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# MINUTES

OF THE

## Sixty-Seventh Annual Session

OF THE

CENTER ASSOCIATION

OF

FREE WILL BAPTISTS



Convened At Camp Ground—Pontotoc County, Okla.

August 11-13, 1960

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## 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 of 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 ADMISSION

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

Done in Church Conference this \_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ County, Oklahoma.

\_\_\_\_\_ Pastor \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk

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**OFFICERS**

Moderator ----- Rev. Delbert Akin  
Asst. Moderator ----- Rev. F. M. Wood  
Clerk ----- Zora Wilson  
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The next Annual Session of Center Association will be held at the  
Camp Ground, Beginning Thursday night before the (Second)  
Sunday in August, 1961.

## PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the Sixty Seventh Annual Session of the Center Association convened at the Camp Ground August 11, 12, and 13, 1960, preaching Thursday evening by Rev. W. V. Wood.

### FRIDAY MORNING

Body called to order by moderator, Rev. Delbert Akin.

Singing conducted by Rev. Claude Freeman.

Scripture reading St. John 1st chapter read by moderator.

Prayer Rev. Roma Stewart.

Letters read from the following churches:

Ada—Sisters Irene Collings, Mary Moran, and Zora Wilson.

Asher—Sisters Ethel Perrin, Iva Birks, and Cynthia Mullins.

Camp Ground—Sisters Myrtle Roberts, Anna Myers, and LaVelle Wallis.

Cedar Grove—Bro. and Sister Tollie Chism, and Sister Velma Chandler.

East Sulphur—Sisters Lennie Sparks, Ruth Stanley, and Billie Van Winkle.

Gaar Corner—Sister Carrie Muncy.

Happyland—Bro. Claude Lee and Sisters Marie Roundtree and Ruth Frederick.

Non—Sisters Cleora Stewart, Helen Reeves, and Beulah Sweatman.

Oakman—Sisters Mildred Current and Ann Morgan, and Bro. Jim Morgan.

Stonewall—Sisters Ira Parker, Mary Kee, and Leatha Sliger.

Stratford—Sisters Altha Skinner, Lena Wood, and Mary Pierce.

Wilson—Sisters Margie Stewart, Noble Holman, and Mildred Stonecipher.

Letters received and delegates seated.

The right hand of fellowship given.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of officers results as follows:

Moderator—Rev. Delbert Akin.

Asst. Moderator—Rev. F. M. Wood.

Clerk—Zora Wilson.

Asst. Clerk and Treasurer—Virgil Hunt.

Member Board of Trustees—Bro. Tollie Chism. Old members are: Bro. Virgil Hunt and Bro. Fred Barker.

Member Examining Committee—Rev. W. V. Wood. Old members are: Rev. Bill Bratcher and Rev. Curtis Hogue.

Rules of Order read by moderator.

Petitionary letters called for.

The newly organized church at Pauls Valley presented a letter. Motion carried, we accept them into our association and seat their delegates. Delegates seated were Sisters Imalee Smith, Eliza Campbell, and Barbara Ballard.

### COMMITTEES APPOINTED AS FOLLOWS:

Pulpit—Bros. Ed Price, Don Hoover, Homer Perrin, J. W. Berryman, and Jeff Reeves.

Resolutions—Bros. Curtis Hogue, Earlin Haskins, F. M. Wood, Earl Collings, and L. D. Stonecipher.

League—Sisters Irene Collings, Marie Roundtree, Leatha Sliger, Myrtle Roberts, and Mildred Current.

Temperance—Bros. Roma Stewart, Lester Henry, Sisters Velma Chandler, Ruth Stanley, and Carrie Muncy.

Obituary—Sisters LaVelle, Wallis, Mildred Stonecipher, Mary Moran, Barbara Ballard, and Bro. Claude Lee.

Sunday School—Bro. Claude Freeman, Sisters Ethel Perrin, Beulah Sweatman, Lena Wood, and Lennie Sparks.

Youth Camp—Irene Collings, Leslie Ballard, Beulah Sweatman, LaVelle Wallis, Joe Kee, Lonnie Barnes, Lovie Chism, Robert Wyrick, Jim Caton, James Briggs, Ruth Stanley, Oran Mullins, and Jimmy Ballard.

Food—Ollie Rogers, Leatha Skinner, Lucille Tipton, Anna Myers, Ira Parker, Estelle Cox, Velma Chandler, Marie Roundtree, Mildred Current, Margie Stewart, Carrie Bogart, Lillian Dolph, and Zota Smith.

State Delegates—Sister Anna Hunt, Lena Wood, Ida Stewart, Bertha Satterwhite, Bertha Barker, Velma Chandler, Flora Carter, Lennie Sparks, Ethel Perrin, Eunice Lunsford, and Bros. Claude Lee, Impson Anderson, and Eldon Lee.

Adjourned until 1:15 o'clock.

Dismissed by Rev. Burnett Lunsford.

Preaching at eleven o'clock by Rev. Roma Stewart. Text St. John 3rd chapter, 3rd verse. Subject, "Adventure". Very inspiring message.

Dismissed by Rev. Scott Jones.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Moderator in charge.

Singing directed by Rev. Claude Freeman.

Prayer Rev. Earlin Haskins.

Old Business called for.

Motion carried that the motion tabled at the last quarterly meeting be reopened for discussion. Subject: Motion to adopt the Ministers Questionaire. After much discussion, the motion was defeated.

Quarterly Meetings Placed as follows.

First—October 1960, Wilson

Second—January 1961, Oakman.

Third—April 1961, Cedar Grove

Speaker for Introductory Sermon for next Annual Association—  
Rev. F. M. Wood. Alternate—Rev. Curtis Hogue.

Speaker for Next Quarterly Introductory Sermon—Rev. Carl Shivers. Alternate Rev. Burnett Lunsford.

Speaker for next Memorial Service, Rev. Earlin Haskins—  
Alternate Rev. John Morgan.

General Board Member for 1961 State Association—Rev. Curtis Hogue.

Mission Board Members, Rev. Claude Freeman, and Rev. Bill Bratcher resigned.

Motion carried we accept their resignations, and new board elected as follows:

1 year—Rev. John Morgan

2 year—Rev. Delbert Akin

3 year—Rev. Roma Stewart

Adjourned until 9:30 o'clock Saturday A.M. Dismissed by Rev. Carl Shivers.

Preaching Friday night—Rev. Bill Bratcher, Text Phillipians I 1-10.

Dismissed by Bro. J. Clyde Wilson.

### SATURDAY MORNING

Moderator in charge.

Singing directed by Rev. Claude Freeman.

Scripture reading 1st Cor. 13th Chapter.

Prayer Bro. Earl Collings.

The following committees reported, and reports accepted.

Treasurer, Temperance, League, Sunday School, Womans Auxiliary, and Obituary. (See Committee Reports)

Adjourned until 1:30 o'clock.

Dismissed by Bro. Virgil Hunt.

Memorial Message at 11:30 o'clock by Rev. Scott Jones.  
Scripture Psalms 45th chapter.

Prayer, Rev. John Morgan.

Special Music—"When They Ring Those Golden Bells For You and Me", by sisters Ira Parker and Zora Wilson. "Precious Memories", by Rev. Delbert Akin, Rev. Burnett Lunsford, and Bro. and Sister Earl Collings. Following the message, the Right Hand of Fellowship was extended one to another. A wonderful service.

Dismissed by Rev. Burnett Lunsford.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Assistant Moderator in charge.

Singing "When The Roll is Called Up Yonder" directed by Rev. Claude Freeman.

Scripture Romans 12th Chapter 1-3.

Prayer Rev. Carl Shivers.

Evangelists elected for the 1961 Camp Meeting. Rev. Homer Young and Rev. Waldo Young.

Alternate—Rev. Weldon Wood.

Motion carried we adjourn until Thursday night before the second Sunday in August 1961.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES LEAGUE

It is our opinion that each church should have a league to train all of the youth in our churches to active christian service that we may have better League Rallies, Youth Fellowship, and youth camps. We recommend that all churches co-operate more closely with the Youth Fellowship which meets each Saturday night in our different churches.

We recommend that all Leaders and Literature, be Free Will Baptist.

Our Rally Day is the first Sunday of November, 1960; February, 1961; and May, 1961. Sponsors are Mr. and Mrs. Earl Collings. President: Eldon Lee, Vice President: Kendall Moran; Secretary and Treasurer, Juanita Sawyer; Assistant Secretary and Treasurer, Janell Farmer; Song Leader, Gail Lunsford; Pianist, Judy Stonecipher.

The Committee

## WOMANS AUXILIARY

Officers Elected:

President—Lennie Sparks, Box 176, Sulphur, Oklahoma.

Corr. Secy.—Myrtle Roberts, Route 2, Ada, Oklahoma.

Treasurer—Vivian Hogue, Route 2, Ada, Oklahoma.

Recording Sec.—Dorothy Akin, 420 South Ash, Ada, Oklahoma

We will continue to meet on Thursday before the Annual Association. Our Quarterly meetings are on the first Thursday in each quarter beginning October 6, 1960, with the Stonewall Church.

We have 40 active members reported from 4 Auxiliaries. Enclosed is \$10.00 to help with printing of minutes.

The Committee

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

We the Sunday School Committee wish to submit the following report on the Sunday School work of our association, for which we are deeply grateful. We believe that all officers and teachers should be Christians and be a member of the Free Will Baptist Church where attending.

Church	Supt.	Secretary	Av. Att.
Ada	Ernest McKaskle	Irene Collings	181
Asher	Gus Luster	Goldie Dean	28
Camp Ground	Jimmy Wood	Mario Welc	55
Cedar Grove	Alvin Baker	Laverne Scroggins	35
East Sulphur	Lewis Sparks	Ruth Stanley	35
Gaar Corner	Tony Walker	Norma Bratcher	43
Happyland	Robert Wyrick	Willie Smith	35
Non	Raymond Montgomery	Marcelle England	89
Oakman	George Carter	Mildred Current	34
Pauls Valley	Leroy Ballard	Linda Lunsford	22
Stonewall	Joe Kee	Geneva Gregory	56
Stratford	Lester Ballard	Margette Wood	70
Wilson	Garrett Beller	Frances Beller	50

### The Committee

## OBITUARY

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

Ada—Bro. T. G. Fowler and Jerry Max Wood.

Cedar Grove—Bro. Ely West

East Sulphur—Sister Ella Finley.

Happyland—Bro. C. P. Gann, Sister Senna Gann, and Sister Martha Wyrick.

Oakman—Sister Elizabeth Halcombe.

Stratford—Bro. Doc Byford and Rev. Lewis Wood.

Wilson—Sister Nettie Thurman.

Non—Sister Cordie Lawson.

We feel our loss is Heavens gain. We recommend this body stand in a moment of silent prayer in memory of these deceased.

The Committee

## TREASURERS FINANCIAL REPORT

AUGUST 15, 1960

Ada	\$ 880.51
Camp Ground	107.77
Happyland	55.32
Non	400.44
Oakman	182.19
Stonewall	141.70
Stratford	133.85
Asher	35.14
Cedar Grove	20.00
East Sulphur	20.00
Wilson	22.50
Pauls Valley	13.91
Gaar Corner	30.00
Women's Auxiliary	10.00
Refund on Insurance Premium	10.52
Surplus from Youth Camp	361.34



Storm Damage .....	267.10
Refund from REA .....	9.80
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Total Receipts .....	\$2,702.09
Carried forward from Last Year .....	517.25
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	\$3,219.34

#### DISBURSEMENTS

State Association Co-Op Plan .....	1446.66
State Association Delegate Fee (1959) .....	60.00
Minutes (1959) .....	68.60
Lumber & Supplies .....	213.81
Repair Storm Damage .....	282.10
Labor .....	262.60
Insurance Premium .....	87.59
Pauls Valley Church .....	100.00
REA .....	37.63
Evangelist (1960) .....	200.00
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Total Disbursements .....	\$2,758.99
Balance on Hand .....	460.35
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	\$3,219.34

#### TEMPERANCE:

Resolve that a statical report be written in the minutes, showing the effects of legalized liquor upon our state.

We pray that this report be read and studied in our local churches.

The following information obtained from Sooner Alchol-Narcotis Education, Ross J. McLennan, Executive Secretary, 201 N.W. 9th, Oklahoma City 3, Oklahoma.

"Although it is too early to get the figures covering the first year of legalized liquor, there have been certain trends that have been very definite. For example, Chief Bergman of the Oklahoma City Police Department has released the information showing there is about a 42% increase on arrests for drunkenness and drunk driving in Oklahoma City covering the first six months.

Another way in which the state laws are being defied and broken is seen in the great amount of liquor advertising. The constitutional amendment adopted by the people on the April 7 election in 1959, very specifically states that there shall be no advertising of the sale of alcholic beverages except one sign being placed in front of the liquor store which says "retail alcholic liquor store". Therefore, any and all advertising is unconstitutional. I am sure you will appreciate knowing that SANE has brought a case to the SUPREME COURT regarding this illegal advertising.

There are over 830 private drinking clubs in this state which are unconstitutional, for the constitution specifies there shall be no sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises. Nevertheless these drinking clubs exist above and beyond the law.

The statute laws of the state of Oklahoma prohibit the issuing of a liquor license for a retail package store within 300 feet of a church or school. Nevertheless, the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board has issued scores of licenses that violate this state law, in fact some liquor stores are built right next door to churches."

We know that God's Word teaches that strong drink is contrary to his will. Prov. 20-1; 23, 29, 30, and 31. First Tim. 3-3; Romans 14-21; Titus 1-7.

Therefore; We ask our people to take an active stand against liquor. Furthermore; We ask our people to oppose any officer, or candidate for office that is not against liquor in any form. Therefore; We urge you to study the scriptures and beware of those who tell you that drinking will be lessened. Isa. 5-20; They that call good evil and evil good.

The Committee

### RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED:

#### Resolution No. 1

Resolved that this body authorize the Board of Trustees to continue the improvements on the buildings as was ordered in the 1959 meeting.

#### Resolution No. 2

Be it resolved that the minutes of the Quarterly Meetings be recorded in our annual minutes.

The Committee

### YOUTH CAMP COMMITTEE REPORT

The Youth Camp Committee met at the Ada Church on Sunday, September 4, 1960 and elected Bro. James Briggs, Wilson, as Chairman and Sis. Irene Collings as Secretary. The following officers, sponsors and teachers were elected for the 1961 Youth Encampment to be held August 2-9, 1961:

Superintendent .....	Rev. Curtis Hogue
Ass't. Supt. ....	Bro. Lonnie Barnes
Junior Girls Sponsors .....	Sis. Lennie Sparks, Sis. Christine Barnes
Senior Girls Sponsors .....	Sis. Marie Mennick, Sis. Marzelle Briggs, Sis. Myrtle Roberts
Boys Sponsors .....	Bro. James Briggs, Bro. Delbert Akin, Bro. Lonnie Barnes, Bro. Roma Stewart

## TEACHERS

### Stewardship

Seniors and Intermediates ..... Bro. Delbert Akin  
 Juniors ..... Sis. Lavelle Wallis

### Bible History

Seniors and Intermediates ..... Bro. F. M. Wood  
 Juniors ..... Sis. Lorene Bratcher

### Doctrine

Seniors and Intermediates ..... Bro. Carl Shivers  
 Juniors ..... Sis. Dorothy Akin

### Evangelism

Seniors and Intermediates ..... Sis. Irene Collings  
 Juniors ..... Sis. Mildred Stonecipher

### Music

The Young Brothers, Homer and Waldo.

## MINISTERS DIRECTORY

Delbert Akin .....	420 South Ash, Ada, Okla.
E. L. Biles .....	Route 1, Stratford, Okla.
Bill Bratcher .....	Route 1, Stratford, Okla.
Lorene Bratcher .....	Route 1, Stratford, Okla.
Doyle Cox .....	1006 North Francis, Ada, Okla.
Don Dake .....	1031 S. Highschool, Ada, Okla.
Andy Dame .....	Stonewall, Okla.
Claude Freeman Jr. ....	Box 264, Stratford, Okla.
Henry Griffin .....	325½ West 15th, Ada, Okla.
Earlin Haskins .....	Route 2, Ada, Okla.
J. H. Hill .....	Sulphur, Okla.
Curtis Hogue .....	Route 2, Ada, Okla.
Fred Hooper .....	Stratford, Okla.
Scott W. Jones .....	Route 3, Ada, Okla.
John Lewis .....	Sulphur, Okla.
Burnett Lunsford .....	Box 262, Pauls Valley, Okla.
John Morgan .....	Box 78, Francis, Okla.
E. M. Pannell .....	816 East 8th, Ada, Okla.
L. D. Stonecipher .....	Route 1, Stratford, Okla.
Wayne Sikes (Licensed) .....	Ada, Okla.
Roma Stewart .....	Star Route, Calvin, Okla.
J. L. Van Winkle .....	300 W. 4th, Ada, Okla.
Muril Wilson .....	710 West 5th, Ada, Okla.
Clarence Wood .....	Route 5, Ada, Okla.
F. M. Wood .....	610 W. 1st, Ada, Okla.
W. V. Wood .....	Stratford, Okla.

## **RULES GOVERNING THE CAMP GROUND PROPERTY**

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

## **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. Alternation may be made in these rules at any regular session.

## CONSTITUTION

From long experience, we, the members of the Center Association being regularly baptised 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 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 post office 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. Newly constituted churches may be admitted into the Association, which are to petition by letter and delegates, and if upon examination they are found to be orthodox and orderly, they may be received into the Association, the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

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

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

**ARTICLE VIII. Minutes**—The association is to endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of the association 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 of each year.

## **ARTICLES OF FAITH**

### **Article I**

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; 2 Pet. 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 the same, whereby all mankind are sinners, but not by constraint, but by choice. Gen. 3:1-13.

**Section 2.** Being partakers of the sinful nature attained by the fall. Romans 5:14-19.

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, tasted death for every Man. Heb. 2:9.

#### **Article IV Pardon**

Section 1. We believe that Christ by his death suffering and resurrection, purchased our pardon. I Cor. 15:3.

Section 2. And offers it freely to all mankind upon the principle of repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Eph. 5:2, Heb. 9:28.

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." Mat. 4:17. Isa. 45:22, Acts 20:21, 17:30.

#### **Article V Regeneration**

We believe that adult persons must be regenerated and born of the Spirit of God if they inherit eternal life. Jno. 3:3, 1:12-13, 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, I John 2:12

#### **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." 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 dipper, baptism; Greek to wash, to dip; "Matt. 3:13-17, 28:19, Rom. 6:4-5, I Pet. 3:21.

## **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. "Eph. 3:7, I Tim. 1:8-9, Rom. 15:15-16.

## **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. 26:26-29, John 13:2-17, I Tim. 5:9-10, Luke 22:7-20.

## **Article XI Baptismal Right**

Section 1. We believe that none have the right to baptism, only those who have obtained a living hope in the Lord Jesus Christ. Acts 10:47.

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. Acts 13:1-4, Matt. 28:19-20.

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 saint's 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. Judg. 4:4, Rom. 16:12, 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, 5:32; Luke, 16:18; Mark 10:11; Rom. 7:1-3; Prov. 5:19-20; I Cor. 7:10-11; Mal. 2:14-17.



## Article XV Resurrection

We believe in the resurrection of all dead, both just and unjust. John 5:28-29.

The resurrection of the just to glory and immortality in the presence of God. Matt. 25:34, Job 19:26.

And the unjust to everlasting shame and banishment from the presence of God. Matt. 25:31-32, Matt. 25:41, I Cor. 15:52, II Thes. 1:4-11, Rev. 20:14-15.

## 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 appearance 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 enterprise, 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 And Pastor

Ada—Delbert Akin  
 Asher—Carl H. Waddle  
 Camp Ground—Curtis Hogue  
 Cedar Grove—Earlin Haskins  
 East Sulphur—J. L. Van Winkle  
 Gaar Corner—F. M. Wood  
 Happyland—Doyle Cox  
 Non—Roma Stewart  
 Oakman—John Morgan  
 Pauls Valley—Burnett Lunsford  
 Stonewall—E. M. Pannell  
 Stratford—Carl Shivers  
 Wilson—L. D. Stonecipher  
 Totals—13 Churches  
*Made*

# Clerk And Address

Olea Pate, 1000 W. 14th, Ada  
 Beulah Fry, Route 1, Asher  
 J. O. Kirby, 530 W. 18th, Ada  
 M. E. Harris, Route 3, Ada  
 Olea Finley, 503 E. Tahl, Sulphur  
 Norma Bratcher, Rt. 1, Roff  
 Lois Gray, Rt. 4, Ada  
 Lessie Hendrix, Star Route, Calvin  
 Sis. Cecil Holcombe, Rt. 3, Ada  
 Linda Lunsford, Box 262, Pauls Valley  
 Mary Kee, Box 392, Stonewall  
 Eleanor Jervis, Box 505, Stratford  
 Sis. Noble Holman, Rt. 1, Ada

# Value of Church Property

✓\$68,000  
 5,500  
 —10,500  
 4,000  
 —5,000  
 8,000  
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 39  
 19  
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# Membership

532  
 28  
 85  
 103  
 48  
 67  
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 213  
 39  
 19  
 69  
 159  
 81  
 1512

# Members Rec'd

2  
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