

Moderator

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

Convened At Camp Grounds—Pontotoc County, Okla.

AUGUST 9-10-11, 1962



OFFICERS

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

Assistant Moderator ----- Rev. Delbert Akin

Clerk ----- Zora Wilson

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The next Session of the Center Association will be held at the
Camp Grounds Thursday night before the second
Sunday in August, 1963.

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 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-Ninth Annual Session of the Center Association of the Free Will Baptist, when convened at the Camp Grounds, August 9, 10 and 11, 1962.

Thursday evening. Introductory message by Rev. Claude Freeman. Scripture, Joshua 1:1-19. Subject, "To Be Successful." Opening prayer by Bro. Edd Price. Special music, "In Times Like These," by Bro. Delbert Akin and daughter Jan; "Jesus Pessed By," by Pearl Gray and Sue Piland, and "Try Jesus," by Zora Wilson. Dismissed by Bro. Earlin Haskins.

FRIDAY MORNING

Called to order by Moderator, Rev. F. M. Wood.

Singing, directed by Rev. Claude Freeman.

Scripture, Gal. 6:1-9, by Moderator.

Prayer by Bro. Carl Shivers.

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

Ada—Bro. M. E. Moore, Sisters Margie Muncrief and Irene Collings.

Asher—Sister Iva Birks.

Camp Grounds—Sisters Annie Myers, Lavelle Wallis and Kay Roberts.

Cedar Grove—Sisters Lavern Scroggins, Velma Chandler and Virgie Chandler.

East Sulphur—Sisters Ruth Standley, Carol Standley and Lennie Sparks.

Gaar Corner—Sisters Frances Beller and Gertie Wood.

Happyland—Bro. Claude Lee, and Sisters Mallie Lamb and Ruth Frederick.

Madill—Sisters Billie VanWinkle and Nancy West.

Non—Sisters Ruby Jane Powell and Cleora Hendrix, and Bro. Freddy Poe.

Oakman—Sisters Alice Muncrief, Cecil Holcombe and Flora Carter.

Pauls Valley—Sisters Esther Wood and Barbara Ballard.

Stonewall—Sisters Lurene Herion, Mary Kee and Marcella Jackson.

Stratford—Sisters Hazel Wood, Mary Pearce and Ovnine Mink.

Wilson—Sisters Madeline Holman, Marcella Briggs and Margie Stewart.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moderator—Rev. F. M. Wood.

Assistant Moderator—Rev. Delbert Akin.

Clerk—Zora Wilson.

Assistant Clerk and Treasurer—Virgil Hunt.

Member Board of Trustees—Three years, Bro. Virgil Hunt; two years, Rev. L. D. Stonecipher to replace Rev. Bill Bratcher, who has moved out of our Association. Other member is Bro. Tollie Chism.

Member of Examining Committee—Three year, Rev. Scott Jones. Other members are 2 years, Rev. L. D. Stonecipher, and 1 year, Rev. W. V. Wood.

Mission Board Member—Three years, Rev. Dean Thompson. Other members are two years, Rev. Carl Shivers, one year Rev. Delbert Akin.

General Board Member—Rev. Billy R. Wood.

Motion carried we adjourn until 1:00 o'clock.

Dismissed by Rev. Earlin Haskins.

The 11:00 o'clock Message was brought by Rev. Delbert Akin. Scripture, 2nd Cor. 10:7-17. A great missionary message. Prayer by Bro. Elmer Chandler.

Dismissed by Rev. Clarence Wood.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Moderator in charge. Devotional by Rev. Carl Shivers. Scripture, 2nd Peter 1:4-10. Prayer also by Bro. Shivers.

Petitionary letters called for. None presented.

Rules of Order read by Moderator.

Committees appointed as follows:

Pulpit—Bros. Claude Lee and Earl Collings, and Sisters Madeline Holman, Vlema Chandler and Ovnie Mink.

Resolutions—Rev. Carl Shivers, Rev. Earlin Haskins, Bro. Elmer Chandler, and Sisters Annie Myers and Lurene Herion.

League—Sisters Irene Collings, Marzella Briggs, Ruth Standley and Mallie Lamb, and Bro. Freddy Poe.

Temperance—Rev. Billy R. Wood, Bro. Edd Price, and Sisters Esther Wood, Barbara Ballard and Cecil Holcombe.

Obituary—Rev. L. D. Stonecipher, Rev. Clarence Wood, Bro. M. E. Moore, and Sisters Velma Chandler and Nancy West.

Sunday School—Sisters Madeline Holman, Gertie Wood and Virgie Chandler, and Bros. Claude Freeman and Dean Thompson.

Youth Camp—Christine Barnes, Loy Wood, Oleta Findley, Norma Bratcher, Archie Sloan, George Carter, Joe Kee, Carlon Wood and James Briggs.

Food—Ollie Rogers, Lillian Dolph, Myrtle Roberts, Ruth Standley, Estelle Cox, Marie Roundtree, Ruby West, Alice Muncrief, Cumi Phillips, Lorene Jones and Margie Stewart.

State Delegates—Dorothy Akin, Homer Perrin, Myrtle Roberts, Norma Bratcher, Claude Lee, Billie Priest, Esther Wood, Mary Kee, Lena Wood, Eldon Lee, Mallie Lamb and Zora Wilson. The last two named, Mallie Lamb and Zora Wilson, were elected by the Association in response to the request of the Madill and Oakman churches.

Motion carried the Moderator appoint alternates for state delegates if necessary.

Treasurer's report read and accepted.

Minutes of last Quarterly Meeting read.

Quarterly meetings placed as follows:

First—September, 1962, Stonewall.

Second—December, 1962, Stratford.

Third—March, 1963, Happyland.

Fourth—June, 1963, Ada.

Committee reports read and accepted. (See committee reports).

Motion carried we adjourn until Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

Friday night's message was delivered by Rev. Carl Shivers. Scripture Phill. 1:21. Subject, "Putting Christ First." Bros. Delbert Akin and Hubert Phillips sang "I Cannot Find the Way Alone." Dismissed by Bro. Leo Nelson.

SATURDAY MORNING

Called to order by Moderator.

Singing directed by Bro. Lonnie Barnes.

Scripture, St. John 13:31, by Rev. Dean Thompson, who also led in prayer.

The following speakers elected:

Introductory—First Quarterly Meeting, Rev. Dean Thompson.

Alternate—Rev. Leslie Ballard.

Introductory—Next Association, Rev. Scott Jones.

Alternate—Rev. Leslie Ballard.

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

Alternate—Rev. Earlin Haskins.

Motion carried we transfer the Camp Evangelist fund to our general fund.

Motion carried we adjourn until 1:00 o'clock.

The Memorial Message was delivered by Rev. Scott Jones. Scripture, Rev. 14:13 and 1st Thess. 4:13-18. Prayer by Rev. Fred Hooper. This was a good message which blessed our hearts, and the service was closed with an old fashioned hand shake while the congregation sang "Precious Memories." Dismissed by Bro. Virgil Hunt.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Moderator in charge. Devotional reading, Matt. 25:14-27, by Rev. Billy Ray Wood, who also offered prayer.

We had a visitor, Rev. Lonnie Sparks, Missionary from Africa, who was recognized.

Motion carried that the delegation from the Youth, to help select the Camp Evangelist, not exceed three members. (See resolution report).

The body voted to give full co-operation to the Board of Trustees, to assist the Youth Camp Project Committee, in erecting two classrooms on the Camp Grounds for the Youth Encampment.

Bro. Virgil Hunt had on exhibit the book he had compiled of the history of our Association since its beginning. He also quoted figures of the expense to have 500 copies printed. He suggested that if enough people were interested in obtaining copies of this book, that we could start a project to raise necessary funds for the printing.

Camp Evangelist for 1963 elected. Bro. J. B. Fletcher was elected.

Alternate—Bros. Rupert and Gilbert Pixley, either or both.

Motion carried we use enough money from our surplus Youth Camp Fund to make our foreign mission offering, which was started during our Camp Meeting, \$500.00. This offering is to help buy a pick-up or car, for the Lonnie Palmers, missionaries in Africa.

Motion carried we adjourn to meet again Thursday night before the second Sunday in August, 1963. We were dismissed by singing, "I'm Bound For the Promised Land."

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

LEAGUE

We, the League Committee feel that Free Will Baptist League is an important part of our churches. We wish to suggest the League as an effective means of training the youth of churches to active Christian service. We encourage each church to actively support our League Rallies, Youth Fellowship, and Youth Camp.

Since our League Rallies will now be held on Sunday afternoon, we think that many more people should be able to attend without interfering with services at the home church.

Officers are as follows: Sponsors—Mr. and Mrs. James Briggs.

President—David Sutton.

Vice-President—Bobby Wood.

Secretary-Treasurer—Phylis Barnes.

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer—Norma Bratcher.

Promotional Secretary—Juanita Sawyer.

Song Leader—Johnny Thompson.

Pianist—Judy Stonecipher.

—Signed: The Committee

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, the Sunday School Committee, report an active Sunday School in each church of our Association. We note a decrease of 28 in our Sunday School attendance since last year. Average attendance is 795. We recommend that all officers and teachers be Christians, and members of the church.

Church:	Superintendent:	Secretary:	Av. Att.
Ada.....	E. J. Clark.....	Irene Collings.....	219
Asher.....	Gus Luster.....	Goldie Dean.....	24
Camp Ground.....	Leo Nelson.....	Kay Roberts.....	53
Cedar Grove.....	Clarence Baulch.....	Lilly Bryan.....	32
East Sulphur.....	Louis Sparks.....	Lennie Sparks.....	20
Gaar Corner.....	Fred Barker.....	Robertta Summers.....	54
Happyland.....	Lee Nickell.....	Willie Smith.....	40
Madill.....	Roy West.....	Lavenia Pruitt.....	26
Non.....	Gilbert Priest.....	Lucille Tipton.....	72
Oakman.....	George Carter.....	Myrtle Smith.....	40
Pauls Valley.....	DeLass Brown.....	Carol Scott.....	50
Stonewall.....	Joe Kee.....	Marcella Jackson.....	54
Stratford.....	Carlton Wood.....	Joyce Wood.....	70
Wilson.....	Eldon Lee.....	Patsy Stone.....	41

—The Committee

OBITUARY

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

Ada—Brother Burt Farley, Sister Margaret Ragland, and Brother Walter Deighton.

Asher—Sister Ethel Perrin.

Cedar Grove—Sister Effie Crews and Sister Ida Lee.

East Sulphur—Sister Leila Calame.

Gaar Corner—Brother Frank McChristian.

Oakman—Brother Jessie E. Lee.

Non—Brother Charley Hull.

Stonewall—Brother Will Moon and Sister Ada Evans.

Stratford—Sister Zollie Jarvis, Sister Mae Byford, Brother Leonard Rosson, Brother H. M. Cowell and Brother Harrold Wood.

Wilson—Sister Dora Price and Brother Ezra Hunt.

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

—The Committee

TEMPRANCE 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 Proverbs 23:19-21, 29 and 35.

We recommend that we, as a denomination urge all our members to abstain from all worldly amusements, be temperate in all things, and oppose all manner of sin.—Col. 2:21-22. That our ministers preach uncompromisingly against the use of intoxicating beverage, as well as other form of sin.

That we ask our people to refrain from patronizing any business establishment which sells beer, wines, or any intoxicating drinks.

—The Committee

EXAMINING COMMITTEE

No business, or report during this session.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 2 adopted:—Be it resolved that the youth of the Association be represented by delegation to have a voice in the selection of the Camp Evangelist.

—The Committee

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Officers:

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

Corresponding Secretary—Juanita Thompson.

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

Recording Secretary—Dorothy Akin, 630 South Johnston, Ada, Okla.

Our Quarterly Meetings are on the first Thursday in each quarter beginning in October, 1962, with the Pauls Valley church. We have 69 active members reporting from five Auxiliaries.

—Dorothy Akin, Recording Secretary

YOUTH CAMP COMMITTEE

The Youth Camp Committee met August 26, 1962 at the Ada church. The following officers: sponsors, and teachers were elected for the 1963 Youth Encampment.

Chairman—James Briggs.

Superintendent—Lonnie Barnes.

Assistant Superintendent—Rev. Delbert Akin.

Senior Girls Sponsors—Leatha Slinger, Mary Kee, Christine Barnes.

Junior Girls Sponsors—Dorothy Akin and Mallie Lamb.

Boys Sponsors—Rev. J. L. Henry, Rev. Dean Thompson and Rev. Claude Freeman, Jr.

Teachers:

Stewardship—Seniors and Intermediates, Lavelle Wallis.

Juniors—Virgie Chandler.

Bible History—Seniors and Intermediates, Lurene Herion.
Juniors—Flora Carter.
Doctrine—Senior and Intermediates, Rev. W. V. Wood.
Juniors—Elmer Chandler.
Evangelism—Seniors and Intermediate, Rev. Earlin Haskins.
Juniors—Rev. Dean Thompson.
Music—Lonnie Barnes.

MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETINGS

OCTOBER 27, 1961—

The First Quarterly Meeting convened with the Asher church. Friday night's message was delivered by Brother Carl Waddle. Scripture, Romans 13:12.

Saturday morning, assistant moderator, Brother Carl Shivers, in charge. Scripture, I John 2:1-3. Prayer by Brother L. D. Stonecipher.

The following churches were represented with delegates. Letters read and delegates seated: Ada, Asher, East Sulphur, Gaar Corner, Happyland, Camp Ground, Madill, Oakman, Stonewall, Stratford, Non, Pauls Valley and Wilson.

There were 13 ministers and five deacons present.

The 11:00 o'clock message was brought by Rev. Dean Thompson. Text, Gen. 3:1-11. Dismissed by Rev. W. V. Wood.

Saturday afternoon: Assistant moderator in charge. Prayer, Rev. Murl Wilson. Scripture read, Psalms 121, by Rev. Scott Jones.

There was a request from the Happyland church for Brother Beatty Nickell be examined to be licensed as a minister. The Stratford church requested that Brother Leslie Ballard be examined to be ordained a minister. These requests were given to the Examining Committee, who recommend that Brother Beatty Nickell be licensed to preach one year, and Brother Leslie Ballard be ordained a minister. The body voted to accept their recommendation.

Rev. Dean Thompson was elected to be next Quarterly Meeting introductory speaker, and Rev. Burnett Lunsford elected as alternate.

Business being concluded, we were dismissed by Rev. Carl Shivers.

DECEMBER 29, 1961—

The Second Quarterly Meeting met with the Ada church. Moderator Rev. F. M. Wood in charge.

Friday night's message was brought by Rev. Dean Thompson. Scripture, Luke 18:18-25. Prayer by Rev. E. M. Pannell.

Saturday Morning. Moderator Rev. F. M. Wood in charge. Scripture, Romans 12 chapter. Prayer by Rev. Carl Shivers. The following churches with delegates were represented, letters read and delegates seated: Ada, Asher, Cedar Grove, Camp Ground, East Sulphur, Gaar Corner, Happyland, Oakman, Stonewall, Stratford and Wilson. The 11:00 o'clock message was brought by Rev. Wade Jernigan. Scripture St. John 17:22. Subject, "Oneness." This was a great message which stirred our hearts and challenged us as Free Will Baptists to look abroad into the mission fields of the world. We had several good numbers in song by our Sate Men's Quartet.

Saturday afternoon. Assistant Moderator Rev. Carl Shivers in charge. Scripture, 2nd Thess. 2:1-15. Prayer, Rev. L. D. Stonecipher. Rev. Carl Shivers elected to be next Quarterly Meeting introductory speaker, with Rev. L. D. Stonecipher as alternate.

Motion carried, we have an afternoon speaker at our Quarterly meetings.

Our business being concluded, we were dismissed by prayer.

APRIL 27, 1962—

The Third Quarterly Meeting met with the Happyland church. Friday night's message by Rev. L. D. Stonecipher. Scripture, 2nd Peter 2:1-19. Prayer by Rev. J. L. VanWinkle.

Saturday morning. Moderator Rev. F. M. Wood in charge. Scripture, Romans 15:1-7. Prayer by Brother Virgil Hunt. The following churches

were represented with delegates, letters read and delegates seated: Ada, Camp Ground, Cedar Grove, East Sulphur, Gaar Corner, Happyland, Madill, Non, Oakman, Stonewall, Stratford and Wilson. There was a request from the Non church for the Examining Committee to examine Brother Larry Montgomery to be ordained a minister. There was a request from the Madill church for Brother Roy West be examined as a deacon, and a request from the Wilson church that Brother Noble Holman be examined as a deacon. These request referred to the committee, who later recommended that Brother Larry Montgomery be ordained a minister and Brother Roy West be ordained a deacon. No written report on Brother Noble Holman. The body voted to accept their recommendations.

Saturday afternoon. Moderator Brother F. M. Wood in charge. Scripture read, Hebrews 12:25-29. Prayer by Brother Ed Price. Brother Virgil Hunt gave a report on the progress made as to the accumulations of all our minutes of the Association. The body voted to grant necessary funds to type, bind and cover these records. There were nine ministers present and seven deacons. The afternoon speaker was Rev. Roma Stewart. Text, I Cor. 2:1-5. Our business being concluded, we were dismissed by Brother Roy West.

RECEIPTS

Ada	\$999.64
Asher	33.90
Camp Ground	40.70
Cedar Grove	15.00
East Sulphur	15.00
Gaar Corner	30.00
Happyland	149.22
Madill	137.85
Non	378.51
Oakman	219.48
Pauls Valley	296.88
Stonewall	30.00
Stratford	133.33
Wilson	122.22
Miscellaneous	49.46
Youth Camp Surplus	108.00
Foreign Mission Collection	510.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$3,269.19
Balance Forward	393.49

\$3,662.68

DISBURSEMENTS

Co-op Plan	\$1,647.89
Special Fund	408.04
State Mission Board	510.00

TOTAL TO STATE \$2,565.93

REA, 1961	\$ 37.27
Paint Job	253.92
Miscellaneous Expense	14.93
Maintenance on Ground	124.05
Minutes, 1961	90.00
Insurance	77.07

TOTAL LOCAL EXPENSE \$597.24

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$3,163.17

On Hand Now 499.51

—V. HUNT, Treasurer

\$3,662.68

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, 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 exercises 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 regulator 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 with 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. 3:30, 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 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.—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	-----	630 South Johnston—Ada, Okla.
Leslie Ballard	-----	Stratford, Okla.
E. L. Biles	-----	Route 1—Stratford, Okla.
Andy Dame	-----	Ada, Okla.
Claude Freeman, Jr.	-----	Box 264—Stratford, Okla.
Henry Griffin	-----	111 South Hickory—Ada, Okla.
Earlin Haskins	-----	Route 2—Ada, Okla.
J. L. Henry	-----	816 South Stockton—Ada, Okla.
J. H. Hill	-----	Sulphur, Okla.
Fred Hooper	-----	Stratford, Okla.
Carl Jackson (Liscensed)	-----	Fittstown, Okla.
Scott W. Jones	-----	Route 3—Ada, Okla.
John Lewis	-----	Sulphur, Okla.
John Morgan	-----	1228 Stilwell—Wichita, Kan.
Larry Montgomery	-----	Star Route—Calvin, Okla.
E. M. Pannell	-----	816 East 8th St.—Ada, Okla.
Carl Shivers	-----	Stratford, Okla.
L. D. Stonecipher	-----	Route 1—Stratford, Okla.
Dean Thompson	-----	Route 2—Ada, Okla.
J. L. VanWinkle	-----	207 North 7th Ave.—Madill, Okla.
Muri Wilson	-----	Box 91—Francis, Okla.
Billy R. Wood	-----	224 South Locust—Pauls Valley, Okla.
Clarence Wood	-----	Route 1—Stratford, Okla.
E. M. Wood	-----	610 West 1st St.—Ada, Okla.
W. V. Wood	-----	Box 134—Stratford, Okla.

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	\$85,000.00	48	11	3	623
Asher—Carl Waddle	Beulah Fry, Route 1, Ada	5,500.00	4	0	1	32
Camp Ground—Dean Thompson	Bill Briggs, 1112 East Gardenia, Ada	11,500.00	5	8	0	85
Cedar Grove—Earlin Haskins	Lorene Harris, Route 3, Ada	4,000.00	0	0	2	90
East Sulphur—Leslie Ballard	Oleta Findley, 503 East Tahl, Sulphur	5,000.00	1	5	1	35
Gaar Corner—F. M. Wood	Norma Bratcher, Route 1, Roff		7	0	1	76
Happyland—Scott Jones	Willie Smith, Route 4, Ada	9,000.00	8	6	0	59
Madill—J. L. VanWinkle	Ruby West, 304 North 3rd, Madill	900.00	4	0	0	13
Non—	Lessie Hendrix, Star Route, Calvin	11,000.00	2	8	1	220
Oakman—J. L. Henry	Cecil Holcombe, Route 3, Ada		13	5	1	42
Pauls Valley—Billy R. Wood	Esther Woods, 224 South Locust, Pauls Valley	7,000.00	9	14	0	37
Stonewall—E. M. Pannell	Marcella Jackson, Box 643, Fittstown	10,000.00	14	6	2	76
Stratford—Carl Shivers	Lorene Jones, Route 3, Stratford	13,000.00	6	3	5	155
Wilson—L. D. Stonecipher	Madeline Holman, Route 1, Ada		2	3	2	27
Totals—14 Churches		\$161,900.00	123	69	19	1570

