

Minutes of the 107th Session
of the
Central Western Missouri
Association of
Free Will Baptist
at
Stockton
Free Will Baptist Church
Stockton, Missouri



*Theme of the 107th Session of
Central Western Missouri Association:*

"A Time for Everything"

The 108th Session of the
Central Western Missouri Association
of Free Will Baptist
will meet at the
Verdella Free Will Baptist Church
in Liberal, Mo. on
March 19, 2016 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 1, 2014

Moderator Erik Miller called the meeting to order and we were opened in prayer by Roger Phillips.

Rev. Dennis Johnston led us in songs: *I Surrender All* and *Victory in Jesus*.

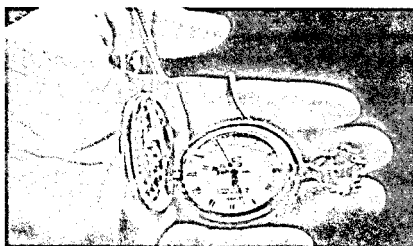
Bro. Gary Fry brought information from the Welch College (formerly the Free Will Baptist Bible College). He also was our speaker. He took scripture from Titus 2:1-10. He reminded us that we have a responsibility to make the Gospel attractive to the lost. Is it reasonable for the world to judge the Bible by how we live? Yes, even though we may not like what they may see. Let's be a walking, breathing advertisement for Christ. We can only do this through HIM. Bro. Gary ended his sermon with prayer.

Bro. Erik asked for usher to come. After a blessing was asked, the offering was collected.

Our next quarterly meeting is at Hannon FWB Church on September 7 at 5 p.m.

Joe Yokley asked the blessings on our refreshment and dismissed us.

*Submitted by
Linda Hall, Clerk*



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

Rev. Wesley Rider, Pastor

September 7, 2014

We were welcomed by Bro. Erik Miller and he opened our meeting with prayer.

Sister Angela Moreno led us in choruses.

After asking God's blessing on our offering, it was received.

We enjoyed our special music brought by Sarah Robertson and Kevin Monte singing *Mercy Walked In*.

Bro. Stan Bunch updated us on things in our state works. Terry Burk has left his work in Troy and has been replaced by Mike Dankson. Cabool has reopened and is doing well. Our Show Me Plan giving is down.

Our speaker was Rev. Keith Garrison from Springfield, Mo. He told us of his new book, *Upon This Rock*. It tells of Missouri's Free Will Baptist history including how our Central Western Missouri Association was instrumental in forging ahead with God's work in our state. May we go forward together in unity for our Lord.

Announcement was made of the Women Active for Christ Mission auction and dinner. It will be October 18 at 5 p.m.

Motion was made by Wesley Rider that we give \$200 to Bro. Keith to help with his travel expenses. Motion was seconded and carried.

Our next quarterly meeting will be at the Nevada FWB Church on December 7 at 5 p.m.

Rev. Chris Bearden dismissed us in prayer and blessed our refreshments.

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

Rev. Jacob Jones, Pastor

December 7, 2014

We sang: *To God Be the Glory* and *The Lily of the Valley*
led by Rev. Jacob Jones.

Our speaker was Rev. Chris Bearden. His scripture was
Isaiah 9:6. He spoke of prophesy in Isaiah 53:1-5 foretelling
Christ's birth.

The National Association of Free Will Baptist wants certain
copies of our Association minutes. Sister Linda Hall is gathering
those for them. They are also asking that we mail 2 copies each
year to the **FWB Historical Collection, 3606 West End Ave.,
Nashville, TN 37205.**

Rev. Warren Hall gave a report from the General Board:
The **Education Board** is offering a gift certificate for a new
attendee to the Minister's Retreat. The **FWB Foundation Estate
Planning Seminar** is available to our churches. The **FWB
National** meeting will be in Missouri in 2016. We need to support
this and each church is asked to send \$200 to our Missouri State
Office.

Prayer request: Houston, Missouri pastor lost grandchild.
Remember the Golf family.

We were dismissed with prayer by Roger Phillips and
refreshments and fellowship followed.

*Submitted by
Linda Hall, Clerk*

CENTRAL WESTERN

Missouri Association of Free Will Baptist

Annual Session

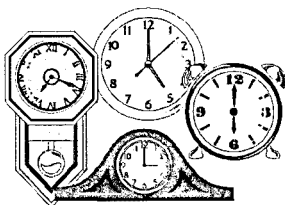
Convened at 9 am, Saturday, March 14, 2015
Stockton Free Will Baptist Church, Stockton, Missouri

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
HistoriansRev. Bob and Dorothy Dickey

EXECUTIVE AND HOME MISSION BOARD

Bethel Lural Mays, 2018
Hannon Joe Yokley, 2016
Nevada Paul Dreyer, 2016
Hickory GroveNone, 2016
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: Beula Chism, Carolyn Rash, Nancy Mays and
Leana Johnston.
Hannon: Shirley Yokley, Barb King and Richard King.
Nevada: Kylie Jones.
Stockton: Linda Hall and Harold Cross.

Ministers:

Bethel: Rev. Dennis Johnston.
First Day, Cabool, Mo.: Rev. Randy Gaddis
Mo. State FWB: Rev. Stanley Bunch
Nevada: Rev. Jacob Jones.
Stockton: Rev. Warren Hall.
Verdella: Rev. Dalton Windsor.

Visitors:

Mike Wootton, *FWB Foundation*
Debbie Webster, *Lebanon, Mo.*
Betty Crutcher, Lucille Franklin, Joyce Helms, Winnie Lira,
Ella O'Connor, Nonie McQuay & Jan Cross, *Stockton*.
Josh Groves, *Verdella*

CENTRAL WESTERN
Missouri Association of Free Will Baptist
Annual Session

Saturday Morning

Moderator Erik Miller called our meeting to order and asked Roger Phillips to lead us in prayer.

Our congregational singing was led by Harold Cross. We sang: *The Solid Rock* and *Love Lifted Me*.

Clerk Linda Hall 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.

The offering was received after the offertory prayer was asked.

Kylie Jones from the Nevada FWB Church brought our special music. She sang *My Lord's Near Me All the Time*.

Our speaker was Rev. Jacob Jones. His scripture was from I Thess. 5:20-22.

Bro. Erik asked Bro. Lural Mays for the Executive Board Treasurer's Report.

CENTRAL WESTERN ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD

Financial Report – 2014

Beginning Balance	\$3,552.31
Income:	
Offerings	538.25
Interest	<u>1.85</u>
TOTAL INCOME:	\$540.10
Expenses:	
Sargents	550.00
Provo	250.00
Garrison	<u>200.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,000.00
ENDING BALANCE:	\$3,092.41

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Motion was made to accept the report as read. Motion was seconded and carried.

Bro. Erik asked for the Clerk's report. 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, 2014

Balance Brought Forward \$1,506.99

Receipts:

National and Association Dues \$1,251.00

Afternoon Offering (Show Me Plan) 188.00

Total Receipts \$1,439.00

BALANCE: \$2,945.99

Disbursements:

Clerk Honorarium..... \$100.00

LCN Printing (60 Minutes)..... 66.00

Mo. State Assoc. of FWB (Chris Sargent)..... 388.00

Mo. State Assoc. of FWB (National Dues) 1,050.00

USPS 24.94

Total Disbursements:..... \$1,628.94

ENDING BALANCE \$1,317.05

Brother Erik welcomed Rev. Stan Bunch, our State Director, and gave him time to speak.

He gave greetings from our Missouri State Office. He reviewed some of the happenings in the state.

- The Minister's Retreat seemed more like a revival! Our pastors were blessed and challenged.
- Missouri is #1 in National giving to Coop
- The Christian Education Board gave \$5,000 to help counsel leaders of our state and churches.

He reminded us the State Office is here to serve US.

Bro. Erik then recognized Bro. Mike Wootton with the Free Will Baptist Foundation.

Bro. Wootton is willing to come to our churches and worship with us Sunday morning and that night hand out packets with

information about trusts. Be sure to get with him and set up a meeting.

Bro. Erik gave time to Rev. Frank Webster, State Mission Director, to update us on our mission works.

Bro. Webster said, "Thank you for what you're doing." He said we're helping our Mission Board do what it's supposed to do! He reported:

- Osage Beach is doing well and souls are being saved!
- Cabool is growing and souls being save there as well!
- Troy has had a change of leader. Mike Dankson is there now.
- Colorado's Castle Rock church is growing and has sold land and bought south of town. Donny & Susan Berk are serving there.
- Erie, Pennsylvania has new property and is growing.
- Greensburg, Pennsylvania are seeing souls saved and growth as well. Nate and Jenna Altom serve there and recently. miscarried another child. Remember them in your prayers.
- In July, the Baileys and Turnboughs will be state side.
- Steve Lytle is having health problems – remember him.
- Provows are still stateside and anxious to get to Brazil.
- In India, churches are growing.
- Our Spain works are doing well and need our prayers.

Bro. Frank shared that over 900 people were saved in our International works!

Bro. Erik appointed the committees from our delegates and turned the floor over to Sis. Linda Hall. She appointed the Central Western District Women Active for Christ Nominating Committee and turned the floor back to Bro. Erik Miller. He asked the committees to meet during our break and Rev. Dennis Johnston to dismiss us with prayer.



**CENTRAL WESTERN DISTRICT
WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST**
*Convened at Stockton Free Will Baptist Church,
Stockton, Missouri
at 10:45 a.m. March 14, 2015*

Theme: "His Yoke is Easy"

*Christ's yoke fits each person perfectly and is not abrasive.
It is not too heavy. It is just right.*

The Central Western District W.A.C. session was called to order by President, Linda Hall. Leana Johnston led us in prayer. Harold Cross led the congregation in singing two hymns: *Sweet By and By* and *When I see the Blood*. Jan Cross played the piano accompaniment.

Ramona York sang our special *Under His Feet*, and accompanied herself on the piano.

Sister Linda introduced our speaker Debbie Webster from Lebanon, MO. Debbie taught school for 25 years and is now teaching part-time. Debbie and her husband Rev. Frank Webster have hosted missionary students and have taken mission trips to Panama, and Frank has gone to the Ivory Coast. Frank is the "Missions Director" and they both have dedicated their lives for missionary work. Debbie said, **wherever he leads I'll go-His Yoke is Easy**-Matthew 11:28-30. Debbie gave each lady a handout sheet with a quiz, "How well do you know our missionaries?" Listed below are ways to pray for our missionaries by name:

- Sunday-relationship with God
- Monday physical & emotional needs
- Tuesday-family relationships
- Wednesday-ability to communicate
- Thursday-effective ministry(fruit that will remain)
- Friday-team relationship
- Saturday-country of service

Ways to Give:

- Give financially to the Show Me Plan
- Share ideas-WAC projects, VBS themes that work and beneficial Bible studies you've done.

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Central Western District Women Active for Christ Treasurer's Report

January 1 – December 31, 2014

Prepared by Karen Carpenter

BEGINNING BALANCE						\$226.60
CHURCH AUXILIARY:	Bethel	Hannon	Stockton	Verdella	Total Membership	
MEMBERS	10	13	6	0	29	
RECEIPTS:						
<i>Association Offering (for Chris & Tori Sargent / Spain)</i>						\$565.00
<i>Fall Auction (Randy Gaddis / Cabool Mission)</i>						1,259.25
<i>Designated Receipts</i>	907.50	204.75	993.00	0		2105.25
<i>District Membership Dues</i>	2.50	3.25	1.00	0		6.75
TOTAL RECEIPT						\$3,936.25
BALANCE:						\$4,162.85
DISBURSEMENTS:	Bethel	Hannon	Stockton	Verdella	District	
Association Offering: Chris & Tori Sargent					565.00	565.00
Fall Auction: Randy Gaddis / Cabool Mission			95.00			95.00
International Missions			100.00			100.00
WAC State Project: Osage Beach Church Sup.			165.00			165.00
WAC State Project: Hispanic Building Fund			30.00			30.00
WAC State Project: Show-Me Plan	750.00		475.00			1,225.00
WAC State Project: WNAC			65.00			65.00
WNAC / MO WAC Dues	157.50	204.75	63.00	0		425.25
TOTALS	907.50	204.75	993.00	0	565.00	2,670.25
ENDING BALANCE:						\$1,492.60

- Connect and engage - make contacts on social media; find out more about the individual missionaries.
- Show love - send birthday, anniversary and thinking of you cards. Show love to extended families. Send gift cards for hospitality use or date nights.
- Visit (if possible)

Leana Johnston and Shirley Yokley collected the offering of \$361.60 which will be divided between Chelsea Johnston's Mission Trip and the Show Me Plan.

Sister Linda Hall spoke on the up-coming retreats and state projects.

- Minister's wives' retreat - Cross Pointe Retreat Center, 31434 Main St., Rocky Mount, Mo.
- State WAC: Sept. 18-19 at Ramada Oasis in Springfield
- 2015 Projects: Show Me Plan \$3000, WNAC \$3000 & Chris Sargent \$3000
- 2016 *Proposed* Projects: Show me Plan \$3000, WNAC \$3000, Speer Family \$3000

We may have three delegates going to the state convention. Peg Rider was appointed - no others were going to state.

Shirley Yokley read the Central Western District W.A.C secretary's report for 2014. Motion made and seconded to approve report as read, motion carried.

Linda Hall read the treasurer's report in the absence of Karen Carpenter. Motion made and seconded to approve report as read, motion carried.

The Nominating committee was appointed as follows:
Bethel: Nancy Mays, Stockton: Joyce Helms and Hannon: Shirley Yokley.

The Central Western District nominating committee nominated the following members:

President: Linda Hall
Vice president: Jan Cross
Secretary: Shirley Yokley
Treasurer: Leana Johnston

No other nominations were made. Motion made, seconded and carried to accept these officers. Blessings on new officers and meal were given by Debbie Webster.

Submitted by
Shirley Yokley

CENTRAL WESTERN

Missouri Association of Free Will Baptist

Saturday Afternoon

During the morning break, it was decided to continue on with the business and afternoon sessions and then break for lunch.

Bro. Erik Miller opened our session with prayer. He turned the floor over to the clerk, Linda Hall, to read the reports:

Business Committee Report:

We, the Business Committee, recommend:

- Give \$200 to Chelsea Johnston out of the Executive Board Fund for her Mission Trip.
- Give the speaker, Randy Gaddis, the offering from today. If the offering doesn't reach \$200, we will make the difference with the Executive Board Fund.
- Give the Stockton Church a 'thank you' for hosting.

Submitted by,

Lural Mays, Harold Cross and Kylie Jones

Motion was made to accept the report, seconded and carried.

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. Wesley Rider, Rev. Bob Dickey and
Rev. Chris Bearden

Nevada FWB Church: Rev. Jacob Jones and Rev. Daniel Dickey

Stockton FWB Church: Rev. Warren Hall

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

We have found them in good standing with this Association.

Submitted by,

Roger Phillips, Joe Yokley and Nancy Mays

Motion was made to accept the report, seconded and carried.

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MINISTER REPORTS

NAME	Churches Pastored	Sermons	Additions to Church	Professions	Baptisms	Weddings	Funerals	Miles Traveled	Salary Yes	No
Rev. Chris Bearden	1	52	0	1	1	2	3	825		✓
Rev. Bob Dickey	0	10	0	0	0	0	4	3,000		✓
Rev. Jacob Jones	1	52	0	0	0	0	0	300		✓
Rev. Warren Hall	1	100	2	0	0	0	1	4,800	✓	
Rev. Dennis Johnston	1	98	0	0	0	0	0	1,336	✓	
Rev. Wesley Rider	1	100	2	15	15	0	0	-	✓	
Rev.. Dalton Windsor	1	125	0	8	0	2	2	-	✓	

Obituary Committee Report:

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

Stockton: Bonnie Stapert

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

Respectfully Submitted by,

Shirley Yokley, Leana Johnston & Dalton Windsor

Motion was made to accept the report, seconded and carried. We stood for a moment of silent prayer.

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 General Board Member: Rev. Warren Hall

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

Bethel FWB Church: Lural Mays to expire in 2018.

Submitted by,

Dennis Johnston, Barb King and Jacob Jones

Motion, and second to receive these nominations.

Bro. Erik asked for any other nominations. None were given and motion carried.

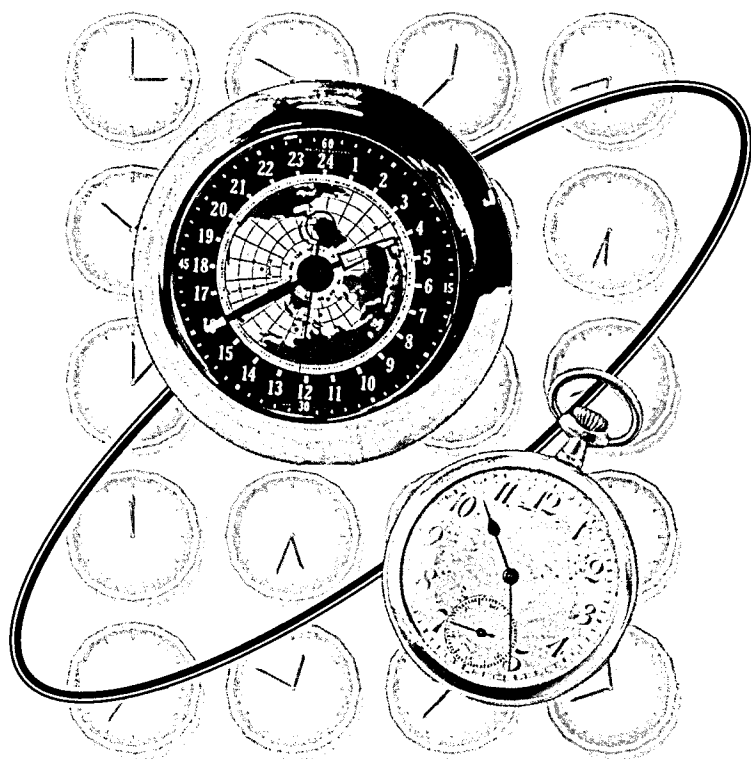
Bro. Erik asked for a motion to adjourn our business session. Motion was made, seconded and carried.

Our worship session was opened with special music by Rev. Dalton Windsor. He sang *Midnight Cry*.

Our speaker was Rev. Randy Gaddis from the Cabool Mission Church. His Scripture was taken from John 12:20-32. He challenged us with the question, "Is God second fiddle to something in our lives?" If so we need to make a change. We need to serve God and honor him as **first** in our lives.

Bro. Erik announced the next quarterly meeting will be at Stockton on June 7th at 5 p.m. Our next Annual Meeting will be at Verdella on March 19 at 9 a.m.

Blessing on our meal and dismissal prayer was given.



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.