

# MINUTES

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OF THE

NORTHWEST MISSOURI

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NORTHEAST KANSAS

ASSOCIATION

OF

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

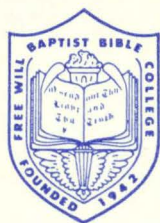
1948

Held With  
HICKORY GROVE CHURCH  
Haddam, Kans.

Thursday Night, August 19, 1948

The next annual session to be held with the Union Third Fork Church near Stewartsville, Mo. beginning Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1949.

The Introductory Message to be brought by Mary Katherine Eichman; Mary Wellbaum, Alternate.



# FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

*Presented By*

Rev. O. T. Allred

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**THE  
NORTHWEST MISSOURI  
NORTHEAST KANSAS  
ASSOCIATION  
of  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

**OFFICERS**

Moderator ..... Rev. John McKowan, Jamesport, Mo.  
Ass't. Mod. .... Rev. Vernie Wellbaum, Haddam, Kans.  
Clerk-Treas. .... Rev. Mary Wellbaum, Haddam, Kans.  
Statistician ..... Mary Kathryn Eichman, Haddam, Kans.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

W. R. Rush, 1417 Ridenbaugh, St. Joe., Mo. —1944-49  
M. H. White, Plattsburg, Mo.—1945-50  
Vernie Wellbaum, Haddam, Kans.—1946-51  
John D. McKown, Jamesport, Mo.—1947-52  
Lewis Tyre, Hemple, Mo.—1948-53

## PROCEEDINGS

The N. W. Mo. and N. E. Kans Association met in its annual session with the Hickory Grove Church, Haddam, Kans. on Thursday night, August 19, 1948.

Meeting called to order by Rev. John McKown.

Congregational singing led by Rev. Vernie Wellbaum.

Prayer by Rev. Vernie Wellbaum.

Introductory Message was delivered by Rev. Vernie Wellbaum of Haddam, Kansas.

Scripture reading, Mark 16:19 through remainder of chapter. Text based on Jonah 1:2, "God said arise and go". A real challenge was given to the Association.

Benediction by Rev. Mary Wellbaum.

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### Friday Morning

Meeting called to order by Ass't. Moderator, Rev. John McKown; opened by singing and devotional led by Rev. McKown reading for scripture lesson Dan. 6 beginning with the 18th verse and reading remainder of the chapter.

Prayer by Rev. Vernie Wellbaum.

Meeting was then declared opened for business.

Letters were read and delegates seated from the following churches: Mt. Zion, Philadelphia, Carlow, Center Point, Hickory Grove. In the absence of the letter from Union Third Fork a verbal report was given by Sis. Ora Weurfele.

### Officers elected as follows:

Rev. John McKowan, Moderator.

Rev. Vernie Wellbaum, Ass't. Moderator.

Rev. Mary Wellbaum, Clerk Treas.

Mary Kathryn Eichman, Assist. Clerk.

Motion carried that the Ass't. Moderator appoint all committees.

Pulpit Committee: Sis. Cora Coder, Sis. Wilmet Vincent, and Bro. Earl Eichman, Sr.

Business Committee: Bro. Wilmet Vincent, Sis. Ora Weurfele, and Earl N. Eichman.

Credential Committee: Sis. Sylvia Eichman, Sis. Daisy Eichman, and Bro. Wilmet Vincent.

Obituary Committee: Sis. Mary Kathryn Eichman, Sis.

Iva Eichman, and Sis. Vincent.

Sylvia Eichman, Sis. and Lorraine Eichman.

Foreign Mission Committee: Sis. Mary Wellbaum, Sis. Iva Eichman, and Bro. John McKowan.

Temperance Committee: Sis. Mary Wellbaum, Sis. Iva Eichman, and Bro. John McKown.

The Pulpit Committee report was given and accepted.

Rev. John McKown to bring the 11 o'clock message, Rev. Mary Wellbaum to bring the message at 8 o'clock.

Motion carried to adjourn until the call of the chairman.

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Wilmet Vincent.

### 11:00 O'clock Service

Services opened by congregational singing.

Scripture reading Romans 8:1-18.

Special in song was then given by Shirley and Alice Coder—Jesus Is All I Need.

Subject for message was: "Some of the New Things of the Bible." A real message was given.

Dismissed for noon hour.

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### Friday Afternoon

Called to order by singing.

A special was then given, a drum solo, by Mary Kathryn Eichman accompanied by Shirley Coder at the Piano—Onward Christian Soldiers.

A special number was then given by Mrs. John McKown.

Scripture lesson was then read by Moderator, Rev. McKown, Luke 23:1-26.

Prayer by Rev. McKown.

Reading of ministerial letters.

Report of Treasurer given and accepted.

A motion was then made for the Clerk to write a letter of thanks and appreciation for her work.

Statistician's report was given and accepted.

Mary Kathryn Eichman was then elected to succeed herself for another year.

Obituary report was given and accepted and committee dismissed.

Registration of ministers, deacons, delegates,, and visitors.

Credential Committee report given and accepted.

Motion was made that in the absence of Material to use on the Ordaining Committee, that the Ass'n. grant an extension to Mary Kathryn Schucht Eichman's license for another year.

Reading of letter from Union Third Fork Church requesting that the Association convene with that Church next year. Letter accepted and request granted.

A collection was then taken for the Clerk and the printing of the minutes.

Nominations were then given for the Introductory Message next year at Union Third Fork Church.

Mary Kathryn Eichman was elected; Mary Wellbaum, Alternate.

Delegates to the State Association were then elected as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Thomas

Mr. Earl N. Eichman

Mrs. Ione Perkins

Mrs. Sylvia Eichman

Mrs. Wilmet Vincent

Mrs. Iva Eichman

Mr. Lewis Tyre was elected on the Executive Board to succeed himself.

Report of Executive Board was given and accepted.

Reading of minutes. Accepted with one correction.

Motion made to adjourn until the call of the chairman or for the night services.

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### Friday Night Service

Opened by Rev. Vernie Wellbaum.

Congregational singing.

Prayer by Sis. Wilmet Vincent.

Specials were then given by Ethel Louise Brown and by Rev. Vernie Wellbaum.

The stand was then filled by Rev. Mary Wellbaum. Scripture reading John 14:15 through remainder of chap. Text was accepting the challenge of the first message given by Rev. Vernie Wellbaum, using a portion of the 31st verse, "Arise, let us go" with the emphasis on the US as a church.

Dismissed by Rev. Vernie Wellbaum.

## Saturday Mornign

Opened by congregational singing.

Scripture reading by Rev. John McKown Isaiah 56:1,2.

Prayer by Rev. McKown.

A message was brought by one of our licensed ministers, Harold Meyers, using as a text a portion of the 1st chap. of Acts.

Mary Kathryn Eichman then brought a message. Scripture reading from Acts 9. Text: 9:6, "Lord what wilt Thou have me do?"

Real spiritual messages were given by both of them.

Report of Foreign Mission Committee was given and accepted. Committee dismissed.

Report of the Temperance Committee was given and accepted.

A vote was then taken that the report be in our minutes and a copy sent to our legislature, the head officials of our country and state.

Motion carried to adjourn until we meet with Union Third Fork Church next year, August, 1949.

The Lord's Supper was given with Sis. Mary Wellbaum in charge.

### Temperance Committee Report—

We the undersigned voters, citizens, and taxpayers of Washington Co., Kans., and members of the Free Will Baptist Church, realizing the enormity of crime due to legalized liquor, the lives and homes of men and women and especially children, that have been ruined and destroyed, and realizing the need of legislation to enable us to have a voice in this matter, we hereby ask and pray for appropriate legislation to grant us the privilege of voting on the question of whether intoxicating liquor shall be manufactured, sold, or given away to our young boys, girls, or to anyone in our state.

We wish also to go on record as being with those who have risen up protesting the printing and sale of all those trashy comic books.

Committee:

Sis. Iva Eichman

Rev. Mary Wellbaum

Rev. John McKown

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## CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This Association shall be called the North-

west Missouri Association of Free Will Baptists.

Article 2. The object of this Association shall be for the advancement of God's cause and kingdom, and the salvation of souls, and the organizing and building up of Free Will Baptist Churches in the Northwest Missouri Association.

Article 3. The officers of this Association shall be: a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, which shall hold office until their successors are elected, and at the pleasure of the Association and at their own pleasure.

Article 4. This Association shall elect when in regular session an Executive Board of Five (5) members who shall have charge of all associational business when the Association is not in session: one (1) to be elected for one (1) year; one (1) for two (2) years; one (1) for three (3) years, one (1) for four (4) years, and one (1) for five (5) years.

They shall hold office until their successors are elected. All business they transact shall be subject to the approval of the Association when it meets in regular session.

This Board shall organize itself by electing a chairman and a clerk, and it shall have power to fill vacancies temporarily on the Board.

Three members shall constitute a quorum to transact business, the other two members having been notified of the meeting.

Article 5. Churches may be admitted or excluded from the Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

Article 6. This Association shall look after the welfare of its churches and try to decide on all questions appealed to them from its churches.

Article 7. This Association shall be composed of ordained and licentiate ministers, ordained deacons and church clerks who are in good standing in their churches who shall be standing delegates. The churches shall be allowed an elected delegate for the church organization, and in addition, one delegate for every twenty-five (25) members or major fraction thereof. These delegates shall be elected for one year.

Article 8. The churches of this Association shall not only try to represent by delegate, but also by church letter. When the church letters are read and received

and their delegates seated, then the election of officers shall take place.

Article 9. The church letters should state the church name, name of pastor and all other ministers who belong to the church, and their post office addresses; also the names and addresses of deacons and church clerks; number resident and non-resident members; number of members added to the church in the past year; number baptized; number dismissed; number died; and number excluded the past year.

Article 10. No question brought before the Association in a church letter shall be acted upon by the Association unless it has been discussed by its own church first.

Article 11. It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a record of all business of the Association in book form; and all minutes shall be read and approved by the Association before it adjourns session.

Article 12. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer of the Association to keep a correct account of all money received and paid out, and report the same to the Association each year when in session.

Article 13. This Association shall not lord it over the local church, but shall try to help and advise the church in every way it can; but when a church walks in a disorderly way, this Association reserves the right to withdraw the hand of fellowship from said church and exclude them from membership in this Association.

Article 14. As soon as possible after the election of officers, the Moderator shall appoint all committees, or a Committee on Committees, by the consent of the Association.

Article 15. This Constitution may be changed or added to by a two-thirds vote of the Association, giving a year's notice to the Association in regular session.

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## BY-LAWS

Section 1. Each session of this Association shall be opened by singing, reading a portion of God's word and prayer; and shall be closed with prayer.

The conference shall be called to order by the Clerk, if absent, the Moderator or Assistant Moderator calls the conference to order; and if all officers are absent, the-

oldest minister present calls the conference to order.

Section 2. When anything comes up before the Association that is leading to any unpleasantness, the Moderator shall try to stop it.

Section 3. Any delegate can appeal from a ruling of the Moderator to the Association, and by a majority vote of the delegates present the Moderator can be overruled.

Section 4. No one shall speak for more than five (5) minutes on any subject without the consent of the Moderator, nor more than ten (10) minutes without the consent of the Association.

Two or more churches represented by at least seven (7) standing delegates shall constitute a quorum to do business.

Section 5. It shall be the duty of all ministers, ordained or licensed, to report in person or by letter to the Association each year about the past year's work.

Section 6. Licentiate ministers shall carry a license to preach from the Association at least two (2) years before being ordained to the Gospel Ministry.

Section 7. A request of anyone to be licensed or ordained to preach the gospel must come from the church where they hold their membership.

Section 8. Preachers shall report their last year's work to the Association verbally or by letter if they shall be entitled to an annual certificate of good standing.

Section 9. No one shall be licensed to the Gospel Ministry in this Association who uses tobacco or who takes or uses intoxicating liquor as a beverage.

Section 10. It shall be the duty of every church in this Association to represent by letter and delegates to this Association while it is in session every year.

Section 11. When the church letters have been read and received and the delegates seated, the Association shall then proceed with the election of all officers of the Association.

Section 12. Preachers and deacons can, by their request be put on the retired list, and will not have to report their work to the Association; but will be entitled to their annual certificate.

Section 13. This Association shall give a Superannuated Certificate to all our ministers who are disabled by age or otherwise, who are found in good standing in our Denomination.

Section 14. No preacher or deacon shall receive an Annual Certificate of good standing in this Association who is addicted to the use of narcotics.

Section 15. Each church shall try to send in at least one dollar for the expenses of the Association with their church letter.

Section 16. These By-Laws may be changed or amended or added to by a two-thirds vote of the delegation present, and by giving a twelve (12) hour's notice.

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## CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love 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 agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions and social worship; and by self-denial, faith and good works endeavor to grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ".

We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conference, public worship, and the observance of the 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 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 Gospel. We will everywhere hold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme, counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence 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 educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions and the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of souls, and the conversion of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.



