

MINUTES
OF THE
Seventy-Eighth Annual Session
OF THE
CENTER ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST
AUGUST 5-6-7, 1971



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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 20, 1971 _____ Ada
Second—February 19, 1972 _____ Stratford
Third—May 20, 1972 _____ East Sulphur

SPEAKERS AND OFFICIALS FOR NEXT ASSOCIATION AND CAMP MEETING

Introductory Speaker _____ Rev. W. V. Wood
Alternate _____ Rev. L. D. Stonecipher
Memorial Speaker _____ Rev. Scott Jones
Alternate _____ Rev. Bill Bratcher
Camp Evangelist _____ State Ministers Quartette
Alternate _____ Rev. Jack Richey
Song Leader _____ Dow Thompson
Alternate _____ Ted Cox
Pianist _____ Janie Thompson
Alternate _____ Kathy Romine

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 78th Annual Session of the Center Association of Free Will Baptists met August 5-7, 1971, at the Camp Grounds.

The opening hymn, "The Glory Land Way," was directed by Rev. Delbert Akin.

The opening prayer was led by Bro. Impson Anderson.

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

Rev. W. V. Wood led the congregation in singing "When I Can Read My Title Clear" as our special music. Rev. Scott Jones introduced Rev. Carl Shivers, who brought the introductory message from Romans 2:14-15. This message admonished us to be careful of our conduct, for surely our sins will find us out. Following this good message, we had a hand shake while singing "Where The Soul Never Dies". We were dismissed by Sister Dessie Light.

FRIDAY MORNING

This session opened with the congregation singing "Sweet Are The Promises," directed by Rev. Delbert Akin. 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: Dorothy Akin, Elnora Lillard and Maggie Price.

ASHER: Clara Harper, Betty Robins and Linda Robins.

CAMP GROUND: Oma Hood, Impson Anderson and Glen Wood.

CEDAR GROVE: Hazle West and Velma Chandler.

EAST SULPHUR: Ruth Standley and Velma McAfferly.

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

HAPPYLAND: Marie Roundtree, Willie Smith and Opal Williams.

MADILL: Alice Vanwinkle, Ruby West and Sandra Harris.

NON: Vera Mooney, Lura Tollett and Lucille Poe.

OAKMAN: Claude Lee, Pat Scroggins and Flora Carter.

PAULS VALLEY: By letter only.

STONEWALL: Annette and Kathy Romine.

STRATFORD: Willie Gideon, Frank Gideon and Hallie Wood.

WILSON: Patsy Stone, Marzelle Briggs and Danny Stone.

There were no petitionary letters.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AS FOLLOWS:

Moderator _____ Rev. Carl Shivers

Assistant Moderator _____ Rev. Scott Jones

Clerk _____ Zora Wilson

Assistant Clerk-Treasurer _____ Lonnie Barnes

Motion carried to accept resignation of Rev. Carl Shivers from Examining Committee.

Motion carried to accept resignation of Flora Carter from Christian Education Board.

ELECTION OF BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Executive Board _____ Rev. Bill Bratcher

Board of Trustees _____ Lonnie Barnes

Christian Education _____ Patsy Stone

Examining Committee _____ Rev. Scott Jones

General Board _____ Rev. Delbert Akin

Christian Education (Replacing Flora Carter) _____ Robbie Henry

Examining Committee (Replacing Rev. Carl Shivers) _____ Rev. A. L. McAfferly

The Rules of Order were read by the Moderator.

Rev. Homer Young and Rev. Gary Dodson, visiting ministers, were recognized and welcomed.

Motion carried to adjourn until afternoon.

The benediction was by Bro. Joe Summers.

The Friday morning worship service opened with the congregation singing "I Would Not Be Denied," directed by Rev. Delbert Akin, with Velma McAffery at the piano. Rev. Gary Dodson led in prayer. Special music was "Oh What A Feeling" sang by Ted Cox, Lonnie Barnes, Robbie Henry and Rev. Delbert Akin. Rev. Homer Young brought the message from Romans, chapter one. This was Pauls' message to the church at Rome, when he said "I'm a Debtor, I'm Ready, and I'm Not Ashamed." This was a good message.

Rev. A. L. McAffery dismissed.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The Friday afternoon session opened with the song "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus," and prayer by Bro. Ted Cox.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED AS FOLLOWS:

PULPIT: Walter Wood, Elnora Lillard, Pat Scroggins, Velma McAffery and Betty Robins.

TEMPERANCE: Walter Wood, Ed Price, Marie Roundtree, Patsy Stone and Vera Bratcher.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Glen Wood, Oma Hood, Vera Mooney, Velma McAffery and Pat Scroggins.

C.T.S.: Velma Chandler, Dorothy Akin, Danny Stone, Ruby West and Clara Harper.

OBITUARY: Flora Carter, Hallie Wood, L. D. Stonecipher, Jess Berryman and Ruth Standley.

RESOLUTIONS: (See "Standing Committees")

STATE DELEGATES ELECTED OR APPOINTED: Erma Williams, Clara Harper, Myrtle Roberts, Velma McAffery, Bertha Barker, Ruth Frederick, Emma Harris, Lucille Tipton, Hallie Wood, Pat Scroggins, Zora Wilson, Velma Chandler, Dorothy Akin and Billie Priest.

Motion carried for the Moderator to appoint State Delegates for the churches who did not name one, and to fill all future vacancies.

Motion carried to dismiss the night worship service, and to have preaching this afternoon, due to the bad weather.

Rev. Homer Young, our State Executive Secretary, gave a good talk regarding our State work, Hillsdale College, and our Home Mission program.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved. The body gave Bro. Barnes a standing vote of Thanks for a job well done.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting was read.

The Quarterly Meetings for the coming year were placed.

Speakers for the next Annual Association were elected.

Motion carried to adjourn until Saturday morning.

The afternoon worship opened with singing "Tell It To Jesus" directed by Robbie Henry. Rev. Delbert Akin and Rev. Homer Young sang "Unworthy" as our special music. Rev. Gary Dodson brought the message from Amos 6:1. His subject was "Are We at Ease in Zion". Following this good message, we were dismissed by Bro. Jess Berryman.

SATURDAY MORNING

The Moderator called the body to order, and Bro. Lonnie Barnes led the congregation in singing "I Shall Not Be Moved".

Rev. Carl Shivers read Heb. 11:1-16 for the devotional, and he also led in prayer.

Because of a Resolution passed in Annual Session of 1967, which reads in part, "That standing committees consist of no two members from the same church", motion carried to make an exception on the Christian Education Board due to the fact that Sister Bessie Scroggins changed churches after she was elected.

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

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

Motion carried to appoint a committee to study Rule No. 9 of the Rules of Order. Rev. F. M. Wood, Rev. Claude Freeman and Rev. W. V. Wood were appointed.

Motion carried to adopt Resolution No. 1 after amendment.

Motion carried to adjourn until afternoon.

Bro. Orville West gave the benediction.

The Memorial service was opened with singing "I Love to Tell the Story." Prayers were led by Bro. Leon Scroggins and Rev. Claude Freeman. A trio consisting of Velma Chandler, Robbie Henry and Zora Wilson sang "I Cannot Find the Way Alone," and a duet "Love, Love" was sung by Annette and Kathy Romine. The Gaar Corner Quartette sang "I'll Carry the Load". These were our special musical numbers. Rev. Delbert Akin brought the message from Josh. 24:26-31. This heart warming message brought joy to our souls, and we had an old time hand shake while singing "Precious Memories". Rev. W. V. Wood said the benediction.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The business session was opened with singing "I've Got That Old Time Religion in My Heart", directed by Annette Romine. Bro. Ted Cox led in prayer.

Motion carried to make the Resolutions Committee a standing committee.

Motion carried for the Moderator to appoint a committee to buy 150 new song books. Appointed were Rev. F. M. Wood, Rev. Delbert Akin and Bro. Lonnie Barnes.

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

Motion carried to pay the General Board members expenses to the State Association.

Motion carried for the officers of the Association to work out a budget for our Camp Evangelist, and advertising expense for 1972.

Motion carried to do some advertising for next Camp Meeting Revival.

Rev. Delbert Akin gave an oral report on the Youth Camp just ended.

Motion carried to accept this report.

Speakers for the next Camp Meeting were elected for 1972.

The committee appointed to study Rule No. 9 stated they will make a report at the next Quarterly Meeting.

Motion carried for the above committee to study the entire Rules of Order, as to meaning and wording, and report at the next Quarterly Meeting.

Sister Flora Carter thanked the Association for the financial support for the Dock Catons.

The body gave Rev. Scott Jones a standing vote of thanks for his untiring service to our Association during his many years serving as our Moderator. Bro. Jones thanked the body for all their co-operation.

Motion carried to adjourn this Annual Session.

We were dismissed by Rev. Carl Shivers.

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 grater time for family altar and family devotion. That we, as Christians, be more temperate in our outside activities, that we live, walk, and be led by the Holy Spirit. That we ever consider that we are being watched continuously by the world, that we keep ourselves un-spotted from the world.

In addition to abstinence of alcoholic beverages, we urge temperance of any habit that is harmful to your body, which is the Temple of God.

OBITUARY

We the Obituary Committee report these who have left their tabernacles of clay, and have gone to be clothed with immortality, never to be burdened again: but to have joy, peace, rest and comfort. Although lonely, let us look forward to this hope.

Those who have receiver this rest are:

Pauls Valley: Sister Clemma Wilmot and Bro. W. L. Story.

Gaar Corner: Sister Alma Maddox.

Cedar Grove: Sister May Harris, Bro. Woodrow Phillips, and Honorary Bro. Coy Chandler, and Bro. Baxter B. Scroggins.

Non: Bro. Lee Jones.

Asher: Sister Lena Thorn.

Wilson: Sister Grace Hoosier.

Ada: Brothers E. M. Wallis, Jessie Clyde Wilson, Glen Hyden, and Rev. Leroy Barber.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are happy to report that all churches in the Association have active Sunday Schools. We are happy to report that we have an increase in attendance from last year. We encourage you to a 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. Average attendance for this year was 777, and last year 738.

We recommend that Sunday Schools of the Association order literature from our Oklahoma Free Will Baptist Book Store, beginning with the 1st quarter of 1972. Their address is 4801 So. Walker, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

We the Executive Board acting as Auditing Committee, have examined the books of the Association Treasurer and find them in order and correct, as far as we can find.

C.T.S.

We the C.T.S. Committee feel that the Free Will Baptist C.T.S. is an important part of our churches. We feel that it is an effective means of training the youth of our churches to active Christian Service.

Only seven of our churches in the Association have C.T.S. at this time. We encourage these other churches to organize and support their youth in this Christian service, also that each church actively support all C.T.S. Rallies, Youth Fellowship and Youth Camp.

DISTRICT C.T.S. REPORT

The first Rally was held at Stonewall, the second at Ada and the third at Oakman.

The Attendance Banner for Youth Fellowship was won by Camp Ground for the first quarter, and Stonewall won the second and third.

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

DISTRICT C.T.S. OFFICERS

President	_____	Tony Roberts
Vice-President	_____	Danny Stone
Secretary-Treasurer	_____	Mei Byrd
Promotional Secretary	_____	Danny Zeyen
Song Leader	_____	Annette Romine
Assistant Song Leader	_____	Jimmy Wooley
Pianist	_____	Kathy Romine
Assistant Pianist	_____	Gala Bratcher
Sponsors	_____	Joel and Carol Kircher
Project Committee	_____	Glen Wood, Roger Williams and Leroy Ballard
Youth Delegates	_____	Phil Akin, David Shivers and Kathy Romine

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

No. 1. Be it resolved, that any church whose pastor does not attend at least one Quarterly Meeting, or the Annual Association, show cause in annual letter. (Ammended by adding "in annual letter").

No. 3. Be it resolved, that in the future, no member of the Center Association, be ordained with more than one living companion.

No. 4 Be it resolved, that each church send \$25.00 in money to the Camp Director for camp food.

No. 5 Be it resolved, that in the event that Bro. and Sister Howard Gage has to return to the States before their term is up, that we grant the Quarterly Meeting the privilege of giving the support to another Missionary, of the Association's choice.

No. 6. Be it resolved, that the Christian Education Board is 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. (This was in the form of a motion in 1970 minutes, and the Moderator asked it to be a standing rule.)

TREASURER'S REPORT 1970

RECEIPTS

Ada	\$11,249.16	
Asher	18.00	
Camp Ground	51.00	
Cedar Grove	400.00	
East Sulphur	138.35	
Happyland	224.77	
Gaar Corner	947.96	
Madill	None	
Non	267.54	
Oakman	532.26	
Pauls Valley	140.47	
Stonewall	355.25	
Stratford	736.00	
Wilson	683.62	
Association Missionary Offering	519.93	
Special Offering	144.67	
S.W. Bell Telephone Co.	4.82	
Electric Co.	4.08	
State Missions	51.13	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$16,469.01
Balance from 1970 from V. Hunt		681.69
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		\$17,150.70

DISBURSEMENTS

State Association	\$15,472.22	
People's Electric	41.64	
S.W. Bell Telephone Co.	18.14	
Vanoss School for Mattresses	73.40	
Ada News for Minutes 1970	164.80	
Free Will Baptist Book Store—Supplies	1.96	
State Delegates Fees	140.00	
Zora Wilson—Supplies	4.15	
Youth Camp Literature	80.25	
Ebey-McCauley—Insurance	169.00	
Rev. Jack Richey—Camp Evangelist	200.00	
Leon Scroggins—Supplies	17.70	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$16,383.26
Balance in Bank 1971		767.44
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		\$17,150.70

James L. Barnes, Treasurer

YOUTH CAMP

Total number of students registered	121
Pre-Teen	64
Teenagers	54
Pre-School	3
Teachers and Sponsors registered	25
Cooks and Kitchen Helpers	4
Total Attendance	150
Professions of Faith registered	15
Commitments to Ministry	2
Commitments to Missionary Work	1

There were many un-registered commitments and re-dedications in the Camp. This was one of the finest groups of boys and girls that has ever attended. A special thanks to all the adult leadership and to Rev. Jack Richey, Camp Evangelist. The 1972 Camp will begin on July 31 and continue through August 6.

CAMP FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS

Money from churches for groceries	\$325.00
Fees paid by students (\$6.00 each)	680.00
Meals—Miscellaneous gifts	107.00
Concession Income	411.66
Camp Sunday School offering	15.18
Total	\$1,538.84

DISBURSEMENTS

Groceries and Supplies—Camp and Association	\$535.39
Salaries—Camp and Association	380.00
Insurance	47.60
Concession Expense	351.25
Total	\$1,314.24
Balance turned to Association Treasurer	224.60
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	\$1,538.84

Delbert Akin, Director

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

NOVEMBER 1970

The first Quarterly Meeting met at the Camp Ground church. Rev. Scott Jones, Moderator, was in charge. All the churches except East Sulphur and Stonewall were represented.

The following business was transacted:

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

The Examining Committee reported that they had studied the new Treatise of Faith of the National Association of Free Will Baptists and made the following recommendation:

"We recommend that when a minister transfers from another Association to the Center Association, or a minister from another denomination wishes to unite with the Center Association, the procedure outlined in the Treatise in Chapter 2, paragraph E through F, of the practices of Free Will Baptist be followed."

Motion carried to adopt this recommendation.

A Resolutions Committee was appointed for this session.

The following resolution was adopted:

"We recommend the churches be assessed the following amounts for the \$5,000.00 for the Gage account: Ada—\$1,800.00, Gaar Corner and Stratford—\$300.00 each, Center Association—\$400.00, and \$200.00 each for the rest of the churches.

A request from the Ada church for Bro. Joel Kircher be examined for Ordination, was referred to the Examining Committee.

Dr. J. D. O'Donnel, President of O.B.C., and Rev. Homer Young State Executive Secretary, were recognized and welcomed. Each spoke briefly on their work.

Rev. W. V. Wood was speaker for this session.

FEBRUARY 1971

This Quarterly Meeting met with the Cedar Grove church. Rev. Scott Jones, Moderator, called the body to order.

All the churches except Wilson were represented.

Rev. and Mrs. Otis Adams, new in our Association were introduced and welcomed. Bro. Adams is the new pastor at East Sulphur.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting was read.

The Examining Committee reported that they had examined Bro. Joel Kircher, and recommended he be ordained to preach the Gospel. Motion carried to accept this report.

Bro. Joel Kircher was elected to fill the place on the Christian Education, left vacant when Rev. Robert Grider moved out of our Association.

The Examining Committee reported they had examined Rev. Otis Adams and found him sound in doctrine, and instructed the clerk to write for a letter from the Mission Association. Motion carried to accept this recommendation.

Motion carried for the Executive Board and Bro. Virgil Hunt to examine the Articles of Faith for printing errors, and to make all necessary corrections, and to pass to the clerk before the next printing of the minutes.

Motion carried for the Christian Education Board work out a program and present it to the next Association to promote our Sunday Schools.

The speakers for this session were Rev. Delbert Akin and Rev. Otis Adams.

MAY 1971

This meeting convened with the Non church. Rev. Carl Shivers, Assistant Moderator, was in charge. All the churches except East Sulphur, Madill and Pauls Valley were represented.

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting were read.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

A favorable letter was read concerning Bro. Otis Adams from the Progressive Association. Bro. Adams is coming into our Association.

Motion carried to send Bro. Virgil Hunt a card and love offering, from the Association. A total of \$38.56 was sent.

The speakers for this session were Rev. Billy Ray Wood and Rev. L. D. Stonecipher.

At each of these Quarterly Meetings, the delegation was warmly welcomed, and the Host Churches served wonderful meals, and we enjoyed the fellowship and worship 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 5:14-19.

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 3:3, 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 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

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Lonnie Barnes	3 years
James Briggs	2 years
Leon Scroggins	1 year

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

Patsy Stone	5 years
Bessie Scroggins	4 years
Delbert Akin	3 years
Robbie Henry	2 years
Troy Henry	1 year

EXAMINING COMMITTEE

Scott Jones	3 years
J. O. Kirby	2 years
A. L. McAffery	1 year

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

W. V. Wood	5 years
Ted Cox	4 years
Luther Parrish	3 years
Jimmy Ray Nichols	2 years
Orville West	1 year

GENERAL BOARD

Alvis McAffery	1971
Delbert Akin	1972

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

Church—Pastor	Clerk	Membership				Value of Church Property
		Re- ceived	Dis- missed	De- ceased	Total	
Ada—Delbert Akin	Erna Williams, 816 Charles Drive, Ada	23	4	4	555	\$100,000
Asher—Jimmy Ray Nichols	Beulah Fry, Route 1, Asher	0	1	1	29	5,000
Camp Ground—Bill Bratcher	Myrtle Roberts, Route 2, Ada	0	0	0	85	17,000
Cedar Grove—Claude Freeman	Lorene Harris, Route 3, Ada	8	8	2	64	6,500
East Sulphur—A. L. McAffery	Oleta Findley, 503 East Tahlequah, Sulphur	5	3	0	16	3,500
Gaar Corner—F. M. Wood	Robbie Henry, Route 5, Ada	1	3	1	100	
Happyland—Carl Jackson	Willie Smith, Route 4, Ada	0	0	0	50	9,000
Madill—Scott Jones	Ruby West, 304 No. 3, Madill	3	4	0	32	8,000
Non—	Lessie Hendrix, Star Route, Calvin	2	0	1	148	11,000
Oakman—Robert Scroggins	Cecil Holcombe, Route 3, Ada	2	0	0	47	
Pauls Valley—Billy Ray Wood	Betty Drake, Route 3, Pauls Valley	6	5	2	23	16,000
Stonewall—Orville Romine	Betty Romine, Box 414, Stonewall	17	0	0	60	10,000
Stratford—Carl Shivers	Mrs. Jack Woods, Route 1, Stratford	2	3	0	168	13,000
Wilson—L. D. Stonecipher	Patsy Stone, Route 1, Ada	4	2	1	40	
TOTAL	14 Churches	73	33	12	1417	\$199,000

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