

MINUTES
OF THE
Seventy-Fourth Annual Session
OF THE
CENTER ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST

AUGUST 10-11-12, 1967



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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 voting.
9. No member shall be absent while in session without leave of the Moderator, and if so his name shall be left off the minutes.
10. Minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected if necessary before the close of the Association.
11. Arrangements shall be made at each session of the Association for two or more sermons and equivalent devotional exercise during each day.
12. Alternation may be made in these rules at any regular session.

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-Fourth Annual Session of the Center Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened at the Camp Grounds, August 10, 11 and 12, 1967.

THURSDAY EVENING

Called to order by Moderator, Rev. Scott Jones. Singing directed by Bro. Albert Crow. Prayer by Bro. Impson Anderson. Introductory message brought by Bro. Claude Freeman. Scripture I Timothy 1:1-11. Dismissed by Bro. Ed Price.

FRIDAY MORNING

Body called to order by Moderator Rev. Scott Jones.

Singing directed by Rev. Billy Joe Gentry.

Prayer by Rev. Vard Wood.

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

Ada—Bros. Roger Williams and Leon Scroggins, and Sis. Mary Moran.

Asher—Sister Iva Birks.

Camp Ground—Sisters Hazel Price and Anna Myers, and Bro. Vance Price.

Cedar Grove—Sisters Ethel Baker, Bessie Scroggins, and Laverne Scroggins.

East Sulphur—Sister Ruth Standley.

Gaar Corner—Bros. Ray Magar, Joe Summers and Shortie Bratcher.

Happyland—Sisters Marie Roundtree, Ruth Frederick, and Jimmie Parker.

Madill—By letter only.

Non—Sisters Arvie Wheat, Lura Tallett and Rachel Tatum.

Oakman—Bros. Claude Lee, George Carter and Charlie Murphy.

Pauls Valley—Sister Bernadine Freeman and Bro. E. M. Bailey.

Stonewall—Sisters Leatha Trow, Janice Hoover and Betty Romine.

Stratford—Sisters Willie Gideon, and Althea Skinner and Bro. Frank Gideon.

Wilson—Sisters Margie Stewart, Patsy Stone and Lela Wall.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of Officers as follows:

Moderator—Rev. Scott W. Jones.

Asst. Moderator—Rev. Carl Shivers.

Clerk—Zora Wilson.

Asst. Clerk and Treasurer—Virgil Hunt.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Board of Trustees—Bro. James Briggs, 3 years; other members are Bro. Leon Scroggins, 2 years; and Bro. Lonnie Barnes, 1 year. (Bro. Barnes was elected to fill vacancy due to resignation of Bro. Fred Barker.)

Examining Committee—Bro. J. O. Kirby, 3 years; other members are Rev. Carl Shivers, 2 years; and Rev. Scott Jones, 1 year.

Executive Board—Rev. Gary Dodson, 5 years; other members are Rev. Billy Joe Gentry, 4 years; Bro. Elmer Chandler, 3 years; Bro. Noble Holman, 2 years; and Rev. F. M. Wood, 1 year.

General Board—Rev. Lynn Wood for 1968.

Petitionary letters called for—None presented.

Rules of Order read by Bro. Virgil Hunt.

Adjourned until 1:00 o'clock.

Dismissed by prayer.

6:14. Preaching at 11:00 o'clock by Bro. Gary Dodson, Scripture Gal.
Subject, "Glorifying in the Cross."

Dismissed by Rev. Vard Wood.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Moderator in charge.

Scripture read Psalms, 1st chapter.

Prayer by Bro. Lonnie Barnes.

Committees appointed as follows:

Pulpit—Bros. Elmer Chandler, Gilbert Priest, Leon Scroggins,
and Luther Parish, and Sister Ruth Frederick.

Resolutions—Rev. Carl Shivers, Rev. Earlin Haskins, Rev. Allen
Wood, Bros. Lonnie Barnes, and Bro. Shortie Bratcher.

C. T. S.—Bro. Roger Williams and Sisters Marie Roundtree, Patsy
Stone, Bernadine Freeman, and Anna Myers.

Temperance—Rev. Lynn Wood, Rev. Jimmy Ray Nichols, Sisters
Bessie Scroggins, Arvie Wheat and Iva Birks.

Obituary—Sisters Margie Stewart and Mary Moran, and Bros.
Frank Gideon, Deloss Brown and George Carter.

Sunday School—Bro. Jess Berryman, Sisters Ruth Standley, Ethel
Baker, Althea Skinner and Betty Romines.

Food—Betty Kirby, Beulah Fry, Hazel Price, Velma Chandler,
Estelle Cox, Marie Roundtree, Ruby West, Ruby Wellington, Jo Ann
Ballard, Louise Jackson, Helen Turner, Matt Holman, Ruth Standley
and Cecile Holcombe.

Youth Camp—Irene Collings, Charlene Mason, Bill Briggs, Ethel
Baker, Bob Slaughter, J. R. Lamb, Ruby West, Lessie Hendrix, Marion
Drake, Danny Hoover, Troy Henry, James Briggs, Clyde Henigan, and
George Carter.

(The names for the Food and Youth Camp were submitted by
the churches.) Motion carried we accept as submitted.

State Delegates—Leon Scroggins, Iona Mullins, Myrtle Roberts,
Bessie Scroggins, Ruth Standley, Bertha Barker, Ira Parker, Laverne
Scroggins, Florence Priest, Claude Lee, Bernadine Freeman, Dan
Hoover, Vesta Henry and Marzelle Briggs.

Motion carried we accept state delegates as submitted by
churches.

Motion carried to authorize Clerk to compile new letter forms for
annual reports.

Motion carried to discontinue Friday night service preceeding
Quarterly Meetings.

Motion carried to strike out motion passed at the 1966 Annual
Session, requiring Treasurer's report to be made quarterly.

Motion carried to ammend Rule No. 8 to read "All questions
shall be decided by the majority of members voting."

Treasurer's report read and approved.

Minutes of last Quarterly Meeting read.

The following Speakers were elected:

Introductory next Assn—Rev. Carl Shivers

Alternate—Rev. Scott Jones.

Memorial next Assn.—Rev. Jimmy Ray Nichols.

Alternate—Rev. F. M. Wood.

Quarterly Meetings placed as follows:

First—October, 1967, Non.

Second—December, 1967, Cedar Grove.

Third—March, 1968, Stratford.

Fourth, June, 1968, Wilson.

Bro. Fred Barker submitted his resignation as member of Board of Trustees. Motion carried we accept this, and Bro. Lonnie Barnes was elected to fill this vacancy.

Rev. J. D. O'Donnel, president of O.B.C., was recognized, and he gave us a good talk concerning our state work.

Motion carried we adjourn until Saturday morning.

Dismissed by Bro. Elmer Chandler.

Friday night message brought by Rev. Austin Deaton. Scripture Rom. 12:9. He spoke on "Love." A good message.

Dismissed by Sister Beulah Droke.

SATURDAY MORNING

Asst. Moderator in charge.

Singing directed by Rev. Jimmy Ray Nichols.

Prayer by Rev. Earlin Haskins.

Scripture I Cor., 13th chapter, read by Rev. Carl Shivers.

Bro. N. R. Smith was present and he talked about our approaching State Assn. at Ada, and our state work.

Motion carried we refer names of Ministers on our directory, who may still be members of our Association, but who have moved out of our Association, back to the churches where they belong, as to whether they are still members, and the churches to report to the Association at the next Quarterly Meeting.

Committee reports read and accepted. (See Rports.)

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

Dismissed by Bro. Robert Grider.

The 11 o'clock Memorial message was brought by Rev. Lynn Wood. Scripture, I Cor. 13:12. Prayer by Rev. Vard Wood. This was a "Heaven Will Surely Be Worth It All," by Bro. and Sister E. A. Mason "Heaven Will Surely Be Worth It All," by Bro. and Sistr E. A. Mason and Bro. Billy Joe Gentry, and "No Night There" by Zora Wilson and Ollie Rogers. Bro. Vard Wood sang, "When I Can Read My Title Clear" as his testimony. Others also gave testimonies, and we enjoyed a wonderful service.

Motion carried we add Rev. Weldon Wood's name to the list of our deceased members' names as Honorary, in recognition of the work he did for our Association, while he was a member.

Dismissed by Bro. Roger Williams.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Called to order by Asst. Moderator.

Singing directed by Rev. Lynn Wood.

Prayer by Rev. Gary Dodson.

Scripture read, Psalms, 1st chapter.

In response to a recommendation from the Executive Board that the Association elect a General Board Member for 1967, Rev. Billy Joe Gentry was elected, Rev. Carl Shivers was elected alternate.

Motion carried this Association to recommend each local church adopt the Co-operative Plan.

Motion carried the Association elect a Youth Camp Director and and Song Director and Pianist for the camp meeting.

The following were elected:

Youth Camp Director—Bro. Lonnie Barnes.

Asst. Youth Camp Director—Bro. Leon Scroggins.

Song Director for Camp Meeting—Rev. Billy Joe Gentry.

Pianist for Camp Meeting—Sister Patsy Dodson.

Camp Meeting Evangelist—Rev. Roy Thomas.

Alternate—Rev. Bailey Thompson.

Motion carried the clean-up at the camp ground be left to the Board of Trustees.

Motion carried we adjourn until 1968.

Dismissed by Rev. Gary Dodson.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TEMPERANCE

Since our Church Covenant demands total abstinence from the use and sale of alcoholic beverages, there can be no temperate use of them. Also we recommend that a more temperate use be made of television, and greater time for family altars and devotions in the home.

In view of the National Association having gone on record as being opposed to the use of tobacco in any form among Christians everywhere, and the Oklahoma State Associations' adoption of the Temperance report also having recommended that the State Association uphold the National Standard.

We therefore, would like to recommend that the people of our association refrain from smoking, or the use of tobacco upon the camp ground, and especially so before our youth in camp. That we ever consider that we as Christians are being watched by the world, and are to be examples of Christian purity unto all.

Signed—The Committee

OBITUARY

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

Ada—Bro. J. D. Swimm, Bro. Andy Allen, Bro. A. C. Byers, and Sister Rosie Davis.

Camp Ground—Bro. Emmitt Light, Bro. Dewey Northam, and Sister Grace Magar.

Happyland—Rev. E. M. Pannell and Sister Fannie Simpson.

Non—Sister Ivy Wellington, Sister Cleeta Dean Wood and Bro. Fred Brown.

Oakman—Bro. Carrie Davis.

Stratford—Sister Becky Files, Sister Cora Buckelew and Bro. W. T. Pannell.

Wilson—Sister Lillie Gurley.

Honorary—Rev. Weldon Wood.

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.

Signed—The Committee

EXAMINING COMMITTEE

We the Examining Committee, have examined Brothers Gary Dodson, Charlie Murphy, and Ernie Mason, and recommend them for ordination for the ministry.

Scott W. Jones, Carl Shivers, J. O. Kirby

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The following resolutions were adopted:

No. 1: Be it resolved the standing committees consist of no two members from the same church.

No. 2: Be it resolved the annual Youth Camp begin on Monday and run through Saturday noon.

No. 3: Be it resolved the Center Association share One Hundred Dollars of the expense for the State Association.

Signed—The Committee

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We the Sunday School Committee are happy to report that all the churches in the Association have active Sunday Schools. We want to commend you for the work done in 1967, and encourage you to greater service for Christ, and your church in 1968.

Church	Superintendent	Secretary	Avg. Attn.
Ada—Gaines	McKaskle	Marie Hickey	180
Asher—Howard	Peters	Goldie Dean	12
Camp Ground—Albert	Cassidy	Geneva Hood	60
Cedar Grove—Carrel	Bryant	Laverne Scroggins	37
East Sulphur—Luther	Parish	Lillian Campbell	20
Gaar Corner—Wayne	Holland	Carolyn Stonecipher	65
Happyland—Ira	Parker	Willie Smith	40
Madill—Not reported			32
Non—Randell	Miller	Marcelene England	55
Oakman—Claude	Lee	Myrtle Smith	35
Pauls Valley—John	Ballard	Jo Ann Ballard	43
Stonewall—Jack	Caton	Janice Hoover	39
Stratford—Hermon	Mink	Lana Turner	70
Wilson—Leroy	Holman	Karen Sliger	36

Signed—The Committee

C. T. S.

We, the C. T. S. Committee, feel that the Free Will Baptist 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 our churches to active christian service. We encourage each church to actively support our C. T. S. Rallies, Youth Fellowship, and Youth Camp.

We recommend that our C. T. S. be given space in our annual Association minutes for a detailed report of our years work.

The Center Association C. T. S. had a wonderful year in the Lord. We have added a new type program for our quarterly C. T. S. Rallies. Two churches competed in the presentation of plays at each quarterly C. T. S. Rally. The Rallies were held at Wilson, Camp Ground, East Sulphur, and the Youth Camp.

In November, the C.T.S. Rally met at Wilson with Camp Ground and Wilson presenting the competitive plays. Camp Ground was declared winner in the first round. The second rally, held at Camp Ground in February, saw Cedar Grove and Gaar Corner competing in the second round of plays. Gaar Corner was the winner. In May the third rally was held at East Sulphur.

At this rally Ada and Stonewall presented the competitive plays. Stonewall won this round of plays.

At our annual C. T. S. Rally, held at the Youth Camp, the winners of the three previous Rallies met for the final competition. Three inspiring programs were presented and the Camp Ground Church was presented the trophy for the best play of the years competition.

Th following churches were presented a banner for the greatest number attending Youth Fellowship:

1st quarter: Ada
2nd quarter: Gaar Corner
3rd quarter: Wilson
4th quarter: Ada

The banner for the largest attendance at each C. T. S. Rally was also presented to the following churches:

1st quarter: Camp Ground
2nd quarter: Gaar Corner
3rd quarter: Ada
4th quarter: Ada

Our C. T. S. project for this past year was the construction of a concrete slab for recreational purposes at the Youth Camp. The total cost of our project was \$401.63. The cost was just short of our total year's income of \$402.02.

When our annual C. T. S. Rally convened at the Youth Camp, the following officers were elected for the new year:

President: Gary Briggs
Vice President: Tim Scroggins
Secretary-Treasurer: Susie Stone
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer: Janice Walker
Promotional Secretary: Deana Wood
Song Leader: Judy Slaughter
Pianist: Donna Holman
Sponsors: Bro. and Sis. Leon Scroggins

We are looking forward to our new year and we desire the prayers that our C. T. S. organization may grow for our Lord.

—The Committee and Susie Stone

TREASURER'S REPORT—8-14-67

RECEIPTS

Ada	\$ 4,450.24
Asher	56.76
Camp Ground	50.00
Cedar Grove	345.00
East Sulphur	178.64
Gaar Corner	164.00
Happy Land	189.14
Madill	30.00
Non	507.63
Oakman	331.35
Pauls Valley	100.00
Stratford	183.64
Stonewall	20.00
Wilson	576.17
Offering at Camp Meeting	194.64
Sale of surplus food	56.19
Misc. Collection	426.01
Total Receipts	7,859.41
Balance carried forward	221.82
	\$8,081.23

DISBURSEMENTS

Co-op	2,471.41	
O. B. C.	2,156.40	
Special collection to State Assn.	1,552.99	
Association exp. (1966)	126.48	
Center Assn. Minutes (1966)	85.00	
Evangelist 1966	150.00	
Evangelist 1967	150.00	
Camp Gr. maint.	630.79	
Miscl. expense	287.57	
Total Disbursements	7,610.64	
Balance in bank	470.59	
1st National, Stratford, Okla.		\$8,081.23

Virgil Hunt, Treasurer

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

The First Quarterly Meeting convened with the Cedar Grove Church October 28, 1966.

Friday night's message was brought by Bro. Earlin Haskins.

Saturday morning, Moderator Bro. Scott Jones was in charge. Scripture read, Romans, 12th chapter. Prayer by Bro. Carl Shivers.

All the churches, except Asher, were represented, letters read and delegates seated.

During this session the following business was transacted:

Bro. Billy Joe Gentry elected as next Quarterly Meeting introductory speaker.

Clerk was authorized to buy form letters for annual reports.

Several committee members who were assisting in helping the Stonewall Church in restoring it to active service gave oral reports which were encouraging. Motion carried their reports be accepted, and committee dismissed.

A request from the Cedar Grove Church for the Association to examine Bros. Earl and Robert Scroggins to be licensed to preach was referred to the Examining Committee.

Motion carried we give the host church a rising vote of thanks for a very good meal, and wonderful hospitality.

The 11:00 o'clock message was brought by Bro. Floyd Harris, and the afternoon speaker was Bro. Austin Deaton, which were enjoyed by all.

Dismissed by Bro. Fred Barker.

The Second Quarterly Meeting convened with Non Church January 28, 1967.

Friday night's message was brought by Bro. Billy Joe Gentry.

Saturday morning, Moderator Bro. Scott Jones was in charge. Prayer by Bro. Carl Shivers. All churches except Asher were represented, letters read and delegates seated.

The following business was transacted during this session.

Minutes of last Quarterly Meeting read.

Treasurer's report read and accepted.

Letter from Bro. Allen Wood read, stating he could not be the 1967 camp speaker. Bro. Billy Joe Gentry, alternate speaker-elect, stated he would be our speaker.

Bro. Claude Freeman submitted his resignation as Asst. Clerk and Treasurer. The body voted to accept his resignation, and gave him a rising vote of thanks for a job well done. Bro. Virgil Hunt was elected to fill this vacancy.

The Examining Committee reported that they recommended Bros. Earl and Robert Scroggins be licensed to preach, and Bro. David Sutton be ordained to preach. Motion carried we accept this report.

Bro. F. M. Wood submitted his resignation as a member of the Examining Committee. Motion carried that we accept his resignation. Bro. Carl Shivers was elected for this vacancy.

Bro. Jerry Rhodes elected next Quarterly Meeting introductory speaker.

Bros. N. R. Smith and Roger Reed spoke on the State and National work.

Motion carried we give the host church a rising vote of thanks, for the good meal, and fine hospitality.

Bro. Carl Shivers brought the 11:00 o'clock message and Bros. David Sutton and Earl Scroggins were the afternoon speakers. There were good messages, which blessed our hearts.

Bro. Billy Joe Gentry led the body in singing "I Feel Like Traveling On," which was our dismissal.

The Third Quarterly Meeting met with the East Sulphur Church April 29, 1967.

Bro. Jerry Rhodes delivered Friday night's message.

Saturday morning, Moderator Bro. Scott Jones was in charge. Scripture read was Psalms, 123 chapter. Prayer by Bro. Vard Wood.

All churches, except Cedar Grove and Stonewall, were represented. Letters read and delegates seated.

The only business during this session was the reading of the minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting, and the Treasurer's report.

The Host church was given a rising vote of thanks for the good meal, and their fine hospitality.

Bro. J. D. O'Donnel brought the 11:00 o'clock message and Bro. Billy Joe Gentry was the afternoon speaker. Bro. O'Donnell's subject was "Lord, Who Is Going to Abide With God Forever?" which was very inspiring. Bro. Gentry spoke on "The Model Christian," which was a challenge to all present.

We also had two O. B. C. students present, and they gave testimonies on what the college has meant to them. We also had a testimony meeting, and several special numbers in song.

Our dismissal was an old fashioned hand-shake while singing a hymn.

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.

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 suffrage of the members present.

ARTICLE V. Newly constituted churches may be admitted into the Association, which are to petition by letter and delegates, and if upon examination they are found to be orthodox and orderly, they may be received into the Association, the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

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

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

ARTICLE VIII. Minutes—The Association is to endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of the Association in proportion to the number of members in each church, the distribution being at discretion of the Association.

ARTICLE IX. Clerk—It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a regular file of the minutes of the Association in a book to be kept by the Association for that purpose.

ARTICLE X. Signation—The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if needed, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the close of the Association.

ARTICLE XI. Amendments—Amendments to the Constitution may be made when necessary by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present.

Amendment No. 1—Each ordained minister shall be a member of a church in the bounds of the Association, and if he shall hold his letter for a period of three months when opportunities afford him, he shall surrender his credentials to the quarterly or yearly meeting.

Amendment No. 2—The meeting date of this Association shall be Thursday night before the second Sunday in August of each year.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

ARTICLE I

We believe in the living God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; and these are equal in the Divine Essence, power and glory.—Romans 1:20; John 1:1.

ARTICLE II—THE BIBLE

The Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by the inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.—II Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:20-21.

ARTICLE III—THE FALL

Section 1. We believe God created man and gave him holy commandments. Whereby, we should live holy, but man voluntarily disobeyed the commandments of God, transgressed the law and fell under just condemnation of the 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.—I 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—BAPTISMAL 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, baptism; 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 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."

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Church	Pastor	Clerk	Value of Church Property	Membership			Total
				Received	Dismissed	Deceased	
Ada—Lynn Wood		Artie Hodge, 915 W. 14th St., Ada	\$90,000.00	44	14	4	527
Asher—E. A. Mason, Jr.		Beulah Fry, Route One, Asher	3,500.00	7			30
Camp Ground—Allen Wood		Loy Wood, Route Two, Ada	11,000.00	8		3	79
Cedar Grove—Gary Dodson		Lorene Harris, Route Three, Ada	6,500.00	13	1		64
East Sulphur—Jimmy R. Nichols		Oleta Findley, 503 E. Tahlequah, Sulphur	5,000.00	4	1		17
Garr Corner—F. M. Wood		Robbie Henry, Route Five, Ada		7	2		83
Happyland—L. D. Stonecipher		Willie Smith, Route Four, Ada	9,000.00	3		2	60
Madill—Carl Jackson		Ruby West, 1002 W. Lillie Blvd., Madill	8,000.00	4			26
Non—Billy Joe Gentry		Lessie Hendrix, Star Route, Calvin	11,000.00	7	8	3	155
Oakman—Charles Murphy		Cecil Holcombe, Route Three, Ada		3	5	1	46
Pauls Valley—Claude Freeman		Betty Drake, Route Three, Pauls Valley	8,000.00		3		49
Stonewall—Orvel Romine		Betty Romine, Box 414, Stonewall	10,000.00	8			64
Stratford—Carl Shivers		Jo Ann Ballard, Box 255, Stratford	14,000.00	12	5	3	173
Wilson—Scott Jones		Patsy Stone, Route One, Ada				1	33
TOTAL -- 14 CHURCHES			\$176,000.00	120	39	17	1406

MINISTERS DIRECTORY

Name	Phone	Address	Zip Code
Ballard, Leslie—PL 9-2430	Box 70, Stratford, Okla.	74872
Biles, E. L.	Stratford, Okla.	74872
Deatori, Austin—FE 2-7066	Route 3, Ada, Okla.	74820
Dodson, Gary	511 No. Cockrell, Norman, Okla.	73069
Freeman, Claude Jr.—PL 9-2217	Box 387, Stratford, Okla.	74872
Gentry, Billy Joe	Star Route, Calvin, Okla.	74531
Harris, Floyd	607 No. 3rd St., Madill, Okla.	73446
Haskins, Earlin—FE 2-6157	Route Two, Ada, Okla.	74820
Holman, Leroy (Licensed)—FE 2-7195	Route One, Ada, Okla.	74820
Jackson, Carl	511 West Harris, Madill, Okla.	73446
Mason, E. A., Jr.	Box 214, Lexington, Okla.	73051
Morgan, John	1228 Stillwell, Wichita, Kansas	67213
Murphy, Charlie—FE 2-3507	700 West 21 St., Ada, Okla.	74820
Nichols, Jimmy Ray—PL 9-2374	530 No. Pine, Stratford, Okla.	74872
Priest, Johnny	Stonewall, Okla.	74871
Romine, Orville—CO 4-2871	Box 414, Stonewall, Okla.	74871
Scroggins, Earl (Licensed)—FE 2-6294	..	Route Three, Ada, Okla.	74820
Scroggins, Robert (Licensed)—FE 2-6294		Route Three, Ada, Okla.	74820
Shivers, Carl—PL 9-2195	Box 225, Stratford, Okla.	74872
Stonecipher, L. D.—PL 9-2719	Route One, Stratford, Okla.	74872
Waddle, Carl	1207 S.W. 51 St., Okla. City, Okla.	73109
Wood, Allen—FE 2-2620	Route Two, Ada, Okla.	74820
Wood, F. M.—FE 2-5430	610 West 1 St., Ada, Okla.	74820
Wood, Lynn—FE 2-7339	530 So. Johnston, Ada, Okla.	74820
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