

**MINUTES**  
OF THE  
**FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION**  
OF THE  
**CENTER ASSOCIATION**  
OF  
**FREE WILL BAPTIST**  
**CONVENED AT CAMP GROUND**  
**AUGUST 14-16, 1952**



**OFFICERS**

Moderator \_\_\_\_\_ Rev. William Bratcher  
Assistant Moderator \_\_\_\_\_ Rev. L. D. Stonecipher  
Clerk \_\_\_\_\_ E. T. Cox  
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, 1953

## 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-Ninth Annual Session of the Center Association of Freewill Baptist convened at the Camp Ground, Pontotoc County Oklahoma, August 14, 15 and 16, 1952, A. D. Introductory Sermon Thursday night, delivered by Rev. Ben Pixley. Text: Luke 14-18.

### FRIDAY MORNING

Body called to order by Moderator F. M. Wood. Singing conducted by Brother Ted Cox. Devotional reading, 2nd Thes., 3rd chapter, by Moderator.

Prayer by Rev. Earlin Haskins.

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

The following delegates were seated:

Ada: Sisters Oleta Pate, Valeta Hileman and Brother Wilbur Shults.

Cedar Grove: Sister Vergie Chandler, Brothers Monroe Chism and Tollie Chism.

Camp Ground: Sisters Josie Northam, Exie Haskins and Oma Hood.

Gaar Corner: Sister Mary Ann Dame, Velma Lee Voyles and Estell Cox.

Happyland: Sister Willie Smith, and Brother and Sister E. H. Simpson.

Oakman: Sisters Myra Berryman, Mary Florence Lee and Bro. Wm. Carter.

Stonewall (formerly Owl Creek): Sisters Mary Kee, Bessie Lawhorn and Altha Sliger.

Stratford: Brother Troy Henry, Sisters Marjoretta Wood and Sister Griffin.

Sulphur: Sisters Osie Higgins, D. L. Purser, Bertha Atteberry.

Wilson: Bernice Morrison.

Yeager: Sisters Mildred Stonecipher, Myrtle Stonecipher and Lorene Bratcher.

The right hand of fellowship was given.

Election of officers as follows:

Moderator—Rev. William Bratcher.

Assistant Moderator—Rev. L. D. Stonecipher.

Clerk—E. T. Cox.

Assistant Clerk and Treasurer—Walter Wood.

Member of Trustees—Ed Price.

We adjourned until 1:00 o'clock.

Preaching at 11:00 o'clock by Rev. William Bratcher. Text John 14:1-3.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Devotional reading by Brother Walter Wood. Romans 12:1-18.

Prayer by Brother Fred Baker.

Rules of Order read.

Visiting brethren invited to seat with us in Council.

Petitionary letters called for.

Appointment of committees.

Divine Services by Bros. Fred Baker, J. T. Masters, G. O. Palmer.

Resolutions. Bros. Virgil Hunt, Walter Henry, Luther Parish.

Obituary: Sisters Valeta Hileman, Lorene Bratcher, Ossie Higgins.

Temperance: Rev. Fred Hooper, Rev. Earlin Haskins, Sister Bessie Lawthorne.

Home Missions: Sisters Velma Lee Voyles, Virgie Chandler, Marjorette Wood.

League: Jimmy Ray Nichols, Rev. Weldon Woods, Brother William Carter.

Sunday School: Sister Exie Haskins, Bros. E. H. Simpson, Ed Price.

Examining Committee: Rev. Earline Haskins, Bros. Walter Wood, Fred Baker, V. Hunt, Rev. F. M. Woods.

Youth Camp:

Report of Trustees. Accepted.

Motion carried that each church elect one member to serve on Youth Camp Committee.

Motion carried that the Trustees set up a system of parking cars and policing Camp Ground.

Motion carried for the Youth Camp Committee to meet at the Camp Ground the fourth Sunday in September.

Motion carried that each church send the name of a member in their letter to the Association to serve on the Youth Camp Committee.

Various reports received and adopted.

Rev. Alvis McAffery selected to preach the Friday night service.

We adjourned until 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

## SATURDAY MORNING

Song service conducted by Brother E. T. Cox.

Devotional reading by Rev. L. D. Stonecipher.

Prayer by Rev. Vard Wood.

Place of the fifth Sunday meetings:

November, 1952, Oakman; March, 1953, Cedar Grove; May, 1953, Stratford.

Rev. Gilbert and Rupert Pixley selected to conduct the 1953 Camp Ground revival.

Various reports received and accepted.

We adjourned until 1:00 o'clock.

Song service conducted by Brother Fred Barker.

Preaching at 11:00 o'clock, Rev. Scott Jones.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Song service conducted by Brother E. T. Cox.

Devotional reading by Rev. Bob Wilfong. Corinth 1:13.

Prayer by Brother J. T. Masters.

Rev. F. M. Wood selected to preach the Memorial Service.

Rev. Curtis Hogue selected to preach the introductory sermon at the first Fifth Sunday meeting.

Motion carried to receive report of examining committee.

Motion carried to receive financial report.

Rev. L. D. Stonecipher selected to preach the introductory sermon at the Association on Friday morning, 1953.

Motion carried that report or trustees be accepted and improvements made as suggested.

Motion carried that the Center Association send no delegates or funds to the State Association.

Motion carried that the evangelist stay through Thursday and Friday night of the Association. The introductory sermon to be preached Friday morning.

Motion carried that all perishable foods be sent to the orphan home.

Motion carried that all committees be dismissed and that we adjourn until the next Association in 1953.

### CENTER ASSOCIATION TREASURY REPORT YEAR 1951-1952.

#### RECEIPTS—

Balalance 1950-1951	\$ 109.65
Fifth Sundays Collection	9.65
Camp Ground Church (lights)	12.00
Collected for Evangelists	232.73
Youth Camp Collections	291.50
Association Feeding	71.00
Collected at Association	118.00
From Churches for Improvements	300.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,144.53</b>

#### DISBURSEMENTS—

Evangelists	\$ 232.73
Feeding Youth Camp	245.78
Feeding Association	68.11
Insurance	47.70
R E A	12.00
Collins Lumber Co.	12.60
Water Tank	35.00
Well Digging	200.00
Minutes (1951)	65.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,144.53</b>

## 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 oppose drinkers, and to know that "He that bids them speed is a partaker of their evil deeds."—2nd John 10:11.

Committee: J. F. Hooper, Bessie Lawhorn.

### Obituary Committee:

We find that since our last Association God has called from our midst the following members:

Camp Ground Church—Brother J. G. Stone.

Sulphur Church—Sister Ester Scott.

Happyland Church—Brother Ivan Price.

Stratford Church—Sister Fronia Shinn.

Gaar Corner Church, Sister Anna Bell Farley.

Oakman Church, Sister Ola Anderson.

Ada Church, Brothers J. D. Lamb, Walter Clayton and Sister W. M. Davis.

We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

—Signed by Committee.

### Examining Committee

We find Brothers L. D. Stonecipher and H. P. Griffin sound in the faith and recommend them for ordination when their license shall have been in effect for a period of one year.

Signed: Earlin Haskins, Walter Wood, Virgil Hunt, F. M. Wood and Fred Barker.

## REPORT OF FREE WILL BAPTIST WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

August 14, 1952:

The Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary met at the Camp Ground with Effie Wood, president, in charge.

Meeting was opened by congregational singing. Hymns, 'Footsteps of Jesus' and 'Bringing in the Sheaves' were directed by Osie Higgins. Scripture—Luke 22:41-54, was read by Effie Wood.

Prayer by Wanda Murphy.

Minutes of the last quarterly rally were read and approved.

Minutes of the last annual meetin were read.

Letters from local auxiliaries were called for. Those read were from Ada, Stratford and Sulphur.

A food committee was elected as follows: Christine Barnes, Stonewall; Willie Smith, Happyland; Mrs. Cox, Gaar Corner; Lorene Bratcher, Yeager; Mrs. Carter, Oakman; Vesta Henry, Stratford; Geneva Williams, Sulphur; Ollie Melton, Ada; Mrs. Price, Cedar Grove; Eva Stone, Wilson.

Worship service was opened by congregation singing "I Want to Be a Worker" and "I Need the Prayers of Those I Love" directed by Wanda Murphy.

Sermon from Acts 3:1-10 was given by Rev. Robert Wilfong.

Dismissed for lunch with prayer by Emily Palmer.

Afternoon Session was opened by congregation singing 'Just Over in the Gloryland.'

Prayer by Vesta Henry.

Hymn by congregation, 'At the Cross.'

Scripture, Proverbs 12:1-8, was read by Effie Wood.

Officers reports were called for. Report of first vice president given by Osie Higgins.

Motion carried that the two offices of Field Worker and First Vice President be combined.

Osie Higgins was re-elected as First Vice President for the coming year.

Report of Second Vice President was given by Valeta Hileman. Irene Collings was then elected as Second Vice President.

Report of Third Vice President given by Oleta Pate, who was re-elected as Third Vice President.

Report of Fourth Vice President given by Lorene Wilkins. Elma Norwood was elected as Fourth Vice President.

Report of Fifth Vice President given by Beatrice Phillips, who was re-elected as Fifth Vice President.

Motion carried we combine Secretary and Treasurer's offices. Valeta Hileman elected as Secretary-Treasurer.

Emily Palmer was elected President.

Delegates elected to represent the district at the State Auxiliary meeting were Effie Wood and Elma Norwood.

Motion carried we allow delegates to appoint their alternates, in case they cannot attend.

Motion carried we give \$5.00 to the Association for printing of minutes.

Treasurer's report given by Irene Collings.

Motion carried we accept treasurer's report.

Motion carried we build sink and cabinets in the kitchen at the Camp Ground.

Committee elected to serve in planning this project during the coming year as follows: Effie Wood, Alice Wood, Vesta Henry, Geneva Williams and Audine Nelson.

Hymn, 'Love Lifted Me,' by congregation.

Offering received, \$10.50.

Offertory prayer by Lorene Wilkins.

Program for the afternoon was presided over by Lorene Wilkins, who read Psalm 24:1, and Romans 14:12, 13.

Mrs. Flora Carter talked on the subject 'Stewardship in Action.'

Vocal solo, 'I Love Him,' by Emily Palmer.

Dismissed with prayer to meet next on Oct. 14, at Sulphur.

—Elma Norwood, Secretary.

#### Names and Addresses of All Officers Elected August 14, 1952:

President, Mrs. O. B. Palmer, Route 1, Sulphur; 1st Vice President, Mrs. C. C. Higgins, Route 1, Sulphur; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. Earl Collings, 418 West 15th, Ada; 3rd Vice President, Mrs. Oleta Pate, 507 West 19th, Ada; 4th Vice President, Mrs. Dick Norwood, Box 459, Sulphur; 5th Vice President, Mrs. Beatrice Phillips, 510 West 2nd, Ada; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Valeta Hileman, 712 W. 17th, Ada.

## Sunday School Committee:

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

Church	Supt.	Supt.	Av. Att.
Happyland	Charley Hogue	Mary Taylor	40
Cedar Grove	Clarence Bough	Velma Chandler	50
Oakman	Wm. Carter	Marie Roundtree	35
Stratford	Albert Turner	Patsy Cosby	65
Ada	John Wood	Ruth Lillard	146
Gaar Corner	Ted Cox	Raymond Holland	40
Stonewall	Lonnie Barnes	Dorothy Satterwhite	62
Camp Ground	Herman Hood	Marie Welch	60
Wilson	T. A. Hoosier	Rosie Jane VanSchuyver	35
Sulphur	Theodore Higgins	Margie Worstell	108
Yeager	Roy Wood	Myrtle Wood	35

Signed: Exie Haskins, E. H. Simpson and Ed Price.

## Home Mission Committee

We, the Home Mission Committee, report some churches doing home mission work. We see a need for more cottage prayer meetings in the home of unsaved as well as the sick. We urge all pastors to encourage the church to more home mission work.

Signed: The Committee.

## League Committee:

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 way of Christ, and work toward the building of the youth camp in every meeting.

We recommend that all sponsors and teachers be devoted and active Christian workers in the home church and teach the Word of God and leave off worldly pleasures, as the children of today are the leaders of the future in the work of Christ our Saviour.

We wish and pray to see more of our churches to have a working league. Our rally day is the second Sunday of each quarter, except in May, in which our rally is on the first Sunday.

Officers for the coming year:

Sponsor—Brother and Sister V. Hunt.

President—Troy Henry, Route 1, Stratford, Oklahoma.

Vice President—William Carter.

Secretary—Velma Lee Voyles, Route 5, Ada, Oklahoma.

Assistant Secretary—Clara Chandler.

We wish to urge attendance for Rally Day, both morning and evening session.

Signed: Committee.

## Resolution Committee:

### No. 1—

Resolved; That we recommend to each church in the Association that they make arrangements if possible to pay the expense of each youth they send to the camp.—Signed by Committee.

### No. 2—

Resolved; That we ask each church to contribute \$35.00 to the Association for the purpose of carrying out the program of the Board of Trustees.—Signed: Committee—V. Hunt, J. L. Parish.

## Report of Trustees:

We wish to submit the following items for improvement for the coming Associational year: Closing up north end of tabernacle, making stage all the way across tabernacle at an estimated cost of \$150.00; cleaning up rest of Camp Ground property; making another driveway on west side of creek, and build road across south end of creek at estimated cost of \$150.00.—Signed Trustees—Fred Barker, J. L. Parish and Ed Price.

## MINISTERS DIRECTORY

Rev. Weldon Wood, 420 South Ash, Ada, Okla.

Rev. Edna Buckelew, 515 East 7th St., Ada, Okla.

Rev. Scott W. Jones, Route 3, Ada, Okla.

Rev. Earlin Haskins, Route 2, Ada, Okla.

Rev. Curtis Hogue, Route 3, Ada, Okla.

Rev. J. N. Caton, 511 West 4th St., Ada, Okla.

Rev. Murl Wilson, Box 91, Francis, Okla.

Rev. F. M. Wood, 720 West 4th St., Ada, Okla.

Rev. Fred Hooper, Route 1, Stratford, Okla.

Rev. Jimmy Ray Nichols, Stratford, Okla.

Rev. Henry Griffin, Stratford, Okla.

Rev. Bill Bratcher, Stratford, Okla.

Rev. Donnel Drake, U. S. Army.

Rev. L. D. Stonecipher, Stratford, Okla.

Rev. Lonnie Sparks, 14th and Vinita, Sulphur, Okla.

Rev. Roy Wood, Stratford, Okla.

Rev. Bert F. Rogers, Francis, Okla.

Rev. John Morgan, Francis, Okla.

Rev. Carl Holcomb, Stratford, Okla.

Rev. Duff Hunt, 630 West 4th St., Ada, Okla.

Licentate Ministers: Sister Lorene Bratcher and Sister Minnie Campbell.

## RULES GOVERNING THE CAMP GROUND PROPERTY

No. 1. No camping will be allowed on west side of the 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 the 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 same 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.

### FOR 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 119\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_, 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.

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-third 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 meeting.

**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 living God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; and these are equal in the divine essence, power and glory.—Roman 1:20; John 1:1.

## **ARTICLE II.—THE BIBLE**

The Scriptures of the Old and New Testament 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 o 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 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."—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 VI.—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 His commandments, that they may have a right to the tree 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 believers 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, 28:19; John 3:22; Romans 6:4-5; Latin to plunge, to submerge, baptizo; Greek to dip, baptisma; Greek, a dipping baptism; 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 13:2-17; 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

We believe the Bible teaches 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; 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.

Article 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 W. 17th, Ada	353	40	3	3	full time	\$20,000
Cedar Grove	Scott W. Jones	Carl West		129				full time	4,000
Oakman	Marion Caton	Flora Carter	Route 4, Ada	26	0	0	1	3rd Sun.	
Stonewall	Merl Wilson	Bessie Lawhorn	Stonewall	74	25	2	0	full time	10,000
Stratford	F. M. Wood	Marjoretta Wood	Stratford	95	11	10	1	full time	7,000
C. Ground	Earlin Haskins	Jocie McIntyre	Route 2, Ada	74	4	1	1	full time	7,000
Happyland	Curtis Hogue	Willie Smith	Route 4, Ada	70	3	1	0	full time	3,000
Gaar Corner	Fred Hooper	Bertha Barker	Roff		5	4	1	full time	
Yeager	L. D. Stonecipher	M'r'd Stonecipher	Route 1, Stratford	19	0	0	0		
Wilson	Wm. Bratcher	Bernice Morrison	Route 1, Ada	66	0	2	0		

