
MINUTES OF THE
*CENTRAL TEXAS
FREE WILL BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION*

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Thirty-Eighth Annual Session Held With

EDGE CHURCH

EDGE, TEXAS

OCTOBER 15-16, 1943

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The Next Session To Be Held With The Cross Church, Grimes
County, Iola, Texas, On Friday And Saturday Before The Third
Sunday in October, 1944.



FREE WILL BAPTIST
BIBLE COLLEGE

Nashville, Tennessee

Presented By

Rita McDuffie

OFFICERS

Rev. H. Ray Berry Moderator
Rev. T. W. Smith Assistant Moderator
J. W. LeFevre Clerk

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. J. O. Fort Term Expires 1944
Rev. J. B. Lovering Term Expires 1945
Rev. T. W. Smith Term Expires 1946

PROCEEDINGS

The Thirty-Eighth Annual Session of the Central Texas Free Will Baptist Association convened with the Edge Church, Edge, Texas on Oct. 15-16, 1943.

FRIDAY MORNING

In the absence of the moderator the Association was called together by assistant moderator.

Song service led by Bro. Fort.

Welcome address by Bro. Lovering. Response by J. W. LeFevre.

Devotional conducted by Mrs. T. W. Smith. Scripture read, Romans 8. Prayer by Bro. McAdams.

Business: Enrollment of Ministers—Rev. Joe O. Fort, Rev. J. B. Lovering, Rev. T. W. Smith, Rev. H. Ray Berry, Rev. Miss Tommie Franklin, and Rev. H. M. McAdams.

Delegates from churches were seated as follows:

Edge: S. P. Moore, Emmett Holland, Mrs. R. L. Davidson.

Evergreen: Mrs. Lizzie Trant, Mrs. Willie Moon.

North Zulch: Mrs. Luther Ferrel, Mrs. L. M. Adams, Mrs. J. W. LeFevre.

Pine Grove: Mrs. Della Lawless, Mrs. Mollie Lawless.

Houston: Mrs. Nettie Wright, Mrs. Emma Bell.

Bright Light: Delegates absent.

Pine Prairie: Delegates absent.

Bryan: Mrs. Chas. Mohlman, Mrs. Della Wooten, Mrs. Willie Johnson, Mrs. C. H. Holmes.

Motion with second carried that moderator appoint committees as follows: Digest of Letters from churches: Bro. T. W. Smith, Mrs. Lizzie Trant, Mrs. J. W. LeFevre.

Resolutions: Bro. H. M. McAdams, Mrs. Della Lawless, Mr. Emmett Holland.

Auditing Finance Report: Mrs. Chas. Mohlman, Mrs. L. M. Adams, Mr. Moore.

Business recessed for worship hour. Congregational singing led by Mrs. Della Lawless with Mrs. Naomi McAdams at piano.

Sermon delivered by Bro. T. W. Smith. Scripture text, Proverbs 4:23. "Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life." Theme, The Problem of Life. After this inspiring message the assembly was dismissed for lunch.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The Association was called back together by singing led by Bro. H. M. McAdams, prayer by Bro. H. Ray Berry. Devotion conducted by Mrs. Jim Vance. Scripture read, Psalm 37.

Business again entered into. Report on Social Justice, by Mrs. Effie R. Hibbetts read and adopted. This report to be sent to our Denominational papers for publication.

Verbal reports on the National Association were given by Bro. Fort, Bro. Berry, Miss Tommie Franklin, Mrs. Mohlman.

Report on Literature, by Mrs. Willie Moon, read and adopted.

Ministers reports of H. M. McAdams and Mrs. Lizzie McAdams were read and accepted.

Association adjourned until evening service.

FRIDAY EVENING

Sermon by Rev. H. M. McAdams.

SATURDAY MORNING

The assembly was called by Moderator, Rev. J. O. Fort.

Devotions by Rev. H. Ray Berry. Scripture read, Timothy second chapter, followed by prayer, J. B. Lovering.

Business: Bro. Wm. Franklin from Cross Church, and Mrs. Ruby Withers were seated as delegates.

Reports on Women's Auxiliaries were read and adopted.

Evergreen Church, Mrs. Lizzie Trant; Bryan Church, Mrs. Chas Mohlman.

Report on Superannuation by Bro. Fort. Motion carried that we, as a local Association, do endorse the National Program on Superannuation.

Business adjourned for Sermon by Bro. J. B. Lovering.

After this interesting message the Association dismissed for lunch.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The assembly was called together by congregational singing. Devotions by Mrs. Trant.

Miscellaneous business: Reports from following committees were read and adopted: Digest of Church Letters, Resolution, Auditing of Finance report.

Motion carried to have the constitution and By-Laws printed in the Minutes. Motion with second carried that we represent in

the State Association by sending \$15.00 and the moderator appoint the delegates. Those appointed were: Mrs. Ruby Withers, Bryan; Mrs. Chas. Mohlman, Bryan; Mrs. Chas. Wheeler, Houston; Tatum Trant, Iola; L. M. Adams, North Zulch.

By vote of the body the next session will be held with Cross Church and the next Quarterly Meeting will be postponed until the next regular meeting date, the Fifth Saturday and Sunday in January 1944.

Election of Officers for the year 1943-1944. Rev. H. Ray Berry, Moderator; Rev. T. W. Smith, Assistant Moderator; J. W. LeFevre, Clerk. Ordaining Council: J. B. Lovering, term 2 years; T. W. Smith, term 3 years.

The Association voted to have 100 copies of minutes of this meeting printed.

A rising vote of thanks to the Edge Church and other Baptists of community for their generous hospitality in entertaining the Association.

A motion was made and duly carried the session adjourn to meet in annual session in 1944.

Joe O. Fort Moderator

J. W. LeFevre, Clerk

STATISTICAL REPORT

From Bright Light Church to the Central Texas Association of the Free Will Baptist when convened with Edge Church, October 15-16, 1943.

We send as delegates: N. C. Cole, Miss Icy Goen, Mrs. Alice Cole.

State of religion good. We observe Communion quarterly. Resident members, 40. Sunday School, good attendance; average, 15; Officers, 2; teachers, 2; Paid Pastor, \$207.50; Evangelistic, \$34.69; Incidentals, \$32.64; Foreign Missions, \$25.47; Home Missions, \$29.90; Education, \$29.61; Budget, \$5.00; Quarterly meeting, \$2.00; value of church property, \$1000.00; Pastor's name, J. B. Lovering.

We send \$5.00 to the Association.

Done by order of conference, Oct. 2, 1943.

J. B. Lovering, Moderator

Mrs. N. C. Cole, Clerk

From Edge Church to the Central Texas Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with Edge Church, Oct. 15-16, 1943.

We send as delegates: S. P. Moore, Emmett Holland, Mrs. R. L. Davidson.

State of religion, fair; number of deaths this year, 1; resident members, 15; non-resident, 24; total, 39; Sunday School, good;

average number of pupils, 30; officers, 2; teachers, 4; Paid Pastor, \$159.35; Evangelistic, \$32.50; Foreign Missions, \$20.00; Education, \$40.00. Pastor's name, J. B. Lovering.

We send \$5.00 to the Association.

Done by order of conference, Sept. 20, 1943.

J. B. Lovering, Moderator

Marjorie Davidson, Clerk

From First Free Will Baptist Church, Houston to the Central Texas Association of the Free Will Baptists when convened with Edge Church, October 15-16, 1943.

We send as delegates: Mrs. Nettie Wright, Mrs. Emma Bell.

Spiritual standing, high; we observe communion; number members received this year, 35; number baptised, 2; resident members, 33; non-resident, 2; total, 35; prayer meeting good; Sunday School, fair; average number of pupils, 20; officers, 4; teachers, 4; we have F.W.B. League; paid for incidentals, \$41.75; Education, \$24.90; rent, \$195.00; miscellaneous, \$116.12; building fund, \$116.37; Pastor's name, H. Ray Berry. Names of ministers, J. L. Payne, J. W. Handy.

We send \$5.00 to Association.

Done by order of conference, Oct. 10, 1943.

H. Ray Berry, Moderator

Mrs. Berry, Clerk

From Evergreen Church to the Central Texas Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with Edge Church Oct. 15-16, 1943.

We send as delegates: Mrs. Ida Mae Dudley, Mrs. Lizzie Trant, Stewart Rice.

Spiritual standing, good; we observe communion quarterly; number members dismissed, 3; number deaths, 1; resident members, 41; non-resident, 69; total, 110; prayer meeting good; choir practice, poor; Sunday School, fair; average number pupils, 18; officers, 3; teachers, 4; we have Women's Auxiliary; members, 8; paid pastor, \$251.25; Evangelistic, \$20.27; incidentals, \$15.12; Unified program, \$23.11; building and repairs, \$15.00; value of church property, \$1000.00; Pastor's name, T. W. Smith.

We send \$5.00 to Association.

Done by order of conference, Oct. 1943.

T. W. Smith, Moderator

Mrs. Tatum Trant, Clerk

From Pine Grove Church to the Central Texas Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with Edge Church, Oct. 15-16, 1943

We send as delegates: Mrs. Della Lawless, Mrs. Mollie Lawless.

Spiritual Standing, good; we observe communion; number

members received this year, 1; resident members, 3; non-resident, 40; total 43; we have Women's Auxiliary; members, 8; paid pastor, \$148.13; Evangelistic, \$36.00; Pastor's name, H. M. McAdams; names of ministers, H. M. McAdams, Mrs. Lizzie McAdams.

We send \$5.00 to Association.

Done by order of conference, Sept. 26, 1943.

H. M. McAdams, Moderator

Ruby Parker, Clerk

From Cross Church to the Central Texas Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with Edge Church, Oct. 15-16, 1943.

We send as delegates: Melvin Nevill; Clarence Wren, Miss Flora Bell Denman, Mrs. Irene Prichett.

Spiritual Standing, fair; we observe communion; number members received this year, 1; number deaths, 1, Mrs. May Folks; resident members, 50; non-resident, 40; total, 90; choir practice, fair; Sunday School, fair; average number pupils, 30; officers, 2; teachers, 4; we have F.W.B. League; members, 30; paid pastor, \$154.65; incidentals, \$18.00; Evangelistic, \$13.60; building and repairs, \$75.42; Orphanage fund, \$15.00; value of church property, \$1000.00; Pastor's name, T. W. Smith.

We send \$5.00 to Association.

We recommend a deeper consideration of our State Orphanage work.

We invite the next session of the Association.

Done by order of conference, Sept. 18, 1943.

Rev. T. W. Smith, Moderator

Mrs. Irene Prichett, Clerk

From Pine Prairie Church to the Central Texas Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with Edge Church, Oct. 15-16, 1943

We send as delegate: Hugh Robinson.

Spiritual Standing, good; members received this year, 2; resident members, 50; non-resident members, 15; prayer meeting, good; Sunday School, good; average number pupils, 20; officers, 2; teachers, 4; paid Pastor, \$51.68; Evangelistic, \$16.85; value of church property, \$1000.00; Pastor's name, H. M. McAdams; name of minister, Earle Wyche. Paid to Quarterly meeting, \$5.00.

We send \$5.00 to the Association.

Revival conducted by Rev. H. M. and Lizzie McAdams, assisted by Mrs. Gladys Beane.

Done by order of conference, Oct. 10, 1943.

W. B. Humphreys, Clerk

From Piedmont Church to the Central Texas Association of

Free Will Baptist when convened with Edge Church, Oct. 15-16, 1943.

Spiritual Standing of church, good; number members dismissed, 4; resident members, 15; non-resident, 15; paid Pastor, \$109.75; Evangelistic, \$79.70; Foreign Missions, \$18.75; Education, \$167.50; value of church property, \$1000.00; Pastor's name, Joe Fort.

We send \$5.00 to the Association.

Done by order of conference, Oct. 10, 1943.

Rev. Joe Fort, Moderator

Mrs. John Moody, Clerk

From Bryan Church to the Central Texas Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with Edge Church, Oct. 15-16, 1943.

We send as delegates: Mrs. Chas. Mohlman, Mrs. Willie Johnson, Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Wooten, Mrs. L. M. Johnson.

Spiritual Standing, good; we observe communion quarterly; number members received this year, 8; number baptised, 3; number dismissed, 5; resident members, 159; non-resident, 38; total, 197; prayer meeting, good; choir practice, good; Sunday School, fair; average number of pupils, 60; officers, 3; teachers, 12; we have Women's Auxiliary; members, 20; we have F.W.B. League; members, 25; paid pastor, \$1800.00; incidentals, \$257.54; Unified Program, \$186.62; Foreign Missions, \$100.00; Education, \$435.00; value of church property, \$22,000.00; Pastor's name, J. O. Fort.

We send \$5.00 to Association.

Mildred Cloud, Clerk

Rev. J. O. Fort, Moderator

From North Zulch church to the Central Texas Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with Edge Church Oct. 15-16, 1943.

We send as delegates: Mrs. Luther Ferrel, Mrs. L. M. Adams, Mrs. J. W. LeFevre.

Spiritual Standing, fair; we observe communion quarterly; number members received this year, 2; number dismissed, 14; resident members, 36; non-resident, 38; total, 74; Sunday School, fair; average number pupils, 29; officers, 3; teachers, 4; we have F.W.B. League; members, 10; Paid Pastor, \$439.16; Evangelistic, \$39.50; incidentals, \$91.98; Unified Program, \$20.00; building and repairs, \$120.00; value of church property, \$2000.00; Pastor's name, J. B. Lovering. Names of ministers, J. H. Dowell, J. B. Lovering, Astin Pegues.

We send \$5.00 to the Association.

Done by order of conference Oct. 10, 1943.

J. B. Lovering, Moderator

Mrs. Effie R. Hibbetts, Clerk

REPORT OF WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

The Ladies' Auxiliary Society of the Bryan Church held twelve meetings during the past year, with an average attendance of nine.

We collected \$40.99 in dues, \$62.80 in donations, and \$11.95 in other ways, making a total of \$115.74 collected.

We sent \$5.00 to Miss Barnard and \$10.00 to the Willys. We send \$1.00 each month for our Home Mission work.

Sick visits 204; social visits 86; trays, 35; flowers 30; 1127 chapters read. We gave out 281 good books and magazines.

We studied a book on Stewardship, "This World's Goods."

We have had one Stewardship Program sponsored, raising \$100.00 for Missions in Cuba; also sponsored the Unified Program plan. We have given 200 hours at Red Cross work.

Committee

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

Churches: Bright Light— Officers, 3; teachers, 2; pupils, 15; Pine Prairie— Officers, 3; teachers, 3; pupils, 30; North Zulch— Officers, 3; teachers, 5; pupils, 25; Bryan— Officers, 4; teachers, 12; pupils, 54; Blue Lake— No Sunday School; Pine Grove— no Sunday School; Evergreen— Officers, 3; teachers, 4; pupils, 16; Edge— Officers, 2; teachers, 4; pupils, 25; First Free Will Baptist, Houston— Officers, 4; teachers, 4; pupils, 20.

I would suggest that those churches that have no Sunday Schools put forth effort to have one, as I feel that Sunday School is very essential to every church and its membership.

C. F. Goen

REPORT ON DIGEST OF LETTERS

We, your committee on Digest of Church Letters, submit the following report:

Spiritual Standing, fair; communion observed quarterly; members received this year, 49; resident members, 446; four churches have prayer meeting; eight churches have Sunday Schools; number of pupils, 222; officers, 25; teachers, 34; three churches have Women's Auxiliary work; four churches have F.W.B. Leagues; paid pastors, \$3,339.47; Evangelistic work, \$302.18; incidentals, \$437.49; Foreign Missions, \$220.40; Home Missions, \$84.42; Education, \$672.00; value of church property, \$28,141.00; Unified Program, \$249.72. There are eight ministers in our Association.

Rev. T. W. Smith

Mrs. Lizzie Trant

Mrs. J. W. LeFevre

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

Amount sent in by churches, \$39.65; Balance on hand, \$11.20; total, \$50.85; Disbursements, State Association, \$16.00; to clerk for clerical work, \$10.00; L. Williams, for printing of programs, \$3.50; H. B. Fox for printing of Minutes, \$22.00; for ministers' cards, 75¢; postage, 79¢; total, \$47.04; Balance on hand Oct. 1943, \$3.81.

We recommend that this report be received and that an additional \$5.00 be added to the offering sent the State Association this year.

Mrs. Chas. Mohlman, Mrs. L. M. McAdams, S. P. Moore
Committee

REPORT OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

I have given much thought on just what a report on Social Justice should contain. In looking over previous minutes of the Association, I found the reports to deal almost wholly with Temperance, which is indeed a great problem of Social Justice; but to my mind this is only one among many and I have felt impressed to remind you of a few others.

First, I will say in thinking of just what Social Justice is, I like to think of it as fairness or rectitude to society that mankind might live and associate in a way that will glorify our Creator and bring the most joy and happiness to each other. We know as things stand today the injustices are much outstanding. It is needless to recall to your saddened hearts the injustices of war; innocent people being called to give their lives for that which they believe to be a just cause, children made orphans, and the value of property destroyed inestimable. But as Christian people let us continue much in prayer, not a selfish prayer of "God save my Boy" but "God save the World". Prayers of consecration of service for him are the kind which will heal our land. Man has made and improved implements of war for ages, but never has one been made to equal or replace the power of prayer and when God's people pray and turn from their wicked ways then he will surely hear and fulfill his many promises.

I believe that many authorities agree that one of the greatest Social Injustices we are facing today is the decline of the American Home which is the foundation of Society. In most households, there is no longer a home in the true sense, but a place where just a part of maybe all the family is sheltered and fed. As a result, juvenile delinquency is said to be increasing at a rapid rate; with the prediction that crime will be raging after the war. The saddest thing in this world is far from being death of those we love; although you may give up your only son on the Battle front there comes

with this great sorrow a certain pride. Yet when you face the heartaches of seeing one go to prison or the electric chair for some crime committed, then you face only shame and degradation, haunted by the memory of his childhood innocence and how you failed to write the words of God upon the door-posts of your house. The Christian home must be re-established or we are doomed for something more serious than war.

Another injustice which is felt by the world is the lost power of the Church. A church without Spiritual Power is useless, and many of our churches are at a low ebb because many of its individuals have failed to keep themselves filled with the spiritual power which God alone can supply.

Since maybe the central thought of this report should have been temperance, I will say that the evils of liquor is still abroad in our land and Christian people must never let up in the fight. I am thankful for the lesson which we have on Temperance once each quarter, but sad many church people do not practice total abstinence.

So much could be said about the problems which relate to Social Justice until it would not be possible to mention all, much less enter into a discussion of them. But Christian brothers and sisters, let us keep the faith, ever looking to Him which is all wise and powerful, and work diligently that we might see a greater plan of Social Justice working which will honor God and benefit man.

Mrs. Effie R. Hibbetts

REPORT ON LITERATURE

I wish first to say that Free Will Baptists recognize that we have a great need for a better Literature Department and for a wholesome Literature to be given to the Public especially to our own denomination. It seems that we have been short on Good Literature. The members of the different Churches have failed to secure and read what is available.

In most homes you go into you see the Devil's Literature, and it is not rationed, for he is never short on literature. We, as a whole, have failed to put our money out to usury in that direction. I feel that it is our duty to carry the gospel to all, especially in our own world, either by personal contact or by the printed words.

I thank God that our denomination does have two Publishing houses, and that we have a National Board of Publication. It is true that hasn't been done but little, but it is a young organization that was organized in July 1942 at Columbus, Mississippi. It will take some time to get the Board in complete operation. I know

that is a far-reaching step in this field, for our Denomination is in desperate need of Free Will Baptist Literature, as we have been borrowing from other sources too long. Let us, as a denomination, give of our means and prayers to forward this cause.

The Great Masterpiece, The Bible, will aid us, if we, as individuals, will study and read it daily with meditation and prayer, then we shall get a broader vision of the work that is here for us to do. If we give as much time to the reading of the Bible as we should, we shall not need the Devil's Literature for entertainment.

I recommend that all Free Will Baptist Churches use Free Will Baptist Literature for Sunday School and Missionary Societies, also Leagues; that we pray for the Lord to direct and inspire the ones that write the literature, and that they will go deeper into the word of God. That is what the world needs today, for some people never go to hear the gospel preached, when they may, by chance read some piece of literature if it is not done as if it might be rationed. Let's all be of the same mind and get behind the publishing machine and push with all our power that God gives us, and don't fail to ask God for what we want. If it is the thing we should have, He will supply all we need.

Willie Moon

RESOLUTIONS

We, as a committee on resolutions, recommend the following:

First: Be it resolved that all churches adopt and continue the Bank System of supporting the Unified Program.

Second: That all our churches that do not have prayer service, F.W.B. League, and Women's Auxiliary Society put forth special effort to add all these phases of work to their church program.

Third: We recommend that all Free Will Baptists read our Church Papers, namely: "The Free Will Baptist Gem", Monette, Missouri, and "Free Will Baptist", Ayden, North Carolina.

H. M. McAdams, Emmett Holland, Mrs. Della Lawless
Committee

MINISTER'S REPORTS

Report of Rev. H. M. McAdams of Work for the year ending Sept. 30, 1943, to the Central Texas Association.

Sermons preached, 48; churches pastored, 2, namely: Pine Grove, Pine Prairie; members received, 5; baptised, 1; revivals held, 2; funerals conducted, 2; amount of salary, \$216.25; collected for Foreign Missions, \$9.00; one church has Women's Auxiliary work and one has Sunday School.

Report of Rev. H. Ray Berry of work for the year ending Sept. 1943, to the Central Texas Association.

Sermons preached, 54; churches pastored, 1; name of same, First Free Will Baptist Church of Houston; members received by baptism, 2; members received otherwise, 33; marriages solemnized, 2; my church has Sunday School and F.W.B. League.

All efforts have been put forth to build the work in Houston and have not been able to support outside work.

Report of Rev. Mrs. H. M. McAdams to the Central Texas Association.

Dear Co Workers,

Greetings in the name of our Lord. We regret very much that we can not be with you again this year, but we pray God to richly bless as you transact business for Him and His great cause.

With joy and thanksgiving we submit the following report:

Number of churches visited, 124; sermons preached, 275; Mission lectures given, 267; temperance lectures, 6; number of conversions, 272; number Penny banks placed, 824; number Jehoida chests, 58; number of Manuals, 92; number of year books, 57; Auxiliaries organized, 14; letters written, 634; cards, 305; number subscriptions to papers, 16; personal service calls, 529; School check books placed, 12; articles written to paper, 32; miles traveled, about 18,000; salary paid, \$987.00.

Report of Rev. J. L. Payne to the Central Texas Association.

I have served as superintendent of Sunday School, taught Bible classes and served as deacon of the church. Have preached some 5 or 6 sermons the past year. Some of this work has not been with the Free Will Baptist Organization. I am sorry that I can not give a better report, will try and do better this coming year.

Report of Rev. J. W. Handy to the Central Texas Association.

I beg to submit the following as my report for this associational year. On account of my advanced age and home environments my report is quite limited. I have traveled about 1000 miles; have preached 54 sermons; held two revivals and assisted in the third; witnessed 11 conversions; solemnized 4 marriages. I solicit the prayers of God's people that I may greatly improve on this report the coming year.

Report of Rev. J. B. Lovering to the Central Texas Association for the year ending Sept. 1943.

Sermons preached, 116; churches pastored, 3; names of same, North Zulch, Bright Light, Edge; revivals held, 3; members received, 1; amount of salary, \$800.00; funerals conducted, 2; marriages solemnized, 2; collected for Foreign Missions, \$45.47; Home Missions, \$26.90; Education \$67.61; for other purposes, \$20.00; incidental expense, \$125.00; for all purposes not including salary,

\$286.98; one church has F.W.B. League; all have Sunday Schools.

Report of Rev. J. O. Fort to the Central Texas Association for the year ending Sept. 30, 1943.

Sermons preached, 150; churches pastored, 2, name of same, Bryan, Blue Lake; revivals held, 3; members received by baptism, 12; received otherwise, 10; amount of salary, \$1800.00; funerals conducted, 6; marriages solemnized, 5; collected for Foreign Missions, \$174.48; Home Missions, \$37.32; Education, \$617.15; other purposes, \$311.30; total of all not including salary, \$1140.26: Both my churches have F.W.B. Leagues and Sunday Schools.

Report of Rev. T. W. Smith for the year ending Sept. 15, 1943, to the Central Texas Association.

Sermons preached, 185; churches pastored, 6; names of same, Cross, Keith, Friendship, Bonami, Chiney Grove, Cain Springs; Revivals held, 6; members baptised, 1; amount of salary, \$785.00; funerals conducted, 4; collected for Home Missions, \$43.75; for other purposes, \$15.00; total for all not including salary, \$58.75; three of my churches have Sunday School, one church has F.W.B. League.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

Rev. J. B. Lovering	North Zulch, Texas
Rev. J. O. Fort	808 W. 27th St., Bryan, Texas
Rev. H. Ray Berry	1008 Peddie St., Houston 9, Texas
Rev. T. W. Smith	Iola, Texas
Rev. J. L. Payne	6708 Ave. C, Houston 9, Texas
Rev. J. W. Handy	7837 Baltimore Ave., Hous'on, Texas
Rev. H. M. McAdams	Box 43, Huntsville, Texas
Rev. Mrs. H. M. McAdams	Box 43, Huntsville, Texas
Rev. Carle Wyche	Huntsville, Texas
Rev. Astén Pegues.....	In Military Service Somewhere

CONSTITUTION

Art. 1 This organization shall be called the Central Texas Free Will Baptist Association and shall be composed of such regular organized and well disciplined Free Will Baptist Quarterly meetings conveniently located as may embody themselves under this constitution.

Art. 2. The members of this Association shall consist of delegates from the several Quarterly meetings of which it is composed. Every Quarterly meeting containing five hundred or less members shall be entitled to twelve delegates, and Quarterly meetings containing more than five hundred members shall be entitled to one delegate for each additional one hundred members or fractional part thereof. Ministers shall be considered as standing members.

Art. 3 The officers of this Association shall be a standing clerk, a standing treasurer and a moderator shall be chosen at every session of the Association with such assistance as may be found necessary.

Art. 4 Any regularly organized and well regulated Free Will Baptist Quarterly Meeting composed of such churches as conform to the usages and adopt the doctrine of the Free Will Baptist Denomination as published in the Treatise on the Faith and are in favor of all the benevolent enterprises of the Denomination may at any time on application by a vote of this Association become a member thereof.

Art. 5. This Association shall have power to discipline the Quarterly Meetings of which it is composed and to exclude them for disorderly work, if labour with them proves unsuccessful, but in no case to reverse their decision or to interfere with their internal regulations.

Art. 6. The sessions of this Association shall be beginning on Thursday at 7 o'clock p. m. before the regular meeting Sunday with church where held in October of each year at which time it shall be the duty of the Quarterly Meetings composing this Association to represent themselves by delegates and spiritual standing and statistics by letter at which time the Association shall act on questions and topics as may be referred to them by their respective Quarterly Meetings and transact such other business not contrary to this Constitution, or to the usages of the denomination as in their judgment may promote the cause of Christ and the interest of the churches and the Quarterly Meetings within the limits of the Association.

Art. 7. This Association shall have power to adopt any regulation or by-law not contrary to this constitution which may be deemed essential to the further regulation of its sessions.

Art. 8. This constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of the Association at any session. Notice of such intended alteration having been given in writing and recorded at the last previous session.

J. J. Tatum
S. T. Thomas
A. W. Mays
D. C. Hargrove

BY-LAWS

Art. 1. Each session of the Association shall be called to order by the Standing Clerk when present, and in his absence by the member having seniority of years.

Art. 2. Each session and adjourned sitting of this Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

Art. 3. This Association hold correspondence by messenger or otherwise with other religious bodies as it may deem advisable.

Art. 4. Conference shall sit with open doors except when it may go into committee of the whole.

Art. 5. Any person not of this conference may be allowed to take part in its discussion by obtaining permission of the conference.

Art. 6. It shall be the duty of the Standing Clerk to furnish each session of the Association with a book of records containing the doings of its previous sessions.

Art. 7. The conference may determine the time when its daily sessions commence and close.

Art. 8. It shall be the duty of all the members of this Association to be present at the time appointed for each daily session, and any one wishing to retire shall first obtain leave of the Moderator.

Art. 9. No member shall absent himself from conference during its session without first obtaining permission from the conference.

Art. 10. Each member wishing to speak in conference shall first address the Moderator.

Art. 11. No person shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes at any one time nor more than twice on any subject without leave of the conference.

Art. 12. No debate shall be allowed on any motion except the same be submitted in writing and seconded by a member of the conference.

Art. 13. No whispering shall be allowed in conference without leave of the Moderator but all members shall pay strict attention to the business of conference.

Art. 14. No member shall be allowed to nominate more than one person or member on any committee, provided the one nominated be elected.

Art. 15. The constitution and By-Laws of this conference shall be read at each session near its commencement.

J. J. Tatum
S. T. Thomas
A. W. Mays
D. C. Hargroves

Name of Church	Pastor's Name	Clerk's Name	Clerk's Address	Total No. Members	Amt. Paid Pastor	Sunday School	Prayer Meeting	League	Ladies' Auxiliary	Value of Church Property
North Zulch	J. B. Lovering	Mrs. Effie Hibbet's	North Zulch	74	\$ 439.16	Yes	No	Yes	No	\$ 2000
Evergreen	T. W. Smith	Mrs. Tatum Trant	Iola, Route	110	275.25	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	1000
First FWBC of Houghton	H. Ray Berry	Mrs. H. R. Berry	1008 Peddie St. Houston 9.	35		Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
Bryan	Joe O. Fort	Mildred Cloud	Bryan	197	1800.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	22000
Edge	J. B. Lovering	Marjorie Davidson	Edge	39	159.35	Yes	No	No	No	1000
Pine Grove	H. M. McAdams	Ruby Parker	Huntsville	43	148.13	No	No	No	Yes	
Bright Light	J. B. Lovering	Mrs. N. C. Cole	Bryan, Route 3	60	207.50	Yes	No	No	No	1000
Blue Lake	Joe O. Fort	Mrs. John Moody	Anderson	30	109.75	No	No	No	No	1000
Cross	T. W. Smith	Mrs. Irene Prichett	Iola	90	154.65	Yes	No	Yes	No	1000
Pine Prairie	H. M. McAdams	W. B. Humphreys	Huntsville, Rt. 1	95	57.68	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	1000

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