

**Minutes of the 113th Session
of the
Central Western Missouri
Association of Free Will Baptist
At
Verdella Free Will Baptist Church
Liberal, Missouri
March 20, 2021**



Theme of the 113th Session of the
Central Western Missouri Association:



*Behold how good and how pleasant it is for
brethren to dwell in unity!*

Psalms 133:1-3

**The 114th Session of the
Central Western Missouri Association of
Free Will Baptist
will meet at the
Bethel Free Will Baptist Church
El Dorado Springs, Missouri
March 19, 2022 at 10 a. m.**

**Minutes of the Semi-Annual Meeting at
Hannon Free Will Baptist Church,
Liberal, Missouri**

September 8th, 2020 at 5p.m.

Rev. Terry Burke, Pastor

Moderator Jacob Jones opened business session with prayer. Clerk Kylie Jones declared a quorum. Clerk brought forward 2019 financial report for acceptance.

**Central Western District Association of MO FWB
Churches**

Clerk's Financial Report

January 1, 2019 –December 31, 2019

Prepared by Kylie Jones

Updated by Linda Hall

Clerk's General Fund Beginning Balance: \$1048.24

Clerk's General Fund

Receipts:

3/19 offering:	\$153.00
3/19 Association Fees:	<u>1,109.00</u>
Total Receipts:	<u>\$1,262.00</u>
Balance	<u>\$2,310.24</u>

Disbursements:

3/19 Missouri State Assoc.: (Thebeau/Rolla)	\$300.00
3/19 Verdella FWB Church: (Missions)	700.00
4/13 Missouri State Assoc.: (National Fees)	900.00
4/13 Linda Hall: (Clerk honorarium)	100.00
7/17 LCN Graphics: (Printing of minutes)	<u>71.00</u>
Total Disbursements:	<u>\$2,071.00</u>

Clerk's General Fund Checking Account Balance: \$239.24

Home Missions & Executive Board Fund

Receipts:
4/12 Deposited \$3,031.37
9/11 Semi-annual offering: 118.00
Total Receipts \$3,149.37

Disbursement:
FWB Foundation Trust (Upkeep of Stockton Mission Church) .. \$2,500.00
Total Disbursements: 2,500.00

Home Missions & Executive Board's Fund
Checking Account Balance: \$649.37

FWB Foundation Trust \$2,500.00
Interest for 2019: 50.67
Balance of Trust December 31, 2019: \$2550.67
BALANCE OF HOME MISSIONS &
EXECUTIVE BOARD'S FUND:\$3,199.67

Clerk's General Fund and Home Missions &
Executive Board's Fund Checking Account Balance: \$881.61

Terry Burke made motion to accept financial report with the designations made according to what was read from the 2018 Minutes.”. Roger Phillips seconded. Discussion was made. Motion passed.

Motion to dismiss was made by Daniel Dickey, seconded by Brandon Vaughan, motion passed.

The craft auction for missions followed with proceeds going to Camp Niangua.

Kylie Jones, Clerk

CENTRAL WESTERN
Missouri Association of Free Will Baptist
Annual Session

Convened at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 20, 2020
Verdella Free Will Baptist Church
Liberal, Missouri

OFFICERS

Moderator.....	Bro. Erik Miller
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Randy Sprenkle
Clerk/Treasurer	Linda Hall
Asst. Clerk/Treasurer	Joan Wilson

OTHER POSITIONS:

State General Board Member.....	Rev. Warren Hall, 2022
Missionary Coordinator	Joan Wilson 2022
Historians	Jan Cross, 2022

Home Mission and Executive Board

Bethel	Lural Mays, 2024
Hannon	Joe Yokley, 2022
Hickory Grove	None Submitted, 2024
Nevada	David Kitsmiller, 2022
Stockton	Harold Cross, 2023
Verdella	Roger Phillips, 2023

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



CHURCHES, Pastors and Clerks

Bethel Free Will Baptist

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Clerk: Lois Ann Smith, 417-876-4393

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301 S. Paine, Liberal, Mo. 64762

Clerk: Melanie Kirby, 417-843-5536

849 N. Hwy. K, Liberal, Mo. 64762

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30103 S. Hickory Grove Road, Archie, Mo. 65725

No Pastor

Clerk: Glenna Stackhouse, 816-899-2219

12305 E. 299th St., Archie, Mo. 64725

Nevada Free Will Baptist

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Rev. Jacob Jones, Pastor, 417-684-0663

1019 S. Main, Nevada, Mo. 64772

Clerk: Terry Kitsmiller, 417-448-4698

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Mailing: P.O. Box 251, Stockton, Mo. 65785

Rev. Warren Hall, Pastor, 417-876-8272

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5385 E. 350 Road, El Dorado Springs, Mo. 64744

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531 N. Highway W, Iantha, Mo. 64759
Clerk: Joan Wilson, 417-843-5615
759 N. Hwy. FF, Liberal, Mo. 64762



REGISTRATION

Deacons:

Bethel: Lural Mays.

Hannon: Joe Yokley.

Verdella: Erik Miller, Marty Werner and Bruce Short.

Delegates:

Bethel: Shirley Beason.

Hannon: Shirley Yokley.

Stockton: Linda Hall and Harold Cross.

Verdella: Ionia Phillips, Joan Wilson and Rachal Miller.

Ministers:

Bethel: Bro. Brandon Vaughan.

Hannon: Rev. Daniel Dickey.

Stockton: Rev. Warren Hall.

Verdella: Rev. Randy Sprenkle.

Visitors:

Bethel: Norman Chase, Lorene Fisher

Stockton: Jan Cross.

Verdella: Tricia McKay, Delaney Miller, Calvin Brous,
Dennis Wilson, Bonnie Brous, Christine Fast and
Don Callaway.

Japan: Rev. Ken & Judy Bailey,

Buffalo: Rev. Stanley & Brenda Bunch.

Lebanon: Rev. Frank Webster.

CENTRAL WESTERN

Missouri Association of Free Will Baptist

Annual Meeting

Assistant Clerk Linda Hall called the meeting to order and asked Bro. Stan Bunch to lead us in prayer. A quorum was declared followed by the reading of the Church Letters. The standing delegates were identified and the floor turned over to Bro. Erik Miller, Assistant Moderator. Linda motioned that we accept these letters and seat the delegates. Warren Hall seconded and the motion carried.

Bro. Brandon Vaughan brought the devotion. Many definitions of "unity" were given; all meaning 'coming together as one.' Scripture was taken from Psalms 133:1-3. Is the united spirit we want to present visible in our life?

Bro. Stan Bunch brought updates throughout our state. He reminded us that the National was in Memphis, Tn. this year and other retreats and ministry dates. He shared that the Coop was steady.

Bro. Frank Webster gave us the latest news on many of our mission works. Baptisms were held, all nationalities are being reached and we're a part of all these works! Our funding supports our missions but still need 50 more Show Me Plan shares to meet the goal.

Bro. Ken Bailey gave a power point presentation about their work in Japan.

Bro. Erik appointed the committees and a break was taken for those committees to meet.

After the break, Bro. Erik called us to order and asked Linda to read the committee reports.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT:

We recommend:

1. The following items be changed in the 2019 Minutes draft:
 - ❑ **The current 2020 minutes of the Semi-Annual Meeting at Hannon on pages 8 - 9 be removed.** *The 2019 minutes ended with the Annual Meeting on March 14, 2020. This was the financial report that was approved in September of 2020.*

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- ❑ The motion be corrected on page 9 of that Financial report now reading: ***“Terry Burke made motion to accept financial report including allotting \$531.37 to be labeled “Executive Board”. Roger Phillips seconded. Discussion was made. Motion passed.”***

TO this:

Terry Burke made motion to accept the financial report with the designations made according to what was read from the 2018 Minutes. Roger Phillips seconded. Discussion was made. Motion passed.

- ❑ The State General Board Member year on pg. 3 be changed from 2020 to 2022. *They hold that position for 2 years and he was elected in 2020.*
- ❑ This motion be added to the 2019 minutes page 6 after the Financial Report sentence: ***“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.”***
- 2. After reviewing the reports submitted by the Clerk and those updated by the Assistant Clerk, Linda Hall, we recommend the updated Clerk’s Reports that shows the full designations of the funds be present to the body. The 2019 & 2020 Clerk’s Financial Reports monies are correct in total amount but have not been clarified with the designations of the Clerk’s Fund and the Home Missions & Executive Board’s Fund. *These Financial Reports were approved as updated by Linda Hall.*
- 3. Paying Linda Hall \$10.00 for copies made of 2019 & 2020 Financial Reports to review.
- 4. The 2019, 2020 and all future Minutes be printed in book form as has been done in the past.
- 5. The offering be given to Missionary Ken & Judy Bailey’s Account. If less than \$500 that it be supplemented from the Home Missions & Executive Board’s Fund to this amount.
- 6. We give the Verdella Church a standing “Thank You’ for hosting the Central Western Association Annual meeting.

Submitted by,

Lural Mays, Joan Wilson and Shirley Yokley

Linda Hall made the motion that this report be accepted and voted on item by item. Motion was seconded and carried.

Item #1 of Business: Motion made to accept, seconded and carried.

Item #2 of Business: Motion made to accept (along with the financial report), seconded and carried.

**Central Western District Association of
Missouri Free Will Baptist Churches
Clerk's Financial Report**

Prepared by Kylie Jones and Updated by Linda Hall

January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020

Clerk's General Fund Beginning Balance:\$239.24

Clerk's General Fund:

Receipts:

2/18/20 Association dues \$612.00
3/3/20 Association dues 625.00
3/16/20 Annual meeting offering 113.00
3/16/20 *Love offering for Duncan's* was noted in the 2019 minutes, no
other information was given.

Total Receipts: \$1,350.00

BALANCE:.....\$1,589.24

Disbursements:

1/14/20 Purchased stamps.....\$11.00
1/31/20 Purchased checks\$24.48
3/14/20 Clerk Honorarium (Kylie Jones)\$100.00
4/18/20 State/National Dues \$1050.00
Total Disbursements: \$1,185.48

Clerk's General Fund Checking Account Balance:\$403.76

Home Missions & Executive Board's Fund:

Beginning Balance:\$649.37

(No offering taken at 9-13-20 meeting)

Free Will Baptist Foundation Trust Balance:\$2550.67

Earnings 1-1-20 to 6-30-2036.56

Earnings 7-1-20 to 12-31-2025.89

Total Earnings: \$62.45

FWB Foundation Trust Current Balance as of 12/31/2020\$2,613.12

Home Missions & Executive Board's Fund Balance: . \$3,262.49

**Clerk's General Fund and Home Missions & Executive
Board's Fund Checking Account Balance:\$1,053.13**

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Item #3 of Business: Motion made to accept, seconded and carried.

Item #4 of Business: Motion made to accept, seconded and carried.

Item #5 of Business: Motion made to accept, seconded and carried.

Item #6 of Business: Motion made to accept, seconded and carried.

MINISTERIAL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT:

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

Bro. Brandon Vaughan, Bethel. He has also been approved for ordination by the Examining Committee.

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:

*Bruce Short, Joe Yokley, Shirley Beason,
Harold Cross and Marty Werner*

Linda Hall made a 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	80	0	0	0	1	2	-	✓	
Rev. Daniel Dickey	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	-		✓
Rev. Warren Hall	1	72	1	0	0	0	1	2,200	✓	
Rev. Jacob Jones	1	50	0	0	0	0	0	0		✓
Rev. Randy Sprenkle	1	50	0	2	0	0	4	1,000	✓	
Bro. Brandon Vaughan	1	88	0	1	0	0	1	-	✓	
Rev. Dalton Windsor	0	9	0	0	0	0	2	0		✓

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT:

We submit the following deceased members of our association:

Nina Holt, Hickory Grove

Jonathan Hall, Stockton

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Warren Hall, Rachel Miller and Ionia Phillips

Motion to accept this report by Linda Hall. This motion was seconded and carried.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

We nominate the following for office:

Moderator: Erik Miller

Assistant Moderator: Randy Sprenkle

Clerk/Treasurer: Linda Hall

Assistant Clerk/Treasurer: Joan Wilson

Missionary Coordinator: Joan Wilson

Historian: Jan Cross

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

Bethel: Lural Mays, 2024

Hickory Grove: None submitted, 2024

Submitted by,

Daniel Dickey, Brandon Vaughan and

Randy Sprenkle

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

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Having concluded our business session, motion was made by Randy Sprenkle to adjourn. Motion was seconded and carried.

The next Semi-Annual Meeting will be at Nevada on September 12, 2021 at 5 p.m.

The next Annual Meeting will be at Bethel on March 19, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Worship:

Our worship service began with songs of praise led by the Verdella worship team. We sang: *It Is Well with My Soul* and *Cornerstone*.

Our speaker was Rev. Ken Bailey, Missionary to Japan. Scripture was taken from several passages including: Eph. 4:13, Gen. 1:28, Eph. 4:1-3 and Phil. 2:1. He covered these thought in his message:

Unity... Am I *one* in Jesus Christ? We need to make every effort to have unity. Not only *one* with Christ but with our brothers and sisters in Christ as well.

1. The reason for unifying: (*If there is any*) Phil. 1.

A. Consolation in Christ.

B. Comfort of Love.

C. Fellowship of the Spirit,

D. Affection

E. Mercy

1) Compassion

2. The result of unifying:

A. Being like-minded, to have understanding, be wise

B. To think or judge one's opinion, agreed together, cherish the same view, be harmonious, to direct one's mind to a thing, to seek, to stive for the same cause.

Bro. Ken led us in prayer and turned the floor over to Bro. Erik.

Erik asked Bro. Lural May to dismiss and ask the blessing on our meal.

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.

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.

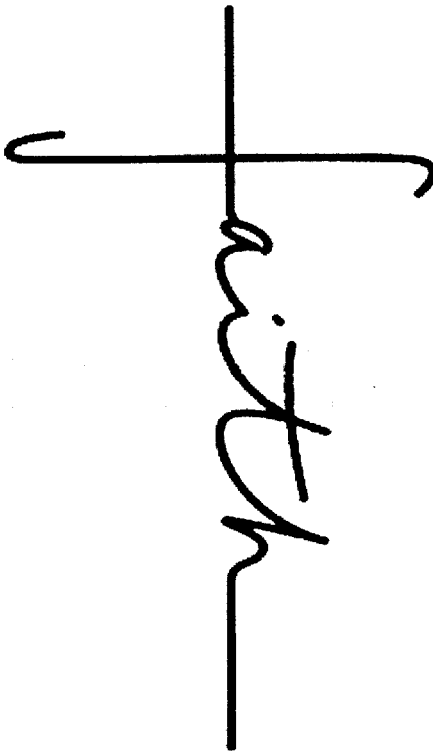
Meeting. This Association shall meet annually on Saturday, following the second Sunday in March at 10:00 a.m. It shall be the duty of the churches composing it to represent themselves by letter and delegate.

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.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Faith". The signature is written vertically, with the letters "Faith" oriented sideways. The "F" is formed by a vertical line and a horizontal crossbar. The "a" is a simple loop. The "i" has a dot. The "t" has a crossbar. The "h" is formed by two vertical strokes. The signature is written on a white background.

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.

