

Minutes of the 109th Session
of the
Central Western Missouri
Association of Free Will Baptist
at
Bethel Free Will Baptist Church
El Dorado Springs, Missouri

March 18, 2017

Theme of the 109th Session of the Central Western Missouri Association:



The 110th Session of the
Central Western Missouri Association of
Free Will Baptist will meet at the
Hannon Free Will Baptist Church
in Liberal, Mo.
on March 17, 2018 at 10 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 Hannon Free Will Baptist Church, Liberal, Missouri

Rev. Wesley Rider, Pastor

June 5, 2016

We were led in choruses: *This Is the Day* and *What a Mighty God We Serve*. Pastor Wesley Rider lead us in prayer.

Our congregational song was *Mansion Over the Hilltop*. Special music was brought by Sarah Robertson singing *Adonai*. The congregation then sang *What a Savior*.

Ushers were called to receive the offering. Bro. Greg Hardy asked blessings on the gifts being received.

Sweet, Sweet Spirit was sung by our congregation. Bro. J.D. Kirby led us in prayer. Other special music was offered by Angela Moreno who sang He Knows My Name.

Moderator Erik Miller welcomed us and turned the floor over to Rev. Stan Bunch, our State Director.

He brought greetings from works across the state and dates of upcoming events. Pray for Bro. Stan as he meets with young ministers. Pray that they will multiply. Also pray that he will be able to help some churches to do God's will. He then turned the floor back over to Bro. Erik Miller who asked our speaker, Rev. Dalton Windsor to come share God's Word with us.

He took his scripture from Ephesians 5:14-21. He emphasized these things we should be doing. "Be ye therefore followers of God" (vs. 1). "Understanding what the will of the Lord is" (vs. 17). "Be filled with the Spirit" (vs. 18). "Submitting ourselves one to another in the fear of God." (vs. 21).

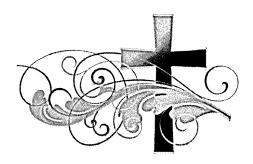
When we are very busy, we need to make sure we: 1) Are the right kind of BUSY. We need to be busy in the right way by being a part of one another's lives – begin where you are. 2) Let (Continued on page 4)

us be busy in a life changing, soul winning work for the Lord.

Bro. Dalton asked the blessing on our fellowship and refreshments.

It was then announced that Bro. Stan Bunch's 60th birthday was tomorrow, June 6. We sang *Happy Birthday* to him and had a little celebration with the fellowship following the service.

Submitted by Linda Hall, Clerk



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

Rev. Jacob Jones, Pastor

September 11, 2016

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

Bro. Jacob Jones led us in congregational songs: *There Is Power in the Blood* and *Victory in Jesus*.

The offering was blessed by Erik Miller and received.

Special prayer was asked for Iona Phillips recovering from hip and arm fractures and hoping to return home soon and for Peggy Rider's heart and lung problems.

Rev. Stan Bunch, our State Director, gave a report of the state. He reported that this has been a wonderful and busy summer with a very good State Meeting in June followed by a well attended and received National Meeting in July that was held in Kansas City, Missouri. He knew of several people who commented that it was the best they had attended. Stan thanked all those who helped to make it a success. He reported that the summer youth camps were great! There were 60 decisions made for salvation, several accepted the call to ministry and many rededications. The funds are raised for the new swimming pool for camp and a contractor has been found who guarantees the work and promises that it will be ready for next summer's camp sessions.

The Embers to a Flame Conference held in Joplin ended yesterday and was a great success. There were 54 who attended. Stan continues to meet monthly with 12-15 pastors in a time of mentoring and fellowship. He reminded us of Psalm 60:12 that was David's visions of God's promises. A church must have a vision to grow. Our position is to be in God because GOD can do valiant things through us. We need conviction to stay in the battle to accomplish our vision. God wants to do greater things, so watch

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and see what he does. Without a vision the people perish. Stan challenged our churches to add 3 new couples this year. This can be done - *through God*.

Bro. Erik Miller turned the service over to our speaker, Rev. Wes Rider. The title of the message was "A Good Church Needs Revival." Scripture was taken from Revelations. 2:1-7. The church of Ephesus had patience, was persistent and dependable but they had lost their first love, Jesus. Church work must be motivated by love. The church needs boldness, must stand out for Jesus and be identified with those you love. This starts with our love for Jesus. The church needs enthusiasm, which is defined as a strong liking or interest. Jesus warns in these verses that our light can go out. We must repent and be revived to have the light that the world needs. Revival starts with each individual. The more we learn and get knowledge of God and develop our faith, the more boldness and enthusiasm we should have. Enthusiasm like we had when we were first saved.

The meeting was turned back to Bro. Erik who made the following announcements. There will be a Community Camp Meeting in the Liberal City Park on October 8th starting at 4:30 p.m. with food, good preaching and fellowship. The Fall Craft Auction and dinner will be at the Nevada Church on October 29 at 5:30 p.m. The Bethel church is having a Revival on October 14th – 16th. Dr. Jay will be the evangelist.

The next quarterly meeting will be in Stockton on December 4th at 5:00 p.m. Our closing prayer of dismissal was led by Stan Bunch. Jacob Jones invited all to stay for refreshments served by the church.

Submitted by Jan Cross, Assistant Clerk



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

Rev. Warren Hall, Pastor

December 4, 2016

Moderator Erik Miller welcomed us to Stockton Free Will Baptist Church and asked Bro. Warren Hall to lead us in prayer.

Sister Linda Hall led us in songs: Blest Be the Ties, He Keeps Me Singing and Onward Christian Soldiers. Our special music was brought by Teresa Casey singing The Night Love Was Born

Rev. Dennis Johnston brought our message. His scripture was from Matthew 1:18-25. After reading these passages, he asked God's blessings on His Word.

The story of the birth of Christ never gets old! What he did for us, no other could do. He read the poem, "If He's Not!". If we can't see HIM there is something wrong. Tell others about that baby who became a man, died for our sins and is alive today!!

Does He mean anything to you? We hope so, because He loves you. We need to spread the Gospel – NOW! Bro. Dennis turned the service back to Bro. Erik Miller.

Bro. Erik asked the dismissal pray and blessings on our refreshment and fellowship that followed.

Submitted by, Linda Hall, Clerk



CENTRAL WESTERN

Missouri Association of Free Will Baptist Annual Session

Convened at 10 am, Saturday, March 18, 2017

Bethel Free Will Baptist Church,

El Dorado Springs, Missouri

OFFICERS

Moderator.....Erik Miller

Assistant Moderator	Rev. Jacob Jones
Clerk/Treasurer	Linda Hall
Asst. Clerk/Treasurer	Jan Cross
OTHER PO	OSITIONS:
Missionary Coordinator	Rev. Warren Hall Rev. Dennis Johnston Rev. Bob and Dorothy Dickey
EXECUTIVE AND HO	ME MISSION BOARD
Bethel	Lural Mays, 2018
Hannon	Joe Yokley, 2019



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REGISTRATION

Deacons:

Lural Mays, Bethel.

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

Lyle Hoover, Nevada.

Delegates:

Bethel: Lorene Fisher, Shirley Beason, Nancy Mays,

Lois Smith and Leana Johnston.

Nevada: Kylie Jones and Loretta Hoover.

Stockton: Linda Hall and Harold Cross.

Verdella: Ionia Phillips.

Ministers:

Bethel: Rev. Dennis Johnston.

Buffalo: Rev. Stanley Bunch.

Nevada: Rev. Jacob Jones.

Lebanon: Rev. Frank Webster.

Stockton: Rev. Warren Hall.

Verdella: Rev. Randy Sprenkle.

Tennessee: Chris Davenport, Donelson Fellowship.

Visitors:

Bethel: Norman Chase, Jimmy Loane, Mikayla Loane, Gina Smith, Izaak & Chelsea Davis.

Nevada: Len Gane and David & Terry Kitsmiller.

Stockton: Jan Cross and Mark & Teresa Casey.

Tennessee, Donelson Fellowship: Megan and Lily Davenport.

CENTRAL WESTERN Missouri Association of Free Will Baptist Annual Meeting

Clerk Linda Hall called the meeting to order and asked Bro. Roger Phillips to lead us in prayer. She declared a quorum was present and read the Church Letters. A motion was made to seat the delegates. Motion was seconded and carried. She then turned the meeting over to Moderator Erik Miller.

Bro. Erik asked for the song leader to come and lead us in songs. With Nancy Mays at the piano, Chelsea Davis and Mikayla Loane led us in congregational songs. We sang *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* and *There Is Power in the Blood*.

Blessing on the offering was led by Lural Mays before it was received.

Rev. Jacob Jones gave the devotion. John 19:28-30 was his scripture text. It states in that passage that "It is finished." What is "IT" that Christ finished? He had paid for the sin from the beginning for ALL! "IT" was paid in full. He gave up the ghost because "IT" was and is finished.

Bro. Lural Mays gave the Executive Board Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance

CENTRAL WESTERN ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD Financial Report – 2016

Income:	Offerings Interest <i>TOTAL INCOME:</i>	411.00 <u>.85</u> \$ 411.85
Expenses	:	
•	Ken Bailey	<u>456.00</u>
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$456.00
	ENDING BALANCE:	\$2 993 09

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\$3,037.24

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

Bro. Erik asked for the Clerk's Report. Sister 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, 2016

Balance Brought Forward	\$1,108.55
Receipts:	•
National and Association Dues	\$1.084.00
Offering (\$240 plus \$456 from Executive Board –	
Ken Bailey	696.00
Total Receipts	
BALANCE:	
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Disbursements:	
Mo. State Assoc. of FWB (National Fees)	900.00
Mo. State Assoc. of FWB (Ken Bailey)	
LCN Printing (Minutes printed 75 copies)	
Clerk Honorarium	
Bank Service Charge	
USPS	
Total Disbursements:	
Total Disbursemonts	<u>w1,000.25</u>
ENDING BALANCE	\$1,082.32

Bro. Erik asked for the special to come. It was brought for us by Sis. Chelsea Davis singing *In the Eye of the Storm*.

Bro. Erik asked Bro. Stanley Bunch and Frank Webster to come and bring their reports respectively.

Bro. Stan updated us on upcoming events and works around the state. He reminded us that the Minister's Wife's Retreat was coming up in April, the Senior Adult Retreat in May and the State Meeting in June. He reported that the pool at Camp Niangua was being put in and the funding coming inline and our Missouri Coop hit a record last year of over \$800,000. He asked us to remember the Davenports as they go to Hawaii to do God's work.

Bro. Frank Webster, Mission Director, reported:

Internationally: the Bailey's in Japan are beginning to make progress in the new work in Tokyo. Jenny S. resigned her mission position due to heath problems. Provows in Bulgaria are making connections, having Bible studies and have men coming too! The Matthew Turnbough family, who are in Madrid, Spain, also started a Bible study and have great expectations.

Nationally: the Davenports are going to Hawaii and since it is expensive there, they need more for their funding. In Greensburg, Pennsylvania an Easter egg hunt for dogs is coming up and they are having great expectations. The Alvis' are going to start having two services each Sunday. Burks have moved to Gainesville, Georgia and starting a work there.

Here in Missouri: the Cabool church is going self supporting! There was a restart at the Cape Girardeau church and 112 people came to the restart day services on March 12th. The Mission Board has two empty church properties. One is in Overland, Kansas and one is in Parkville, Missouri.

Bro. Erik appointed the committees and asked them to meet during the break. We were instructed to meet back after a 20 minute break. We were dismissed in prayer.

Bro. Erik called us back to order and asked Sister Linda to read the following reports:

BUSINSES COMMITTEE REPORT:

We, the Business Committee, recommend the following:

- 1. We move to change the time of our meeting from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the Constitution, Article 7.
- 2. We move to change the time from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the Bylaws, Article1. (Note from Clerk: Each church's Clerk of the Association was notified of this change in our Bylaws in the letter sent out in January, 2017.)
- 3. We move to take up an offering today for the Davenports and give them a minimum of \$500. The balance to be given from the Executive Board account.

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4. We move to give our host church a "Thank You."

Submitted by, Lural Mays, Warren Hall, Harold Cross and Jacob Jones

Motion was made to accept this report and vote on these motions. Motions were seconded and they carried.

MINISTERIAL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT:

We, the Ministerial Standing Committee, have reviewed the Minister's Report and/or requests from their church for a card of good standing for the following:

Rev. Dennis Johnston, Bethel

Rev. Wesley Rider, Hannon

Rev. Jacob Jones and Rev. Daniel Dickey, Nevada

Rev. Warren Hall, Stockton

Rev. Dalton Windsor, Verdella. Rev. Randy Sprenkle, Verdella was also approved to receive a card after he joins the Verdella Church on March 19, 2017.

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

Submitted by, Roger Phillips, Lyle Hoover, Bruce Short, Kylie Jones and Leana Johnston

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

MINISTER'S ANNUAL REPORTS

NAME	Churches Pastored	Sermons	Additions to Church	Professions	Baptisms	Weddings	Funerals	Miles Traveled	Sal Yes	агу No
Rev. Jacob Jones	1	50	1	1	1	0	0	0		✓
Rev. Daniel Dickey	0	6	0	1	0	0	0	70		✓
Rev. Warren Hall	1	100	1	0	0	0	0	4,000	V	
Rev. Dennis Johnston	1	86	0	3	6	1	1	2,250	✓	
Rev. Wesley Rider	1	140	0	0	2	3	1	-	V	
Rev. Dalton Windsor	1	-	4	3	1	0	1	-	✓.	

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT:

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

Bethel: Virginia Toliver.

Hannon: Virginia Hoover, Yvonne Whetzell and

Alice Hoover.

Nevada: Francis Dickey

We recommend the congregation stand for a moment of silent prayer in their honor.

Respectfully submitted by, Ionia Phillips, Nancy Mays and Jan Cross

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

Bro. Erik asked the congregation to stand for a moment of silent prayer and for Bro. Warren Hall to conclude with prayer.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

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

Moderator: Erik Miller

Assistant Moderator: Jacob Jones

Clerk/Treasurer: Linda Hall

Assistant Clerk/Treasurer: Jan Cross

State General Board Member: Warren Hall

After discussion, motion was made to include the Mission Coordinator and Historian offices on this report. Motion was seconded and the motion carried. Nominations were:

Historians: Bob and Dorothy Dickey Missions Coordinator: Dennis Johnston

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

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Stockton: Harold Cross to expire in 2020 Verdella: Roger Phillips to expire in 2020

Submitted by, Marty Werner, Loretta Hoover and Dennis Johnston

With no other nominations, motion was made to accept these nominations. Motions was seconded and carried

As this was the final act of business, Bro. Erik asked for a motion to adjourn our business session. Motion was made and seconded. The motion carried.

Worship Service

Bro. Erik asked the musicians and song leaders to come. We were led in congregational singing by Chelsea Davis and Mikayla Loane.

Bro. Erik Miller asked the ushers to come forward to receive the offering for the Davenports. Prayer was given to bless their work and this offering for them.

Bro. Erik gave our special music singing *Call It Grace*. He then turned the service over to Rev. Chris Davenport.

Bro. Chris introduced his wife Megan and daughter Lily. They are from Tennessee and are going to Hawaii as a part of a team. He said it is the number one state in number of homeless people and that it was very expensive to live there. They need to raise \$1,700. *more per month* before they can go to the field.

Bro. Chris then asked his wife, Megan, to come sing for us. She sang *My Beloved*.

Bro. Chris gave II Corinthians 5:11-21 for his scripture reading. He titled his sermon *Why We Should Share the Gospel*. He shared three points to clarify this for us.

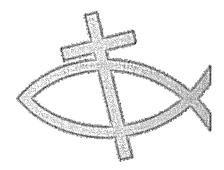
- 1. We fear the Lord. (vs. 11) We know that everyone will stand before the judgment seat of Christ.
- 2. Christ's love compels us. If we truly love our neighbor we want them to stand before Christ with a relationship with Him. It is cruel to not share the Gospel. Have we forgotten how beautiful it is?

3. We are ambassadors for Christ. The Holy Spirit dwells inside of us. The same Spirit that lived inside the apostles lives in us!

Bro. Chris showed us a glove. He stated that a glove without a hand just lays there. Are we a glove without a hand or are we a glove with God's hand in it? We should be ready to serve the ONE who can direct us. After he prayed he turned the service back to Bro. Erik.

Bro. Erik reminded us the next Quarterly Meeting will be at Verdella on June 4 at 5 p.m. Our next Annual Meeting will be at Hannon on March 17, 2018 starting at 10 a.m.

He asked Bro. Dennis Johnston to dismiss and asked the blessing on the carry-in meal that followed.



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.

<u>Purpose.</u> 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.

<u>Discipline</u>. 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.

<u>Officers.</u> 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.

<u>Meeting.</u> This Association shall meet annually on Saturday, following the second Sunday in March at 10:00 a.m. It shall be the duty of the churches composing it to represent themselves by letter and delegate.

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ARTICLE 8.

<u>Program.</u> 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 10:00 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 (Continued on page 22)

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 1. 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.

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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. (Genesis 2:24, Genesis 19:5, 13; Genesis 26:8-9; Leviticus 18:1-30; Romans 1:26-29; I Corinthians 5:1, 6:9; I Thessalonians 4:1-8 and Hebrews 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; Isaiah 44:24, 49:1, 5; Jeremiah 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.

