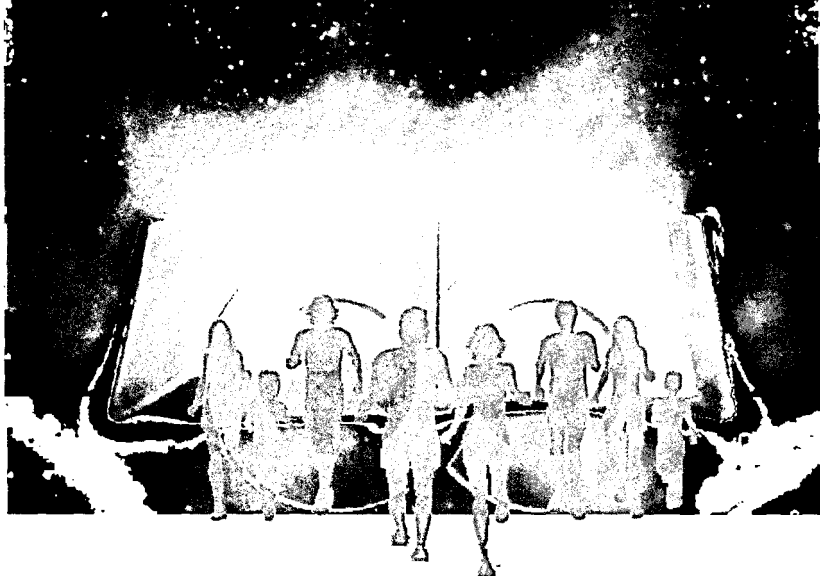


Walk in Truth



**Minutes of the 110th Session
of the
Central Western Missouri
Association of Free Will Baptist
at
Hannon Free Will Baptist Church
Liberal, Missouri
March 17, 2018**

Theme of the 110th Session of the
Central Western Missouri Association:



*I have no greater joy than to hear that my
children walk in truth.*

III John 1:4

The 111th Session of the
Central Western Missouri Association of
Free Will Baptist will meet at the
Nevada Free Will Baptist Church
Nevada, Missouri
March 16, 2019 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 the Quarterly Meeting at
Verdella Free Will Baptist Church,
Liberal, Missouri**

Rev. Randy Sprenkle, Pastor

June 4, 2017

Bro. Erik Miller welcomed us and asked Rev. Dennis Johnston to open our meeting with prayer.

Our congregational songs were *What a Friend* and *I Will Serve Thee* led by Bro. Erik.

Ushers were called to receive the offering. Bro. Marty Werner asked the blessing on the offering.

Rev. Stanley Bunch, State Director, brought greetings from our state. Our Senior Adult Retreat was really good and next year will be held in Branson, Mo. The Power Conference was well attended. Pray for the State Meeting that starts tomorrow evening in Springfield. Tuesday is the Missouri Women Active for Christ's Meeting. The National Convention will be in Louisville, Ky. in July. There will be a Marriage Retreat coming in October. E-3 is September 3-4. He asked us to pray that God would call young men and women to the ministry.

Bro. Stan gave us a challenge to ask God to show us what our ability is and for us to go forward with that ability.

He shared that the Missionaries in Missouri, Nationally and International are all doing well. Pray for these works and leaders.

Rev. Randy Sprenkle, pastor of Verdella F. W. B. Church, was our speaker. He shared some about the Hope Valley Ranch Home for Children. There are many children in the foster system that this ranch hopes to reach. They hope to provide horse therapy for them in their first phase of their building program. In phase two they want to build an administration building to accommodate

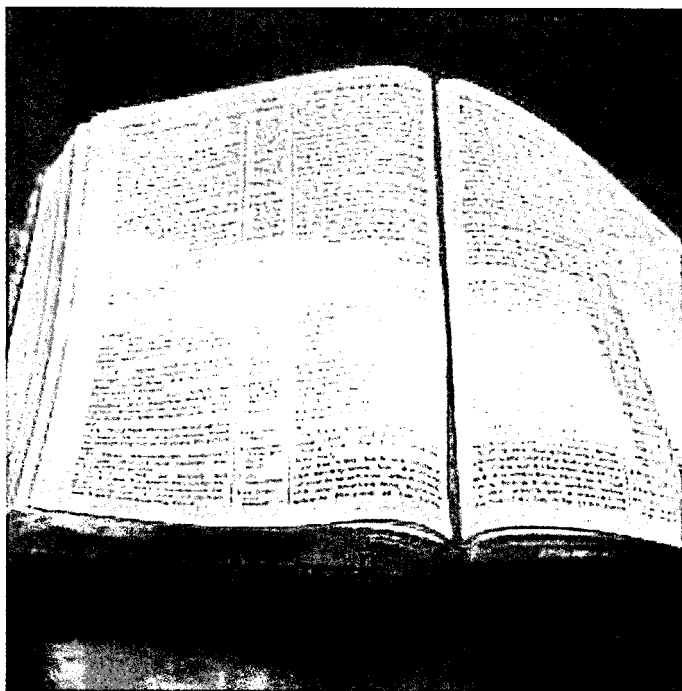
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the staff – including counseling. For phase three they plan to build residential housing with house parents. Pray that God would work through this effort to benefit these children.

His Scripture was taken from Philippians 2:1-4. Christ is a mystery to these children. We need to look for the interest of others before our own. I Thessalonians 2:3 & Colossians 1:24-28 reminded us that we need to stay strong and never give up for the cause of Christ.

We were dismissed and refreshment blessed by Bro. Roger Phillips.

Submitted by,
Linda Hall, Clerk



**Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting at
Bethel Free Will Baptist Church,
El Dorado Springs, Missouri**

Rev. Dennis Johnston, Pastor

September 10, 2017

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

Bro. Dennis led us in congregational songs: *What A Day That Will Be* and *In The Garden*.

The offering was blessed and received.

Special music was brought by Bro. Dennis Johnston singing *It's Me Again, Lord*.

Our speaker was Rev. Jacob Jones from the Nevada F. W. B. Church. His Scripture was taken from 2 Timothy 4:1-5. He made the following points:

1. Preach the Word: We are to harold or proclaim only HIS WORD. We must tell WHO God is and avoid heresies.
2. Be ready: This means instant or prepared. Have your stuff together. Truth is not found on daytime TV.
3. Correct: Rebuke to lead others to repentance. Use the Word to lead them. Our responsibility is to "present" God and to study to "be ready" so that we can bring repentance by correcting wrong only with the WORD of God.

Our next Quarterly will be December 3rd at Hannon F. W. B. Church at 5 p.m.

Prayer request:

- Dennis Johnston is having heart surgery on Tuesday.
- Randy Sprenkle is helping put an airstrip in Nairobi, Kenya.

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- Terry Burke is packing up to move to the Hannon F. W. B. Church this week.

Bro. Dennis announced the youth at Bethel will be having a taco feed on October 7th to raise funds. Come and support them.

We were dismissed and refreshments blessed by Bro. Lyle Hoover.

*Submitted by,
Linda Hall, Clerk*



**Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting at
Hannon Free Will Baptist Church,
Liberal, Missouri**

Rev. Terry Burke, Pastor

December 3, 2017

Meeting was brought to order by Erik Miller, Moderator.

Opening prayer was led by Bro. Raymond Kalm.

The song leader led the congregation in singing, *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* and *What a Friend We Have In Jesus*.

An offering was taken.

Roger Phillips read an article published in the Lamar Democrat paper by a woman who was detailing all the distortions of God's commandments that have taken place in America in the last years. This article has received support from many legislatures and several other countries around the world.

Bro. Dennis Johnston, pastor of Bethel F. W. B. Church, brought the message titled: Things to remember when things fall apart. He brought these six points:

1. Other people's problems are not ours: Psalm 55:22.
2. Keep going.
3. Trials teach lessons and growth. I Corinthians 10:13.
4. Pain is temporary. Psalm 30:5, 11 and 12.
5. Take time for the positive things in life.
6. Worry does not change anything; it steals our joy and peace. Matthew 6:27. Worry denies God's power on our behalf. We are never alone, God is here.

Erik announced that the Central Western Missouri Association Annual Meeting would be Saturday March 17, 2018 at the Hannon F. W. B. Church.

Closing pray was by Gary Whitson.

Food and fellowship followed the service.

*Submitted by,
Jan Cross, Assistant Clerk*

CENTRAL WESTERN
Missouri Association of Free Will Baptist
Annual Session

Convened at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 17, 2018
Hannon Free Will Baptist Church
Liberal, Missouri

OFFICERS

Moderator..... Rev. Jacob Jones
Assistant Moderator..... Erik Miller
Clerk/Treasurer Linda Hall
Asst. Clerk/Treasurer Kylie Jones

OTHER POSITIONS:

State General Board Member..... Rev. Warren Hall
Missionary Coordinator Rev. Dennis Johnston
Historians Rev. Bob and Dorothy Dickey

EXECUTIVE AND HOME MISSION BOARD

Bethel Lural Mays, 2021
Hannon Joe Yokley, 2019
Nevada Paul Dreyer, 2019
Hickory Grove None, 2021
Stockton Harold Cross, 2020
Verdella Roger Phillips, 2020

(The pastor from each church also serves on this board.)



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No Pastor

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Clerk: Terry Kitsmiller, 417-448-4698

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REGISTRATION

Deacons:

Lural Mays, *Bethel*.
Erik Miller and Roger Phillips, *Verdella*.
Joe Yokley and Brent Thompson, *Hannon*.

Delegates:

Bethel: Lorene Fisher, Shirley Beason and Nancy Mays.
Hannon: Shirley Yokley, Barb King and Richard King.
Nevada: Kylie Jones and Terry Kitsmiller.
Stockton: Linda Hall and Harold Cross.
Verdella: Ionia Phillips, Rachel Miller and Joan Wilson.

Ministers:

Bethel: Rev. Dennis Johnston.
Buffalo: Rev. Stanley Bunch.
Bulgaria: Rev. Josh Provow.
Nevada: Rev. Jacob Jones.
Lebanon: Rev. Frank Webster.
Stockton: Rev. Warren Hall.
Verdella: Rev. Randy Sprenkle.

Visitors:

Hannon: Angela Moreno and Reba Rouse.
Nevada: David Kitsmiller.
Stockton: Jan Cross.
Verdella: Brian King, Josh Groves, Elizabeth King, Delaney Miller, Byron McKay and Tana McKay.

CENTRAL WESTERN
Missouri Association of Free Will Baptist
Annual Meeting

Clerk Linda Hall called the meeting to order and asked Bro. Lural Mays to open our session in prayer. She asked the ministers and their wives, deacons and their wives and the church clerks to stand. After reminding them as the standing delegates they would be the ones to seat the elected delegates, she asked them to be seated. She then declared a quorum was present and read the Church Letters.

A motion was made to seat the delegates. Motion was seconded and it 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. We sang *Victory in Jesus* and *What a Savior*.

Our special was brought by the CTS Kids. William Zimmerman, Tinley McKay and Madison King did scripture recitation for us. Tatum McKay quoted scripture and the books of the Bible. A scripture search was held between Taylin McKay and Brian King – Taylin won. These exhibitions were enjoyed by all.

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

CENTRAL WESTERN ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD
Financial Report – 2017

Beginning Balance:	\$2,993.09
Income:	
Offerings	331.22
Interest	<u>1.03</u>
TOTAL INCOME:	\$332.25
Expenses:	
Davenport	<u>222.94</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES:	<u>\$222.94</u>
ENDING BALANCE:	\$3,102.40

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

Bro. Erik asked for the Clerk's Report. Sister Linda Hall gave the following Clerk's Financial Report.

**CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI ASSOCIATION
CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORT
JAN. 1 – DEC. 31, 2017**

Balance Brought Forward \$1,082.32

Receipts:

National and Association Dues\$1,075.00

Offering (\$277.06 plus \$224.94 from Executive Board –

Chris Davenport..... 500.00

Total Receipts.....\$1,575.00

BALANCE:\$2,657.32

Disbursements:

Mo. State Assoc. of FWB (National Fees)..... \$900.00

Mo. State Assoc. of FWB (Chris Davenport) 500.00

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

Clerk Honorarium..... 100.00

Bank Service Charge..... 3.00

USPS 5.22

Total Disbursements:.....\$1,574.22

ENDING BALANCE\$1,083.10

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

Bro. Erik asked Bro. Frank Webster, Mission Director, to share with us: We are to “Spread the Gospel” and we do that through our Show Me Plan. *State:* Cape Girardeau has many kids and wanting to plant other churches. Faron Thebeau is reaching out to the Spanish and English populations of Rolla. This should work well in their multi-language area. A Show Me Plan share is \$25 a month and we were encouraged to help in this ministry. *Internationally:* work is going forth in Spain, Japan and Bulgaria. *Nationally:* Greenville, PA is growing, Erie, PA is growing too and Gainesville, GA is going strong.

Stanley Bunch, State Director, reported that the Panama church they were missionaries in is doing well. The Lord has used

that church four new ones! The Seminary is doing great.

He asked prayer for Wes Rider who is in hospice and Peggy his wife. Dorothy Dickey is also not doing well.

He reminded us of the upcoming events in our state and shared some of the resources from Randal House that are available. These resources are possible because of our support of our Show Me Plan and the Coop sent from our churches.

Bro. Erik appointed the following Committees:

Business: Lural Mays, chairman, Harold Cross and Rachel Miller. Ministerial Standing: Roger Phillips, chairman, Brent Thompson, Richard King and Terry Kitsmiller. Obituary: Nancy Mays, chairwoman, Joe Yokley and Ionia Phillips. Nominating: Kylie Jones, chairwoman, Joan Wilson and Barb King.

He asked the committees to meet during our break. Dennis Johnston was asked to dismiss us for a short break.



After the break, Bro. Erik called our meeting to order and asked ushers to come forth to receive the offering. The offering will go to Rev. Josh Provow, our missionaries to Bulgaria.

Mikayla Sprenkle is in the E-team that is going to Cuba in June. This team will be sponsored by Steve and Linda Reeves and is going to Havana after their training in Nashville, Tenn. She still needs \$3,700 raised for this trip.

We enjoyed choruses led by Angela Moreno before Delaney Miller shared with us.

Delaney spoke about her preparation for the Truth and Peace. Last year 144 juniors in high school were chosen to serve. There are 6 -7 people on each team. This year they will have training in Nashville, Tenn. and then off to Little Rock, Ark. for the National Association of Free Will Baptist Convention.

Bro. Erik asked for the reading of the reports Sis. Linda Hall read the following reports:

BUSINESSE COMMITTEE REPORT:

We, the Business Committee, recommend the following:

1. We give today's offering plus an additional amount from the Executive Board Funds for a total of \$500 to Rev. Josh Provo.

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2. We give the host church, Hannon F.W.B. Church, a thank you for hosting today's service.

Submitted by:

Lural Mays, Harold Cross and Rachel Miller

Sis. Linda moved we accept this report. Motion was seconded and the motion carried.

MINISTERIAL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT:

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

Rev. Dennis Johnston, Bethel

Rev. Terry Burke, Hannon

Rev. Jacob Jones, Nevada

Rev. Daniel Dickey, Nevada

Rev. Warren Hall, Stockton

Rev. Randy Sprenkle, Verdella

Rev. Dalton Windsor, Verdella

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

Submitted by:

Roger Phillips, Brent Thompson, Richard King and Terry Kitsmiller

Sis. Linda made the motion to accept this report. Motion was seconded and it carried.

MINISTER'S ANNUAL REPORTS

NAME	Churches Pastored	Sermons	Additions to Church	Professions	Baptisms	Weddings	Funerals	Miles Traveled	Salary Yes	No
Rev. Terry Burke	1	62	0	0	1	2	1	-	✓	
Rev. Daniel Dickey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-		✓
Rev. Warren Hall	1	94	4	0	0	0	1	4,750	✓	
Rev. Dennis Johnston	1	80	3	0	1	0	1	2,942	✓	
Rev. Jacob Jones	1	50	5	2	1	1	0	1,000		✓
Rev. Randy Sprenkle	1	70	0	11	1	0	1	-	✓	
Rev. Dalton Windsor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-		✓

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT:

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

Hannon: Jim Cobler, Larry Heitz and Nick Rider.

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

Respectfully submitted by:
Nancy Mays, Joe Yokley and Ionia Phillips

Linda made the motion to accept this report. Motion was seconded and it carried.

Bro. Erik asked the congregation to stand for a moment of silence and for Bro. Warren Hall to offer thanks for these faithful servants.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

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

Moderator: Jacob Jones
Assistant Moderator: Erik Miller
Clerk/Treasurer: Linda Hall
Assistant Clerk/Treasurer: Kylie Jones
State General Board Member: Warren Hall

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

Bethel: Lural Mays serving until 2021
Hickory Grove: None

Submitted by:
Kylie Jones, Joan Wilson and Barb King

Motion was made to accept these nominees. Motion seconded and it carried.

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

Bro. Erik introduced our speaker, Rev. Josh Provow and turned the floor over to him.

Rev. Josh Provow is our missionary to Bulgaria. He shared it is about the size of the state of Missouri. It has a lot of beauty such as mountains and beaches and a rich history. It also has a rich Christian heritage but they have fallen away from Christ. 95% consider themselves to be “Godly” people. However, only 26% are convinced God really exists.

Eph. 2:8-9 reminds us that salvation is Christ’s gift and is not to be earned by works. Christ’s church is people and not a building.

Roddy is a worker God is using in their church. He has brought many into God’s loving salvation and they in turn are being a witness of His love as well. Pray for God to give them more workers like Roddy.

When Josh and his family return to Bulgaria in June they will be starting a new work in Shuman. This area of approximately 150 villages is predominately Turks. Their desire is to have Bulgarian who God is leading build other churches and other churches and more churches!! Our support of the Show Me Plan helps support these works.

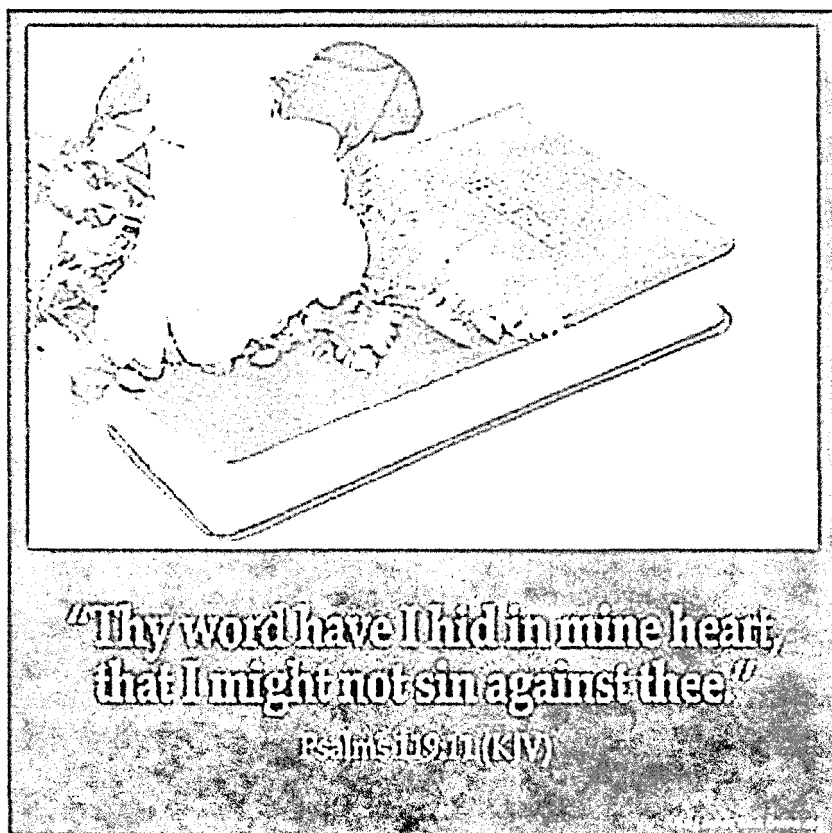
Bro. Erik announced the Central Western Missouri Association Meeting in 2019 will be at the Nevada Free Will Baptist Church on March 16, 2019 at 10 a.m. The next Quarterly Meeting will be at the Nevada Free Will Baptist church on June 3rd at 5 p.m.

Lural Mays made a motion to take up an offering to help Mikayla Sprenkle earn the needed funds for her E-Team trip. The motion was seconded and it carried. The offering was received and the amount was \$196.

Bro. Erik asked Roger Phillips to dismiss us with prayer and ask blessings on our carry in dinner that followed.

*Submitted by,
Linda Hall, Clerk*

Notes:



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 10:00 a.m. It shall be the duty of the churches composing it to represent themselves by letter and delegate.

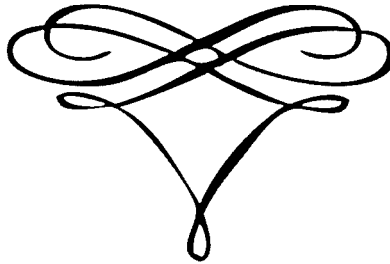
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ARTICLE 8.

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 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

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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.

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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.

