



**Minutes of the 115th Session
of the
Central Western Missouri
Association of Free Will Baptist
at
Nevada Free Will Baptist Church
Nevada, Missouri
March 18, 2023**

**Theme of the 115th Session
of the
Central Western Missouri Association:**



**Be
Strong
and
Courageous**

Joshua 1:6-9

⁶ Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.

⁷ Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.

⁸ This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you^[c] shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

**The 116th Session of the
Central Western Missouri Association of
Free Will Baptist
will meet at the
Stockton Free Will Baptist Church
Stockton, Missouri
March 16, 2024 at 10 a. m.**

In order to conduct business for the association, this email/letter was sent by our Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Hall, to the Home Missions & Executive Board members of the Central Western Missouri Association:

Subject: Central Western Missouri Association Business

March 6, 2022

Mailed to: Roger Phillips and David Kitsmiller.

Emailed to: Terry Burke, Erik Miller, Joan Wilson, Lural Mays, Daniel Charlton, Harold Cross, Brandon Vaughan, Jacob Jones, Warren Hall and Randy Sprenkle.

Dear Members of the Central Western Missouri Association's Home Missions and Executive Board,

It has come to my attention that the money allocated for the National Association of F. W. B. dues has been raised from \$150.00 to \$175.00. This raise became affective in the year of 2020. The Clerk's letters to our churches were sent out this year stating the \$150.00 was due and all 6 churches have sent that amount.

This is a Bylaw change for our association. Our Bylaws state this in:

"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."*

Procedures need to be followed before we can change this Bylaw and will be addressed at our next Semi-Annual Meeting. However, this Board has the authority to ***"to act upon any expedient business of the Association that may arise between meetings of the Association."***

This needs to be addressed before our state's meeting in June. I am required to have this in to our state's Clerk by May 15th. Therefore, I

am suggesting that the additional \$25.00 per church totaling \$150.00 be paid from the Clerk/Treasurer's General Fund to fulfill the required amount for this year's National Dues. Please respond with your vote by April 22, 2022. A simple majority response from you will authorize me to pay this to our Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist.

Thank you for your time in serving our Association. If you have any questions, feel free to email or call 417-876-7404.

Sincerely,

Linda Hall, Clerk/Treasurer

Central Western Missouri Association

Those who replied affirmative to this email were: Terry Burke, Erik Miller, Joan Wilson, Lural Mays, Harold Cross, Brandon Vaughan, Jacob Jones and Warren Hall. Those who were mailed letters, Roger Phillips and David Kitsmiller, both called with an affirmative vote as well.

Submitted by.

Linda Hall, Clerk/Treasurer



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

September 11, 2022 at 5 p.m.

Rev. Warren Hall, Pastor

Moderator Terry Burke called our business session to order and gave the floor to Clerk Linda Hall. A quorum was declared to conduct business. Churches represented were Hannon, Nevada, Stockton and Verdella.

On July 20, 2022 letters were sent out to the churches that a Bylaw change would be addressed at the semi-annual meeting.

Our Bylaws currently reads: 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*

Since the National had changed this fee to \$175 and will be raised again in 2025 to \$200, Bro. Jacob Jones made this motion: I move that Article 9. Section 1 of our Bylaws be changed to read: *It shall be the duty of the churches of the Association to accompany their church letter with the National Association of Free Will Baptist current representation fees plus two dollars (\$2.00) per resident member for the Central Western Missouri Association fund to be allocated thusly: the current representation fees to the National Association of Free Will Baptist. The honorarium for the Associational Clerk will be \$100, with the remaining percentage for the Central Western Missouri Associational expenses.*

The motion was seconded by Erik Miller, and the motion carried.

With no other business, motion was made to close our business session, seconded and carried.

Worship was started with the song, *Saved by Grace*.

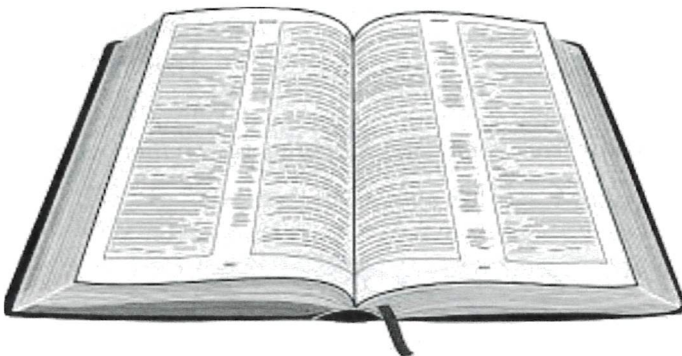
We had a praise and testimony time sharing what the Lord had done in our churches and lives. Bro. Terry then turned the meeting over to our speaker, Rev. Jacob Jones.

Rev. Jacob Jones deliver our message on *Sustainability in the Church*. His scripture was taken from Matthew 25:14-30. Should we keep going just to *keep going*? God has called us to evangelize and disciple. Bro. Jacob led us in prayer.

God is our sourcing and we need to act like He is! What kind of investment has God given you? Are you multiplying His investment? God has called us to be faithful workers for Him. Be fishers of men - cast the line. See what God catches. Bro. Jacob led us in prayer and turned the meeting back to Bro. Terry.

Bro. Terry challenged us to challenge *our* churches. We were dismissed and refreshment blessed by Raymond Calm.

Submitted by,
Linda Hall, Clerk/Treasurer



CENTRAL WESTERN
Missouri Association of Free Will Baptist
Annual Session

Convened at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 18, 2023

Nevada Free Will Baptist Church

Nevada, Missouri

*(On June 1, 2022 the Bethel FWB Church closed.
Nevada FWB Church hosted the meeting in their stead.)*

OFFICERS

Moderator Rev. Terry Burke
Assistant Moderator Rev. Jacob Jones
Clerk/Treasurer Linda Hall
Asst. Clerk/Treasurer Joan Wilson

OTHER POSITIONS

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

HOME MISSIONS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD

Hannon Daniel Charlton, 2025
Hickory Grove None Submitted, 2024
Nevada David Kitsmiller, 2025
Stockton Harold Cross, 2026
Verdella None Submitted, 2026

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



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REGISTRATION

Deacons:

Hannon: Brian Thompson and Joe Yokley

Delegates:

Hannon: Shirley Yokley and Donna Thompson

Nevada: David and Terry Kitsmiller

Stockton: Linda Hall and Jan Cross.

Ministers:

Nevada: Rev. Jacob Jones

Stockton: Rev. Warren Hall.

Verdella: Rev. Randy Sprenkle.

Visitors:

Nevada: Jack and Judy Heckadon

Stockton: Harold Cross.

Buffalo: Rev. Stanley Bunch.

CENTRAL WESTERN
Missouri Association of Free Will Baptist
Annual Meeting

Rev. Warren Hall, standing member having seniority in years of service, welcomed us in the absence of our Moderator Terry Burke and Assistant Moderator Erik Miller. He asked Bro. David Kitsmiller to lead us in prayer

Clerk/Treasurer Linda Hall called the meeting to order. She addressed an error in the Nominating Committee Report on page 9 of the 2021 Minutes that has been corrected.

A quorum was declared followed by the reading of the Church Letters. The standing delegates were identified and the floor turned over to Bro. Warren, Moderator.

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

Bro. Warren asked Linda Hall to bring the financial report.

Central Western District Association of Missouri
Free Will Baptist Churches

Clerk/Treasurer's Financial Report

January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022

Clerk's General Fund Beginning Balance: \$368.36

Clerk's General Fund:

Receipts:

3/26/22 Association dues\$1,083.00

3/26/22 Annual meeting offering (*Show Me Plan*) 794.00

***Total Receipts:* \$1,877.00**

BALANCE: \$2,245.36

Disbursements:

3/30/22 1009...MO FWB...National Dues (*from churches*) \$900.00

3/30/22 1009...MO FWB...Show Me Plan..... 794.00

4/12/22 1012...MO FWB...National Dues (*Paid by CWMA*)150.00

4/6/22 1011...LCN Graphics, Printing **2021** minutes 59.00

4/15/22 1013...US Postal Service...Postage 4.67

4/4/22 1010...Linda Hall..... Clerk/Treasurer Honorarium.... 100.00

***Total Disbursements:* \$2,007.67**

Clerk's General Fund Checking Account Balance:\$237.69

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Home Missions & Executive Board's Fund:

Beginning Balance: \$649.37

Receipts:

9/16/22, Offering.....\$161.00

BALANCE: **\$810.37**

Free Will Baptist Foundation Trust Balance:.....**\$2,678.48**

Earnings 6-30-22.....\$33.20

Earnings 12-31-22 35.45

Total Earnings:**\$68.65**

FWB Foundation Trust

Current Balance as of December 31, 2022**\$2,747.13**

*Home Missions & Executive Board's Fund Balance...***\$3,557.50**

Clerk/Treasurer General Fund and Home Missions & Executive Board's Fund Checking Account Balance: ...\$1,048.06****

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

Bro. Stan Bunch brought updates on things being discussed and addressed at our state level. He stated that our State Office is praying for our pastors, churches and ministries.

Bro. Warren asked Bro. Randy Sprenkle to appoint the committees and a break was taken for those committees to meet.

After the break, Jacob Jones led us in singing, *To God be the Glory*.

Bro. Warren called on Linda Hall to read the committee reports.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT:

We recommend:

1. We change our Bylaws, Article 8. To read **three lay members** serve on the Ministerial Standing Committee instead of **five lay members**.
2. The next Annual Meeting be held at the Stockton Free Will Baptist Church on March 16, 2024.
3. We give a standing "Thank You" to the Nevada Free Will Baptist Church for hosting our meeting.

Submitted by,
Linda Hall, Randy Sprenkle and Jacob Jones

Bro. Jacob Jones moved we accept this report. Bro. Warren Hall seconded it. And motion carried.

It was noted that the Bylaw change needed to be tabled so the legal 30-day notice of the church's clerks could be honored. Bro. Warren motioned to table the Bylaw change until our meeting in September. Bro. Jacob Jones seconded the motion 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. Terry Burke and Daniel Dickey, *Hannon*
- Rev. Jacob Jones, *Nevada*
- Rev. Warren Hall, *Stockton*
- Rev. Randy Sprenkle, *Verdella*

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

Submitted by:
*David Kitsmiller, Jan Cross, Joe Yokley, Brent Thompson
& Terry Kitsmiller*

Warren Hall made the motion to accept this report. Motion was seconded by Shirley Yokley 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	60	25	4	3	1	6	6,000	✓	
Rev. Daniel Dickey	0	5	0	0	0	1	0	-		✓
Rev. Warren Hall	1	80	3	1	0	0	1	2,050	✓	
Rev. Jacob Jones	1	50	5	0	4	1	1	1,000		✓
Rev. Randy Sprenkle	1	51	6	2	2	2	2	1,000	✓	

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT:

We submit the following deceased members of our association:

J. D. Kirby and Louis Montee, *Hannon*
Jeanine Beach, *Nevada*
Roger Phillips, *Verdella*

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

Respectfully submitted by:
Shirley Yokley

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

We stood for a moment of silent prayer in their memory.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

We nominate the following for office:

Moderator: Rev. Terry Burke
Assistant Moderator: Jacob Jones
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:

Stockton: Harold Cross 2026
Verdella: None submitted 2026

Submitted by,
Warren Hall & Donna Thompson

Bro. Warren ask if there were any other nominations. None were made from the floor. Motion was made by Joe Yokley to accept this report. Motion was seconded by Warren Hall and motion carried.

Our business session was adjourned.

The Semi-Annual Meeting will be held at Verdella Free Will Baptist Church on September 10, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

The next Annual Meeting will be at Stockton Free Will Baptist Church on March 16, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Bro. Warren Hall began our worship time by asking Bro. Jacob Jones to lead us in prayer. He followed prayer with the song, *When We All Get to Heaven* as the offering was received.

Rev. Warren Hall was our speaker. He spoke on how to be strong and courageous. Scripture was taken from Joshua 1:6-9.

Notice how many times God tells Joshua to *be "STRONG AND COURAGEOUS."* We must be courageous and speak up for Jesus. We cannot let fear paralyze us. Are we afraid to do the work HE has for us? What kind of courage do we have? The kind we're willing to die for? Will we stay with what God has for us? We will **if** we are Strong and Courageous **in our Lord.**

Rev. Randy Sprenkle gave the blessing on our meal and dismissal prayer.

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/Treasurer, and an Assistant Clerk/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.

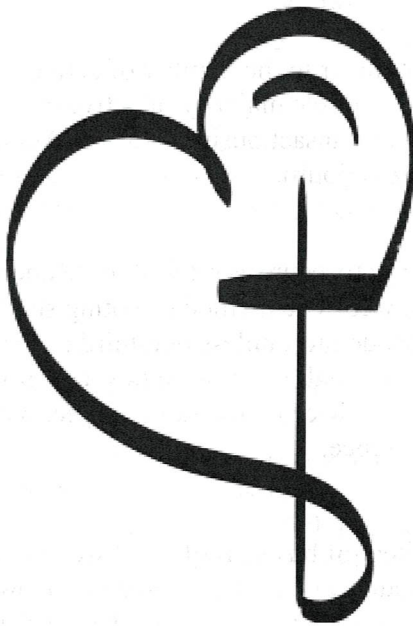
Meeting. This Association shall meet annually on Saturday, following the second Sunday in March at 10:00 a.m. It shall be the duty of the churches composing it to represent themselves by letter and delegate.

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/Treasurer or the Assistant Clerk/Treasurer, or, in his or her absence, the standing member having seniority in years of service. After the Clerk/Treasurer 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 the National Association of Free Will Baptist current representation fees, plus two dollars (\$2.00) per resident member for the Central Western Missouri Association fund to be allocated thusly: the current representation fees to the National Association of Free Will Baptist. The honorarium for the Associational Clerk/Treasurer will be \$100.00, with the remaining percentage for the Central Western Missouri Associational expenses.

Section II. The Associational Clerk/Treasurer 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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STRONG

Have



Strength
Faith
Courage

