

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

AUGUST 8-9-10, 1968



OFFICERS

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introduction Sermon.
2. House called to order by the Moderator.
3. Letters called for, read and received.
4. Right hand of fellowship and seating of delegates.
5. Petitionary letters called for.
6. Election of Officers.
7. Reading Rules of Order (By-Laws).
8. Appointment of Committees.
9. Inviting visiting Brethren to seats of Council.
10. Unfinished business.
11. New business.
12. Reports of Committees.
13. Miscellaneous.

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REVISED

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. Alteration may be made in these rules at any regular session.

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

THURSDAY EVENING:

The 75th Annual session of the Center Association of Free Will Baptist met August 8-10, 1968 at the Camp Grounds.

The opening hymn was "I'll Live In Glory," directed by Rev. Claude Freeman with Patsy Dodson at the piano. The opening prayer was led by Brother J. O. Kirby. A quartette composed of Ted Cox, Fred Baker, Zora Wilson and Betty Phillips sang "I Need No Mansion Here" and Rev. and Mrs. Gary Dodson sang "Jesus Is The Sweetest Name I Know."

The moderator, Rev. Scott Jones, called the body to order and introduced Rev. Carl Shivers, who delivered the Introductory Message from Psalms 32:6, Rev. 10:5-6 and 2nd Cor. 6:2. His theme was "The Earth Is A Place and Life Is A Time of Probation." Following this good sermon we had a hand-shake and were dismissed by Bro. Fred Barker.

FRIDAY MORNING:

This session opened by singing "Just Over In The Gloryland," directed by Rev. Billy Joe Gentry. Bro. Luther Parish led the prayer. The following churches were represented, letters read and delegates seated, with the right hand of fellowship given.

Ada: Sisters Anna Hunt, Ida Tucker and Sister Edd Price.

Camp Ground: Bros. Heber Meyers and Impson Anderson and Sister Betty Wood.

Cedar Grove: Sisters Velma Chandler, Ethel Baker and Edith Phillips.

East Sulphur: By letter only.

Garr Corner: Sisters Vera Bratcher and Frances Beller and Bro. Joe Summers.

Happyland: Sisters Ruth Frederick, Maudie Lamb and Jimmy Parker.

Madill: Sisters Alice VanWinkle, Ruby West and Naci Casey.

Non: Sisters Jo Ann Mooney, Arvie Wheat and Lura Tollet.

Oakman: Sisters Violet Miller, Flora Carter and Mildred Lee.

Pauls Valley: Sisters A. F. Webb, Wanda Reading and Barbara Ballard.

Stonewall: Sisters Jewell Slaughter and Betty Romine.

Stratford: Sister Ovnine Mink and Bro. Burl Bengel.

Wilson: Sisters Marzelle Briggs and Patsy Stone.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AS FOLLOWS

Moderator—Rev. Scott Jones.

Asst. Moderator—Rev. Carl Shivers. :

Clerk—Zora Wilson.

Asst. Clerk-Treasurer—Virgil Hunt.

ELECTION OF BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Board of Trustees—Lonnie Barnes, 3 Years.

Executive Board—Rev. F. M. Wood, 5 Years.

Examining Committee—Rev. Scott Jones, 3 Years.

General Board for 1969—Rev. Jimmy Ray Nichols.

Rev. Lynn Wood resigned as General Board Member for 1968 and Rev. Carl Shivers was elected to fill this vacancy.

Petitionary letters called for. None was presented.

The rules of order were read by the assistant moderator.

Rev. Doyle Cox, a visiting minister, was recognized and welcomed. The moderator also extended a welcome to all visitors present.

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

The worship service was opened by the congregation singing "When The Redeemed Are Gathering In." Rev. Doyle Cox led in prayer. Special music was "I'll Have A New Body," sung by Rev. Billy Joe Gentry, Lonnie Barnes, Zora Wilson and Betty Romine. Roger Wil-

liams, Betty Romine and Wanda Reading sang "I See Jesus." Rev. Lynn Wood brought the message from John 12:20-22. His subject was "Jesus." This was a heart warming message and we were blessed together. We were dismissed with prayer led by Rev. Vard Wood.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON:

This session was opened with the congregation singing "This World Is Not My Home," directed by Rev. Billy Joe Gentry. Rev. Carl Shivers read the devotional lesson from Jude 1:1-6, he also led in prayer.

Minutes of the last Quarterly meeting were read.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Motion carried to give the Board of Trustees a rising vote of thanks for their work.

Motion carried for the Association to pay the balance due of the Youth Camp expenses.

Bro. Lonnie Barnes gave an oral report of the Youth Encampment that had just closed.

Motion carried to accept State Delegates, Youth Camp and Food Committee members as submitted by churches.

Motion carried for the moderator to appoint State Delegates and Committee members for Youth and Food committees for the churches who did not submit names for these places.

Motion carried for the moderator to appoint state delegates to fill any vacancy which may occur.

The following committees were appointed:

Pulpit: Wanda Reading, Marzelle Briggs, Vera Bratcher, Russ Head and Ray Magar.

Resolutions: Carl Shivers, Lonnie Barnes, Lynn Wood, J. O. Kirby and Billy Joe Gentry.

Temperance: Edd Price, Ovnle Mink, Wanda Reading, Russ Head and Marzella Briggs.

State Delegates: Zora Wilson, Betty Wood, Bessie Scroggins, Flora Kirby, Phyllis Odell, Jimmie Parker, Alice VanWinkle, Billie Priest, Myra Berryman, Wanda Reading, Louise Jackson, Myrtle Shivers and Mrs. Matt Holman. Geraldine Scroggins is alternate for Bessie Scroggins and Claude Lee is alternate for Myra Berryman.

Sunday School: Velma Chandler, Barbara Ballard, Francis Bel-ler and Luther Parish.

C. T. S.: Jimmy Ray Nichols, Patsy Stone, Vera Bratcher, Heber Myers and Anna Hunt.

Obituary: Flora Carter, Betty Romine, Arvie Wheat, Ethel Baker and Ruby West.

Food: Ova Dake, Hazel Price, Velma Chandler, Ruth Standley, Estelle Cox, Marie Roundtree, Ruby West, Beulah Sweetman, Cecil Holcombe, Wanda Reading, Marcelle Jackson, Ovnle Mink and Mrs. Matt Holman.

Youth Camp: Irene Collings, Bill Briggs, Bessie Scroggins, Ruth Standley, Robbie Henry, Jim Roundtree, Mrs. Harris, Freddie Poe, George Carter, Wanda Reading, Bob Slaughter, Betty Drake and James Briggs.

The following speakers were elected:

Introductory next Association—Rev. Scott Jones.

Alternate: Rev. Floyd Harris.

Memorial next Association: Rev. Billy Joe Gentry.

Alternate: Rev. Earlin Haskins.

Quarterly Meetings placed:

September, 1968—Non.

December, 1968—Oakman.

March, 1969—Cedar Grove.

June, 1969—Camp Ground.

Motion carried to adjourn until Saturday morning.

Dismissed by Rev. Joey Howeth.

The evening service opened with the congregation singing "From The Cross To The Crown," directed by Betty Mounger. Prayer

was led by Rev. Allen Wood. Special music was a solo, "That's Why I Love Him So," rendered by Wanda Reading. Bro. Joey Howeth brought the message from Rev. 3:7-8. His theme was "The Opportunity Of An Open Door That No Man Can Shut and When God Shutteth It, No Man Can Open It." This was a good lesson. We were dismissed after a hand-shake while singing "Oh, How I Love Jesus." The benediction was given by Bro. Garrett Beller.

SATURDAY MORNING:

We were called to order by the moderator. Rev. Claude Freeman led the congregation in singing "Standing On The Promises." Rev. Allen Wood led the devotional lesson from Isa., 6th chapter and he also led in prayer.

A letter from East Sulphur was read. Motion carried to accept letter.

Committee reports were read. Motion carried to accept them (see reports).

Motion carried to add the names of Sister Euna Gibbons, Sister Annie Gentry and Sister Mary Jo Thompson as Honorary to the obituary report.

Motion carried to table resolution No. 3 until next Quarterly Meeting.

Motion carried for the Officers of the Association to seek legal advice regarding Resolution No. 3 which had been tabled.

Motion carried to pay the clerk \$30.00 for her services as clerk, at the close of the Association.

Motion carried to adjourn until 1:00 o'clock. Dismissed by Bro. Leon Scroggins.

The Memorial service was opened by singing "Precious Memories" directed by Rev. Billy Joe Gentry. The moderator asked the congregation to stand in a moment of silent prayer in memory of our deceased loved ones, after which Bro. Ed Price concluded the prayer. Special music was "Will The Circle Be Unbroken" sung by Rev. Claude Freeman, Rev. Billy Joe Gentry, Lonnie Barnes and Zora Wilson; and "What A Day That Will Be," rendered by Rev. Lynn Wood, Fred Barker, Lonnie Barnes, and Zora Wilson. The Memorial message was brought from Matt. 26:6-13 by Rev. Jimmy Ray Nichols. Bro. Nichols also led in prayer. This was a good message which brought honor to our deceased loved ones. The benediction was by Rev. Claude Freeman.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON:

We were called to order by the moderator. Rev. Billy Joe Gentry directed a song, followed by prayer led by Bro. J. O. Kirby.

Bro. N. R. Smith, our Executive Secretary was present and he spoke a few minutes regarding our state work.

Motion carried for the Youth Camp to run from Wednesday through Wednesday, just preceding our Annual Association.

Motion carried for the Youth Camp Committee to select the directors of the Youth Camp.

The following were elected for the Camp Meeting:

Song Leader—Rev. Billy Joe Gentry.

Pianist—Wanda Reading.

Alternate Pianists: Patsy Dodson and Sandy Davenport.

Camp Meeting Evangelist: Rev. Bail Thompson.

Alternates: Revs. Rupert and Gilbert Pixley (one or both).

Motion carried to suggest a price of \$25.00 for each church to donate to buy food for the Youth Encampment.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Dismissed by Rev. Billy Joe Gentry.

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.

We also recommend that all parents and other Christians who are in the business of training children, be conscientious in their endeavor to instill within the youth of our Association the danger of placing Christ's work second to pleasure of this world.

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 the 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.

The Committee

OBITUARY

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

Ada: Rev. Austin R. Deaton, Bro. M. T. Tarwater, Bro. J. W. Parish and Sister C. H. Brendle.

Camp Ground: Bro. Jim Magar.

Gaar Corner: Sister Sudie Groves and Sister Florence Tiffin.

Non: Sister Malsie Brians, Bro. Harrell Powell and Bro. Jess Roby.

Madill: Bro. E. I. Hartin.

Oakman: Sister Bertha Ragland Lee.

Pauls Valley: Bro. Floyd Scott and Sister Susie Story.

Stonewall: Sister Ada Crow.

Honorary: Sister Annie Gentry, Sister Euna Gibbons and Sister Mary Jo Thompson.

We feel our loss is Heavens gain and recommend this body to stand in a moment of silent prayer in memory of our deceased friends and loved ones.

The Committee

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, the Sunday School Committee, are happy to report that all the churches in the Association have active Sunday Schools and the average attendance is about the same as last year. We encourage you to greater service that we might enlarge our attendance in 1969 and that through the Sunday School we may help more people to want to serve the Lord.

Church	Superintendent	Secretary	Avg. Attn.
Ada—Wilburn Bennett		Joyce Pittman	185
Asher—No report			
Camp Ground—Bill Briggs		Annie Myers	51
Cedar Grove—Charles Chandler		Bessie Scroggins	46
Happyland—Ira Parker		Willie Smith	30
Madill—Joe Hamlet		Emma Harris	38
Gaar Corner—Ray Maar		Cheryl Walker	59
East Sulphur—Earl Weaver		Lillian Campbell	12
Non—Freddie Don Poe		Lucille Tipton	50
Oakman—George Carter		Violet Miller	32
Stratford—Marion Drake		Lana Turner	75
Pauls Valley—A. F. Webb		Joan Ballard	38
Stonewall—Danny Hoover		Judy Slaughter	40
Wilson—John Lee		Karen Sliger	37

The Committee

EXAMINING COMMITTEE

We, the Examining Committee, have met and examined Bros. Roger Williams and James Mouser and recommend them to be ordained as Deacons.

The Committee

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The following Resolutions were adopted:

No. 1—

Be it resolved that the Constitution be amended to read that no decision or ruling made and carried in the Annual Association shall be reversed by the Quarterly Meeting.

No. 2—

Be it resolved that the reading of petitionary letters be placed before the election of officers.

Resolution No. 3 was tabled.

The Committee

C. T. S. REPORT

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 the C. T. S. Rallies, Youth Fellowship and Youth Camp.

The Center Association C. T. S. has had another wonderful year in the Lord. Our competitive plays, which began the year before, continue to enrich lives through spiritual marriages. The winner of the competitive plays for this year was the Stonewall Church. Quarterly play winners were Wilson, Stonewall, Camp Ground and the Youth Camp.

The following churches were presented a Banner for having the best attendance at the Youth Fellowship: First Quarter, Gaar Corner; Second Quarter, Wilson; Third and Fourth Quarters, Stonewall.

The Banner for the largest attendance at each C. T. S. Rally was presented to these churches: First Quarter, Gaar Corner; Second Quarter, Ada; Third Quarter, Stonewall and Fourth Quarter, Ada.

Our C. T. S. was well supported financially. The total year's income was \$426.75.

At the Annual C. T. S. Rally, which convened at the Youth Camp, the following officers were elected:

President, Tim Scroggins; vice president, Danny Stone; secretary and treasurer, Carolyn Stonecipher; assistant secretary and treasurer, Betty Byrd; Promotional Secretary, Earl Scroggins; Song Leader, Gary Briggs; Pianist, Sandy Davenport and sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Williams.

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

The Committee and Susie Stone

YOUTH CAMP REPORT

There were 103 young people enrolled from nine different churches in the Association and three churches outside the Association. Also there were 22 workers from ten different churches of the Association and one outside the Association. With the combination of workers and youth there were 12 of the 14 churches represented in camp.

Camp Evangelist: Rev. Bailly Thompson.

Superintendent: Lonnie Barnes.

Asst. Superintendent: Leon Scroggins.

Concession: Jimmy Ray Nichols.

Sr. Girls Sponsors: Christine Barnes and Jo Ann Wood.

Jr. Girls Sponsors: Violet Miller and Janie Murphy.

Sr. Boys Sponsors: Robert Scroggins and Ray Green.

Jr. Boys Sponsors: Randell Miller and Orville Romine.

Sr. Teachers: Jimmy Ray Nichols, Orville Romine, J. O. Kirby.

Jr. High Teachers: Betty Wood, Eugene Hobbs, Charlie Murphy.
 Jr. Teachers: Robert Scroggins, Robbie Henry, Phyllis Odell.
 Music Teacher: Rev. Billy Joe Gentry.
 Cooks for Camp: Mrs. Marcelle Jackson, Mrs. Matt Holman.
 Dishwashers: Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Barber.

There were 156 in Sunday School attendance at the Camp on Sunday with an offering of \$21.11.

There were 34 conversions during the encampment of which all were young people, for which we are grateful and we truly pray that these decisions will be lasting and eternal to the glory of God in the lives of our youth.

The Committee and Susie Stone

FINANCIAL REPORT, 1967-68

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RECEIPTS

Ada	\$4,493.93
Asher	41.91
Camp Ground	269.68
Cedar Grove	756.25
East Sulphur	197.57
Gaar Corner	387.26
Happyland	165.86
Madill	20.00
Non	648.98
Oakman	469.17
Pauls Valley	50.00
Stonewall	83.54
Stratford	418.30
Wilson	690.61
Misc.	498.37
Total Receipts	9,186.43
Balance 1967	470.59
Total to account for	\$9,657.02

DISBURSEMENTS

Co-op	2,849.73
O. B. C.	3,237.01
Special Collections to State Assn.	1,517.95
Building and Maintenance at Camp Ground	550.58
Electricity (1967)	32.65
Expenses to Natl. and State Assn.	270.00
Center Assn. Minutes (1967)	85.00
Expenses Youth Camp and Assn. (1968)	157.34
Evangelist (1968)	150.00
Clerk and Treasurer expense	58.27
Total disbursements	8,905.53
Balance, First Natl. Bank, Stratford	751.49
Total	\$9,657.02

Virgil Hunt, Treasurer

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

October 8, 1967

The First Quarterly Meeting met with the Non Church. Rev. Scott Jones, Moderator, presided. Opening prayer was by Bro. Earlin Haskins. Scripture read, Psalms, 1st Chapter.

The following churches were represented, letters read and delegates seated: Ada, Asher, Camp Ground, Happyland, Madill, Non, Oakman, Pauls Valley, Stratford and Wilson.

The following business was transacted:

There was a request from the Non Church for Bro. Randell Miller be examined to be licensed to preach. This request was referred to the Examining Committee.

A request was read from the Camp Ground Church, for the Association to reconsider the time change of the Youth Camp which was adopted at the last Annual Meeting. A committee was appointed by the moderator to examine this request. They later reported that they voted unanimously to refrain from changing the decision of the Association. Motion carried to accept their report.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Motion carried to reimburse the Clerk for expenses of supplies she had purchased and to include future bookkeeping and postage expenses for both Clerk and Treasurer.

The noon speaker was Rev. Lynn Wood and the afternoon speakers were Bros. Earl Scroggine and Randell Miller. Special music was arranged by Bro. Billy Joe Gentry.

The closing prayer was by Bro. Carl Shivers.

December 30, 1967

The Second Quarterly Meeting met with the Cedar Grove Church. The Rev. Scott Jones presided. Opening prayer was led by Bro. Vard Wood.

Due to the absence of the clerk, Patsy Stone was appointed clerk pro tem.

The following churches were represented, letters read and delegates seated: Ada, Camp Ground, Cedar Grove, Gaar Corner, Madill, Non, Oakman, Pauls Valley, Stratford and Wilson.

The following business was transacted:

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted. Minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting was read.

A letter from the Rev. Roy Thomas was read informing us that he could not be the 1968 Camp Evangelist. Bro. Virgil Hunt reported that Bro. Bailly Thompson was contacted and he had stated that he could be the Evangelist.

The Examining Committee reported on Bro. Randell Miller and recommended him to be licensed to preach. Motion carried to accept their report.

A request was read from the Ada church for Bro. Robert Grider be examined to be ordained to preach. This request was referred to the Examining Committee.

The noon speaker was the Rev. Vard Wood and the afternoon speaker was the Rev. Carl Jackson. Special music was arranged by Bro. Lynn Wood. The closing was by singing "Amazing Grace."

March 30, 1968

The Third Quarterly Meeting met with the Stratford Church. Moderator. Rev. Scott Jones presiding. The opening prayer was led by Bro. F. M. Wood. All the churches of the Association were represented, letters read and delegates seated.

The following business was transacted.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted. Minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting were read.

Motion carried for the Association to pay \$100.00 toward the expense of the National Association which will convene in July 1968 at Oklahoma City.

Bro. Glenn Wood presented a request that the dates of the Youth Camp be changed from Monday through Saturday, to Wednesday through Wednesday. Motion carried to bring the request on the floor for discussion. Motion carried to abolish Resolution No. 2 adopted at the last Association. Motion carried for the dates of the Youth Camp to be Wednesday through Wednesday, just preceding the Annual Association.

Motion carried that we recommend all the churches to dismiss regular church services on C. T. S. Rally Day and to support our youth by attending the Rally at the Camp Ground.

The Examining Committee reported on Bro. Robert Grider and recommended him to be ordained to preach. Motion carried to accept their report.

The noon speaker was Bro. Dan Farmer and the afternoon speaker was Bro. Gary Dodson. Special music was arranged by Bro. Billy Joe Gentry. The closing was by singing "Amazing Grace."

June 29 1968

The Fourth Quarterly Meeting met with the Wilson Church. Moderator Rev. Scott Jones presiding. The opening prayer was by Bro. Jimmy Ray Nichols.

All the churches, with the exception of Cedar Grove, were represented, letters read and delegates seated.

The following business was transacted:

The Examining Committee reported on a request from the Gaar Corner Church to examine Bro. Ray Magar as a Deacon and recommended him to be ordained. Motion carried to accept their report.

There was a request from the Non Church that Bro. David McDougal be examined to be licensed to preach. The Examining Committee later reported and recommended him to be licensed to preach. Motion carried to accept their report.

There was a request from the Ada Church that Bros. James Mouser and Roger Williams be examined to be ordained as Deacons. This request was referred to the Examining Committee.

There was a request from the Stratford Church that the Association rule as to whether Bro. Luther Parrish was an ordained Deacon. The moderator appointed a committee to investigate this request. The committee later reported that an investigation was made and since Bro. Parrish had been ordained they felt his ordainment to be valid and left the responsibility as to him serving as an active Deacon in the hands of his church. Motion carried to accept their report.

Bro. Jimmy Ray Nichols reported that Bro. Bailly Thompson could not preach on Sunday night of the Youth Camp. Bro. J. D. O'Donnel was elected speaker for that night with Bro. Clarence Herion as alternate.

The noon speaker was Rev. Vard Wood and the afternoon speaker was Bro. David McDougal. Special music was arranged by Bro. Lynn Wood. The closing prayer was by Bro. J. O. Kirby.

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.

Amendment No. 3—No decision or ruling made and carried in the Annual Association shall be reversed by the Quarterly Meeting.

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, 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 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."

EXECUTIVE BOARD

F. M. Wood	5 Years
Gary Dodson	4 Years
Billy Joe Gentry	3 Years
Elmer Chandler	2 Years
Noble Holman	1 Year

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Lonnie Barnes	3 Years
James Briggs	2 Years
Leon Scroggins	1 Year

EXAMINING COMMITTEE

Scott Jones	3 Years
J. O. Kirby	2 Years
Carl Shivers	1 Year

GENERAL BOARD

Carl Shivers	1968
Jimmy Ray Nichols	1969

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Church	Pastor	Clerk	Membership			Total	Value of Church Property
			Received	Dismissed	Deceased		
Ada—Delbert Akin		Artie Hodges, 915 W. 14th St., Ada	18	15	4	530	\$100,000.
Asher—		Beula Frye, Route 1, Asher	no report				3,300.
Camp Ground—Allen Wood		Myrtle Roberts, Rt. 2, Ada	5	2	1	82	11,000.
Cedar Grove—Gary Dodson		Lorene Harris, Rt. 3, Ada	5	0	0	66	6,500.
East Sulphur—		Cleta Findley, 503 E. Tahlequah, Sulphu	0	2	0	15	5,000.
Gaar Corner—F. M. Wood		Robbie Henry, Rt. 5, Ada	10	5	2	86	
Happyland—L. D. Stonecipher		Willie Smith, Rt. 4, Ada	0	0	0	50	9,000.
Madill—Floyd Harris		Ruby West, 1002 W. Lillie Madill	13	4	1	39	8,000.
Non—Billy Joe Gentry		Lessie Hendrix, Star Rt., Calvin	7	7	3	152	11,000.
Oakman—Randell Miller		Cecil Holcombe, Rt. 3, Ada	2	1	1	46	
Pauls Valley—Joey Howeth		Wanda Reading, Rt. 1, Pauls Valley	2	2	2	41	6,000.
Stonewall—Orville Romine		Betty Romine, Box 414, Stonewall	11	1	1	73	10,000.
Stratford—Carl Shivers		Jo Ann Ballard, Box 255, Stratford	7	0	0	178	17,000.
Wilson—Scott Jones		Patsy Stone, Rt. 1, Ada	7	2	0	39	
TOTAL		14 Churches	87	41	15	1379	\$187,000.

MINISTERS DIRECTORY

Name	Phone	Address	Zip
Akin, Delbert—332-7339	530 S. Johnson,	Ada Okla.	74820
Ballard, Leslie—750-2854	Box 70, Stratford,	Okla.	74872
Barber, Leroy—332-4470	Route 5, Ada,	Okla.	74820
Biles, E. L.	Stratford,	Okla.	74872
Dodson, Gary	Francis,	Okla.	74844
Freeman, Claude Jr.—759-2217	Box 387, Stratofrd,	Okla.	74872
Gentry, Billy Joe—Gerty 892-3327	Star Rt., Calvin,	Okla.	74531
Grider, Robert	Latta Trailer Court,	Ada., Okla.	74820
Harris, Floyd	Box 264, Madill,	Okla.	73446
Haskins, Ealin—332-6157	Route 2, Ada,	Okla.	74820
Holman, Leroy (Licensed)	Route 1, Ada,	Okla.	74820
Howeth, Joey	Mohawk Dr., Pauls Valley,	Okla.	73075
Jackson, Carl	Fittstown,	Okla.	74842
Jones, Scott W.—332-6510	Route 3, Ada,	Okla.	74820
Miller, Randell	Route 3, Ada,	Okla.	74820
Morgan, John	Route 1, Box 720, Mulvane,	Kan.	76710
Murphy, Charlie	Oklahoma City,	Okla.	
McDougal, David (Licensed)	Star Route, Calvin,	Okla.	74531
Nichols, Jimmy Ray—759-2374 ...	530 North Pine, Stratford,	Okla.	74872
Priest, Johnny	Boise City,	Okla.	73933
Ramine, Orville—264-2871	Box 414, Stonewall,	Okla.	74871
Scroggins, Earl (Licensed)—332-6294	Route 3, Ada,	Okla.	74820
Scroggins, Robert (Licensed)—332-6294	Route 3, Ada,	Okla.	74820
Shivers, Carl—759-2195	Box 255, Stratford,	Okla.	74872
Stonecipher, L. D.—759-2719	Route 1, Stratford,	Okla.	74872
Waddle, Carl	1207 S.W. 51st St.,	Okla. City, Okla.	73109
Wood, Allen—332-2620	Route 2, Ada,	Okla.	74820
Wood, F. M.—332-5430	610 West 1 St.,	Ada, Okla.	74820
Wood, Lynn	Moore,	Okla.	
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