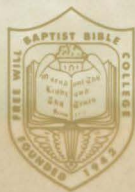


**The
Central Texas
Association
of
Free Will Baptist**

1945

**Proceedings of the
40th. Annual Session**

**Convened at
Houston Church**



FREE WILL BAPTIST
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Nashville, Tennessee

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MINUTES
OF THE
CENTRAL TEXAS FREE WILL BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST

HELD WITH

Fortieth Annual Session held with First Free Will Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, October 19-20, 1945.

OFFICERS

Rev. H. Ray Berry
Rev. T. W. Smith
J. W. LeFevre

Moderator
Assistant Moderator
Clerk-Treas.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. T. W. Smith
Rev. J. O. Fort
Rev. B. F. Rogers

Term Expires 1946
1947
1948

The next Session to be held with the Bryan F. W. B. Church, Bryan, Texas on Friday and Saturday before the Third Sunday in October, 1946.

PROCEEDINGS

The Fortieth Annual Session of the Central Texas Association of Free Will Baptist convened with the F. W. B. Church of Houston on October 19-20, 1945.

FRIDAY MORNING

Song service led by Rev. Bert F. Rogers.

Prayer by Rev. J. W. Handy.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator, Rev. Berry.

Devotional by Bro. Alvin F. Halbrook.

Scripture read Ps. 1:1-3, prayer by Miss Tommie Franklin.

Business: The first item of business was the appointment of following committee on Divine Service, Mrs. Frank Jenkins, Mrs. Ruby Parker, J. W. LeFevre.

Ministers present, Revs. H. Ray Berry, J. W. Handy, Gus Turbyfill, J. L. Payne, J. O. Fort, Alvin F. Halbrook, T. W. Smith, Miss Tommie Franklin.

Deacons present, Frank Burney, W. P. Franklin, J. H. Brotherton, Chester Dudley, A. E. Lee, J. W. LeFevre.

Report of Committee on Divine Service received: Friday morning, Rev. B. F. Rogers; Friday evening, Rev. J. O. Fort; Saturday morning, Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook.

Letters read and adopted and delegates seated from following churches:

Pine Prairie; delegates Bessie Humphreys, Nellie Connor, Fleta Woods; dues paid \$6.00.

Piedmont: delegates, Mrs. John Moody, Mrs. W. K. O'Brien, J. L. Allen, dues paid, \$6.00, represented by letter only.

Bright Light: delegates, C. F. Goen, Mrs. C. F. Goen, dues \$6.00.

Cross: delegates, Mrs. Mae Nevill, Mrs. Mary Denman, Mrs. Truby Nevill, alternate, Mrs. T. W. Smith, dues \$6.00.

F. W. B. Houston: delegates, Mrs. Maude Wheeler, Mrs. Effie Jackson, M. L. Lawson, dues \$21.00.

Bryan: delegates, Mrs. J. L. Vance, Mrs. J. O. Fort, Mrs. Chas. Moehlman, Mrs. Dolores Sebesta, Mrs. H. S. Edge, dues \$27.00.

North Zulch: delegates, Mrs. Mabel Smith, Mrs. J. W. LeFevre, Mrs. Alvin F. Halbrook, dues \$6.00.

A verbal report was made on Mission work in Huntsville.

Business recessed for worship hour, congregational singing led by J. O. Fort, sermon, Bro. Bert F. Rogers; scripture reading, James 1:19-22; subject: "Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only".

Benediction.

Lunch.

FRIDAY EVENING

The assembly was called together with singing led by Arvin F. Halbrook. Devotions by Bro. Gus Turbyfill, scripture read, Mark 2 an exhortation to a strong faith.

In the absence of the Moderator the meeting was presided over by Assistant Moderator, T. W. Smith.

Business resumed, Constitution and By-Laws read by Rev. Fort.

Each article with recommendation was discussed separately and adopted as a whole.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Resolutions—Chester Dudley, Elvin Lawson, J. H. Brotherton.

Auditing—Mrs. H. Ray Berry, Rev. T. W. Smith, Rev. Fort

In the absence of Directors the following were appointed to supply:

Education—Rev. H. Ray Berry.

Literature—Mrs. Maude Wheeler.

League—Mrs. A. F. Halbrook.

Report on Social Justice written by Mrs. C. M. Hibbetts was read and adopted.

Association adjourned until evening service.

FRIDAY EVENING

Singing led by Rev. Halbrook, prayer by Bro. Lawson. Sermon by Rev. Fort, scripture, James 1:22; Matt. 7:24-29; subject, "The wise hear and do."

SATURDAY MORNING

The Association was called in session and after the usual devotions the Moderator called for business of the day.

The following reports were read and adopted: Foreign Missions, J. L. Payne; Sunday School, J. H. Handy; Literature, Mrs. Wheeler.

Adjourned for worship hour.

Sermon by Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook, scripture Eph. 6:10-18.

Lunch.

SATURDAY EVENING

Song service by Bro. Halbrook; devotion by Miss Tommie Franklin, scripture read, James 5:7-20.

Report of Auditing Committee was read and adopted.

A motion with second duly carried to table the one dollar per month from each church as previously created.

A verbal report on Christian Education by Bro. Berry was adopted to be followed by written report.

The Clerk-Treas. was authorized to have printed 500 ministers' report blanks; twelve ministers' ordination certificates.

Delegates to the State Ass'n. which meets with the church in Henderson were appointed as follows: C. F. Goen, Mrs. Chas. Moehlman, Mrs. Era Wood, Mrs. Maude Wheeler, Mrs. Alvin F. Halbrook, Chester Dudley, J. L. Allen, Mrs. T. W. Smith, Mrs. Ruby Parker.

Report on Digest of Letters read and adopted.

Election of Officers: Rev. H. Ray Berry, Rev. T. W. Smith, J. W. LeFevre were elected to succeed themselves in their respective offices.

It was voted for Association to pay for gasoline and oil for one car to carry delegates to the National Association.

A suggestion by Ass'n. that each church make the month of Dec. the month for expansion program for the Bible College in Nashville, Tenn.

The Association adjourned to meet with Bryan Church on Thursday night before the Third Sunday in October 1946.

Introductory sermon to be preached by Rev. J. L. Payne, alternate, Rev. Bert F. Rogers.

Rev. H. Ray Berry, moderator
J. W. LeFevre, clerk-treas.

REPORTS

AUDITING COMMITTEE—We your Committee on Auditing and Finance submit the following report:

We find the books of the Treasurer in order, with total funds on hand amounting to \$108.89. We make the following recommendations for disbursement of funds to meet current expenses.

Dues to State Association	\$15.00
Dues to National Association	10.00
For clerical work	10.00
Printing 200 copies of minutes approx.	35.00
Mailing expenses approx.	1.50
Total	\$71.50

We recommend further that churches which failed to send dues on the basis of representation in the new Constitution forward to the treasurer the balance between what they sent and what the Constitution recommended.

We find that the resolution of last session calling for each church to forward one dollar a month to the clerk has not been followed by all the churches, we recommend that the Association take some action on this matter.

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. H. Ray Berry, chairman

LITERATURE—I find after contacting the different pastors that there are about 36 who take one or both of our church papers. I believe all the churches are all using Free Will Baptist Sunday School Literature. If we could get articles from Texas printed, I think more of our people would take the papers.

I urge all pastors stress the need of our people reading our church papers.

Mrs. Maude Wheeler, Director

ORGANIZATION OF DISTRICT WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

The following officers were elected:

District President—Mrs. B. F. Rogers.

First Vice President, Chairman Publication—Mrs. Alvin Hairbrook.

Second Vice President, Chairman Christian Education—Mrs. H. Ray Berry.

Third Vice President, Chairman Missions—Miss Tommie Franklin.

Fourth Vice President, Chairman Stewardship—Mrs. Charles Mochlman.

Fifth Vice President, Chairman Benevolence—Mrs. T. W. Smith

Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. J. O. Fort.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Della Lawless.

We petition you for 1 hours time in the Dis't. Ass'n. from 2 to 3 o'clock Friday afternoon, or whatever time is most convenient to the Association. We request also that the minutes of this meeting be included in the minutes of the Central

Texas District Association, and we contribute \$2.75 toward expenses of same.

The meeting was adjourned by prayer led by Miss Franklin.

Respectfully submitted

Mrs. H. Ray Berry, Sec'y. Pro Tem

EDUCATION—The Free Will Baptists of the United States are going forward in the field of Education. Today we have a College in Nashville, Tennessee that is preparing young men and women to fill the places of many older people who are going out before too long to be with God. The College will help to fill the vacancies of the church that exists today, and supply the ministry for new work being organized throughout the states and in India and Cuba.

The College is launching an expansion program and is asking the Free Will Baptists of our Association and the others of America to provide \$100,000.00 for this program. The state of Texas has been asked to raise \$5000.00 by the end of 1948. The Central Texas Association has said we will endeavor to raise \$3000.00 of the \$5000.00. This can be done if we will only give accordingly as God has blessed us.

In addition to the above we, the Central Texas Association have an Educational Loan Fund, for the purpose of making interest-free loans to worthy students to enter the College. The student repays the loan after finishing school and the funds are made available to other students. Rev. Earl Hahn was receiving the benefit of this program, but for reasons best known to himself is not now the recipient of our support. The funds advanced to him have been repaid and the account is in balance. We urge that you continue to send your support to the Educational Loan Fund, Treasurer, Bro. Walter Holmes, Bryan, Texas.

We pray that you will not forget any phase of the work.

Yours for Christ, H. Ray Berry

TO THE CENTRAL TEXAS ASSOCIATION

When convened with the First Free-Will Baptist Church
Of Houston Texas, 19-20, 1945

I have been appointed by our Moderator to bring to this body some kind of a report on the status of the Sunday Schools in this Association in the stead of the person who was originally appointed to this work and on account of the shortness of the time to prepare this report I must ask the body to be

venient as to the lack of more complete details, but I hope that we are all agreed as to the great work that is now and has been done by the Sunday Schools in almost every denomination in our country having been a pastor of churches many years myself and engaged in the ministry for nearly 58 years. I have long since come to the conclusion that the Sunday School is primarily the most effective and life preserving element of the church. I wonder if there is a single pastor in this Association today that would be willing to take pastoral work and agree to dispense with the Sunday School while there is a great deal that could and should be said along the line of the influence that is now being wielded by the Sunday School in both the community and the church. For the sake of brevity let us consider just a few of the most vital facts that should be considered by this as well as all other religious bodies. The first I wish to mention is the great number of our youth who are not in Sunday School at all, would it surprise you if I tell you that less than 20 per cent of the youth in this big county of ours including the city of Houston are in Sunday School or church any where. Again would it surprise you if I tell you that in our beloved denomination including both youth and adults that less than 34 per cent of our membership attend Sunday School at all? One of our best churches having a membership of nearly 300 only report around 90 in Sunday School while one of the smallest churches in our Association with a resident membership of around 60 have an average of 23 to 25 in Sunday School. Brethren it does seem to me that these stern facts as they stand out before us today should stir us up to the gravity of the conditions of the youth of our country and urge us on to greater and more concerted action in behalf of our Sunday School which will also culminate in greater and more activity in both Sunday School and church. I know of a large church in this city with a membership of around 1000 and they often put on special drives and give premiums to those bringing the greatest number of people to Sunday School and they seldom ever reach 400 and some youth playing ball almost in the shadow of the building and while this is going on within one block of this same church men are often (almost every Sunday) BUILDING houses, cleaning yards and every Sunday I can show you children going to Sunday School on Sunday morning and to the picture show in the afternoon and they don't slip from home to go either. The parents know all about it if they don't go with them. With these things going on all around us, is it any wonder at the ever increasing numbers that are daily being brought into our juvenile courts? Is

it any wonder that 85 per cent of the crimes of our day are being committed by boys and girls who are yet in their teens. Brethren it is going to take yet increased concerted and determined action upon our part to do our part of stupendous task that is ours to do.

Eld. J. W. Handy

FOREIGN MISSIONS—It is gratifying to note a renewed interest among our people of the Central Texas Association in Foreign Mission work. The reports to hand show that approximately \$250.00 has come through the Unified Program for this beside other contributions.

Miss Barnard has returned to India and taken up the work there. Bro. and Sis. Willey with their Co-Workers are doing a great work in Cuba, but we still hear the Macedonia cry from these, and others "Come over and help us".

J. L. Payne, Director

TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE—

1. Whereas the Board of Education of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, by authority of the National Association, has launched a campaign to raise \$100,000 during a three year period 1945-1946-1947 for expansion of buildings and facilities at the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee, and whereas said Board of Education has recommended that the Texas State Association raise \$5000 of this total amount, therefore, be it resolved that the Central Texas Association of Free Will Baptist accept the responsibility of raising \$3000 of this allocation, said money to be raised as follows:

a. \$1000 be raised each year for next three years by the Association with responsibility to be apportioned to the churches on a population basis as follows:

Bright Light Church,	\$56.25 per year
Bryan Church	277.50
Cross Church	125.00
Evergreen Church	126.25
Edge Church	25.00
Houston Church	95.00
North Zulch Church	95.00
Pine Grove Church	25.00
Piedmont Church	37.50
Pine Prairie Church	117.50

2 Whereas, for the past year the Association has been supporting our State and National program through the State

Unified Program, and whereas this means of support has proven successful, therefore be it resolved that we continue said Unified Program as the basis for support of our State and National Program for the year 1945-1946 to wit: One Sunday be set aside in each month as Unified Program Sunday by each of the churches, that offering be taken in each church on said Sunday and sent by church to Quarterly Meeting Clerk; that said Clerk apportion and send to the several departments all Unified Program funds as follows:

40% to Christian Education.

30% to Foreign Missions.

20% to Home Missions.

10% to Superannuation.

RESOLUTION—Resolved that all Free Will Baptist ministers' wives that are members of the denomination have a right to vote in the Association.

To the Central Texas Yearly Association when convened at F. W. B. Church, Houston, Texas, October.

Greetings in Jesus name:

We feel to thank God for the work begun here and submit the following report.

A small Sunday School in operation with worship services following each Sunday morning. Cottage prayer meeting each Thursday evening where-ever invited.

Three have professed faith in Christ.

\$102.58 in bank; \$15.56 in S. S. Treas.

One of our greatest needs is a building in which to worship. We covet your prayers.

Tommie Franklin

SOCIAL JUSTICE

As Director of Social Justice I must confess my ignorance of just what my duties should be, but in keeping with past traditions, I am submitting a report in the form of a few scattered remarks.

The subject of Social Justice is far too broad to be dealt with in any degree of satisfaction and I have given much thought as to just what problem pertaining to social justice would be most appropriate for this occasion. Since the Post-war World is such a timely topic, my thoughts drifted to this; then I realized that this too covered a vast field, and I have attempted to discuss a very small part. Yet so important is this part that the "thinkers and doers" of our post-war ideas must not neglect it, if there is to be any human justice in society.

First what is to be the basis or foundation for this Post-war World, this better way of living, that not only the American people, but the entire world is looking forward to? To many, it is science, inventions and greater wealth; to those who have suffered the horrors of war and broken family circles, it may be peace, but none of these can serve as a foundation for a Post-war World which can withstand the evils of Satan.

The only thing that has ever stood the test of time and all forces of power is the Word of God, and the recognition of God as the head of the Post-war world, is the only way, it can ever hope to have any success.

If God is to serve in the making of such a universal structure it must be made evident that he is wanted. God seldom forces Himself in. Then it becomes the responsibility of Christian people to be awake and alert at such a time as this and see that God does have a place in the making of our Post-war World. It is not to be expected that those desirous of lust and riches will invite Him in. But if Christian people will band themselves together, Satan with all his powers cannot keep God out. The world has seen many failures because God has been left out. I wonder how many of our great International Conferences have been held with out God. Is it any wonder the Nations of the World can not get together and settle their problems?

What steps can be taken to put this all powerful One first? Many express a desire to do if they only knew what to do. God speaks in Isaiah 58:9, and says "If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." Do you believe that Christians as a body are fulfilling this scripture? Or do you believe this was uttered so long ago that it bears no message to us? I believe God's word is eternal and unchanging, and when these words were spoken so many ages ago, they were being spoken to the people living in the present year of 1945. Also just as God has fulfilled all His promises He will fulfill this one and heal our land and give us a Post-war World far different from any man has even seen, when man obeys.

MINISTERS' REPORTS

Report of Eld. J. W. Handy of work for the year ending Sept. 19, 1945, to the Central Tex. Association.

Sermons preached 64, revivals held 3, funerals conducted

3; marriages solemnized 3, mostly shut in with invalid wife. Spent one month in Arkansas, attended 3 revivals and held two of my own.

Report of Rev. J. L. Payne of work for the year ending Sept. 19, 1945, to the Central Tex. Association.

Sermons preached 2; marriages solemnized 3, my ministry has been Sunday School work.

Report of Rev. H. Ray Berry of work for the year ending Sept. 19, 1945 to the Central Tex. Association.

Sermons preached 104, churches pastored 1, name of same, First Free Will Baptist of Houston, members received by baptism 9, members received otherwise 7, amount of salary \$546 funerals conducted 1, marriages solemnized 3, my church has Sunday School and League.

Report of Rev. T. W. Smith of work for the year ending September 19, 1945 to the Central Tex. Association.

Sermons preached 175, churches pastored 6, revivals held 4, members received by baptism 11, members received otherwise 3, amount of salary \$1150.00, funerals conducted 2, collected for Foreign Missions \$125.00, collected for Home Missions \$50, for incidental expense \$36.00. Three of my churches have Sunday School and one has League.

Report of Rev. J. O. Fort of work for the year ending Sept. 19, 1945 to the Central Tex. Association.

Sermons preached 225, churches pastored 2, names of same, Bryan, Blue Lake, revivals held 2, members received by baptism 18, members received otherwise 12, amount of salary \$2550.00, funerals conducted 4, marriages solemnized 2, collected for Foreign Missions \$92.94, collected for Home Mission \$61.97, collected for Education \$123.93, collected for incidental expenses approx. \$6000.00, one of my churches has Sunday School and League.

Report of Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook of work for the year ending Sept. 19, 1945 to the Central Tex. Association.

Sermons preached 22, churches pastored 2, name of same, North Zulch, Bright Light, revivals held 1, members received by baptism 1, members received otherwise 3, amount of salary \$128.23. Collected for Foreign Missions \$33.00, collected for Home Missions \$9.08, for unified program \$66.64, for other purposes \$1000, for incidentals \$195.42, both churches have Sunday School and one has League.

I attended the Free Will Baptist Bible College from September 1944 to June 1945, preached 8 sermons. Served as supply

pastor of East Nashville F. W. B. Church, Nashville, Tenn. from June 17 to July 31, preaching 11 sermons and receiving salary of \$280.00, assumed pastoral care of work here in Texas Aug. 12, 1945.

The above statement and figure are not included in the main body of this report.

Report of H. M. and Lizzie McAdams to the Central Texas Association from Oct. 1944 to Oct. 1945.

Number churches visited 56, number sermons preached 225, number conversions 170, number mission lectures 14, number temperance lectures, 2, number letters written 522, number cards written 113, number jail services 2, number prayer meetings conducted 12, number personal service calls 571, number subs to church papers 4, organized auxiliaries 2, revivals conducted 5, miles traveled around 12,000, salary received \$1828.83

But after all it is His big field and we all have small places to fill and let us fill them well, for the harvest will soon be over and we will lay down our sickles and meet in the great convention with the blood washed throng and sing Home at last and He will give to each what we have waited for, so lets not be weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap if we faint not, may every thing you do in the Association be crowned with success, we will put our report on another page this is not for the minutes just to be read as a greeting from your Bro. and Sis. H. M. and Lizzie McAdams.

NAMES AND ADDRESS OF MINISTERS

Rev. J. O. Fort, 808 W. 27th St. Bryan, Texas
Rev. H. Ray Berry, 1031 East 14th St. Houston, Texas
Rev. T. W. Smith, Iola, Texas
Rev. J. L. Payne, 6708 Ave. C. Houston 9, Texas
Rev. J. W. Handy, 7837 Baltimore Ave, Houston, Texas
Rev. H. M. McAdams, Box 43, Huntsville, Texas
Rev. Mrs. H. M. McAdams, Box 43, Huntsville, Texas
Rev. Bert F. Rogers, 4406 Brady St. Houston 11, Texas
Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook, North Zulch, Texas
Rev. Astin Pegues, in military service
Rev. Gus Turbyfill, 12628 Yancy Drive, Houston 15, Texas
Rev. Miss Tommie Franklin, 1304 10th St., Huntsville, Texas

CHURCHES AND OFFICERS

North Zulch—Pastor, Alvin F. Halbrook; clerk, Mrs. Effie R. Hibbetts, address, North Zulch, Tex.
Piedmont—Pastor, J. O. Fort; clerk, Mrs. John Moody, An-

derson, Tex.

Bright Light—Pastor, Alvin F. Halbrook; clerk Mrs. N. C. Cole, Bryan, Tex. Rt.

Pine Prairie—Pastor, T. W. Smith; clerk, W. P. Humphreys, Huntsville, Tex.

Cross—Pastor, T. W. Smith; clerk, Mrs. Irene Pritchett, Iola, Tex.

Evergreen—Pastor, T. W. Smith; clerk, Mrs. Tatum Trant, Iola, Tex.

Houston—Pastor, B. F. Rogers; clerk, Mrs. H. Ray Berry, 1031 East 14th St., Houston, Tex.

Bryan—Pastor, J. O. Fort; clerk, Miss Mildred Cloude, Bryan, Tex.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF CENTRAL TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE—We, the believers in Christ according to the doctrine of the Free Will Baptist Denomination, having been baptized upon a like profession of faith in Jesus Christ and properly organized into Churches, realizing the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among us for preservation of the "Faith Once Delivered Unto the Saints," and the spread of the Gospel of Christ upon earth, do therefore ordain and establish this Constitution.

ARTICLE I

NAME—This organization shall be known as The Central Texas Association of Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE—The purpose of the organization shall be to unify the work of the Churches composing this Association by devising and executing such measures as will best spread the Gospel of Christ as we interpret it.

ARTICLE III

COMPOSITION—This Association shall consist of the delegates duly appointed or elected by regularly organized and well disciplined Free Will Baptist Churches who may embody themselves under this Constitution; regularly licensed and ordained Free Will Baptist ministers; and regularly ordained deacons in churches composing this body.

ARTICLE IV

REPRESENTATION—Each Church composed of fifty members or less shall be entitled to three delegates to this Association. Those Churches composed of more than fifty mem-

bers shall be entitled to one additional delegate for each additional fifty members or fractional part thereof.

ARTICLE V

FINANCE—Each Church entitled to three delegates shall send to the clerk of the Association, one week in advance, of its annual session, six dollars together with a written report of its statistics for the year. Each Church entitled to more than three delegates shall send to the Clerk of the Association, one week in advance of its annual session, three dollars for each additional delegate to which it is entitled, together with a written report of its statistics for the year.

ARTICLE VI

DISCIPLINE—This Association shall have power to discipline the Churches of which it is composed and to withdraw fellowship from a Church as a whole when its action is inconsistent with the doctrine of Christian polity, if labor with it is unsuccessful, but in no case can it reverse a decision of a Church.

ARTICLE VII

MINISTERS—Section 1. The pastor of every church in this Association should be a member of a Church under his care.

Section 2. When a Church desires that one of its members be licensed or ordained to preach the Gospel, it should request the Association through its ordaining council to examine such member, and should agree to abide by the recommendation of the ordaining council.

Section 3. A minister of this Association who is subject to discipline for unchristian doctrine or practices shall be brought to trial by the Church of which he is a member. However, the ordaining council must sit in the Church conference, in an advisory capacity, which brings a minister to trial.

Section 4. All ministers of this Association shall make annual reports in writing to each regular session of the Association.

ARTICLE VIII

OFFICERS—The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, and a Clerk-Treasurer. These officers shall be elected near the close of each regular session of the Association, and shall serve as Executive Committee of the Association to transact business between sessions. This Committee shall make written reports to each regular session of all business transacted between sessions.

ARTICLE IX

SESSIONS—The regular sessions of this Association shall

be held on Thursday night, Friday and Saturday before the third Sunday in October of each year at the place designated by vote of the Association of its previous regular session. At these regular sessions the Association shall receive written reports from the Churches of which it is composed as to progress made and service rendered in spreading the Gospel of Christ, and to attend to such other business as does not violate this Constitution. Adjourned sessions may be called by order of the Moderator or by a majority of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE X

AMENDMENTS—This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of all members present at any regular session provided the proposed amendment has been made in writing and presented to the Body the day before the vote is taken.

ARTICLE 1. Each session and adjournment sitting of this Association shall be called to order by the Moderator and opened with prayer. Each session shall also be closed with prayer.

ARTICLE 2. This Association hold correspondence by messenger or otherwise with other religious bodies as it may deem advisable.

ARTICLE 3. Conference shall sit with open doors except when it may go into committee of the whole.

ARTICLE 4. Any person not of this conference may be allowed to take part in its discussion by obtaining permission of the conference.

ARTICLE 5. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to furnish each session of the Association with a book of records containing the doings of its previous sessions.

ARTICLE 6. The Conference may determine the time when its daily sessions commence and close.

ARTICLE 7. 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.

ARTICLE 8. No member shall absent himself from conference during its session without first obtaining permission from the conference.

ARTICLE 9. A member wishing to make a motion or to speak in conference shall first rise, address the Moderator, and be recognized by him before proceeding. A member may second a motion without rising and addressing the Moderator.

ARTICLE 10. 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.

ARTICLE 11. No debate shall be allowed on any motion except the same be submitted in writing and seconded by a member of the conference.

ARTICLE 12. No member shall be allowed to nominate more than one person or member on any committee, provided the one nominated be elected.

ARTICLE 13. The Constitution and By-Laws of this Conference shall be read each session near its commencement.

ARTICLE 14. These By-Laws may be amended by two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular session, provided the proposed amendment has been presented to the body in writing the day before the vote is taken.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Church	Bright Light	Piedmont	Pine Prairie	Houston	Evergreen	Cross	Bryan	North Zulch	Total
No. Members	45	30	94	76	101	100	197	78	719
No. Received	0	0	0	15	1	15	22	6	59
No. Dismissed	4	2	0	3	1	3	0	3	16
No. Died	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Auxiliary Members	15	0	0	23	20	25	24	15	87
League Members	0	0	0	15	6	25	27	15	63
S.S. Enrollment	0	0	0	15	6	25	24	15	63
Paid Pastor	\$310.35	\$122.00	\$130.37	\$569.00	\$261.40	\$157.54	\$2400.00	\$500.00	\$4452.66
Paid Evangelist	65.00	58.65	146.13	44.00	101.90	200.00	21.11	636.79	
Unified Program	\$66.64	123.21	48.61	199.00	178.19	66.69	309.34	42.28	1034.66
Repairs	\$100.00		1416.33			206.55	900.00	2623.36	
Incidentals	\$195.42	10.00	412.05	93.53	18.00	37.30	766.30		
Value of Property	\$1,000.00	1,000.00	6,600.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	22,000.00	3,000.00	37,600.00	

