

MINUTES
OF THE
Seventy-Seventh Annual Session
OF THE
CENTER ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST
AUGUST 6-7-8, 1970



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ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory 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.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

First—November 21, 1970 _____ Camp Ground
Second—February 20, 1971 _____ Cedar Grove
Third—May 15, 1971 _____ Non

SPEAKERS AND OFFICIALS FOR NEXT ASSOCIATION AND CAMP MEETING

Introductory Speaker _____ Rev. Carl Shivers
Alternate _____ Rev. W. V. Wood
Memorial Speaker _____ Rev. Billy Ray Wood
Alternate _____ Rev. Earlin Haskins
Camp Evangelist _____ Rev. Jack Richey
Alternate _____ Rev. Roma Stewart
Song Leader _____ Joel Kircher
Alternate _____ Dow Thompson
Pianist _____ Carol Kircher
Alternate _____ Janie Thompson

RULES OF ORDER

1. At every sitting the meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer by the Moderator, or whomever he may request.
2. Those who speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Personal reflections shall be avoided in all debates.
3. No motion shall be discussed without first being seconded.
4. When a motion has been made and seconded, the Moderator shall ask, "Any discussion or remarks?" If none, the question shall be disposed of as usual.
5. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and the vote taken separately.
6. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the minutes unless ordered by the party making the motion.
7. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the Moderator.
8. All questions shall be decided by the majority of members present.
9. No member shall be absent while in session without leave of the Moderator, and if so his name shall be left off the minutes.
10. Minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected if necessary before the close of the Association.
11. Arrangements shall be made at each session of the Association for two or more sermons and equivalent devotional 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 77th Annual Session of the Center Association of Free Will Baptists met August 6th, 1970, at the Camp Grounds.

The opening hymn, "HE LOVES ME", was directed by Bro. Ted Cox, with Kathy Romine at the piano.

Bro. Impson Anderson led the opening prayer.

The moderator, Bro. Scott Jones, called the Association into official session.

Special music was a solo, "HAD IT NOT BEEN", by Bro. Delbert Akin, and a duet, "THERE IS A GOD UP IN THE SKY", by Sisters Betty and Kathy Romine.

Bro. Scott Jones introduced Bro. Orville Romine who brought the introductory message from Jer. 3:20-21. His subject was "Spiritual Adultery". This good message admonished our Association to be true and faithful to God. We were dismissed by Bro. Earlin Haskins.

FRIDAY MORNING

This session opened with the congregation singing, "Blessed Assurance", directed by Bro. Ted Cox. Bro. Luther Parrish led in prayer.

The following churches were represented. Letters were read, and delegates seated, with the right hand of fellowship extended one to another.

ADA: Oleta Pate, Maggie Price, and Pam Nelson.

ASHER: Clara Harper and Betty Robbins.

CAMP GROUND: Myrtle Roberts, Impson Anderson and Annie Myers.

CEDAR GROVE: Bessie Scroggins, Bernadine Freeman and Hazel West.

EAST SULPHUR: Ruth Standley and Flora Kirby.

GAAR CORNER: Roberta Summers, Estelle Cox and Robbie Henry.

HAPPYLAND: Ruth Frederick, Bertha Head and Marie Roundtree.

MADILL: Ruby West, Janet Harris and Alice Vanwinkle.

NON: Lura Tollett.

OAKMAN: Claude Lee, Flora Carter and Violet Miller.

PAULS VALLEY: Maud Webb, Jo Ann Ballard and Carol Mitchell.

STONEWALL: Kathy, Betty and Annette Romine.

STRATFORD: Ethel Perry, Ina Bacon and Willie Gideon.

WILSON: Lela Wall and Marzelle Briggs.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AS FOLLOWS:

Moderator	-----	Rev. Scott Jones
Assistant Moderator	-----	Rev. Carl Shivers
Clerk	-----	Zora Wilson
Assistant Clerk-Treasurer	-----	Lonnie Barnes

ELECTION OF BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Executive Board	-----	Rev. Alvis McAffery
Board of Trustees	-----	James Briggs
Christian Education	-----	Bessie Scroggins
Examining Committee	-----	J. O. Kirby
General Board	-----	Rev. Carl Shivers for 1970 (replacing Rev. Scott Jones who resigned)
General Board	-----	Rev. A. L. McAffery for 1971

The rules of order were read by the moderator.

Bro. Billy Ray Wood, new pastor in our Association was welcomed.

Motion carried to adjourn until afternoon.

The worship service opened with congregation singing, "Any Where in Home", led by Bro. Ted Cox. Bro. W. V. Wood led the opening prayer. Special music was "A Beautiful Life", by the Gaar Corner Quartette. Bro. Alvis McAffery brought a very good message on "Love" from Deut. 10-12. We were dismissed by Bro. J. O. Kirby.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

This session opened by singing "When We All Get To Heaven". The opening prayer was prayed by Bro. Jess Berryman. Bro. Scott Jones read Hebrews 12:1-3 for the devotional.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED AS FOLLOWS:

PULPIT: Clara Harper, Ethel Perry, Violet Miller, Lela Wall and Alice Vanwinkle.

RESOLUTIONS: Delbert Akin, Luther Parrish, Bernadine Freeman, Jo Ann Ballard and Russell Head.

TEMPERANCE: F. M. Wood, Ina Bacon, Edd. Price, Impson Anderson and Lura Tollett.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Randell Miller, Orville West, Joe Summers, Oleta Pate and Betty Robbins.

C. T. S.: Marzelle Briggs, Betty Romine, Ruth Frederick, Robbie Henry and Janet Harris.

OBITUARY: Flora Carter, Marie Roundtree, Flora Kirby, Audie Nelson and Earlin Haskins.

STATE DELEGATES ELECTED OR APPOINTED: Dorothy Akin, Clara Harper, Ollie Bell Woods, Flora Kirby, Christine Barnes, Billie Priest, Myrtle Shivers, Madeline Holman, Oleta Pate, Zora Wilson, Velma McAffery, Lena Wood, Bernadine Freeman and Leon Scroggins.

Motion carried for the moderator to appoint state delegates for churches who did not name one in their letters, and to fill any future vacancy.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting was read.

Motion carried to change Rule No. 8 of the Rules of Order to read "All questions shall be decided by the majority of members present."

SPEAKERS ELECTED FOR NEXT ANNUAL ASSOCIATION

Introductory	-----	Rev. Carl Shivers
Alternate	-----	Rev. W. V. Wood
Memorial	-----	Rev. Billy Ray Wood
Alternate	-----	Rev. Earlin Haskins

Motion made to dispense with the Quarterly Meeting in August and to move the date in May 1971. Motion carried to refer this motion to the Resolutions Committee.

Motion carried to place the Quarterly Meeting as follows:

First:	November 21, 1970	-----	Camp Ground
Second:	February 20, 1971	-----	Cedar Grove
Third:	May 15, 1971	-----	Non

Motion carried for each church to pay at least \$25.00 each to feed the Youth Encampment.

Dismissed by Bro. Impson Anderson.

The Friday night worship service opened with the congregation singing "Higher Ground", led by Bro. Ted Cox. Bro. F. M. Wood led in prayer. Special music was, "The Touch of His Hand", by the Oakman Quartette. This group also sang "Palms of Victory". The Gaar Corner Quartette sang "Each Step I Take". Bro. Randell Miller brought the message from Romans 10:9. His subject was "God's Plan for our lives". Following this good message, the Non Quartette sang "When I Got Saved". We were dismissed by Bro. Claude Freeman.

SATURDAY MORNING

This session opened with singing, "Walking in Sun Light", directed by Bro. Ted Cox. Bro. Audie Nelson prayed the opening prayer. Bro. F. M. Wood read Romans 12th chapter as the devotional.

The following Committee reports were read and approved (See reports):

Temperance, Obituary, Sunday School, C. T. S., and Resolutions.

Bro. Delbert Akin gave the Youth Camp report.

Bro. Luther Parrish dismissed.

The Memorial Service was opened by singing "Come Unto Me", directed by Bro. Ted Cox. Prayers were prayed by Bro. Billy Ray Wood and Bro. Scott Jones. Special music was "How Great Thou Art", by Bro. Delbert Akin, and "Precious Memories", sang by Ted Cox, Robbie Henry, Zora Wilson and Delbert Akin. Pam Nelson was pianist. Bro. Claude Freeman brought the message from St. John 14:1-3. He reminded us that Jesus has assured us that it is possible for us to see Him face to face, and to see our saved loved ones again, in that great day. Following this good message, we had an old time hand shake. Bro. Roy West dismissed this service.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

This session was opened with singing, "This World is Not My Home". Bro. Joel Kircher gave the devotional from Psalms 37th chapter. Bro. Luther Parrish led in prayer.

Motion carried to adopt Resolutions No. 1 and No. 2. (See reports)

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

Motion carried for the Examining Committee to study the changes made in the Treatise, and report at the next Quarterly Meeting.

Motion carried for the Christian Education Board to write rules for the Youth Camp, and that the Superintendent and Sponsors to abide by such rules, and for the Association to stand behind them.

The following were elected for the Camp Meeting, 1971:

Camp Evangelist	-----	Rev. Jack Richey
Alternate	-----	Rev. Roma Stewart
Song Leader	-----	Joel Kircher
Alternate	-----	Dow Thompson
Pianist	-----	Carol Kircher
Alternate	-----	Janie Thompson

Motion carried to adjourn. Dismissed by Bro. A. L. McAffery.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TEMPERANCE

We 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 devotions. 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 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 Joe Cannon, who is running for Governor of Oklahoma, because he has stated that he is for, Selling Liquor by the Drink.

OBITUARY

We, the Obituary Committee, report 17 deceased from our Association as follows:

Ada: Sisters Gwen Sorrels, Lola Ardrey and Beulah Hunt; and Bros. M. L. "Duff" Hunt, B. F. Gurley, Sr., E. L. Ardrey and Jessie Shropshire.

Asher: Bro George Harper.

Gaar Corner: Bro. Fred Barker.

Happyland: Sister Mallie Lamb and Bro. Ira Parker.

Non: Bro. Homer Sanford and Sister Marie Sanford.

Stonewall: Bro. Luke Palmer.

Stratford: Rev. E. L. Biles and Bros. N. A. Finley and Arthur Hankins.

We ask this Association to pause for prayer in memory of these brothers and sisters, who have departed this life here for a better one with the Lord.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE

The Examining Committee had no report at this session.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are happy to report that all churches in the Association have active Sunday Schools, but we are sorry to report that we have a decrease in attendance from last year. We encourage you to greater service that our Sunday Schools will not grow only in attendance, but spiritually as well. We recommend that all teachers and officers be Christians and members of the church. Average attendance for this year 738. Last year 758.

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 that it is 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. We have had another wonderful year in the Lord.

We recommend that the District C. T. S. report for the year, along with the Youth Camp report, be inserted in the minutes as a part of this report.

DISTRICT C. T. S. REPORT

The first C. T. S. Rally met at the Cedar Grove church, the second at Wilson, and the third at Ada.

The attendance banner for Youth Fellowship was won by Ada for the first quarter, and Stonewall won both the second and third.

The banners for C. T. S. Rallies were won by Wilson for the first quarter, Ada for the second, and Camp Ground for the third.

DISTRICT C. T. S. OFFICERS

President ----- Danny Stone
Vice-President ----- Fred Holman
Secretary-Treasurer ----- Judy Slaughter
Promotional Secretary ----- Joel Kircher
Song Leader ----- Annette Romine
Pianist ----- Kathy Romine
Sponsor ----- Johnny Jones
Project Committee—Carlos Scroggins, Randell Miller and Roger Williams.
Youth Camp Delegates—Phil Akin, Gary Geiger and Fred Holman.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President ----- Lorene Bratcher, Route 2, Ada, Oklahoma
Vice-President ----- Myrtle Shivers, Stratford, Oklahoma
Recording Secretary ----- Lavelle Wallis, 529 East 7th St., Ada, Oklahoma
Corresponding Secretary ----- Ollie Bell Wood, Route 2, Ada, Oklahoma
Treasurer ----- Margaret Mouser, 417 East 15th St., Ada, Oklahoma
Field Worker ----- Dorothy Akin, Ada, Oklahoma
Missions ----- Oleta Pate, Ada, Oklahoma
Personal Service ----- Vesta Henry, Stratford, Oklahoma
Study Course ----- Zora Wilson, Ada, Oklahoma
Stewardship ----- Ova Dake, Ada, Oklahoma

Scheduled Meetings

October 1, 1970 ----- Ada
January 7, 1971 ----- Camp Ground
April 1, 1971 ----- Stratford
July 1, 1971 ----- Ada

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

No. 1: Whereas the Quarterly Meetings of the Association come irregularly by using the 5th Sunday calendar date, and also many times these dates fall on a holiday week-end, therefore,

Be It Resolved, that the dates of the Quarterly Meetings be set to meet on the 3rd Saturday in each of the three quarters ending in November, February and May of each year, with the Annual Meeting completing the 4 quarters, meeting on Thursday night, Friday and Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in August.

Furthermore should two-thirds majority favor this change, Be It Further Resolved that this change be made an ammendment to Ammendment No. 2 of the Constitution of the Center Association by insertion of the following sentence: "Quarterly Meetings of the Association shall meet on the third Saturday of each quarter ending in November, February and May of each calendar year."

No. 2: Be It Resolved that the Association recommend to the churches that we underwrite the support of Howard and Willie Gage in the amount of \$5,000.00 annually until their return from Ivory Coast Africa. The Missionary Rally at the Association Camp Meeting shall climax this drive each year.

TREASURER'S REPORT 1970

RECEIPTS

Ada -----	\$7,701.95	
Wilson -----	801.16	
Gaar Corner -----	442.50	
Gaar Corner C. T. S. -----	65.00	
Camp Ground -----	59.05	
Camp Ground Primary Class -----	10.00	
Non -----	723.24	
Cedar Grove -----	866.82	
Oakman -----	403.05	
Happyland -----	185.79	
Pauls Valley -----	148.65	
Asher -----	46.85	
East Sulphur -----	272.13	
Stratford -----	622.50	
Stonewall -----	59.00	
Madill -----	15.00	
Miscellaneous Collection at Camp and Association -----	1,165.17	
Refund R. E. A. -----	4.09	
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TOTAL RECEIPTS -----		\$13,591.95
Balance 1969 -----		1,292.87
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		\$14,884.82

DISBURSEMENTS

Co-op -----	\$3,265.87	
O. B. C. -----	6,396.79	
Foreign Missions -----	392.50	
Lonnie Sparks -----	368.05	
James Nason -----	300.00	
Jim McLain -----	10.00	
National Bible College -----	175.00	
O. B. C. Alumni Fund -----	20.00	
Home Missions -----	25.00	
Mexico Fund -----	10.00	
Joe Hass -----	105.00	
Howard Gage -----	1,132.75	
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Total paid to State Association -----		12,175.96
Ebey-McCauley 1969-1970 -----	338.00	
R. E. A. -----	39.46	
Oren Bradshaw -----	25.00	
State Delegate Fee -----	140.00	
Boise City Church -----	50.00	
Stratford Star -----	120.00	
Telephone 1969 -----	9.60	
Building and Maintenance -----	767.70	
Youth Camp Food Fund -----	50.00	
Evangelist 1970 -----	150.00	
Zora Wilson -----	30.00	
Youth Camp Expenses -----	282.41	
Total Local Expenses -----	2,002.17	
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Total Disbursements -----		\$14,203.13
Balance in Bank 1970 -----		681.69
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		\$14,884.82

Virgil Hunt, Treasurer

YOUTH CAMP

The total number of campers this year was 148. This included 117 students, 6 pre-school children, 21 workers, and 4 kitchen workers. Only three were from outside the Association.

This is the first year that the Christian Education Board arranged the program, and selected the workers. The Board is grateful to all those who worked in any way to make this one of the best camps ever held. The 1971 camp will be held beginning July 26, through August 1, 1971.

All the churches sent \$25.00 or more each, to help with the expenses. The same plan will be continued next year. We hope that the fee of \$5.50 per student can be maintained without an increase.

Camp Financial Report

Receipts

Fees, extra meals, gifts, miscellaneous -----	\$841.52	
Food Fund -----	365.00	
Concession Stand -----	11.67	
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Total -----		\$1,218.19

Disbursements

Groceries -----	666.88	
Insurance -----	58.00	
Salaries for cooks and helpers -----	350.00	
Love offering for evangelist -----	50.00	
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Total -----		\$1,124.88
Balance turned to Association Treasurer -----		93.31
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		\$1,218.19

A missionary offering for the Howard Gage Account was received at the close of the camp meeting which totaled \$995.75. This was turned to our Association Treasurer. These amounts include the meals of the Association.

Delbert Akin, Director

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

NOVEMBER 1969

The first Quarterly Meeting met at the Ada church. Rev. Scott Jones, Moderator, was in charge. All the churches except Asher, Pauls Valley, and Stonewall were represented.

The following business was transacted:

The Examining Committee reported they had examined Bro. Robert Scroggins, and recommended he be ordained to preach, following the completion of four months of military duty. Motion carried to accept this recommendation.

Bro. Delbert Akin reported on the new church just organized by the Mission Board at Boise City, Oklahoma. Motion carried to send \$50.00 to the new church.

Motion carried to buy 150 new song books for the camp meeting. The Moderator appointed Bro. Delbert Akin, F. M. Wood and Robert Grider to buy these books.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Bro. Clarence Herion, Academic Dean of O. B. C. was recognized and welcomed.

The speakers for this session were Bro. Carl Shivers and Bro. A. L. McAffery.

MARCH 1970

This meeting met at the Cedar Grove church. Bro. Scott Jones, Moderator, was in charge. All the churches except Asher, East Sulphur, and Madill were represented.

The following business was transacted:

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting were read.

The following gentlemen were introduced and welcomed. Bro. Carl Walters, new pastor at Pauls Valley; Bro. Curtis Hogue, Free Will Baptist book store manager; and Bro. Billy Joe Gentry, former pastor in our Association.

Motion carried to grant a letter for Bro. Billy Joe Gentry to the Indian Creek Association, Stella, Missouri.

Motion carried to declare the place on the Executive Board filled by Bro. Gene Smith vacant, and to fill same at this session. Bro. Bill Bratcher was elected. Bro. Scott Jones was elected as General Board member for 1970, which was vacated by Bro. Gene Smith.

Messenger for this session was Bro. Billy Joe Gentry.

MAY 1970

This meeting was at the Stratford church. Bro. Scott Jones was in charge. All the churches except Stonewall and Wilson were represented.

The following visitors were introduced and welcomed:

Bro. Lynn Wood, Bro. Curtis Hogue, Bro. Billy Ray Wood and Bro. Bill Howington. Each gentleman spoke briefly on their particular work.

The following business was transacted:

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting were read.

Bro. Leon Scroggins reported on the painting and work being done on the camp property.

The Examining Committee reported they had examined Bro. A. F. Webb, and recommended he be licensed to preach one year, and they had examined Bro. Joel Kircher, and recommended he be licensed to preach one year (Bro. Joel is presently holding a license from the First Mission Association), and they had examined Bro. Loy Wood, and recommended he be ordained a deacon. Motion carried to accept all these recommendations.

Bro. Bill Howington was the speaker for this session.

Motion carried to dispense with the afternoon session, due to this being Memorial Day.

At each of these meetings, the Host Churches welcomed the delegation and served wonderful meals, and we enjoyed the worship and fellowship together.

RULES GOVERNING CAMP GROUND PROPERTY

1. No camping will be allowed on the west side of the brook that runs across the property.
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.
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, thense 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.
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 OF REPRESENTATION

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—PETITIONARY LETTERS

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 the 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 to Amendment No. 2—Quarterly Meetings of the Association shall meet on the third Saturday of each quarter ending in November, February, and May of each calendar 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.—John 3:30, 1:12-12; 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 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 Savior, 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

A. L. McAffery	5 Years
W. V. Wood	4 Years
F. M. Wood	3 Years
Delbert Akin	2 Years
Bill Bratcher	1 Year

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

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

EXAMINING COMMITTEE

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

GENERAL BOARD

Carl Shivers	1970
Alvis McAffery	1971

The 1971 session will be at Lawton, Oklahoma

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Church—Pastor	Clerk	Membership				Value of Church Property
		Re-ceived	Dis-missed	De-ceased	Total	
Ada—Delbert Akin	Artie Hodge, 914 West 14th, Ada	42	16	7	541	\$100,000
Asher—Jimmy Ray Nichols	Beulah Fry, Route 1, Asher	4	3	1	26	5,000
Camp Ground—Bill Bratcher	Myrtle Roberts, Route 2, Ada	14	5	0	82	17,500
Cedar Grove—Claude Freeman	Lorene Harris, Route 3, Ada	2	5	0	66	6,500
East Sulphur—	Oleta Findley, 503 East Tahlequah, Sulphur	0	0	0	13	3,500
Gaar Corner—F. M. Wood	Robbie Henry, Route 5, Ada	7	1	1	128	
Happyland—Carl Jackson	Willie Smith, Route 4, Ada	3	4	2	59	9,000
Madill—Scott Jones	Ruby West, 605 No. 3, Madill	5	4	0	37	8,000
Non—A. L. McAffery	Lessie Hendrix, Star Route, Calvin	3	5	2	150	11,000
Oakman—Randell Miller	Cecil Holcombe, Route 3, Ada	0	0	0	46	
Pauls Valley—Billy Ray Wood	Betty Drake, Route 3, Pauls Valley	6	1	0	40	16,000
Stonewall—Orville Romine	Betty Romine, Box 414, Stonewall	5	7	1	40	10,000
Stratford—Carl Shivers	Mrs. Jack Woods, Route 1, Stratford	13	8	3	106	13,000
Wilson—Robert Grider	Patsy Stone, Route 1, Ada	2	3	0	39	
TOTAL	14 Churches	106	62	17	1373	\$199,500

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