



Commitment

**Minutes of the 114th Session
of the
Central Western Missouri
Association of Free Will Baptist
at
Hannon Free Will Baptist Church
Liberal, Missouri
March 19, 2022**

**Theme of the 114th Session
of the
Central Western Missouri Association:**

Commitment

¹ The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, ² Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: ³ To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: ⁴ And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. ⁵ For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

Acts 1:1-5

**The 115th 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 18, 2023 at 10 a. m.**

*(Due to illness in the Bethel Church, the meeting was moved to the
Hannon Church in 2022.)*

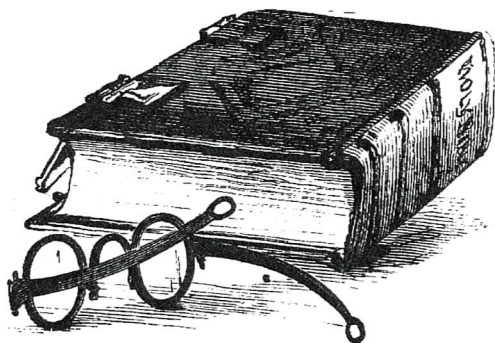
**Minutes of the Semi-Annual Meeting at
Nevada Free Will Baptist Church,
Nevada, Missouri**

September 12th, 2021 at 5 p.m.

Rev. Jacob Jones, Pastor

The meeting was replaced with the Fall Craft Auction & Dinner.
The proceeds of \$1,273.00 went to the Duncan's who are preparing
to go to Ecuador.

Submitted by,
Linda Hall, Clerk/Treasurer



CENTRAL WESTERN
Missouri Association of Free Will Baptist
Annual Session

Convened at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 19, 2022

Hannon Free Will Baptist Church

Liberal, Missouri

*(Due to illness in the Bethel FWB Church,
Hannon FWB Church hosted the meeting)*

OFFICERS

Moderator.....Rev. Terry Burke
Assistant Moderator.....Erik Miller
Clerk/Treasurer..... Linda Hall
Asst. Clerk/Treasurer.....Joan Wilson

OTHER POSITIONS

State General Board Member.....Rev. Randy Sprenkle, 2024
Missionary CoordinatorJoan Wilson
Historians Jan Cross

HOME MISSIONS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD

Bethel..... Lural Mays, 2024
Hannon.....Daniel Charlton, 2025
Hickory Grove..... None Submitted, 2024
Nevada David Kitsmiller, 2025
Stockton Harold Cross, 2023
Verdella Roger Phillips, 2023

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



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REGISTRATION

Deacons:

Nevada: Lyle Hoover

Verdella: Erik Miller and Roger Phillips.

Delegates:

Nevada: Loretta Hoover

Stockton: Linda Hall and Jan Cross.

Verdella: Joan Wilson and Ionia Phillips

Ministers:

Bethel: Bro. Brandon Vaughan.

Hannon: Rev. Terry Burke.

Stockton: Rev. Warren Hall.

Verdella: Rev. Randy Sprenkle.

Visitors:

Stockton: Harold Cross.

Hannon: Barb King, R.T. King, Joe & Shirley Yokley, Caitlin Morgan, Grant Morgan, Hazel Morgan, Angela Moreno, Margaret and Savannah Anderson, Cindy Satterfield & Magarah Charlton.

Verdella: Tricia McKay & Dennis Wilson.

Buffalo: Rev. Stanley Bunch.

Columbia: Rev. Steve Reeves.

CENTRAL WESTERN

Missouri Association of Free Will Baptist

Annual Meeting

Clerk/Treasurer Linda Hall called the meeting to order. 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, Moderator. Motion was made that we accept these letters and seat the delegates. Motion was seconded and the motion carried.

We enjoyed singing *O, what a Savior* led by Angela Moreno.

Erik asked for Linda Hall to bring the financial report.

Central Western District Association of Missouri FWB Churches Clerk/Treasurer's Financial Report January 1 – December 31, 2021

Clerk's General Fund Beginning Balance:\$403.76

Clerk's General Fund:

Receipts:

3/17/21 Association dues \$1246.00

3/17/21 Annual meeting offering (*for Ken Bailey*) 667.00

***Total Receipts:* \$1,913.00**

BALANCE:\$2,316.76

Disbursements:

4/5/2021, 1003, MO FWB (National Dues) \$1,050.00

4/7/2021, 1004, MO FWB (Ken Bailey, Missionary) 667.00

4/7/2021, 1005, LCN Graphics, Printing 2019/20 minutes 105.60

6/21/2021, 1006, US Postal Service, Postage 15.80

6/23/2021, 1007, Kylie Jones, Clerk Honorarium 50.00

6/23/2021, 1008, Linda Hall, Clerk Honorarium 50.00

6/23/2021, 1008. Linda Hall, Copies 10.00

***Total Disbursements:* \$1,948.40**

***Clerk's General Fund Checking Account Balance:* \$368.36**

Home Missions & Executive Board's Fund:

Beginning Balance: *(No offering taken at 9-12-21 meeting)* **\$649.37**

Free Will Baptist Foundation Trust Balance: **\$2,613.12**

Earnings 6-30-21 **\$32.34**

Earnings 12-31-21 **33.02**

Total Earnings: **\$65.36**

FWB Foundation Trust Current Balance

as of December 31, 2021 **\$2,678.48**

Home Missions & Executive Board's Fund Balance:..... **\$3,327.85**

Clerk's General Fund and Home Missions & Executive Board's Fund

Checking Account Balance: **\$1,017.73**

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

Bro. Stan Bunch brought updates throughout our state. He encouraged our churches to **take action** to make sure that our church properties are kept in our Free Will Baptist Ministries. There are new publications available from our state. Be sure to check those out. He stated that our State Office is praying for our pastors, churches and ministries.

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

After the break, Angela Moreno led us in singing *Mansion Over the Hilltop*.

Bro. Erik called on Linda to read the committee reports.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT:

We recommend:

1. (The Central Western Missouri Association of Free Will Baptist was incorporated in January of 2020 in order to obtain an EIN for the bank.) We recommend this be updated with the following officers: President: Moderator Terry Burke, Vice-President: Assistant Moderator Erik Miller, Secretary: Clerk/Treasurer Linda Hall, Officers: Brandon Vaughan and Joe Yokley. Bro. San Bunch is willing to help transition members for this corporation.

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2. We recommend Erik Miller be added to the FWB Foundation Fund Trust and to obtain a written copy from Kylie Jones stating she is wanting her name removed from the Foundation Trust.
3. The next Annual meeting will be at Bethel FWB Church on March 18, 2023. (It was move to Hannon FWB due to illnesses at the Bethel church this year.)
4. We recommend we give a "Thank You" to the Hannon church for hosting our meeting.

Submitted by,

Terry Burke, Randy Sprenkle & Brandon Vaughan

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

MINISTERIAL STANDING COMMITTEE:

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

Rev. Brandon Vaughan, *Bethel*

Rev. Terry Burke and Daniel Dickey, *Hannon*

Rev. Rev. Jacob Jones, *Nevada*

Rev. Warren Hall, *Stockton*

Rev. Randy Sprenkle and Dalton Windsor, *Verdella*

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

Submitted by:

Roger Phillips, Erik Miller & Lyle Hoover

Linda Hall 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	
Rev. Terry Burke	1	105	0	0	5	0	5	-	✓	
Rev. Daniel Dickey	1	8	0	0	0	0	1	-		✓
Rev. Warren Hall	1	80	3	0	0	0	1	4,500	✓	
Rev. Jacob Jones	1	50	2	1	3	0	1	1,000		✓
Rev. Randy Sprenkle	1	50	0	2	0	1	2	2,000+	✓	
Rev. Brandon Vaughan	1	50	0	2	6	1	3	-	✓	
Rev. Dalton Windsor	0	7	0	0	0	1	0	0		✓

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT:

We submit the following deceased members of our association:

Blanch Eslinger, *Bethel*

Karen Hardy, Clifford Hoover, T. D. Yount and

Trent Morgan, *Hannon*

Esther Christie, *Nevada*

Winifred Lira, *Stockton*

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Jan Cross, Joan Wilson & Loretta Hoover

We stood for a moment of silence.

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

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

We nominate the following for office:

Moderator: Rev. Terry Burke

Assistant Moderator: Erik Miller

Clerk/Treasurer: Linda Hall

Assistant Clerk/Treasurer: Joan Wilson

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Missionary Coordinator: Joan Wilson
Historian: Jan Cross
Missouri State General Board Member: Rev. Randy Sprenkle 2024

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

Hannon: Daniel Charlton 2025
Nevada: David Kitsmiller 2025

Submitted by,
Warren Hall, Lyle Hoover & Michelle Burke

Bro. Erik ask if there were any other nominations. None were made from the floor. Motion was made to accept this report. Motion was seconded and carried.

Bro. Erik asked the ushers to come to receive the offering. The offering goes to the Show Me Plan.

The Semi-Annual Meeting will be at Stockton on September 11, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

The next Annual Meeting will be at Bethel on March 18, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Bro. Erik asked for the special music brough by Angela Moreno singing *Battle Belongs*. It was a wonderful reminder that our Lord is fighting for us.

Rev. Steve Reeves, Missions Director, gave reports as follows:

International: Adam & Carol Duncan were to arrive in Ecuador Friday, March 18, 2022. Pray for them as they begin language school.

National: Frank & Debbie Webster have started a Bible study for those who have never studied the Bible before. This group is averaging eight people as it meets bi-weekly.

State: David & Kathy Beltz at the Resolve Church are going self-supporting. Praise God for the work He is doing there!

At **Grace Fellowship** in Cape Girardeau, they have assumed all of Matthew Cromer's salary. Pray for their children's ministry there. In **Rolla at the Mosaic Church** their home groups and discipleship groups continue to grow and do well. Pray for wisdom as they grow.

Rob & Lisa at Restore in Potosi have started discipleship groups. They are looking forward to 'Street Church' as the weather warms up.

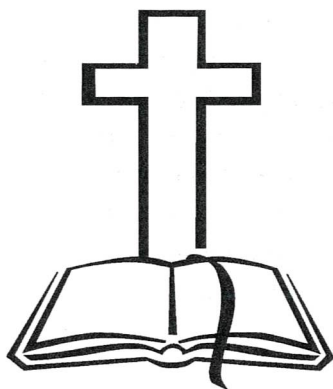
Bro. Steve had M & M candies given out. He told us the Ms on the candies stood for *Missouri & Missions* and to think about those whenever we eat them. The 3 for 30 from the NAFWB, "*As I go who will I reach with the gospel*" bookmark was also given out. We were challenged to let God use us to reach others for Him.

Our worship time began with speaker, Rev. Steve Reeves, asking Lyle Hoover to lead us in prayer.

He took his scripture from Acts 1:1-5. We were reminded, when we have the Holy Spirit, we *shall be witness unto* (vs. 8) the ends of the Earth. Many around us live without hope. We are to share and tell others of *our HOPE* that is in CHRIST *only*.

Bro. Erik asked Rev. Warren Hall to dismiss us and asked the blessing on our meal.

Submitted by,
Linda Hall, Clerk/Treasurer



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.

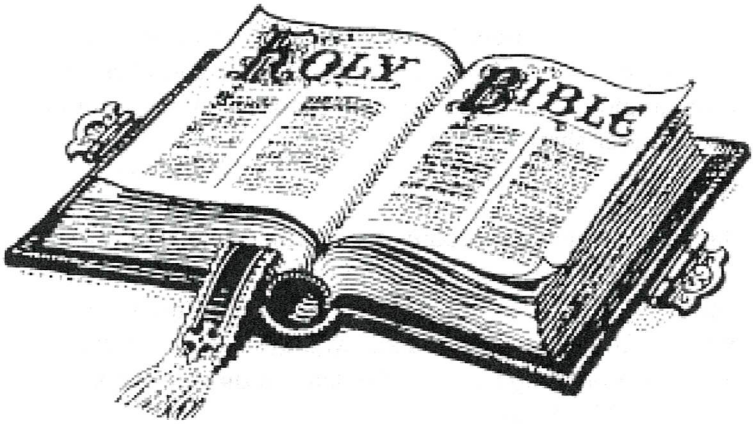
Meeting. This Association shall meet annually on Saturday, following the second Sunday in March at 10:00 a.m. It shall be the duty of the churches composing it to represent themselves by letter and delegate.

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.



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.



*Reflection
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Repentance*

