Rev. Randy Bishop | 2 | 110 | 4 | 20 | 25 | 1 | 3 | 21000 | \$0 |
| Rev. Buck Dickey | 1 | 50 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | \$3,347.51 |
| Rev. Warren Hall | 1 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2,500 | \$13,000.00 |
| Rev. Dennis Johnston | 1 | 75 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1,314 | \$8,840.00 |

Obituary Committee Report

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

Hannon F.W.B.: Juanita Dominguez

Oak Grove F.W.B.: George E. Holt

Verdella F.W.B.: Charles Whitson

We recommend the congregation stand for a moment of
silence followed by prayer in their honor.

Respectfully submitted by

Beula Chism, Doris Whitson, Ionia Phillips and Kendra Bearden

Motion and seconded to receive the report. The motion carried.
Bro. Chris Bearden led us in prayer.

Nominating Committee Report:

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

Moderator: Rev. Randy Bishop

Asst. Moderator: Rev. Bob Dickey/Rev. Chris Bearden

Clerk/Treasurer: Linda Hall

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Asst. Clerk/Treasurer: Helen Bishop
State Gen. Board Member: Rev. Warren Hall
Itinerant Missionary Contact: Rev. Dennis Johnston
Historians: Dorothy & Bob Dickey

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

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
Stockton F.W.B.: Harold Cross to expire in 2014

*Submitted by,
Eric Miller, Bob Selvey, Shel Dreyer, Virginia Toliver
and Dennis Johnston*

Motion and seconded to accept this report. Motion carried.

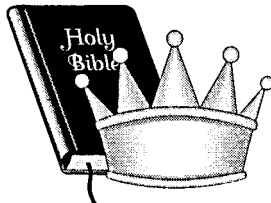
Our next Quarterly Meeting will be at Oskaloosa F.W.B. Church on Sunday, June 5, at 5 pm. Our Annual Association Meeting will be at Hannon F.W.B. Church on March 17, 2012 at 9 a.m.

Our break and business session was dismissed with prayer by Bro. Warren Hall.

After our break, Bro. Chris Bearden turned the services over to Rev. Randy Bishop. His scripture was taken from Rev. 19:11-15. We need to stop and think: Regardless of what is going on in our churches, country or world, Jesus is Lord and he IS coming! Think about Jesus: He was human, tortured and killed for us and yet 3 days later; he is ALIVE! Jesus – yes, King of King and Lord of Lords yet we are heirs with him. Let's try to see the world with the eyes of Christ.

Bro. Randy Bishop had prayer then we sang: *Victory in Jesus*. There was an oversight in not having Rev. Bob Dickey listed on the minister's in good standing sheet. Motion was made to have him added, seconded and carried.

Bro. Lural Mays 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 seconded 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 seconded 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 seconded 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.