

MINUTES
OF THE
CANADIAN ASSOCIATION
OF
Free Will Baptist



1958



PROCEEDINGS OF THE 53rd
ANNUAL SESSION



Convened At
**CANADIAN
FREE WILL BAPTIST CAMPGROUND
Wetumka, Oklahoma**

AUGUST 6, 7, 8, 1958

Minutes

OF THE FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION OF

Free Will Baptist Church of God

Convened at the Canadian Free Will Baptist Campground
Wetumka, Oklahoma, Wednesday Night
Before Second Sunday in
August, 1958



The next Session of this Association will meet at the Campground 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, 1959. Rev. Sherman Webb and Rev. Albert Collier to bring the messages.

First Quarterly Meeting on Friday night before the Second Sunday in November. Rev. Claude Chisum and Rev. Tony Adams to bring the messages.

Second Quarterly Meeting on Friday before the Second Sunday in February, 1959.

Third Quarterly Meeting on Friday Night before the Second Sunday in May, 1959.

Fellowship Meetings are Friday Night before the Third Sunday of each Month.

League Singing at the Campground, First Monday Night of each Month.

HISTORY

We have learned that our Canadian Association was organized at Yeager, Oklahoma in the year of 1905, by Bro. Tom Townsend, Bro. Taylor Champion, Bro. Tom Mitchell, Bro. Rogers and Bro. Mancher.

OFFICERS

of

THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION 1958.T 30

Moderator ----- Rev. Sherman Webb
Wewoka, Oklahoma
Assistant Moderator ----- Rev. Roy Vanzant
Prague, Oklahoma
Clerk ----- Sister Clara Foster
Calvin, Oklahoma
Assistant Clerk ----- Sister Albert Collier
Wewoka, Oklahoma

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Melvin Mouser ----- One Year
Hanna, Oklahoma
Rev. Roy Vanzant, Sec. and Treasurer ----- Two Years
Prague, Oklahoma, Box 722
Rev. Sherman Webb, Chairman ----- Three Years
Wewoka, Oklahoma, Route No. 1
Rev. Albert Collier ----- Four Years
Wewoka, Oklahoma, Route No. 2, Box 233
Rev. Floyd Vulgamore ----- Five Years
Seminole, Oklahoma

EXAMINING BOARD

Rev. Olen Bevan ----- One Year
Okemah, Oklahoma, Route 2
Bro. Arthur Vanzant ----- Two Years
Prague, Oklahoma
Bro. George Wells ----- Three Years
Hanna, Oklahoma

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.

DIRECTORY OF MINISTERS

J. O. Bevans	Okemah, Okla., Route 2.
Raymond Bevans	Okemah, Okla., Route 2
Roy Vanzant, Phone 366J	Prague, Okla., Box 722
Claude Chisum, Phone 1995	Holdenville, Okla., 119 S. Belmont
Melvin Mouser	Hanna, Okla.
Albert Collier, Phone 1518-R2	Wewoka, Okla., Rt. 2, Box 233
W. D. McCready	Bristow, Okla.
S. D. Pendergraft	Okemah, Okla., Route 4
Gus Turbyfill	Henryetta, Okla., 1414 W. Bwdy.
L. E. Staggs	Oklahoma City, Okla., 2509 S.W. 45th
Harlan Parsons	Paden, Okla.
Roy Wilson	Paden, Oklahoma
O. P. Westbrook	Okemah, Okla., 222 N. 2nd.
Tom Elliott, Phone 2191	Calvin, Okla., Box 225
Leonard Bean, Phone 1067	Wetumka, Okla., Box 264
Sherman Webb, Phone 1602-W2	Wewoka, Okla., Route 1
Floyd Vulgamore, Phone 1966	Seminole, Okla.
W. M. Stevenson	Henryetta, Okla., Gen. Del.
Marion Caton	Oklahoma City, Okla., Rt. 9, Box 460
Elmer Dye	Oklahoma City, Okla.
Casey Adams	Mason, Okla.
Jiss Wilson	Castle, Okla., Star Route
Tony Adams	Okemah, Okla.
Burton Perry	Prague, Okla.
Lesley Dedmond	Oklahoma City, Okla.

Visiting Ministers

Carl Shivers	Duncan, Okla., Route 3
V. B. True	Oklahoma City, Okla., 1124 S. 1st.



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 any one time without leave of the Association.
11. Any person who knowingly breaks any of these rules shall be re-proved by the Moderator according to direction of the Association.

DEACONS DIRECTORY

Johnny Stricklin	Paden, Okla., Rt. 1
Pete Hatfield	Paden, Okla., Rt. 1
Hiram Liles	Oklahoma City, Okla., 3902 S.E. 11th.
Raymond Vanzant	Paden, Okla., Rt. 1
W. S. Inman	Paden, Okla., Rt. 1
Melton Vaughan	Prague, Okla., Gen. Del.
Clarence Day	Prague, Okla., Box 863
Dick Smith	Prague, Okla., Rt. 2
Otis Hume	Wewoka, Okla., 715 S. Ocheese
Howard Gann	Wewoka, Okla., Rt. 1
Nathaniel Vanzant	Wewoka, Okla., Rt. 1
Claud Dinwiddie	Oklahoma City, Okla.
Benny Stiles	Okemah, Okla., Rt. 1
Gene Geller	Mason, Okla.
Will England	Hanna, Okla.
George Wells	Hanna, Okla.
J. W. Holt	Okemah, Okla., Rt. 4
Arthur Vanzant	Paden, Okla., Rt. 1
Harvey Muncy	Paden, Okla.
Trevor Case	Paden, Okla.
George Mitchell	Paden, Okla.
C. A. Holloway	Calvin, Okla.
Orbra Willbanks	Atwood, Okla.
Bill Foster	Calvin, Okla.
L. L. Berry	Okemah, Okla., Rt. 4
Coleman Dotson	Okemah, Okla., Rt. 4
Garland Collier	Okemah, Okla., Rt. 4

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

The Fifty-third Annual Session of the Canadian Association met at the Campground Wednesday night August 6, 1958.

Services opened with singing "He's A Wonderful Savior to Me," led by Rev. Sherman Webb and Sister Sue Foster at the piano.

The Devotion "8th Chapter of Romans", read by Rev. Raymond Bevan.

Rev. Sherman brought the introductory message, "Personal Responsibility", Genesis 4:9 and 10. An enjoyable message to all. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Roy Vanzant.



THURSDAY MORNING

The Canadian Association was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Olen Bevan, with singing, "I Want to Know More About My Lord", led by Sis. Ida Mae Vanzant, Sister Loyce Bevan at the Piano.

Prayer by Rev. Carl Shivers.

Temporary Divine Committee appointed were Bro. Claud Dinwiddie, Bro. W. S. Inman, and Bro. Lon Berry.

Letters were read and approved and delegates were given the right hand of fellowship from Schoolton, Okemah, Shady Nook, Prague, Mason, Hilltop, Calvin and Vanzant.

Rev. Sherman Webb was elected Moderator; Rev. Roy Vanzant, Assistant Moderator.

Rev. Olen Bevan, outgoing Moderator, thanked everyone for their help and cooperation during the past year.

Sister Clara Foster was elected clerk; Sister Collier, Assistant clerk.

Dismissed our business session for the 11 o'clock message in prayer by Rev. Olen Bevan.

Called together with singing "Just A Little While", led by Rev. Sherman Webb, Sister Loyce Bevan at the piano. United prayer.

Rev. Roy Roberts, text, "Did you do what the Lord said for you to do?" followed by Rev. Carl Shivers. Rev. Carl Shivers, text, "Preparation", St. John 14:1. Both were wonderful messages. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Floyd Vulgamore for lunch.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Opened with singing, "Oh I Want To See Him", led by Sister Ida Mae Vanzant with Sister Loyce Bevan at the piano, Prayer by Rev. V. B. True.

Petitionary letters called for, wasn't any.

Rules of order read by Assistant Moderator, Rev. Roy Vanzant.

Minutes of last Quarterly Meeting, read and accepted.

Committees Appointed were as follows:

Sunday School Committee: Sister Lessie Collier, Sister Carmen Knight and Sister Maxine Giller.

League Committee: Sister Faye Young, Sister Della Rogers and Sister Irma Smith.

Temperance Committee: Sister W. B. Brock, Sister Doris Vulgamore, and Sister Margaret Dotson.

Obituary Committee: Sister Juanita Gann, Sister Emily Bevan and Sister Myrtle Day.

Resolutions Committee: Rev. Raymond Bevan, Bro. George Wells and Rev. Floyd Vulgamore.

Divine Committee: Bro. Will Strickland. Bro. W. B. Brock and Bro. Andy Collier.

Finance Committee: Rev. Roy Roberts, chairman, Bro. Arthur Vanzant and Bro. Johnny Strickland.

Rev. Floyd Vulgamore and Rev. Raymond Bevan were chosen to preach for the night services.

New business called for.

Rev. Floyd Vulgamore was elected for 5 years on the Executive Board.

Bro. George Wells was elected for 3 years on the Examining Board.

Finance Report of the Association was read by clerk and accepted.

Chosen to represent the Canadian Association on the General Board at the state Association in 1959 were Rev. Roy Vanzant, Alternate Rev. Sherman Webb.

Motion made that we adjourn our business session until Friday morning at 9:30 carried.

Dismissed with singing and prayer.

THURSDAY NIGHT

Opened with singing "I Live In Glory," led by Rev. Roy Vanzant. Sister Bernice Smith at the piano. Prayer. Several special songs were given. Devotional service led by Bro. Burton Perry.

Rev. Raymond Bevan's text was taken from the 6th chapter of St. John.

Rev. Floyd Vulgamore text from the 13th chapter of St. John, both were wonderful messages.

Communion and feet washing services, Dismissed with singing.



FRIDAY MORNING

Called to order by moderator, with singing "I'm In The Glory Land Way," led by Rev. Sherman Webb, with Sister Irma Smith at the piano.

Devotion read by Rev. Claude Chisum, Malachi 4th chapter.

Prayer by Rev. Floyd Vulgamore.

Committee reports were read and accepted.

Rev. Claude Chisum and Rev. Tony Adams were elected to preach the introductory messages at the 1st. quarterly meeting in November.

Rev. Sherman Webb and Rev. Albert Collier were elected to preach the introductory messages at the next Annual Association, in August. 1959.

Motion made that the clerk have printed in the minutes a report of the money in the building fund being changed over to the Camp ground fund. carried.

Minutes were read and approved.

Dismissed business session until next Quarterly meeting.

Opened our 11 o'clock services with singing and several special songs were sung, prayer.

Two wonderful messages by Rev. Roy Vanzant followed by Rev. Olen Bevan's Text 17th Chapter of Matthew.

Dismissed in prayer.



REPORT OF BUILDING FUND

Resolution No. 2 of 1957 explains which resolutions were abolished and that the fund was allotted to the camp ground fund and the amount was \$177.43 changed over to the Camp ground fund and the building fund committee was dismissed. This was all done at the annual association in 1957.

Clerk.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We the Temperance Committee, recommend that each member of the Free Will Baptist church covenant more closely.

(Signed by Committee)

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We the Sunday School Committee, Recommend more church members to visit more homes and try to get more children in Sunday School.

(Signed by Committee)

LEAGUE COMMITTEE

We the League Committee, recommend that more churches take part in the League Rally. And the older people take more interest in the League work and encourage the youth. Pray for the League that through the League work they will be better prepared for the church of tomorrow.

(Signed by Committee)

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We the Obituary Committee, find that God in his love has called from our midst Rev. Arthur Reid from Allen.

(Signed by Committee)

EXAMINING BOARD

1st Quarterly 1957. No. 1 — We recommend Bro. H. L. Reid for Ordination as Deacon from the Allen Church.

No. 2 — We the examining Board has found Bro. Tony Adams sound in doctrine, and recommend him for license to preach the gospel.

2nd Quarterly 1958 — We the Examining Board have examined Bro. Jess Wilson, and recommend him for license to preach the gospel.

Annual Association 1958 — We the Examining Board, have examined Bro. Burton Perry and found him sound in doctrine, and recommend him for license to preach the gospel.

(Signed by Board)

EXECUTIVE BOARD

1st Quarterly 1957 — The Executive Board reported a meeting, and the organization of a new church. The Mason Free Will Baptist Church.

The Executive Board met after the Annual Association and approved Paden's letter to the Association and gave permission to have their letter printed in the minutes, and accept the \$15.00 they sent for Minutes.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Church	Canadian Minutes	State Minutes	Campground Fund	Assn. Fund	Forgn. Miss.
Vansant -----	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	
Hilltop -----	10.00	5.00			
Shady Nook -----	10.00	5.00	5.00		
Mason -----		5.00	25.00		\$9.16
Schoolton -----	10.00	5.00	5.00		
Prague -----	10.00	5.00	5.00		
Calvin -----	10.00	5.00		36.05	
Hanna -----	10.00	5.00			
Okemah -----	10.00	5.00			
TOTAL -----	\$80.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$41.05	\$9.16
Paden -----	\$10.00	\$5.00			

CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIVED:

Balance in Bank -----	\$ 34.26
Received during 1958 Session -----	220.21
Received from Paden Church -----	15.00
TOTAL -----	\$269.47

PAID OUT:

250 Associational Minutes -----	\$ 95.00
State Minutes -----	45.00
Campground fund from 1958 session -----	\$ 45.00
Cooperative plan -----	18.10
Clerk for 1959 -----	25.00
Assistant Clerk for 1959 -----	10.00
Foreign Mission -----	9.16
Elec. bill for Aug., Sept. & Oct. at Campground -----	7.50

TOTAL PAIDOUT ----- \$254.76

Leaving Balance in Treasury ----- \$ 14.71

STATE DELEGATES

Brother Andy Collier -----	Okemah
Brother Willey Bean -----	Hanna
Sister Ida Berry -----	Schoolton
Sister Doris Vulgamore -----	Prague
Sister Albert Collier -----	Wewoka
Brother Roy Roberts -----	Vanzant
Brother Gene Geller -----	Mason
Sister Sherman Webb -----	Hilltop
Sister Doris West -----	Paden

LEAGUE REPORT

September 29, 1957 — The League Rally was at the Prague Church. Rev. Albert Collier brought his message from Ecclesiastes 1:9-10. The evening session began by singing. The business was taken care of and a motion was made and approved that we put \$35.00 in the Campground fund. Attendance Banner points were made out and approved. The banners were given to Hanna, Calvin, Prague and Vanzant.

December 29, 1957 — The League Rally was held at the New Campground. A motion was made and carried that we start a Beginners Sword Drill. A motion was made and carried that the Secretary order a Beginner's Sword Drill Banner. The evening business was conducted and the following officers were elected. President—Fred Vaughan; Vice-President, Ida Mae Vanzant; Sec. & Treas. Viola Smith; Ass't. Sec. & Treas. James Vanzant; Song Leaders,, Betty Patterson, Ronnie Liles, Sara Cisna, Barbara Watkins and Wanette Walden; Piano players, Sus Foster, Coleta Howell; Sponsors Bro. and Sis. Albert Collier; Sword Drill Leader Sis. Albert Collier; Registrar, Charlie Bevan. The Banners were given to Prague and Vanzant to keep.

March 30, 1958 — The League Rally convened at the Campgrounds. Rev. Floyd Vulgamore brought the morning message from Joshua-7:10. The evening business was taken care of. The Banners were given to Hanna, Okemah, and Prague.

June 29, 1958 — The Rally was at the Campgrounds. The morning services were concluded by Bro. Collier's message from Matthew 18:20. The evening service consisted of plays, specials, and the business. The banners were given to Hanna, Calvin, Prague, and Okemah.

Aug. 31, 1958 — The League Rally at the Campgrounds was opened with singing. Bro. Berton Perry brought a fine message from Daniel 5. The Evening session was also enjoyable. A motion was made and carried that the Young People meet the first Monday night in each month at the campground to sing. The banners were given to the following; Hanna, Okemah, Prague and Calvin.

Viola Mae Smith,
League Sec. and Treas.

LETTERS

The Free Will Baptist Church of God worshipping at Okemah, County of Okfuskee this 5th day of July, 1958, sends greetings to the 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.

Meeting days are full time.

We have received by confession 3; By letter 4; Excluded none; Died none; Total in full fellowship 25;

We have in our membership 5 Ministers; Rev. J. O. Bevan, Route 2, Okemah, Okla.; Rev. S. D. Pendergraft, Route 4, Okemah, Okla.; Rev. W. D. McCready, Bristow, Okla.; Rev. Raymond Bevan, Route 2, Okemah, Okla. and Rev. Gus Turbyfill, 1414 W. Bwdy,

Henryetta, Okla. We have 2 ordained Deacons, Bro. J. W. Holt, Okemah, Okla., Route 4; and Bro. Arthur Vanzant, Paden, Okla., Route 1.

We have a Free Will Baptist League and Sunday School.

Contribution for minutes \$10.00; State Minutes, \$5.00.

We have chosen Bro. Andy Collier, Sister Lessie Collier, and at the State Association.

We have chosen Bro. Andy Collier, Sister Lessie Collier, and Sister Emily Bevan as our delegates to represent us in the Annual session when convened at the Campground. Alternates are Sister Charlsie Bevan, Sister Helen Vanzant, and Sister Juanita Lowe.

Our Pastor for the ensuing year is Rev. J. O. Bevan, Route 2, Okemah, Okla.

Pray for us. Done in conference this 5th day of July 1958.

Moderator—Rev. J. O. Bevan

Clerk—Sister Helen Vanzant



The Free Will Baptist Church of God worshipping at Vanzant, County of Okfuskee this 2nd day of August, 1958, P. O. Paden, Oklahoma sends greetings to the Canadian Association of the 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 \$20.00 per month. Meeting days 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays of each month.

We have received by confession 1; letter none; Excluded none; died none; Resident members 29; non resident members 34; Total in full membership 63.

We have in our membership 1 Minister, Rev. Roy Vanzant, Prague, Oklahoma, Box 722. Ordained Deacons, 5; Bro. Johny Stricklin, Paden, Okla., Route 1; Bro. Pete Hatfield, Paden, Oklahoma, Route 1; Bro. Hiram Liles, 3902 S.E. 11th Oklahoma City, 15, Oklahoma; Bro. Raymond Vanzant, Paden, Oklahoma, Route 1; Bro. W. S. Inman, Paden, Oklahoma, Route 1.

We have paid out for Evangelistic work \$125.00; Mission none; Support of the association, \$50.00; Pastors salary, \$240.00; Total amount paid out by the church \$519.22; We have a F. W. B. League. Value of church property, \$3,500.00.

Contribution for minutes \$10.00; State Minutes, \$5.00; Campground fund, \$5.00 and \$5.00 for Associational fund.

We have chosen Bro. Frank Coulter, Bro. Roy Roberts and Bro. Tilman Vanzant as Delegates. Bro. Will Stricklin, Sister Addie Watkins, and Sister Annie Roberts alternates to represent us in the Annual Session.

Our Pastor for the ensuing year is Elder Roy Vanzant Prague, Oklahoma, Box 722.

We have chosen Bro. Roy Roberts to represent us in the State Association.

Pray for us. Done in conference this the 2nd day of August, 1958.

Rev. Roy Vanzant, Moderator

Sis. Susan Coulter, Clerk

Paden, Oklahoma

The Free Will Baptist Church of God, worshipping at Prague, Okla. county of Lincoln, this 31st day of July sends greetings to the 53rd 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 received by confession 5; Letter 5; Excluded none; Died none; Resident members 38; Non resident members 5; Total on roll 43.

We have in our membership two ministers Rev. Floyd Vulgamore, and to be licensed, Bro. Burton Perry. Three ordained Deacons Bro. Melton Vaughn, Bro. Clarence Day and Bro. Dick Smith.

We have paid out for Evangelistic work \$70.00; Home Missions \$10.39; Support of the Association, \$35.00; Campground fund, \$105.00; Paid out for Pastor \$644.00; Up keep on Church building, \$328.18;

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; Campground fund \$5.00.

We have chosen Sis. Doris Vulgamore, Sister Bernice Smith and Sister Myrtle Day as our delegates to represent us in the Annual Session when convened at the Canadian Association Campground. We have chosen Sister Doris Vulgamore as our delegate to the State Association. Our pastor for the ensuing year is Rev. Floyd Vulgamore, Seminole, Oklahoma.

We the Prague Church recommend that Bro. Berton Perry be Licensed to Preach.

Pray for us. Done in conference this 31st of July 1958.

Clarence Day, Moderator
Irma Smith, Clerk
Prague, Okla., Rt. 2, Box 124

The Free Will Baptist Church of God, worshipping at Hilltop, county of Seminole, this July 30, 1958. P. O. address Wewoka, Okla., sends greeting to the 53rd 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.

Pastors salary for the coming year — \$80.00 per month. Meeting days are straight time. We have received by confession, 3; Letter, none; Excluded none; Died none; Resident members, 79; non resident members, 34; total in full membership, 113; We have in our membership two ministers, Rev. R. S. Webb, Route 1, Wewoka, Okla., and Rev. W. M. Stevenson, Henryetta, Okla.; General Delivery. Ordained Deacons, Brother Otis Hume, 715 S. Ocheese, Wewoka,, Oklahoma; Brother Howard Gann, Route 1 Wewoka, Oklahoma and Brother Nathaniel Vanzant, Route 1, Wewoka Oklahoma.

We have paid out for Evanglistic work, \$95.70; Mission, none; Support of Association, \$15.00. Total amount paid out by the church, \$3,819.87. We have a W. W. B. League. Value of church property \$3,500.00; Contribution for Minutes, \$10.00; State minutes, \$5.00; We have chosen as our delegates, Sister Juanita Gann, Sister Dollie Gaines, Sister Carmen Knight. Alternates, Sister Ethel Hume, Sis-

ter Mollie Grisham, Sister Lillie Weaver, to represent us in the annual session when convened with the churches of the Canadian Association. We have chosen Sister Hazel Webb as our delegate to the State Association. Our Pastor for the ensuing year is Rev. R. S. Webb.

Pray for us. Done in conferece this July 30, 1958.

Moderator — Otis Hume
715 S. Ocheese, Wewoka, Okla.
Clerk — Dolly Gaines
Route 1, Box 39, Wewoka, Okla.

The Free Will Baptist Church of God worshipping at Shady Nook, County of Oklahoma. This date August 4th 1958. Route 9, Box 460, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma sends greetings to the 53rd Annual session of the brethern 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 not set. We have full time pastor. We have received by confession, 10; By Letter 8; Excluded none; Died none; Active members 20; Inactive 10; Total membership 30.

We have two ordained Ministers, Rev. Marion Caton and Rev. Elmer Dye; One Licensed Minister, Rev. Lesley Dedmond; We have one ordained Deacon, Brother Claud Dinwiddie.

We have paid out for Evangelistic work \$40.00; Mission, none; Support of Association, _____. We have a F. W. Baptist Sunday School and League. Value of church property \$5300.00; We are sending \$5.00 for Campground fund.

Contribution for Minutes \$10.00; State Minutes \$5.00; We have chosen for our Delegates, Sister Clara Caton, Sister Annie Dinwiddie and Bro. Dicky Walton. Alternates Sister Della Rogers, Sister Rieta Dye and Bro. Ray Clegg.

Our Pastor for the ensuing year is Elder Marion L. Caton, Route 9, Box 460 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Pray for us. Done in conference this August 4th, 1958.

Moderator, Rev. Marion L. Caton
Clerk Sister Clara Caton
Route 9, Box 460, Okla. City, Okla.

The Free Will Baptist Church of God worshipping at Mason, County of Okfuskee this 30th day of July, 1958 sends greetings to the 53rd Annual Session of the brethern 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 coming year \$25.00 per month. Meeting days straight time. We have received by confession 1; by letter 2; Excluded none; Died none; Total in full membership 11. We have in our membership 3 Ministers, Rev. Casey Adams, Mason, Okla., Bro. Tony Adams, Okemah, Okla. and Bro. Jess Wilson, Castle, Oklahoma, Star Route; Deacons 2, Bro. Benny Stiles, Okemah, Okla.,

Route 1; Bro. Gene Geller, Mason, Okla. We have paid out for Evangelistic work \$75.00 Support of Association \$30.00.

We have a Free Will Baptist Sunday School and a League. We have chosen Bro. Benny Stiles, Sister Juanita Adams and Sister Maxine Geller as delegates to represent us in the Annual Session when convened with the Canadian Association. We have chosen Sister Wilma Adams, Sister Murleen Stiles and Sister Georgia as alternates. We have chosen Rev. Casey Adams as Pastor for the ensuing year. We are sending \$5.00 for State Minutes. We recommend Bro. Gene Geller as our delegate to the State Association. We are sending \$25.00 to the Campground fund, and \$9.16 to Foreign Mission.

Pray for us. Done in conference this 30th day of July.

Moderator — Rev. Casey Adams
Clerk — Sister Murleen Stiles

The Free Will Baptist Church of God worshipping at Hanna, Okla., County of McIntosh this 26th day of July 1958, Sends greetings to the 53rd 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 zeal for the cause of Christ.

Pastors salary for the coming year \$12.00 each Sunday. Meeting days is on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each Month. We have received by confession 15; By Letter none; Dismissed 3; Died none. Resident members 36; Non resident members 16; Total in full fellowship 36.

We have in our membership 1 Minister Rev. Melvin Mouser, Hanna, Oklahoma. Ordained Deacons 2, Bro. Will England, Hanna, Oklahoma and Bro. George Wells, Hanna, Oklahoma.

We have paid out for Evangelistic work \$60.00; Mission none; Support of the Association \$30.00.

We have a Free Will Baptist Sunday School and League. Value of Church property \$3,500.00. Contribution for Minutes \$10.00, State Minutes \$5.00.

We have chosen Bro. Bean, Sister Mary Ann Bogle and Bro. Lewis Tabor as our delegates. We have chosen Sister Hammon-tree, Sister Pat Stiles and Sister Ann Wells as alternates to represent us in the Annual Session when convened at the Campground.

We have chosen Bro. Wiley Bean as our Delegate to the State Association.

Our Pastor for the ensuing year is Elder Leonard Bean, Box 264, Wetumka, Oklahoma.

Pray for us. Done in conference this 26th day of July, 1958.

Moderator — Bro. George Wells
Clerk — Sister Ethel Mouser

The Calvin Free Will Baptist Church of God worshipping at Calvin, Oklahoma, Hughes County this 19th day of July, 1958, sends greetings to the 53rd 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 \$133.32 per month. Meeting days full time.

We have received by confession, none; letter 4; Dismissed by letter 2; Resident members 37; Non resident members 20; Total in full fellowship 57. We have in our membership 3 Ministers, Rev. Tom Elliott, Calvin, Oklahoma, Rev. Claude Chisum, 119 S. Belmont, Holdenville, Oklahoma and Rev. Albert Collier, Wewoka, Oklahoma, Route 2, Box 233. Deacons 3; Deacons 3; Bro. C. A. Holloway, Calvin, Oklahoma, Bro. Orbra Willbanks, Atwood, Oklahoma and Bro. Bill Foster, Calvin, Oklahoma.

We have paid out for Evangelistic work \$215.00; Support of the Association \$202.13; Total Paid out \$1886.14; Value of Church property \$4,000.00.

We have a Free Will Baptist Sunday School and Free Will Baptist League. We are sending our tithes \$51.05 to be used, \$10.00 for Canadian Minutes; \$5.00 for State Minutes and the balance for the support of the Association.

We have chosen Bro. W. B. Brock, Sister, W. B. Brock and Sister Clara Foster, as our delegates, and Bro. Arty Heard, Bro. Lloyd Bise and Sister Gracie Elliott as alternates to represent us in this session when convened August 6th at the Association Camp-ground.

We have chosen Sister Juanita Collier as our delegate, with Sister Clara Foster as alternate to represent us at the State Association.

We have chosen Rev. Albert Collier as our pastor for the ensuing year.

Pray for us. Done in conference this July 18th, 1958.

Moderator — Rev. Albert Collier
Wewoka, Okla., Route 2, Box 233
Clerk — Sister Lizzie Hanks
Calvin, Oklahoma

The Free Will Baptist Church of God, worshipping at Schoolton, county of Seminole, this 29th day of July. P.O. Box 523, Okemah, Oklahoma 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 and our zeal for the cause of Christ.

Preacher's salary for the coming year \$12.50 a week. Meeting days, straight time. We have received by confession 2; By letter none; Excluded 3; Died none; Resident members 22; Non resident 9; Total in full membership 31; We have in our membership Ordained Deacons 3; Bro. L. L. Berry, Bro. Coleman Dotson and Bro. Garland Collier.

We have paid out for support of association \$25.00; For Camp-ground \$85.00. Total paid out by the church \$959.01; We have a Free Will Baptist Sunday School, we do not have a League at this time. Value of church property \$2,500.00; Contribution for Minutes \$10.00; State Minutes \$5.00; Campground fund \$5.00.

We have chosen Sister L. L. Berry, Sister Abe Young and Sister Margaret Dotson as our delegates and Sister Ruby Orr, Sis-

ter Coy and Bro. Coy as alternates to represent us in the Annual Association when convened at the Campground.

We have chosen Sister L. L. Berry as our delegate to the State Association.

Our Pastor for the ensuing years is Rev. Jess Wilson, Castle, Oklahoma, Star Route.

Pray for us. Done in conference this 29th day of July 1958.

Moderator — L. L. Berry
Okemah, Okla., Route 4
Clerk — Sister Nellie Garrett
Okemah, Okla., Box 523



The Free Will Baptist Church of God worshipping at Paden, Oklahoma, County of Okfuskee this 6th day of July, P.O. Address Paden, Oklahoma. Sends greetings to the 53rd Annual session of the Brethern 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 \$40.00 per month. Meeting days each Sunday. We have received by confession 2; by letter 6; excluded 12; died 1, Sister Lula Brock. Resident members 32; Non resident members 16; Total in full fellowship 48; We have in our membership Ministers 4, Rev. L. E. Staggs, Rev. Harlan Parsons, Rev. Roy Wilson and Rev. O. P. Westbrook. Ordained Deacons 3, Bro. Harvey Muncy, Bro. Trevor Case and Bro. George Mitchell. Paid out for Evangelistic work none; Mission none: Support of Association \$20.00. Total amount paid out by church \$564.34. We have a F. W. B. Sunday School and League. Value of church property \$4,000.00. Minutes \$10.00, State Minutes \$5.00. We have chosen as our delegates Sister Velma Page, Sister Clara Case and Sister Belle Dukes. Alternates Sister Sylvia Loney, Sister Lizzie Coleman and Sister Doris West to represent us in the Annual Session when convened at the Campground.

We have chosen Doris West as our State delegate for the State Association.

We have chosen Rev. L. E. Staggs as our pastor for the ensuing year.

Pray for us. Done in conference this 6th day of July, 1958.

Moderator — Rev. L. E. Staggs
2509 S.W. 45th St., Okla. City, Okla.
Clerk — Ronald Hardin
Paden, Okla., Box 564



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 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 as they are in the Minutes with the exception that the clerk and Assistant shall also be regular members.

(1952). 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.

(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.

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

(Signed by Committee)

(1958) Annual, No. 1; Be it resolved, that we abolish Resolution No. 1 of 1952. Now be it resolved that the outgoing Clerk keep the Books and have the Minutes printed then turn the books over to the new Clerk at the First Quarterly Meeting.

(Signed by Committee)

No. 2; Be it resolved, That the Duties, Obligations of the Committee appointed to care for the Campgrounds and buildings be placed in charge of the Executive Board.

(Signed by Committee)

(1958) 1st Quarterly No. 1; Be it resolved, that our people composing the Canadian Association, refuse to patronize such places, as Grocery Stores, Cafes, and other business establishments which sell Beer and other Alcoholic beverages.

(Signed by Committee)

3rd Quarterly, No. 1; Be it resolved, that we have Communion and Feet Washing Services on Thursday night of our Annual Association. With each Church Clerk bringing their supplies for the service. Minister to preach the messages to be appointed by the Divine Committee of said Association.

(Signed by Committee)

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.

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.

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.

