# **MINUTES**

of the

Sixty-Second Annual Session

## CENTER ASSOCIATION

of

## FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Convened at Camp Ground
AUGUST 18-20, 1955



### **OFFICERS**

Moderator	Rev. F. M. Wood
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Billy Ray Wood
Clerk	Brother Lonnie Barnes
Assistant Clerk-Treasurer ]	Rev. Jimmy Ray Nickels

# CHURCH LETTER TO A QUARTERLY MEETING, YEARLY ASSOCIATION

	Date
To the	Association of Free Will Baptists
when convened with the Free Will I	Baptist Church at,
Oklahoma,	
whom we pray you to receive to sit	with you in your godly deliberations.
STATISTICS	FINANCES
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conference thisday of	, 19
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Remarks:	

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1. Introduction Sermon.
- 2. House called to order by the Moderator.

Letters called for, read and received.
 Right hand of fellowship and seating of delegates.
 Election of officers.
 Petitionary letters called for.
 Reading Rules of Order (By-Laws).

8. Appointment of committees.

9. Inviting visiting brethren to seats in council.

10. Unfinished business.

- 11. New business.
- 12. Reports of committees.

13. Miscellaneous.

#### LETTER OF DISMISSION

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in good standing of the Francisco and as such we recommend and is dismissed from us	) to the fellowship of (	dod's people,			
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#### **PROCEEDINGS**

Proceedings of the Sixty-first Annual Session of the Center Association of Free Will Baptist convened at the Camp Ground, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, August 18, 19 and 20, 1955 A. D. Introductory Sermon Thursday night, delivered by Rev. F. M. Wood, Pastor of the Stratford Church Stratford, Oklahoma.

#### FRIDAY MORNING

The Association called to order by Moderator Weldon Wood.

Song Service: Jimmy Ray Nickels. Devotional: Proverbs 19th Chapter, by Moderator.

Prayer by: Rev. Lewis Wood.

Letters called for, read and received. Delegates were properly seated. Moderator and Assistant Moderator appoint temporary pulpit committee: J. T. Masters, chairman; Virgil Hunt, Jess Berryman, Toss Hoosier, Fred Barker.

Election of officers were as follows:

Moderator: Rev. F. M. Wood.

Assistant Moderator: Rev. Billy Ray Wood.

Clerk: Brother Lonnie Barnes.

Assistant Clerk and Treasurer: Rev. Jimmy Ray Nickels.

Member of Board of Trustees: Brother Fred Barker.

Pulpit Committee Report: Rev Lewis Wood chosen to bring 11:00 o'clock message. Rev. Fred Hooper, Alternate.

Rules read by the new Moderator: Rev. F. M. Wood. Fifth Sunday Meetings are set as follows: First. Garr Corner Church. Second: Oakman Church. Third: Happyland Church.

#### APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES FOR 1955-1956

#### **PULPIT**

J. T. Masters Virgil Hunt Jess Merryman Toss Hooser Fred Barker

#### RESOLUTIONS

Weldon Wood Doyle Cox Lewis Wood Scott Jones J. T. Masters

#### OBITUARY

Lester Henry Newt Jarvis Walter Dighton Jess Berryman Junior Freeman

#### HOME MISSION

Irene Collins
Barbara Ballard
Francis Beller
Mildred Lancaster
Dessie Light

#### AUDITING

Virgil Hunt Bill Bratcher Gurley Fowler Billy Ray Wood Fred Barker

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Looren Bratcher Mae Lee Josie Northam Toss Hooser Grace Henry

#### LEAGUE

Bobbie Voyles Christine Henry Phyllis Eubanks Bernadeen Freeman Marzelle Briggs

#### TEMPERANCE

Brother Lunsford Mildred Pannell Nellie Blackwell Juanita Coffey Betty Mounger

#### EXAMINING

F. M. Wood Bill Bratcher Weldon Wood E. L. Biles Gurley Fowler

#### YOUTH CAMP, 1955-1956

Jess Berryman \_\_\_\_\_ Oakman Everett Pannell \_ Camp Ground Irene Collins \_\_\_\_\_ Ada Brother Beller \_\_\_\_ Wilson Archie Sloan \_\_\_\_ Happyland

Junior Freeman \_\_\_\_\_ Stratford Sister Chism \_\_\_\_\_ Cedar Grove Lester Henry \_\_\_\_\_ Stonewall Doyle Cox \_\_\_\_\_ Gaar Corner Gilbert Priest \_\_\_\_\_ Non

Motion made and carried that we adjourn until 11:00 o'clock service.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Song Service: Brother Homer Strickland, accompanied by Christine Henry

Prayer: Doyle Cox.

Devotional: II Thess. Chapter 2, by Moderator F. M. Wood.

Prayer: Gurley Fowler.

The Association elected Rev. Reford Wilson as the Evangelist for the Youth Camp in 1956. Rev. J. R. Hall was elected as alternate.

Board of Trustee Report. (See report).

Motion made and carried that rules for governing Youth Camp be entered in the minutes.

Motion made and carried that Youth Camp Committee draw up rules for governing Youth Camp.

Resolution Committee resolves to amend the Constitution.

Pulpit Committee Report: Rev. Doyle Cox and Rev. Billy Ray Wood to preach Friday night.

Home Mission Committee Report. (See report).

Sunday School Report. (See report).

Temperance Committee Report. (See report).

League Committee Report. (See report).

Obituary Committee Report, (See report).

Motion made and carried that Youth Encampment start Wednesday and continue until the following Wednesday.

Motion made and carried that we adjoun until 9:30 A. M. Saturday.

#### ATTENDED SATURDAY MORNING (1997) 1609 11 A.

Song Service: Fred Barker.

Devotional: Roman, Chapter 12 by Moderator, Rev. F. M. Wood.

Prayer: Brother Lester Henry.

Introductory Message at 1956 Association by Rev. Bill Bratcher.

Introductory Message at First Fifth Sunday Meeting, by Rev. Scott Jones. Rev. Billy Ray Wood, alternate.

Memorial Sermon by Rev. Earlin Haskins. Rex. F. M. Wood, alternate.

The resolution to amend the Constitution was accepted by a motion and a second and a two-thirds majority vote of the body present to read as follows:

(The meeting date of this Association shall be Thursday night before the second Sunday in August in each year, and our Camp Meeting start ten (10) days preceding the Association.

Recess in preparation for 11:00 o'clock Memorial Service.

Song Service: Brother Homer Strickland, accompanied by Rev. Earlin Haskins.

Prayer: Rev. Scott Jones.

Special Singing: Bobbie Sue Voyles; entitled, "We Are Going Down the Valley, One by One."

Memorial Message: Rev. Weldon Wood, "The Hope of Reunion."

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Song Service: Brother Homer Strickland, accompanied by Earlin Haskins.

Prayer: Rev. L. D. Stonecipher. Company

Devotional: Psalms, Chapter 1, by Moderator.

Motion made and carried to accept Board of Trustee Report. (See report).

Motion made and carried to accept Treasurer's Report. (See financial report).

Motion made and carried to accept Youth Camp Committee Report. (See report).

Motion made and carried to have 500 minutes printed...

Motion made and carried to begin a Ministers and Deacons Conference, which will be Friday night preceding the Fifth Sunday meetings at the same place.

Motion made and carried to rewrite the meeting date of the Associational League Rally in our minutes.

Motion made and carried to adjourn until the Thursday night before the Second Sunday in August, 1956.

Dismissed in prayer, by Rev. Fred Hooper.

#### CENTER ASSOCIATION TREASURER REPORT 1954-1955

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#### REPORT OF COMMITTEES

#### Board of Trustees:

We recommend that we increase the insurance on the two dormitories by \$500.00 on each one.

We recommend that we make arrangements to paint the two dormi-

tories and the kitchen.

Balance on hand at Association beginning

We recommend the Youth Camp boys leave their dormitory in a cleaner condition at the close of the Camp.

We request the Youth Camp, as well as the others, to protect our

trees on the grounds.

We recommend that arrangements be made to fill in dirt at the south end of the tabernacle. .

We give our permission to the Youth Fellowship to build a bridge, provided plans be approved by the Board of Trustees.

We recommend that we enlarge the kitchen to give enough room for the concession stand.

#### Home Mission Committee:

We, the Home Mission Committee report all churches doing good mission work. We see the need of more personal mission work done by the pastors, deacons and all members, in homes of this Association. We ask all pastors to encourage each church to organize Ladies Auxiliary work.

#### Sunday School Committee:

We, the Sunday School Committee submit the following report: It is our honest opinion that each church should have a 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 a ditch -Matt. 15:14.

#### Temperance Committee:

We know that God's Word teaches 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 Prov. 23:19, 20, 21, 29 and 35.

We recommend that we, as a denomination, urge all our members to abstain from all worldly amusement, be temperant in all things and oppose all manner of sin.—Col. 2:21, 22.

#### League Committee:

We, your League Committee, submit the following report: It is our opinion that each church should have a League to influence all the youth of the community in the way of Christ, and work toward the building of the League Rally, Youth Fellowship and Youth Camp at every meeting. We agree that the offering taken on Saturday night, at the Youth Fellowship meeting will go toward the building of the new bridge and the painting of both dormitories. We recommend that all sponsors and leaders be devoted and active Christian workers and teach the Word of God and leave off worldly pleasures, as the children of today are the church leaders of the future in the work of Christ our Saviour.

Our Rally Day is on the second Sunday of each quarter.

SPONSORS: Brother and Sister Lonnie Barnes, Box 23, Vanoss, Okla. PRESIDENT: Brother Wifford Lee, Route 1, Ada, Okla. VICE-PRESIDENT: Rev. Billy Ray Wood, Ada, Okla. SECRETARY: Sister Charlotte Bratches, Route 1, Roff, Okla.

ASSISTANT SECREARY: Sister Bobbie Sue Voyles, Route 5, Ada, Okla.

#### Obituary Committee:

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

Stonewall Church-Brother and Sister Fry, Brother Lee Shepard. Ada Church-Brother Edgar Simpson, Sister E. M. Loyd, Brother Cullen Buck.

Gaar Corner—Brother Owen Voyles. Cedar Grove—Sister Nettie Chandler, Sister Bell Atkins.

Camp Ground—Brother John Hood.

We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain. We recommend that this body stand in a moment of silent prayer in memory of the deceased.

#### Youth Camp Committee:

Rules to Govern Youth Camp— 3764 7 384 7

1. Children will not leave Camp Ground without permission of sponsors, or written permission from parents.

2. All children will be in dormitories 45 minutes after closing of

evening services.

- Children will attend all classes and all church services.
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  4. Obey your sponsors, teachers and superintendent at all times.
  5. Stay out of trees and off buildings at all times.

No smoking in any building. No working and no games on Sunday. 8. No child shall change bunks without permission of sponsors.

9. No cutting or whittling on Ground property.
10. If a child refuses to obey rules, he will be taken home upon agreement of two or more sponsors.

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#### 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 and equivalent devotional excersise during each day.
  - 12. 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 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, 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 by 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 denomiated the Center Association of Free Will Baptists, being composed of the sundry churches of 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.—Motions. Every motion made and seconded 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 second 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 infalliable rule of faith and practice.—II Timothy 3:16-17; 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 Jesus Christ.

Section 3. He now commands all men everywhere to repent; therefore He sayeth, "Look upto me and be saved all the ends of the earth for I am God and there is none ese."—Matthews 4:17; Isaiah 45:22; Acts 30:21-, 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 have a right to the tree of life and enter in through the gates of that city."—Revelation 22:14; Galatians 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.—Matthews 3:16, 28-19; John 3:22; Romans 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 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.—Matthews 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 some 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 in 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 21:19; 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.

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#### 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 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.

