

**Minutes of the 104th Session
of the
Central Western Missouri
Association
of Free Will Baptist**

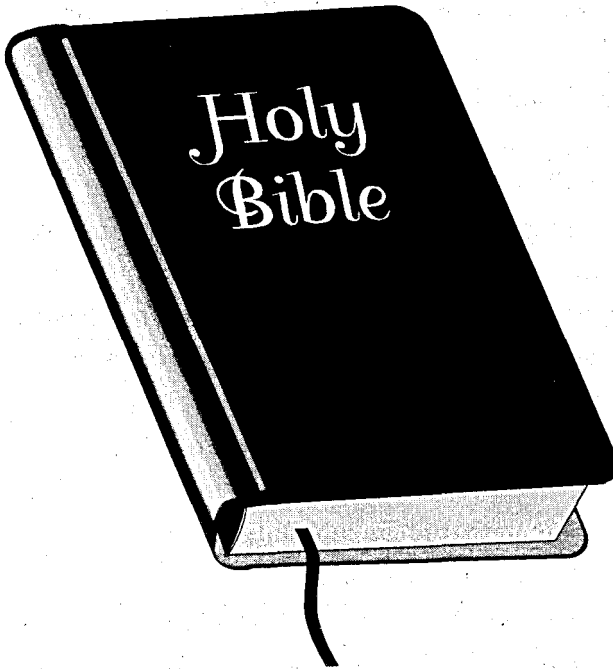


**at
Hannon
Free Will Baptist Church
Liberal, Missouri**

Theme:

Steadfast in the Scriptures

II Timothy 3:14-17



**The 105th Session of the
Central Western Missouri Association
of Free Will Baptist
will meet at the
Nevada Free Will Baptist Church in
Nevada, Mo. on
March 16th, 2013 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 5, 2011

Bro. Chris Bearden called us to order. He asked for prayer requests. Bro. Dennis Johnston led us in prayer.

Our congregational songs were: *Just a Little Talk with Jesus, Surely Goodness and Mercy* and *When the Roll is Called Up Yonder*. Our special music was brought by Chelsea Johnston, *Don't Laugh at Me*. Janelle Bunney sang *Come Morning* and *Consider the Lilies*.

Moderator Randy Bishop encouraged us to attending our Association meetings for fellowship. He led us in prayer. He then turned the service over to our speaker, Rev. Daniel (Buck) Dickey.

Rev. Buck Dickey took his scripture from Romans 8:28. He titled it "The ABC's of Suffering." He led us in prayer. The ABC's stood for: A) Abuse our freewill. B) Brings us closer to Christ and C) Character is built.

Our next meeting will be at Stockton F. W. B. Church on September 11 at 5 p.m.

Bro. Chris Bearden dismissed and blessed our refreshments with prayer.

*Submitted by
Linda Hall, Clerk*

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

Rev. Warren Hall, Pastor

September 11, 2011

Assistant Moderator Chris Bearden called our meeting to order and asked for prayer request. Prayer was offered by Bro. Bob Dickey. Our congregational songs were: *Under His Wings* and *I will Sing the Wondrous Story*.

The offertory prayer was by Bro. Warren Hall.

Our special music by Colleen Howard: *O Beulah Land*

Bro. Dennis Johnston announced the Support Walk for Missions would be Oct. 8th at 9 a.m. in the Walton Park in Nevada. He urged us to participate to raise funds for our mission works. Bro. Frank Webster said this would be the last walk-a-thon. We'll be doing something else in the future. He gave a brief report of our state mission works. The Show Me Plan giving is down and we were reminded not to forget it in our giving.

Special music was brought by Linda Hall & Ramona York: *Ivory Palaces*. Ramona also sang *Statue of Liberty*.

Our speaker was Bro. Gary Fry. He first gave a report of things around the state and told us he would be starting his new job in January. His message was on the Christian battle with Satan. Sometimes we lose sight of that fact – our battle is with Satan. Bro. Fry led us in prayer.

We had a taped recitation in remembrance of 9/11/01.

Bro. Chris Bearden thanked us for coming and reminded us our next meeting is at Verdella on Dec. 4th at 5 p.m. He asked the blessing on the refreshment and dismissed us with prayer.

*Submitted by
Linda Hall, Clerk*

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

Bro. Dalton Winsor, Pastor

December 4, 2011

Bro. Chris Bearden welcomed us and led us in prayer. He turned the service over to Bro. Dalton Windsor to bring our congregational songs. We sang: *Angels We Have Heard on High* and *O come, O Come, Emmanuel*.

The Oskaloosa church brought specials: *Beautiful Star of Bethlehem*, *Mary had a Little Lamb*, *Four Days Late* and *O Holy Night* by Janelle Bunney. The Verdella church trio sang *Down the Straight and Narrow Road*. Dalton Windsor sang *Every Day can be Just Like Christmas*. The McKay's sang *One Day*.

Bro. Chris Bearden asked ushers to come for our offering. The offertory prayer was given by Marty Werner and the offering received.

From the Bethel church, Bro. Dennis Johnston and daughter, Chelsea sang *Amazing Love*. Bro. Dennis Johnston then gave our devotion from Luke 2.

Bro. Chris Bearden announced the Annual meeting will be at Hannon Free Will Baptist at 9 a.m. on March 17, 2012.

Bro. Warren Hall, as our General Board member, encouraged us to give donations to Camp Niangua. He also told us Stan Bunch will be our new Missouri Executive Director.

We were dismissed in prayer with blessings on the refreshments.

Submitted by
Linda Hall, Clerk

CENTRAL WESTERN
Mo. Association of Free Will Baptist
Annual Session

Convened at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 17, 2012
Hannon Free Will Baptist Church,
Liberal, Missouri

OFFICERS

Moderator.....Bro. Erik Miller
Assistant Moderator Rev. Chris Bearden
Clerk/TreasurerLinda Hall
Asst. Clerk/Treasurer Karen Hardy
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, 2015
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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REGISTRATION

Deacons:

Lural Mays, *Bethel*.

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

Bob Selvey and Joe Yokley, *Hannon*.

Delegates:

Bethel: Nancy Mays, Leanna Johnston and Rich Rash.

Hannon: Shirley Yokley, Richard King and Karen Hardy.

Nevada: Shel Dreyer and Gretchen Dickey.

Stockton: Harold Cross and Linda Hall.

Verdella: Doris Whitson and Ionia Phillips.

Ministers:

Bethel: Rev. Dennis Johnston.

Hannon: Rev. Bob Dickey.

Nevada: Rev. Daniel (Buck) Dickey.

Oskaloosa: Rev. Chris Bearden.

Stockton: Rev. Warren Hall.

Verdella: Bro. Dalton Windsor and Rev. Randy Sprengle

Visitors:

Hannon: Barb King, Naomi Garrett, Bob Garrett and Virginia Hoover.

Nevada: Gib Dreyer, Jonnie Dreyer and Jacob Jones.

Stockton: Jan Cross

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

Saturday Morning Proceedings:

Bro. Bob Dickey opened our meeting with prayer. Karen Hardy led our congregational singing. We sang *In My Heart Rings a Melody* and *Sunshine in My soul*.

Rev. Warren Hall brought our morning message. He took his message from II Timothy 3:14-17. We are to set our foundation firmly on Christ and build from that foundation. We need to beware unless we be led away from our own steadfastness (II Peter 3:17).

Clerk Linda Hall declared a quorum. The Church Letters were read. Motion was made to accept the letters and seat the delegates. Motion was seconded and carried.

**CENTRAL WESTERN ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD
Financial Report – 2011**

	Beginning Balance	\$2,556.41
INCOME:	Offerings	\$643.91
	Interest	3.53
	Support Walk	<u>165.36</u>
TOTAL INCOME:		\$812.80
EXPENSES:	Chelsea Johnson	\$184.00
	Mo. State Assoc.	<u>165.36</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES:		\$349.36
	ENDING BALANCE:	\$3,019.85

CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI ASSOCIATION CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORT

January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011

Balance Brought Forward \$1,789.59

Receipts:

National and Association Dues \$946.00

Afternoon Offering 301.00

Total Receipts:..... \$1,247.00

BALANCE:..... \$3,036.59

Disbursements:

Chelsea Johnston \$301.00

Clerk Honorarium..... 100.00

Mo. State Assoc. of FWB 600.00

LCN Printing (2009 Minutes)..... 78.60

LCN Printing (2010 Minutes)..... 77.00

Mo. State Assoc. of FWB National Dues..... 700.00

Total Disbursements:..... \$1,256.60

ENDING BALANCE: \$1,779.99

We were dismissed with prayer for a short break.

Bro. Chris Bearden called us to order. We were led in prayer by Marty Werner. Karen Hardy led us in *Mansion Over the Hilltop* and *Where Could I Go*.

Bro. Lural Mays gave the Missions & Executive Board financial report. Motion, second and carried to accept the report.

Sis. Linda Hall gave the Clerk/Treasurer Report.

Motion, second and carried to accept the report.

Bro. Chris Bearden appointed the following committees:

Business Committee: Lural Mays, Chair, Richard King, Rick Rash, Warren Hall and Harold Cross. Ministerial Standing Committee: Joe Yokley, Chair, Bob Selvey, Leanna Johnston, Nancy Mays and Roger Phillips. Obituary Committee: Shel Dreyer, Chair, Doris Whitson, Gretchen Dickey and Ionia Phillips. Nominating Committee: Eric Miller, Chair, Karen Hardy, Dennis Johnston and Daniel Dickey.

Bro. Chris Bearden dismissed our morning sessions with prayer and turned the service over to the Central Western District Women Active for Christ.

CENTRAL WESTERN DISTRICT WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST

Convened at Hannon Free Will Baptist Church

Liberal, Missouri

At 10:30 a.m. on March 17, 2012

Morning Session

The Central Western District WAC session was called to order by Sis. Linda Hall. We were opened with prayer by Shirley Yokley.

The nominating committee was appointed as follows: Bethel: Chelsea Johnston, Stockton: Jan Cross, Verdella: Ionia Phillips. Hannon had no one willing to serve.

The congregational singing was led by Karen Hardy. Barbara King played the piano. Songs sang were: "Since Jesus came into my heart", and "Stand up, stand up for Jesus."

Blessing on the offering was given by Leanna Johnston. \$125.00 offering was collected by Naomi Garrett and Shirley Yokley. The offering will go to the Show Me Plan. Sis. Linda Hall introduced Chelsea Johnston who sang the special music: "Holy is the Lord" (in Japanese).

Linda Hall introduced our morning speaker, Brenda Bunch. Brenda encouraged us to pray for our missionaries and asked that the Ladies' Auxiliary groups get to know the missionaries and about the work that they do. The dues from the auxiliary groups help with the "provision Closet", that provides items needed in the office and seminary, and supplies such as bedding and kitchen needs.

Brenda's message: "What will Jesus see when he looks at your heart?" Examples:

1. **Heartache-** the worrier, prayer request Kathy.
 - **Selfish Heart-** thinks only of themselves. Matthew 16:24. Please pray for Randal.
 - **Hard Heart-** made of steel and cannot accept love. Hebrews 3:13, I Kings 3:9, Please pray for Randal's father.

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- **Broken Heart-** has trouble forgiving and forgetting. Isaiah 43:18, 19 and Luke 4:18. Please pray for Susan.
- **Evil Heart or Wicked Heart-** tries to persuade others to join them. Matthew 15:18-20, Isaiah 57:20-21, Revelation 21:8. Please pray for Azael.
- **Dirty Heart-** Bad thoughts-always think the worst. Matthew 15:18-20.
- **Empty Hearts-** 3 billion people share this heart-probably don't believe Jesus was raised from the dead. Proverbs 3:5-6 Romans 10:9.
- **Clean Heart "pure heart"** Can only be purchased from one man: Jesus. It's the hardest to take care of. You can only get one that **Jesus** gives. Galatians 5:21-23.

Psalms 51:10, Isaiah 1:18, Romans 10:10. Do you need a heart transplant? The Lord looks at our hearts and wants us all to have a good heart. Prayer by Brenda Bunch. Goodness FWB Church in Panama prayer list: New church, Cirilo, Bruno, Mirelea, Benjamin and Stephanie.

Central Western District WAC annual report was read by Shirley Yokley- motion made and seconded to approve report as read. Motion carried.

Sis. Linda closed the morning session and blessing was asked over the potluck dinner

WAC Afternoon Session

Jan Cross led us in prayer

Rick Fast, Sr. led our congregational songs "What a Savior," "We have an anchor" and "How great thou art" He was accompanied by Barb King playing the piano.

Roger Phillips led us in prayer.

Linda Hall gave the report for the Missouri State WAC projects and activities as follows:

The **2012** Projects are: Show Me Plan \$3,000, WNAC \$3,000 & Jennifer (Creative Access Missionary) \$3,000. The **2013** Projects are: Show Me Plan \$3,000, WNAC \$3,000 & Fermin Sanchez/Monet \$3,000.

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Central Western District Women Active for Christ

January 1 – December 31, 2011

Prepared by Linda Hall

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BEGINNING BALANCE \$368.84

CHURCH AUXILIARY:	Bethel	Hannon	Stockton	Total Membership
MEMBERS	10	9	7	26

RECEIPTS:

Association Offering				\$182.00
Fall Auction				1,447.00
Designated Receipts	\$802.50	\$361.75	\$1,345.25	2,509.50
District Membership Dues	2.50	2.25	1.75	6.50
TOTAL RECEIPT				\$4,145.00

BALANCE: \$4,513.84

Disbursements:	Bethel	Hannon	Stockton	District	
Association Offering:					
Split: Sandy Smith & Chelsea Johnston				182.00	182.00
Fall Auction:					
Show-me Plan			50.00	1,447.00	1,497.00
Joplin Disaster Help			500.00		500.00
Laura B. Barnard Off.			35.00		35.00
Show-Me Plan	410.00	180.00	240.00		830.00
WAC State Project:					
Darrin Alvis	45.00		165.00		210.00
WAC State Project:					
Show-Me Plan	60.00		165.00		225.00
WAC State Project:					
WNAC			55.00		55.00
WAC State Retreat Project:			25.00		25.00
WNAC	130.00	40.00			170.00
WNAC/ MO WAC Dues	157.50	141.75	110.25		409.50
TOTALS	\$802.50	\$361.75	\$1,345.25	\$1,629.00	\$4,138.50

ENDING BALANCE: \$375.34

Ladies Retreat will be on September 21, 22 in Springfield, Mo. Linda had information available for those interested in attending.

Sis. Linda Hall gave the treasurer's report. Motion made, seconded and carried to accept the report. The Central Western W.A.C. nominating committee nominates the following members:

President: Linda Hall

Vice president: Jan Cross

Secretary: Shirley Yokley

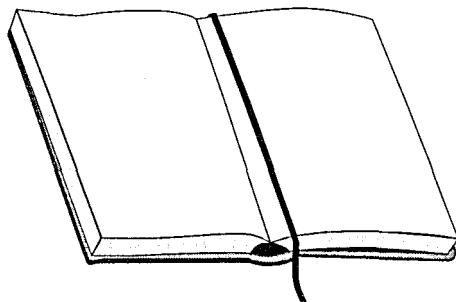
Treasurer: Karen Carpenter

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

Linda Hall introduced our afternoon speaker Chelsea Johnston. She sang "If we are the body". Chelsea was able to travel to Japan in June 2011 on a mission trip. She had met with team leaders of Brazil and Japan and thought that God wanted her to go to Japan. She gave a power point presentation. She got to visit the shrine- the people clap their hands and throw yen (their money) to get their god's attention and blessings. She helped clean up trash from the tsunami damage and handed out flyers. She tried many different foods while there (rice with fish).

Chelsea thanked us for support and prayers. Her trip to Japan made her want to learn more about other cultures. She has plans to attend Ozark Academy and hopes to go on another mission trip later.

Sis. Ionia Phillips dismissed our session with prayer.



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Saturday Afternoon

Bro. Chris Bearden opened our business session with prayer. He called for the report of the committees to be given. They were as follows:

Business Committee Report:

We the Business Committee, recommend:

1. The afternoon offering be sent to the Missouri Show Me Plan.
2. To give the Hannon church a standing thank you for hosting the yearly meeting.

Submitted by,
Lural Mays, Marty Werner, Ricky Fast, Sr. and Dalton Windsor

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

#1. Motion, seconded and carried.

#2. Motion, seconded and carried

Ministerial Committee Report:

We, the Ministerial Committee, have reviewed the Minister's Reports of the following:

Bethel FWB Church: Rev. Dennis Johnston

Hannon FWB Church: 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 Sprenkle, Rev. Stan Bunch

Rev. Jim Holder, Bro. Dalton Windsor and Bro. Ricky Fast.

MINISTER REPORTS

NAME	Churches Pastored	Sermons	Additions to Church	Professions	Baptisms	Weddings	Funerals	Miles Traveled	Money Received
Rev. Chris Bearden	1	78	0	2	0	0	0	1,100	\$500.00
Rev. Bob Dickey	1	26	2	2	2	0	0	3,600	\$1,000.00
Rev. Buck Dickey	1	50	11	1	3	1	1	0	\$3,590.00
Rev. Warren Hall	1	98	2	0	0	1	0	4,950	\$12,500.00
Rev. Dennis Johnston	1	90	0	2	0	1	3	1,083	\$8,569.04
Bro. Dalton Windsor	1	?	0	0	1	0	1	0	0

Obituary Committee Report:

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

Verdella FWB Church: Ruth Foger

Nominating Committee Report:

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

Moderator: Bro. Erik Miller

Asst. Moderator: Rev. Chris Bearden

Clerk/Treasurer: Linda Hall

Asst. Clerk/Treasurer: Karen Hardy

State Gen. Board Member: Rev. Warren Hall

Itinerant Missionary Contact: Rev. Dennis Johnston

Historians: Dorothy and Bob Dickey

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

Bethel F.W.B.: Lural Mays to expire in 2015

Submitted by,

Eric Miller, Karen Hardy, Dennis Johnston and Daniel Dickey

Motion and seconded to accept this report. Motion carried.

Motion was made to close our business session and proceed to the afternoon service. Motion was seconded and carried.

We were dismissed with prayer for a break.

Convening after the break, Bro. Randy Sprengle was given time to promote the Hope Valley Ranch. God has given him a vision for this work. He would like opportunities to speak in our .

churches, towns, clubs and etc.

We were led in a congregational song *Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*.

Bro. Rick Fast, Sr. brought our special. He sang *Four Days Late*.

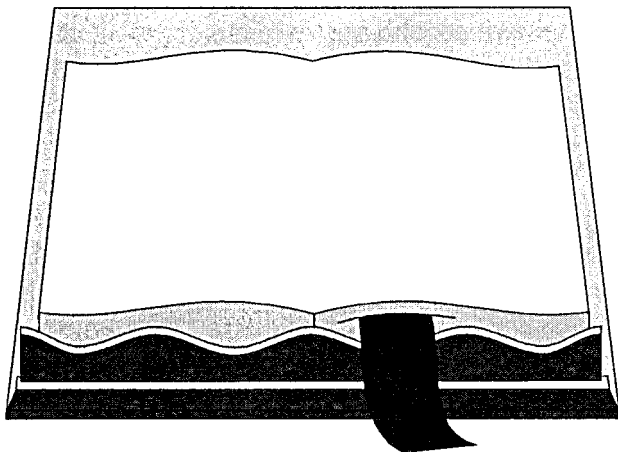
Bro. Chris Bearden ask for users to receive our afternoon offering. Bro. Warren Hall asked the blessing on the offering.

Bro Chris Bearden introduced our speaker, Bro. Stan Bunch.

Bro. Stan Bunch brought his sermon from II Timothy 3:13-17. Scriptures are the sole foundation and they form the doctrine in which we believe. He challenged us to be bold and practical in God's perfectness, for us to commit to being a student of the Word and to continue in what we know from the Word and allow it to correct us. We need to except that we are a work in progress.

Our next Quarterly Meeting will be at Bethel F.W.B. Church in El Dorado Springs on June 3, at 5 p.m. Our annual Association meeting will be March 16, at the Nevada F.W.B. in Nevada.

We were dismissed with 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.