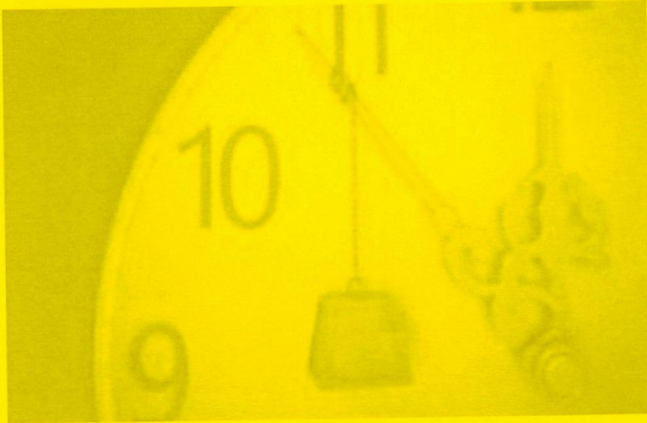
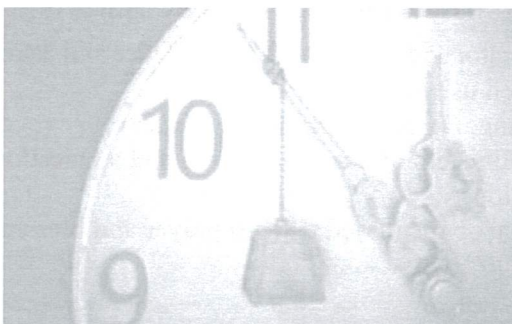


The Time of God's Favor



**Minutes of the 117th Session of the
Central Western Missouri Association of
Free Will Baptist
meeting at the
Verdella Free Will Baptist Church
Liberal, Missouri
March 15, 2025 at 10 a. m.**

Theme of the 117th Session
of the
Central Western Missouri Association:
The Time of God's Favor



***“¹As God’s co-workers we urge you
not to receive God’s grace in vain.
²For he says,
“In the time of my favor
I heard you, and
In the day of salvation I helped you.”
I tell you,
now is the time of God’s favor,
Now is the day of salvation.”***

2 Corinthians 6: 1-2 NIV

The 118th Session of the
Central Western Missouri Association of
Free Will Baptists
will meet at the
Hannon Free Will Baptist Church
Liberal, Missouri
March 14, 2026, 10 a. m.

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

September 8, 2024 at 5 p.m.

Rev. Terry Burke, Pastor

Moderator Jacob Jones call us to order and asked Lyle Hoover to open us with prayer.

We sang, *He Set Me Free* and *Majesty*.

The Ministers of our Association had a Questions and Answers sessions.

Bro. Jacob dismissed us with prayer and blessings on the refreshment.

Submitted by,
Linda Hall, Clerk/Treasurer

A Time for Everything

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

¹ To every thing there is a season, and
a time to every purpose under the heaven:

² A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and
a time to pluck up that which is planted;

³ A time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;

⁴ A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

⁵ A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

⁶ A time to get, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

⁷ A time to rend, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

⁸ A time to love, and a time to hate;
a time of war, and a time of peace.

CENTRAL WESTERN
Missouri Association of Free Will Baptist
Annual Meeting

Convened at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 15, 2025
Verdella Free Will Baptist Church
Liberal, Missouri

OFFICERS

Moderator..... Rev. Jacob Jones
Assistant Moderator Rev. Warren Hall
Clerk/Treasurer Linda Hall
Asst. Clerk/TreasurerJoan Wilson

OTHER POSITIONS

State General Board Member..... Rev. Randy Sprenkle, 2026

HOME MISSIONS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD

Hannon.....Daniel Charlton, 2028
Hickory Grove None Submitted, 2027
NevadaDavid Kitsmiller, 2028
Stockton None Submitted, 2026
Verdella None Submitted, 2026

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



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**REGISTRATION****Deacons:**

Verdella: Bruce Short

Delegates:

Nevada: David and Terry Kitsmiller

Stockton: Linda Hall and Jan Cross

Verdella: Joan Wilson and Elizabeth King

Ministers:

Nevada: Rev. Jacob Jones

Stockton: Rev. Warren Hall

Verdella: Rev. Randy Sprenkle

Visitors:

Nevada: Johnny McKibben

Verdella: Tricia McKay, Calvin Brous, Steffenie, Matt, Logan,
Ryder and Magnolia Stevens.

Calvary Chapel: Rev. Stanley Bunch

Harvest Child Care Ministry: Mark Headrick

El Monte, Spain: Luis & Gloria Ayala

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CENTRAL WESTERN

Missouri Association of Free Will Baptist

Business Session

Rev. Randy Sprenkle welcomed us to their church and asked Luis & Gloria Ayala to come share their work with us.

They have worked in Spain almost 10 years. They have learned that before they can share about Jesus, they must make friends with them.

Bro. Randy thanked the Ayala's and opened our meeting with prayer. He asked the song leader to come and we sang, *He Lifted Me*.

Moderator Jacob Jones asked the churches to share things going on in their churches. He then shared about an outreach the Nevada church has been doing with Hispanic workers. Bruce Short shared the Verdella church's growth in their Wednesday night studies.

Bro. Jacob ask the Verdella Youth to share their Scripture Memorization with us. Ryder & Logan Stevens did a wonderful job reciting their assigned scriptures. They will be in the youth competitions at our FWB National coming up in July.

Jacob then asked Clerk/Treasurer Linda Hall to come.

Sis. Linda Hall called the meeting to order and declared a quorum was present to conduct business. The standing delegates were identified. Then she read the Church Letters. She made a motion to accept these letters and to seat the delegates. It was seconded and carried.

Linda gave the Clerk/Treasurer Report as follows:

Central Western District Association of Missouri

Free Will Baptist Churches

Clerk's Financial Report

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

Home Missions & Executive Board's Fund:

Clerk's General Fund Beginning Balance:\$518.90

Clerk’s General Fund:

Receipts:

3/18/24 Annual meeting offering.....	210.00
3/18/24 Association dues	<u>1,247.00</u>
Total Receipts:	\$1,457.00
BALANCE:.....	\$1,975.90

Disbursements:

1020 MO FWB-National Dues/Bradley Mercer \$300 ,	\$1,175.00
1021 LCN Graphics-Printing 2024 minutes	54.95
1022 & 1023 US Postal Service-Postage	3.71
1024 Linda Hall -Clerk Honorarium	<u>100.00</u>
Total Disbursements:	<u>\$1,333.66</u>

Clerk’s General Fund Checking Account Balance:\$642.24

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

Sis. Linda then gave the **Obituary Report**.

The following deceased members have been submitted by the churches of our association for the year 2024:

Hannon: *B. J. Morgan and Raymond Kalm*
Stockton: *Jack Dillon, Harold Cross, and Ramona York*

Sis. Linda made the motion to accept this report and stand for a moment of remembrance in their honor ending with prayer by Moderator Jacob. Motion was seconded and carried out as made.

Bro. Mark Hedrick with the Harvest FWB Child Care Ministries shared with us about their work. One girl in their home was turning 15 which is a big deal for the Hispanic. He shared about the donation of special clothing and other articles that were given to make her birthday celebration a great day for her.

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Bro. Stanley Bunch, Executive Director, said there have been many who have come out of our Association that have blessed our state.

He shared these things around the State: The Minister's Retreat had a record of 108 attend this year! The Minister's Wives Retreat is coming up in April. The State Meeting is June 2-4 in Springfield at the Oasis. The National Association of Free Will Baptist Convention will be in Kansas City this year. It is July 20-23.

Bro. Stan encouraged us to keep these in mind and try to attend.

He said 2024 was a historical year. This was the year we reached \$1,000,000.00 in Coop giving! Something that had never been done before by any state. What a blessing!

He also sent greeting from Bro. Steve Reeves, Mission Director. He was visiting the Kansas City area churches today.

Bro. Jacob Jones asked Johnny McKibben to come share information about the Evangelism Conference coming up at the Nevada church. It will be on May 3, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with lunch provided.

Bro. Jacob appointed the committees as follows: **Business:** Joan Wilson, Warren Hall, and Jacob Jones. **Ministerial:** Jan Cross, David Kitsmiller, and Linda Hall. **Nominating:** Randy Sprenkle, Terry Kitsmiller, and Elizabeth King.

We took a break for the committees to meet.

After the break, Bro. Jacob ask Linda to read the reports.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT:

We recommend:

1. We change our Constitution and Bylaws as proposed by the Board in the sheets handed out today and shared by email or mail to the Association's churches.
2. We give our speaker, Dylan Brazil, a minimum of \$300. (Offering plus what it takes from the Mission's Fund to bring it up to that amount if needed.)

3. We eliminate the Missionary Coordinator (Pastor are contacted for this) and the Historian positions (Hannon Church has this.). They recommended the Hannon Church give any historical documents to the State Office.

4. We recommend Johnny McKibben be licensed for the ministry.

5. We give a standing “Thank You” to the Verdella FWB Church for hosting our meeting.

Submitted by,
Joan Wilson, Warren Hall and Jacob Jones

Motion was made to accept this report and vote item by item. Motion was seconded and carried.

Item #1. Linda Hall made the motion to accept as presented. Warren Hall seconded. After discussion, the motion carried.

Item #2. Jacob Jones made the motion to accept with some clarification on what fund it was to be taken from. Elizabeth King seconded and the motion carried.

Item #3. David Kitsmiller made the motion to accept these removals, Joan Wilson seconded and the motion carried.

Item #4. Motion was made to accept this licensing recommendation of Johnny McKibben. It was seconded and carried.

Item #5. Motion was made to give the “thank you” to Verdella. It was seconded and we stood to show our appreciation with a yes vote of the motion being carried.

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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:

Reverends 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,
and Linda Hall

Linda made the motion to accept this report. Motion was seconded and 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	10	9	9	2	3	0	✓	
Rev. Daniel Dickey	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	-		✓
Rev. Warren Hall	1	50	0	0	0	0	5	2,000	✓	
Rev. Jacob Jones	1	50	2	0	2	1	1	1,000	✓	
Rev. Randy Sprenkle	1	47	10	8	8	1	0	1,200	✓	

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

We nominate the following for office:

Moderator: Jacob Jones
Assistant Moderator: Warren Hall
Clerk/Treasurer: Linda Hall
Assistant Clerk/Treasurer: Joan Wilson

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

Hannon: Daniel Charlton, 2028

Nevada: David Kitsmiller, 2028

Submitted by,
Randy Sprenkle, Terry Kitsmiller and Elizabeth King

Bro. Jacob opened the floor for other nominations. None were made. Motion was made to accept this report of nominees. The motion was seconded and carried

Jacob asked for ushers to come receive the offering which will to go to our speaker, Dylan Brazil.

The next Semi-Annual Meeting will be at Nevada Free Will Baptist Church on September 7, 2025 at 5 p.m. It will include a session on “Teaching Bible teachers how to teach the Bible.”

The next Annual Meeting will be at Hannon Free Will Baptist Church on March 14, 2026 at 10 a.m.

Motion was made to adjourn our business session. It was seconded and carried.

Bro. Jacob introduced our speakers, Dylan and Katie Brazil. They are going as North American Missionaries to Hilo, Hawaii.

Bro. Dylan shared that there are less than 5% evangelistic Bible believing Christians in Hawaii. Even in “Paradise”, we know that people need God. They feel this is their destination. In Matthew 28:18-20, we are taught that making disciples of Christ should be our goal. That is the Brazil’s goal as they go to Hawaii.

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The Brazil's will be going as a group to plant a church there in Helo. They requested praying with them for:

- The people of Hawaii.
- Their safety in travels.
- God's provision of funds, must raise \$8,000 in **monthly** support.
- Their car to continue to get them to the destinations God sends them while here in the states. (Or maybe a new one.)

Bro. Dylan turned the floor back to Jacob.

Bro. Jacob thanked the Brazil's for sharing about their mission.

Bro. Randy announced on March 28 at 6:30 p.m. Verdella was having a *Labor of Love Banquet* to raise funds for the Ayala's, Spain missionaries.

Bro. Jacob asked Bruce Short to bless our lunch and dismiss us in prayer.

Submitted by,
Linda Hall, Clerk/Treasurer



The time of God's favor

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 Baptists, 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 encourage the work of the various churches of which it is composed and to promote plans for the expansion of the Kingdom of God.

ARTICLE 3.

Representation.

Section I: Representation to this Association shall be those individuals who are chosen by the churches of which it is composed as follows:

- Each church to be entitled to one delegate
- Each church having twenty-five resident members, two delegates
- One delegate for each additional twenty-five members, or major part thereof
- 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
- Church clerks of the churches in this Association
- 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 that 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 officers of this Association, 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 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; and to plan and carry out the program 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.

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 who 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
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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.

ARTICLE 6.

All committees or a committee on committees shall be appointed by the Moderator. All business, if possible, is to be presented to the business committee prior to the 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 three lay members, qualified delegates to the Association, shall be chosen 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 total 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. No one shall be licensed or ordained in this Association who cannot qualify according to I Timothy 3:1-12 and Titus 1:6-9 since becoming a Christian.

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 an ordination (both ministers and deacons) is to be done at a time and place agreeable to both candidates and the examining council. Ordination may be carried out in the local church (if desired) subsequent to examination and favorable action of the examining council.

Section III. Any Licensed or ordained person holding credentials granted by this Association will have those credentials revoked immediately upon his disqualification from ministry. It is the responsibility of the disqualified person to return the credentials to the Association clerk.

ARTICLE 11.

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 most current Treatise of Faith and Practice. It shall be the suggested duty of all active ministers to report each year by letter, and it is strongly suggested that 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.

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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 12.

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 Baptists.

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 Baptists.

ARTICLE 13.

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.



