
MINUTES

OF THE

Fifty-Ninth Annual Session

OF THE

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION

OF

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

AUGUST 6-7-8

1964

When convened at the

**CANADIAN ASSOCIATION
FREE WILL BAPTIST CAMPGROUND**

Wetumka, Oklahoma

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, to 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 Savior 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 according 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.

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Of the Fifty-Ninth Annual Session of
**THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF GOD**

CONVENED AT THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION
FREE WILL BAPTIST CAMPGROUND
WETUMKA, OKLAHOMA

Thursday Night before the Second Sunday in August, 1964

The next session of this association will meet at the Campground, Five miles West of Wetumka, Oklahoma, on Highway No. 9, then two and one-half miles North, beginning on Thursday night before the Second Sunday in August, 1965. Rev. John Staggs and Rev. Loyd Reddick to bring the introductory messages.

First Quarterly Meeting on Friday night before the second Sunday in November, 1964. Rev. Loyd Reddick and Rev. Tom Elliott to bring the introductory messages.

Second Quarterly Meeting on Friday night before the Second Sunday in February, 1965.

Third Quarterly Meeting on Friday night before the Second Sunday in May, 1965.

Fellowship Meetings on Friday night before the Third Sunday 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 CANADIAN ASSOCIATION 1964-65

Moderator.....	Rev. Sherman Webb
Route 1, Wewoka, Okla.—Phone AL 7-3910	
Assistant Moderator.....	Rev. C. E. McKenzie
Route 1, Sasakwa, Okla.—Phone 941-7632	
Clerk.....	Sis. Irma Smith
Route 2, Prague, Oklahoma	
Assistant Clerk.....	Sis. Clara Staggs
3405 SW 48th, Oklahoma City, Okla.—Phone MU 1-1980	

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. W. L. Lowe.....	5 Years
Route 2, Wewoka, Okla.—Phone AL 7-5098	
Bro. Bill Foster.....	4 Years
Box 55, Calvin, Okla.—Phone MI 5-2363	
Bro. John Stricklin.....	3 Years
Route 1, Paden, Okla.—Phone LO 7-3327, Prague	
Bro. Dick Smith.....	2 Years
Route 2, Prague, Okla.	
Rev. Roy Vanzant.....	1 Year
Box 722, Prague, Okla.—Phone LO 7-2984	

EXAMINING BOARD

Rev. <u>Loyd Reddick</u>	3 Years
Hanna, Okla.	
Rev. Sherman Webb.....	2 Years
Route 1, Wewoka, Okla.—Phone AL 7-3910	
Bro. George Wells.....	1 Year
Hanna, Okla.	

YOUTH CAMP OFFICERS

Director.....	Rev. John Staggs
Assistant Director.....	Rev. Roy Vanzant
Girls Sponsor.....	Sis. Juanita Lowe
Assistant Girls Sponsor.....	Sis. Clara Staggs
Boys Sponsor.....	Rev. W. L. Lowe
Assistant Boys Sponsor.....	Bro. Hiram Liles
Dietitian.....	Sis. Myrtle Day

DIRECTORY OF MINISTERS

Odis Robinson, Route 2.....	Okemah, Okla.
<u>Carrie May</u> —Phone SUNset 6-2724.....	Weleetka, Okla.
<u>L. A. Lankford</u>	Wetumka, Okla.
Havner Reid.....	Weleetka, Okla.
Sherman Webb—Route 1—Phone AL 7-3910.....	Wewoka, Okla.
B. R. Wood—203½ Bennett Blvd.....	Chandler, Okla.
Tom Elliott—Box 225—Phone MI 5-2289.....	Calvin, Okla.
C. F. Dodson—Star Route.....	Calvin, Okla.
<u>W. E. Wilson</u>	Holdenville, Okla.
<u>Loyd Reddick</u>	Hanna, Okla.
Melvin Mouser.....	Hanna, Okla.
George Davidson.....	Checotah, Okla.
C. E. McKenzie—Route 1—Phone 941-7632.....	Sasakwa, Okla.
W. L. Lowe—Route 2—Phone AL 7-5098.....	Wewoka, Okla.
Ronald Hardin.....	Paden, Okla.
John Staggs—3405 SW 48th—Phone MU 1-1980.....	Oklahoma City, Okla.
M. C. Liles.....	Prague, Okla.
J. D. Jackson.....	Stantonville, Tenn.
Roy Vanzant—Box 722—Phone LO 7-2984.....	Prague, Okla.
Clyde Fletcher.....	Oklahoma City, Okla.

STATE DELEGATES

Bro. O. L. McCullar.....	Hanna
Bro. Tim Smith.....	Hilltop
Sis. Clara Staggs.....	Prague
Sis. Grace Howell.....	Calvin

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 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 DEACONS

Bill Hardin.....	Holdenville, Okla.
Richard Dooley.....	Holdenville, Okla.
Joe McEwin—Star Route.....	Calvin, Okla.
Earl Mendenhall—621 E. 1st.....	Chandler, Okla.
Otis Hume—715 S. Ocheese.....	Wewoka, Okla.
Hulen Gaines—Route 1—Phone AL 7-3936.....	Wewoka, Okla.
Clarence Day.....	Prague, Okla.
Milton Vaughn.....	Prague, Okla.
Dick Smith.....	Prague, Okla.
John Stricklin—Route 1, Paden, Okla.—Phone LO 7-3327.....	Prague, Okla.
Hiram Liles—4032 Thomas Ave.—Phone OR 7-7301.....	Del City, Okla.
Pete Hatfield.....	Paden, Okla.
Walter Inman.....	Paden, Okla.
Tilman Vanzant.....	Paden, Okla.
Raymond Vanzant.....	Paden, Okla.
Vernice May.....	Weleetka, Okla.
<u>Russell Richardson</u>	Henryetta, Okla.
Obra Wilbanks—Phone UL 7-2675.....	Atwood, Okla.
Bill Foster—Box 55—Phone MI 5-2363.....	Calvin, Okla.
George Wells.....	Hanna, Okla.
Will England.....	Hanna, Okla.
W. S. Bean.....	Hanna, Okla.
Harve Muncy.....	Paden, Okla.
George Mitchell.....	Paden, Okla.

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 reflection 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 name 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 reprov'd by the Moderator according to direction of the Association.

MINUTES

THURSDAY NIGHT

August 6, 1964

The 59th Annual Session of the Canadian Association of Free Will Baptists met at the campground. Service began with singing "At the Cross" led by Rev. Winfred Lowe. Prayer led by Rev. Leonard Bean. Rev. Roy Vanzant, Moderator, gave a welcome to all, followed by prayer by Rev. L. A. Lankford. Following another congregational song led by Rev. Loyd Reddick, testimony service was conducted by Rev. Vanzant.

Rev. Sherman Webb brought the introductory message, using Matt. 24:13, "But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." This was a very good message, enjoyed by all present. Dismissed by prayer led by Rev. Lowe.

FRIDAY MORNING

August 7, 1964

Service began with singing, "Just a Little While" led by Rev. Sherman Webb, Sister Clara Staggs at the piano. Letters called for and received from the following churches: Allen, Vanzant, Cross Roads, Calvin, Chandler, Paden, Prague, Hilltop and Hanna. Delegates were seated with right hand of fellowship. The Divine Committee of Bro. Will Stricklin Bro. Leo Gazaway and Sister L. A. Lankford was appointed by Moderator.

Rev. Jim Combs gave a very informative talk on the need for laborers for the Lord in Brazil. He and Sis. Combs will be going to Brazil soon as missionaries.

Rev. James Murray and Rev. Loyd Reddick were selected by the Divine Committee to bring the message at the Eleven O'Clock service.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

Morning worship service began with congregational singing led by Sis. Bernice Smith, Sis. Phillis Gilliland played the piano. Special songs were presented by Rev. and Sis. Combs and Rev. and Sis. John Staggs.

Rev. Murray and Rev. Reddick brought the morning message pre-

senting a challenge to each to work more for the cause of Christ. Dismissed for lunch with prayer by Bro. Dick Smith.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Service began with singing led by Sis. Smith with Sis. Gilliland and Sis. Staggs at the piano. Prayer led by Bro. Leonard Bean.

In the absence of the Examining Board, Rev. Roy Vanzant, Rev. Sherman Webb and Rev. Loyd Reddick served for todays session.

The following officers were elected to serve for 1964-65.

Moderator: Rev. Sherman Webb.

Assistant Moderator: Rev. C. E. McKenzie.

Clerk: Sis. Irma Smith.

Assistant Clerk: Sis. Clara Staggs.

Executive Board for 5 years: Rev. W. L. Lowe.

Executive Board for 2 years: Bro. Dick Smith.

Examining Board for 3 years: Rev. Loyd Reddick.

Examining Board for 2 years: Rev. Sherman Webb.

The following Youth Camp Officers were elected:

Director: Rev. John Staggs.

Assistant Director: Rev. Roy Vanzant.

Girls Sponsor: Sis. Juanita Lowe.

Assistant Girls Sponsor: Sis. Clara Staggs.

Boys Sponsor: Rev. W. L. Lowe.

Assistant Boys Sponsor: Bro. Hiram Liles.

Dietitian: Sis. Myrtle Day.

Motion made and approved that the Youth Camp Officers serve as the Youth Camp Committee. The Youth Camp will begin on Monday following July 4. Motion made, seconded and approved that the office of Association Evangelist be abolished, doing away with 1960 Resolution Annual No. 2.

The following committees were appointed:

Resolution: Bro. John Carter, Sis. Clara Foster, Sis. Grace Hinds.

Temperance: Sis. Grace Howell, Sis. Ester Wood, Sis. Clara Staggs.

Sunday School: Sis. Lizzie Hanks, Sis. Mary Jane Hardin, Bro. Bob Lowe.

League: Sis. Blanche Muncy, Sis. Darlene Hays, Sis. Tommie Reddick.

The reports of Finance Committee and Obituary Committee to be made by clerk and assistant clerk.

Delegates to the State Association were approved.

Motion made and approved that each church send a representative to meet with the Youth Camp Committee.

Minutes of 3rd Quarterly Meeting and Clerks Finance Report read and approved.

A special offering of \$48.08 was taken to help with associational expenses.

Motion made and accepted to adjourn business until Saturday Morning.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Services were conducted by Bro. Loyd Reddick. Songs were led by Bro. Lester White. Altar prayer led by Bro. John Stricklin. Rev. L. A. Lankford brought the message on communion using scriptures in Matt. 26 and I Cor. 11. Rev. Tom Elliott brought the message on Feet Washing using St. John 13 as his text. Following these good messages Communion and Feet Washing was held. Dismissed with singing.

SATURDAY MORNING

Meeting called to order by Rev. Sherman Webb, with singing led by Sis. Clara Foster. Devotional reading by Rev. John Staggs of Second Peter 1, followed by prayer led by Bro. Bill Foster. Rev. John Staggs was appointed to serve as assistant moderator for today's session. Rev. Webb serving as Moderator. Youth Camp report read and approved. Campground Finance Report was given by Bro. John Stricklin and approved.

Elected to serve on General Board for 1965 was Rev. Loyd Reddick.

Ministers selected to bring introductory message at next Annual Meeting were Rev. John Staggs and Rev. Loyd Reddick.

Ministers selected to bring introductory message at 1st Quarterly Meeting were Rev. Loyd Reddick and Rev. Tom Elliott.

Bro. Bill Foster and Rev. L. A. Lankford were appointed to serve on the Examining Board for today's session.

Temperance Committee Report, Sunday School Committee Report, League Committee Report and Finance Report were read, accepted and committees dismissed.

Obituary Report approved, followed by a moment of silent prayer in memory of those who have passed on to their reward during the past year.

Rev. W. L. Lowe was elected as Associational Sponsor for Leagues, to visit each church, to encourage and help each League, and encourage organization of Leagues in churches with no league.

Motion made that each League take a freewill offering for Bro. Lowe to cover his expenses. Carried.

Examining Board reports No. 1 and 2 read and approved.

Resolution No. 1 read approved and committee dismissed.

Minutes of this association's Annual Session read and approved.

Meeting adjourned until 1st Quarterly Meeting.

Rev. Danny Farmer gave a talk on Oklahoma Baptist College.

Moderator, Rev. Roy Vanzant
Clerk, Juanita Lowe

BUSINESS APPROVED IN QUARTERLY MEETINGS

1st Quarterly meeting, November, 1963. Motion made and carried to continue to have annual sessions on Thursday Night, Friday and Saturday as in the past.

Motion made that we pay \$15.00 each meeting for someone to clean and prepare building for meeting. Bro. and Sis. Roy Vanzant were selected for this job.

Motion made and approved that the association appoint a committee to buy or build new benches for the auditorium of the campground. Motion made and approved to hire a music teacher for Youth Camp.

2nd Quarterly Meeting in February, 1964: Motion made and accepted to contribute \$25.00 to the State Association to purchase land for the college.

3rd Quarterly Meeting in May, 1964: Motion made and approved to have a light installed on campgrounds for the safety of the campground. Motion made and approved to recommend that each church send what they could to the clerk to dispose of the indebtedness for replacing pump and fixtures that were taken from campground.

EXAMINING BOARD REPORTS

3rd Quarterly Meeting, May, 1964:

We have examined Bro. M. C. Liles for preaching the Gospel and found him sound in doctrine. Recommended for license.

Annual Meeting, August 1964:

No. 1: We the Examining Board have examined Bro. John Staggs and find him sound in Doctrine and refer him back to his home church for Ordination.

No. 2: We, the Examining Board, have examined Bro. Leroy Hollingshead for the office of Deacon and have found him sound in Doctrine and refer him to his home church for Ordination.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

The following have been called by God from our midst during the last year: Sis. Nora Kilby, Prague Church; Sis. Addie Watkins, Vanzant Church; Sis. Lizzie Holoway, Calvin Church and Bro. Andy Collier, Schoolton Church.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Temperance Committee, endorse the temperance of all things good and total abstinence from all things harmful.

Signed by Committee

LEAGUE COMMITTEE

We, the League Committee, recommend the Association elect a sponsor to visit each church, to encourage and help each League.

Signed by Committee

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We, the Sunday School Committee, recommend that each person
try to get to church in time for Sunday School.

Signed by Committee

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Church	Canadian Minutes	State Minutes	Associational Fund	Campground Fund
Chandler	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00		
Hilltop	10.00	5.00		
Prague	10.00	5.00		5.00
Vanzant	10.00	5.00	5.00	18.85
Allen	10.00	5.00	5.00	
Calvin	10.00	5.00	38.34	
Cross Roads	10.00	5.00		
Hanna	10.00	5.00		5.00
Paden	10.00	5.00		
Total	\$85.00	\$45.00	\$48.34	\$28.85

YOUTH CAMP FINANCE REPORT

Total received from Enrollment	\$204.95
Expenses of camp	97.95
Balance given to Campground Treasurer	\$107.00

Winfred Lowe, Director

CAMPGROUND FINANCE REPORT

Balance in bank and received at Annual 1963	\$ 50.51
Hail Damage to Roof	461.56
Transferred from Associational Fund	175.00
Youth Camp Enrollment	112.00
Total received	\$1051.78
Expenses:	
Labor on Building	\$ 672.66
Supplies	85.61
Insurance on building and camp	91.38
Mowing of lawn	68.00
Camp Cook	25.00
Music Teacher	100.00
Total Expenses	\$1042.65
Balance in Fund	\$ 9.13

CLERK'S FINANCE REPORT

Balance from Clerk (1963-64)	\$228.53
Rec'd 1st Quarterly Meeting	78.63
Rec'd 2nd Quarterly Meeting	90.42
Rec'd 3rd Quarterly Meeting	97.72
Calvin League	10.00
Hanna Church	10.00
Mason Church	10.00
Prague Church	15.00
Vanzant Church	25.00
Rec'd Annual Association	224.52
League for Page in Minutes	8.00
Chandler Church	10.00
Total Received	\$807.82

Expenses:

Electric Service to Campground	\$ 61.53
Butane	15.48
Tithes to Co-Op Plan	31.05
Stamps and Supplies	5.00
Cleaning Campground	105.00
State College Fund	25.00
Seats for Auditorium	70.00
Part of Replacement of fixtures and pump	142.80
Transferred to Campground Fund	100.00
Balance on grocery bill for youth camp	34.61
Youth Camp Evangelist	30.00
State Minutes	45.00
Associational Minutes (250)	115.00
Clerk for 1964-65	25.00
Total Expenses	\$805.47
Balance	\$ 2.35

LETTERS

The Free Will Baptist Church of God worshipping at Cross Roads, County of Hughes, this 26th day of July, 1964, P.O. Address, Holdenville, Okla., sends greetings to the 59th 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 \$10.00 per Sunday. Meeting days full time.

We have received by Confession none; Letter, none; Excluded, none; died, none; Resident Members, 34; Non-resident Members 18; Total in Full Membership, 52.

We have in our membership, 3; Ministers, Rev. Tom Elliott, Rev. C. F. Dodson and Rev. W. E. Wilson.

Three Ordained Deacons: Bro. Bill Hardin, Bro. Richard Dooly and Bro. Joe McEwin.

We have paid out for Evangelistic Work, \$100.00; Support of the Association, \$35.00; Total paid out by the Church, \$800.00.

We have a F.W.B. Sunday School. We do not have a F.W.B. League.

Value of Church Property, \$4000.00.

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

We have chosen as our delegates to represent us in the Annual Session: Sis. Retha McEwin, Sis. Cloie Cook and Bro. Bill Cook. Alternate delegates: Sis. LaVerne Hardin, Sis. Pauline Blaylock and Sis. Beatrice Elliott.

Our pastor for the ensuing year is Elder Tom Elliott, Calvin, Okla.

Pray for us. Done in conference this 26th day of July, 1964.

Moderator, Rev. Tom Elliott
Clerk, Marie Morrow
Route 3, Holdenville, Okla.

The Free Will Baptist Church of God worshipping at Chandler, County of Lincoln, this 2nd day of August, 1964, P.O. Address, 203 Bennett Blvd., Chandler, Okla., sends greetings to the 59th 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 \$40.00 per month and house and utilities bills. Meeting day is on every Sunday of each month.

We have received by Confession, none; Letter, 2; Excluded, none; Died, none; Resident Members, 10; Non-resident Members, 7; Total in Full Membership, 17.

We have in our membership, 1 Minister, Rev. B. R. Wood.

One Ordained Deacon, Earl Mendenhall.

Paid out for support of the Association \$10.00; Campground \$10.00; Total paid out by the Church \$788.84.

We have a F.W.B. Sunday School.

Value of Church Property \$5000.00; Parsonage \$3000.00.

Contribution for Minutes \$5.00; State Minutes \$5.00.

We have chosen as our delegates to represent us in the Annual Session: Bro. Leo Gazaway, Sis. Sylvia Gazaway and Sis. Ester Wood.

Pray for us. Done in conference this Aug. 2, 1964.

Moderator, B. R. Wood

Clerk, Ester Wood

203½ Bennett Blvd.,
Chandler, Okla.

The Free Will Baptist Church of God worshipping at Hilltop, County of Seminole, this 29th day of July, 1964, P.O. Address Wewoka, Okla., sends greetings to the 59th 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, all offering after expenses of church up to \$100.00 per month. Meeting day is straight time.

We have received by Confession, none; Letter, 2; Excluded, none; Died, none; Resident Members, 49; Non-resident Members, 58; Total in Full Membership, 107.

We have in our membership, 2 Ministers: Rev. Cecil McKenzie and Rev. W. L. Lowe.

Two Ordained Deacons: Otis Hume and Hulén Gaines.

We have paid out for Evangelistic Work \$85.00; Missions, none; Support of the Association \$91.00; Total paid out by the Church \$3,-905.13.

We have a F.W.B. Sunday School. We have a F.W.B. League.

Value of Church Property \$10,000.00.

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

We have chosen as our delegates to represent us in the Annual Session: Sis. Hays, Sis. Ethel Hume and Sis. Dollie Gaines. Alternate delegates: Bro. Bob Lowe, Sis. Darlene Hays, and Sis. LaWanda Gantt.

We have chosen Bro. Tim Smith as our delegate to the State Association.

Our pastor for the ensuing year is Elder C. E. McKenzie, Route 1, Sasakwa, Okla.

Pray for us. Done in conference this 29th day of July, 1964.

Moderator, Rev. Cecil E. McKenzie

Clerk, Sis. Ethel Hume

715 S. Ocheese, Wewoka, Okla.

The Free Will Baptist Church of God worshipping at Prague, County of Lincoln, this 5th of August, 1964, P.O. Address, Prague, Okla., sends greetings to the 59th 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 \$40.00 weekly. Meeting day is on each Sunday of each month.

We have received by Confession, 3; Letter, 2; Excluded, none; Died, 1; Resident Members, 50; Non-resident Members, 10; Total in Full Membership, 60.

We have in our membership, 3 Ministers: Rev. John Staggs, Rev. M. C. Liles and Rev. J. D. Jackson. Three Ordained Deacons: Bro. Clarence Day, Bro. Milton Vaughn and Bro. Dick Smith.

We have paid out for Evangelistic Work \$80.00; Missions \$24.25; Free Will Offering to the Gideans \$25.10; Support of the Association \$65.00; Total paid out by the Church \$1,844.25.

We have a F.W.B. Sunday School. We have a F.W.B. League.

Value of Church Property \$7,000.00.

Contribution for Minutes \$10.00; State Minutes \$5.00; Camp Ground Fund \$5.00.

We have chosen as our delegates to represent us in the Annual Session: Bro. John Staggs, Sis. Clara Staggs and Sis. Phyllis Gilliland. Alternate delegates: Sis. Lucille Vaughn, Bro. Dale Gilliland and Bro. Lester White. We have chosen Sis. Clara Staggs as our delegate to the State Association.

Our pastor for the ensuing year is Elder John Staggs, 3405 SW 48th, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Pray for us. Done in conference this 5th day of August, 1964.

Moderator, John T. Staggs
Clerk, Sis. Ollie McLaughlin
Route 2, Box 163, Prague, Okla.

We, the Prague Free Will Baptist Church of God, recommend that Bro. John Staggs to be examined for Ordination to preach the Gospel.

The Free Will Baptist Church of God worshipping at Vanzant, County of Okfuskee, this 7th of August, 1964, P.O. Address, Route 1, Paden, Okla., sends greetings to the 59th 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 \$40.00 month. Meeting days full time.

We have received by Confession, none; Letter, none; Excluded none; Died, 1; Resident Members, 30; Non-resident Members, 16; Total in Full Membership, 46.

We have in our membership, 2 Ministers: Rev. Roy Vanzant and

Rev. Clyde Fletcher. Six Ordained Deacons: Bro. John Stricklin, Bro. Hiram Liles, Bro. Pete Hatfield, Bro. Walter Inman, Bro. Tillman Vanzant and Bro. Raymond Vanzant.

We have paid out for Evangelistic Work \$72.00; Missions \$10.00; Support of the Association \$179.66; Total paid out by the Church \$1,042.39.

We have a F.W.B. Sunday School. We have a F.W.B. League.

Value of Church Property, \$3,500.00.

Contribution for Minutes \$10.00; State Minutes \$5.00; Association Fund \$5.00; Campground \$18.85.

We have chosen as our delegates to represent us in the Annual Session: Bro. John Carter, Bro. Will Stricklin, and Bro. Frank Coulter. Alternate delegates: Sis. Eula Carter, Sis. Daisy Stricklin and Sis. Susan Coulter.

Our pastor for the ensuing year is Elder Ray Vanzant, Box 722 Prague, Okla.

Pray for us. Done in conference this 1st day of August, 1964.

Moderator, Bro. Roy Vanzant
Clerk, Sis. Marie Stricklin
Route 1, Paden, Okla.

On February 27, 1964, God called from our midst Sis. Addie Watkins. Average attendance in Sunday School, 30.

We, the Free Will Baptist Church of God, worshipping at Allen, County of Okfuskee, this August 6, 1964, send greetings to the Annual 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 Canadian Association of Free Will Baptist Churches, Wetumka.

We are sending \$5.00 for the expenses of the Association, \$10.00 for Minutes and \$5.00 for State Minutes.

Chosen to represent us as delegates are: Bro. Grover Redford, Sis. Sylvia Redford and Sis. L. A. Lankford. Alternates: Sis. Edna Reid, Sis. Irene Innocengo and Sis. Russell Richardson, whom we pray will help you in your Godly deliberations.

Pastor: Rev. Ode Robinson. Other Ministers: Rev. Carrie May, Rev. L. A. Lankford and Rev. Havner Reid. Deacons: Vernice May and Russell Richardson.

Pray for us. Done in Church Conference this July 5, 1964.

Moderator, Odis Robinson
Clerk, Nora Allen
Route 1, Weleetka, Okla.

The Free Will Baptist Church of God worshipping at Calvin, County of Hughes, this July 26, 1964, P.O. Address, Calvin, Okla., sends greetings to the 59th Annual Session of the brethren and sisters com-

posing 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 \$33.33 per week. Meeting days Full time.

We have received by Confession, 1; Letter, 1; Excluded, 3; Died, 1; Resident Members, 24; Non-resident Members, 35; Total in Full Membership, 59.

We have in our membership, 1 Minister: Rev. Sherman Webb. Two Ordained Deacons: Orbra Wilbanks and Bill Foster.

We have paid out for Evangelistic Work \$150.00; Support of the Association \$205.26; Total out by the Church, \$2,336.51.

We have a F.W.B. Sunday School. We have a F.W.B. League.

Value of Church Property \$5,000.00.

Contribution for Minutes \$10.00; State Minutes \$5.00; We are sending to the Associational Fund \$38.34.

We have chosen as our delegates to represent us in the Annual Session: Sis. Minnie Brock, Sis. Clara Foster and Sis. Grace Howell. Alternate delegates: Sis. Lena Neal, Sis. Lizzie Hanks and Sis. Karla Gay Wilbanks. We have chosen Sis. Grace Howell as our delegate to the State Association.

Our pastor for the ensuing year is Elder Sherman Webb, Route 1, Wewoka, Okla.

Pray for us. Done in conference this July 26, 1964.

Moderator, Rev. Sherman Webb
Clerk, Sis. Grace Howell
Box 192, Calvin, Okla.

Sis. Lizzie Holoway departed this life May 20, 1964.

The Free Will Baptist Church of God worshipping at Hanna, County of McIntosh, this August 2, 1964, P.O. Address, Hanna, Okla., sends greetings to the 59th 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 \$15.00 per week. Meeting day is on each Sunday of each month.

We have received by Confession, none; Letter, 2; Excluded 3; Died, none; Resident Members, 37; Non-resident Members 9; Total in Full Membership, 46.

We have in our membership, 3 Ministers: Rev. Melvin Mouser, Rev. George Davidson and Rev. Loyd Reddick. Three Ordained Deacons: George Wells, Will England and W. S. Bean.

We have paid out for Evangelistic Work none; missions, none; Support of the Association \$15.00; Total paid out by the Church \$1390.00.

We have a F.W.B. Sunday School. We do not have a F.W.B. League.

Value of Church Property \$3,500.00.

Contribution for Minutes \$10.00; State Minutes \$5.00; Camp-ground \$5.00.

We have chosen as our delegates to represent us in the Annual Session: Sis. Tommie Reddick, Sis. Minnie Bogle and Bro. Lewis Tab-or. Alternate delegates: Sis. Judy Wells, Sis. Evylen Wells and Sis. Carolyn Bean. We have chosen Bro. O. T. McCullar as our delegate to the State Association.

Our pastor for the ensuing year is Elder Loyd Reddick, Hanna, Okla.

Pray for us. Done in conference this July 22, 1964.

Moderator, Bro. Loyd Reddick
Clerk, Sis. Carolyn Bean
Box 162, Hanna, Okla.

The Free Will Baptist Church of God worshipping at Paden, County of Okfuskee, this August 5, 1964, P.O. Address, Paden, Okla., sends greetings to the 59th 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 have received by Confession, none; Letter, none; Excluded, none; Died, none; Resident Members, 41; Non-resident Members, 13; Total in Full Membership, 54.

We have in our membership, 1 Minister: Rev. Ronald Hardin; two Ordained Deacons: Bro. Harve Muncy and Bro. George Mitchell.

We have paid out for Evangelistic Work, none; Missions, none; Support of the Association \$135.72; Total paid out by the Church \$1,081.41.

We have a F.W.B. Sunday School. We do not have a F.W.B. League.

Value of Church Property \$5,000.00.

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

We have chosen as our delegates to represent us in the Annual Session: Sis. Grace Hinds, Sis. Mary Hardin and Sis. Blanche Muncy. Alternate delegates: Sis. Mattie Harriman, Sis. Frances Hinds and Sis. Sylvia Loney.

Pray for us. Done in conference this August 5, 1964.

Moderator, Rev. Ronald Hardin
Clerk, Sis. Frances Hinds,
Paden, Okla.

LEAGUE REPORT

September, 1963:

The Rally convening at the campground was opened as usual by singing. Bro. Roy Vanzant led in prayer. The minutes and the letters of the last Rally were read and approved. After the Leaguer's prayer Bro. Casey Adams brought the morning message from Mark 5:1-16.

The banners were given as follows: Beginners S. D.—Vanzant; Junior S. D.—Hilltop; Senior S. D.—Shady Nook; 16-20 S. D.—Vanzant; Program—Hilltop; Attendance—Hilltop. Services were dismissed by Bro. Webb.

December 1963:

The Rally was opened by singing. The morning message was delivered by Bro. Sherman Webb. He chose his scripture from Luke 4:16 and II Kings, chapters 4 and 5. In the afternoon services, the officer's for the following year were elected. They were as follows: President, Bob Lowe; Vice President, Steve Foster; Secretary and Treasurer, Meridith Elliott; Assistant Secretary, Judy Liles; Sword Drill Master, Joann McKenzie; Assistant Sword Drill Master, Sis. Winfred Lowe; Sponsors, Bro. and Sis. Bill Foster; Assistant Sponsors, Bro. and Sis. Hiram Liles.

The banners were won as follows: Beginner S.D.—Vanzant; Junior S. D.—Hilltop; Senior S. D.—Calvin; 16-20 S. D.—Hilltop; Attendance—Hilltop; Program—Vanzant. Services were dismissed by Bro. Bill Foster.

March 29, 1964:

This Rally was postponed until April 5, 1963 because it was on Easter Sunday. We could not have the Rally on April 5th because of a robbery of the campground building.

May 31, 1964:

The Rally was begun with a song and prayer. The Beginners, Junior and Senior S. Drills were conducted during the morning session of the Rally. Bro. Vanzant brought the morning message. During the evening services we had the 16-20 S. D. and the programs were presented by Vanzant and Hilltop.

Meridith Elliott

RESOLUTIONS

1925

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.

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.

1942

No. 1—Be it resolved, That when an individual church calls the executive board, they pay the expense of the board.

1948

Be it resolved, That each church send \$15.00 for Minutes and Association expenses to the annual session.

1949

Be it resolved, That this Association elect ministers to preach only the first quarterly and Annual.

1951

No. 1—Be it resolved, That 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.

1954

No. 1—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. 3—Be it resolved, That the Canadian Association send 10 per cent 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

2nd Quarterly, No. 2—Be it resolved, That Resolution No. 2 of Second Quarterly of 1952 be abolished. Now be it resolved, That we have a skeleton letter also printed in our minutes of the quarterly meeting of each church to abide 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 Association minutes.

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.

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

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.

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.

No. 2—Be it resolved, That the duties and obligations of the committee appointed to care for the Campgrounds and buildings be placed in charge of the Executive Board.

1st Quarterly, No. 1—Be it resolved, That our people composing

the Canadian Association refuse to patronize such places as Grocery Store, Cafes, and other business establishments which sell Beer and other Alcoholic beverages.

1959

Annual, No. 2—Be it resolved, That we have our Annual Session on Thursday night, Friday and Saturday so more of our preachers can be there.

1960

Annual, No. 3—Be it resolved, To put into hands of Executive Board to assure water supply for campground.

Annual No. 4—Be it resolved, That we abolish Resolution No. 2 of Annual 1956 and it read like this: That all Ministers and Deacons, as well as Delegates, attend Annual Association and Quarterly Meetings and remain until close of session, if possible.

1st Quarterly, No. 1—Be it resolved, That any question of misunderstanding or conflict with Association be presented to the Executive Board and studied before coming before the Association for action.

1st Quarterly, No. 2—Be it resolved, That we replace members of the Examining Board that do not attend meetings, with ones that will put forth an effort to be in attendance.

1st Quarterly, No. 3—Be it resolved, That we abolish Resolution No. 1 3rd Quarterly 1958, and it read like this: That we have communion and Feet Washing services on Friday night of our Annual Association, with each church clerk bringing their own supplies for the service. Ministers to preach their messages to be appointed by the Divine committee of said association.

1961

Annual—Resolution committee recommends that the new moderator and assistant moderator take office at the first quarterly meeting.

1962

Annual No. 2—Be it resolved that each and every one be more humble, pray more and live up to it.

1st Quarterly, No. 1—Be it resolved, that we all take more interest in our meeting on Friday night before business meeting on Saturday.

1st Quarterly, No. 2—Be it resolved, that each Church be more concerned about their Delegates getting to meetings.

1964

Annual No. 1—Be it Resolved: We, the Canadian Association Meeting in our Annual Conference 1964, withdraw fellowship from the Okemah Free Will Baptist Church. Charge—Non-fellowship.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments are the infallible Word of God, and the only safe rule of faith and practice. —II Tim. 3:16; II 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 Savior 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 Saints' 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; Duet. 5:12.

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

10. That it is our duty to be tender and affectionate to one another, and to study the happiness of 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.—Act 20:21; I Tim. 2:5-6; John 3:14, 16, 15:10-22, and Romans 5:15.

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

13. We believe that the Lord's people are one in Him and therefore should be one at His table.—I Cor. 1:11, 27; 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..... send 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 on our member-
ship, 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.....

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.....

Done in church conference, this.....

Moderator....., Address.....

Clerk....., Address.....

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 baptized 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.

Article 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.

Article 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.

Article 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.

Article 4. **OFFICERS.** This 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.

Article 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.

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

Article 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.

Article 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.

Article 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.

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

Article 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.

Article 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.

Article 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.

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

