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CENTER ASSOCIATION

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FREEWILL BAPTIST

Convened With Gaar Corner Church August 18th, 1938

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OFFICERS

Rev.	Earlin	Haskin	S		Moderator
Rev.	M. M.	McKee		Assistant	Moderator
Bro.	Fred B	arker _			Clerk
Bro	John B	radom	Assistant	Clerk and	Treasurer

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The 45th annual session of the Center Association of Free Will Baptist met with Gaar Corner church on Thursday night before the third Sunday in August, 1938.

Introductory sermon delivered by the Moderator. Lesson, 17th chapter of John; text, "Father, I pray for them that they may be one."

FRIDAY MORNING

House called to order by the moderator. One song; prayer by Rev. W. L. Dunuap; scripture lesson, 4th chapter of Amos.

Letters were called for and letters of the following were read and delegates seated:

Ada: Sisters Anderson, Johnson and Gibbons, delegates.

Stratford: Rexie Suits, Anna Leewright and Bertha Barker, delegates; F. D. Hooper, minister; Fred Barker, deacon.

Non: C. E. Wainscott, E. J. Howell and C. A. Tipton, delegates; I. W. Yandell, minister; C. C. Chisum, E. B. Chisum, T. A. Priest, Joe Chaffin and E. B. Rush, deacons.

Sulphur: Sisters Merlie Palmer, Bertha Lowther and Hannah Dunlap, delegates; M. M. McKee and W. L. Dunlap, ministers; J. W. Smithey, J. P. Lewis and E. J. Hankins, deacons.

Summers Chapel: Dessie Light, delegate; L. D. Haskins, deacon; Rev. E. Haskins and W. M. Coggins, ministers.

Gaar Corner: Sisters Hughes, Pennington and Anna Hunt, delegates; V. Hunt and Eddie McCause, deacons.

McCall's Chapel: Delbert Spain, Virgie Hemmingway and Maggie Price, delegates; Joe Hemmingway and Will Spain, deacons.

Cedar Grove: Monroe Chism, Cal West and Ely West, delegates.

Knox: Jim Tetters and Sisters Minty Cleghorn and Allis Teeters, delegates.

Yeager: A. R. Cosby, and Sisters A. R. Cosby and Birdie Cosby, delegates.

Oakman: Sisters Eppler, Patterson and Berryman, delegates. Mart Massey, alternate; J. W. Berryman, deacon.

McGee: Willie Fry, Garland Buckelew and Sister Vesta Henry, delegates; Homer Strickland, Walter Henry and W. T. Golden, deacons. Edna Buckelew, minister.

Black Rock: John Hawkins and Sisters Hattie Barnett and Ruth Keylow, delegates.

Happyland: Lee Morrison and Sisters Zora Wilson and Agnes Lamb, delegates; Scott W. Jones, minister; Merle Wilson and Arthur Lamb, deacons.

Election of officers resulted in the following officers being elected: Rev. Earlin Haskins, moderator; Rev. M. M. McKee, assistant moderator; Fred Barker, clerk; John Bradom, assistant clerk and treasurer.

Rules of order read by the moderator.

The moderator appointed the following committees:

Divine Service—Joe Hemmingway, Walter Henry and Ed Mccause.

Resolutions—Bro. Palmer of Sulphur, Rev. F. D. Hooper of Stratford and Rev. D. McGehee of Ada.

Editorials and Periodicals—Tom Priest, W. L. Dunlap and Edna Buckelew.

Sunday Schools—Sisters Anderson, Lowther and Birdia Cosby.
Obitruary—Rev. J. A. Taylor, Sister Vesta Henry and Sister
Hemmingway.

Temperance-J. G. Stone, L. V. Wood and W. T. Golden.

No further business, we adjourned until 1:30, Friday afternoon. Prayer by Rev. W. M. Coggins.

Preaching service at 11:00 o'clock by E. E. Morris, followed by W. V. Wood. Scripture text, 1st Kings 19:12, "And after the fire a still small voice."

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

House called to order by the moderator; song No. 6, prayer by Rev. W. M. Coggins; scripture lesson, Galations 6th chapter.

Credentials committee appointed for one year: Fred Barker, John Brandom and W. O. Henry.

Corresponding letter received from Missouri Association of General Baptist. Motion carried to return correspondence.

The following gave good talks from visiting associations: Bro. Tom Fry, from First Oklahoma; Rev. Hagar, First Oklahoma; Burley Wilson, First Oklahoma; John T. Masters, First Oklahoma; Rev. E. E. Morris, Dibble.

Adjourned until Saturday morning.

Message Friday evening at 8: o'clock by Rev. George McClain, concluded by Rev. Scott W. Jones.

SATURDAY MORNING

Body called to order by the moderator.

Song by congregation, "Amazing Grace"; prayer by Rev. F. D.

Hooper; scripture lesson, 4th chapter of 1st Peter.

presbytery and that it become an auxiliary of this association.

Placing of next association and fifth Sunday meetings was as follow:

Association at Noon on Thursday night before the third Sunday in August, 1939.

First fifth Sunday meeting at McCall's Chapel, October, 1938.

Second fifth Sunday meeting at Cedar Grove, January, 1939.

Third fifth Sunday meeting at Ada, April, 1939

Fourth fifth Sunday meeting at McGee, July, 1939.

- Adjourned business until 1:00 o'clock.

Preaching at 11:00 o'clock by Rev. W. L. Dunlap, concluded by Rev. J. G. Stone; scripture text, 2nd Timothy, 1st verse.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Called to order by moderator.

Lesson, 146th Psalm; prayer by Rev. J. W. Smithey.

Motion carried that we endorse the constitution adopted by the Meeting date of same be Thursday night before each fifth Sunday meeting.

Motion carried that we feed the association at meeting place next year.

Committee on obituary reported; report received and committee discharged.

Committee on editorials and periodicals reported; report received and committee discharged.

Motion carried to give clerk and assistant clerk the right to authorize minute printing, and that we have 500 minutes printed.

Motion carried that the clerk write corresponding letter to the Missouri association.

Motion carried that we adjourn to meet at Non church on Thursday night before the third Sunday in August, 1939.

RESOLUTIONS

- No. 1. Be it resolved that we change resolution No. 1 in our 1937 minutes and that we have regular business sessions in our fifth Sunday meetings.
 - No., 2. Be it resolved that we practice Matthew 18:15-20.
- No. 3. Be it resolved that each church send 50 cents each month to John Bradom, to be sent to Bro. Coggins.
- No. 4. Be it resolved that we retain Resolution No. 2 made last year.
- No. 5. Be it resolved that we give what is left of association feeding funds to Stratford church.
- No. 6. Be it resolved that we extend our thanks to the church at Gaar Corner and community for their hospitality during the association and our stay here.

Signed: J. O. Palmer,

F. D. Hooper,

D. McGehee.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We, your committee on Sunday schools, beg to report as follows: We find all churches that reported have Sunday schools except Summers Chapel and Stratford. We urge them and all other churches not having Sunday schools to organize Sunday schools in order to study the word of God. We urge the parents to go and take their children.

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Signed: Sister M. L. Anderson,
Sister Birtle Cosby,
Sister Bertha Lowther.

OBITUARY

We, your obituary committee, find that God has seen fit to call from our midst:

Bro. Charlie Leewright, April 11, 1938, of the McGee church; Sister E. A. Holder, May 13, 1938, of Sulphur church; Bro. M. L. Hunt, April 24, 1938; and Bro. P. Y. Lee, in April, 1938, both of Oakman church.

We extend our deepest sympathy for the bereaved families, yet our loss is Heaven's gain. We should not grieve for the departed ones, for they are much happier than we. We ask that this bedy stand a moment in silent prayer in memory of those gone on.

Signed: Virgie Hemmingway,
J. A. Taylor,
Vesta Henry.

EDITORIALS AND PERIODICALS

We, your committee on editorials and periodicals, recommend more reading of clean literature, especially the Bible. We don't cbject to the reading of current news and keeping ourselves informed, but do object to the reading of literature that is contrary to the Bible, and we should not have such literature in our homes for our children to read.

> Signed: Edna Buckelew, V. Hunt. Truman Huddleston.

TEMPERANCE

We, the committee on temperance, recommend as follows: That we be temperate in all things, and abstain from all intoxicants, all worldly amusements and shun the very appearance of evil.

Be temperate in conversation, in anger, and be patient with all men, Scriptural references: 2nd Cor. 16:17; 1st Thess. 5:22; 1st Peter 2:11; 2nd Peter 1:6; 1st Cor. 9:25; Gal. 5:23; Titus 2:2; Cal. 3:8.

Signed: J. G. Stone, W. T. Golden, part of the frequency of the L. V. Wood.

MINISTERS DIRECTORY

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Earlin Haskins, R. 2, Ada, Okla.

J. F. Hooper, Stratford, Okla.

J. N. Caton, R. 3, Ada, Okla.

J. T. Caton, Allen, Okla.

S. Johnson, Preference

E. D. Williams, R. 3, Ada, Okla.

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J. W. Ragland, 631 W. 4th, Ada, Okla.

D. McGehee, R. 5, Ada, Okla. Edna Buckelew, R. 4, Stratford, Okla.

L. V. Wood, R. 2, Stratford, Okla.

J. W. Smithey, Davis, Okla.

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J. E. Goodman, Non, Okla.

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J. A. Taylor, R. 1, Stratford, Okla.

Don Burch, R. 1, Stratford, Okla.

George McClain, Ada, Okla.

MINISTERIAL REPORT

W. V. Wood—Churches pastored, 1 half-time; baptised 13; conducted 13 funerals; married 5 couples; miles traveled, unknown; money received, \$78.19.

Earlin Haskins—Sermons preached, 8; helped in 2 revivals; funerals, 4; marriages, 1; received \$10.30; churches visited, 3; associations visited, 2; churches organized, 1; miles traveled, 368.

D. McGehee-Pastored 2 churches; received \$28.04; miles travel-3301110 ed, unknown.

E. D. Williams—Appointments, 1; sermons preached, 37; helped in 2 revivals.

J. F. Hooper—Sermons, 22; married 1 couple; funerals, 1; received \$3.85.

T. N. Huddleston—Sermons, 50; Marriages, 5; funerals, 1; baptised, 1; helped in 2 revivals; received \$15.00; miles traveled, unknown

F. M. Wood—Sermons, 90; pastored 3 churches; bapized, 4; funerals, 5; received \$115.41.

Scott W. Jones—Sermons, 138; miles traveled, 1,545; funerals, none; revivals, 9 weeks; received \$82.95; pastored 3 churches.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1. Introductory Sermon.
- 2. Called to order by Moderator.
- 3. Letters called for and received.
 - 4. Right hand of fellowship.
 - 5. Election of officers.
- 6. Reading of the Rules of Order.
 - 7. Petitionary Letters.
 - 8. Invite visiting Brethren to seats in our counting
 - 9. Appointments of committees.
 - 10. New Business.
- 11. Report of Committees.
 - 12. Miscellaneous business.

RULES OF ORDER OF A CALL

- 1. At every sitting the meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer by the moderator, or whomsoever he may request.
- 2. Those who speak shall rise and address the moderator. Personal reflections shall be avoided in all debates.
- 3. No motion shall be discussed without first being seconded.
- 4. When a motion has been made and seconded, the moderator shall ask, "Any discussion or remarks?" If none the question shall be disposed of as usual.
- 5. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and the vote taken separately.
- 6. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the minutes unless ordered by the party making the motion.
- 7. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject with out special leave of the moderator.
- 8. All questions shall be decided by the majority of members present.
- 9. No member shall be absent while in session without leave of the moderator, and if so his name shall be left off the minutes.
- 10. Minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected if necessary before the close of the Association.
- 11. Arrangements shall be made at each session of the Association for two or more sermons or equivalent devotional exercises during each day.
- 12. The rules of order shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after the organization of the body.
- 13. Alteration may be made in these rules at any regular session.

CONSTITUTION

From long experience, we the members of the Center Association, being regularly baptized upon the profession of faith in Jesus Christ and being convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches to perpetuate a union and communion among us, and to preserve and maintain a correspondence with each other, we do therefore ordain this constitution for our better associational government.

ARTICLE I—Membership. This Association is composed of ordained ministers and deacons with delegates chosen by the different churches in our union not exceeding three delegates from each church, who upon presenting their letters shall be entitled to seats.

ARTICLE II—Letters from each church to express their number of fellowship, the number of ordained and licentiate preachers and their postoffice address; the number of members received upon confession of faith, by letter or recommendation, by restoration or denominational choice, and the number dismissed by letter, excluded or died since last Association.

ARTICLE III—Name. The members thus chosen and convened to be denominated the Center Association of Free Will Baptist, being composed of the sundry churches in Oklahoma.

ARTICLE IV—Officers. The Association to have a moderator, clerk and treasurer, who are to be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

ARTICLE V—New churches. Newly constituted churches may be admitted into the Association, which are to petition by letter and delegates and if, upon examination, they may be received into the Association and given the right of fellowship.

ARTICLE VI—Questions. No question from any church shall come under consideration of the Association, except it has first been discussed in its own church.

ARTICLE VII—Motions. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, unless it be withdrawn by the person making it.

ARTICLE VIII—Minutes. The Association is to endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of the Association proportion to the number of members in each church, the distribution being at the discretion of the Association.

ARTICLE IX—Clerk. It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a regular file of the minutes of the Association on a book kept by the Association for that purpose.

ARTICLE X—Signation. 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.

ARTICLE XI—Amendments. Amendments to the constitution may be made when necessary by two-thirds majority vote of the members present.

Amendment No. 1. Each ordained minister shall be a member of a church in the bonds of the Association, and he shall hold his letter for a period of three months when opportunities afford him, he shall surrender his credentials to the quarterly or yearly meetings.

Amendment No. 2. The meeting date of this Association shall be Thursday night before the third Sunday in August of each year.

ARTICLE 1-Articles of Faith

We believe in the true and living God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; and these three are equal in divine essence, power and glory. Romans 1:20; John 1:1.

ARTICLE II-The Bible

The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, and are our infalliable rule of faith and practice. 2nd Tim. 3:16-17; 2nd Peter 1:21.

ARTICLE III—The Fall

Section 1—We believe God created man and gave him holy commandments, whereby we should live holy, but the man voluntarily disobeyed the commandments of God, transgressed the law and fell under just condemnation of the same, whereby all mankind are sinners, not by constraint, but by choice.

Section 2—Being partakers of the sinful nature attained by the fall.

Section 3—And that man is unable to save himself with his own power; but we see Jesus, by the suffering of death, crowned with glory, that He, by the grace of God, tasted death for every man. Gen, 1:31; Hep. 2:9.

ARTICLE IV—Pardon

Section 1—We believe that Christ by His death, suffering and.

resurrection, purchased our pardon.

Section 2—And offers it freely to all mankind upon the principle of "repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ."

Section 3—He now commands all men everywhere to repent therefore He sayeth "Look unto me and be saved all the ends of the earth, for I am God and there is none else. Matt. 4:17; Isa. 45:22; Acts 20:21; 17:30.

ARTICLE V—Regeneration

We believe that adult persons must be regenerated and born of the Spirit of God if they inherit eternal life. John 3:3; Romans 5:1-13.

ARTICLE VI—Infants

We believe infants and idiots are saved upon the mercies of the Son of God. Jonah 4:11; Mark 10:14; Luke 18:16.

ARTICLE VII—Apostasy

We believe that all Christians should persevere in grace and be faithful to the end if they inherit eternal life. "For blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have a right to the tree of life and enter in through the gates of that city." Rev. 22:14; Gal. 5:4; Heb. 12:14-28; James 5:19-20.

ARTICLE VIII—Baptism Mode

We believe that baptism by immersion is the apostlic mode, even the burial of believers in water, and that Christ, who is our life, showed His humble example to His children, and bids us to walk therein. Matt. 3:16; 28:19; John 3:22; Rom. 6:4-5.

Latin—to plunge, to submerge, baptizo: Greek, to dip, baptisma; Greek, a dipping. Baption, Greek to wash, to dip.

ARTICLE IX—Ministry Call

We believe that God, in His goodness, displays His power of grace in a great degree in calling and qualifying His servant by the teaching of the Holy Ghost and by the instruction of His blessed word to go forth and proclaim life and salvation. Eph. 3:7; Rev. 22:17.

ARTICLE X—Commandments

We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper, and the washing of the saint's feet, and keeping the Lord's day holy, and abstain from all worldly lust and carnal cares, and to assemble our selves together, in an ornament which prepares and beautifies the soldiers of the cross to march onward in the army of the Lord. Matt. 26:26-29; John 13:3-17; 1st Tim. 5:9-10; Luke 22:7-20.

ARTICLE XI—Baptismal Right

Section 1—We believe that none have the right to baptism, only those who have obtained a living hope in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Section 2—And none have the right to administer the same only those who are called of God and have come under hands of the presbytery of elders.

Section 3—And we shall receive none other. Matt. 3:13-17; Titus 1:5; Acts 14:23.

ARTICLE XII—Lord's Supper—Duty

We believe it is the duty of each church to assemble themselves together once a month, and that it is the duty of the pastor of the church, when sitting the Lord's supper and washing the saint's feet, to invite all Christians, 1st Cor. 11:27-28.

ARTICLE XIII—Woman's Privilege

We believe the bible teaches woman's privilege to preach the gospel. Judges 4:4; Rom 16:12; Acts 21:9; 2nd Kings 22:14. Acts 2:17-18.

ARTICLE XIV-Fornication

We believe that nothing but death and fornication gives a lawful right to a second marriage, and a second marriage under divorce for any other cause than fornication is a sin as continued in

Matt. 19:3-11; 5:32; Luke 16:18; Mark 10:11-12; Rom. 7:1-3; 1st Cor. 7:10-11; Proverbs 5:19-20; Mal. 2:14-17.

ARTICLE XV-Resurrection

Section 1.—We believe in the resurrection of all the dead, both just and unjust.

Section 2.—The resurrection of the just to glory and immortality in the presence of God.

Section 3.—And the unjust to everlasting shame and banishment from the presence of God. Matt. 25:31-32; 1st Cor. 15:42-45; 2nd Thes. 1:4-11; Rev. 20:10; Job 19:26.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given curselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant. We promise by His grace to live and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusement and the unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and tale of intoxicating beverage, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligation 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 conference, public worship, and 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. 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 bonds of peace: to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and to 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 obligation and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ, in society; constantly praying and toiling, that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

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

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER TO ulioma ___ County, Oklahoma. We, the Free Will Baptist church of Christ, at Ohla City, Of Church, to the Association, composed of Free Will Baptists, ____ We send as delegates from our church, Bros. _ whom we pray to receive to aid in your deliberations. (Add full statistical reports) Done in church conference LETTER OF DISMISSION This certifies that a member in good standing of the Free Will Baptist Church of and such we recommend him (or her) to the fellowship of God's people, and is dismissed from us when joined with another church Dene in church conference P. O. County, Oklahoma, . Clerk.

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