

MINUTES
OF THE
CENTER ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
1963

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
70th ANNUAL SESSION

Convened At Camp Grounds—Pontotoc County, Oklahoma
AUGUST 6-7-8, 1963

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OFFICERS

Moderator ----- Rev. L. D. Stonecipher
Assistant Moderator ----- Rev. Scott Jones
Clerk ----- Marzell Briggs
Address: Route One, Ada, Oklahoma

The next Session of the Center Association will be held at the
Camp Grounds Thursday night before the second
Sunday in August, 1964

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 Seventieth Annual Session of the Center Association of the Free Will Baptist, When convened at the Camp Gro-nus, August 8,9, and 10,1963.

Thursday evening. Opening singing led by Bro. Fred Barker. Opening prayer by Rev. N.R. Smith, State Executive Secretary. Introductory message by Rev. Scott Jones. Scripture, I Kings 21:1-3. Subject, 'The Inheritance of Our Fathers.' Dismissed by Rev. Earl Judd.

FRIDAY MORNING

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

Singing, directed by Bro. Fred Barker.

Scripture, 1 Peter 1-11, by Moderator,

Prayer by Bo. Fred Barker.

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

Ada— Sisters Winnie Price, Lois Hayes, and Ina Nelson.

Asher— Sister Eula Luster and Bro. Ralph Barnheiser.

Camp Grounds— Sister Annie Myers, Bros. Impson Anderson and Vance Price.

Cedar Grove— Sisters Bessie Scroggins and Virgie Chandler.

East Sulphur— Sisters Ruth Standley, Carrie Bogart, and Oleta Finley.

Gaar Corner— Sister Bertha Barker, Bros. Shortie Bratcher and Ezra Holland.

Happyland— Sisters Ruth Fredrick, Effie Lee and Bro. Claud Lee.

Madill— Sister Ruby West

Oakman— Sisters Zora Lee, Cecil Holcome and Flora Carter.

Pauls Valley— Sisters Clara Brown, Barbara Ballard and Esther Wood.

Stonewall— Sisters Lurene Herion, Mary Kee and Lollie Mann.

Stratford— Sisters Mary Pearce, Ovnle Mink and Lena Wood.

Wilson— Sisters Lela Wall, Patsy Stone and Marzell Briggs.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moderator— Rev. L.D. Stonecipher.

Assistant Moderator— Rev. Scott Jones.

Clerk— Marzell Briggs.

Assistant Clerk and Treasurer— Rev. Delbert Akin.

Member Board of Trustees— Three years, Bro. Shortie Bratcher, two years Rev. Virgil Hunt, one year, Rev. L.D. Stonecipher.

Member of Examining Committee— Three years, Rev. Claude Freeman Jr., Two years, Rev. Scott Jones, and one year, Rev. L.D. Stonecipher.

Mission Board Member— Three years, Rev. Earl Judd, Two years, Rev. Delbert Akin to replace Rev. Dean Thompson, who has moved out of our Association. One year, Rev. Carl Shivers.

General Board Member— Rev. Earl Judd.

Motion carried we adjourn until 1:15 o'clock.

Dismissed by Rev. F.M. Wood.

The 11:00 o'clock Message was brought by Rev. W.V. Wood. Scripture, I Peter 3-18. Theme 'The Divine Call'.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Moderator in charge. Devotional by Rev. Scott Jones. Prayer also by Bro. Jones.

Petitionary letters called for. None presented.

Rules of Order read by Moderator.

Committees appointed as follows:

Pulpit— Bros. Gus Luster, Shortle Bratcher, Fred Poe, Claude Lee and Sister Ovnle Mink.

Resolution— Bros. Carl Shivers, Edd Price, Gilbert Priest, Earl Judd and Sister Patsy Stone.

League— Sisters Marzell Briggs, Ina Nelson, Barbara Ballard, Bertha Barker and Bro. Fred Poe.

Temperance— Sisters Standley, Flora Carter, Bros. Claude Lee Gus Luster and Claude Freeman Jr.

Obituary— Sisters Ruby West, Bessie Scroggins, Winnie Price, and Bro. Jess Berryman.

Sunday School— Sisters Esther Wood Virgie Chandler, Cecil Holcombe, Ruth Fredrick and Zora Lee.

Youth Camp— Christine Barnes, Orens Mullins, Loy Wood, Virgie Handler, Linnie Sparks, Norma Bratcher, Claude Lee, Ruby West, George Carter, Jimmy Ballard, Joe Kee, Carlon Wood, Fred Poe and James Briggs.

Food— Ollie Rogers, Lillian Dolph, Myrtle Roberts, Velma Chandler Ruth Standley, Estelle Cox, Marie Roundtree, Ruby West, Ruby Wellington, Cecil Holcombe, Bernadean Freeman, Mary Kee, Althea Skinner, and Margie Stewart.

State Delegates— Dorthy Akin, Eula Luster, LaVelle Wallis, Linnie Sparks, Bertha Barker, Estelle Madden, Ruby Powell, Jimmy Ballard, Lena Wood, Eldon Lee, Virgie Chandler, Myrtle Shivers and Marzell Briggs. The last three names were elected by the Association in response to the request of the Cedar Grove, Madill, and Stonewall churches.

Treasures report read and accepted.

Minutes of last Quarterly Meeting read:

Motion carried we omit the Quarterly Meeting in September.

Quarterly meeting set as follows:

First— December, 1963, Stratford.

Second— March, 1964, Cedar Grove.

Third— May, 1964, Happyland.

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

Motion carried to elect three ministers and two deacons as members of the Executive Board. Motion carried to table the election of officers of the Executive Board until Saturday morning.

Rev. N.R. Smith and Rev. Don Payne gave talks on State and College work.

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

Friday night's message was delivered by Rev. Jimmy Ray Nichols. Scripture Isa. 6. Dismissed by Rev. Earl Judd.

SATURDAY MORNING

Called to order by Moderator.

Singing directed by Rev. Delbert Akin.

Scripture, Psalms 91, read by Rev. L.D. Stonecipher who also led in prayer.

The following speakers were elected.

Introductory— First Quarterly Meeting, Rev. Earl Judd

Alternate— Rev. Delbert Akin.

Introductory— Next Association, Rev. F.M. Wood.

Alternate— Rev. Carl Jackson.

Next Memorial Service— Rev. Carl Shivers.

Alternate— Rev. Les Ballard.

Motion carried we elect officers of the Executive Board.

The following were elected: Five years, Rev. F.M. Wood, Four years, Rev. Cal Shivers, Three years, Rev. Earl Judd, Two years, Bro. Elmer Chandler and One year, Bro. Garrett Beller.

Motion carried to accept Rev. Billy Ray Wood's resignation as General Board member. Rev. Scott Jones was elected in his place. Motion carried for Association to pay Rev. Jones expenses as General Board member.

Motion carried we adjourn until 1:15 o'clock. Dismissed by Rev. Delbert Akin.

The Memorial Message was delivered by Rev. W.V. Wood. This was a good message which blessed our hearts, and the service was closed with an old fashioned hand shake. Dismissed by Rev. Billy Ray Wood.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Moderator in charge. Devotional I Peter 1-10, by Rev. Claude Freeman Jr. who also led in prayer.

A Mission Board report was given by Rev. Delbert Akin.

Motion carried for Association to sponsor an annual Missiary Conference.

Rev. L.D. Stonecipher gave a brief report on the Board of Trustees. This report was accepted.

Motion carried we ask for the State Association to convene at the Ada church.

Camp Evangelist for 1964 elected. Rev. Roma Stewart was elected.

Alternate— Rev. Lynn Wood.

A brief report on our Youth Camp was given by Bro. Akin.

Motion carried we use enough money from our treasure to make our foreign mission offering, which was started during our Camp Meeting, \$200.00. This offering is to help buy a pick-up for the Lonnie Sparks, missionaries in Africa.

Motion carried we adjourn until Thursday night before the second Sunday in August, 1964. Dismissed by Sister Lena Wood.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES LEAGUE

We, the League Committee feel that the 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. In an effort to increase attendance at our League Rallies an attendance banner is now given for League rally as well as Youth Fellowship.

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

President— David Sutton

Vice-President— Charlie Murphy.

Secretary-Treasure— Donna Holman

Assistant Secretary-Treasure— Jeanne Bennett.

Promotional Secretary— Norma Bratcher.

Quiz Leader— Sammy Bond.

Song Leader— Johnny Thompson.

Pianist— Kathleen Reeves.

Signed: The Committee

EXAMINING

No business, or report during this session.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, the Sunday School Committee, report an active Sunday School in each church of our Association. We note a decrease of 22 in our Sunday School attendance since last year. Average attendance is 773. We recommend that all officers and teachers be Christian, and members of the church.

Church:	Superintendent:	Secretary:	Av. Att.
Ada.....	Dow Thompson	Ollie Rogers	225
Asher	Charles Mullens	Goldie Dean	28
Camp Ground	Leo Nelson	Glenn Wood	50
Cedar Grove	Allen Scroggins	Iantha Smith	47
East Sulphur	Lewis Sparks	Linnie Sparks	20
Garr Corner	Fred Barker	Roberta Summers	65
Happyland	Lee Nickell	Willie Smith	30
Madill	Roy West	Lavenia Pruitt	23
Non	Willie Linton	Lucille Tipton	70
Oakman	George Carter	Myrtle Smith	30
Pauls Valley	John Smith	Imalee Smith	32
Stonewall	Joe Kee	Mary Kee	44
Stratford	Herman Mink	Donna Wood	65
Wilson	Cleamon Stone	Lela Wall	39
--The Committee --			

OBITUARY

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

Ada: Sister Carrie Franks, Sister Nora Rigby and Bro. Warren Shumard.

Cedar Grove: Sister Mae Lee, Bro. Maark Henson and Bro. Edd West.

Oakman: Rev. J.L. Henry and Bro. Claud Caton.

Non: Bro. Essie Priest, Sister Flora Miller and Sister Cora Dill.

Stratford: Bro. Will Jarvis, Bro. T.B. Magar and Rev. Fred Hooper.

Happyland: Bro. E.H. Simpson and Bro. Authur Lamb.

We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

--The Committee --

TEMPERANCE

We know that God's word teaches that strong drink is contrary to the doctrine of the Lord. Prov. 20:1 says, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is decided thereby is not wise." Many other scriptures bear this out.

We recommend that we, as a denomination, urge all members to abstain from all worldly amusements, be temperate in all things, and oppose all manner of sin. Col. 2:21-22. We believe our ministers and teachers should be uncompromising in our stand against intoxicating beverage, as well as other form of sin.

We ask our people to refrain from patronizing any business establishment which sells beer, wine, or any intoxicating drinks, and refrain as much as possible from buying anything on Sunday.

--The Committee --

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2 adopted: Be it resolved that Article IV of the Constitution be amended to include the following:

"And an Executive Board composed of 5 members to be elected in terms of 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1 years, who shall act for and in behalf of the association

when not in session." This Board shall make a report of all work done to each meeting of the Association.

—The Committee --

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Officers:

President— Oleta Pate, 1000 West 14th, Ada Okla.

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

Treasurer— Myrtle Shivers, Box 225, Stratford Okla.

Recording Secretary— Glenda Briggs, 1112 East Gardenia, Ada

Our Quarterly Meetings are on the first Thursday in each quarter beginning in October, 1963, at the Ada church. Speaker will be Rev. Earl Judd. We have 53 active members from five Auxiliaries.

Glenda Briggs, Recording Secretary

YOUTH CAMP

The Youth Camp Committee met September 29, 1963, at the Ada church. The following officers, sponsors and teachers were elected for the 1964 Youth Encampment.

Chairman— Fred Poe

Superintendent— Claude Freeman Jr.

Assistant Superintendent— James Briggs

Senior Girls-Sponsors— Leatha Sliger, Myrtle Roberts, and Keeble Bennett.

Junior Girls-Sponsors— Ruth Fredrick, Madeline Holman
Beulah Thompson and Jean Bailey are alternates.

Boys Sponsors— Wilburn Bennett, Noble Holman and Joe Thompson
Teachers:

Stewardship— Seniors and Interimedes, Rev. Roma Stewart

Juniors— Virle Roberts

Bible History— Seniors and Intermedates, Rev. Earl Judd

Juniors— Bertha Barker

Doctrine— Seniors and Intermediate, Earl Collins

Juniors— Fred Poe

Evangelism— Seniors and Intermediate, Rev. Doyle Summerhill

Juniors— Linnie Sparks

Music— Dow Thompson

MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETINGS

September 28, 1962.

The First Quarterly Meeting convened with the Stonewall Church. Introductory message was delivered by Rev. Dean Thompson.

Scripture, I Cor. 7:17-20.

Saturday Morning, Moderator, Rev. F.M. Wood in charge.

Scripture, Roman 12th Chapter. Prayer by Rev. Earlin Haskin.

The following churches were represented with delegates. Letters r and delegates seated: Ada, Camp Ground Cedar Grove, East Sulp Gaar Corner, Happyland, Madill, Oakman, Pauls Valley, Stonev Stratford and Wilson.

There were 16 ministers and deacons present. The 11:00 o'clock message was delivered by Rev. W.V. Wood. Dismissed by Rev. Dea. Thompson

Saturday afternoon. Moderator in charge. Scripture, Isa 45:20-22 and Acts 4:8. Prayer by Sister Ida Tucker. Rev. Carl Jackson was elected to be next Quarterly Meeting introductory speaker, with Rev. Scott Jones as alternate. Business being concluded, Rev. J.L. Henry was the afternoon speaker. A very inspiring message. Dismissed by Rev. L.D. Stonecipher.

December 28 1962.

The second Quarterly Meeting met with the Stratford Church. Moderator in charge. Friday nights message was brought by Rev. Carl Jackson.

Saturday morning. Moderator Rev. F.M. Wood in charge. Scripture, Romans 12th chapter. Prayer by Rev. L.D. Stonecipher. The following Churches with delegates were represented, letters read and delegates seated: Ada, Camp Ground, Cedar Grove, East Sulphur, Happyland, Non, Oakman, Pauls Valley, Stonewall, Stratford and Wilson. The 11:00 o'clock was brought by Rev. Lonnie Sparks, missionary to Africa. Scripture, Romans 1:16. Saturday Afternoon: Moderator in charge. Devotional by Rev. Carl Shivers. Scripture, John 15: Prayer also by Rev. Shivers. There was a request from the Wilson Church for Bro. Noble Holman to be examined a deacon. The Sulphur Church requested Bro. Lewis Sparks be examined a Deacon. The Stonewall Church requested that Bro. Carl Jackson be examined to be ordained a minister. These requests were given to the Examining Committee, who recommended that Bro. Lewis Sparks and Bro. Noble Holman be ordained as deacons, and Bro. Carl Jackson be ordained a minister. Rev. Bill Cathey was elected to be next Quarterly Meeting introductory speaker, with Rev. W.V. Wood as alternate. Motion carried that Association pay \$10.00 per month from the Cooperative Plan funds to the Madill Church for a building. Motion carried that the Center Association raise \$500.00 to pay for ½ acre of land, bought by the college for property south of Moore. Afternoon message was brought by Rev. N.R. Smith. Scripture, Isa. 6. Our business being concluded, we were dismissed by Rev. Carl Shivers.

March 29, 1963

The third Quarterly Meeting met with the Happyland Church. Friday nights message was by Rev. Bill Cathey. Scripture, James 4:6. Prayer by Rev. Scott Jones. Dismissed by Rev. J.L. VanWinkle.

Saturday morning. Moderator Rev. F.M. Wood in charge. Scripture Luke 11:1-4, Prayer by Bro. J. Clyde Wilson. The following Churches were represented with delegates, letters read and delegates seated: Ada, Camp Ground, Cedar Grove, Happyland, Madill, Non, Oakman Pauls Valley, Stonewall, Stratford and Wilson. Rev. Don Paine gave a short talk regarding our Bible College. The 11:00 o'clock message was brought by Rev. W.V. Wood. Dismissed by Rev. Carl Shivers.

Saturday afternoon. Moderator Rev. F.M. Wood in charge. Devotional by Rev. Dean Thompson. Prayer by Sister Linnie Sparks. The Moderator appointed the Mission Board as a committee to work through the churches in an effort to raise the \$500.00 for the Bible College property at Moore, Oklahoma. Rev. Carl Shivers was elected introductory speaker for the next Quarterly Meeting with Rev. J.L. Van Winkle as alternate.

Afternoon speaker was Rev. Billy Ray Wood. Scripture, Luke 5:1-6. Dismissed by Rev. Jimmy Ray Nichols.

June 28, 1963:

The fourth Quarterly Meeting met with the Ada Church. Friday nights message was brought by Rev. Carl Shivers. Subject: "Who Art Thou?" Dismissed by Rev. Curtis Hogue.

Saturday Morning: Assistant Moderator Rev. Delbert Akin in charge. Scripture, John 4:19. Sister La Velle Wallis was appointed to act Assistant clerk. The following churches were represented, letters read

and delegates were seated. Ada, Asher, Camp Ground, Cedar Grove, East Sulphur, Gaar Corner, Happyland, Madill, Non, Oakman, Pauls Valley, Stonewall, Stratford and Wilson. Motion carried for the Moderator to appoint two members, for this session only, to work on the Examining committee with Rev. Scott Jones. Rev. Bill Cathey and Claude Freeman Jr. were appointed. The 11:00 o'clock message was brought by Rev. Curtis Hogue. Subject, "Salvation, Man's Greatest Need." Dismissed by Rev. J.L. Van Winkle.

RECEIPTS

Ada	\$1450.36
Non	473.38
Happyland	189.24
Stratford	94.24
Oakman	148.39
Madill	120.30
Camp Ground	81.30
Asher	11.50
Wilson Coop Plan	113.76
East Sulphur	25.00
Cedar Grove	25.00
Gaar Corner	None
Stonewall	None
Woman's Auxiliary for General Fund	10.00
Surplus from Youth Camp	150.00
Refunds	19.19
Lonnie Sparks Vehicle Offering at Camp Meeting	165.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	3076.66
Balance Forward	<u>499.55</u>
	\$3576.17

DISBURSEMENTS

Maintainance and upkeep of Camp	\$ 404.69
State Association	2390.86
Supplies	2.89
REA Electric	42.67
Representative Fees at State Convention	70.00
Minutes	90.00
Madill Church	60.00
Song Books	50.00
Refund on check	12.43
Evangelist at Camp Meeting, J.B. Fletcher	150.00
TOTAL DISBURSMENTS	\$3273.54
BALANCE FORWARD and RECEIVED	\$3576.17
Less Disbursements	<u>3273.54</u>
Total on hand in First National Bank, Ada, August 15, 1963	\$ 302.63

—Delbert Akin, Treasurer

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.

ARTICE 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 choosen by the sufferage 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. Sigation—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 quartely 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."

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CHURCH and PASTOR	CLERK and ADDRESS	Value of Church Property	Members Received	Members Dismissed	Members Died	Total Membership
Ada—Delbert Atkin	Artie Hodge, 916 West 14th, Ada	85000.00	76	12	3	684
Asher—Carl Waddle	Beulah Fry, Route 1, Asher	3000.00	1	0	0	32
Camp Ground—Earl Judd	Bill Briggs, 1112 East Gardenia, Ada	11000.00	5	7	0	82
Cedar Grove—Earlin Haskins	Lorene Harris, Route 3, Ada	4500.00	18	0	3	113
East Sulphur—Leslie Ballard	Oleta Findley, 503 East Tahl, Sulphur	5000.00	4	0	0	16
Gaar Corner—F.M. Wood	Wanda Sutton, 917 Williams, Ada		16	4	0	88
Happyland—Scott Jones	Willie Smith, Route 4, Ada	9500.00	3	3	2	47
Madill—Troy Dubbs	Ruby West, 304 North 3rd, Madill	8000.00	4	0	0	17
Not—Doyie Summerhill	Leslie Hendrix, Star Route, Calvin	11900.00	3	8	3	215
Oakman—L.O. Schneider	Cecil Holcombe, Route 3, Ada		1	3	2	38
Pauls Valley—Claude Freeman Jr.	Barbara Ballard, Route 3, Pauls Valley	8500.00	0	3	0	32
Stonewall—Cora Walters	Geneva Gregory, Route 1, Stonewall	10000.00	0	7	3	66
Stratford—Curt Gilvers	Loraine Jones, Stratford	14000.00	13	4	3	159
Wilson—Carl Jackson	Patsy Stone, Route 1, Ada		13	2	0	38
TOTALS —14 Churches		169000.00	157	53	19	1626

