



Minutes
of the
106th Session
of the
Central Western
Missouri Association
of
Free Will Baptist
at
Oskaloosa
Free Will Baptist
Church
Liberal, Missouri



Theme:

"Breaking up your fallow ground."

Hosea 10:12



**The 107th Session of the
Central Western Missouri
Association of Free Will Baptist
will meet at the
Stockton Free Will Baptist Church
in Stockton, Mo. on
March 14, 2015 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 Oskaloosa Free Will Baptist Church, Liberal, Missouri

Rev. Chris Bearden, Pastor

June 9, 2013

Rev. Chris Bearden welcomed us to the Oskaloosa church. He then turned the meeting over to Bro. Erik Miller, moderator.

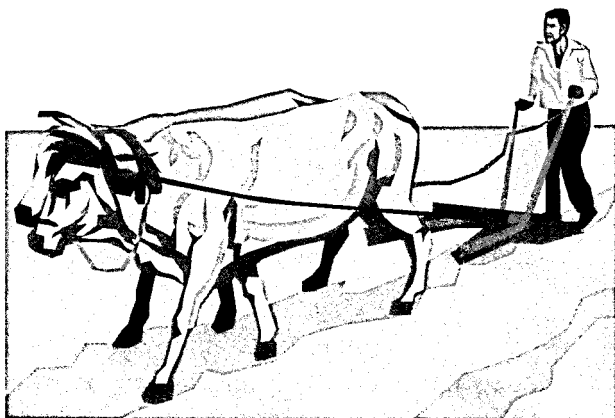
He announced that Dalton Windsor would be ordained at the Verdella church on June 23rd at 3 p.m. and all were invited to come.

After our congregational songs, Rev. Wesley Rider gave testimony of the 100th session of the Mo. State Association meeting in Springfield, Mo. He said it was a time of revival.

Our speaker was Rev. Buck (Daniel) Dickey. His scripture was from Galatians 5:7-15.

Blessings were asked on the refreshments and we were dismissed.

*Submitted by
Linda Hall, Clerk*



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

Rev. Warren Hall, Pastor

September 8, 2013

Rev. Warren Hall called us to order and ask Rev. Jacob Jones to lead us in prayer.

Bro. Warren gave a brief General Board meeting report. One thing he shared was that they were closing the Lebanon Bible & Book store.

Bro. Harold Cross led us in congregational songs: *Victory in Jesus & Bring Them In*.

The offering was blessed by Bro. Stan Bunch and received.

Special prayer was asked for Verdella pastor, Rev. Dalton Windsor's daughter who had pneumonia but was improving and was being taken off of oxygen this morning.

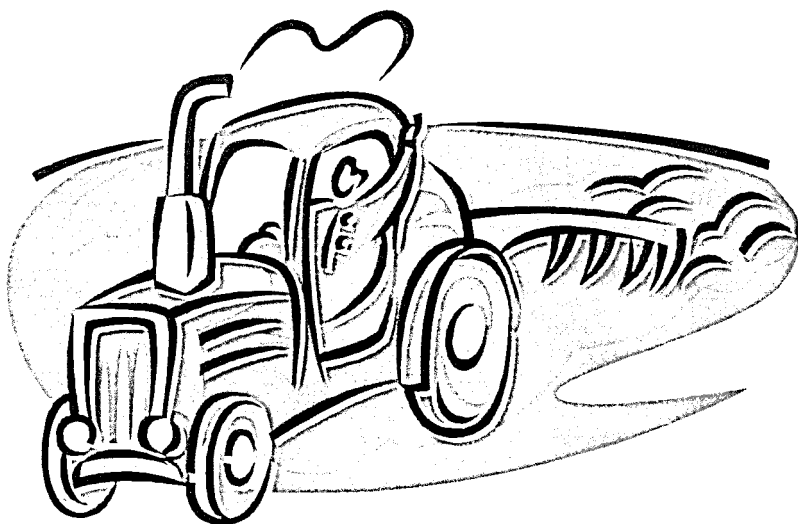
Rev. Stan Bunch our Missouri State Director gave a report of the state: after closing the book store, we can make our orders directly from Randal House Publications. They will give our state 10% commission from sales made. They have formed a committee to determine how we can help our churches in disciple making. 58 came to Christ at youth camp – an answer to many prayers and 6 responded to being called for His service. Ava church recently baptized 11 people! And there were many other things across our state showing Christ is moving in our churches.

Rev. Frank Webster gave a report of our **Missouri Missions**: 14 were saved in just 2 of our works! **Nationally**: 28 came to the Lord! **Internationally**: He's working in many countries. Keep praying – God is working. Giving is down this year in comparison to last year. Pray for God's provision.

Bro. Erik Miller turned the services over to our speaker, Rev. Dennis Johnston. "Making the Call" is what he titled his message. Scripture was taken from Prov. 29:18. If the blood of Jesus doesn't flow in our churches – we will die. Psalm 150:6: *"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord."*

Dennis turned meeting back over to Bro. Erik. He asked Bro. Buck (Daniel) Dickey to dismiss us and ask the blessing on the refreshments.

*Submitted by
Linda Hall, Clerk*



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

Rev. Dalton Windsor, Pastor

December 1, 2013

Bro. Erik Miller called us to order and asked B.J. Morgan to lead us in prayer.

Our songs, *Blessed Be the Name of the Lord, Jesus is the Sweetest Name I Know, Jesus, Name Above All Names* and *Something About That Name*, were led by Erik.

Bro. Warren Hall had a drawing to give away books that were given out by the state office. *Pastoral Ministry* was won by Jacob Jones; *What a Difference a Mom Makes* was won by Barb King and *What's Next?* was won by Joe Yokley. He then encouraged us to attend retreats our state offers. He also gave a report.

Our offering was blessed and received.

Rev. Dalton Windsor was our speaker. He told of a man who is 20 yrs. old and in a wheelchair that had an accident. He asked for prayers for him and then prayed a special prayer for him and our services. His scripture was from Eph. 3:14-21. Like the Christmas tree is lit up – Christ lights up the world. Let's also let our lights shine to the world for Christ. I Peter 1:8: We need to proclaim Him with joy - give out the Joy of the Lord to other. Acts 4:8: By the name of Jesus, power is given and healing is made.

We were dismissed in prayer with blessing on refreshment by Bro. Bob Dickey.

*Submitted by
Linda Hall, Clerk*



CENTRAL WESTERN

Missouri Association of Free Will Baptist

Annual Session

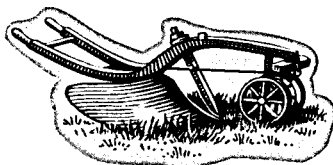
Convened at 9 am, Saturday, March 15, 2014
Oskaloosa Free Will Baptist Church, Liberal, Missouri

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, 2017
Stockton	Harold Cross, 2017
Verdella.....	Roger Phillips, 2017



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REGISTRATION

Deacons:

Lural Mays, *Bethel*.

Joe Yokley, *Hannon*.

Erik Miller and Roger Phillips, *Verdella*.

Delegates:

Bethel: Nancy Mays and Leana Johnston.

Hannon: Shirley Yokley, Raymond Kalm and Kay Kalm.

Nevada: Kylie Jones and Shel Dreyer.

Oskaloosa: Kendra Bearden.

Stockton: Linda Hall and Harold Cross.

Verdella: Ionia Phillips.

Ministers:

Bethel: Rev. Dennis Johnston.

Hannon: Rev. Wesley Rider.

Nevada: Rev. Jacob Jones.

Oskaloosa: Rev. Chris Bearden.

Stockton: Rev. Warren Hall.

Verdella: Rev. Dalton Windsor.

Missouri State Office: Rev. Stanley Bunch

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Visitors:

Virginia Bunton, *Hannon*.

Jan Cross, *Stockton*.

Brenda Bunch, Missouri State Office

CENTRAL WESTERN
Missouri Association of Free Will Baptist
Annual Session

Saturday Morning

Moderator Bro. Erik Miller opened our session with prayer. Our congregational songs were led by Jacob Jones.

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

Blessing was asked on the offering and then received.

Our speaker was Rev. Dalton Windsor. He began with prayer and handed out a quiz of importance for us to fill out. He took his scripture from John 2. His final message was **WHATSOEVER HE TELLS US, DO IT!** No more excuses.

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 – 2013

Beginning Balance	\$3,028.86
Income:	
Offerings	522.00
Interest	<u>1.45</u>
TOTAL INCOME:	523.45
Expenses: None	
ENDING BALANCE:	\$3,552.31

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, 2013

Balance Brought Forward	\$1,500.69
Receipts:	
National and Association Dues	\$1,241.00
Afternoon Offering (Show Me Plan)	129.84
<i>Total Receipts</i>	<i><u>\$1,370.84</u></i>
BALANCE:	<u>\$2,871.53</u>
Disbursements:	
Clerk Honorarium.....	\$100.00
LCN Printing (Minutes).....	84.70
Mo. State Assoc. of FWB Show Me Plan	129.84
Mo. State Assoc. of FWB National Dues	1,050.00
<i>Total Disbursements:.....</i>	<i><u>\$1,364.54</u></i>
ENDING BALANCE	<u>\$1,506.99</u>

Bro. Stan Bunch gave a missions report.

Bro. Miller appointed the committees.

He turned the meeting over to Sis. Linda Hall to appoint committees for the Central Western District Women Active for Christ. Sis. Linda appointed the committees and turned meeting back to Bro. Erik. He asked the committees to meet during the break and to give their reports to Sis. Linda. He dismissed us in prayer for a short break.



CENTRAL WESTERN DISTRICT WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST

*Convened at Oskaloosa Free Will Baptist Church,
Liberal, Missouri
at 11:00 a.m. March 15, 2014*

Morning Session

The Central Western District W.A.C. session was called to order by President Linda Hall. Leana Johnston led us in prayer. Jacob Jones led the congregation in singing two hymns *Victory in Jesus* and *I Am Thine, O Lord*.

Chris Sargent sang our special *At the Cross*. Sister Linda introduced our speaker, Tori Sargent from Joplin, MO. Tori and Chris Sargent have two children and are planning to go to Southern Spain through the Hanna Project, a faith project for human needs - 9% of the poorest live in this area. This area is in the 10/40 window with the world's worst poverty

Tori read from the passages John 15:15 -17,
"¹⁵ Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you. ¹⁶ Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. ¹⁷ These things I command you, that ye love one another."

Kiley Kitsmiller and Shelly Dreyer collected the offering of \$411.00 which is designated for Chris and Tori Sargent.

State WAC Projects **2014** (Begin Jan.1, 2014): Show Me Plan, \$3,000, WNAC \$3,000 & Osage Beach Church Supplies (Darius Wentz) \$3,000. **2015** Proposed Projects (Begin Jan.1, 2015): Show Me Plan \$3,000, WNAC \$3,000, & Chris Sargent \$3,000

Linda Hall read the treasurer's report which was submitted by treasurer, Peggy Rider. Linda noted the report was incomplete and would be balanced later. Motion made, seconded and carried to accept the report.

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Central Western District Women Active for Christ Treasurer's Report

January 1 – December 31, 2013

Prepared by Peg Rider & Linda Hall

BEGINNING BALANCE						\$267.35
CHURCH AUXILIARY:	Bethel	Hannon	Stockton	Verdella	Total Membership	
MEMBERS	10	11	6	10	37	
RECEIPTS:						
<i>Association Offering (for Osage Beach Church Supplies)</i>						\$97.00
<i>Fall Auction (For Osage Beach Church Supplies)</i>						1,421.00
<i>Designated Receipts</i>	607.50	173.25	814.50	157.50		1,752.75
<i>District Membership Dues</i>	2.50	2.75	1.50	2.50		9.25
TOTAL RECEIPT						\$3,280.00
BALANCE:						\$3,547.35
DISBURSEMENTS:						
	Bethel	Hannon	Stockton	Verdella	District	
Association Offering: Osage Beach Church Sup.					97.00	97.00
Fall Auction: Osage Beach Church Sup.			95.00		1,421.00	1,516.00
Speaker: Peg Rider					50.00	50.00
Show-Me Plan			240.00			240.00
WAC State Project: Jennifer			15.00			15.00
WAC State Project: Hispanic Building Fund			150.00			150.00
WAC State Project: Show-Me Plan	450.00		165.00			615.00
WAC State Project: WNAC			55.00			55.00
WNAC / MO WAC Dues	157.50	173.25	94.50	157.50		582.75
TOTALS	607.50	173.25	814.50	157.50	1,568.00	3,320.75
ENDING BALANCE:						\$226.60

Shirley Yokley read the Central Western District W.A.C. Secretary's report for 2013. Motion made and seconded to approve report as read; motion carried.

The nominating committee was appointed as follows:
Bethel: Nancy Mays, Hannon: Shirley Yokley, Stockton: Jan Cross, Verdella: Ionia Phillips.

MOWAC State Convention is Tues., June 3. We may have 3 delegates to State. Sister Peg Rider was appointed as our delegate.

Sis. Linda Hall made the following announcements:
Minister's Wives' retreat is at the Cross Pointe Retreat Center, 31434 Main St. Rocky Mount, MO-April 25-26.

MO WAC Retreat is September 19-20 at the Ramada Oasis in Springfield, MO.

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

President: Linda Hall

Vice President: Jan Cross

Secretary: Shirley Yokley

Treasurer: Peggy Rider

Member at Large: Nancy Mays

No other nominations were made. Motion made, seconded and carried to accept these officers. Blessing on our new officers and meal was given by Brenda Bunch.

*Submitted by,
Shirley Yokley*



CENTRAL WESTERN

Missouri Association of Free Will Baptist

Annual Session

Saturday Afternoon

Bro. Erik Miller asked Joe Yokley to open 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 go to the Sargents, take \$300 from the Executive Board account and also take \$200 from the Association Fund to put with the offering for the Sargents.
2. Give the Oskaloosa Church a standing "Thank You" for hosting the yearly meeting.

Submitted by,

Lural Mays, Raymond Kalm, Harold Cross and Shel Dreyer

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

After this was approved, motion was made to give Provows and Sargents \$500 (\$250 each) from the Executive Board Fund at the gathering at Hannon.

This was seconded and motion carried.

Motion was made to set a minimum of \$2,500 to be left in the Executive Board account.

Motion was seconded and motion carried.

MINISTER REPORTS

NAME	Churches Pastored	Sermons	Additions to Church	Professions	Baptisms	Weddings	Funerals	Miles Traveled	Salary	
									Yes	No
Rev. Chris Bearden	1	84	0	1	0	0	2	1,600		✓
Rev. Bob Dickey	0	4	0	0	0	0	2	2,000		✓
Rev. Daniel Dickey	1	40	7	2	0	1	2	-	✓	
Rev. Warren Hall	1	100	0	0	0	0	0	3,940	✓	
Rev. Dennis Johnston	1	70	2	2	6	2	1	1,100	✓	
Rev. Wesley Rider	1	96	2	6	4	0	1	-		✓
Bro. Dalton Windsor	1	0	3	5	5	0	4	-	✓	

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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 and
Rev. Jacob Jones

Oskaloosa FWB Church: Rev. Chris Bearden

Stockton FWB Church: Rev. Warren Hall

Verdella FWB Church: Rev. Dalton Windsor and Rev. Jim Holder.

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

*Submitted by,
Roger Phillips, Joe Yokley, Leana Johnston
and Kathleen K. Kalm.*

Motion, seconded and carried to accept this report.

Obituary Committee Report:

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

Hannon: Bob Selvey

Oskaloosa: Gene Sadler and Wayne Rash

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

*Submitted by,
Nancy Mays, Shirley Yokley, and Ionia Phillips*
Motion was made to accept, 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

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

Oskaloosa Free Will Baptist Church: None, 2017

Stockton Free Will Baptist Church: Harold Cross, 2017

Verdella Free Will Baptist Church: Roger Phillips, 2017

*Submitted by,
Dennis Johnston, Buck (Daniel) Dickey and Jacob Jones*

Motion, and second to receive these nominations. Bro. Erik asked for any other nominations. None were given and motion carried.

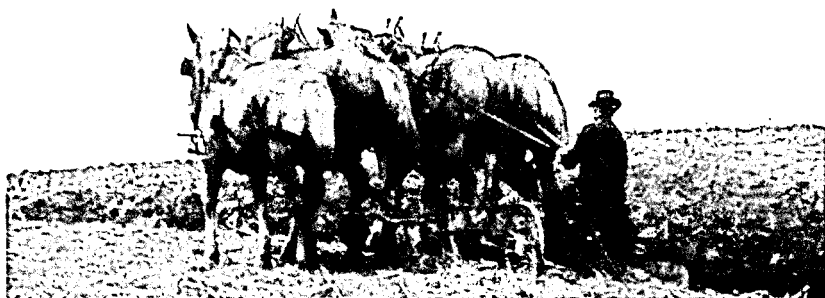
Having no other business, Bro. Erik asked for a motion to adjourn our business session. Motion was made, seconded and carried.

Our afternoon worship was opened with prayer. Songs were led by Jacob Jones. Chris Sargent was our speaker. He and his family attend the Generations Free Will Baptist Church in Joplin, Missouri. He first gave us insight into how he and his wife came to answer God's call for service.

Our next Quarterly Meeting will be at Bethel Free Will Baptist Church on June 1st at 5 p.m. Gary Fry will be our speaker.

Our next Annual Meeting will be at Stockton Free Will Baptist Church on March 14, 2015 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 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 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.