

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

**AUGUST 7-8-9, 1969**



**OFFICERS**

Moderator ..... Rev. Scott W. Jones  
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Assistant Moderator ..... Rev. Carl Shivers  
Stratford Oklahoma 74872—759-2195

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Assistant Clerk-Treasurer ..... Virgil Hunt  
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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.

## **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 76th Annual Session of the Center Association of Free Will Baptist met August 7th, 1969 at the Camp Grounds.

The opening hymn, "I'm Living in Sunlight Now," was directed by Bro. Claude Freeman with Bro. Earlin Haskins at the piano.

Bro. Walter Henry prayed the opening prayer. The Asst. Moderator, Bro. Carl Shivers, called the Association into official session.

Special music was a Quartet composed of Bro. Delbert Akin, Bro. Fred Barker, Bro. Ted Cox and Sister Olive Bell Wood, who sang "Wonderful City" and "What A Saviour" with Sister Wanda Reading at the piano.

The introductory message was delivered by Rev. Scott Jones. The text was Isa. 1:18 and the subject was "Salvation of Jehovah." This message instructed us to be reasonable one to another and to God. We were dismissed by Bro. Joe Summers.

### FRIDAY MORNING

This session opened with congregational singing "Tell and Sing The News" and "Work For The Night Is Coming" led by Bro. Delbert Akin. Bro. Gene Smith led in prayer.

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

Ada: Bros. C. S. Roberts and Leon Scroggins.

Asher: Sister Betty Robbins.

Camp Ground: Sisters Annie Myers, Sharon Roberts and Olive Wood.

Cedar Grove: Sisters Bessie Scroggins, Edith Phillips and Hazel West.

East Sulphur: Sisters Ruth Standly and Flora Kirby.

Gaar Corner: Sisters Bertha Barker, Vera Bratcher and Frances Beller.

Happyland: Sisters Ruth Frederick and Jimmie Parker.

Madill: Sisters Ruby West, Sherry McClendon and Bro. E. M. Bailey.

Non: By letter only.

Oakman: Sisters Flora Carter and Cecil Holcombe.

Pauls Valley: Sisters Wanda Reading, Maud Webb and Bro. Delos Brown.

Stonewall: Sisters Betty Romins, Jewell Slaughter and Kathy Romine.

Stratford: Sisters Lena Wood and Willie Gideon.

Wilson: Sisters Patsy Stone and Marzelle Briggs, and Bro. Cleamon Stone.

There were no petitionary letters.

### 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

Executive Board: Rev. W. V. Wood, 5 years.

Rev. Gene Smith, 2 years (replacing Bro. Billy Joe Gentry).

Rev. Orville Romine, 1 year (replacing Bro. Elmer Chandler).

Board of Trustees: Bro. Leon Scroggins, 3 years.

Examining Committee: Bro. Carl Shivers, 3 years.

General Board: Rev. Gene Smith for 1970.

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

The worship service opened with singing "What A Fellowship" and "Watching You," led by Bro. Fred Barker. Special music was "Let Me Live Close To Thee" sung by Bros. Fred Barker and Delbert Akin and Sisters Wanda Reading and Zora Wilson. The messenger was Bro. Delbert Akin. His text was Rom. 6:12-18. His subject was "Obedience." This challenging message admonished us to be obedient to the Lord Jesus Christ and His Holy Word. Bro. J. O. Kirby dismissed this service.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

This session opened with singing "I Love To Tell The Story," directed by Bro. Delbert Akin. The devotional lesson was read by Bro. Scott Jones from Psalms, chapter 1. Bro. Joe Summers led in prayer. The following committees were appointed by the officers:

PULPIT: Bros. Joe Summers, Frank Gideon and Delos Brown and Sisters Olive Bell Wood and Bessie Scroggins.

RESOLUTIONS: Bros. Carl Shivers, C. S. Roberts, Jess Berryman, Fred Barker and Orville West.

TEMPERANCE: Sisters Flora Carter, Bertha Barker, Jewell Slaughter and Annie Myers and Bro. Luther Parrish.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sisters Olive Bell Wood, Ruth Frederick, Cecil Holcombe and Willie Gideon, and Bro. Delos Brown.

C. T. S.: Sisters Wanda Reading, Flora Kirby, Betty Robbins and Ruby West, and Bro. Leon Scroggins.

OBITUARY: Sisters Jimmie Parker, Maud Webb, Ruth Standley and Lena Wood, and Bro. Joe Summers.

STATE DELEGATES: (Elected or Appointed).

Zora Wilson, Jerry Robbins, Lavelle Wallis, Dorothy Akin, Louise Batson, Christine Barnes, Ruth Frederick, Sue Smith, Billie Priest, Claude Lee, Delos Brown, Betty Mounger, Myrtle Shivers and Mrs. Matt Holman.

The following Speakers were elected:

INTRODUCTORY NEXT ASSOCIATION: Rev. Orville Romine.

ALTERNATE: Rev. Robert Grider.

MEMORIAL: Rev. Claude Freeman.

ALTERNATE: Rev. F. M. Wood.

Quarterly Meetings placed as follows:

November, 1969—Ada

March, 1970—Cedar Grove

May, 1970—Stratford

Motion carried to dispose of the Food Committee, and for the churches to donate at least \$25.00 each to feed the Youth Encampment.

Motion carried for the Moderator to appoint State Delegates for the churches who did not name one in their letters, or to fill any future vacancy.

Motion carried to dispense with the Quarterly Meeting in August, 1969.

Motion carried to adjourn until Saturday morning. The dismissal was a song, "Rock of Ages."

The evening service opened with congregational singing, "Trust and Obey." Bro. Garrett Beller led in prayer. Special music was a duet, "It's Not A Dream," by Betty Phillips and Freddie Holman. Bro. Delbert Akin and Sister Deanna Grider sang "Until The Storm Passes By." The message was brought by Bro. Robert Grider from Rom. 8:1-14. He spoke about the Spiritual road and the Carnal road. Following this good message we were dismissed by Bro. Fred Barker.

### SATURDAY MORNING

This session was opened by singing "Kneel At The Cross," directed by Bro. Delbert Akin. Bro. Dale Vanderburg read Heb. 11:1-10 and Bro. Leon Scroggins led in prayer.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Dr. J. D. O'Donnel was recognized and welcomed. He gave a short informative talk about O.B.C. regarding the growth and expansion. He also expressed his appreciation for the financial help from our Association.

Bro. Delbert Akin read the Youth Camp report. Motion carried to accept report and adopt the recommendation. (See reports.)

Letter from Non church was read. Motion carried to accept the letter.

Motion carried to adjourn until one o'clock. We were dismissed by Bro. Roy West.

The Memorial Service was opened with the congregation singing "When We All Get to Heaven" and "This World Is Not My Home." Bro. Delbert Akin sang "What A Day That Will Be." Bro. Cleamon Stone offered prayer. Following the reading of names of all our deceased Sisters and Brothers, the Moderator asked the congregation to stand in a moment of silent prayer in honor of our deceased loved ones, after which Bro. Orville West concluded the prayer. Bro. Earlin Haskins brought the Memorial message from Rev. 14:13-14. Following this good message we shook hands with one another and God blessed our hearts together. We were dismissed by Bro. W. V. Wood.

#### **SATURDAY AFTERNOON**

We were called to order by the Moderator. Bro. Delbert Akin led the body in singing "Stand Up For Jesus." Bro. Carl Shivers offered prayer.

The following committee reports were read and approved (see Reports): C. T. S., Sunday School, Obituary, Temperance and Resolutions.

Motion carried for each member of the Christian Education Committee to be from a different church.

The following were elected for the Christian Education Committee:

Bro. Delbert Akin, 5 years.

Sister Flora Carter, 4 years.

Bro. Troy Henry, 3 years.

Bro. Robert Grider, 2 years.

Sister Bessie Scroggins, 1 year.

Motion carried for the 5-year member of above committee to be chairman.

Motion carried to pay the Clerk \$30.00 for her services.

The following were elected for the Camp Meeting, 1970:

Camp Evangelist: Rev. Bill Jones.

Alternate: Rev. Jack Richey.

Song Leader: Dow Thompson.

Alternate: Joel Kircher.

Pianist: Wanda Reading.

Alternate: Carol Kircher.

Motion carried for the Clerk to contact by phone the Camp Evangelist-elect, to inform him of this election.

Motion carried to give a rising vote of thanks to the cooks and dishwashers for their services during the annual youth encampment.

Motion carried to adjourn this annual session. We were dismissed by Bro. Leroy Barber.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **TEMPERANCE**

We, the Temperance Committee, report the following: 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 altar and family devotion. That we, as christians, be more temperate in our outside activities that we may live, walk and be led by the Holy Spirit. That we ever consider that we as christians are being watched continuously by the world, and that we keep ourselves un-spotted from the world.

We as a denomination recommend that we go on record as being against the bill coming up regarding the sale of liquor by the drink.

Signed: Committee.

##### **OBITUARY**

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

Ada: Bro. Leon Anderson, Bro. E. M. Loyd and Sis. Maud Deighton.  
 East Sulphur: Sister Kate Sanders.  
 Gaar Corner: Sister Carrie Muncy  
 Happyland: Bro. Hiram Whitley.  
 Madill: Bro. J. B. Pruitt.  
 Non: Sister Phyllis Dodson Hartsfield and Bro. Ed Chism.  
 Stratford: Sister Lorene Jones, Bro. Luther McAffrey and Bro. Albert Turner.

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

Signed: Committee.

### YOUTH CAMP REPORT

The total enrollment of the camp this year was 144. This total included 112 students plus 7 pre-school children, 21 officers, teachers, sponsors and workers and 4 kitchen workers. Ten of this total were registered as visitors with the remainder registered from 12 of the 14 churches of the Association.

There were 25 conversions, re-dedications and special commitments registered during the services.

The staff was as follows:

Superintendent of Instruction, Delbert Akin.

Superintendent of Accommodations, Leon Scroggins.

Concession Director, Jimmy Ray Nichols.

Senior Girls Sponsors, Erma Williams, Jeanie Phillips and Joyce Collins.

Junior Girls Sponsors, Betty Romine and Jewell Slaughter.

Senior Boys Sponsors, Leon Scroggins, Delbert Akin, Ray Green.

Junior Boys Sponsors, Robert Grider and Orville Romine.

Senior Teachers, Earl Scroggins, Lonnie Barnes, Eugene Hobbs.

Junior High Teachers, Sandy Scroggins, Delbert Akin, and Robert Grider.

Junior Teachers, Robbie Henry, Louise Batson, Ray Green, Christine Barnes and Wanda Reading.

Music, Wanda Reading and Jeanie Phillips.

Cooks, Marcella Jackson and Madeline Holman.

Helpers, Clara Smith and Jerry Scroggins.

Camp Nurse, Edith Scroggins.

### FINANCIAL REPORT:

#### RECEIPTS

Church Donations for food .....	\$ 390.00
Fees, extra meals, gifts, etc. ....	654.33
Concession stand profit .....	62.82

**TOTAL** ..... 1 106.61

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Groceries and supplies .....	586.83
Recreation equipment .....	31.93
Cooks .....	200.00
Helpers .....	80.00
Camp facilities .....	11.82
Insurance (125) .....	52.00
Literature (for 150) .....	72.27
Programs Printed (500) .....	33.80
Telephone .....	10.00

**TOTAL** ..... 1,078.65

Balance to be turned over to the C.T.S. Rally Treasurer ... 27.96

Missionary Offering to be divided equally between  
 Foreign and National Home Missions ..... 113.00

Delbert Akin  
 Leon Scroggins  
 Jimmy Ray Nichols

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, the Sunday School Committee, are happy to report that all the churches in the Association have active Sunday Schools and we are glad to report on increase in attendance over last year. We encourage you to greater service that our Sunday Schools will not only grow in attendance but spiritually as well. We recommend that all officers and teachers be Christians and members of the church.

Church — Superintendent	Secretary	Avg. Attn.
Ada—Wilburn Bennett	Carolyn Breeden	195
Asher—Jerry Rollins	Goldie Dean	16
Camp Ground—Bill Briggs	Annie Myers	50
Cedar Grove—Lois Scroggins	Hazel West	41
East Sulphur—Earl Weaver	Lillian Campbell	20
Gaar Corner—Ray Magar	Cheryl Walker	63
Happyland—Ira Parker	Willie Smith	30
Madill—Roy West	Emma Harris	35
Non—Fred Poe	Lucille Tipton	65
Oakman—Debbs Holcombe	Mildred Lee	40
Pauls Valley—Delos Brown	Helen Ballard	50
Stonewall—Bob Slaughter	Judy Slaughter	40
Stratford—L. E. Ballard	Kariene Carter	80
Wilson—James Briggs	Marzelle Briggs	33

Signed: Committee.

## EXAMINING COMMITTEE

The Examining Committee had no report at this session.

### C. T. S.

We, the C. T. S. Committee, feel that the Free Will Baptist C. T. S. is an important part of our Church. 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 has had another wonderful year in the Lord.

We recommend that the District C. T. S. Secretary's report of the year, along with the Youth Camp report, be inserted in the minutes as a part of the C. T. S. report.

The Committee and Flora Kirby.

## RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions were adopted:

No. 1—Be it resolved that the Annual Camp Meeting and Youth Camp of the Association start on the last Monday in July and continue through the first Sunday night in August, with the last service on Sunday night to be a Missionary Rally.

No. 2—Be it resolved that a five member committee to be known as "The Christian Education Committee" be elected by the body with terms of 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1 years and one member to be elected each year as the terms expire, who shall be authorized to select all officers, sponsors, teachers and helpers for the Youth Camp and be responsible for arranging the program of the Annual Encampment.

This committee shall be further responsible for promoting the C. T. S. program and the Sunday School program of the Association.

The Committee.

## WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President—Dorothy Akin ..... 530 South Johnston, Ada, Okla.  
 Vice President—Myrtle Shivers ..... Stratford, Okla.  
 Rec. Secretary—Lavelle Wallis ..... 529 E. 7th St., Ada, Okla.  
 Corr. Secretary—Vesta Henry ..... Stratford, Okla.  
 Treasurer—Margaret Mouser ..... 417 E. 15th St., Ada, Okla.  
 Field Worker—Ova Drake ..... (Ada First) Ada, Okla.  
 Missions—Oleta Pate ..... (Ada First) Ada, Okla.  
 Personal Service—Myrtle Roberts ..... (Camp Ground) Ada, Okla.  
 Study Course—Zora Wilson ..... (Ada First) Ada, Okla.  
 Stewardship—Sharon Morris ..... (Camp Ground) Ada, Okla.

### Scheduled Meetings:

October 1, 1969 ..... at Stratford  
 January 8, 1970 ..... at Ada  
 April 2, 1970 ..... at Camp Ground  
 July 9, 1970 ..... is open

By: Dorothy Akin, President.

## DISTRICT C. T. S. REPORT

The C. T. S. Rally met at the Stonewall Church for the First Quarterly meeting. The Second Quarterly Meeting met at the Gaar Corner Church and the Third Meeting was at the Camp Ground Church.

The following churches won the Banners for attendance:

C. T. S. Rallies: The Ada church won at all three Quarterly meetings. Youth Fellowship: First Quarter, Stonewall; Second Quarter, Ada and Third Quarter, Stonewall.

At the annual meeting at the Camp Ground the following officers were elected:

President .....	Tim Scroggins
Vice President .....	Danny Stone
Secretary - Treasurer .....	Betty Byrd
Promotional Secretary .....	Earl Scroggins
Song Leader .....	Freddie Holman
Pianist .....	Kathy Romine
Sponsors .....	Rev. and Mrs. Orville Romine

The Project Committee: Leon Scroggins, Robert Grider and Freddie Holman; and Youth Camp Delegates: Freddie Holman, Kathy Romine and Danny Stone.

## C. T. S. TREASURER'S REPORT

### RECEIPTS

Offerings .....	\$ 371.78
Balance 1968 .....	357.15

Total to account for .....	728.93
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### DISBURSEMENTS

C. T. S. Board .....	37.17
Mauch Lumber Co. ....	104.27
O. B. C. ....	100.00
Screens for Tabernacle .....	54.00
Camp Expenses for Tim Scroggins .....	175.00
C. T. S. Trophy .....	13.20
Association Hay Ride - Wiener Roast .....	36.15
Balance in Bank .....	209.14

\$728.93

—From C. T. S. Minutes.

# **FINANCIAL REPORT** **1968 - 1969**

## **RECEIPTS**

ADA .....	\$ 8,175.58
Asher .....	56.92
Camp Ground .....	208.65
Cedar Grove .....	971.83
East Sulphur .....	211.65
Gaar Corner .....	233.86
Gaar Corner C. T. S. ....	60.00
Happyland .....	161.08
Madill .....	15.00
Non .....	876.23
Oakman .....	449.03
Pauls Valley .....	250.02
Stonewall .....	129.47
Stratford .....	262.70
Wilson .....	719.02
Collections at Camp Meeting .....	230.46
Surplus from feeding Association .....	11.31
Special Collection, Youth Camp .....	191.50
Miscl. Collection .....	487.81

<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b> .....	<b>13,702.12</b>
Balance 1968 .....	751.49

<b>TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR</b> .....	<b>14,453.61</b>
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## **DISBURSEMENTS**

To State Association:	
Co-Op .....	3,473.77
O. B. C. ....	5,747.23
Other Collections to State .....	2,638.55

<b>Local Expenses:</b>	
Building and Maintenance .....	833.44
Electric and Telephone .....	49.10
Center Association Minutes (1968) .....	90.00
Clerk and Treasurer's Expenses .....	41.03
Evangelist, 1969 .....	150.00
Miscl. Expense .....	137.62

<b>Total Local Expense</b> .....	<b>1,301.19</b>
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<b>Total Disbursements</b> .....	<b>13,160.74</b>
Balance in First National Bank	
of Stratford, Oklahoma (1969) .....	1,292.87

**14,453.61**

Virgil Hunt, Treasurer.

## **QUARTERLY MEETINGS**

**September 28, 1968**

The First Quarterly Meeting met at the Non Church. Rev. Scott Jones, Moderator, was in charge, All the churches were represented except East Sulphur.

The following business was transacted:

Motion carried to take from the table, Resolution No. 3, introduced at the last Association for discussion. Motion carried to adopt this Resolution.

The Examining Committee reported they had examined Bro. Eugene Hobbs and recommended he be ordained as a Deacon and they

had examined Bro. Leroy Holman and recommended he be ordained to preach the Gospel. Motion carried to accept these reports.

Bro. Delbert Akin was elected to fill the vacancy on the Executive Board, due to Bro. Gary Dodson moving out of the Association.

Motion carried to adopt recommendation from the Executive Board to sponsor a Fellowship of Students at East Central College. The Executive Board to be responsible for the organization.

The speakers for this meeting were Rev. Delbert Akin, Bro. David McDougal and Bro. Joey Howeth.

#### **December 28, 1968**

This Quarterly Meeting met at the Oakman Church, Rev. Scott Jones, Moderator, presiding. All the churches were represented except Gaar Corner and Stonewall.

The following business was transacted:

Minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting were read.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Motion carried for the Executive Board to complete the business of Resolution No. 3 which was adopted at the last Quarterly Meeting.

Bro. Billy Joe Gentry reported that a Student Fellowship had been organized at East Central College and that they were active and meeting in the Boswell Chapel.

The Executive Board was requested to examine Bro. Randell Miller to be ordained to preach. They reported that they had examined Bro. Miller and recommended he be ordained to preach the Gospel. Motion carried to accept their report.

The Clerk reported that she had contacted Bro. Gilbert Pixley regarding he being the elected alternate speaker for the 1969 Camp Meeting and that he said he could be our Evangelist.

The speakers for this meeting were Bro. Joey Howeth and Bro. Claude Freeman.

#### **March 29, 1969**

This meeting met at the Cedar Grove Church. Bro. Scott Jones presided. All the churches were represented.

Dr. J. D. O'Donnell, Rev. Waldo Young and Bro. Edd Warren were recognized as visitors and welcomed.

The business transacted was as follows:

Minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Motion carried for the Moderator to arrange a meeting of the Youth Camp Committee for the purpose of organization of Camp Leaders. Such meeting to be at the Ada Church April 13, 1969.

There was a request for Bro. Joe Summers to be examined as a Deacon.

Bro. Billy Joe Gentry reported that he did not think the Executive Board had completed the business regarding the incorporation of the Association property.

Bro. O'Donnell thanked the Association for their contributions toward the cost of the horse presented his young son who is seriously ill. The speakers at this meeting were Dr. J. D. O'Donnell and Bro. Joel Kircher.

#### **June 28, 1969**

The last Quarterly Meeting met at the Camp Ground Church. Bro. Scott Jones was in charge. All the churches except East Sulphur and Stonewall were represented.

New pastors in our Association, Bro. Gene Smith and Bro. Dale Vanderburg, were introduced and welcomed. We had Bro. Homer Young, our Executive Secretary and Bro. Reford Wilson, General Director of our Foreign Mission Staff, as visitors. These gentlemen were also introduced and welcomed.

The following business was transacted:

Minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Executive Board reported that they had not completed the business of In-corporation of the Association property, but would by the time of the Annual Association.

The Examining Committee reported they had examined Bro. Joe Summers and recommended he be ordained as a Deacon and they had examined Bro. Earl Scroggins and recommended he be ordained to preach the Gospel. Motion carried to accept their report.

Bro. Delbert Akin reported that organization of Youth Camp leaders had been completed.

The Clerk reported that Bro. Gilbert Pixley had informed us that he would like to be at his own church on Sunday and Sunday night of the camp meeting. Bro. Vard Wood was elected speaker for the Sunday night service and Bro. Carl Shivers as alternate.

The speakers at this meeting were Bro. Billy Joe Gentry and Bro. Gene Smith.

### **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 Trtasurer, 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 persevere 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 d'pper, 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."

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

W. V. Wood	5 Years
F. M. Wood	4 Years
Delbert Akin	3 Years
Gene Smith	2 Years
Orville Romine	1 Year

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

## CHRISTION EDUCATION BOARD

Delbert Akin	5 Years
Flora Carter	4 Years
Troy Henry	3 Years
Robert Grider	2 Years
Bessie Scroggins	1 Year

## EXAMINING COMMITTEE

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

## GENERAL BOARD

Jimmy Ray Nichols	1969
Gene Smith	1970

The 1970 session will be at Muskogee, Oklahoma.

# CHURCH DIRECTORY

Church	Pastor	Clerk	Membership			Value of Church Property
			Received	Dismissed	Deceased	Total
Ada—Delbert Akin		Artie Hodge, 914 W. 14th St., Ada	26	15	3	\$100,000.
Asher—Jimmy Ray Nichols		Beulah Frye, Route 1, Asher	2	3	0	5,000.
Camp Ground—		Myrtle Roberts, Route 2, Ada	7	3	0	17,500.
Cedar Grove—Claude Freeman		Lorene Harris, Route 3, Ada	8	6	0	6,500.
East Sulphur—Melvin Batson		Oleta Findley, 503 E. Tahlequah, Sulphur	3	2	1	5,000.
Gaar Corner—F. M. Wood		Robbie Henry, Route 5, Ada	10	2	1	122
Happyland—L. D. Stonecipher		Willie Smith, Route 4, Ada	0	1	1	69
Madill—		Ruby West, 1002 W. Lillie, Madill	15	13	1	39
Non—		Lessie Hendrix, Star Route, Calvin	0	3	2	152
Oakman—Randell Miller		Cecil Holcombe, Route 3, Ada	10	1	0	54
Pauls Valley—Gene Smith		Betty Drake, Route 3, Pauls Valley	17	9	0	36
Stenewall—Orville Romine		Betty Romine, Box 414, Stenewall	1	1	0	41
Stratford—Carl Shivers		JoAnn Ballard, Box 255, Stratford	9	4	3	170
Wilson—Robert Grider		Patsy Stone, Route 1, Ada	3	0	0	40
TOTAL		14 Churches	11	63	12	1458
						\$191,000.

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Akin, Delbert—332-7339 .....	530 So. Johnston,	Ada, Okla.	74820
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