

MINUTES
OF THE
Sixty-Eighth Annual Session
OF THE
CENTER ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Convened At Camp Grounds—Pontotoc County, Okla.

AUGUST 10-11-12, 1961



OFFICERS

Moderator ----- Rev. F. M. Wood

Assistant Moderator ----- Rev. Carl Shivers

Clerk ----- Zora Wilson

Address: P. O. Box 313—Ada, Oklahoma

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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.
11. 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 (her) to the fellowship of God's people,
and dismissed from us when united with another church.

Done in Church Conference this _____ day of _____, 19_____.

_____ County, Oklahoma.

_____, Pastor; _____, Clerk

PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the Sixty-Eighth Annual Session of the Center Association of the Free Will Baptist, convened at the Camp Grounds, August 10, 11 and 12, 1961.

Preaching Thursday evening by Rev. F. M. Wood. Text: Genesis 13:1-13. Subject, "What Is Progress." Dismissed by Bro. T. A. Hoosier.

FRIDAY MORNING

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

Singing led by Rev. Claude Freeman.

Scripture reading, Acts 1:4-12, by Moderator.

Prayer by Rev. Jerry Rhodes.

The following churches were represented, letters read, and delegates seated. The righthand of fellowship given.

Ada—Sisters Margie Muncrief, Ova Dake and Maggie Price.

Asher—Sisters Beulah Fry and Cynthia Mullins.

Camp Grounds—Sisters Anna Myers, Pearl Jones and Dessie Light.

Cedar Grove—Bro. Cal West.

East Sulphur—Sisters Ruth Stanley, Carrie Bogart and Lennie Sparks.

Gaar Corner—Sisters Bertha Barker, Estelle Cox and Vera Bratcher.

Happyland—Sisters Ruth Frederick and Sammie Nickell, and Bro. Claude Lee.

Madill—Sister Billie Van Winkle.

Non—Sisters Cleora Hendrix, Ollie Russell and Sylvia Parks.

Oakman—Sisters Betty Mounger, Mildred Current and Zora Lee.

Pauls Valley—Sisters Zota Smith, Zora Rose and Bro. John Smith.

Stonewall—Sisters Mildred Pannell, Mary Kee and Leatha Sliger.

Stratford—Sisters Mary Pearce and Altha Skinner.

Wilson—Sisters Mildred Stonecipher, Frances Beller and Madeline Holman.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of officers results as follows:

Moderator—Rev. F. M. Wood.

Assistant Moderator—Rev. Carl Shivers.

Clerk—Zora Wilson.

Assistant Clerk and Treasurer—Virgil Hunt.

Member Board of Trustees—Rev. Bill Bratcher. Old members are Brothers Tollie Chism and Virgil Hunt.

Member of Examining Committee—Rev. L. D. Stonecipher. Old members are Rev. W. V. Wood and Rev. Bill Bratcher.

Mission Board—Rev. Carl Shivers. Old members are Rev. Delbert Akin and Rev. Roma Stewart.

Adjourned until 1:30 o'clock.

Dismissed by Rev. Muriel Wilson.

Preaching at 11:00 by Rev. Billie Ray Wood. Text Matt. 19:16-22.

Prayer by Brother Lester Henry.

Dismissed by Rev. Scott Jones.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Moderator in charge.

Singing led by Rev. Delbert Akin.

Scripture reading, Roman, 12th Chapter.

Prayer by Rev. Claude Freeman.

Rules of Order read by Moderator.

Petitionary letters called for.

Committees appointed as follows:

Pulpit, Bros. J. Clyde Wilson, John Smith, Lester Henry, Homer Perlin and Dan Hoover.

Resolutions, Bros. W. V. Wood, Scott Jones, Delbert Akin, Bill Bratcher and Earlin Haskins.

League, Sisters Lorene Bratcher, Sammie Nickell, Vera Bratcher, Mildred Current and Cleora Hendrix.

Temprance, Bros. L. D. Stonecipher and Edd Price, and Sisters Mary Pearce, Dessie Light and Bertha Barker.

Obituary, Sisters Mildred Stonecipher, Billie Van Winkle and Mildred Pannell, and Bros. John Smith and Cal West.

Sunday School, Sisters Lennie Sparks, Margie Muncrief and Zora Rose, and Bros. Claude Freeman and Curtis Hogue.

Youth Camp, Christine Barnes, Beulah Fry, Loy Wood, Virgie Chandler, Oleta Finley, Norma Bratcher, Robert Wyrick, Jimmie Caton, Jim Ballard, E. M. Pannell, Carl Shivers, James Briggs and Billie Priest.

Food, Ollie Rogers, Lillian Dolph, Anna Myers, Velma Chandler, Rutch Stanley, Estelle Cox, Marie Roundtree, Mildred Current, Barbara Ballard, Jean Cranford, Lena Wood, Margie Stewart and Ruby Wellington.

State Delegates, Dorothy Akin, Eula Luster, Anna Myers, Lennie Sparks, Bertha Barker, Robert Wyrick, Billie Van Winkle, Ruby Wellington, Jewell Wilson, Eunice Lunsford, Leatha Sliger, Myrtle Shivers and Elden Lee.

Motion carried that we accept these as submitted by our churches.

Motion carried our moderator appoint alternates for state delegates if necessary.

Rev. Curtis Hogue submitted his resignation as General Board member. Motion carried we accept his resignation.

Rev. Carl Shivers was elected to replace him.

Rev. Delbert Akin was elected General Board member for 1962.

Treasurer's report read and accepted.

Minutes of Quarterly meetings read. Next Quarterly meetings placed as follows:

First—October, 1961, Asher.

Second—December, 1961, Ada.

Third—April, 1962, Happyland.

Motion that we call our meetings Quarterly instead of Fifth Sunday, after much discussion was tabled until Saturday.

Motion carried we table a resolution regarding amendment to Article IV of our Constitution.

Motion carried we adjourn until Saturday morning.

Dismissed by prayer.

Preaching Friday night by Rev. Bill Bratcher. Text Eph. 5:1-16.

SATURDAY MORNING

Moderator in charge.

Singing led by Brother Lonnie Barnes.

Scripture reading, 2nd Cor. 5th Chapter.

Prayer, Rev. Carl Waddle.

The following speakers were selected:

For First Quarterly meeting—Rev. Carl Waddle.

Alternate—Rev. Carl Shivers.

Introductory next Association:

Rev. Claude Freeman.

Alternate—Rev. Bill Bratcher.

Next Memorial Service—Rev. W. V. Wood.

Alternate—Rev. Scott Jones.

The proposition of accumulation of all our minutes since the beginning of our Association, was brought up for discussion.

Motion carried that Moderator appoint a committee to investigate the possibilities of completing a record of the history of the Center Association.

Committee appointed as follows:

Virgil Hunt, Lonnie Barnes, Edd Price, Judson Kirby and Garret Beller.

Adjourned until 1:30 o'clock.

Memorial message at 11:00 o'clock was rendered by Rev. Earlin Haskins. Scripture reading, Rev. 14:13.

Prayer by Brother Joe Key.

Special music, "I Need No Mansion Here." Sang by Rev. Delbert Akin; and "Precious Memories," by Sammie Nickell, Juanita Sawyer, Delbert Akin and Lonnie Barnes, with Zora Wilson at the piano.

After a good message by Brother Haskins, the right-hand of fellowship was extended one to another, as the congregation sang "Amazing Grace."

Dismissed by Rev. Bill Bratcher.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Moderator in charge.

Scripture reading by Brother Claude Freeman. I Cor. 2:1-10.

Prayer by Rev. Carl Shivers.

The following committees reported, and reports accepted:

League, Temperance, Obituary, Sunday School and Woman's Auxiliary. (See committee reports).

Evangelist elected for next Camp Meeting:

Rev. Bob Duncan was elected with Rev. Gilbert Pixley as alternate.

Motion carried that we buy 100 song books, if money available.

Motion carried we call our meetings quarterly instead of Fifth Sunday.

Motion carried we adopt amendments to our Constitution as submitted by resolution committee. (See report).

Motion carried we give our officers a rising vote of thanks.

Motion carried we adjourn to meet again Thursday night before the second Sunday in August, 1962.

Dismissed by Brother Jess Berryman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

LEAGUE

It is our opinion that each Church should have a League to train all the youth in our churches to active Christian service, that we may have better League rallies, Youth Fellowships, and Youth Camps. We recommend that all churches cooperate 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 Days are the first Sundays in November, 1961; February, 1962, and May, 1962.

Sponsors are Mr. and Mrs. James Briggs.

President—Eldon Lee.

Vice-President—Beaty Nickell.

Secretary and Treasurer—Juanita Sawyer.

Assistant Secretary and Treasurer—Gail Lunsford

Song Leader—Phyllis Barnes.

Pianist—Judy Stonecipher.

—Signed: The Committee

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, the Sunday School Committee, are happy to report an active Sunday School in all the churches of our Association. We note the average attendance for the past year has increased 90, making a total average of 823 in Sunday School each week. We recommend that all officers and teachers be Christians and members of the church. We recommend all Sunday Schools to use the literature published by the Oklahoma State Association of Free Will Baptist. The following is a table showing the Church, Superintendent, Secretary and average attendance for the past year:

Church	Superintendent	Secretary	Av. Att.
Ada	Gains McKaskle	Irene Collings	213
Asher	Gus Luster	Goldie Dean	34
Camp Ground	Bill Briggs	Marie Welch	59
Cedar Grove	Carrel Bryant	Lillie Bryant	30
East Sulphur	Fred McDonald	Lennie Sparks	25
Gaar Corner	Tony Walker	Norma Bratcher	52
Happyland	Lee Nickell	Pauline Nickell	35
Madill	J. L. Van Winkle	Billie Van Winkle	18
Non	Willie Linton	Billie Priest	83
Oakman	George Carter	Mildred Current	40
Pauls Valley	Jim Ballard	Helen Ballard	60
Stonewall	Carl Jackson	Mary Kee	48
Stratford	Rexie Suits	Sue Holloway	75
Wilson	Garrett Beller	Frances Beller	51
—Signed: The Committee			

OBITUARY

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

Ada—Sister Louise Wallis and Brother Edd Brumley.
 Camp Ground—Sister Eula McDaniel.
 Cedar Grove—Sisters Dora Hoosier, Mable Kelley, Effie West and Lovie Chism.
 East Sulphur—Sister Ella Blair.
 Oakman—Sister Frances Bandy.
 Stonewall—Sister Mert Killion.

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

—Signed: The Committee

TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on Temperance, submit the following report:

No. 1—Be it resolved that the use of alcoholic beverages in any form be discouraged and condemned by our people everywhere and in every way.

No. 2—That this Association protest the public advertisement of intoxicating liquors on the pages of newspapers, billboards, or placards.

No. 3—That we co-operate with all other bodies working for ultimate national prohibition.

No. 4—That we encourage and insist that our church people everywhere, regardless of political party affiliation, refuse to support any candidate for any office known to favor the liquor traffic.

No. 5—That our ministers preach uncompromisingly against the use of intoxicating beverages as well as other form of sin.

No. 6—That we ask our people to refrain from patronizing any business establishment which sells beer, wine, or any intoxicating drink.

—Signed: The Committee

EXAMINING COMMITTEE

We recommend that the Churches of the Center Association send candidates for deacons before the Examining Committee for examination before ordination.

—Signed: The Committee

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Amendments to the Constitution adopted:

Be it Resolved that Article IV of our Constitution be amended to include the following to be inserted following the word Treasurer, "and a Board of Trustees of three (3) members elected to 3, 2 and 1 year terms."

Be it Resolved that an amendment be added to the Constitution, inserting into Article I between words Deacons, and with, "duly elected officers of the Association, Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk and Treasurer."

—Signed: The Committee

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Officers elected:

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

Corresponding Secretary—Myrtle Roberts, Route 2, Ada, Okla.

Treasurer—Lavelle Wallis, 500 East 7th Street, Ada, Okla.

Recording Secretary—Dorothy Akin, 420 South Ash, Ada, Okla.

We will continue to meet on Thursday before the Annual Association. Our quarterly meetings are on the first Thursday in each quarter beginning October 5, 1961, with the Sulphur church. We have 49 active members reporting from four auxiliaries. Enclosed is \$5.00 to help with printing of minutes.

—Signed: The Committee

YOUTH CAMP COMMITTEE REPORT

The Youth Camp Committee meeting was called to order by Brother James Briggs. Prayer was led by Brother Lonnie Barnes.

Election of officers for Youth Camp Committee:

Chairman—Brother James Briggs.

Secretary—Norma Bratcher.

Election of officers and teachers for Youth Camp in 1962:

Superintendent—Delbert Akin.

Assistant Superintendent—Lonnie Barnes.

Junior Girls Sponsors—Dorothy Akin, Lavelle Wallis.

Senior Girls Sponsors—Marzelle Briggs, Christine Barnes and Norma Bratcher.

Boys Sponsors—Roma Stewart, Lonnie Barnes, James Briggs and Glen Wallis.

Teachers—Stewardship: Seniors, Bob Duncan; Intermediate, Bob Duncan; Junior, Lennie Sparks:

Bible History—Seniors, Fern Duncan; Intermediate, Fern Duncan; Junior, Bertha Barker.

Doctrine—Seniors, Carl Shivers; Intermediate, Carl Shivers; Junior, Jewel Wilson.

Evangelism—Seniors, Roma Stewart; Intermediate, Roma Stewart; Junior, Lorene Bratcher.

Music—Senior, Intermediate, Junior, Lonnie Barnes and Delbert Akin.

There was a discussion on the possibilities of our camp growing to an extent that we would not have adequate space and facilities.

We were dismissed in prayer by Brother Murel Wilson.

—Norma Bratcher, Secretary

MINUTES OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS

OCTOBER 28, 1960—

The First Quarterly Meeting convened with the Wilson church.

Friday night's message was rendered by Brother Vard Wood. Text, Ex., 10th chapter.

Saturday morning session, Brother F. M. Wood, assistant moderator in charge. Prayer by Brother S. W. Jones.

The following churches were represented with delegates—Ada, Camp Ground, East Sulphur, Gaar Corner, Happyland, Non, Oakman, Pauls Valley, Stratford, Stonewall and Wilson. There were nine ministers and four deacons present. Brother Clarence Wood and Curtis Hogue brought the 11:00 o'clock message. Text John 6:66-69.

Saturday afternoon—Moderator Brother Delbert Akin, in charge. The body agrees to endorse "SANE" and donate \$25.00 to the court trial now pending, opposing the advertising of liquors in Oklahoma.

The credentials committee reports that on examination Brother J. L. Van Winkle as to his qualifications to the ministry to be sound in doctrine, and recommended him to be ordained to preach the Gospel.

Brother L. D. Stonecipher was elected to bring introductory message at next Quarterly Meeting.

Brother Carl Shivers was elected to the Mission Board to replace Brother John Morgan, who has moved away.

Motion carried for moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, and assistant clerk arrange a program for the next Quarterly Meeting.

Motion carried that the question of the examination of Deacons for Ordination be referred to the credentials committee, and that they make recommendation at some future meeting. Brother Bob Slaughter from the Stonewall church was recommended to the Deaconship by the credential committee.

Motion carried for the Mission Board be authorized to arrange a Missionary Conference.

Business being concluded, the body dismissed in prayer.

JANUARY 27, 1961—

The Second Quarterly Meeting convened with the Oakman church.

Friday night's message rendered by Brother L. D. Stonecipher.

Saturday morning—Moderator Brother Delbert Akin, in charge of devotional. Text 1st Thess. 5:1-24. Prayer by Sister Lorene Bratcher.

The following churches were represented with delegates: Ada, Asher, Camp Ground, Cedar Grove, Gaar Corner, Happyland, Non, Oakman, Pauls Valley, Sulphur, Stonewall and Wilson. Ministers present, ten; deacons present, six.

Treasurer's report read and approved.

Brother Claude Freeman, brought the 11:00 o'clock message. Text, Heb. 11:1-6. Dismissed by Brother Virgil Hunt.

Saturday afternoon, Moderator in charge. Clerk reminded that condensed report of all Quarterly Meetings be ready to read at the next session of the Association before printing.

Motion carried that we authorize our Mission Board go to Madill, Oklahoma, to investigate starting a new work there.

Discussion that we try to get together all the minutes of our Association since its beginning, and keep them together as permanent records.

Our State Clerk, Brother Roy Bingham, gave a short talk on our state work.

Our business being concluded, we were dismissed by Brother Scott Jones.

APRIL 29, 1961—

The Third Quarterly Meeting convened with the Cedar Grove church.

Moderator, Brother Delbert Akin in charge. Friday night's message delivered by Brother Roma Stewart. Text, Matt. 6:8-13. Subject, "Peace."

Saturday morning: Moderator, Brother Delbert Akin, in charge. Prayer by Brother Carl Waddle.

The following churches were represented with delegates: Ada, Cedar Grove, Camp Ground, Gaar Corner, Happyland, Non, Oakman, Stonewall, Stratford, Wilson and Sulphur.

The newly organized church at Madill presented a petitionary letter. Motion carried we accept them into our Association. They were also represented by delegates.

Brothers Carl Jackson and Carl Waddle brought the 11:00 o'clock message. Text, John 4:1-11. Dismissed by Brother F. M. Wood.

Saturday afternoon—Moderator in charge.

The credentials committee recommended that Brothers Carl Jackson from Stonewall and Larry Montgomery from Non be licensed to preach. Motion carried we accept their recommendation.

Bro. Vard Wood was elected alternate memorial speaker for next session of the Association to replace Bro. John Morgan who moved away.

Our Executive Secretary, Brother Earnest Kennedy and Brother Wade Jernigan were present and gave talks regarding our state work.

Our business being concluded, we were dismissed in prayer.

—Moderator, Delbert Akin

—Clerk, Zora Wilson

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS

Ada	\$923.50
Asher	33.70
Camp Ground	99.17
Cedar Grove	15.00
East Sulphur	45.00
Gaar Corner	55.00
Happyland	129.68
Madill	20.00
Non	356.42
Oakman	222.09
Pauls Valley	396.61
Stonewall	30.00
Stratford	166.89
Wilson	146.84
Refund by Youth Fellowship	50.00
Sale of old Pump	25.00
Miscellaneous	10.44
Collections at Camp Meeting	244.70
Surplus from Youth Camp	316.65
Women's Auxiliary	5.00

Total Receipts ----- \$3,291.69

Carried Forward From Last Year ----- 460.35

DISBURSEMENTS

\$3,752.04

State Association Co-op Plan	\$1,617.05
State Association (1960) Delegate Fee	65.00
State Association Lonnie Palmer Fund	40.00
State Association Bobbie Thomas Fund	40.00
State Association Dr. Miley Fund	95.00
State Association Teachers F.L.B. College Fund	9.00
State Association State Headquarters Building	25.00
Total to State	\$1,891.05
Insurance (1961)	77.07
Building Maintenance	978.23
REA (1960)	43.60
Loan to Youth Fellowship for Paying on Pump	50.00
Minutes (1960)	68.69
Evangelist (1961)	250.00

Total Disbursements ----- \$3,358.55

Balance on Hand ----- 393.49

—V. HUNT, Treasurer

\$3,752.04

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 by 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 feet 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, duly elected officers of the Association, Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, and Assistant Clerk and Treasurer, 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, and a Board of Trustees of three (3) members elected to 3, 2, and 1 year terms, who are 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 righthand 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 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 5:15-19.

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.—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."—Matt. 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, 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, I John 2:12.

ARTICLE VII—APOSTASY

We believe all Christians should preserve 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, baptism; Greek, a dipper, bapton; Greek to wash, to dip.—Matt. 3:13-17, 28:19, Rom. 6:4-5, I Peter 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.—Judges 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, Matt. 5:32, Luke 16:18, Mark 10:11, Romans 7:1-3, Proverbs 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 unholiness 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 observance of the ordinances 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 bonds 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.

MINISTERS DIRECTORY

Delbert Akin	420 South Ash—Ada, Okla.
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Claude Freeman, Jr.	Box 264—Stratford, Okla.
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Church and Pastor	Clerk and Address	Value of Church Property	Members Received	Members Dismissed	Members Died	Total Membership
Ada—Delbert Akin	Oleta Pate, 1000 West 14th, Ada	\$75,000.00	65	6	2	589
Asher—Carl Waddle	Beaulah Fry, Route 1, Asher	5,500.00	5	4	0	29
Camp Ground—Dean Thompson	J. O. Kirby, 2415 Latta Road, Ada	11,500.00	7	3	1	88
Cedar Grove—Earlin Haskins	Lorene Harris, Route 3, Ada	4,000.00	0	7	4	92
East Sulphur—	Oleta Finley, 503 E. Tahl. Sulphur	5,000.00	1	6	1	40
Gar Corner—F. M. Wood	Norma Bratcher, Route 1, Roff		10	7	0	70
Happyland—Claude Freeman, Jr.	Willie Smith, Route 4, Ada	8,000.00	7	3	0	57
Madill—J. L. Van Winkle	Ruby West, 304 North 3rd, Madill		9			9
Non—Roma Stewart	Lessie Hendrix, Star Route, Calvin	11,000.00	19	5	0	227
Oakman—Muriel Wilson	Cecil Holcombe, Route 3, Ada		3	6	1	35
Pauls Valley—Burnett Lunsford	Maud Webb, Route 2, Pauls Valley	5,000.00	23	0	0	42
Stonewall—E. M. Pannell	Mary Kee, Box 392, Stonewall	10,000.00	17	15	1	70
Stratford—Carl Shivers	Rexie Suits, Stratford	13,000.00	19	11	0	157
Wilson—L. D. Stonecipher	Madeline Holman, Route 1, Ada		4	55	0	30
Totals—14 Churches		\$148,000.00	189	128	10	1535

