

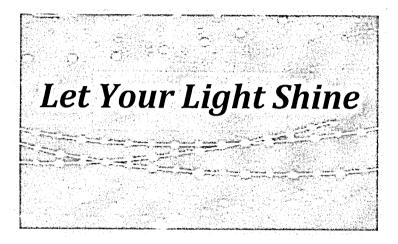
Minutes of the 111th Session of the

Central Western Missouri Association of Free Will Baptist at

Nevada Free Will Baptist Church Nevada, Missouri March 16, 2019



Theme of the 111th Session of the Central Western Missouri Association:



Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Matthew 5:16

The **112th Session** of the **Central Western Missouri Association of Free Will Baptist** will meet at the **Stockton Free Will Baptist Church** Stockton, Missouri **March 14, 2020 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 Nevada Free Will Baptist Church, Nevada, Missouri

Rev. Jacob Jones, Pastor

June 3, 2018

Moderator Jacob Jones call us to order and led us in the songs *Victory In Jesus* and *Redeemed*. He welcomed Bro. Frank Webster our Missouri Mission Director and ask him to share with us.

Bro. Frank updated us on these missionaries: *State:* We have churches going self-supporting! There is a new church in Rolla, and it is trying to reach out to the many nationalities located there. Prayer led the board to Rev. Faron Thebeau as the pastor for the Mosaic Free Will Baptist Church there in Rolla. *Nationally:* Pastor Nate Altom in Pittsburg, PA is going self-supporting! *Internationally:* Provows are back in Bulgaria and in a new area!

Bro. Frank says society has changed. How do we reach people today? We're not talking about changing the Gospel in any way but mentality, presentation and etcetera. He shared a worksheet with us on *How to Avoid a Restart*. The four tips he covered were: #1. Have a stated ministry purpose. #2. Church Constitution. #3. Worship and Teaching Preparation. and #4. Property Preparedness. He then turned the floor back to Bro. Jacob.

He thanked Frank for coming and asked. Bro. David Kitsmiller to ask the blessing on the love offering we received for him and the mission work he does.

Bro. Paul Dreyer dismisses us and asked the blessing on the refreshment.

Submitted by, Linda Hall, Clerk

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Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting at Stockton Free Will Baptist Church, Stockton, Missouri

Rev. Warren Hall, Pastor

September 9, 2018

Bro. Jacob, Moderator, called our meeting to order and asked Rev. Terry Berk to lead us in prayer. He then asked for our congregation songs.

Sister Linda Hall led us in singing, *He Keeps Me Singing* and *O, Worship the King*. Our special was a piano solo by Sister Jan Cross playing *The Family of God*.

Our speaker was Bro. Stan Bunch. He gave us an update on things going on in our state. He shared many blessings and some prayer needs of other churches in or state.

His Scripture was Acts 2:25-31 and I Timothy 1:3-7 and the topic for this evening was *Church Revitalization*. He spoke of problems with our churches.

We need to access our spiritual vitality of our church and get back on course. We may see something that needs changing. We change and must make adjustments in our lives. Things change and adjustments are made, and still our number one purpose is to glorify God. We do this by obedience, loving others, seeking God wholly, discipleship and numerous other ways all to glorify God. What does he want for your church?

He handed out material on the *Life Cycle of a Church*. We covered the following topics:

- 1. Vision Where are we going?
- 2. Relationships Who is going with us?
- 3. Ministries How do we get there?
- 4. Structure What do we control?

He remined us for our churches to continue to live and

grow we may need to change the DNA. We might need to:

Rediscover our Mission.

Recapture a sense of Vision.

Upgrade our Values.

Renew our Relationships.

Have Healthy Ministries.

And perhaps begin a New Structure.

Let's become creative in getting God's Word out in our communities. Bro. Stan led us in prayer and turned the floor back to Jacob.

Bro. Jacob asked ushers to come to receive the offering for our Missions Fund.

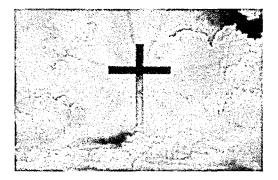
Our next Quarterly Meeting will be at Verdella on December 2^{nd} .

Announcements:

- The Craft Auction will be October 20th at Verdella. Tori Sargent will be the speaker.
- Bethel's Taco Feed fundraiser for their youth will be on October 26th from 4:30-7.
- Bethel is also having a revival October 11-13 starting at 7 p.m.

Bro. Warren Hall asked the blessing on refreshment and dismissed us in prayer.

Submitted by, Linda Hall, Clerk



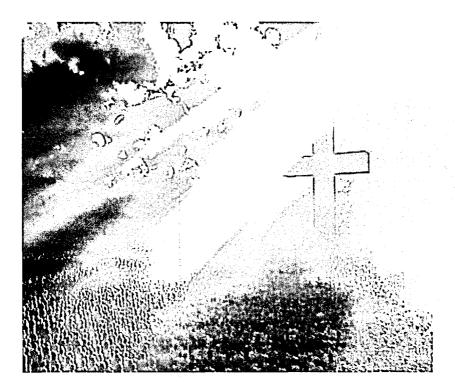
Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting at Verdella Free Will Baptist Church, Liberal, Missouri

Rev. Randy Sprenkle, Pastor

December 2, 2018

Speaker was Rev. Jacob Jones. Clerk was not present, and no minutes were taken.

Submitted by, Sister Kylie Jones, Asst. Clerk



CENTRAL WESTERN Missouri Association of Free Will Baptist Annual Session

Convened at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 16, 2019 Nevada Free Will Baptist Church Nevada, Missouri

OFFICERS

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

OTHER POSITIONS:

State General Board Member	Rev. Warren Hall, 2020
Missionary Coordinator	Rev. Dennis Johnston, 2020
Historians	None, 2020

Home Mission and	Executive Board
Bethel	Lural Mays, 2021
Hannon	Joe Yokley, 2022
Hickory Grove	None, 2021
Nevada	David Kitsmiller, 2022
Stockton	Harold Cross, 2020
Verdella	Roger Phillips, 2020

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



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REGISTRATION

Deacons:

Lural Mays, *Bethel*.

Lyle Hoover, Nevada.

Erik Miller and Roger Phillips and Bruce Short, Verdella.

Delegates:

Bethel: Lorene Fisher, Shirley Beason, Lois Smith and Nancy Mays.

Nevada: Kylie Jones Terry Kitsmiller and David Kitsmiller. *Stockton:* Linda Hall and Harold Cross. *Verdella:* Ionia Phillips.

Ministers:

Rolla: Rev. Faron Thebeau, Speaker. *Lebanon:* Rev. Frank Webster, Missouri Mission Director *Nevada:* Rev. Jacob Jones. *Stockton:* Rev. Warren Hall. *Verdella:* Rev. Randy Sprenkle.

Visitors:

Nevada: Heaven Bailey, Kensi Kitsmiller, Gary Rammage and Lynette Emmerson. Stockton: Jan Cross. Verdella: Lora McWilliams

CENTRAL WESTERN Missouri Association of Free Will Baptist Annual Meeting

Bro. Jacob Jones, Moderator, called us to order and led us in singing, *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*.

Bro. Stanley Bunch could not be with us today. Bro. Jacob read a card he sent thanking our churches for being faithful to the service of our Lord, the Missouri Free Will Baptist ministries. and supporting Cooperative giving.

Bro. Jacob led us in prayer. Clerk Linda Hall was asked to come to the front.

Sister Linda declared there was a quorum present and read the church letters. She asked the Standing Delegates to stand and reminded them they were the ones to seat the churches appointed delegates. The floor was then given back to Bro. Jacob.

He asked for a motion to seat the delegates. Motion was made seconded and carried to seat the delegates.

Bro. Jacob asked Lural Mays to give the Home Mission and Executive Board report.

Bro. Lural gave the following report:

Central Western Missouri Association Home Mission and Executive Board Financial Report - 2018

Income: Offerings Interest TOTAL INCOME:	304.00 <u>.81</u> \$ 304.81
Expenses: Provow State Home Missions	250.00 <u>126.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES:	<u>\$376.00</u>
ENDING BALANCE:	\$3,031.21

Bro. Lural resigned as Treasurer of the Home Mission and Executive Board. We are thankful for his service for 15 plus years to our Association. Bro. Jacob asked for a motion to accept his report. Motion was made, seconded and the motion carried.

He asked Sister Linda Hall to come give the Clerk's Financial Report. She gave the following report:

CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI ASSOCIATION CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORT JAN. 1 – DEC. 31, 2018

Balance Brought Forward	\$1,083.10
Receipts:	
National and Association Dues	\$1,112.00
Offering (\$196. plus \$500. from Home Mission and Ex	xecutive
Board – Josh Provow	696.00
Total Receipts	<u>\$1,808.00</u>
BALANCE:	
Disbursements:	
Mo. State Assoc. of FWB (National Fees)	\$900.00
Mo. State Assoc. of FWB (Josh Provow)	500.00
Mo. State Assoc. of FWB (Mikayla Sprenkle)	196.00
LCN Printing (Minutes printed 60 copies)	66.00
Linda Hall (Printer Cartridge)	
Clerk Honorarium	100.00
USPS	
Total Disbursements:	<u>\$1,842.86</u>
ENDING BALANCE	\$1,048.24

Bro. Jacob asked for a motion to accept the report. Motion was made, seconded and it carried.

Bro. Frank Webster, Missouri Mission Director, was with us today. Bro. Jacob asked him to come and give us an update,

Bro. Frank thanked us for or support and participation. Mikayla Sprenkle and Bro. Frank got to work together in Bulgaria together. He said she was great to work with.

The **Show Me Plan** exceeded the goal in 2018! We praise God for his goodness. Continue to support this plan. A share is just \$25 a month.

He updated us on our missionaries as follows. *Internationally:* Provows in Bulgaria have done so much to

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advance the work in Shuman! They are seeing how God has affected many lives. They even have atheist attending their Bible Study! In **Spain Mathew Turnbough** is working in a country that doesn't care whether there is a God. However, they are seeing some come to their Bible Study! **Ken and Judy Bailey in Japan** have a Mommy and Me ministry that is exploding! Continue to pray for this ministry outreach.

Nationally: We've adopted Captain David Dodson and Major Kevin Trimble army chaplains to hold up in prayer. There is no financial support for them because they are employed by the army, but prayer is their greatest asset in reaching out to others for God. Steve Schmidt's family will be moving the first of April to Champagne, Wyoming. Prayers for Amanda's continued recovery from the parasite infection is appreciated. Nate & Jenna Altom in Pennsylvania will be transitioning off their mission status in about three weeks! Continued prayers are appreciated as they work toward the goal of church multiplication. Alvis' reports an increase in teen involvement at Flagship in Erie, Penn. They are wanting people to come up and help with the block party they're planning.

Missouri: Team Cape; Cromer/ Paxton, are excited about the weekly Sunday attendances hitting in the upper 60's and into 70's. David & Kathy Beltz in Osage Beach are growing!

After giving these reports, Bro. Frank turned the meeting back to Bro. Jacob.

Bro. Jacob appointed these committees: Business Committee: Chairman: Lyle Hoover, Shirley Beason, Kylie Jones, Ionia Phillips and Jacob Jones. Ministerial Standing Committee: Chairman: Harold Cross, Bruce Short, Erik Miller, David Kitsmiller and Lural Mays. Obituary Committee: Chairman: Roger Phillips, Lois Smith and Lorene Fisher. Nominating Committee: Chairman: Warren Hall, Terry Kitsmiller and Nancy Mays. Jacob asked the committees to meet over the break. He dismissed us for a 20 minutes break with prayer.

Sister Terry Kitsmiller played a song to gathered us back to continue the meeting.

Bro. Jacob asked for ushers to come forward to receive the offering. He asked blessings on that which was received.

He asked Sister Linda Hall to read the Committee Reports.

BUSINSES COMMITTEE REPORT:

We, the Business Committee, recommend the following:

1. We have a semi-annual meeting the Sunday following Labor Day. In the Constitution this would change the word **Quarterly** to **Semi-Annual** one place on page 18: Article 3. Representation. Two places on page 20: Article 9. Amendments. In the **Bylaws** one place on page 22: Article 6. Two places on page 23: Article 10. Section II. and Article 12. Section I. One place on page 24: Article 14.

2. We merge the two bank accounts into one account. Currently we have the Clerk/Treasurer and the Executive Board (which is set up for missions) accounts. Combining these would mean having an account with designation for the Missions. Each would still have their amounts designated but would only be in one bank account.

- 3. The offering goes to Faron Thebeau. (Minimum of \$300).
- 4. That \$700 be given to the Verdella F. W. B. Church for mission trips to St. Corix and Ivory Coast.

Submitted by,

Lyle Hoover, Ionia Phillips, Shirley Beason Jacob Jones and Kylie Jones

Sister Linda Hall made the motion that we accept this report and vote on these item by item. Motion was seconded and it carried.

Item 1 – Motion to accept, seconded and it carried.

Item 2 – After discussion about which account to keep, it was decided to combine the accounts into the Clerk/Treasurer's account. There was further discussion about the \$2,500 in the Home Missions and Executive Board account that has been set aside in these funds for the upkeep of the Stockton Free Will Baptist Church, Motion was made to accept, seconded and it carried.

Motion was made by Warren Hall to send the \$2,500. to the Free Will Baptist Foundation for the Stockton Free Will Baptist Church upkeep with the remain amount be designated as the Home Missions and Executive Board Fund. Motion was seconded and it carried.

> Item 3 – Motion was made, seconded and it carried. Item 4 – Motion was made, seconded and it carried. (Continued on page 14)

MINISTERIAL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT:

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

Rev. Dennis Johnston, Bethel, Rev. Terry Burke and Rev. Daniel Dickey, Hannon. Rev. Jacob Jones, Nevada. Rev. Warren Hall, Stockton. Rev. Randy Sprenkle and Rev. Dalton Windsor, Verdella.

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

Submitted by,

Harold Cross, Lural Mays, Erik Miller, David Kitsmiller and Bruce Short

NAME	Churches Pastored	Sermons	Additions to Church	Professions	Baptisms	Weddings	Funerals	Miles Traveled	Sal Yes	ary No
Rev. Terry Burke	1	150	0	0	0	0	3	-	\checkmark	
Rev. Warren Hall	1	96	0	0	0	0	2	3,000	\checkmark	
Rev. Dennis Johnston	1	84	0	1	1	1	0	2,543	\checkmark	
Rev. Jacob Jones	1	50	0	0	1	0	0	1,000		\checkmark
Rev. Randy Sprenkle	1	60	0	7	1	0	0	5,000	\checkmark	
Rev. Dalton Windsor	0	7	0	0	0	1	0	-		\checkmark

MINISTER'S ANNUAL REPORTS

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT:

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

Hannon: Dorothy Dickey (Minister's wife -

Rev. Bob Dickey).

Hickory Grove: Peggy Shipley.

Stockton: Gary Glover.

Oskaloosa: Reed Smith

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

Respectfully submitted by, Roger Phillips, Lois Smith and Lorene Fisher

Sister Linda made a motion to accept this report. Motion was seconded and it carried. Bro. Jacob asked that we stand for a moment of silence then gave a prayer of appreciation for these saints.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

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

Moderator: Jacob Jones Assistant Moderator: Erik Miller Clerk/Treasurer: Kylie Jones Assistant Clerk/Treasurer: Linda Hall

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

Hannon: Joe Yokley, 2022 (He was also nominated for the Historian but declined the position.) Nevada: David Kitsmiller, 2022

Submitted by, Warren Hall, Nancy Mays, Terry Kitsmiller and Randy Sprenkle

Motion was made to accept this report. Motion was seconded and carried. Bro. Jacob asked if there were any other nomination for any of these offices. Hearing none offered, he asked for a motion to accept these nominations. Motion was made, seconded and it carried.

Bro. Jacob asked for a motion to adjourn our business session. Motion was made, seconded and it carried. He then turned to floor over to our speaker, Rev. Faron Thebeau from the Mosaic Free Will Baptist Mission Church in Rolla, Missouri.

Bro. Thebeau said there were many ethnic groups in Rolla. They make their presents known by what they call "Mosaic's love rolls". This means they get out among the community for blood drives, clean up in local parks, participating in getting school supplies and in recognizing their public servants.

He took his scripture from Mathew 25:31-46. He gave us some points of servanthood for the Lord:

- There are things we can do and things we can't.
- Society has changed and communication has changed as well. We need to find ways to reach out in new way. Maybe open doors (Continued on page 16)

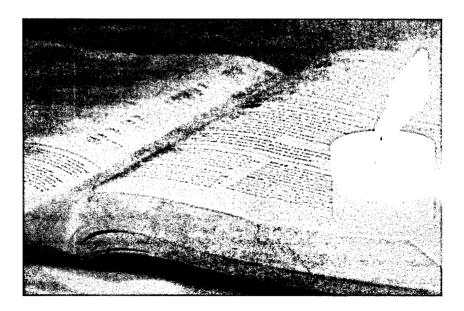
to our homes and let them see how we live. We're not perfect and everything in our homes are not perfect either.

- Make stranger into neighbors and neighbors into friends and into Christians.
- What kind of image do we picture for God? Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Hebrews 13:2
- Be on alert and show the love of God. Christ reminds us we were sinners and he took us by His grace.

Bro. Thebeau turned the floor back to Bro. Jacob.

He announced our next Semi-Annual Meeting will be at Bethel on September 8th at 5 p.m. Our next Annual Meeting will be at Stockton on March 14, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

He asked Bro. Roger Phillips to dismiss our service and ask the blessings on the meal that followed.



CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1.

<u>Name and Composition</u>. 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 Semi-Annual 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 an 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.

ARTICLE 8.

<u>Program.</u> It shall be the duty of the Home Mission and Executive Board to plan and carry out the program of the Association.

ARTICLE 9.

<u>Amendments.</u> This Constitution may be altered or amended at any Semi-Annual 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 Home Mission and Executive Board 30 days prior to the Semi-Annual 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 are 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 Home Mission and 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 Semi-Annual 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 Semi-Annual Meeting or Annual session of the Association, or as otherwise directed by the Association. Examination for license or for ordination (both ministers and deacons) is 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 Semi-Annual and Annual meetings of the Association.

Ministers in the Armed Forces, Bible college students and Missionaries shall not be required to report in person to receive a card of standing. All churches must request a card of good standing for all ministers in their congregation and include the request in their church letter. All ministers meeting these requirements shall be granted a certificate of Ministerial Standing when, and if, approved by the appointed Committee on Ministerial Standing.

Section II. All aged or afflicted ministers, who so desire, may be enrolled on the superannuated list, not being required to report to the Association in order to have a Certificate.

ARTICLE 13.

Section I. We believe that any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery, and pornography are sinful perversions of God's gift of sex. (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 wellbeing 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 Semi-Annual 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 Home Mission and Executive Board 30 days prior to the Association meeting.



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