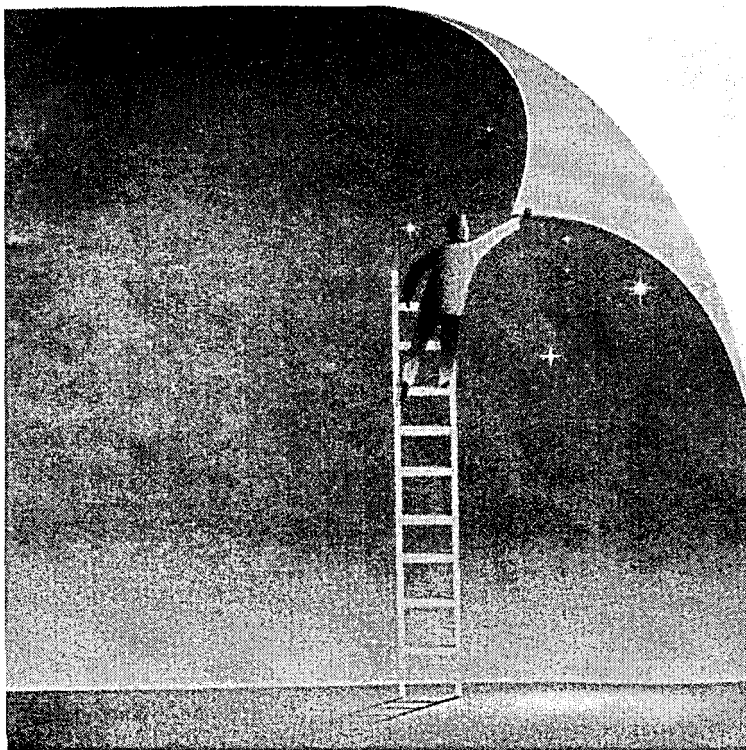


**Minutes**  
of the  
**105th Session**  
of the  
**Central Western**  
**Missouri Association**  
of  
**Free Will Baptist**  
at  
**Nevada**  
**Free Will Baptist**  
**Church**  
**Nevada, Missouri**



*Theme:*  
**Press on Toward the Mark**  
*Philippians 3:13-14*



**The 106<sup>th</sup> Session of the  
Central Western Missouri Association  
of Free Will Baptist will meet at the  
Oskaloosa Free Will Baptist Church  
in Liberal, Mo. on  
March 15, 2014 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.

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

Rev. Dennis Johnston, Pastor

June 3, 2012

Bro. Dennis Johnston welcomed us and led us in prayer. Bro. Dalton Windsor led us in the following songs: *Oh, How I Love Jesus* and *Praise Him! Praise Him!* Our special music was brought by Bro. Dennis Johnston and his daughter, Chelsea Johnston. They sang, *Consider the Lilies*.

A quorum was declared by our clerk to conduct business.

Bro. Bob Dickey brought our message from Hebrews 6:1-6.

In the absence of our Moderator & Assistant Moderator, Bro. Bob Dickey, as the senior minister, called our business session to order. Sis. Linda Hall read the bylaw on page 22, Article 9, Section I. She noted there had been a raise in the National Association fees from \$100 to \$150. She said that the bylaws need to reflect this change and moved that we change the fee to \$150 instead of \$100. Motion was seconded. Since a bylaw change must be presented 30 days in advance to the churches before being voted on, Sis. Linda made a motion to table the motion and vote on this at our September 9<sup>th</sup> meeting at Hannon. Motion was seconded and carried. Sis. Linda Hall made a motion to take the \$350 from funds to cover the difference in the National Association fee for our churches this year. Motion was seconded and carried. The business session was adjourned.

Our offerings were received and blessing was given on the refreshments.

*Submitted by  
Linda Hall, Clerk*

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

Rev. Bob Dickey, Interim Pastor

September 9, 2012

Moderator Erik Miller called our meeting to order and asked Bro. Dennis Johnston to open us with prayer.

Our Congregational songs were: *I Love to Tell the Story*, *Standing on the Promises* and *He Touched Me*.

Bro. Erik turned the meeting over to Bro. Stan Bunch. He brought greetings from our Missouri State Office and shared things going on around our state.

Bro. Erik asked ushers to come to receive our offering. Rick Fast, Jr. gave the offertory blessing.

Bro. Erik introduced our speaker, Bro. Dalton Windsor and turned the service over to him.

Bro. Dalton spoke on scripture from Joshua 14:6-14.

A quorum was present and a motion was made to remove from the table the change in the bylaw.

The bylaw change was reviewed and a motion was made to accept. It was seconded and carried. Our business session was adjourned.

Bro. Bob Dickey dismissed us with blessings on our refreshments.

*Submitted by  
Linda Hall, Clerk*

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

Rev. Daniel (Buck) Dickey, Pastor

December 2, 2012

Bro. Daniel Dickey called us to order and led us in prayer. Our congregational songs were: *Heavenly Sunlight, Isn't He Wonderful* and *He Set Me Free* led by Lynette Emmerson. Jacob Jones sang the special, *It is Well with My Soul*.

The offertory prayer was led by Brent Emmerson and the offering received.

Bro. Dennis Johnston read the report Frank Webster had prepared:

**Internationally** – Jennifer has moved to Spain and is doing extensive language and culture training. She is very excited about beginning this ministry. The national leadership in Panama has declared that they want to lead their country on their own, so all American missionaries will be phased out from now through 2014. The Baileys and McDonalds in Japan both report growing interest in their ministry areas. They both ask for prayer for their regular visitors.

**Nationally** – Scott Cheatham will no longer be receiving funds through the state office for his account. He does ask for support, but to send the support directly to the Rangeview F.W.B. Church in Denver. Jeff Cates has announced that he will be going self supporting by the end of 2013. The Canyon Country F.W.B. Church is doing great. With both of these works coming off Show Me Plan support, the Missions Board has decided to add the Donnie Burke family of Castle Rock, Co. to the plan starting 2014.

**State Missions** – The church plant in Blue Springs will receive their last support from the Mission Board in December. God has blessed them to be able to go self supporting after only 4 ½ years of support. With them coming off, the Mission Board has decided to support a church plant in Osage Beach with the Wentz  
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family. Darius, Jennifer and Jamin will move there during Christmas break and begin the pre-start process.

The Show Me Plan is 14 thousand dollars from reaching 400 thousand dollar goal for 2012. We hope people of Central Western will consider sending a gift to the Show Me Plan in December to help us reach as many as possible, in as many places as possible.

God Bless You,  
Frank Webster

Bro. Warren Hall read the report from the craft auction for the Ladies Auxiliary. \$1000 was made on the craft auction. \$168 was made on the food served. The money will be divided between Jennifer and the building fund of the church in Monett, Mo.

Our speaker, Rev. Chris Bearden took his scripture from Acts 2 saying these verses speak to the church. We should give willingly and study God's Word.

Bro. Dalton Windsor dismissed us in prayer and asked the blessings on the refreshments. The Executive Committee met after the meeting.

*Submitted by  
Shirley Yokley*



**CENTRAL WESTERN**  
**Missouri Association of Free Will Baptist**  
**Annual Session**

*Convened at 9 am, Saturday, March 16, 2013*  
*Nevada Free Will Baptist Church, Nevada, Missouri*

**OFFICERS**

Moderator..... Bro. Erik Miller  
Assistant Moderator ..... Rev. Chris Bearden  
Clerk/Treasurer ..... Linda Hall  
Asst. Clerk/Treasurer ..... Jan Cross  
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, 2015  
Hannon ..... Joe Yokley, 2016  
Nevada ..... Paul Dreyer, 2016  
Oak Grove ..... None, 2016  
Oskaloosa ..... None, 2014  
Stockton ..... Harold Cross, 2014  
Verdella ..... None, 2014





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No Pastor

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Rev. Daniel (Buck) Dickey, Pastor, 417-922-1933

28694 S. 725<sup>th</sup> Rd., Bronaugh, Mo. 64728

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*Clerk: Joan Wilson, 417-843-5615*

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## **REGISTRATION**

**Deacons:**

Lural Mays, *Bethel*.

Joe Yokley, *Hannon*.

Erik Miller and Roger Phillips, *Verdella*.

**Delegates:**

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

*Hannon:* Shirley Yokley, Virginia Hoover and Peg Rider.

*Nevada:* Shel Dreyer.

*Oskaloosa:* Kendra Bearden.

*Stockton:* Linda Hall and Harold Cross.

*Verdella:* Ionia Phillips.

**Ministers:**

*Bethel:* Rev. Dennis Johnston.

*Hannon:* Rev. Bob Dickey and Rev. Wesley Rider.

*Nevada:* Rev. Daniel (Buck) Dickey and Rev. Jacob Jones.

*Oskaloosa:* Rev. Chris Bearden.

*Stockton:* Rev. Warren Hall.

*Verdella:* Bro. Dalton Windsor.

Buffalo: Rev. Stanley Bunch.

Lebanon: Rev. Frank Webster.

### Visitors:

Carolyn Rash, Rebecca Rash and Mikayla Loane, *Bethel*.  
Barb King and Richard King, *Hannon*.  
Gib Dreyer, Johnnie Dreyer, Francis Dickey,  
Cathy Williams, Peggy Dickey, Terry Kitsmiller and  
Kylie Kitsmiller, *Nevada*.  
Jan Cross, *Stockton*.  
Doris Whitson, Gary Whitson and Josh Groves, *Verdella*.

## CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI ASSOCIATION

### Saturday Morning Proceedings:

Moderator Bro. Erik Miller opened our session with prayer by Bro. Bob Dickey. We sang: *My Redeemer* led by Lynette Emmerson.

Sis. Linda Hall, Clerk, read the church letters and declared a quorum present. Motion was made to accept the letters and to seat the delegates. Motion was seconded and carried.

Special music was brought by Jacob Jones from the Nevada church. Our speaker was Rev. Warren Hall. Our scripture was taken from Philippians 3:13-14. He charged us to move as God directs us - *Go forward!*

Bro. Lural Mays gave the Executive Board Treasurer's Report. Motion was made to accept the report. Motion was seconded and carried.

## CENTRAL WESTERN ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD

### Financial Report – 2012

Beginning Balance	\$3,019.85
Income: Offerings	506.03
Interest	2.98
Support Walk	165.36
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>509.01</b>
Expenses: Mo. State Show Me Plan	\$500.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCE:</b>	<b>\$3,028.86</b>

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

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

**January 1 – December 31, 2012**

**Balance Brought Forward ..... \$1,779.99**

***Receipts:***

National and Association Dues ..... \$953.00

Afternoon Offering ..... 205.00

***Total Receipts ..... \$1,158.00***

**BALANCE: ..... \$2,937.99**

***Disbursements:***

Clerk Honorarium..... \$100.00

LCN Printing (2012 Minutes)..... 77.00

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

Mo. State Assoc. of FWB National Dues (\$50 per church) ... 350.00

Mo. State Assoc. of FWB National (Offering: Show Me Plan).. 205.00

USPS (Postage) ..... 5.30

***Total Disbursements:..... \$1,437.30***

**ENDING BALANCE ..... \$1,500.69**

Bro. Frank Webster gave a report on the following:

*Internationally*, Jennifer is in Spain and doing well. Sargents are going from Joplin to Spain and will be raising funds. India is seeing results of seeds planted and international growth. *Nationally*, God is bringing souls to Him through these works. *State wide*, Blue Springs went self supporting and we have a new work in Osage Beach with 2 already saved! The Show Me Plan raised a little more than \$400,000!

Bro. Stan Bunch brought greetings from the Missouri State Association Office and from his wife, Brenda. He told us the *Gem* is now available on line and encouraged us to sign up for it. We're celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> year session of the Missouri State Association this year and he encouraged us to attend.

Bro. Erik Miller appointed the committees and dismissed us in prayer for a short break.

**CENTRAL WESTERN DISTRICT  
WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST**  
*Convened at Nevada Free Will Baptist Church,  
Nevada, Missouri  
at 11:00 a.m. March 16, 2013*

**Morning Session**

The Central Western District W.A.C. session was called to order by President Linda Hall. She asked Barb King to lead us in prayer.

Kiley Kitsmiller sang our special, *Heaven Came Down*.

Sis. Linda introduced our speaker, Peg Rider, from the Hannon F.W.B. Church. Peg read scriptures from Philippians 3:13-14. *"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."*

Peg talked about her early childhood and the loss of her brother. Peg was saved when she was 9 years old in December 1959 and she will never forget that day. She stated that we will face oppositions in our lives – know what motivates you, your passions.

Karen Carpenter read the Treasurer's Report. Motion made, seconded and carried to accept the report.

Shirley Yokley read the Central Western District W.A.C. Secretary's Report for 2012. Motion made and seconded to approve report as read. Motion carried.

Blessing on the offering was given by Linda Hall. Peg Rider and Shirley Yokley collected the offering which will go toward church supplies for the Osage Beach church.

Linda Hall reminded us of the Ladies Retreat (Espresso Your Faith) to be held on Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, 2013 in Springfield, Mo. She asked each local W.A.C. group bring items for the auction – new or handmade.

Delegates for the Missouri W.A.C. Meeting were nominated. They were Peg Rider, Beula Chism and Marian Clemmons. Motion made, seconded and carried to accept these delegates.

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# Central Western Women Active for Christ Treasurer's Report

January 1 – December 31, 2012

Prepared by Karen Carpenter

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<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>						<b>\$375.34</b>
<i>CHURCH AUXILIARY:</i>	<b>Bethel</b>	<b>Hannon</b>	<b>Stockton</b>	<b>Verdella</b>	<b>Total Membership</b>	
<i>MEMBERS</i>	10	1	6	10	27	
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>						
<i>Association Offering</i>						<b>\$125.00</b>
<i>Fall Auction</i>						<b>1,000.00</b>
<i>Designated Receipts</i>	\$757.50	\$215.75	\$937.50			<b>1,910.75</b>
<i>District Membership Dues</i>	2.50	.25	1.50	2.50		<b>6.75</b>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPT</b>						<b>\$3,042.50</b>
<b>BALANCE:</b>						<b>\$3,417.84</b>
<b>Disbursements:</b>	<b>Bethel</b>	<b>Hannon</b>	<b>Stockton</b>	<b>Verdella</b>	<b>District</b>	
<i>Association Offering: Show-Me Plan</i>					125.00	125.00
<i>Checks</i>					14.74	14.74
<i>Fall Auction: Jennifer/Fermin Sanchez</i>			218.00		1,000.00	1,218.00
<i>Provision Closet</i>		200.00				200.00
<i>Show-Me Plan</i>	90.00		240.00			330.00
<i>Speakers: Brenda Bunch/Chelsea Johnston</i>					100.00	100.00
<i>20/20/20</i>	30.00					30.00
<i>WAC State Project: Jennifer</i>	30.00		165.00			195.00
<i>WAC State Project: Show-Me Plan</i>	400.00		165.00			565.00
<i>WAC State Project: WNAC</i>			55.00			55.00
<i>WNAC</i>	50.00					50.00
<i>WNAC / MO WAC Dues</i>	157.50	15.75	94.50			267.75
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>757.50</b>	<b>\$215.75</b>	<b>\$937.50</b>		<b>\$1,239.74</b>	<b>\$3,150.49</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCE:</b>						<b>\$267.35</b>

The nominating committee was appointed as follows: Bethel: Beula Chism, Stockton: Jan Cross, Hannon: Virginia Hoover and Verdella: Ionia Phillips.

The Central Western District W.A.C. Nominating Committee nominated the following members:

President: Linda Hall

Vise President: Jan Cross

Secretary: Shirley Yokley

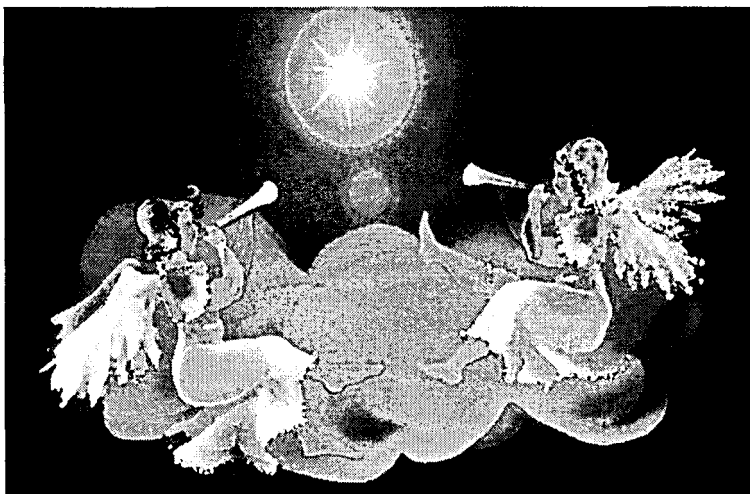
Treasurer: Peg Rider

Member at Large: Tasha Loane

No other nominations were voiced. Motion made, seconded and carried to accept these officers.

Meeting was dismissed in prayer by Linda Hall.

*Submitted by,  
Shirley Yokley*



# CENTRAL WESTERN

## Missouri Association of Free Will Baptist

### Annual Session

#### Saturday Afternoon

Bro. Erik Miller 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 offering today be sent to the Missouri Show Me Plan.
2. To give the Nevada Church a standing thank you for hosting the yearly meeting.

*Submitted by,*

*Lural Mays, Dalton Windsor, Warren Hall and Richard King*

Motion and seconded to receive the report and to accept them as read.

#### MINISTER REPORTS

NAME	Churches Pastored	Sermons	Additions to Church	Professions	Baptisms	Weddings	Funerals	Miles Traveled	Salary	
									Yes	No
Rev. Bob Dickey	1	98	0	0	0	1	4	2,500	✓	
Rev. Daniel Dickey	1	65	0	1	4	0	0	-	✓	
Rev. Warren Hall	1	98	0	0	0	1	2	5,400	✓	
Rev. Dennis Johnston	1	80	0	1	5	1	0	-	✓	
Rev. Wesley Rider	1	10	0	0	0	1	0	-	✓	
Bro. Dalton Windsor	1	150	1	9	8	2	2	-	✓	

#### Ministerial Committee Report:

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

*Bethel FWB Church:* Rev. Dennis Johnston

*Hannon FWB Church:* Rev. Bob Dickey and Rev. Wesley Rider

*Nevada FWB Church:* Rev. Daniel (Buck) Dickey

*Oskaloosa FWB Church:* Rev. Chris Bearden

*Stockton FWB Church:* Rev. Warren Hall

*Verdella FWB Church:* Bro. Dalton Windsor, Rev. Randy Sprengle and Rev. Jim Holder.

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We have found them all in good standing with this Association.

*Submitted by,  
Roger Phillips, Leane Johnston, Harold Cross,  
Robert Williams and Joe Yokley*

Motion, seconded and carried to accept this report.

**Obituary Committee Report:**

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

*Hannon:* Irene Thomas

*Hickory Grove:* Levon Sutton

*Stockton:* Betty Simpkins and Clois (Cotton) Helms

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

*Submitted by,  
Shel Dryer, Kendra Bearden, Nancy Mays and Ionia Phillips*

Motion was made, seconded and carried.

**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:* Jan Cross

*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:

Hannon FWB: Joe Yokley to expire in 2016

Nevada FWB: Paul Dreyer to expire in 2016

*Submitted by,  
Peggy Rider, Dennis Johnston, Daniel Dickey and Shirley Yokley*

Bro. Erik Miller asked if there were any other nominations. None was made. Motion was made to accept the report as read. Motion was seconded and it carried.

Bro. Erik Miller asked for the song leader to lead us in songs for our afternoon worship. We sang; *On Jordan's Stormy Banks* and *The Lily of the Valley*. Our special music was brought by Dennis Johnston, Rebecca Rash and Mikayla Loane singing *Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord*.

Bro. Erik introduced our speaker, Rev. Wesley Rider.

Rev. Wesley rider took his scripture from Mark 14:8. The title of his message was "Do What You Can."

He shared that God expects all of us to do what we *can* do. It's for HIM we are doing our work. We need to be the best we can be for HIM. He has a work for **all** of us to do.

Our next Quarterly Meeting will be at Oskaloosa Free Will Baptist Church in Liberal, Missouri. The time is 5 p.m. on June 2, 2013.

Our Annual Association Meeting will be March 15, 2014 at the Oskaloosa Free Will Baptist Church at 9 a.m.

We were dismissed 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.

## **ARTICLE 9.**

**Amendments.** This Constitution may be altered or amended at any Quarterly Meeting or Annual session of this Association by a two-thirds vote of members present, provided notice of proposed alteration of amendments has been given to the church clerks of the member churches by the Executive board 30 days prior to the Quarterly Meeting or Annual Association Meeting.



# **BYLAWS**

## **ARTICLE 1.**

Each annual session of this Association shall be called to order at 9:00 a.m. by the Clerk or the Assistant Clerk, or, in his or her absence, the standing member having seniority in years of service. After the clerk or the one calling the assembly to order shall declare a quorum, he or she shall call the Moderator to the chair, or, in his or her absence, the standing member having seniority in years of service.

## **ARTICLE 2.**

Each session of this Association shall be opened and closed with prayer. There shall be a morning message.

## **ARTICLE 3.**

Delegates equal in number to the number of active churches and representing at least a simple majority of active churches shall constitute a quorum to transact business for the Association, but any less number shall adjourn.

## **ARTICLE 4.**

Regular parliamentary procedure as set forth in "Robert's Rules of

Order” shall be followed. The method of voting shall be determined by the Moderator, unless one-third of the voters present dissent. No one shall be allowed to speak more than five minutes, nor more than twice on the same subject without the consent of the Conference.

**ARTICLE 5.**

*Section I.* The first item of business of the Association shall be to receive the church letters and seat the delegates. However, business shall not be suspended to wait for late or delayed letters. Such letters shall be received upon their arrival and their delegates seated.

*Section II.* Item 1: The election of the officers of this Association shall be held at the closing business session of the regular session of the Association. They shall hold office until their successors are elected.

Item 2: The Clerk/Treasurer shall supervise the printing of the minutes for the year of which they were Clerk/Treasurer.

*Section III.* The second item of business of the Association shall be the report of the Executive Board.

**ARTICLE 6.**

All committees or a committee on committees shall be appointed by the Moderator. All business, if possible, to be presented to the business committee prior to business session of the Quarterly Meeting or Annual Association Meeting.

**ARTICLE 7.**

It shall be the right of each church in the Association to determine its own fiscal year. We suggest January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**ARTICLE 8.**

A committee of five lay members, qualified delegates to the Association, shall be chose to look into the standing of the ministry of the Association and shall report to the Association for approval before adjournment.

## **ARTICLE 9.**

*Section I.* It shall be the duty of the churches of the Association to accompany their church letter with one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per church, plus one dollar (\$1.00) per resident member for the Central Western Missouri Association fund to be allocated thusly: one hundred fifty dollars (150.00) 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.