

MINUTES
OF THE
CENTER ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
1964

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
71ST ANNUAL SESSION

Convened At Camp Grounds—Pontotoc County, Okla.
AUGUST 6-7-8, 1964



OFFICERS

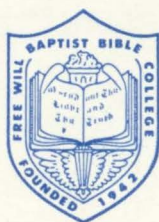
Moderator _____ Rev. Scott W. Jones

Assistant Moderator _____ Rev. Carl Shivers

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, 1965



FREE WILL BAPTIST
BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented By

Rev. Ernest Harrison

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 Seventy-First Annual Session of the Center Association of the Free Will Baptist, when convened at the Camp Grounds, August 6, 7 and 8, 1964.

Thursday evening. Opening singing, led by Rev. Lynn Wood. Opening prayer by Brother Ed Price. Introductory message by Rev. Carl Jackson. Scripture, 2 Peter: 3rd chapter.. Dismissed by Rev. F. M. Wood.

FRIDAY MORNING

Called to order by Moderator, Rev. L. D. Stonecipher.

Singing, directed by Rev. Lynn Wood.

Scripture, Gen. 4, 1-16, read by Moderator.

Prayer by Rev. Scott W. Jones, Assistant Moderator.

The following churches were represented, letters read and delegates seated. Right hand of fellowship given: Ada, Asher, Camp Ground, Cedar Grove, East Sulphur, Gaar Corner, Happyland, Madill, Non, Oakman, Pauls Valley, Stonewall, Stratford and Wilson.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moderator—Rev. Scott W. Jones.

Assistant Moderator—Rev. Carl Shivers.

Clerk—Marzell Briggs.

Assistant Clerk and Treasurer—Brother Virgil Hunt.

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

Member of Examining Committee—Three years, Brother J. O. Kirby; two years, Rev. Claude Freeman, Jr.; one year, Rev. Scott W. Jones.

Motion carried to have either Ministers or Deacons on the Examining Committee.

Mission Board—Three years, Rev. Claude Freeman, Jr.; two years, Brother Earl Collins; one year, Rev. Lynn Wood, to replace Rev. Delbert Akin who has moved out of our Association.

Executive Board—Five years, Brother Noble Holman; four years, Rev. F. M. Wood; three years, Rev. Carl Shivers; two years, Rev. L. E. Staggs; one year, Brother Elmer Chandler.

General Board Member—Rev. ~~Delbert Akin~~, 1965; Rev. Lynn Wood to replace Rev. ~~Delbert Akin~~ for 1966.

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

Dismissed by Brother Impson Anderson.

The 11:00 o'clock Message was brought by Rev. L. E. Staggs.

Scripture, Jude 3rd verse.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Moderator in charge. Devotional and prayer also by Moderator.

Committees appoint as follows:

Pulpit—Brothers Claude Lee, Impson Anderson, Sister Othalene Rainbolt, Bernadean Freeman and Sister Homer Perrin.

Resolutions—Rev. Carl Shivers, Rev. L. D. Stonecipher, Rev. Earlin Haskins, Brother Edd Price and Sister Patsy Stone.

C.T.S. (League)—Sisters Bernadean Freeman, Flora Kirby, Marzell Briggs, Ruth Fredrick and Sister Muncrief.

Temperance—Sisters Flora Carter, Othalene Rainbolt, Madeline Holman, Althea Skinner, and Brother Elmer Chandler.

Obituary — Sisters Glenda Briggs, Ruby West, Sandra Bratcher, Brothers Jimmy Caton and Joe Kee.

Sunday School—Brothers J. O. Kirby and Linton, Sisters Gertie Long, Maude Webb and Sister Stokes.

Youth Camp—L. E. Ballard, Flora Kirby, James Briggs, Fred Poe, George Carter, Loy Wood, Joe Kee, Jimmy Ballard, Robert Wyrick, Irene Collins, Oren Mullins, David Sutton and Virgie Chandler.

Food—Ovine Mink, Ruth Standley, Margie Stewart, Cecil Holcombe, Myrtle Roberts, Mary Kee, Bernadean Freeman, Marie Rountree, Ruby West, Betty Kirby, Lillian Dolph, Estelle Cox and Velma Chandler.

State Delegates—Myrtle Shivers, Flora Kirby, Eldon Lee, Lawrence Curtis, Claude Lee, LaVelle Wallis, Marzell Briggs, Archie Webb, Maud Webb, Marcella Jackson, Jo Ann Wood, Homer Perrin, Christine Barnes and Ruth Fredrick.

Petitionary letters called for. None presented.

Motion carried to omit reading of the Rules of Order.

Motion carried to pay Rev. Lynn Wood's expense as General Board Member.

Treasurer's report read and accepted. Motion carried to pay \$100.00 for Youth Camp Evangelist or \$200.00 if two evangelists are chosen.

Motion carried we omit the Quarterly Meeting in August.

Quarterly meetings set as follows:

First—November, 1964, Cedar Grove.

Second—January, 1965, Stratford. .

Third—May, 1965, Non.

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

Friday night message was delivered by Rev. Claude Freeman, Jr. Dismissed by Rev. Lynn Wood.

SATURDAY MORNING

Called to order by Moderator.

Singing directed by Rev. Lynn Wood.

Scripture, Psalms 100, read by Rev. Les Ballard, who also led in prayer.

The following speakers were elected:

Introductory—First Quarterly Meeting, Brother Archie Webb.

Alternate—Rev. Claude Freeman, Jr.

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

Alternate—Rev. Carl Shivers.

Next Memorial Service—Rev. Lynn Wood.

Alternate—Rev. Earlin Haskins.

Jim Combs and wife gave testimony as missionaries to Brazil.

Brother N. R. Smith gave a talk and report on State work.

Motion carried to adjourn until 1:00 o'clock. Dismissed by Brother Claude Lee.

The Memorial Message was delivered by Rev. Carl Shivers. The service was closed with an old-fashioned hand-shaking. Dismissed by Rev. Delbert Akin.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Moderator in charge. Devotional I Peter 1-10, by Rev. Scott Jones.

Prayer by Brother Impson Anderson.

Committee reports given and accepted. See reports.

Motion carried to set Youth Camp to the First Monday in June and close the following Saturday night.

Camp Evangelist for 1965 elected. Rev. Delbert Akin and Rev. Rome Stewart elected.

Motion carried that the money left from Youth Camp be turned over for project of the Youth Fellowship. This is to build a junior boys dorm.

Motion carried to request the Board of Trustees to put guard rails on hillside west of tabernacle.

Motion carried to adjourn until Thursday night before the Second Sunday in August, 1965. Dismissed by Rev. Carl Shivers.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

C. T. S.

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

Officers are as follows: Sponsor—Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Barnes.
 President—David Sutton
 Vice-President—Leroy Holman.
 Secretary-Treasurer—Daina Wood.
 Assistant Secretary-Treasurer—Carolyn Stonecipher.
 Promotional Secretary—Charles Murphy.
 Song Leader—Johnny Thompson.
 Pianist—Jeanne Bennett.
 Quiz Leader—Sandra Bratcher.

—The Committee

EXAMINING

Examining Committee reported that Charles Murphy was examined and they recommend that Charles be licensed for a year to preach the Gospel.

The Committee

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Church:	Superintendent:	Secretary:	Av. Att.
Ada	Willard Hickey	Gertie Long	225
Asher	David Foust	Lorene Malow	20
Camp Ground	Leo Nelson	Glenda Briggs	50
Cedar Grove	H. V. Smith	Marie Tigert	46
East Sulphur	Oleta Finley	Lillian Campbell	25
Gaar Corner	Fred Barker	Patsy Martin	74
Happyland	Lee Nickell	Willie Smith	25
Madill	Roy West	Alice Van Winkle	22
Non	Raymond Montgomery	Lucille Tipton	55
Oakman	George Carter	Myrtle Smith	30
Pauls Valley	John Smith	Shirley Freeman	32
Stonewall	Joe Kee	Mary Kee	31
Stratford	A. L. Hogan	Janet Shivers	75
Wilson	Noble Holman	Lela Wall	37

The Committee

OBITUARY

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

Ada—Sister Alice Fowler and Sister Anna Davis.
 Cedar Grove—Brother John Baker and Brother J. C. Scroggins.
 Oakman—Sister Waite Davis and Brother Scott Wilson.
 Stratford—Brother Virgil Barker.
 Stonewall—Brother and Sister Henry LeFevers.

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 mockery, strong drink is a raging, and whosoever is deceived 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. 1 adopted: Whereas the officers of the Association are faced with the planning of the Association and; whereas, time is needed for this planning.

Therefore, be it resolved; That the newly elected officers of the Association assume office at the close of the Association.

The Committee

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Officers:

President—Oleta Pate, Ada, Oklahoma.

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

Recording Secretary—Glenda Briggs, 1112 East Gardenia, Ada, Okla.

Our Quarterly Meetings are on the First Thursday in each quarter, beginning in October 1964, with the Camp Ground Church.

—Glenda Briggs, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS

DECEMBER 27, 1963—

The First Quarterly Meeting convened with the Stratford Church.

Introductory message was delivered by Rev. Earl Judd. Scripture, Jeremiah 2:5-13. Dismissed by Rev. Vard Wood.

Saturday Morning—Moderator, Rev. L. D. Stonecipher in charge. Prayer by Rev. Carl Shivers.

The following churches were represented with delegates. Letters read and delegates seated: Ada, Camp Ground, Cedar Grove, East Sulphur, Non, Oakman, Pauls Valley, Stratford and Wilson.

The Non church requested for Brother Raymond Montgomery to be examined for Deacon. This request was given to the Examining Committee, who recommended Brother Montgomery for ordination.

Brother Virgil Hunt was elected Assistant Clerk and Treasurer in Rev. Delbert Akins place. Treasurer's report given and accepted.

The 11:00 o'clock message was delivered by Rev. Lynn Wood. Dismissed by Rev. Doyle Summerhill.

Saturday Afternoon: Moderator in charge. Devotional by Rev. Scott Jones. Scripture, Psalms I.

Rev. Doyle Summerhill was elected Introductory speaker, with Rev. Les Ballard as alternate.

Motion carried for the Association to raise \$500.00 for the Bible College land. Motion carried for the churches to pay the same as last year.

Motion carried to adjourn. Dismissed by Rev. Jimmy Ray Nichols.

MARCH 27, 1964—

The Second Quarterly Meeting met with the Cedar Grove church. Moderator in charge. Friday night's message was brought by Rev. Doyle Summerhill.

Saturday Morning: Assistant Moderator in charge. Devotional by Rev. Jones. Scripture Psalms I. The following churches with delegates were represented, letters read and delegates seated: Ada, Camp Ground, Cedar Grove, East Sulphur, Gaar Corner, Happyland, Madill, Non, Oakman Pauls Valley, Stonewall Stratford and Wilson. The Ada church requested that Brother Leroy Barber be examined for the ministry. This request was turned over to the Examining Committee who recommended Brother Leroy Barber be licensed for a year to preach the Gospel. The 11:00 o'clock message was delivered by Brother N. R. Smith. Dismissed by Rev. F. M. Wood.

Saturday evening: Assistant Moderator in charge. Devotional by Brother Leroy Barber. Scripture Isa. 6:1-8, prayer also by Brother Barber. Motion carried to pay \$100.00 out of the treasury to the Bible College land. Motion carried to start our Quarterly Meeting at 9:30 o'clock on Saturday morning. Brother Leroy Barber was elected as next Quarterly Meeting Introductory Speaker, Rev. F. M. Wood as alternate. Motion carried to adiourn. Dismissed by Sister Linnie Sparks.

MAY 30, 1964—

The Third Quarterly Meeting met with the Happyland church. Moderator in charge. Friday night's message was brought by Brother Leroy Barber.

Saturday morning: Moderator in charge. The following churches with delegates were represented, letters read and delegates seated: Ada, Asher, Camp Ground, Cedar Grove, East Sulphur, Gaar Corner, Happy-

land, Oakman, Pauls Valley Stonewall Stratford and Wilson. Madill was represented with letter only. Treasurer's report was given and accepted. Motion carried to omit the afternoon preaching service. Motion carried to adjourn until 1:30 o'clock. Dismissed by Brother Virgil Hunt.

Saturday afternoon: Moderator in charge. Rev. Claude Freeman Jr. read the Devotional. Scripture, Romans 12. Prayer also by Rev. Freeman. No business. Motion carried to adjourn. Dismissed by Brother Jim Roundtree.

FINANCIAL REPORT—1963-64

RECEIPTS—

Ada	\$1,815.43
Asher	55.70
Camp Ground	111.59
Cedar Grove	50.00
East Sulphur	79.54
Gaar Corner	122.05
Happyland	228.74
Madill	25.00
Non	647.94
Oakman	174.23
Pauls Valley	120.00
Stonewall	60.00
Stratford	249.37
Wilson	279.59
Missionary Conference	180.91
Youth Fellowship	75.00
R. E. A.	6.67
Surplus 1963-64 Youth Camp	295.09
Insurance Damage	125.00
Collections at Camp Meeting	172.69
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$4,874.54
Bank Balance 8-12-63	402.63
Total to Account For	\$5,177.17

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DISBURSEMENT—

Insurance 1963-64	\$ 183.07
Repairs and Upkeep	492.29
R. E. A.	36.43
Printing	96.24
Miscellaneous Association Expense	40.81
Eagleton Fund	90.00
Co-Op	1,594.59
Lonnie Sparks Fund	200.00
Mayberry Fund	66.91
Perry Fund	164.08
O. B. C.	55.00
National B. C.	55.00
State Representative Fee	70.00
O. B. C. Land	344.88
National Missionary Fund	218.53
Home Missionary Fund	420.06
Brazzil Institute	279.53
Spraying	15.00
Rome Stewart, Evangelist	150.00
TOTAL LOCAL EXPENSE	\$4,572.42
Bank Balance 8-24-64	604.75
Total to Account For	\$5,177.17

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—V. HUNT, 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

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. 3:12-17, 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.—Judge 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 unholy conformity to the world, from all sanctions of use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligation in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotion, and social worship, and by self-denial, faith and good works endeavor to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ."

We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship and 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

Leslie Ballard	Stratford, Oklahoma
Andy Dame	Ada, Oklahoma
Troy Dobbs	Box 24, Madill, Oklahoma
Claude Freeman, Jr.	Box 123, Stratford, Oklahoma
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Earlin Haskin	Route 2, Ada, Oklahoma
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F. M. Wood	610 West 1st St., Ada, Oklahoma
W. V. Wood	Box 134, Stratford, Oklahoma
Lynn Wood	530 South Johnston, Ada, Oklahoma

Church and Pastor	Clerk and Address	Value of Church Property	Members Received	Members Dismissed	Members Died	Total Membership
Ada—Lynn Wood	Artie Hodge, 915 West 14th, Ada	\$85,000.00	25	57	2	650
Asher—Carl Waddle	Beulah Fry, Route 1, Asher	3,000.00	0	0	0	31
Camp Ground—Carl Jackson	Loy Wood, Route 2, Ada	12,500.00	8	4	0	84
Cedar Grove—Earlin Haskins	Lorene Harris, Route 3, Ada	6,500.00	3	0	2	91
East Sulphur—Leslie Ballard	Oleta Finley, Sulphur	5,000.00	2	2	0	16
Gaar Corner—F. M. Wood	Wanda Sutton, 917 Williams, Ada	None	7	1	0	94
Happyland—Evert Pannell	Willie Smith, Route 4, Ada	9,000.00	0	4	0	43
Madill—Troy Dobbs	Ruby West, 304 North 3rd, Madill	11,000.00	5	3	0	215
Non—L. E. Stags	Lessie Hendrix, Calvin	8,000.00	6	2	0	21
Oakman—L. D. Stonecipher	Cecil Holcombe, Route 3, Ada	None	0	1	2	40
Pauls Valley—Claude Freeman, Jr.	Bernaden Freeman, Box 123, Stratford	8,500.00	5	3	0	35
Stonewall—	Geneva Gregory, Route 1, Stonewall	10,000.00	3	11	2	64
Stratford—Carl Shivers	Lorene Jones, Route 3, Stratford	8,000.00	6	2	1	202
Wilson—Scott W. Jones	Pat Stone, Route 1, Ada, Okla.	None	2	7	0	78
Totals—14 Churches		\$166,500.00	72	97	7	1664

