

MINUTES
OF THE
FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
CENTER ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST
CONVENED AT CAMP GROUND
AUGUST 15-17, 1951



OFFICERS

Moderator ----- Rev. F. M. Wood
Assistant Moderator ----- Rev. William Bratcher
Clerk ----- Virgil Hunt
Assistant Clerk and Treasurer ----- Walter Wood



The next Session of the Center Association will be held at
the Camp Grounds beginning on Thursday night
before the Third Sunday in August, 1952.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. House called to order by the 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. Reports of committees.
13. Miscellaneous business.

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 _____, 195_____

_____ P. O. _____
County, Oklahoma.

_____, Pastor

_____, Clerk

PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the Fifty-Eighth Annual Session of the Center Association of Freewill Baptist convened at the Camp Ground, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, August 15, 16 and 17, 1951, A. D. Introductory Sermon Thursday night delivered by Reverend J. G. Stone, followed by Reverend Carl Holcomb; Text: Psalms, 126th Chapter.

FRIDAY MORNING

Body called to order by the Moderator, Reverend F. M. Wood. Singing conducted by Brother Weldon Wood. Devotional reading, Romans 12th Chapter, by Moderator.

Prayer by Reverend J. F. Hooper.

Letters called for and read. Every church in the Association was represented by letter.

The following delegates were seated:

Ada: Sisters Zora McGhee, Alice Wood, Irene Collins.

Cedar Grove: Bros. Eli West, J. M. Chism, Sister Virgie Chandler.

Camp Ground: Sister Mable Nelson and Brother and Sister Tamadge Hood.

Gaar Corner: Sisters Gertie Wood, Bessie Bradley, Estelle Cox.

Sulphur: Sisters Higgins, Norwood and Gist.

Stratford: Sisters Vesta Henry, Helen Turner, Brother Troy Henry.

Yeager: Brother and Sister Harold Wood and Brother L. D. Stonecipher.

Wilson: Sister Eva Stone, Brother Dewey Stone and Sister Bernice Morrison.

Owl Creek: Sisters Christene Barnes, Lois Killian, Wanda Hbover.

Oakman: Brother William Carter and Sisters Florence Lee, Marie Rountree.

Happyland: Brother Charlie Hogue, Sister Eubanks and Sister Bessie Hogue.

The Right Hand of Fellowship was given.

Election of officers resulted as follows:

Moderator—F. M. Wood.

Assistant Moderator—William Bratcher.

Clerk—V. Hunt.

Assistant Clerk and Treasurer—Walter Wood.

Member Board of Trustees—Fred Barker.

Petitionary Letters called for:

Rules of Order read by Moderator.

Visiting Brethren invited to a seat in the Council.

We adjourned until 1:00 P. M.

Preaching at 11:00 o'clock.

Reverend H. P. Griffin, followed by Reverend F. M. Wood.

Text Ephesians 2:22.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Devotional reading by Moderator, First Chapter Psalms.

Prayer by Brother Ed Price.

Appointment of Committee:

Divine Service: Bros. Vance Price, L. D. Stonecipher, J. M. Chism.

Resolutions: Bros. W. O. Palmer, J. T. Masters, Eli West.

Obituary: Bro. Carl Holcomb, Sister Zora McGhee, Bro. Harold Wood.

Temperance: Rev. Earlin Haskins, Sister Eubanks, Bro. William Carter.

Home Missions: Sisters Irene Collins, Gertie Wood, Ocie Higgins.

League: Rev. Weldon Wood, Bros. Talmadge Hood, Jimmie Ray Nichols.

Sunday School: Sisters Vesta Henry, Bessie Bradley, Wanda Hoover.

Examining Committee: Bros. Earlin Haskins, W. O. Palmer, Weldon Wood, J. G. Stone and Walter Henry.

Youth Camp Committee: Bros. Walter Wood, Ed Price, Sister Effie Wood.

Unfinished Business:

Report of Treasurer accepted.

Time for Ordination set for the Ordination of Lonnie Sparks, the time to be at 10:45 A. M. Saturday.

Rupert Pixley and Gilbert Pixley selected to conduct the Camp Meeting in 1952.

Placing of the 5th Sunday meetings resulted as follows:

1st September, 1951—Cedar Grove

2nd December, 1951—Stratford

3rd March, 1952—Sulphur

4th June, 1952—Ada

Reverend Earlin Haskins selected to preach the Introductory Sermon at the fifth 5th Sunday meeting at Cedar Grove.

Motion carried that the host Church arrange a program for each 5th Sunday meeting.

Preaching Friday night by Rev. Earl Jensen and Rev. M. L. Caton. Text, Luke 8:25.

We adjourned until 9:00 Saturday.

SATURDAY MORNING

Singing conducted by Jimmie Ray Nichols. Devotional reading by the Moderator, 2nd Chapter of Titus.

Prayer by Rev. Lonnie Sparks.

Various Committee Reports received and adopted.

Rev. Carl Holcomb selected to preach the Introductory Sermon at the next Association.

The following elected as delegates to the State Association:

Sisters Irene Collins, Christine Barnes, Flora Carter, Mary Kees and Laverta Mooneyham.

Report from the Gains Creek Association given by Reverend Lee of McAlester.

We adjourned the Business Session until 1:00 P. M.

Brother Lonnie Sparks Ordained to the Ministry at 10:45 o'clock.

Preaching at 11:00, conducted by Rev. Lee and Rev. Fassio.

Text 4th Chapter of 2nd Timothy.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Moderator in charge.

Devotional Reading, 3rd Chapter. Col.

Prayer by Brother Scott W. Jones.

Rev. Scott W. Jones selected to Preach the Memorial Sermon in 1952.

Rev. William Bratcher selected as Alternate.

Motion carried to donate to the Orphans Home all the perishable canned food left at the Camp Ground.

We adjourned.

CENTER ASSOCIATION TREASURE REPORT YEAR 1950-1951

COLLECTIONS—

Balance September 1, 1950	\$ 148.05
Camp Ground Church: One-half Light Bill	12.00
Miscellaneous Collected during year	30.55
Building Fund	589.00
(1951) Collection Feeding Association	81.00
(1951) Collection Feeding Youth	244.00
(1951) Collection Confectionery	87.59
(1951) Sent in by Church Clerks	88.00
For Camp Meeting	140.00
TOTAL	\$1,420.19

DISBURSMENTS—

State Association 1950	\$ 25.00
R. E. A.	24.00
Miscellaneous Disbursements	8.56
1950 Minutes	68.00
Buildings on Camp Grounds	657.37
Cost of feeding Association (1951)	64.15
Cost of Feeding Youth (1951)	236.00
Cost Confectionery (1951)	60.46
For Camp Meeting	140.00
Balance August, 1951	136.65
TOTAL	\$1,420.19

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Temperance Committee:

We know that God's Word teaches us that strong drink is contrary to the doctrine of the Lord. We read from Proverbs 20:1, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Then Proverbs 23:19, 20, 21, 29 to 35.

We recommend that we, as a denomination, urge our Churches to stand firm against such as wrong and not only oppose drinking but opposing drinkers, and to know that "He that bids them speed is a partaker of their evil deeds."—2nd John 10, 11.

Sabbath Observance:

Resolutions Committee:

No. 1—

Resolved; that the Association take responsibility through the different Churches to provide shower baths for the Youth Camp.

Signed by Committee.

No. 2—

Resolved; that we ask each Church to contribute \$50.00 to the Association for the purpose of installing shower baths and paying the insurance on the buildings.

Signed by Committee.

Obituary Committee:

We find since our last Association God has seen fit to call from our midst the following members:

From Cedar Grove—Brother J. J. Lamb, Brother Will Baker, Brother Joe Hooser, Brother John Henson and Brother John Lee.

From Gaar Corner—Brother George Jackson.

From Camp Ground—Sister Dora Parish, Sister Fannie McCloud.

From Ada—Brother Jim Ragland, Brother Dawes Dyer, Brother Mathis.

From Sulphur—Brother Atterberry, Sister Mart Leming and Sister Beal.

From Yeager—Brother Olen Sikes.

From Oakman—Sister Hudson.

We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Signed by Committee.

Credential Committee:

According to our knowledge we find our ministers in good spirit and fellowship, preaching the Devine Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Signed by Committee.

Examining Committee:

We, the Examining Committee have examined Brother Lonnie Sparks as to the Polity and Doctrine of Center Association of Free Will Baptist, and have found him to be in the faith in the doctrine. Finding him to be so we therefore recommend him to the body for Ordination.

Signed by Committee.

League Report:

We, your League Committee, submit the following report. It is our opinion that each Church should have a League. The League should try to influence all the youth of the community in the ways of Christ, and work toward the building of the Youth Camp in every meeting.

We recommend all sponsors, and teachers be members of the Free Will Baptist Church and teach the Word of Christ and leave off worldly pleasures; as the children of today are the leaders of tomorrow.

We find that all Leagues of our Association are prospering and growing in the service of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We think our average attendance to be about 400, for which we are thankful unto God. We have ten (10) Leagues in our Association. Our prayer is that each Church of our Association will have a working League before another Association.

Officers for the coming year:

Sponsor ----- Walter Wood

President ----- Earl Collins

Vice President ----- William Carter

Secretary ----- Velma Lee Voyles

Our Rally Day is the second Sunday of each quarter, except in May, in which our Rally is on the first Sunday.

Signed by Committee.

REPORT OF FREE WILL BAPTIST WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

The annual meeting of Center Association Women's Auxiliary met August 16, 1951 at the Camp Ground.

The meeting opened with singing led by Sister Ollie Melton. During the morning session the president appointed the food committee to plan the food budget for the Youth Camp in 1952. They were as follows: Ada, Beatrice Phillips; Gaar Corner, Mary Ann Dame; Owl Creek, Sister Claude Killian; Happyland, Estelle Madden; Wilson, Bernice Morrison; Stratford, Nona Holcomb; Sulphur, Ocie Higgins; Camp Ground, Dessie Light; Oakman, Flora Carter; Cedar Grove, Sister Chism.

At the 11:00 o'clock hour Sister Lorene Bratcher preached. Service opened in the afternoon with singing led by Sister Helen Turner. A program "Working Together With Him Through Witnessing" was presented. Those present enjoy very much the talk given by Sisters Effie Wood, Elma Norwood and Dessie Light.

After the program, reports were given by each officer. We have two Churches who have discontinued their Auxiliary but they are carrying on Mission Work. We have two new Auxiliaries: Owl Creek and Wilson.

Election of Officers resulted as follows:

President—Sister Effie Wood, 816 North Cherry, Ada, Okla.

Secretary—Sister Elma Norwood, Box 459, Sulphur, Okla.

Treasurer—Sister Irene Collings, 720 West 4th, Ada, Okla.

1st Vice-Pres.—Sister Ocie Higgins, 401 West 12th, Sulphur, Okla.

2nd Vice-Pres.—Sister Valeta Hileman, 712 West 12th, Ada, Okla.

3rd Vice-Pres.—Sister June Crumb, 716 West 2nd, Ada, Okla.

4th Vice-Pres.—Mildred Allen, Stratford, Okla.

5th Vice-Pres.—Beatrice Phillips, 510 West 2nd, Ada, Okla.

Field Worker—Vesta Henry, R.F.D. 1, Stratford, Okla.

The delegates to the State Convention are Valeta Hileman and Elma Norwood. Alternates: Irene Collings and Geneva Williams.

The meeting places for our quarterly meetings are:

October—Gaar Corner.

January—Happyland.

April—Owl Creek.

July—Stratford.

HELEN TURNER, 4th Vice President.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, submit the following report: It is our honest opinion that each Church should have a Sunday School and all officers and teachers should be Christians. Our Lord said, "Let them alone, they be blind leaders of the blind, both shall fall in the ditch."—Matt. 15:14.

We remember God said "Remember the Sabbath to keep it holy."—Eodus 20:8.

Therefore we find the Savior and the Apostles referred to the First Day or the Lord's Day. Therefore, we do not find any repeal of the teachings, so we recommend that we teach our people to observe the Lord's Day and to do no work only that of necessity or mercy.

Signed by Committee.

Church	Supt.	Secretary	Av. At.	Type Lit.
Happyland	Albert Peevehouse	Alyne Hogue	40	F.W.B.
Cedar Grove	Floyd Lee	Mildred Price	60	F.W.B.
Oakman	Jess Berryman	Marie Roundtree	40	Union
Stratford	Billy Bishop	Rachel Wood	70	F.W.B.
Ada	John Wood	Ina Nelson	140	F.W.B.
Gaar Corner	Ted Cox	Raymond Holland	30	Union
Owl Creek	Houston Foster	Sybil Woods	65	F.W.B.
Camp Ground	Judson Kirby	Geneva Hood	90	F.W.B.
Wilson	T. A. Hoosier	Francis Bellar	40	Union
Sulphur	D. E. Clark	Emily Palmer	100	Graded
Signed by Committee.				

Home Mission Committee

We, the Home Mission Committee, report much work being done in all churches. We see a greater need of more cottage Prayer Meetings in our communities, and especially in the homes of our sick.

We urge all pastors to encourage the Church to more Home Mission Work.

Signed by Committee.

MINISTERS DIRECTORY

Rev. Roy Wood Stratford, Oklahoma.
Rev. Bert F. Rogers, Francis, Oklahoma.
Rev. Jimmie Ray Nichols, Stratford, Oklahoma.
Rev. F. M. Wood, Route 5, Ada, Oklahoma.
Rev. J. G. Stone, Stratford, Oklahoma.
Rev. Scott W. Jones, Route 3, Ada, Oklahoma.
Rev. Murl Wilson, Route 3, Ada, Oklahoma.
Rev. J. P. Lewis, Sulphur, Oklahoma.
Rev. J. N. Caton, 511 West 8th, Ada, Oklahoma.
Rev. H. H. Parsons, Hitchita, Oklahoma.
Rev. Edna Bucklew, c/o Tiptons' Laundry, Ada, Oklahoma.
Rev. J. F. Hooper, Stratford, Oklahoma.
Rev. Earlin Haskins, Route 2, Ada, Oklahoma.
Rev. Alvis McCaffery, Lexington, Oklahoma.
Rev. Weldon Wood, Ada, Oklahoma.
Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Sulphur, Oklahoma.
Rev. John Morgan, Francis, Oklahoma.
Rev. Bill Bratcher, Stratford, Oklahoma.
Rev. Don Dake, Ada, Oklahoma.
Rev. Lonnie Sparks, Sulphur, Oklahoma.
Rev. Carl Holcomb, Stratford, Oklahoma.

Licentate Ministers—

Sister Lorene Bratcher, Stratford, Oklahoma.
Sister Minnie Campbell, Ada, Oklahoma.

RULES GOVERNING THE CAMP GROUND PROPERTY

No. 1. No camping will be allowed on west side of Brook that runs across property.

No. 2. No person or persons will be allowed to take up residence, permanent or temporary, on the property, unless by special permission of the Board of Trustees.

No. 3. Lots shall be located and numbered beginning with Lot 1, on east side of Brook where it comes into property on north side and numbered eastward consecutively to the NE corner of property, thence southward still consecutively along east side of property to the SE corner of said property, said lots shall be 40 ft. square. A plat of same shall be kept by Board of Trustees, also a record of the disposal of lots.

No. 4. Any Free Will Baptist belonging to any Church in our Association may build a cabin on this property subject to the following regulations:

- a. No cabin or permanent camp shall be built on any part of the property except on lots mentioned in Rule No. 3.
- b. No person may build a cabin or permanent camp without getting written permission from the Board of Trustees.
- c. No person shall have the right to move any cabin or permanent camp off the property at any time or for any purpose.

- d. If and when the owner of a cabin or permanent camp shall move out of the State of Oklahoma he shall offer for sale said cabin or permanent camp and if not sold within one year from date of his departure to some person who is a member of some church in the Center Association it shall become the property of the Association or he may give it to the Association or to some person, if such person is a member of some church in the Center Association.

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER TO ASSOCIATION

_____, County, Oklahoma

We, the Free Will Baptist Church of God, at _____
to the Center Association, composed of Free Will Baptists, assembled
with _____ at _____.
We send as delegates from our Church,
whom we pray you will receive to sit with you, and aid in your Godly
deliberations.

(Follow with complete church statement).

Done in church conference _____, 19____.

_____, Moderator

_____, Clerk

RULES OF ORDER

1. At every sitting the meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer by the Moderator, or whomever 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 without 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. Alternation may be made in these rules at any regular session.

CONSTITUTION

From long experience, we the member 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 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 Baptists, being composed of the sundry churches in Oklahoma.

ARTICLE IV. Officers. The Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who are to be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

ARTICLE V. New Churches. New 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 hand 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 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 in proportion to the number of members in each church, the distribution being at 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 in a book to be 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 a two-thirds majority vote of the members present.

Amendment No. 1. Each ordained minister shall be a member of a church in the bounds of the Association, and if 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 in each year.

ARTICLE I.—ARTICLES OF FAITH

We believe in the true living God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; and these are equal in divine essence, power and glory.—Roman 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 infallible rule of faith and practice.—II Timothy 3:16-17; II Peter 1:20-21.

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 death, crowned with glory, that He by the Grace of God, tasteth death for every man.—Genesis 1:31; Hebrews 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 Jeesus 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."—Matthew 4:17; Isaiah 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 V.—INFANTS

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

ARTICLE VIII.—BAPTISM MODE

We believe that baptism by immersion is the apostolic mode, even the burial of believer in water, and that Christ, who is our life showed His humble example to His children, and bids us to walk therein.—Matthew 3:16, 28-29; John 3:22; Romans 6:4-5; Latin to plunge, to submerge, baptizo; Greek to did, baptismas; Greek, a dipping bapton; 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 servants by the teaching of the Holy Ghost and by the instruction of His blessed word to go forth and proclaim life and salvation.—Ephesians 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 to abstain from all worldly lust and carnal cares, and to assemble ourselves together, is an ornament which prepares and beautifies the soldiers of the cross to march onward in the army of the Lord. Matthew 26:26-29; John 13:217; Timothy 1:9-10; 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.—Matthew 3:13-17; Titus 1:5; Acts 14:23.

ARTICLE XII.—LORD'S SUPPER—DUTY

We believe it 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 setting the Lord's Supper and washing the saint's feet to invite all Christians. I Corinthians 11:27-28.

ARTICLE XIII.—WOMAN'S PRIVILEGE

Be believe the Bible teachers woman's privilege to preach the gospel. Judges 4:4; Rom. 16:12; Acts 21:9; II 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 if continued in. Matthew 19:3-11; 5:22; Luke 16:18; Mark 10:11-12; Romans 7:1-3; Proverbs 4:19-20; I Corinthians 7:10-11; Malachi 2:14-17.

ARTICLE XV.—RESURRECTION

Section 1. We believe in the resurrection of all 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. Matthew 25:31-32; I Corinthians 15:42-45; II Thessalonians 1:4-11; Revelation 20:10; Job 19:26.

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 all appearances of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanctions of use and sale of intoxicating beverages, 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 devotion, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith and good works endeavor to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ." We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conference, public worship, and the observance of the ordinance 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. 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 bond 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 the gospel. We will everywhere hold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprise 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 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.

Church	Pastor	Clerk	Clerk's Address	No. on roll	Received	Dismissed	Died	Meeting Date	Value of Church Property
Ada	Weldon Wood	Valeta Hileman	712 West 17th, Ada	319	17	10	3	full time	\$20,000
Cedar Grove	Scott W. Jones	Cecil Akins	Francis, Okla.	129	0	5	5	full time	4,000
Oakman	Marion Caton	Flora Carter	Rt. 4, Ada, Okla.	31	6	0	0	1/4 time	None
Sulphur	W. S. Mooneyham	Ocie Higgins	Rt. 1, Sulphur, Okla.	225	29	0	3	full time	30,000
Owl Creek	Merl Wilson	Mary Kee	Rt. 2, Stonewall, Okla.	49	12	0	0	full time	None
Stratford	Carl Holcomb	Vesta Henry	Rt. 1, Stratford, Okla.	95	23	8	0	full time	7,000
C. Ground	Earlin Haskins	Joyce McIntire	Rt. 2, Ada	71			2	full time	7,000
Happyland	John Morgan	William Smith	Rt. 4, Ada	68	5	5	0	full time	3,000
Gaar Corner	F. M. Wood	Bertha Barker	Roff, Okla.		5	5	1	full time	None
Yeager	William Bratcher	M'l'r'd Stonedipher	Rt. 1, Stratford, Okla.	19	5	2	0	1/4 time	None
Wilson		Bernice Morrison	Rt. 1, Ada	13	2	2	0		None

