

# Faith is the Victory



**Minutes of the 108<sup>th</sup> Session  
of the  
Central Western Missouri  
Association of  
Free Will Baptist  
at  
Verdella Free Will Baptist  
Church  
Liberal, Missouri  
March 19, 2016**

**Theme of the 108<sup>th</sup> Session of  
Central Western Missouri Association:**

**Faith is the Victory**

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*I John 5:4*

**The 109<sup>th</sup> Session of the  
Central Western Missouri Association of  
Free Will Baptist  
will meet at the  
Bethel Free Will Baptist Church  
in El Dorado Springs, Mo. on  
March 18, 2017 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 Stockton Free Will Baptist Church, Stockton, Missouri

Rev. Warren Hall, Pastor

June 7, 2015

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

Sis. Linda Hall led us in congregational singing. We sang *Sunlight* and *He Leadeth Me*.

Bro. Lural May gave the offertory prayer and it was received.

Chelsea Johnston gave thanks to our Central Western Association and District Women Active for Christ for their monetary gifts toward her mission trip to Panama. She then sang *Master of the Wind*.

Harold Cross, Linda and Warren Hall brought a special reading of an article by Billy Watkins. It was titled *Would I have the Faith and the Courage to Look the ISIS Cowards in the Eye and Say, "I believe in Jesus Christ?"*

Our speaker was Rev. Wesley Rider. He took his scripture from Mark 14:8. He challenged us to **do what we can** and to **do the best we can**. God doesn't expect us to do what we can't do. But we should strive to be Christ-like.

Our next quarterly meeting will be at Verdella FWB Church on September 13.

Rev. Warren Hall dismissed us and asked the blessings on refreshment that followed our meeting.

*Submitted by  
Linda Hall, Clerk*

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

Rev. Dalton Windsor, Pastor

September 13, 2015

We were welcomed by Bro. Erik Miller and he asked Rev. Dennis Johnston to lead us in prayer.

Our congregation was led in these songs: *At Calvary, O How I Love Jesus* and *In Times Like These*.

Sis. Tricia McKay sang *At the Cross (Love Ran Red)* as our special music.

Rev. Dalton Windsor welcomed us and introduced Rev. Stan Bunch, our State Director. He shared these upcoming events in our state. The 2016 National Convention will meet in Kansas City on July 17-20. Thursday, October 1 has been designated as a day of fasting and prayer for our state, our churches and our nation. He brought greetings from Bro. Frank Webster who could not be with us tonight.

Rev. Dalton Windsor was our speaker. He took his scripture from Galatians 5:13-14. We need to ask what can WE do for our church **NOT** what can our church do for us. May God burden our hearts to love as HE loved and serve as HE served.

Bro. Roger Phillips was asked to bless our fellowship and refreshment with prayer.

*Submitted by  
Linda Hall, Clerk*



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

Rev. Dennis Johnston, Pastor

December 6, 2015

Rev. Dennis Johnston welcomed us and then turned the floor over to Bro. Warren Hall

Having no moderator or assistant moderator to conduct our meeting, Rev. Warren Hall called our meeting to order and led us in prayer. He asked for the song leader to come lead our song service.

Bro. Dennis Johnston led us in singing: *Lily of the Valley* and *Oh, Say But I'm Glad!*

Bro. Wess Rider motioned we give \$200 to Frank Webster for Missions. Motion was seconded and carried.

Bro. Dennis Johnston brought us our special music. He sang: *Here Today, Gone Tomorrow*.

Rev. Frank Webster was our speaker. He first shared a "Thank You Video" from some of our Missionaries supported by our Show Me Plan. Then he had us break into groups. We were to come up with ideas for an outreach for our group and share it. It was a very interesting time working together.

Bro. Lural Mays dismissed us with prayer and also asked blessings on our refreshments.

*Submitted by  
Linda Hall, Clerk*



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

*Convened at 9 am, Saturday, March 19, 2016*  
*Verdella Free Will Baptist Church, Liberal, Missouri*

**OFFICERS**

Moderator.....Bro. Erik Miller  
Assistant Moderator..... Rev. Jacob Jones  
Clerk/Treasurer ..... Linda Hall  
Asst. Clerk/Treasurer ..... Jan Cross

**OTHER POSITIONS:**

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, 2018  
Hannon ..... Joe Yokley, 2019  
Nevada ..... Paul Dreyer, 2019  
Hickory Grove .....None, 2019  
Stockton ..... Harold Cross, 2017  
Verdella .....Roger Phillips, 2017



## **CHURCHES, PASTORS and Clerks**

### **Bethel Free Will Baptist, 417-876-6459**

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Rev. Dennis Johnston, 417-876-2451

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*Clerk: Vicky Spencer, 417-876-5870*

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No Pastor

*Clerk: Glenna Stackhouse, 816-899-2219*

12305 E. 299<sup>th</sup> St., Archie, Mo. 64725

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1019 S. Main, Nevada, Mo. 64772

*Clerk: Gretchen Dickey, 417-922-1933*

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**Verdella Free Will Baptist**, 417-843-5613  
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Rev. Dalton Windsor, 417-843-6810  
799 W. Highway V, Liberal, Mo. 64762  
*Clerk: Joan Wilson*, 417-843-5615  
759 N. Hwy. FF, Liberal, Mo. 64762

## REGISTRATION

### Deacons:

Lural Mays, *Bethel*.  
Erik Miller, Marty Werner and Roger Phillips, *Verdella*.

### Delegates:

*Bethel*: Carolyn Rash, Nancy Mays and  
Vicky Spencer.  
*Hannon*: Barb King and Richard King.  
*Nevada*: Kylie Jones.  
*Stockton*: Linda Hall and Harold Cross.  
*Verdella*: Traci Windsor, Joan Wilson, Marsha Werner and  
Ionia Phillips.

### Ministers:

*Bethel*: Rev. Dennis Johnston.  
*Buffalo*: Rev. Stanley Bunch  
*Hannon*: Rev. Wes Rider and Rev. Bob Dickey.  
*Nevada*: Rev. Jacob Jones and Rev. Daniel Dickey.  
*Lebanon*: Rev. Frank Webster  
*Stockton*: Rev. Warren Hall.  
*Verdella*: Rev. Dalton Windsor.

### Visitors:

*Bethel*: Rebecca Rash, Cindy Carpenter and family,  
Mikayla Loane, Candice Loane and Jimmy Loane.  
*Verdella*: Sylvia Zimmerman, Bella Windsor, Tricia McKay,  
Sierra McCuistion, Tabatha McCuistion, Drew Windsor,

Brady Windsor, Byron McKay, Tana McKay, Taylin McKay, Tirley McKay, Tatum McKay, Tiernyn McKay and Karen Carpenter.



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

**Saturday Morning**

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

The Verdella Puppet team presented a program titled, *God's Not Dead.* They did a great job and a wonderful message as well.

Our congregational singing was led by member of the Verdella Church. We sang: *Blessed Assurance* and *Only A Sinner*.

Bro. Erik asked our clerk to come to the stage. Sis. 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.

Children from the Verdella church presented Bible memorization for us. It is wonderful to see these children work so hard and share their talents.

The offering was received after the offertory prayer was given.

Rev. Dennis Johnston brought our morning devotional. He spoke of the first sin that was committed. It was by Satan (Lucifer) who wanted to become God. He had too much pride and Jesus himself was an eye witness of the fall.

Adam committed the first sin of man. Therefore it spread throughout all mankind. However, we rejoice that Jesus is alive and well and still willing to forgive the sin of any who is willing to come and ask.

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

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# CENTRAL WESTERN ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD

## Financial Report – 2015

	Beginning Balance	<b>\$3,092.41</b>
Income:	Offerings	421.00
	Interest	<u>.83</u>
	<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>\$421.83</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
	Randy Gaddis	77.00
	Chelsea Johnston mission trip	200.00
	Mo. State Missions	<u>200.00</u>
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$477.00</b>
	<b>ENDING BALANCE:</b>	<b>\$3,037.24</b>

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                      JAN. 1 – DEC. 31, 2015

**Balance Brought Forward ..... 1,317.05**

**Receipts:**

National and Association Dues .....\$1,084.00  
Offering (\$123 plus \$77 from Executive Board - Randy Gaddis)  
..... 200.00

**Total Receipts ..... \$1,284.00**

**BALANCE: ..... \$2,601.05**

**Disbursements:**

Bank Service Charge ..... \$15.00  
Clerk Honorarium..... 100.00  
LCN Printing (Minutes printed 60 copies)..... 66.00  
Mo. State Assoc. of FWB (Hillsdale/Chelsea Johnston's Mission  
Account. .... 200.00  
Mo. State Assoc. of FWB (Randy Gaddis) ..... 200.00  
Mo. State Assoc. of FWB (National Fees)..... 900.00  
USPS ..... 11.50

**Total Disbursements:..... \$1,492.50**

**ENDING BALANCE ..... \$1,108.50**

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

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

Bro. Webster said there are changes going on all around the world. We're seeing God work through our missionaries to bring souls to Him.

Bro. Erik then asked Rev. Stanley Bunch, State Director, to share with us. He mentioned the State Meeting coming up on June 6-8, National Convention is in Kansas City, Mo. this year on July 17-20. He encouraged us to attend and support these events.

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 asked them to meet during the break. She then turned the floor back to Bro. Erik Miller.

Bro. Erik asked the committees to meet during our break.

Bro. Erik asked that we convene back at 10:45 a.m. We were dismissed in prayer.



Upon convening back in the sanctuary, Bro. Erik asked children from Verdella and Bethel to bring us more Bible memorization and stories that they had written. We also had Bible tic-tac-toe and interpretive memorization performances from these very talented children. They were fun to watch and great performers.

Bro. Erik turned the floor over to Sis. Linda Hall, President of the Central Western District Women Active for Christ to have their service.



## CENTRAL WESTERN DISTRICT WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST

*Convened at Verdella Free Will Baptist Church,  
Liberal, Missouri  
at 11:00 a.m. March 19, 2016*

President Linda Hall called our meeting to order. She asked Vicky Spencer to lead us in prayer. She shared our theme and read the verse:

### **“I Surrender”**

*I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.*

*Galatians 2:20*

Due to being short on time, we decided not have our congregational singing. Our special music was brought by Trisha McKay.

Sister Linda introduced our speaker Judy Bailey, Missionary to Japan.

Judy shared a video of some of the people they have ministered to in Japan. She shared stories of how God had worked in their lives. Many women have come to Christ and won their families for Him as well. The Holy Spirit is truly working in Japan.

They will be starting another work in Japan when they return. Starting from scratch is difficult and they desire our prayers. She asked if we would be prayer warriors for them as they start this new work.

Sister Linda said this morning's offering will go to the Ken & Judy Bailey Account. She asked Tricia McKay to bless the offering and it was received.

She mentioned things coming up around the state for our ladies to support:

✂ **The Minister's Wives' Retreat** will be April 15-16 at the Cross Pointe Retreat Center in Rocky Mount, Missouri.  
Jenna Altom & Pam Jones will be our speakers.

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**2015-2016 Central Western District Women Active for Christ Treasurer's Report**  
 January 1 – December 31, 2015 **AND** January 1 - April 30, 2016  
 Prepared by Leana Johnston, Treasurer  
 \* Are 2016 receipts & disbursements

<b>Beginning Balance</b>						<b>\$1492.60 / 189.85*</b>
Church Auxiliary	Bethel	Hannon	Stockton	Verdella	District	
Members	10 / 10*	11 / 10*	5 / 5*	0 / 6*	26 / 31*	
<b>Receipts</b>						
Offering					361.59 / 88.00*	361.59 / 88.00*
Fall Auction	0.00	0.00	75.00		1,200.00	1275.00
Designated Receipts	757.50 / 157.50*	173.25 / 157.50*	858.75 / 158.75*	0.00 / 94.50*	0.00	1789.50 / 568.25*
District Membership Dues	2.50 / 2.50*	2.75 / 2.50*	1.25 / 1.25*	0.00 / 1.50*	0.00	6.50 / 7.75*
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>760.00 / 160.00*</b>	<b>176.00 / 160.00*</b>	<b>935.00 / 160.00*</b>	<b>0.00 / 96.00*</b>	<b>1561.59 / 88.00*</b>	<b>3432.59 / 664.00*</b>
<b>Balance</b>						<b>\$4,925.19 / 853.85*</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>						
Fall Auction-Randy Gaddis		0.00	0.00	0.00	1,259.25	1259.25
Fall Auction- Nate Altom-2014	0.00	0.00	75.00	0.00	1,200.00	1275.00
WAC State Project WNAC	0.00	0.00	65.00 / 10.00*	0.00	0.00	65.00 / 10.00*
WAC State Project- C. Sargent / D. Speer*	0.00	0.00	180.00 / 30.00*	0.00	0.00	180.00 / 30.00*
WAC State Project Osage beach	0.00	0.00	15.00	0.00	0.00	15.00
WAC State project- Show Me Plan	600.00	0.00	500.00 / 40.00*	0.00	0.00	1100.00 / 40.00*
CWDWAC offering: R. Gaddis / Baileys*			10.00		180.79 / 88.00*	180.79 / 88.00*
CWDWAC offering- Chelsea Johnston	0.00	0.00	10.00	0.00	180.80	200.80
WAC Debbie Webster- Speaker / J. Bailey*					50.00 / 50.00*	50.00 / 50.00*
WNAC/MO WAC Due	157.50 / 157.50*	173.25 / 157.50*	78.75 / 78.75*	0.00 / 94.50*	0.00	409.50 / 488.25*
WNAC Basket - Rhonda Boch					0.00 / 20.00*	0.00 / 20.00*
Show Me Plan					0.00 / 127.60*	0.00 / 127.60*
<b>Totals Disbursements</b>	<b>757.50 / 157.50*</b>	<b>173.25 / 157.50*</b>	<b>933.75 / 158.75*</b>	<b>0.00 / 94.50*</b>	<b>2,870.84 / 285.60*</b>	<b>\$4,735.34 / 853.85*</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>						<b>\$189.85 / 0.00*</b>

✧ **The Missouri Women Active for Christ** will meet on Tuesday, June 7, at the Ramada Oasis in Springfield. We may have up to 3 delegates to the State. She asked if anyone was going. Peggy Rider was to attend, but since she is a standing delegate was not eligible for nomination. Motion was made to nominate Linda Hall as a delegate. Motion was seconded and carried. No others were attending.

✧ **The National Association of Free Will Baptist Convention** will be in Kansas City, Missouri this year. The Central Western District Women Active for Christ were asked to provide an exhibit basket to be given away at the WNAC booth. The cost would be around \$15-\$20. Motion was made to provide a basket for the booth. Motion was seconded and carried.

✧ **The Missouri Women Active for Christ Ladies Retreat** will be September 23-24 at the Ramada Oasis in Springfield.

✧ **Missouri WAC 2016 Projects:** \$3,000 Show Me Plan, \$3,000 WNAC & \$3,000 Daniel and Katie Speer, Missionaries to Japan. The *Proposed* 2017 Projects: \$3,000 Show Me Plan, \$3,000 WNAC & \$3,000 Provision Closet.

In the absence of our Secretary, Shirley Yokley, Sister Linda gave the Report for 2015: We had 3 local WAC's reporting: Bethel, Hannon and Stockton. Our total membership is 25. The officers were: President Linda Hall, Vice President Jan Cross, Secretary Shirley Yokley and Treasurer Leana Johnston. Delegates for the state meeting were Beula Chism and Peg Rider.

Motion was made to accept this report. Motion was seconded and carried.

In the absence of our treasurer, Leana Johnston, her husband, Dennis Johnston, was to bring her report. There was a misunderstanding and the report was not available.

A Motion was made that we accept the report on the provision that it be sent to the District WAC's. Motion was seconded and carried.

The Nominating Committee reported:

Due to no interest being shown to fill the required offices, we move that we dissolve the Central Western District Women Active for Christ.

*Signed;*

*Nancy Mays, Barb King & Sylvia Zimmerman*

Motion was seconded. After discussion, the motion carried

It was asked of each of the churches if they wanted to continue with the Fall Craft Auction and Dinner. Each church represented had a spokesperson who agreed to continue those. It was agreed to continue in alphabetical order by church as we have in the past. The next one will be at the Nevada F.W.B. Church. Each church will decide what mission project the money will go for. They will also be responsible to get the information out to us.

Motion was made to send the remaining money in our treasury, after expenses, to the Show Me Plan. Motion was seconded and carried.

Each local WAC will send their designated giving's and membership dues directly to the Mo. WAC's Treasurer, Deanne Lollis. Linda will send further information to each local WAC.

Sister Linda asked Carolyn Rash to dismiss our meeting and bless the meal that followed.

## **CENTRAL WESTERN Missouri Association of Free Will Baptist**

*Saturday Afternoon*

Bro. Erik Miller asked Bro. Roger Phillips to open our session with prayer. He then turned the floor over to Linda Hall, Clerk, to read the following reports:

### **Business Committee Report:**

We, the Business Committee, recommend:

- That we give the Baileys at least \$500 plus expenses including the offering. Balance to be taken from the Executive Board Account if needed.
- Give the Verdella Church a 'thank you' for hosting.

*Submitted by,  
Lural Mays, Harold Cross, Dalton Windsor  
and Daniel Dickey*

Motion was made to accept the report, seconded and carried.  
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### Ministerial Committee Report:

We, the Ministerial Committee, have reviewed the Minister's Report and/or requests from their churches for a card of good standing for 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.

We have found them in good standing with this Association.

*Submitted by,  
Roger Phillips, Richard King, Traci Windsor, Kylie Jones  
and Vicky Spencer.*

Motion was made to accept the report, seconded and carried

### MINISTER REPORTS

NAME	Churches Pastored	Sermons	Additions to Church	Professions	Baptisms	Weddings	Funerals	Miles Traveled	Salary Yes	No
Rev. Bob Dickey	0	8	0	0	0	0	4	-		✓
Rev. Jacob Jones	1	52	0	0	1	0	0	500		✓
Rev. Daniel Dickey	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	-		✓
Rev. Warren Hall	1	100	2	0	0	0	2	4,200	✓	
Rev. Dennis Johnston	1	98	0	0	0	0	1	3,362	✓	
Rev. Wesley Rider	1	145	6	3	1	0	1	-		✓
Rev.. Dalton Windsor	1	100+	0	6	2	0	0	-	✓	

### Obituary Committee Report:

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

*Bethel:* Norma Toliver

*Hannon:* Suzanne Bunton, Edith E. McAdams  
& Sharon Loney

*Stockton:* Colleen Howard & Dee York

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

*Respectfully Submitted by,  
Marsha Werner, Barb King and Nancy Mays*

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

**Nominating Committee Report:**

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

*Moderator:* Bro. Erik Miller

*Asst. Moderator:* Rev. Jacob Jones

*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:

Hannon FWB Church: Joe Yokley to expire in 2019

Nevada FWB Church: Paul Dreyer to expire in 2019.

*Submitted by,*

*Marty Werner, Jacob Jones, Ionia Phillips and Carolyn Rash.*

Motion and second to receive these nominations. Hearing no other nominations, the motion carried.

Bro. Erik asked for a motion to adjourn our business session.

Motion was made, seconded and carried.



Bro. Frank Webster asked to speak. He wanted us to know that our Show Me Plan is no longer going to all of our 7 Missouri International Missionaries. It is now significantly supporting only 3 of them: the Baileys in Japan, J.S. in Spain and Provows in Bulgaria.

It was mentioned that Sister Peggy Rider was in the hospital and Rev. Frank Webster was asked to give a special prayer for her recovery.

Bro. Erik opened our worship service with children from Bethel and Verdella churches performing their competition categories. We were blessed by the work they shared.

Our speaker was Rev. Ken Bailey one of our Missionaries from Japan. He titled his sermon "Finding God's Will". Scripture was taken from Matthew 28:16-20. If we really want to find

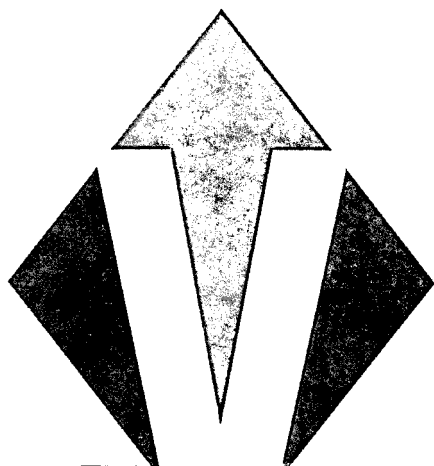
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God's Will, we need to follow these points:

1. Be where we're supposed to be.
  - Be in the place God has appointed you to be.
2. Just do it!
  - Go, make, baptize and touch.
3. Trust in God's Promises-
  - *He has all power.*
  - *"I am with you..."*

Bro. Erik announced the next Quarterly Meeting will be at Hannon on June 5<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. Our next Annual Meeting will be at Bethel on March 18, 2017 at 9 a.m.

Rev. Warren Hall dismissed us in prayer.



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**VICTORY**

# 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.

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## **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  
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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.

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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.