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OF THE
Canadian Association
OF
Free Will Baptist

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE 52ND ANNUAL SESSION

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Convened At
VANZANT CHURCH, PADEN, OKLAHOMA

AUGUST 7, 8, 9, 1957

MINUTES

OF THE FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION OF
THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF

Free Will Baptist Church of God

Convened with Vanzant Church, Paden, Oklahoma
Wednesday Night before Second Sunday
in August, 1957

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The next session of this association will meet at the new camp grounds five miles west of Wetumka, Oklahoma, on Highway Number 9, then North two and a half miles, beginning on Wednesday night before the Second Sunday in August, 1958. Rev. Albert Collier and Rev. Sherman Webb to bring the messages.

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First Quarterly Meeting on Friday night before the Second Sunday in November.

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Second Quarterly Meeting on Friday night before the Second Sunday in February, 1958.

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Third Quarterly Meeting on Friday night before the Second Sunday in May, 1958.

OFFICERS

of

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION 1958

Moderator	Rev. Olen Bevan Okemah, Okla., Route 2
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Sherman Webb Wewoka, Oklahoma
Clerk	Sister Albert Collier Wewoka, Okla., Route 2
Assistant Clerk	Sister Mavyce Chisum 119 South Belmont, Holdenville, Okla.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. W. E. Mullendore	One Year McLoud, Okla., Route 1
Rev. Melvin Mouser	Two Years Hanna, Okla.
Rev. Roy Vanzant	Three Years Prague, Okla.
Rev. Sherman Webb	Four Years Wewoka, Okla.
Rev. Albert Collier	Five Years Wewoka, Okla., Route 2

EXAMINING BOARD

Rev. Clarence Dodson	One Year Calvin, Okla.
Rev. Olen Bevan	Two Years Okemah, Okla., Route 2
Bro. Arthur Vanzant	Three Years Prague, 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.

MINUTES



WEDNESDAY NIGHT

The Fifty-second Annual Session of the Canadian Association met with the Vanzant church on Wednesday night, August 7, 1957.

Services opened with singing, led by Rev. Roy Roberts with Sis. Loyce Bevan at the piano. Prayer by Rev. Raymond Bevan. Rev. Roy Vanzant led the testimony service.

Rev. V. B. True brought the introductory message, "The Straight Way," Luke 13:23. A good message to all. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Albert Collier.



THURSDAY MORNING

The Canadian Association was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Albert Collier, with singing, "I Am Bound for the Promised Land," led by Bro. Ben Tabor, Sister Loyce Bevan at the piano. Song, "We Shall Have Glory."

Prayer by Rev. V. B. True.

Rev. Claude Chisum read the devotional from Psalm 1:1-6.

Temporary Divine Committee appointed were Bro. George Wells, Bro. Arthur Vanzant, and Bro. Johnnie Strickland.

Letters were read and approved and delegates were given the right hand of fellowship from Schoolton, Prague, Hill Top, Okemah, Vanzant, Paden, Calvin and Hanna.

Rev. Olen Bevan was elected Moderator; Rev. S. H. Webb Assistant Moderator.

Rev. Albert Collier, outgoing moderator, thanked everyone for their help and cooperation during the past year.

Rev. Carl Shivers and Rev. Harry Lee, visiting ministers, brought the 11:00 o'clock messages. Business dismissed until 1:00 o'clock.

Called together by singing, "We Will Work 'Till Jesus Comes," led by Rev. Claude Chisum, Sister Sue Foster at the piano. Prayer by Rev. Raymond Young, a visitor. Song, "A Beautiful Life." Prayer by Rev. Shivers.

Rev. Shivers' text, Romans 8:1, "There Is, Therefore, No Condemnation to Them Which are In Christ Jesus, Who Walk After the Flesh, but After the Spirit."

Rev. Lee's text, Romans 8:6, "For to be Carnally Minded is Death: but to be Spiritually Minded is Life and Peace."

Two wonderful messages. Rev. Marion Caton dismissed by prayer.

A bounteous lunch was enjoyed, prepared by Vanzant church.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Called together by singing, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Prayer by Rev. Earl Judd. Duet, Rev. and Mrs. C. D. Benton, "Everything I Do and Everywhere I Go is for My Lord," also "I Saw Jesus When I Prayed Last Night." Shouting after these good messages in song.

Sister Albert Collier elected clerk; Sister Mavyce Chisum, assistant clerk.

Rev. Ernest Kennedy, executive secretary, spoke on state work.

Rev. Webb read the rules of order.

Committees appointed were as follows:

Sunday School committee: Sister Ida Berry, Sister Cora Shivers, Sister Sue Foster.

League committee: Sister Helen Vanzant, Sister Mattie Harrison, Sister Louis Tabor.

Temperance committee: Bro. Treavor Case, Sis. Ethel Hume, Rev. Earl Judd.

Obituary committee: Bro. Will Strickland, Sis. Dolly Gaines, Sis. Lizzy Coleman.

Resolutions committee: Bro. George Wells, Rev. Claude Chisum, Rev. Roy Vanzant.

Divine committee: Sis. Margartt Dodson, Bro. H. T. Vanzant, Bro. L. L. Berry.

Finance committee: Sis. Myrtle Day, Sis. Charlseay Bevan, Rev. Albert Collier.

Called meeting minutes read and approved, which were:

A called meeting of the Canadian Association July 18, 1957, at Hill Top Free Will Baptist Church, for the purpose of buying a camp ground for the association. All present were seated as delegates and given the right hand of fellowship. Calvin, Schoolton, Prague, Paden, Vanzant, Hill Top, Okemah Hanna and Allen were represented.

Motion made and seconded to buy the Lawnwood school building, if reasonably priced, for a camp ground. A committee was appointed to set a price on the property, consisting of Brother Bill Foster, Brother Milton Vaughn, and Rev. Olen Bevan.

Committee reported to spend \$1000.00 and no more. Carried. Committee dismissed. Buying committee elected were Rev. Albert Collier, Rev. Olen Bevan, and Brother Milton Vaughn, until the regular meeting in August.

Collection taken of \$201.00, which was given to Rev. Collier, chairman.

Dismissed by song and handshake.

REV. ALBERT COLLIER, Moderator
SISTER IRMA SMITH, Assistant Clerk.



Rev. Collier gave report of committee. The property was bought for \$..... We have two acres of land, building with three large rooms, electric pump, cellar and piano. Motion made and seconded to accept the advice of the lawyer about the deed.

Rev. Albert Collier and Rev. S. H. Webb were elected to bring the introductory messages at the next association at the campgrounds in August 1958.

First Quarterly meeting at campgrounds in November. Introductory message will be by Rev. Raymond Bevan and Rev. Earl Judd.

Rev. T. B. True resigned from the executive board. Accepted.

Dismissed by Rev. Raymond Bevan until 10:00 o'clock Friday morning.

Supper served at the church.

THURSDAY NIGHT

Night services were opened by singing "Somebody Loves Me," led by Rev. Roy Vanzant. Mrs. Inez Cole at the piano. Several songs were sung. Prayer by Rev. Leonard Bean. Several special songs were given.

Rev. Collier's text is found in Titus 1:15-16; 2:1.

Rev. Judd's text, Titus 1:11-15. Wonderful messages.

Prayer by Rev. Marion Caton.



FRIDAY MORNING

Called to order by singing. Moderator Rev. Bevan in charge. Devotional was led by Rev. Raymond Bevan from Galatians 5:1-6. Prayer by Bro. George Wells.

Rev. Albert Collier was elected to represent the Canadian Association on General Board at the State Association in 1958. Rev. Olen Bevan, alternate. Motion made and seconded for Rev. Collier, Rev. Bevan, and Bro. Milton Vaughn to continue on the campground committee. Carried.

Dismissed for 11:00 o'clock service.

Called together by singing. Prayer by Rev. Collier.

Rev. Tom Elliott's text, Ephesians 5:1-9. Prayer by Rev. Elliott.

Rev. Leonard Bean's text, I Corinthians 3:16-17. Two good messages.

Prayer by Rev. Judd.



FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Opened by singing. Prayer by Rev. Chisum. Collection taken for campground, \$33.50. Collection for Rev. Arthur Reid, \$25.61. Prayer of thanks by Rev. Bean.

Campground chairman gave report on fund, \$441.93. Schoolton gave \$75.00 to campground fund. Motion made and seconded to give \$100.00 out of associational fund to campground fund. Carried, making the campground fund \$616.93.

Altar prayer of thanks. Committee dismissed.

Motion made and seconded for the Executive Board to take care of letter and money, if it was presented, from the Allen church, as God had called Rev. W. T. Walden from their midst.

Minutes read and approved.

Dismissed until next quarterly meeting at campgrounds in November.

Third Quarterly Meeting: Motion made and seconded that Moderator make an apology to Sister Harriman on behalf of the Association for the unjust that was made at the Association in August, 1956. Apology given and accepted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS



TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Temperance Committee, recommend that each member of the Free Will Baptist Church read and observe our church covenant more closely.
(Signed by Committee)



SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We, the Sunday School Committee, suggest that each Sunday School teacher try to develop a method to make their classes more interesting. We also recommend that each teacher contact, in person, the pupils that are absent.
(Signed by Committee)



LEAGUE COMMITTEE

We ask that more churches organize more leagues. We have only four churches that have leagues.
(Signed by Committee)



OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, the Obituary Committee, find that God in His love has called from our midst: Sister Williams, from Hanna; Sister Millie Bertrand and Brother Ben Cook, from Hill Top; Bro. Gordon Chaney, from Paden; Sister Mattie Clouse, from Okemah; Sister Kathryn Orr, from Schoolton, and Brother W. T. Waldon, from Allen.



EXAMINING BOARD

We, the Examining Board, have examined Bro. Walter Inman and found him sound in doctrine. As such we recommend him for ordination as a deacon.
(Signed by Committee)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Church	State Min.	Canadian Min.	Campground	Gen. Fund
Okemah.....	\$5.00	\$10.00		
Paden.....	5.00	10.00		
Hill Top.....	5.00	10.00		
Schoolton.....	5.00	10.00		
Vanzant.....	5.00	10.00		
Prague.....	5.00	10.00		
Cross Roads.....	5.00	10.00		
Allen.....	5.00	10.00	\$ 5.00	
Hanna.....	5.00	10.00	\$25.00	
Calvin.....	5.00	10.00		\$29.87
TOTAL.....	\$50.00	\$100.00		

(Signed Committee)



CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Received:

Balance brought forward	\$ 19.66
Received during 1957 session	421.96
Total received	\$441.62

Paid Out:

Campground	\$100.00
Associational minutes	95.00
State minutes	50.00
Cooperative plan	40.78
Clerk for 1958	25.00
Assistant clerk, 1958	10.00
Skeleton quarterly letters	3.00
Total paid out	323.78
Balance in Treasury	\$117.84

(Signed) MAVYCE CHISUM, Clerk

DIRECTORY OF MINISTERS



Naomi Hahn	Weleetka, Oklahoma
Albert Collier	Route 2, Wewoka, Oklahoma
Melvin Mouser	Hanna, Oklahoma
Carrie May	Weleetka, Oklahoma
Tom Elliott	Phone 2192, Box 225, Calvin, Oklahoma
Claude Chisum	Phone 1995, 119 S. Belmont, Holdenville, Oklahoma
W. D. McCready	Okemah, Oklahoma
S. D. Pendergraft	Route 4, Okemah, Oklahoma
J. O. Bevans	Route 2, Okemah, Oklahoma
Ramond Bevans	Route 2, Okemah, Oklahoma
Roy Vanzant	Box 722, Prague, Oklahoma
W. M. Stevenson	Henryetta, Oklahoma
Sherman Webb	Wewoka, Oklahoma
V. B. True	1124 S. 31st St., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Earl Judd	2309 S. E. 12th St., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
W. E. Wilson	Box 103, Holdenville, Oklahoma
C. F. Dodson	Calvin, Oklahoma
Leonard Bean	Box 264, Wetumka, Oklahoma
W. E. Mullendore	Route 1, McCloud, Oklahoma
Roy Wilson	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
O. P. Westbrook	222 N. 2nd, Okemah, Oklahoma
Charles Jones	Seminole, Oklahoma
Harlan Parson	Paden, Oklahoma



Visiting Ministers

Harry Lee	Haywood, Oklahoma
C. D. Benton	211 Sunset Blvd., Sand Springs, Oklahoma
Ernest Kennedy	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Marion Caton	Rt. 4, Box 268, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma



STATE DELEGATES

Sister Ida Berry	Schoolton
Sister Irma Smith	Prague
Sister Emily Bevan	Okemah
Sister Mavyce Chisum	Calvin
Brother Roy Roberts	Vanzant
Brother Raymond Cole	Paden
Sister Albert Collier	Hanna
Sister S. H. Webb	Hill Top

LETTERS

The Free Will Baptist Church of God, worshipping at Prague, County of Lincoln, this 25th day of July, 1957. P. O. address: Prague, Oklahoma. Sends greetings to the 52nd 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 is half of the offerings. Meeting days are full time. We have received by confession, none; Letter 2; Excluded none; Died none; Dismissed none; Resident members 33; Non-resident 6; Total on roll 39. We have in our membership 3 ministers: Bro. V. B. True, Bro. Earl Judd, and Bro. Carl Cheisher. We have three ordained Deacons in our membership: Bro. Milton Vaughan, Bro. Clarence Day and Bro. Dick Smith. We have paid out \$10.00 for state missions; paid pastor \$400.00; support of association \$30.00; for new camp grounds \$50.00.

We have a F. W. B. Sunday School and League. Value of church property \$6,000.00; contribution for Minutes \$10.00; State Minutes \$5.00. We have chosen Sis. Aleane Smith, Sis. Barbara Cheisher, and Sis. Mae Perry as our delegates and Sis. Cora Shivers, Sis. Bernice Smith and Bro. Moses Perry as alternates to represent us in the annual session when convened with the Vanzant church. We have chosen Elder Carl Cheisher for our pastor for the ensuing year. We recommend Sis. Irma Smith as our delegate to the State Association. Pray for us. Done in conference this 25th day of July, 1957.

CLARENCE DAY, Moderator
IRMA SMITH, Clerk
Rt. 2, Box 124, Prague, Oklahoma

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The Free Will Baptist Church of God, worshipping at Hanna, County of McIntosh, this July 28, 1957, P. O. Address: Hanna, Oklahoma, sends greetings to the Canadian 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.

We do not have a pastor for the coming year. We have Sunday School each Sunday. We have received by confession two; Letters 2; Excluded none; Died two. Resident members 21; Non-resident members 4. Total in full fellowship 25. We have in our membership two ministers: Bro. Albert Collier and Bro. Melvin Mouser. Ordained deacons two: Bro. Will England and Bro. George Wells. We have paid out for evangelistic work none; missions none; support of the Association \$15.00.

We have a F. W. B. Sunday School. We do not have a League. Value of church property, \$3,500.00. Contribution for Association Minutes \$10.00, State Minutes \$5.00.

We have chosen Sis. Hammontree, Sis. Mouser and Bro. Hughes as delegates; Sis. Bogle, Sis. Spears and Bro. Tabor as alternates to represent us in the annual session when convened with Vanzant church. We are sending \$25.00 for payment on the association building.

Pray for us. Done in conference this 28th day of July, 1957.

GEORGE WELLS, Moderator
ETHEL MOUSER, Clerk
Hanna, Oklahoma

The Free Will Baptist Church of God, worshipping at Schoolton, County of Seminole, this 1st day of August, 1957, P.O. address, Box 523, Okemah, Oklahoma, sends greetings to the 52nd annual session of brethren and sisters comprising 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, \$12.50 a week. Meeting days, full time. We have received by confession 1; Letter 1; Excluded 38; Died 1; Resident members 23; Non-resident 9. Total in full fellowship 32.

We have in our membership Ordained Deacons 3: Bro. L. L. Berry, Bro. Coleman Dotson and Bro. Garland Collier. We have paid out for evangelistic work, \$125.00; Mission, none; Support of the Association, \$7.00. Total paid out by church, \$837.77. We have a Free Will Baptist Sunday School. We do not have a League. Value of church property \$3,000.00. Contribution for Minutes, \$10.00. State Minutes, \$5.00.

We have chosen Sis. Faye Young, Sis. Margret Dotson and Sis. Ida Berry as our delegates, and Sis. Marie Collier, Sis. Ruby Orr and Sis. Leslie Collier as our alternates to represent us in the annual session when convened with the Vanzant church August 7, 1957. We have chosen Sis. Ida Berry as a delegate to be recommended at this session for the State Association. We have chosen Elder Leonard Bean for our Pastor for the ensuing year. Pray for us.

Done in conference this 1st day of August, 1957.

REV. LEONARD BEAN, Moderator
MRS. R. L. GARRETT, Clerk
Box 523, Okemah, Oklahoma

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The Free Will Baptist Church of God, worshipping at Calvin, Hughes County, Oklahoma, this 4th day of August, 1957, post office address, Box 35, sends greetings to the 52nd 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, \$80.00 per month. Meeting day, full time. We have received by Confession 2; by Faith 1; Excluded none; Resident members 37; Non-resident members 18. Total in full fellowship 55. We have in our membership, Ministers 2: Rev. Tom Elliott and Rev. Claude Chisum; Ordained deacons 3: Bro. C. L. Holloway, Bro. Obra Willbanks and Bro. Bill Foster. We have paid out for evangelistic work \$160.00; Missions \$44.62; Tithes to the Canadian Association \$135.55, including check sent today, \$44.87. Total amount paid out by the church, \$1973.53. Value of church property \$4,000.00.

We have a Free Will Baptist Sunday School and a League. Contribution for Minutes to be taken from our tithes. We have chosen Sis. Grace Howell, Bro. Willie Brock and Sis. Hazel Willbanks as our delegates with Sis. Minnie Brock, Sis. Barbara Elliott and Sis. Sue Foster as alternates.

We have chosen Rev. Albert Collier as our pastor for the coming year. Pray for us.

Done in conference August 4, 1957.

REV. CLAUDE CHISUM, Moderator
MRS. LIZZIE HANKS, Clerk
Box 35, Calvin, Oklahoma

The Free Will Baptist Church of God, worshipping at Vanzant church, County of Okfuskee, this 3rd day of August, 1957, P. O. Paden, Route 1, Oklahoma, sends greetings to the 52nd annual session of the brethren and sisters composing the Canadian Association of the 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, \$20.00 per month. Meeting days, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays of each month.

We have received by confession 6; Letter 1; dismissed by letter 3; Excluded none; Died none. Active members 26; inactive 33. Total on roll 59.

We have in our membership one minister, Bro. Roy Vanzant. Ordained Deacons 4: Bro. John Strickland, Bro. Hiram Liles, Bro. Pete Hatfield and Bro. Raymond Vanzant.

We have paid out for Evangelistic work \$172.00; Missions none; support of the Association \$15.00; paid Pastor \$220.00; for repair and improvement of building and other expenses \$197.86. Total amount paid out by the church, \$604.86.

We have a F. W. B. Sunday School and League. Contributions for Minutes \$10.00, State Minutes \$5.00.

We have chosen Bro. Will Stricklin, Bro. W. S. Inman and Bro. H. T. Vanzant as delegates. Bro. Frank Coulter, Bro. Roy Roberts and Sis. Ivan Hatfield as alternates to represent us in the annual session when convened with Vanzant church.

We have chosen Elder Roy Vanzant for our pastor for the ensuing year. We recommend Bro. Roy Roberts as our delegate to the State Association. We request that Bro. W. S. Inman go before the Examining Board to be examined for the office of Deacon. Pray for us.

Done in conference this 3rd day of August, 1957.

BRO. ROY VANZANT, Moderator
SIS. ADDIE WATKINS, Clerk
Route 1, Paden, Oklahoma

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The Free Will Baptist Church of God, worshipping at Okemah, County of Okfuskee, this third day of August, 1957, sends greetings to the 52nd 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 coming year \$15.00 a week. Meeting days straight time. We have received by Confession 3; Letters 4; Excluded 10; Died 1. Total in full membership 19. We have in our membership 4 Ordained Ministers: Rev. S. D. Pendergraft, Okemah, Oklahoma, Route 4; Rev. J. O. Bevan, Okemah, Oklahoma, Route 2; Rev. W. D. McCreedy, Bristow, Oklahoma; Rev. Raymond Bevan, Okemah, Oklahoma, Route 2. Two Ordained Deacons: Bro. J. W. Holt, Okemah, Oklahoma; Bro. Arthur Vanzant, Paden, Oklahoma, Route 1. We have paid out for Evangelistic work \$103.41; Support of Association, \$50.00. Total amount paid out by church, \$153.41.

We have a Free Will Baptist Sunday School and a League. Contribution for Minutes, \$10.00. For State Minutes, \$5.00. We have chosen Sis. Helen Vanzant, Sis. Charlsie Bevan and Sis. Juanita Lowe as our delegates to represent us in the Annual Session when convened with the Vanzant church. We have chosen Rev. J. O. Bevan for our pastor for the ensuing year. We recommend Sis. Emily Bevan as our delegate to the State Association. Pray for us.

Done in Conference this 3rd day of August, 1957.

REV. J. O. BEVAN, Moderator
MRS. EMILY BEVAN, Clerk
Route 2, Okemah, Oklahoma

The Free Will Baptist Church of God, worshipping at Hill Top, County of Seminole, this 31st day of July, 1957, P. O. address, Wewoka, Oklahoma, send greetings to the 52nd 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 ensuing year, \$130.00 per month. Meeting days straight time. We have received by Confession 7; letter, none; Dismissed 5; Died 2; Resident members 78; Non-resident members 33; Total in full fellowship, 111.

We have in our membership 2 Ministers: Rev. Sherman Webb, Route 1, Wewoka, Oklahoma; Rev. W. M. Stevenson, Henryetta, Oklahoma. We have 3 Deacons: Bro. Otis Hume, 715 S. Ocheese, Wewoka, Oklahoma; Bro. Howard Gann, Route 1, Wewoka, Oklahoma; Bro. Nathaniel Vanzant, Route 1, Wewoka, Oklahoma. We have paid out for Evangelistic work, none. Support of the Association, \$25.00. Total paid out by the church, \$1743.16.

We have a Free Will Baptist Sunday School and League. Value of the church property, \$2,000.00. Contribution to Minutes, \$10.00; State Minutes, \$5.00. We have chosen as our delegates Sis. Ethel Hume, 715 S. Ocheese, Wewoka, Oklahoma; Sis. Helen Ganitt, Wewoka, Oklahoma; Sis. Dolly Gaines, Route 1, Box 39, Wewoka, Oklahoma. We have chosen as our alternates Sis. Grisham, Sis. Lee Weaver, Route 1, Wewoka, Oklahoma, Sis. Christine Marriott, Wewoka, Oklahoma, to represent us in annual session when convened with the Vanzant Free Will Baptist church on August 8, 1957. We have chosen Rev. Sherman Webb as our pastor for the ensuing year.

Passed from our midst, Sis. Mollie Butrand and Bro. Ben Cook, during the past year. Pray for us.

Done in conference this 31st day of July, 1957.

REV. R. S. WEBB, Moderator
DOLLIE GAINES, Clerk
Route 1, Box 39, Wewoka, Oklahoma

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The Free Will Baptist Church of God, worshipping at Paden, County of Okfuskee, this 29th day of June, 1957, 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 is the Sunday night offering. Meeting day is full time. We have received by confession 2; by letter 2; excluded 1; died none. Resident members 30; non-resident 29. Total in full fellowship 59.

We have five ministers in our membership, Elders W. E. Mullendore, Roy Wilson, O. P. Westbrook, Charles Jones and Harlan Parsons. We have five Ordained Deacons, Brothers Claude Dinwiddie, George Mitchell, David Biard, Harvey Muncy and Trevor Case.

We have paid out for Evangelistic work, none. Missions, none. Support of Association, \$15.00. Total paid out by the church, \$740.93. Value of church property, \$4,000.00. Contribution for Association Minutes, \$10.00 and for State Minutes, \$5.00.

We have chosen Sis. Blanche Muncy, Sis. Mattie Harriman, and Sis. Grace Hinds as our delegates to represent us in the annual session when convened with the Vanzant church. We have chosen as alternates, Sis. Ora Mitchell, Sis. Velma Page and Sis. Lizzie Coleman.

We do not have a pastor for the ensuing year. Pray for us.

Done in conference June 29, 1957.

TREVOR CASE, Acting Moderator
SYLVIA LONEY, Clerk Pro. Tem.
Paden, Oklahoma

The Free Will Baptist Church of God, worshipping at Allen Church, County of Okfuskee, this 4th day of August, P. O. address, Weleetka, Oklahoma, sends greetings to the 52nd annual session of 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.

We have a full time church. We have in our fellowship 4 ministers: Bro. Arthor Reid, Rev. Carrie May, and Rev. Naomi Hahn. We have 6 ordained Deacons: Bro. Sam Milam, Bro. Vernice May, Bro. Homer Reid, Bro. Henry Patterson, Bro. Russell Richardson and Bro. Matthew Reid. We have 81 on the church roll. We have a F.W.B. Sunday School and a League. Value of church property, \$3,500.00.

We have elected Sis. Edna Reid, Sis. Dollie Hall, Sis. Helen Richardson as our delegates and Sis. Mary Reid, Sis. Carol Patterson, and Bro. Bobby Patterson as our alternates to represent us in the 52nd Annual Session which convenes with the Vanzan¹ church. We are sending \$15.00 for minutes and associational expenses, and \$5.00 for Building Fund. We have paid out \$1,012.63 on building our Sunday School rooms and \$165.47 for Evangelistic expenses. We have chosen Rev. Ode Robinson as our pastor for the coming year. Our last pastor's year was up in June and Rev. Ode Robinson took over in July.

Mrs. M. M. Reddick passed away in July of 1956. Mrs. Lizzie Allen passed away July, 1957. These were two of our members. Also Rev. W. T. Waldon passed away Tuesday, August 6, 1957. Pray for us.

Done in Conference this 4th day of August.

REV. CARRIE MAY, Moderator Pro. Tem.
BETTY PATTERSON, Clerk
Route 1, Weleetka, Oklahoma

LEAGUE WORK DURING THE PAST YEAR—1956-57

SEPT. 30, 1956. The League Rally was held at the Prague church. The following Leagues were present: Calvin, Vanzant, Allen and Prague. Vanzant won the Junior Sword Drill. Bro. Judd gave his message from Isaiah 44:1-8. It was enjoyed by all.

Afternoon session began by singing. A motion was made, seconded and approved that the banners are to be given to keep to the league which wins them most during the year. Allen won the Program Banner and Calvin won the Attendance Banner.

DEC. 30, 1956. The League Rally was held at Allen Church. The following leagues were represented: Okemah, Prague, Calvin, Allen and Vanzant. The morning message was brought by Bro. Bevan from Isaiah 53:1-9.

The business session began by singing. The officers, as follows, were elected: President, Sis. Coleta Howell; Vice-President, Sis. Wanette Walden; Secretary and Treasurer, Sis. Viola Smith; Assistant Secretary and Treasurer, Sis. Ida Bevan; Sponsors: Bro. and Sis. Ray Vanzant; Sword Drill Leader, Sis. Bernice Smith; Pianist, Sis. Sue Foster and Rhonda Watkins; Song Leaders, Bro. Fred Vaughan, Sis. Betty Patterson and Bro. Donald Dudley. The banners were presented as follows: Program, Vanzant; Attendance, Vanzant; Sr. Sword Drill, Calvin; Jr. Sword Drill, Prague.

MARCH 31, 1957. The League Rally was held at the Vanzant Church. The usual leagues were represented. Bro. Judd took his message from Luke 15:3. The evening session began by singing. A motion was made and approved that we buy eight more Bibles. The banners were won as follows: Program, Vanzant; Attendance, Calvin; Sr. Sword Drill, Okemah; Jr. Sword Drill, Prague.

JUNE 30, 1957. The League Rally was held at the Calvin Church. The usual leagues were represented. Bro. Elliott took his message from John 15.

Afternoon services were opened by singing. Plays and specials were presented. The banners were given as follows: Program, Prague; Attendance, Vanzant; Sr. Sword Drill, Prague; Jr. Sword Drill, Prague.

The League Rallies were very enjoyable and we are thankful for the good crowds we have been having. We hope that more churches will bring their young people to the rallies.

VIOLA MAE SMITH,
League Secretary and Treasurer

RESOLUTIONS

(1957). Annual, No. 1—Be it resolved, That we grant the Election Board of the Lawnwood School District the right to hold elections in the said school house.

(Signed by Committee)

No. 2—Be it resolved, That Resolution No. 4 of the 2nd quarterly of 1956 and Resolution No. 1 of the Annual 1956 be abolished and the fund allotted to Board of Trustees, and the Building Fund Committee be dismissed.

(Signed by Committee)

No. 4—Be it resolved, That we send \$5.00 or more each quarter for the campground fund.

(Signed by Committee)

No. 5—Be it resolved, That when the clerk reads a report of the committee that they make the move that the report be approved.

(Signed by Committee)

2nd Quarterly, No. 2—Be it resolved, That Resolution No. 2 of the Second Quarterly meeting of 1942 be abolished. Now be it resolved, That we have a skeleton letter also printed in our minutes of the quarterly meeting for each church to abide by along with the one to the annual.

(Signed by Committee)

3rd Quarterly, No. 1—Be it resolved, That business approved in our quarterly meetings be printed in the Associational minutes.

(Signed by Committee)

(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 acknowledgment 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.

(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 for 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 at 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' addresses 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. 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 Canadian Association send 10 percent 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.



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 member 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 necessary.

10. No member shall speak more than fifteen minutes at 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.

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 membership _____. 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 delegates
to represent us in the Annual Session when convened with _____
Church. We have chosen _____ as our delegates
to the State Association. Our pastor for the ensuing year is Elder _____
Address _____

Pray for us. Done in conference this _____
Moderator _____, Address _____
Clerk _____, Address _____

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LETTER TO QUARTERLY MEETING

We, the Free Will Baptist Church of God, worshipping at _____
County of _____, this _____, send Greetings to the
_____ Quarterly Meeting of the Canadian Association of Free Will
Baptists, to let you know of our love and fellowship, and zeal for the cause
of Christ, when convened with the _____ Free Will Baptist Church.

We are sending \$_____ for the expense of the Association, and
\$_____ for _____

Chosen to represent us as delegates are _____;
Alternates _____, whom we
pray will help you in your Godly deliberations.

Pastor _____, Address _____
Deacons _____, Address _____

Pray for us.
Done in church conference, this _____
Moderator _____, Address _____
Clerk _____, Address _____

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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.

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, 9-10; 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.—Cor. 15:34; John 5:28; 1 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; 1 Peter 3:21.

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



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.

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. The 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 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 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.

