

Minutes
of the
Sixty-Third Annual Session
of the
CENTER ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
Convened at Camp Ground
AUGUST 9-11, 1956



OFFICERS

Moderator Rev. Claude Freeman, Jr.
Assistant Moderator Rev. Bill Bratcher
Clerk Bro. Lonnie Barnes
Assistant Clerk and Treasurer Rev. Delbert Akin

CHURCH LETTER TO A QUARTERLY MEETING, YEARLY ASSOCIATION

Date _____
To the _____ Association of Free Will Baptists
when convened with the Free Will Baptist Church at _____
Oklahoma, _____. We send as delegates our beloved;

Whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your Godly deliberations.

Statistics

Finances

State of Religion _____	Paid Pastor \$ _____
Members received this year _____	Paid Evangelist \$ _____
Baptised _____ Dismissed _____	Home Mission \$ _____
Died _____ Total Membership _____	Foreign Mission \$ _____
Condition of Prayer Meeting _____	Building and Repairs ..\$ _____
Condition of Sunday School _____	For Education \$ _____
Average No. of Pupils _____	For Publication \$ _____
No. of Offrs. _____ No. of Teach. _____	Enclosed for Minutes...\$ _____

MINISTERS BELONGING TO OUR CHURCH

Names

Addresses

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

DEACONS BELONGING TO OUR CHURCH

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Pastor's Name _____ Address _____

Done by order of _____ Church assembled in
conference this _____ Day of _____, 19 _____.

_____, Moderator
_____, Clerk

Remarks: _____

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introduction Sermon.
2. House called to order by the Moderator.
3. Letters called for, read and received.
4. Right hand of fellowship and seating the delegates.
5. Election of officers.
6. Petitionary letters called for.
7. 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

This is to certify that _____ is a member in good standing of the Free Will Baptist at _____ and as such we recommend him (or her) to the fellowship of God's people, and is dismissed from us when united with another church.

Done in Church Conference this _____ Day of _____, 19____

_____ P. O. _____
County, Oklahoma.

_____, Pastor
_____, Clerk

PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the Sixty-Third Annual Session of the Center Association of Free Will Baptist convened at the Camp Ground, Pontotoc, County, Oklahoma, August 9, 10, 11, 1956 A.D. Introductory Sermon Thursday night, delivered by Rev. Bill Bratcher, Pastor of The Stonewall Free Will Baptist Church, Stonewall, Oklahoma. His Subject was: "Keep the Unity of the Spirit."

FRIDAY MORNING

The Association called to order by Moderator Rev. F. M. Wood.
Song Service Directed by: Bro. Fred Barker, accompanied by Sister Ollie Bell Wood.

Devotional: Romans 12th chapter, by Moderator.

Prayer: Bro. Fred Barker

Letters called for, read and received. Delegates were properly seated.

Church	Delegates	Alternates
Ada	two	one
Startford	one	one
Stonewall	two	none
Camp Ground	one	two
Gaar Corner	one	none
Happyland	three	none
Oakman	two	one
Cedar Grove	three	none
Non	three	none
Wilson	two	one

Election of Officers were as follows:

Moderator: Rev. Claude Freeman Jr.

Assistant Moderator: Rev. Bill Bratcher

Clerk: Bro. Lonnie Barnes

Assistant Clerk and Treasurer: Rev. Delbert Akin

Member of Board of Trustees: Bro. Virgil Hunt

Old members are: Bro. J. T. Masters, Bro. Fred Barker

Moderator appointed Pulpit Committee: Sister Irene Collings, (Chairman), Bro. Virgil Hunt, Sister Marzelle Briggs, Sister Lois Gray.

Rules of Order read by Moderator, Rev. Claude Freeman Jr.

Pulpit Committee Report: Rev. Harrison, pastor Allen Free Will Baptist Church, chosen to bring 11:00 o'clock message.

Subject of message: "Vitamins for the Soul."

Motion made and carried to adjourn session until 1:00.

Dismissed by Rev. Bill Bratcher.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Song Service: Bro. Fred Barker, accompanied by Rev. Earlin Haskins.

Prayer: Bro. Virgil Hunt.

Devotional: Psalms 100 by moderator.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES FOR 1956-1957

Pulpit	Home Mission	League
Virgil Hunt	Irene Collings	Lois Gray
Jess Berryman	Francis Beller	Bernadeen Freeman
Toss Hooser	Mildred Lancaster	Marzelle Briggs
Fred Barker	Martha Wyrick	Lorene Bratcher
		Sister Walling

Resolutions

Delbert Aldine
Doyle Cox
Lewis Wood
Joe Kee
F. M. Wood

Obituary

Lester Henry
Leroy Wood
Jess Berryman
James Murray

Auditing

Virgil Hunt
Bill Bratcher
Gurley Fowler
Fred Barker
Doyle Cox

Sunday School

Lorene Bratcher
Josie Northam
Grace Henry
Jimmie Ray Nickels

Temperance

Earlin Haskins
Tommie Roberts
Nellie Blackwell
Beatrice Phillips
Christine Barnes

Examining

V. Hunt
Bill Bratcher
Gurley Fowler

YOUTH CAMP COMMITTEE 1956-'57

Name	Church
Jim Caton	Oakman
Everett Pannell	Camp Ground
Irene Collings	Ada
Garrett Beller	Wilson
Lois Gray	Happyland
Claude Freeman Jr.	Stratford
Lovie Chism	Cedar Grove
Lester Henry	Stonewall
Lonnie Barnes	Garr Corner
Gilbert Priest	Non

State Delegates were appointed by officers of Association.—Des- sie Light, Oleta Pate, Bro. Collins, E. H. Simpson, Joe Sanford, Tony Walker, Mary Lee, Wilford Lee, Velma Chandler, Tillman Tollett.

Election of General Board member: Rev. F. M. Wod for 1957 State Association.

Quarterly Meetings are set as follows:—

First: Cedar Grove Second: Oakman Third: Stonewall
Fourth: Non

The speaker for the first Quarterly meeting will be Rev. James Murray; Alternate: Rev. Curtiss Hoague.

Introductory Speaker for Association of 1957 will be Rev. Earlin Haskins.

Memorial Message by Rev. Scott W. Jones; Alternate: Rev. Lorene Bratcher.

Resolutions Committee Report given and accepted that Revival continue through Association.

Election of Evangelist for Camp Meeting in 1957. Rev. Lonnie Davoult, Alternate Rev. Wade Jernigan.

Pulpit Committee reports Rev. Jimmy Ray Nickels to bring Fri- day night message.

League Committee given and accepted. (See report.)

Board of Trustees report given and accepted. (See report.)
Temperance Committee report given and accepted. (See report.)
Home Missions Committee report given and accepted. (See report.)

Motion made and carried to adjourn until 9:30 Saturday morning.
Dismissed by Rev. Billy Ray Wood.

SATURDAY MORNING

Meeting called to order by Moderator Rev. Claude Freeman Jr.
Song Service directed by Bro. Homer Strickland, accompanied by Juanita Carnes.

Devotional: Romans 13th chapter.

Prayer by Sister Flora Carter.

Motion made and carried that Association appoint a food committee for the coming year. They are as follows:

Flora Carter—Oakman

Vesta Henry—Stratford

Dessie Light—Camp Ground

Marie Murray—Cedar Grove

Ollie Roger—Ada

Vivian Hoague—Wilson

Estel Cox—Gaar Corner

Mary Kee—Stonewall

Martha Wyrick—Happyland

Mrs. Russell—Non

Motion made and carried that the Center Association organize the "Masters' Men" as recommended by the National Association.

Sunday School Committee report given and received. (See report.)

Obituary Committee report given and received. (See report.)

Motion made and carried that session adjourn for 11:00 o'clock service.

Session called to order by moderator.

Song Service directed by Bro. Homer Strickland, accompanied by Juanita Carnes.

Special songs were rendered.

Prayer by Bro. Walter Wood.

Singing by Congregation.

Prayer by Rev. Curtiss Hoague.

Special quartet singing and solo.

Memorial Sermon by Rev. Earlin Haskins.

Subject: "Pressing forward for the Prize."

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Meeting called to order by moderator.

Devotional: I Thess. 4th Chapter.

Prayer by Rev. Bill Bratcher.

Auditing Committee report given and received. (See report.)
Resolution Committee submits three resolutions. They were adopted.

Examining Committee reports that Bro. Doyle Cox has been examined and found to be sound in Doctrine and refer him back to his home church for Ordination.

Motion made and carried that we elect a permanent examining committee: The three year member is Rev. F. M. Wood; two year member, Rev. Delbert Akin; one year member, Rev. Scott W. Jones.

Motion made and carried that examining committee be printed in the minutes.

Motion made and carried that Board of Trustees be in the minutes.

Youth Camp financial report given and accepted.

Financial Report given and accepted by out-going treasurer.

Motion made and carried that all temporary committees be discharged.

Food Committee report given.

Motion made and carried that treasurer order ordination papers for association churches.

Motion made and carried that authorization be given clerk to have five-hundred minutes printed.

Motion made and carried that session adjourn until first quarterly meeting.

Dismissed by Rev. F. M. Wood.

CENTER ASSOCIATION TREASURER'S REPORT 1955-1956

Balance, from Association, 1955\$ 21.31

CREDITS

Received from Youth Camp 205.00

Received through Letters 162.50

Received from Joe Beck as gift 5.00

Received gift for use of Camp Ground 2.00

Received from Ada Church 90.00

Received from Stratford Church 63.76

Received from Camp Ground Church 15.00

Received from Stonewall Church 42.50

Received from Cedar Grove Church 70.00

Received from Non Church 30.00

Received from Happyland Church 10.00

Received from Garr Corner Church 40.00

Received from Oakman Church 60.00

Received from Wilson Church 37.50

Received as Gift from Jimmy Ray Nickels 25.00

Received as Gift from Lewis Allen Perry 10.00

TOTAL TAKEN IN\$889.57

DEBITS

Parker Fuel Company	\$ 3.00
People's Electric	26.00
State Delegates—Weldon Wood	20.00
Piano tuning—Oren Bradshaw	16.50
Ebey-McCauley Ins. Co.	62.13
Harden Printing and Office Supply	85.00
Executive Secretary of State	32.05
J. W. Hart for Labor	298.00
Ada Seed Co. for Weed Killer	3.50
Rev. J. Reford Wilson—Evangelist	150.00
TOTAL PAID OUT	\$697.07
Balance on hand at close of Association	\$192.50

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

League Committee:

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 the Youth Camp at every meeting.

We recommend that all sponsors and leaders be dedicated to Christianity and active workers, 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 Savior.

Our Rally day is on the first Sunday of each quarter.

League Sponsors are: Bro. and Sister Lonnie Barnes, Box 23, Vanoss, Oklahoma. President: Bro. Wilford Lee; Vice-president: Bro. Bill Hooser; Secretary: Sister Bobbie Sue Voyles; Assistant secretary: Sister Norma Bratcher.

Board of Trustees:

No major improvements are recommended at this time.

We wish to express our appreciation to all the churches for their fine cooperation in sending in financial help, more than we at first asked for. Also, we wish to thank our young folks for their tireless effort and fine work in raising money for painting of the buildings and building the bridge.

Home Mission Committee:

We, the Home Mission Committee report all churches are not doing enough home mission work.

We recommend that our association give active support to the home mission program of the State and National association.

We recommend that our churches organize a Women's Auxiliary in each church as we have only two active auxiliaries.

Temperance Committee:

We know God's Word teaches that strong drink is contrary to

the doctrine of the Lord. Prov. 20:1; Prov. 23:19, 20, 21—Therefore: we feel our Christian duty to be opposed to all moves contrary to the laws of Christ.

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, and if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch."

Statistics:—

Church	Superintendent	S. S. Secretary	Avg. Att.
Ada.....	John Wood	Ruth Lillard	190
Camp Ground.....	Leo Nelson	Marie Welch	63
Cedar Grove.....	Leo Chism	Lillie Bryant	50
Gaar Corner.....	Fred Barker	Bobbie Voyles	40
Happyland.....	Archie Sloan	Geraldine Bryan	35
Oakman.....	Jess Berryman	Deloris Farmer	32
Non.....	Willie Linten	Mardine England	90
Stonewall.....	Joe Kee	Wanda Brown	41
Stratford.....	Herman Mink	Eleanor Jervis	76
Wilson.....	T. A. Hooser	Marzell Briggs	40
TOTAL AVERAGE S. S. AT.			657

Auditing Committee:

After examining the books of the out-going treasurer, Rev. Jimmy Ray Nickels, We find all accounts to be in order and all money accounted for, which showed a balance in the First National Bank of Stratford, Oklahoma of \$192.50.

We wish to commend Bro. Nickels on the neat and correct way in which he has kept his books.

Obituary Committee:

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

Church	Name of Member
Cedar Grove	Lewis West
Stratford	F. C. Newton
	Sister Freeman
	Lucy Ballard
	Gertie Dillion
Ada	Alex Odom
	Francis Harris
Stonewall	Sally Knight
	Reunie Burris
Oakman	Myrtle Kaiser
Camp Ground	Arpha Watts

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:

Superintendent: Rev. Delbert Akin.
Assistant Superintendent: Doyle Cox
Girls' Sponsors: Sister Mary Kee, Sister Lois Gray, Sister Flora Carter, Sister Irene Collings.
Boys' Sponsors: Lonnie Barnes, James Murray, Claude Freeman Jr., Lewis Perry.
Music Instructor: Rev. Delbert Akin.
Bible History Seniors: Flora Carter
Bible History Juniors: Wanda Murphy
Bible History Intermediates: Rev. Lonnie Davoult
Stewardship Seniors: Rev. F. M. Wood.
Discipline Intermediates: Rev. Lorene Bratcher.
Discipline Juniors: Edna Davoult
Free Will Baptist Doctrine Seniors: Rev. Earlin Haskins
Free Will Baptist Doctrine Intermediates: Virgil Hunt
Free Will Baptist Doctrine Juniors: Anna Hunt
Personal Evangelism Seniors: Rev. Lewis Perry
Personal Evangelism Intermediates: Sister Doris Burkett
Personal Evangelism Juniors: Velma Cox

MINISTERS' DIRECTORY

Name	Address
Delbert Akin	420 S. Ash, Ada, Oklahoma
F. M. Wood	Box 725, Stratford, Oklahoma
Scott W. Jones	Route 3, Ada, Oklahoma
Bill Bratcher	Route 1, Stratford, Oklahoma
L. D. Stonecipher	Route 1, Stratford, Oklahoma
Ben Pixley	Calvin, Oklahoma
Muriel Wilson	Box 911, Francis, Oklahoma
Lorene Bratcher	Route 1, Stratford, Oklahoma
James Murray	1009 Hill Side Dr., Ada, Oklahoma
Curtis Hogue	Route 3, Ada, Oklahoma
Duff Hunt	630 W. 4th, Ada, Oklahoma
Donald Dake	716 W. 4th, Ada, Oklahoma
Beatrice Phillips	510 W. 2nd, Ada, Oklahoma
Wilbur Schultz	Non-resident
Doyle Cox	624½ W. 15th, Ada, Oklahoma
Earlin Haskins	Route 2, Ada, Oklahoma
Andy Dame	Gen. Del., Stonewall, Oklahoma
Maurice Herion	Route 1, Stonewall, Oklahoma
J. L. Henry	920 E. Main, Van Buren, Arkansas
Lewis Wood	Gen. Del., Stratford, Oklahoma
E. L. Biles	Gen. Del., Stratford, Oklahoma
Roy Wood	Gen. Del., Stratford, Oklahoma
Pink Lambert	Gen. Del., Pauls Valley, Oklahoma
Fred Hooper	Route 1, Stratford, Oklahoma

Dewey Wood	California
Jimmy Ray Nickels	Tulsa, Oklahoma
Claude Freeman Jr.	Box 264, Stratford, Oklahoma
Lewis A. Perry	Route 1, Stratford, Oklahoma

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 separately, 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 exercise 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 denominated 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, given the right hand of fellowship.

ARTICLE VI.—Motion. 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-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 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.—Romans 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 Tim. 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 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.—Gen. 1:31; Hebrew 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 30:21; 17:30.

ARTICLE VI.—REGENERATION

We believe that adult persons must be regenerated and born of the Spirit of God if they inherit eternal life.—John 3:3; Rom. 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.—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 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.—Matt. 3:16, 28:19; Rom. 6:4-5; Latin to plunge, to submerge, baptizo; Greek to dip, baptisma; 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 an dqualifying 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.—Eph. 3:7; Rev. 22:17.

ARTICLE X.—COMMANDMENTS.

We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper, and the washing of the saints' 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.—Matt. 22:26-29; John 12:2-17; Tim. 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.—Matt. 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 saints' feet to invite all Christians.—I 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 21:19; 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.—Matt. 19:3-11; 5:22; Luke 16:18; Mark 10:11-12; Rom. 7:1-3; Prov. 4:19; I Cor. 7:10-11; Malachi 2:14-7.

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.—Matt. 25:31-32; I Cor. 15:42-45; II Thes. 1:4-11; Rev. 20:10; Job 19:26.

Church	Pastor	Church Clerk	Clerk's Address	Church Property	Membership	Received	Dismissed	Died
Ada.....	Delbert Akin	Ina Nelson	Gen. Del., Ada, Okla.	\$40,000	466	39	11	2
Stratford.....	F. M. Wood	Vesta Henry	Rt. 1, Stratford, Okla.	9,000	48	5	2	3
Non.....	Ben Pixley	Lessie Hendrix	Calvin, Okla.	4,000	10	10	3	0
Campground.....	Scott W. Jones	J. O. Kirby	Rt. 2, Ada, Okla.	7,000	85	1	1	0
Stonewall.....	Bill Bratcher	A. E. Lawhorn	Stonewall, Okal.	10,000	30	6	11	2
Gaar Corner.....	L. D. Stonecipher	Norma Bratcher	Rolf, Okla.	.....	30	8	1	0
Cedar Grove.....	James Murray	E. H. Harris	Francis, Okla.	4,000	65	9	4	1
Happyland.....	Doyle Cox	Willie Smith	Rt. 4, Ada, Okla.	8,000	67	0	1	0
Oakman.....	Muriel Wilson	Flora Carter	Rt. 4, Ada, Okla.	.....	22	2	6	1
Wilson.....	Curtiss Hogue	Joy Roundtree	Rt. 1, Ada, Okla.	.....	76	12	2	0

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 conferences, 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.

