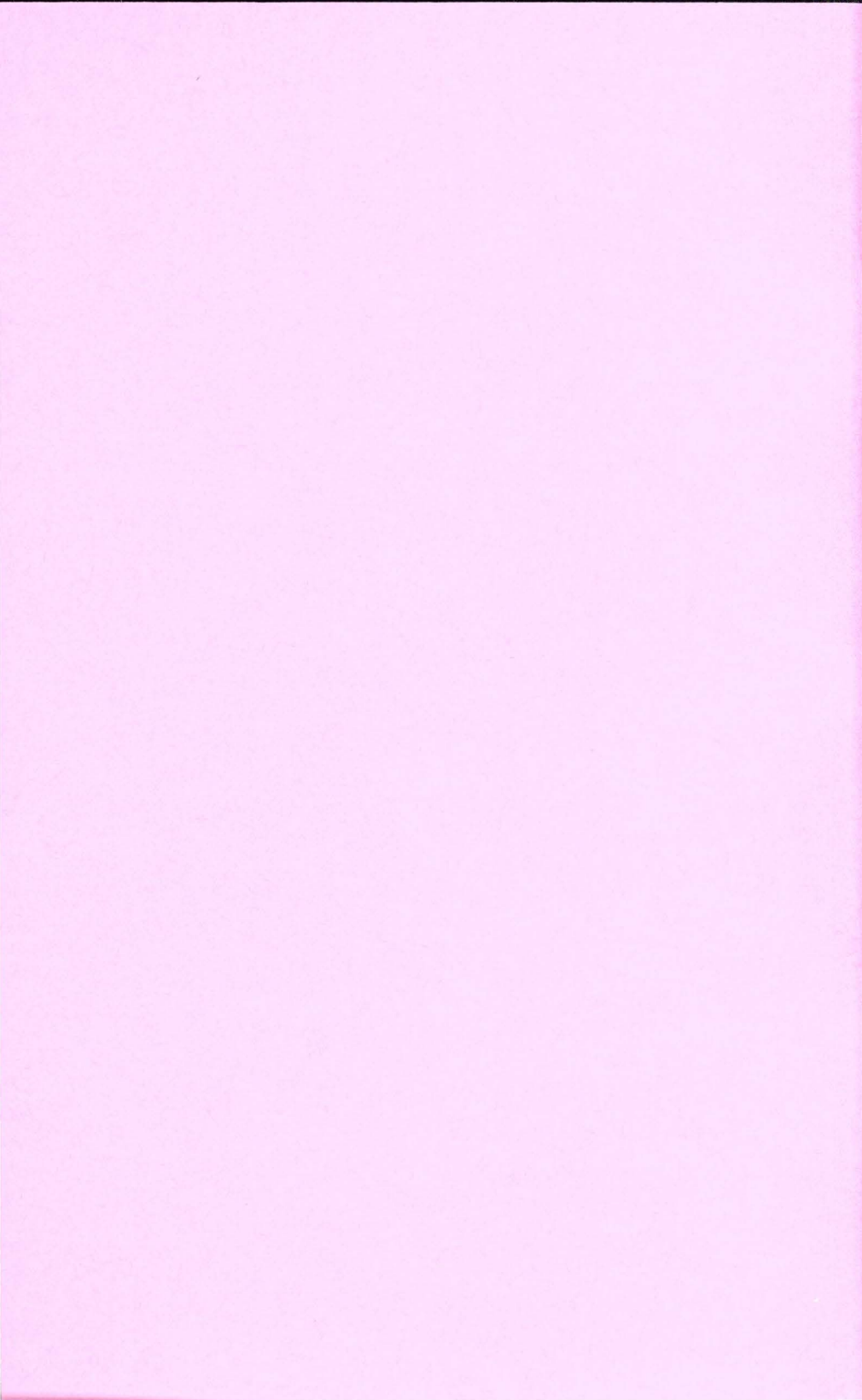


“Of First Importance”

Corinthians 15:3-4

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



Theme of the 112th
Central Western Missouri Association
of Free Will Baptist:

“Of First Importance”

*For I delivered unto you first of all
that which I also received,
how that Christ died for our sins
according to the scriptures;
And that he was buried,
and that he rose again the third day according to
the scriptures:
I Corinthians 15:3-4*

The 113th Session
will meet at the
Verdella Free Will Baptist Church
Liberal, Missouri
March 20, 2021 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 Semi-Annual Meeting at
Bethel Free Will Baptist Church,
El Dorado Springs, Missouri**

Bro Brandon Vaughan, Interim Pastor

Sunday, September 8th, 2019

Moderator Jacob Jones opened in prayer. A Quorum was declared by Clerk Kylie Jones. Jacob led worship in songs.

Business session opened by Moderator.

No old business.

New business: motion made by Erik Miller to close Association bank account at Simmons Bank and to open account at US Bank. Seconded by Robbie Chase. No discussion. Unanimous favor. Motion passed.

Business Session closed: Norman Chase motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Erik Miller. Motion passed.

Kylie Jones, Clerk

CENTRAL WESTERN
Missouri Association of Free Will Baptist
Annual Session

Convened at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 14, 2020
Stockton Free Will Baptist Church
Stockton, 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, 2022

Home Mission and Executive Board

Bethel Lural Mays, 2021
Hannon Joe Yokley, 2022
Hickory Grove..... None, 2021
Nevada David Kitsmiller, 2022
Stockton Harold Cross, 2023
VerdellaRoger Phillips, 2023

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

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REGISTRATION

Deacons:

Lural Mays, *Bethel*.
Roger Phillips, *Verdella*.

Delegates:

Bethel: Lorene Fisher, Shirley Beason, and
Nancy Mays.
Nevada: Kylie Jones, Terry Kitsmiller and
David Kitsmiller.
Stockton: Linda Hall and Harold Cross.
Verdella: Ionia Phillips.

Ministers:

Nevada: Rev. Jacob Jones.
Stockton: Rev. Warren Hall.
Verdella: Rev. Randy Sprenkle.

Visitors:

Stockton: Jan Cross, Merle Carpenter
Verdella: Gary Charlton
Nevada: Don Kitsmiller
Buffalo: Stan Bunch

Central Western Missouri Association of Free Will Baptist Annual Meeting

Moderator Jacob Jones opened in prayer. Quorum declared by Clerk, Kylie Jones and proceeded to recognize church delegates and read church letters. Linda Hall made motion to seat delegates and Roger Phillips seconded.

Stan Bunch gave Executive report. MO Coop was up \$20,000 last year and down some this year due to winter absences. Christian Education Board hosted ministers retreat and Ron Hunter spoke about family discipling. Church camp needs picnic tables. Churches can adopt a table and provide the funds for it to go to camp. Osage Beach and Cape Girardeau churches are doing well. Cabool is now self-supporting. Mountain Grove has a ministry for misfits, and Hartville church is reaching out to addicts. CTS is scheduled for April 3rd-4th. Church Assessment Program leads churches to ask how they are doing in the areas of prayer, friendliness, and discipleship. The state office prays for each church, pastor, and family.

Financial Report: Clerk, Kylie Jones read report. Acceptance of the report was tabled.

Linda Hall made the motion that the 2019 Financial Report be corrected and presented at the next Semi-Annual Meeting in September. Motion was seconded and passed.

Business: no new business.

Committees were appointed by Moderator.

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Obituary Report:

Called for a moment of silent remembrance for:

Dennis Johnston, Bethel; Betty Crutcher, Greenfield and Doris Whitson, Verdella.

*Submitted by
Harold Cross and Terry Kitsmiller.*

Ministerial Standing Committee Report:

We, the Ministerial Standing Committee, have reviewed the ministers report/request from their church for a card of good standing for the following:

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
Jacob Jones, Lural Mays, and Lorene Fisher.*

MINISTER'S ANNUAL REPORTS

NAME	Churches Pastored	Sermons	Additions to Church	Professions	Baptisms	Weddings	Funerals	Miles Traveled	Salary Yes No	
Rev. Terry Burke	1	130	11	3	0	0	3	5000+	✓	
Rev. Warren Hall	1	96	0	0	0	0	1	-	✓	
Rev. Daniel Dickey	-	7	-	0	0	0	0	-	-	-
Rev. Jacob Jones	1	50	3	1	5	0	0	1,000		✓
Rev. Randy Sprenkle	1	52	0	1	3	0	3	2000+	✓	
Rev. Dalton Windsor	-	5	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	

Nominating Committee Report:

We nominate the following for office:

Moderator: Jacob Jones

Assistant Moderator: Erik Miller

Clerk/Treasurer: Kylie Jones

Assistant Clerk/Treasurer: Linda Hall

Missionary Coordinator: Randy Sprenkle

Historian: Roger Phillips

State General Board Member: Warren Hall

We nominate:

Harold Cross of Stockton and Roger Phillips of Verdella
to continue on the Home Missions and Executive Board.

Submitted by

Randy Sprenkle, Linda Hall, and David Kitsmiller.

Business Committee Report:

Nothing to report.

Submitted by

Warren Hall, Nancy Mays, and Roger Phillips.

Motion made to accept reports by Warren Hall, seconded by
Harold Cross, motion passed.

Motion was made to adjourn Business Session by Harold Cross
and seconded by Terry Kitsmiller; motion passed.

Prayer by Jacob to remember that Christ and the Gospel are of first
importance.

Adam Duncan was invited to speak. He and his family will be
going to Ecuador.

A love offering was taken up for the Duncan's.

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Closing announcements: Next semiannual meeting was announced as Sept. 13th, 2020 at Hannon at 5p.m. Next Annual Meeting will be March 20th, 2021 10 a.m. Everyone was dismissed for lunch.

Kylie Jones, Clerk

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 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 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.

ARTICLE 8.

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

ARTICLE 9.

Amendments. 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 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 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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