Minutes

of the

Ninety-Fifth Annual Session

of the

Center Association

of

Free Will Baptists

August 13, 1988

OFFICERS 1988 - 1989

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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. Invite visiting brethern to seats of council.
- 7. Reading of Rules of Order (By-laws).
- 8. Appointment of committees.
- 9. Unfinished business.
- 10. New business.
- 11. Report of committees.
- 12. Election of Officers and Board Members.
- 13. Miscellaneous.

ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR

First Quarterly Meeting - Nov. 19, 1988Gaar Corner
Second Quarterly Meeting - Feb. 18, 1989Ada First
Third Quarterly Meeting - May 20, 1989Memorial
Annual Association - Aug. 12, 1989Stratford
Junior Youth Camp - June 4-9, 1989
Associational Revival - June 18-24, 1989Campground
District CTS Competition

SPEAKERS AND OFFICIALS FOR NEXT ASSOCIATION AND CAMP MEETING

Evangelist	
Memorial SpeakerAlternate Memorial Speaker	Brad Ransom
Song Director	

RULES OF ORDER

- At every sitting, the meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer 1. by the Moderator, or whomever he may request.
- Those who speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Personal 2. reflections shall be avoided in all debates.
- No motion shall be discussed without first being seconded. 3.
- 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.
- Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the minutes unless 6. ordered by the party making the motion.
- No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the Moderator.

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- All questions shall be decided by the majority of members present 8. and voting.
- 9. In respect for the chair, anyone needing to leave the Assembly while business is in session, should ask leave of the Moderator, if possible. All delegates, elected and standing, are obligated to stay until the close of the Association.
- 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 one sermon and one devotion during each day of the Annual or Quarterly Meeting.
- 12. Alteration may be made in these rules at any regular session.

LETTER OF DISMISSIONS

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 fe	llowship of Go	d's people,
and dismissed from us when united with anoth		
Done in Church Conference this	day of	,19 .
	Co	ounty, Oklahoma.
Pastor		.Clerk.

SATURDAY MORNING:

The ninety-fifth annual association of the Center Association of Free Will Baptists convened at the Maranatha Free Will Baptist Church in Ardmore, Oklahoma, August 13, 1988.

The meeting was called to order by our Moderator Bro. James Murray. "Family of God" was led by Steve Turner accompanied by Anita Bolin. Devotion was led by Bro. Lewis Perry, and he used Nehemiah 6 for his scripture. Letters were read by Bro. Eugene Hobbs to name the delegates. A motion was made and passed to seat the delegates. Bro. Steve Turner lead "Amazing Grace", to receive the delegates, accompanied by Anita Bolin. Request for Bro. Earl Scroggins to be examined for Center Association and also Bro. Wade Jernigan to be accepted into Center Association. A letter was received from Bro. Larry Weatherman turning his Free Will Baptist credentials in to our association. Motion to receive this letter was made by Bro. Keith Burden and was seconded and passed. Jimmy Nichols asked about the standing of the Mustang church since Bro. Larry has left the church. No decision is known at this time. Bro. Erickson said the Examining Board will check into the church's situation. Bro. Carroll Milner picked the pulpit committee. consisted of: Polly Hill, Evelyn Benge and Effie Wood for the next quarterly meeting and the annual association for next August.

Bro. Don Guthrie brought greetings from the State CEB. He brought attention to the state happenings for the state of Oklahoma. The biggest event of the year was the state CTS Competition. Also, the youth camp enrollments were up. Bro. Richard Terry brought us greetings from Hillsdale. Reports were accepted as information. letter from the Oklahoma State Missions Board was read for a report on the progress of Home Missions. Bro. Eugene Hobbs gave out the financial reports and read the treasurer's report. Motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report. It passed. CEB report was read by Bro. Hobbs (see report). Request was made for Mark Reierson to be replaced on CEB by Bro. Brad Ransom. Motion was made, seconded, and passed on the report only. Bro. Nichols made a motion that the winners of the competitions be listed in the annual minutes and recorded in the associational minutes printed. A motion was made, seconded, and passed. Bro. Steve Turner made a report from the Trustee Board of the camp as to the moneys being held since Highway Department's intentions are not known yet. Bro. Steve said this money could be used for other projects, possibly. Bro. Eugene said money can be discerned by each church as to what their money can be used for. No report was given from the executive committee. Election was made for board members for each member going off. Executive Board: Carroll Milner, 5 year member; Board of Trustees: Lynn Wood, 5 year member; CEB: Marzell Briggs, 5 year member and Brad Ransom for replacement of Mark Reierson for the 4 year position; Examining Committee: Wayne Patton, 5 year member; Resolution Committee: Lewis Perry, 5 year member, and George Haas replacing Larry Weatherman as 1 year member.

Quarterly meetings for the next year are November: Gaar Corner; February: Ada First FWB; May: Memorial; and August Annual Meeting: Stratford. Motion was made, seconded, and passed. The Resolution Committee made these recommendations: Be it resolved that the Annual Associational Revival be placed back in the hands of the association to call the Evangelist and that the revival be conducted by the adults of the association with the Moderator in charge of the services. Be it further resolved that we grant

the CEB the priviledge of selection of the evangelist for the eleven o'clock worship services of the youth camp. Motion was made and seconded to table this resolution until next meeting

and the committee was to report on this resolution next meeting. Recommendation for the the committee to find information on the The CEB is also to be on the committee. The state delegates were appointed as follows:

Ada - Jerry Price Asher - Betty Jernigan Byng - Phyllis McDougal

| Camp Ground - Myrtle Shivers Center - Christine Barnes 3 Cedar Grove - Bob Hoosier Gaar Corner - Wanda Murphy

Happyland - Joann Lowe Maranatha - Donna Bell

3 Memorial - Buck Barton Non - Betty Adcock | Oakman - Mildred Lee

| Pauls Valley - Shirley Nance | Stonewall - Nell Lynch

4 Stratford - Kathy Perry 3 Sulphur 1st - Steve Turner Wilson - Marie Murray

Wolf - Weldon Siler Motion made to have clerk of Association appoint the other delegates

recommends that Earl Scroggins be received into the Center Association as an ordained minister pending receipt of a letter of good standing from the Arbuckle Association. Motion to . accept this recommendation was made, seconded and passed. Officers of the coming year for the Center Association are as follows: Assistant Clerk and Treasurer - Eugene Hobbs Clerk - Bill Adcock

Assistant Moderator - Carroll Milner Moderator - James Murray Pianist - Anita Bolin Song Leader - Steve Turner Alternate song leader - Brad Ransom

The General Board member is Bro. James Murray.

MEMORIAL SERVICE:

report.

the dismissal prayer.

Bro. James Murray led our minds in prayer. Bro. Steve Turner led "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be" and "What A Day That Will Be" accompanied by Anita Bolin. Bro. Eugene Hobbs read the Memorial list from each church.

to fill the vacancies. It passed. The state meeting is to be held in Enid, Oklahoma in October. We were dismissed for recess before the Memorial Service and so the pulpit committee and the resolution committee could meet. The examining committee

Prayer was led for these loved ones by Bro. James Murray. Bro.Steve Turner sang the special music, "Heaven's Window" accompanied by

Anita Bolin. Bro. Bill Adcock preached from Acts 28:15. In this scripture, Paul realized that the Lord has preserved him and others to do the work of God and he praised God for it. Bro. Jimmy Nichols needs associational minutes from the 1950's, for his next 50-year Motion made to adjourn and it passed. Bro. N. R. Smith led

> James Murray, Moderator Marilyn Masoner, Clerk -5-

MINUTES OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS

November 21, 1987

The first quarterly meeting was at Stratford Free Will Baptist Church on November 21, 1987 with Bro. James Murray, Moderator in charge. Prayer was led by Bro. Bill Bratcher. The song service was led by Bro. Bill Griffin accompanied by Anita Bolin. The morning worship service will be led by Bro. N.R. Smith as Bro. Keith Burden was not able to attend the meeting. The devotion was led by Bro. James Murray using Phillipians 4:4-13 for the scripture. Letters were read by Norma Weatherman and accepted. The Byng FWB Church had no letter but was represented by their pastor Bro. David McDougal with an oral report. Motion was made for approval of delegates by Bro. Bill Griffin and passed. Rules of Order were read by Assistant Moderator Bro. Carroll Milner. The nominating committee for the quarterly meeting in February of 1988 are: Bro. Emmitt Owens, Dale Lindsey, and Mike Criswell. Bro. Connie Cariker was introduced to speak on state executive news. He reported on the State Co-Op Program of Support. He also spoke of supporting Hillsdale with your prayers and students from your church. In 1985 the State Association voted to give oil royalties to pay outstanding doctor bills for the pastors in need for the state. Now the oil well dried up and we have no more money for doctor bills. December 13, 1987, will be benevolent Sunday taking the offerings of all the churches to pay these outstanding doctors bills for the pastors in need for the state. Each church must give approximately \$200.00 if possible. Bro. David McDougal gave the Treasurer's Report in Bro. Eugene Hobbs absence. The report was for the months of August thru October. Motion was made and seconded to accept this report. Motion passed. The CEB recommended Anita Bolin to replace Bro. Dean Stone on the board. was made and seconded. Motion approved. A recommendation from the Pulpit Committee for Keith Burden as speaker for the February quarterly meeting with Bro. Quinton Kaye as alternate was made. Motion made and seconded and approved. Meeting was adjourned for a break before the morning worship service. The L.I.F.E. meeting schedule is as follows:

December 5 - tacky banquet with Pockets the clown January 1 - Holidome Oklahoma City

February 2 - Stratford

March - Gaar Corner

April - Center FWB Church - ask the pastor panel

May - Sulphur - elective seminars

April - CTS Competition

Worship service was started by prayer being led by Bro. Larry Weatherman. Singing was led by Bro. Bill Griffin accompanied by Anita Bolin. "When We All Get To Heaven" and "I'll Fly Away" were sung. Bro. Bill Griffin sang "Heavens Windows" for the special music. The Scripture Ephesions 1:15-23 was used for the message by Bro. N.R. Smith. In these scriptures Paul is praying for the church to accept wisdom; 2) we must know the Word of God; and 3) we must believe in victorious Christian living. Announcements were asked for and Bro. Jerry Dudley dismissed to the noon meal with prayer.

February 20, 1988

The quarterly meeting was held at Cedar Grove FWB Church with Bro. James Murray, Moderator. Bro. Meryl Erickson led in prayer "Heavenly Sunlight" and "Glory To His Name" to start the meeting. were led by Dale Lindsey acompanied by Sister Anita Bolin. morning devotion was led by Bro. James Murray using Hebrews 9:24 for the scripture. Letters were read from all the churches by Bro. Eugene Hobbs. Motion made and seconded to receive the letters. Bro. David McDougalmade a motion to do away with the hand shaking. Motion was not passed. The delegates were received as Bro. Bobby Williams led "We'll Work Til Jesus Comes" accompanied by Sister Anita Bolin. We have a request from First Oklahoma Association for a letter on Bro. Lewie Jeffries. Motion was made by Bro. Carroll and seconded. Motion passed. Bro. Eugene Hobbs presented the Treasurer's report. Motion made and seconded to accept the report. After discussion was held motion passed to accept this report. Bro Murray suggested an extra \$50.00 to be given by each church to help get the General Fund out of the red. made and seconded to give \$50.00 from each church. Motion was The CEB report was reported by Sister Donna Wood. Camp will be June 5-10, 1988 with Bro. Leroy Holman as director. Senior Camp will be June 19-25, 1988. District Competition will be April 30, 1988 at Ada FWB Church. Pre-registration will be April 23, 1988 at Ada FWB Church, Ada, OK. Report was received as a matter of information. Bro. Carroll Milner picked the pulpit committee for May quarterly meeting as follows: Sister Betty Adcock, Sister Matt Holman, and Sister Janice Hobbs. The Examining Committee will beet during the break. Bro. David McDougal gave a report on Hillsdale. We were dismissed for a break before the 11:00 worship. service.

The worship service was started with singing of "Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus" and "Amazing Grace" led by Bro. Bobby Williams accompanied by Sister Anita Bolin. Special music was "The Way That He Loves" sung by Sister Anita Bolin. The morning worship was led by Bro. Keith Burden using Hebrews 12:1-3 He talked about our staying power or stamina (endurance) for our faith. 1) endurance was preached by Jesus; 2) endurance was a priority of the early apostles; and 3) endurance was a problem, in the early churches. The pulpit committee recommended Bro. Wade Jernigan with Bro. Lewis Perry as alternate. Motion was made and seconded. Motion passed. Recommendations from the examining committee were: 1) Bro. Perry be received as an ordained minister in the Center Association, pending a letter of Official Ministerial Standing from the Northwest Association; and 2) Rev. Quinton Kaye's liscense to preach be renewed and issued for one year. The recommendations were accepted and passed. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. N.R. Smith.

The quarterly meeting was held with Center FWB Church. Prayer was led by Bro. L.D. Stonecipher to open the session. "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms" and "When We All Get To Heaven" were led by Bro. Bobby Williams accompanied by Sister Judy Hanks. The devotion was led by Bro. Jimmy Nichols using Matthew 8:18-22 for the scripture reading. The devotion was ended with prayer by Bro. Lewis Perry. Greetings were brought Bo Bro. Carroll Milner as the pastor of the host church. He also read the Rules of Order. Delegates were seated by motion, seconded, and passed. Letters were ready by Bro. Eugene Hobbs and received. "Bringing In The Sheaves" was sung as the delegates were seated by the right hand of fellowship. The delegates from the Memorial FWB Church in Sulphur were named by Bro. Wayne Patton: Sam Tillery, Buck Barton, and Emmitt Owens with Goldie Barton as the alternate. All were received. Bro. Eugene Hobbs presented the Treasurer's Report. Each church needs to send in \$50 per camp for food and \$20 for evangelist each camp by each church. Bro. Allen Wood from Woodward spoke to theassembly about a new work being started in Woodward, OK. May 1st was the first service in Woodward. Bro. Wood asked for each church to pledge for the support of the church property if they can give any. Bro. Wade Jernigan spoke for the State Missions Board. The report was received as information. Bro. Connie Caricker Bro. Wade resigned brought a report from the State Executive Office. as president of Hillsdale as of June 1989. The Board is in the process of looking for someone to fill his place. The CEB report was read by Bro. Eugene Hobbs and received as information (see report). The motion was made and seconded to receive this report. This passed on all three ideas (see report). Clean-up day is designated as next Saturday, June 4, 1988. Bro. Lonnie Sparks, missionary form Spain, came to speak to the assembly. Bro. Jimmy Nichols asked for the minutes to be located for the completion of the next 50 year report. A break is taken and the Examining Committee is to meet during the break. "Glad Reunion Day" and "The Lily Of The Valley" were led by Bro. Bobby Williams to start the session accompanied by Sister Judy Hanks. Bro. Wayne Patton led in prayer following the singing. Bro. Brad Ransom brought the special music "He Will Carry You". Bro. Wade Jernigan brings the message today, using Deuteronomy 32:11 for the scripture. "We need a holy disturbance", 1) fussing, 2) fluttering 3) flight and 4) ferrying. The thought for the day is the fussing or disturbance. There needs to be a holy disturbance in faith, fellowhsip, and The Examining Committee brought forth two recommendations each taken separately. (see report). Announcements were made. A motion to adjourn was called for, made and seconded. The blessing was asked on the food and to dismiss the meeting by Bro. Pete Connors.

STATE DELEGATES

Jerry Price, Betty Jernigan, Phyllis McDougal, Myrtle Shivers, Christine Barnes, Bob Hoosier, Wanda Murphy, Joann Lowe, Betty Adcock, Kathy Perry, Steve Turner, Marie Murray, Donna Bell, Buck Barton, Mildred Lee, Shirley Nance, Nell Lynch, Weldon Siler, and Fran Milner.

GENERAL BOARD MEMBER - 1989, James Murray.

The names of those deceased since the annual meeting were read by Bro. Eugene Hobbs, following a moment of silent prayer.

Maranatha - Elma Mapp
Camp Ground - Albert Cassidy
Sulphur First - Herman Elmore and Emily Palmer
Cedar Grove - John Hollis
Stratford - Jerry Dudley
Non - Bernice Snider and Rachel Tatum
Asher - Clara Harper Birks
Memorial - Beulah Nye and James Oxley
Ada - Enole Martin, William Dew, Minnie Beller, Edward Robertson,
Roy White, Beulah Droke, Betty Kirby
Oakman - Buck Flatt and Ruby Johnson
Pauls Valley - Elijah Wickware
Gaar Corner - Nancy Brumley

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY DISTRICT OFFICERS

PresidentFran Milner, Rt. 5, Box 96, Ada, OK 74820
Vice PresidentCarolyn Holman, 418 H SW, Ardmore, OK 73401
Secretary
Asst. SecretaryRobbie Henry, Rt. 5, Box 249, Ada, OK 74820
TreasurerMargaret Mouser, 718 E. 15th, Ada, OK 74820
Asst. TreasurerDebbie Burden, 1201 S. Ash, Ada, OK 74820
Mission StudyPam Scroggins, Rt.7, Box 476, Ada, OK 74820
Mission PrayerGlenda Briggs, P.O. Box 1832, Ada, OK 74820
Mission ActionMarcelene Thompson, Rt. 1, Sulphur, OK 73086 Field WorkerOleta Pate, 1830 E. 18th, Ada, OK 74820
Field WorkerOleta Pate, 1830 E. 18th, Ada, OK 74820

If your church does not have an auxiliary, and you wish to organize one, contact the Field Worker, or any of these officers will assist you. We have six (6) Auxiliaries in the district with a membership of eighty-two.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Ada	\$18458.00
Asher	
Byng	3958.75
Camp Ground	
Cedar Grove	
Center	
Gaar Corner	
Happyland	
Maranatha	
Memorial	1687.67
Mustang	1657.35
Non	
Oakman	707.00
Pauls Valley	205.00
Stonewall	_
Stratford	6797.68
Sulphur, First	6530.81
Wilson	4247.30
Wolf	1513.46
Other	. 2916.38
Total Receipts	\$71708.35
Balance Forward from 1987-1988	6265.08
	\$77973.43

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		WVIS MISCE	0.00	170.00	-180.00	-10.00
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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD REPORTS OUARTERLY MEETING

November 21, 1987

The Christian Education Board sends Thanksgiving greetings to the Center Association convened today at the Stratford Church. This year the associational skating will be on the 3rd Monday night from September, 1987 thru April, 1988 with the exception of December. We will not have skating then due to Christmas activities of our churches and families. The district CTS Competitive activities will be held on April 30, 1988. The place and time will be announced later. 1988 Youth Camps will be:

Jr. Camp - June 5-10, 1988 - Evangelist: Curt Gwartney Sr. Camp - June 19-25, 1988 - Evangelist: Bob Thomas
Our board would like to recommend to this associational body that Anita Bolin be appointed to serve in Dean Stone's position until the annual association. Copies of the remaining L.I.F.E. activities are available if you have not received one. Pray for us as we serve the Lord through youth work.

May 28, 1988

We are proud to have had our association represented at the State C.T.S. Competition last Saturday in Stillwater by 41 entries in the areas of: Bible Memorization, Bible Sword Drill, Oral Communication, Music, and Art. Our young people are to be commended for outstanding performances and conduct. Several entries will now advance to the National Competition in July. Our board has met with the youth camp directors and is excited about their camp programs. The theme this year is Champions for Christ. As a board we would like to make the following recommendations concerning the youth camps:

- 1) We would like for each church to participate in a new project called "Buddy Day". On the day your church furnishes desserts, designate one or more persons to visit the camp--attend services, join in recreation, fellowship with sponsors, or just cheer our young people on for the day. Hopefully, this will encourage our workers as well as familiarize our churches with the activities at our camp.
- 2) To help offset the camp deficit, our board has recommended that sponsor's children pay one-half the regular registration fee.
- 3) In order to balance the number of campers at each camp, we have set the age level of Jr. Camp as 8-11 years old and Sr. Camp as 12 years and up.

Please pray for our directors and workers during this next month. The 1988-89 L.I.F.E. program will be planned later this summer. Pray for us as we endeavor to do the Lord's work.

August 13, 1988

As other laborers in the Lord's fields, the Christian Education Board has had valley and mountain top experiences in this year of service.

In November, Bro. Dean Stone left our group for work in Nashville, Tennessee. Anita Bolin joined us and has done a commendable job. At the present, Mark Reierson is resigning and we would like to recommend Brad Ransom to this associational body for this position.

We praise the Lord for always providing so that his work will be done. The monthly skating programs this year were organized by the youth leaders from our area churches. We would like to than

the youth leaders from our area churches. We would like to thank them for a fine job. Junior Youth Camp boasted it's usual large number with 99 campers enrolled and Bro. Craig Shaw as evangelist. In Senior Camp there were 50 campers with Bro. Larry Haggard, home missionary to Elk City, as evangelist. The directors and workers did an excellent job again this year. Other yearly youth activities included a mid-winter retreat, a banquet, films, worship services, a panel discussion, and our District C.T.S. Competition. Ada, Cedar Grove, Center, Gaar Corner, Maranatha, and Wilson had young

people in various areas of competition. Listed below are the youth

who were state and national winners:
Ada: Bobbie Boren - state and national
Jennie Burden - state
Adam Jamar - state

Kevin Lee - state and national Justin Presley - state

Center: Clay Milner - state

Nikki Williams - state and national Center Drama Team - state and national Elizabeth Caton - state

Maranatha: Tia Holman - state and national Robbie Landers - state and national

Roby Greathouse - state
Jamie Briggs - state

Our board commends these young people for using their talents in the Lord's work. Also to be acknowledged are the parents and youth leaders who support, encourage, and accompany these youth in their endeavors. We request your prayers for each of us that the coming year will be used according to the Lord's will.

EXAMINING BOARD REPORT

May 28, 1988

The examining Committee submits the following recommendations:
(1) That Brad Ransom from the Ada First Free Will Baptist

Church, having been examined and found sound in doctrine, and a fit candidate for ordination, be ordained to preach the gospel.

(2) Inasmuch as Bro. Lewis Perry has accepted the pastorate of the Stratford Free Will Baptist Church, and whereas he has met with the Center Association Examining Committee and has been found sound in doctrine and above reproach morally, and whereas the Northwest Association is unwilling to grant a letter of recommendation for him because of unfavorable circumstances that existed when he left the church in Washington, and in view of his faithfulness to the Ada First Free Will Baptist Church and high degree of personal, moral and ethical integrity during the four years he was a member there, we therefore recommend that his credentials be ratified and he be recognized as a minister in good standing in this association.

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 camps 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.
- 5. Only church sponsored groups may use the camp facilities.
- 6. Camp property may be used only upon permission of the Board of Trustees.
- 7. Camp property shall be cleaned following each activity. This shall be the responsibility of the group using the property. Any damages to or problems with camp facilities must be reported to the Board of Trustees. The trustees or their designated representative shall ascertain the condition of the camp at the conclusion of each camp activity.
- Camp facilities may not be used between November 1 and March 31 of each year except by special permission of the Board of Trustees.
- A report describing camp utilization will be made to the association at each annual meeting. This report shall include:
 - a) a list of groups using the camp
 - b) total number using camp
 - c) financial report
 - d) proposed changes in the Rental Agreement

STANDING BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Executive Board

Carroll Milner
Board of Trustees
Lynn Wood
Christian Education Board
Marzell Briggs 5 years Brad Ransom 4 years Donna Wood 3 years Tim Seroggins Danny Coun 2 years Anita Bolin 1 year Christy Hood 5 years
Examining Committee
Wayne Patton
Resolutions Committee
Lewis Perry

CONSTITUTION

Preamble

From long experience, we the members of the Center Association of Free Will Baptists 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

The Center Association of Free Will Baptists shall be composed of Free Will Baptist Churches in Oklahoma which maintain gospel order and are in agreement with denominational doctrines and practices.

Voting members shall include ordained ministers and deacons who are members in good standing of member churches in the association, elected officers of the Association, members of associational standing boards and committees, and delegates chosen by the churches in the union, not to exceed three (3) from their respective church to each meeting shall be entitled to seats.

ARTICLE II--Letters of Representation

Letters from each church giving information requested on letter forms supplied by the associational clerk shall be presented to the annual session. Letters from each church to quarterly meetings shall include only the names of delegates and alternates from the churches.

ARTICLE III -- Fees

Each church should send \$10.00 to the annual meeting for printing of minutes which shall be distributed at the discretion of the Clerk. Each church should share in the support of the Association with a \$10.00 love offering to each quarterly and annual meeting.

No board or individual, except the Executive Board in time of emergency, within the framework of the Association shall have the authority to set, designate, or levy any certain amount of fees or finance upon any individual, church, or group without the approval of the associational body while in regular session.

ARTICLE IV--Officers and Standing Boards

OFFICERS: Officers of the Association shall include a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer who shall be chosen by sufferage of members present at the close of each annual session and shall serve for the ensuing associational year.

STANDING BOARDS: All boards shall be composed of five (5) members who shall be elected at the annual meeting to terms of 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1 year. No individual shall serve on more than one standing board at one time. Board members with two consecutive absences from the Quarterly Meetings without notifying by letter or telephone, will be eliminated and replaced from the respective board. Vacancies in the boards may be filled at the Quarterly Meetings of the Association. Standing Boards and duties are as follows:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: This board shall hold title to all real property owned by the Association. It shall be responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the associational property.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: This board shall act for and in behalf of the Association when not in session. It shall examine all churches desiring to unite with the Association and shall act as an organizational council for newly constituted churches.

This board shall have the authority to call the Association into special session by notifying member churches at least ten (10) days in advance of the called session.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD: This board shall be responsible for arranging the program and selecting workers for the annual youth camp. They shall promote the Sunday School and Church Training Service programs in the member churches of the Association.

EXAMINING BOARD: This board shall examine all ministers for license and ordination including those who shall come from other Associations. It shall examine all deacons for ordination. The time of examination of candidates shall be at the discretion of the board with a written recommendation to be presented to the next meeting of the Association following the examination for approval by the body.

All candidates for ordination to the Gospel Ministry shall be required by the board to answer the questions as adopted by the Oklahoma State Association of Free Will Baptists entitled "Questionaire for Ministers to be Ordained" as printed in the minutes of the State Association.

This board shall have the duty and right to investigate reports of and alleged errors in doctrine or practice within our licensed and ordained ministers contrary to those outlined in the Free Will Baptist Treatise.

ARTICLE V--Petitionary Letters

Any church, including newly constituted churches, may be admitted into the Association at any regular meeting when the names of delegates and a letter petitioning for membership are presented, and when the church has been examined by the Executive Board of the Association and are found orthodox and orderly.

ARTICLE VI--Questions

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

ARTICLE VII--Motions

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

ARTICLE VIII--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 IX--Signation

The minutes of the Association shall be read, corrected when necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk at the close of the Annual Association.

ARTICLE X-- Meetings

The meeting of this Association shall be Saturday morning before the second Sunday in August of each year. Quarterly meetings of the Association shall meet on the third Saturday of November, February, and the second Saturday of May.

ARTICLE XI--Amendments

Amendments to the Constitution may be made at any annual meeting by a 2/3 majority vote when presented in writing at the May Quarterly Meeting.

(Constitution Revised 8/11/73)
(Article X Revised 8/6/76)
(Article IV Paragraph 2 Revised 8/11/79)
(Article IV Paragraph 5 Revised 8/81)
(Article X Paragraph 2 Revised 8/13/82)
(Article XI Revised 8/13/83)
(Article I Paragraph 2 Revised 11/16/85)
(Article X Revised 11/16/85)

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 of the King James Version Bible were given by the inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.—II Tim. 3: 16-17; II 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 now 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 commnads 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 all persons reaching the age of accountability, or the knowledge of right from wrong, must be regenerated and born of the Spirit of God if they inherit eternal life.—John 3:3, 1:12-13; Romans 5:1-13.

ARTICLE VI-INFANTS

We believe that infants and those who are never mentally capable of being accountable 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, baption; 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;1 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 is the duty of each church as oft as they assemble themselves together for the observance of the Lord's Supper, and washing the Saint's feet, to invite all Christians to participate in the observance of the ordinances.—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 scriptural right to a second marriage, and a second marriage under divorce for any other cause than fornication, is a sin of adultry and contrary to the will and Word of God.—Matt. 19:3-11, 5:32; Luke 16:18; Mark 10;11; Rom. 7:1-3; Prov. 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.—Mat. 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; 1 Cor. 15-52; 11 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 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.

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