

Canadian Association
of
Free Will Baptist
Church of God

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—Proceedings of the 51st Annual Session—

CONVENED WITH THE CALVIN CHURCH

Beginning on

Wednesday Night Before the Second Sunday

in August, 1956

MINUTES

OF THE 51ST ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF GOD

OFFICERS

Moderator	Eld. Albert Collier
Route 2, Wewoka, Okla.	
Assistant Moderator	Eld. Olen Bevan
Route 2, Okemah, Okla.	
Clerk	Sister Mavyce Chisum
119 S. Belmont, Holdenville, Okla.	
Assistant Clerk	Sister Irma Smith
Route 2, Prague, Okla.	

The next annual session of this Association will be held with the Vanzant church on Wednesday night before the second Sunday in August, 1957.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Bro. Hiram Liles	One Year
3902 S. E. 11th St., Oklahoma City, Okla.	
Eld. W. E. Mullendore	Two Years
Route 1, McLoud, Okla.	
Eld. Melvin Mouser	Three Years
Hanna, Okla.	
Eld. Roy Vanzant	Four Years
Prague, Okla.	
Eld. V. B. True	Five Years
1124 S. W. 31st St., Oklahoma City, Okla.	

EXAMINING BOARD

Eld. Claud Chisum	One Year
119 S. Belmont, Holdenville, Okla.	
Eld. Clarence Dodson	Two Years
Calvin, Okla.	
Eld. Olen Bevans	Three Years
Route 2, Okemah, Okla.	

FINANCE BOARD OF BUILDING FUND

Bro. O. E. Wilbanks	One Year
Calvin, Okla.	
Bro. Tilman Vanzant	Two Years
Paden, Okla.	
Bro. Bill Foster	Three Years
Calvin, Okla.	
Bro. George Wells	Four Years
Hanna, Okla.	
Eld. Roy Roberts	Five Years
Paden, Okla.	

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory Sermon
2. House called to order by Moderator
3. Letters called for, read and received
4. Right hand of fellowship and seating of Delegates
5. Election of Officers
6. Petitionary letters called for
7. Reading rules of order. (By-Laws)
8. Invite visiting brethren to seats in Council
9. Appointment of committees
10. Unfinished business
11. New business
12. Report of Committees
13. Miscellaneous business

The fifty-first Annual Session of the Canadian Association met with the Calvin church on Wednesday night, Aug. 8, 1956.

Services opened with singing, led by Elder Sherman Webb, and prayer by Elder Olen Bevans. After another song, Elder Bevans conducted the testimony service. Each testimony was uplifting to the Christian. A special number was rendered by Sister Bevans and girls, "Walking my Lord up Calvary Hill." Elder Johnnie Bozeman and Elder Albert Collier was chosen to bring messages. Bro. Bozeman took his text from Matt. II, followed by Bro. Collier reading from part of Acts 4. Both were wonderful messages. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Sherman Webb.

THURSDAY MORNING

Business session was opened on Thursday morning. Singing was led by Eld. Claud Chisum, with Sister Sue Foster at the piano. Eld. Scott Jones from Center Association led our minds in prayer.

Moderator Eld. W. E. Wilson read the devotional from Philippians 2-1-16. A temporary Divine committee was appointed.

Letters were called for, read and approved. Delegates were seated by motion and given right hand of fellowship. The following churches were represented; Prague, Paden, Vanzant, Hilltop, Cross Roads, Calvin, Allen, Hanna, and Okemah.

The Divine committee appointed Elder W. E. Mullendore and Elder Olen Bevans to preach at eleven o'clock.

The following officers were elected; Moderator, Elder Albert Collier; Assistant Moderator, Elder Olen Bevans; Clerk, Sister Mavyce Chisum; Assistant Clerk, Sister Irma Smith. Motion made we adjourn our business until one o'clock.

Eleven o'clock services opened with congregational singing, led by Bro. Claud Chisum with Sister Sue Foster at the piano. A quartet was arranged by Bro. W. E. Wilson. Prayer by Bro. Chisum. Bro. W. E. Mullendore took the stand and read from Malici 3-6-7, using for his text "For I am the Lord, I change not." Bro. Olen Bevans followed using the same text, which was a wonderful message. A hand shake was enjoyed by all. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Roy Vanzant.

The Calvin church served a nice lunch.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

One o'clock session opened with singing led by Bro. Roy Vanzant, with Sis. Bernice Smith at the piano. A quartet was arranged by Bro. Roy Vanzant, "Your playing for keeps." Prayer by Bro. Mullendore. Rules of order were read by Elder Albert Collier, the Moderator.

The Moderator and Assistant Moderator appointed the following committees; Sunday school committee, Sister Edna Reid, Sister Ida Mae Bevans and Sister Cora Shivers.

League committee; Bro. Mullendore, Sister Betty Patterson, and Sister Minnie Bogle.

Temperance committee; Bro. Claud Chisum, Bro. Roy Vanzant and Bro. George Wells.

Obituary committee; Sister Hazel Wilbanks, Bro. Cassey Sneed, and Sister Annie Roberts.

Resolution committee; Bro. George Wells, Elder V. B. True, and Bro. Bill Foster.

Divine committee; Bro. Tilman Vanzant, Sister Mouser, and Bro. Moses Perry.

Finance committee; Sister Lela Mullendore, Bro. Vernis May, and Bro. S. D. Pendergraft.

Placing of the next annual meeting and quarterly meetings are as follows; Annual Association will meet with the Vanzant Church with Elder Olen Bevans following Elder V. B. True bringing the introductory message. First quarterly will meet at the Prague Church with Elder Albert Collier and Elder Roy Vanzant bringing the message on Friday night Nov. 9, 1956. Second quarterly will meet with the Hanna Church. And the Third quarterly at the Hill Top Church.

The divine committee reported that Bro. True and Bro. Roy Vanzant is to preach at the three o'clock service.

Board members were elected.

Bro. W. E. Mullendore was elected for the General Board of 1957.

Motion made carried we vote on each delegate from each church to go to the state Association. All delegates were accepted, only Paden delegate was rejected, because the Paden church delegates who were present at this Association, brought to light that the delegate had charges brought against her. Bro. H. R. Cole was recommended by the Paden delegation, and passed by the Association.

Motion made to adjourn until Friday morning at nine thirty. Carried.

Three o'clock services were opened with singing led by Bro. Claud Chisum, with Sister Bernice Smith at the piano. Bro. True took the stand, and after prayer he used as a text Gal. 2-20. "I am Crucified with Christ." Bro. Roy Vanzant followed, using the same subject. Both were inspiring messages. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Bill Foster.

THURSDAY NIGHT

Singing was led by Sister Sue Foster with Sister Bernice Smith at the piano. Prayer by Bro. Foster. Testimony services was conducted by Bro. Albert Collier. Bro. Johnnie Bozeman took the stand and used as a text John 7-37, "If any man thirst let him come and drink." Followed by Bro. V. B. True, both messages were enjoyed by all. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Orbie Wilbanks.

FRIDAY MORNING

Business session was opened with singing led by Sister Bernice Smith, with Sister Sue Foster at the piano. Prayer by Bro. George Wells. Special number was arranged by Sister Bevans and girls, "Jesus is the one. After another congregational song, moderator took charge of business.

Reports were called for. Motions were made to except these reports; Sunday School, League, Temperance, Obituary, and Finance. The committees were dismissed.

Motion made we take an offering for the Association fund. Amt. \$25.06.

Resolution No. 1, 2, and 3, were passed.

Motion made we adjourn business until one thirty.

At eleven o'clock, the Moderator turned the stand over to Bro. Claud Chisum to bring the morning message. Bro. Chisum used for his text Gal. 6-7, "What so ever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." A wonderful message. Dismissed in prayer.

Lunch was served.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

One thirty o'clock business was opened with congregational singing, led by Bro. Chisum with Sister Bernice Smith at the piano.

Resolution No. 4 passed. And the Resolution committee dismissed.

Motion was made that we average the members in the Association and print half that many minutes.

Building fund report read and approved. Amount in treasury at this date \$107.43.

Motion made we give the Calvin Church a standing vote of thanks.

Minutes were read and approved.

Motion made we adjourn until the first quarterly meeting, which will meet at the Prague church.

—COMMITTEE REPORTS—

Temperance Committee

We the Temperance Committee, recommend more closely the law of God concerning temperance and that the ministers, Deacons and also the Layman to more closely stress the need of our responsibility.

Signed by Committee.

Sunday School Committee

We your Sunday School Committee, find that our churches have good Sunday Schools. We recommend that each of our churches use Free Will Baptist literature and all teachers make preparation to teach by study of their lessons, to make our work more interesting and increase our attendance. We also recommend parents help their children study their lessons and attend Sunday School with them, instead of sending them.

Signed by Committee

League Committee

We, the League Committee feel that the older people of the Church should feel the responsibility to come out to the young peoples League and to help build it up in every way possible. We also feel that when the different leagues meet together at the League Ralleys, the young people should try to cooperate and each take a part.

Pray for the Leagues that they will grow stronger in the Lords work.

Signed by Committee

Obituary Committee

We, the Obituary Committee, find that God in his love has called from our midst: Sister Edna Moody and Sister Avis Carmachael, from the Cross Roads church.

Signed by Committee.

Finance Committee

Church	Bldg. Fund	State Min.	Canadian Min.
Paden	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$10.00
Cross Roads		5.00	10.00
Allen		5.00	10.00
Prague		5.00	10.00
Hanna		5.00	10.00
Calvin	5.00	5.00	10.00
Hilltop		5.00	10.00
Vanzant		5.00	10.00
Okemah		5.00	10.00
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	\$10.00	\$45.00	\$90.00
Offering	\$25.06	Signed by Committee	

Clerks Financial Report:

Balance brought forward\$.00
 Received during 1956 session\$304.00
 TOTAL\$304.00

Paid out:

Building fund\$100.00
 State minutes 45.00
 Clerk 25.00
 Assistant 10.00
 Cop. plan 20.40
 Association minutes 92.00
 TOTAL\$292.40

—MINISTERS DIRECTORY—

Albert Collier	Rt. 2, Wewoka, Okla.
Melvin Mouser	Hanna, Okla.
Arthur Reid	Weleeeetka, Okla.
Carrie May	Weleetka, Okla.
Tom Elliott	Calvin, Okla.
Claud Chisum	119 S. Belmont, Holdenville, Okla.
W. D. McCready	Okemah, Okla.
S. D. Pendergraft	Okemah, Okla.
J. O. Bevans	Rt. 2, Okemah, Okla.
Ramond Bevans	West Virginia
Marion Caton	Rt. 4, Box 268, Oklahoma City, Okla.
Roy Vanzant	Prague, Okla.
W. M. Stevenson	Henryetta, Okla.
Sherman Webb	Wewoka, Okla.
V. B. True	1124 S. 31st St. Oklahoma City, Okla.
Earl Judd	2309 S. E. 12th St. Oklahoma City, Okla.
W. E. Wilson	Box 103, Holdenville, Okla.
C. F. Dodson	Calvin, Okla.
Leonard Bean	Box 264, Wetumka, Okla.
W. E. Mullendore	Rt. 1, McLoud, Okla.
Roy Wilson	Oklahoma City, Okla.
O. P. Westbrook	222 N. 2nd. Okemah, Okla.
Charles Jones	Seminole, Okla.

—VISITING MINISTERS—

Scott Jones	Ada, Okla.
Ernest Harrison	Allen, Okla.
Jonnie Bozeman	Alabama

— L E T T E R S —

The Free Will Baptist Church of God, worshipping at Hilltop Free Will Baptist Church, county of Seminole, this 1st day of August 1956, post office address Wewoka, Okla., sends greetings to the 51st annual session of the brethren and sisters composing the Canadian association of Free Will Baptist, to let you know our love and fellowship and our zeal for the cause of Christ. Pastors salary for ensuing year \$130.00 per month. Meeting days straight time. We have received by confession, 13; letter, none; dismissed, 5; died, none; resident members, 85; non resident members, 27; total in full fellowship, 112. We have in our membership, 2 ministers, Rev. Sherman Weob, and Rev. W. M. Stevenson. We have 3 deacons, Bro. Otis Howard Gann and Bro. Nathaniel Vanzant. We have paid out for evangelistic work, \$140.00. Support of the association \$22.00. Total paid out by the church \$2,310.00. We have a F. W. B. Sunday School and a F. W. B. League. The value of church property \$2,000.00 We have chosen Bro. J. C. Sneed, Sis. Hume and Sis. Dollie Gaines. We have chosen Bro. Joseph Sharp, Bro. George Reich and Sis. Weaver as our alternates, to represent us in the annual session when convened with Calvin Free Will Baptist church on August 9th, 1956. We have chosen Elder Sherman Webb for our pastor for the ensuing year. We recommend Sis. Hazel Webb as a delegate to the state association. We are asking for the 3rd quarterly meeting. Pray for us. Done in conference this 1st day of Aug. 1956.

Rev. Sherman Webb, Moderator
Dolly Gaines, Clerk

The Free Will Baptist Church of God worshipping at Allen Church, county of Okfuskee, this 22nd day of July, Postoffice address, Weleetka, Okla., sends greetings to the 51st annual session of brethren and sisters composing the Canadian association of Free Will Baptist, to let you know of our love and fellowship and our zeal for the cause of Christ. Pastors salary for the coming year is to be put in the church treasury. Meeting days are full time. We have in our membership, 3 ministers, Rev. Arthur Reid, Rev. Carrie May, and Rev. Naomi Hahn. We have 6 Ordained deacons, Bro. Sam Milam, Bro. Vernice May, Bro. Homer Reid, Bro. Russell Richardson, Bro. Henry Patterson, and Bro. Matt Ried. We have 76 on the church roll. We have a F. W. B. Sunday School, and a F. W. B. League. Value of church property \$2,000.00. We have elected Sis. Betty Patterson, Sis. Edna Reid, and Bernice Milam as our delegates, and Sis. Homer Reid, Sis. Mary Sue Reid and Bro. Henry Reid as our alternates to represent us in the 51st annual association, when convened with the Calvin church. We are sending \$5.00 for state minutes and \$10.00 for association expense. We have chosen Rev. Carrie May as our pastor for the ensuing year. Pray for us. Done in conference this 22nd day of July, 1956.

Rev. Carrie May, Moderator
Sis. Betty Patterson, Clerk
Route 1, Weleetka, Okla.

The Free Will Baptist Church of God, worshipping at Paden, Okla., county of Okfuskee this Aug. 6, 1956, sends greetings to the fifty-first Annual session of the brethren and sisters, composing the Canadian Association of Free Will Baptists to let you know of our love and fellowship and our zeal for the cause of Christ. Pastors salary for the coming year is the Sunday night offerings. Meeting days are each Sunday and Sunday night of each month. We have received by confession 2, by letter 2. Excluded 1. Died none. Resident members 30, non-resident members 29. Total in full fellowship 59. We have 4 ministers in our membership, Eld. W. E. Mullendore, Eld. Roy Wilson, Eld. O. P. Westbrook and Eld. Charles Jones. We have 5 Ordained Deacons. Bro. Claud Dinwiddie, Bro. George Minnell, Bro. Arthur Vanzant, Bro. Harvey Muncey and Bro. Trevor Case. We have paid out for evangelistic work \$46.02. Mission none. Support of Association \$21.00. Total amount paid out by the church \$1,000.40. We have a Free Will Baptist Sunday School. We do not have a League. We have chosen Sister Mattie Harriman as our delegate to the state meeting. We are sending \$5.00 for the building fund. Value of Church property, \$4,000.00. Contribution for Association minutes \$10.00 and for state minutes \$5.00. We have chosen Sis. Veima Page, Sis. Maggie Scott and Sis. Grace Hines as our delegates to represent us in the Annual Session when convened with the Calvin Church. We have chosen as alternates, Sis. Jonnie Fipps, Sis. Bell Dukes and Sis. Lela Mullendore. We have chosen Rev. W. E. Mullendore for our pastor for the ensuing year. Pray for us. Done in Conference June 30, 1956.

Rev. W. E. Mullendore, Moderator
 Harlan R. Cole, Clerk
 Box 481, Paden, Okla.

The Free Will Baptist Church of God, worshipping at Cross Roads Okla., county of Hughes this July 22, 1956, P. O. Holdenville, Rt. 3, sends greetings to the Fifty-first Annual Session of the Brethren and Sisters composing the Canadian Association of Free Will Baptists, to let you know of our Love and Fellowship and our zeal for the cause of Christ. Pastors salary for the coming year is \$20.00 a month. Meeting day is on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. We have received by confession none, Letter none, dismissed by letter one, died two. Resident members 30, non resident members 32, total in full fellowship 62. We have 3 ministers in our membership, Eld. W. E. Wilson, Eld. C. F. Dodson and Eld. Lenard Bean. Four Ordained Deacons, Bro. Edd Smith, Bro. Richard Dooly, Bro. Edd Phillips and Bro. Bee Blaylock. We have paid out for evangelistic work \$100.00. Mission \$50.00. Support of the Association \$36.00. We have a Free Will Baptist Sunday School, and a Free Will Baptist League. Value of Church property \$4,000.000. Contribution for minutes \$10.00 and \$5.00 for state minutes. We have chosen Sister Amos Taylor, Sister Blaylock and Bro. Calvin Cody as our delegates. And Sister Ruth Phillips, Sister Mae Cody and Bro. Tommie Scott as our alternates to represent us in the Annual Session when convened with the Calvin church. We have chosen Elder Harry Lee for our pastor for the ensuing year. Pray for us, done in conference this July 22, 1956.

Rev. Harry Lee, Moderator
 Sister Marie Marrow, Clerk
 Holdenville, Okla.
 Rt. 3.

The Free Will Baptist Church of God worshipping at Hanna county of McIntosh this 5th day of August sends greetings to the Annual session of the brethren and sisters composing the Canadian Association of Free Will Baptist to let you know of our love and fellowship for the cause of Christ. Pastors salary for the coming year \$50.00 per mo. Meeting days full time. We have received by confession, two; letter none; dismissed by letter one; died none. Resident members 27; non resident 2; total in full fellowship 29. We have three Ordained deacons in our membership, Bro. George Wells, Bro. Ben Tabor and Bro. Will England. We have two ordained Ministers, Elder Albert Collier, Elder Melvin Mouser. We have paid out for Evangelistic work \$50.00. Sent to the Orphan home \$10.00. Gave out as Free Will offering \$50.00. Support of Association \$6.00. Total amt. paid out by Church \$116.00. We have a Free Will Baptist Sunday School, We have not a League. Value of Church Property \$3,500.00. Contribution for minutes \$10.00, state minutes \$5.00. We have chosen Sister Minnie Bogle, Sister Iva England and Ethel Mouser as delegates and Bro. George Hughes, Sis. Juanita Collier and Sis. Lorene Hammontree as alternates to represent us in the annual session when convened with the Calvin Church. We have chosen Rev. Albert Collier for our pastor for the ensuing year. We would like to have the second quarterly meeting. Pray for us. Done in conference this July 28, 1956.

Rev. Albert Collier, Moderator
Estella Hughes, Clerk
Hanna, Okla.

The Free Will Baptist Church of God, worshipping at Vanzant, County of Okfuskee, this 9th day of August, Paden, Okla., sends greetings to the Canadian Association of Free Will Baptist to let you know of our love and fellowship and our zeal for the cause of Christ. Meeting days are on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays of each mo. We have received by confession, 1; letter, 4; excuded, none; active members, 22; inactive, 34; total on roll, 56. We have in our membership two Ministers, Bro. Marion Caton and Bro. Roy Vanzant. We have four deacons, Bro. Pete Hatfield, Bro. John Stricklin, Bro. Hiram Liles and Bro. Raymond Vanzant. We have paid out for the support of the Association \$6.00; Building fund \$15.00; for pastors salary and other expense \$300.00; total paid out by the church \$321.00. We have a F.W.B. Sunday school and a F.W.B. League. Contribution for minutes \$10.00, state minutes \$5.00. We have chosen Bro. Tilman Vanzant, Sis. Rozella Vanzant and Sis. Anna Roberts as our delegates to represent us in the Annual session when convened with the Calvin church. As alternate chosen Bro. Roy Vanzant for our pastor for the ensuing. We would like to have the next Association or one of the quarterly meetings. We have chosen Bro. Tilman Vanzant as our delegate to represent us at the State Association. Pray for us. Done in conference Aug. 5, 1956.

Bro. Roy Vanzant, Moderator
Sis Addie Watkins, Clerk
Route 1, Paden, Okla.

The Free Will Baptist Church of God, worshipping at Okemah, Okla., county of Okfuskee, sends greetings to the 51st Annual session of brethren and sisters composing the Canadian Association of Free Will Baptist, to let you know of our love and fellowship and our zeal for the cause of Christ. Resident members 15; non-resident members, 6; total in full fellowship, 21. We have in our membership, 4 ministers, Elder W. D. McCready, Elder S. D. Pendergraft, Elder J. O. Bevan and Elder Ramond Bevan. We have one ordained deacon, Bro. Lester Burk. Contribution for Canadian minutes, \$10.00, state minutes \$5.00. We have chosen Sister Pendergraft, Sister Ida Mae Bevan and Sister Emily Bevan to represent us in the Annual session when convened with the Calvin Church. We have postponed our pastor election, until the first Monday night in Sept. Pray for us. Done in conference this 6th day of August 1956.

Rev. J. O. Bevan, Moderator
Sis. Emily Bevan, Clerk
Okemah, Okla., Rt. 2.

The Free Will Baptist Church of God, worshipping at Calvin, Hughes county, Okla., Box 35, this 5th day of August, 1956 sends greetings to the 51st annual session of the brethren and sisters composing the Canadian Association of the Free Will Baptist, to let you know of our fellowship and love and zeal for the cause of Christ. Pastors salary \$80.00 per month. Meeting days full time. We have received by confession, none; by statement, 1; dismissed by letter, 7; excluded, none; died, none; resident members, 40; non resident members, 11; total in full fellowship, 51. We have in our membership 2 ministers, Rev. Tom Elliott and Rev. Claud Chisum, Ordained deacons, 3, Bro. Obra Willbanks, Bro. Bill Foster and Bro. C. A. Holloway. We have paid out for evangelistic work \$192.25, to the cooperative plan \$75.00, support of the association \$36.00, total amount paid out by the church \$1,932.00. Value of church property \$3,500.00. We have a Free Will Baptist Sunday School, and a League. We are sending \$10.00 for minutes, and \$5.00 for state minutes. We have chosen Sister Jennie Lancaster, Sister Lizzie Hanks and Sister Hazle Willbanks as our delegates, with Bro. R. P. Lancaster, Sis. Coleta Howell and Sis. Sue Foster as our alternates to represent us in this session when convened with the Calvin Church Aug. 8th - 10th, 1956. We have chosen Rev. Claud Chisum for our pastor for the ensuing year. Pray for us. Done in conference Aug. 5, 1956. We are sending \$5.00 for the building fund. We have chosen Sis. Clara Foster as a delegate, to be recommended at this session for the state association.

Rev. Claud Chisum, Moderator
Sis. Lizzie Hanks, Clerk
Box 35, Calvin, Okla.

PRAGUE CHURCH LETTER TO THE ANNUAL ASSOCIATION 1956

The Free Will Baptist Church of God, worshipping at Prague, county of Lincoln, this 7th day of August 1956. P. O. address Prague, Okla. sends greetings to the 51st annual session of the brethren and sisters composing the Canadian Association of Free Will Baptist, to let you know of our love and fellowship and our zeal for the cause of Christ.

Pastor's salary for the coming year is half of the offerings. Meeting days are full time. We have rec. by confession 2, Letter none. Excluded none. Died none. Dismissed by letter 2. Resident members 31, Non resident members 5.

Total in full Fellowship 36.

We have in our membership; 2 Ministers, Bro. V. B. True and Bro. Earl Judd. We have 3 ordained Deacons in our membership, Bro. Milton Vaughn, Bro. Clarence Day and Bro. Dick Smith.

We have paid out for Evangelistic work \$86.94. Mission none. Support of the Association \$36.00. Paid out for Building expense and repair \$593.72. Paid to Pastor \$429.95.

We have a F.W.B. Sunday School. And we have a League. Value of Church property six thousand dollars. Contribution for Minutes \$10.00. State Minutes \$5.00. We have chosen, Sister Bernice Smith, Sister Gladys White and Sister Viola Mae Smith as our Delegates, and Sister Cora Shivers, Sister Mildred Reed and Bro. Moses Perry as alternates to represent us in the Annual Session when convened with the Calvin Church. We have chosen Elder V. B. True for our Pastor for the ensuing year.

We are asking for the 1st quarterly meeting.

We recommend Sister Bernice Smith as our delegate to the State Association.

Pray for us. Done in conference this 7th day of August 1956.

Bro. V. B. True, Moderator
Sister Irma Smith, Clerk
Prague, Okla.
Route 2, Box 124.

STATE DELEGATES

Delegate	Church
Bernice Smith	Prague
Tilman Vanzant	Vanzant
H. R. Cole	Paden
Lila Wilson	Cross Roads
Hazel Webb	Hill Top
Clara Foster	Calvin
George Wells	Hanna
Ruth Richardson	Allen
Emile Bevan	Okemah

LEAGUE WORK DURING THE PAST YEAR 1955-56

Oct. 30, 1955. The League Rally was held at the Schoolton Church. The following Leagues were present; Vanzant, Prague, Allen, Calvin and Schoolton. Prague won the Junior sword drill, and Schoolton won the Int. sword drill. At eleven o'clock Bro. Waldo Young brought the message, which was enjoyed by everyone.

Business session was opened at one o'clock. The following officers were elected; President, Sister Coleta Howell; Secretary, Sister Zora Mae Elliott; Assistant Secretary, Sister Viola Mae Smith; Song Leader, Sister Betty Patterson; Piano player, Ronda Belle Watkins, Sponsors, Bro. and Sister Roy Vanzant. Plays were given by all the Leagues present. Allen won the Program banner, and Vanzant won the Attendance banner.

JAN. 30, 1956. The League Rally was held at the Allen Church. The following Leagues were represented; Vanzant, Prague, Allen, Calvin, and Schoolton. Prague won the Jr. sword drill, and the Int. sword drill. Bro. Leonard Bean brought the message which was enjoyed by all.

After noon the business was taken care of and three Churches presented programs. Prague won the program banner, and also the attendance banner.

APRIL, 29, 1956. The League Rally was held with the Calvin Church. The following Leagues were present; Allen, Calvin, Prague, and Vanzant. Prague won the Jr. and Int. sword drill. Bro. Carl Shivers being appointed to preach, he turned his time over to two young preachers who were present from the Capital Hill F.W.B. Church of Oklahoma City, Okla. Bro. Carl Cheser and Bro. Bill Hall. They preached a wonderful message.

After noon business was taken care of and the programs were presented. The Allen League won the program banner. And the Prague Church won the Attendance banner.

JULY 29, 1956 the League Rally was held at the Vanzant Church. The following leagues were present; Prague, Calvin, Allen and Vanzant. Prague won the Jr. and Int. sword drills. Bro. Claud Chisum brought a good message.

In the afternoon business was taken care of and the programs were presented. The Vanzant league won the Program banner and the Allen league won the Attendance banner.

All the League Rallies were enjoyed by the young and old as well. At every Rally we enjoyed some good singing by the young people, and if time permitted, a testimony service was conducted by one of the Leaguers. Our League paid expences for Sister Sue Foster to go to the National Association, which was about \$80.00. We pray that the League will encourage the youth and more of our churches will be able to establish Leagues during the coming year.

RESOLUTIONS

(1925) No. 1—Be it resolved that each pastor preach at least two doctrinal sermons each year.

No. 2—That if the churches of this association, that do not pay amount promised pastor if he fills his part of the agreement, shall have no other pastor until they pay the deficit.

No. 3—Be it resolved that only ordained ministers and deacons administer Ordinance of the church.

(1937) No. 2—Be it resolved that we carry out God's plan on tithing.

No. 3—Be it resolved that all ministers and deacons go before the Examining Board for qualification before ordination.

(1939) No. 1—Be it resolved that this Association so order all churches in this Association prohibit the use of tobacco in any form inside the church building and that the pastor and deacons see that this ruling be enforced.

No. 2—Resolved that this Association demand all ministers, pastoring in Canadian Association, while belonging to another association, abide by Canadian Association laws, during their pastoral care in it.

(1940) Annual No. 1—Be it resolved that the devotional committee select no minister more than one time in any Association or quarterly meeting.

Annual No. 2—Be it resolved that each church make a report of all deaths in their letter to the Annual session.

(1940) 1st quarterly. Be it resolved any person or persons trying to obstruct the duty of this Association, shall not hold a seat in Association until they make their acknowledgement and apologies for same.

(1940) 2nd quarterly. Be it resolved that this Association require its licensed ministers to preach at least ten sermons on church government before ordination.

(1942) No. 1—Be it resolved that when an individual church calls the executive board they pay the expense of the board.

2nd quarterly. Be it resolved that each church send letters to our quarterly meetings like the form in our minutes.

(1943) No. 1—Be it resolved that we the Canadian Association, send a letter with a corresponding delegate to sister associations to help bring a better spirit of Christian friendship and brotherly love.

(1948) Be it resolved that each church send \$15.00 minute and Association expenses to the annual session.

(1949) Annual. Be it resolved that this Association elect ministers to preach only the first quarterly and Annual.

(1951) No. 1—Be it resolved this Association elect a new moderator and clerk each year. (Not to succeed themselves.)

No. 4—Be it resolved that this Association leave Article One of the Constitution in this Association to read exactly as they are in the Minutes with the exception that the clerk and Assistant shall also be regular members.

(1952) No. 1—Be it resolved that our Assistant keep the books and have the minutes printed; then turn the books over to the new clerk at the first quarterly meeting. And this program to be continued.

No. 2—Be it resolved that we abolish Resolution No. 2 of 1951. Be it further resolved that we elect all boards for 1-2-3-4-5 years.

(1955) No. 2—Be it resolved that no one hold more than one office in this association in any one year except the Moderator and Assistant Moderator.

(1956) 1st quarterly. No. 2—Be it resolved that the Moderator and Assistant Moderator elected at the Annual association, be retained at each quarterly.

2nd quarterly; No. 1—Be it resolved that all standing Boards address be printed in the minutes.

No. 2—Be it resolved that a summary of the League Rally be printed in our Association minutes, and the League pay the expense.

No. 4—Be it resolved that all monies, turned into the Bldg. fund, be used for the establishment of new churches only. And that committee can issue as much as seventy five percent of funds.

Annual No. 1.—Be it resolved that each church send \$5.00 quarterly to the building fund.

No. 2—Be it resolved that each church send delegates to the Association and quarterly meetings that can serve for the full session, unless things happen that we can not control.

No. 3—Be it resolved that the Candian Association send 10% of the fund to the Cooperative plan.

No. 4—Be it resolved that each church send \$5.00 each quarter, instead of \$2.00, for the Association fund.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the infallible Word of God, and the only safe rule of faith and practice.—2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20, 21.

2. That there is but one true and living God, and in the Godhead or Divine Essence, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.—Gen. 17:1, John 5:7.

3. That we are fallen and depraved creatures and cannot extricate ourselves from our fallen situation by any ability we possess by nature.—Eph. 5:1-19.

4. That Salvation, Regeneration, Sanctification, Justification and Redemption are by the Life, Death, Resurrection, Ascension and Intercession of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.—Acts 4:12; Titus 3:5.

5. That he shall endure to the end, the same shall be saved.—Matt. 22:13; Rev. 2:10.

6. That the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.—Matt 25:46.

7. That Baptism and the Lord's Supper, and the washing of the Saint's feet are the ordinances of Jesus Christ, appointed in the church, and none but true believers are proper subjects, and the only proper mode of baptism is Immersion.—Mark 1:4. 9 and 10; Luke 23:30; John 13:14.

8. We believe in the sanctity of the first day of the week or the Lord's Day, and that it ought to be observed and spent in the public or private worship of God, and that on it, we should abstain from our worldly concerns except in cases of necessity and mercy.—Ex. 31:15; Matt. 12:12; Deut. 5:12.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the body, both of the just and

unjust, but every one in his own order, those who have done evil to the resurrection of the damnation, and that God has appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness by Jesus Christ.—I Cor. 15:34; John 5:28; I Thess. 4:16.

10. That it is our duty to be tender and affectionate to one another, and to study the happiness of the people of God in general, and to be singly engaged to promote the honor of God.—John 13:35; Gal. 6:10.

11. We believe that Jesus Christ by the grace of God tasted death for every man; yet none can partake of His divine benefit only by his repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Infants and idiots excepted.—Acts 20:21; Tim. 2:5, 6; John 3:14, 16; 15:20-22, and Romans 5:15.

12. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is the door into the church, that Baptism is a duty in answer to a good conscience.—John 10:7; I Peter 3:21.

13. We believe that the Lord's people are one in Him and therefore should be one at His table.—I Cor. 1:11, 27, 27;—John 17:11.

RULES OF ORDER

1. The Association when met shall be opened and closed by singing and prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at a time, and shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator.

3. Any person shall not be interrupted by anyone except the Moderator, until he is through speaking; nor shall the Moderator unless he breaks order.

4. Any person speaking shall adhere to the subject in question and shall not cast any reflections on him who may have spoken before him.

5. No person shall speak more than three times on any one subject without leave of the Association.

6. No person shall laugh or whisper in time of public speaking.

7. The members shall be addressed by the application of brothers or sisters.

8. No members shall absent himself from the Association while in session without leave.

9. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled and called as the Association deems it necessary.

10. No member shall speak more than fifteen minutes at any one time without leave of the Association.

11. Any person who knowingly breaks any of these rules shall be reproved by the Moderator according to direction of the Association.

RULES FOR HOLDING CHURCH CONFERENCE

1. Call Church into Conference.

2. Invite visiting brethren to seats in the Council.

3. Reading of minutes of last meeting.

4. Report of Treasurer or Finance Committee.

5. Unfinished business.

6. New business.

7. Any sick or in need.

LETTER OF DISMISSION

This is to certify that _____ is a member in good standing of the Free Will Baptist Church at _____ and as such we recommend him (or her) to the fellowship of God's people, and is dismissed from us when united with another church.

Done in Church Conference this _____ day of _____, 19_____.

_____, Pastor
_____, Clerk

LETTER TO ASSOCIATION

The Free Will Baptist Church of God, worshipping at _____ county of _____ this (date) _____

P. O. address _____ sends greetings to the _____ Annual Session of the brethren and sisters composing the Canadian Association of Free Will Baptists, to let you know of our love and fellowship and our zeal for the cause of Christ.

Pastor's salary for the coming year \$ _____. Meeting day is on the _____ Sundays of each month. We have received by Confession _____ Letter _____; Excluded _____;

Died _____; Resident Members _____ Non-resident Members _____; Total in full Fellowship _____. We have in our membership, Ministers _____ names _____

Ordained Deacons _____, names _____. We have paid out for Evangelistic Work \$ _____; Missions \$ _____

Support of the Association \$ _____. Total amount paid out by the Church \$ _____ We (have or have not) a

F.W.B. Sunday school. We (have or have not) F.W.B. League. Value of Church Property \$ _____ Contribution for Minutes

\$ _____; State Minutes \$ _____. We have chosen (brothers or sisters) _____ as our dele-

gates to represent us in the Annual Session when convened with _____ Church. We have chosen Elder _____

for our pastor for the ensuing year. (Here ask for the Next Association or Quarterly if wanted). Pray for us. Done in conference this _____ day of _____ 19_____.

_____, Moderator
_____, Clerk
_____, Address

CONSTITUTION

From long experience, we, the members of the Church of God (denominated Free Will Baptist), being regularly baptised upon a profession of our faith in Lord Jesus Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches to perpetuate a union among us, and to preserve and maintain correspondence with each other, do therefore ordain this Constitution for our better Church government.

Art. 1. MEMBERSHIP. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by different churches of our union, not exceeding three messengers from each church, and upon producing letters they shall be entitled to seats. All ordained ministers and deacons of said union shall be regular members, when present, by virtue of their office.

Art. 2. NAME. The members thus chosen and assembled with the ministers and deacons, to be denominated the Canadian Association of Free Will Baptist, being composed of the several churches of our union, the Association having no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor having any ecclesiastical power over the churches, reserving the right of withdrawing from any church becoming disorderly.

Art. 3. LETTERS. Letters from the different churches representing are to express their number in fellowship, including the names and addresses of ordained and licensed ministers, the number of members received upon profession of faith, by letter or recommendation by restoration or denominational choice; the number dismissed by letter, excluded, and those having died since last Association. Churches, in sending their letters, may send obituaries of any who died during the year, that we may keep up the memorial of our dead.

Art. 4. OFFICERS. The Association has a Moderator, a clerk, and a Credential Committee of three ordained elected by the suffrage of the members of the Association at each annual association. The Credentials Committee shall be elected as follows: One for three years, one for two years, and one for one year. Then one each year following to succeed the outgoing members.

Art. 5. NEW CHURCHES. Newly constituted churches may be admitted to the Association, which are to petition by letter and delegates, and if upon examination, they are found to be orthodox and orderly they may be received into the Association, the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 6. QUESTIONS. No questions from any church shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it has been first considered in its own church.

Art. 7. MOTIONS. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the members who made it.

Art. 8. MINUTES. The Association is to endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of the Association in proportion to the amount paid by each church, the distribution to be at the discretion of the Association.

Art. 9. CLERK. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a regular file of the minutes of the Association in a book to be kept by the Association for that purpose.

Art. 10. SIGNATURES. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if needed, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the close of the Association.

Art. 11. ORDINANCES. The pastor of the church shall preach on the ordinances of the church once a year, and one discourse on the support of the ministry.

Art. 12. FIFTH SUNDAY MEETINGS. This Association shall hold three Fifth Sunday Meetings each year, and the ministers and deacons shall make a written report of their work, and it shall be the duty of each quarterly conference to look after the necessities of the widows and orphans, and the order of the ministry, and the quarterly conference shall make a written report to the Association annually.

Art. 13. TREASURY. Resolved, that each church have a treasurer, and come together and subscribe the amount they are willing to pay into the treasury during the year for the support of the ministry, widows, orphans, and incidental expenses, and that said amount be paid quarterly, and that said funds shall not be paid out except by order of the church.

Art. 14. AMENDMENTS. Amendments to this Constitution may be made, when necessary, by two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular session.

FREE WILL BAPTIST 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 our selves 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 the 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 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 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.

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 the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the gospel, nor fail to pay accordingly to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, 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.

