

The
Central Texas
Association
of
Free Will Baptists

1946

PROCEEDINGS
of the
41st Annual Session

Convened With
Bryan Church

M I N U T E S
of the
CENTRAL TEXAS ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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Forty-first Annual Session when convened with
the Free Will Baptist Church of Bryan, Texas

October 18-19, 1946

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O F F I C E R S

Reverend H. Ray Berry	Moderator
Reverend Alvin Halbrook	Assistant Moderator
B. B. Trant	Clerk-Treasurer

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The next session is to be held with the Free
Will Baptist Church of Bright Light on Friday
and Saturday, October 17-18, 1947.

P R O C E E D I N G S

FRIDAY MORNING:

A song service was conducted by Mr. Clyde F. Goen and the devotional service was led by Rev. J. W. Handy.

All business transactions were made through motion, second, and a majority vote.

The Program prepared by the Program Committee was adopted.

Mr. J. W. LeFevre, Clerk-Treasurer of the Association tendered his resignation. A vote of thanks was extended to the retiring Clerk-Treasurer for his faithful service.

B. B. Trant was elected to fill the place of Clerk-Treasurer of the Association until time for the regular election of officers.

The chair omitted reading Church letters and seated the delegates, Deacons, and Ministers according to the registration of those present. (See Representation, Page 28)

The following Church Letters and fees were received:

Piedmont	6.00	Huntsville	6.00
Cross	6.00	North Zulch	9.00
Evergreen	9.00	Pine Prairie	6.00
Houston	9.00	Bryan	15.00
		Bright Light	6.00

\$12.00 was received from the Houston Church in payment of the \$1.00 per month plan voted in 1944.

The welcome address was made by Rev. T. W. Smith.

The resolution regarding Ministers' Wives having a vote in the Association was re-adopted. (See Representation, Page 29)

No more delegates were seated until the afternoon session.

The following committees were appointed:

I. Digest of Reports

II. Resolutions Committee

III. Nominations Committee

IV. Auditing Committee

(See Committees, Page 27)

The report on Foreign Missions, which was given by Mrs. Alvin F. Halbrook was accepted. (See Reports, Page 11)

A song service was then conducted under the direction of Mr. Clyde Goen, and Rev. T. W. Smith brought the Morning Message. His text was II Corinthians, 5:21.

The Association was then recessed for lunch, with Rev. C. B. Thompson pronouncing the benediction.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON:

A song service was led by Rev. J. O. Fort and prayer was led by B. B. Trant.

The report which was given by Mrs. Charles Moehlman on Christian Education was received and adopted. (See Reports, Page 13)

The Moderator appointed a committee to work out the adjustments for the allocation on the Central Texas Association's part of the Expansion Program of the Free Will Baptist Bible College as referred to in Recommendation I of the report on Christian Education. (See Committees, Page 27)

The Resolutions Committee was asked to bring in a resolution concerning a systematic method for contributing to the Association's Student Loan Fund as referred to in Resolution IV of the Report on Christian Education.

The Association then recessed in order that the District Woman's Auxiliary Convention might be held.

The Association was called back in session and the Report on Superannuation which was made by Rev. A. F. Halbrook was received and adopted. (See Reports, Page 15)

The Sunday School Report, which was read by Mrs. Ray Tatum Trant was received. (See Reports, Page 16)

The Report on Free Will Baptist League Work, which was given by B. B. Trant was received. (See Reports, Page 16) All Recommendations of the League Report were adopted and B. B. Trant was made chairman of the committee mentioned in Recommendation III, and he was given the power to select the other members on this committee. (See Committees, Page 27)

The meeting recessed until 7:30 Friday evening, and Mrs. Alvin Halbrook pronounced the benediction.

FRIDAY EVENING:

At 7:30 Friday evening, the song service was conducted by Rev. J. O. Fort and the Bryan Church Choir. After the song service, Rev. James F. Miller brought the Evening Message. He used as his text, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make ye free."

SATURDAY MORNING:

The song service was led by Rev. Alvin Halbrook and the devotional service was conducted by Mr. Gaston Clary. He used as his scripture Acts 4: 13-21, and the subject for his discussion was "Seen and Heard."

Another song service was conducted by Rev. Halbrook.

The following letter from the Huntsville Church was read:

"Central Texas Association of Free Will Baptists Greetings:

"The Huntsville Free Will Baptist Church does hereby petition your Association for membership in said Association.

"On another blank will be found the Statistics and also dues to the Association as required by the Constitution and By-Laws."

Signed: Jas. F. Miller, Pastor
Ruby Parker, Clerk

The Association received the Huntsville Church without further examination.

The report of the Nominations Committee was received. (See Reports, Page 18)

The Chair declared that nominations for delegates to the State Association were in order. The following delegates were elected by acclamation:

Mrs. J. L. Vance	Mrs. H. Ray Berry
Mrs. L. M. Adams	Mrs. Ray Trant
Leonard Nevill	Mrs. Kate McMillian

Mrs. E. F. Trant

This Association recommended B. B. Trant and Mrs. H. Ray Berry to the State Association, as delegates this District Association would like to have elected to represent it at the National Association in 1947.

This Association decided to pay the gasoline expense of one car to the National Association, and the last Quarterly Meeting before the National Association was given the power to select the car which will have its expenses paid by the Association.

At this time the report of the Nominations Committee was reconsidered, and the assembly proceeded to elect officers. The following were elected for the year 1946-1947:

Reverend H. Ray Berry, Moderator
Reverend Alvin Halbrook, Asst. Moderator
B. B. Trant, Clerk-Treasurer

Nominations were then declared in order for the expired term on the Ordaining Council. Rev. T. W. Smith was re-elected, new term to expire 1949. Nominations were declared in order for the un-expired term now vacant on the Ordaining Council. Rev. James F. Miller was elected,

term to expire 1948.

The General Officers of this Association are to comprise the Program Committee for the next Session of the Association. (See Committees, Page 27)

The following Directors of the Central Texas Association were elected:

Foreign Missions	Mrs. Alvin Halbrook
Home Missions	Mrs. Charles Moehlman
Superannuation	Rev. Alvin Halbrook
Sunday Schools	Mrs. Ray Trant
League	B. B. Trant
Social Justice	Mrs. Effie Hibbetts
Laymen's Work	Miss Velma Moody

The Association gave Bright Light Church a vote of thanks for their cooperation with the Bryan Church in entertaining this Session of the Association and for their invitation for the next session.

We adopted the Recommendation in the Nominations Committee's Report to hold the next Central Texas Association with the Bright Light Church.

A song service was then led by Mr. Clyde Goen and the Morning Message was brought by Rev. C. B. Thompson. His Message was on the subject, "Come unto me."

The Association gave a rising vote of thanks to Mrs. Kate McMillian and Mr. P. K. Trant for their gifts toward the building of a summer camp. The assembly was then recessed for lunch.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON:

A song service was conducted by Mr. Goen and the devotional was led by Mrs. P. K. Trant. Rev. J. W. Handy brought a special message in song.

The Report of the Resolutions Committee was received and adopted. (See Reports, Page 18)

The Report of the Auditing Committee was received and adopted. (See Reports, Page 19)

The Report of the Digest of Reports Committee was received and adopted. (See Reports, Page 20)

This Association is to furnish a recommendation for the Reverends Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Mc-Adams.

The Report of the Committee of Adjustment of Expansion Program was received and adopted. (See Reports, page 22)

The Minutes of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention are to be included, at no expense to this auxiliary, in the Minutes of the Central Texas Association. (See Proceedings, page 7)

The Ministers' Reports were received and adopted. (See Reports, page 21)

The Report on Home Missions was received and adopted. (See Reports, Page 22)

The requirement demanding that the Minutes be reviewed by the assembly was waived and the Association substituted the requirement that the Minutes be approved by the Executive Committee within thirty days from the date of the Association, before they are submitted for printing.

The 41st Session of the Central Texas Association of Free Will Baptists was adjourned.

The Session was closed with the song, "Blest Be The Tie That Binds," and Reverend Miller pronounced the benediction.

MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The second session of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention met on Friday, October 18, during a recess of the regular Central Texas Association of the Free Will Baptists.

The meeting opened with a song by the congregation, and the devotion was led by Mrs. J. O. Fort. Mrs. Alvin Halbrook, 1st Vice-president presided.

The following auxiliaries were present and gave the following reports:

North Zulch Auxiliary

Number enrolled	14
No. Active Members	9
Amount of Dues	8.00
Unified Program	7.00
Sick visits	55
Flowers	15
Trays	10
Chapters Read	674

Special Work:

Sent scarfs to Oklahoma Orphanage, gave
linens for Communion table at Church,
bought rugs for Parsonage.

Evergreen Auxiliary

Members	5
Daily Bible Readers	3
Tithers	1
Sick Visits	20
Flowers	10
Chapters Read	100
Trays	25
Cards sent	75

1 box of clothes sent to Orphanage, 3
subscribers to Church Paper

Houston Auxiliary

Members	16
Study Course in Missions	1
Stewardship Night Observed	1
Subscribers to Church Paper	12
Daily Bible Readers	7
Telephone Calls	225
Visits	227
Sick Visits	116
Flowers	29
Trays	45
Dues sent to Convention	4.80

Bryan Auxiliary

Members	22
Money taken in	435.67
Paid to Church Budget	168.00
Paid on Organ	210.00

Paid on Home Missions	25.00
Paid on Expansion Program	2.50
Paid on Foreign Missions	10.00
Paid to Cuban School	15.00
Paid for National Dues	15.00
Paid for District Dues	6.60
Chapters read	2,830
Sick visits	482
Social calls	522
Trays	212
Flowers	321
Magazines	361
Benevolence	64.53

These reports were adopted as read.

It was decided that each Auxiliary is to send a written report to the 1st Vice-president of the Convention to be carried to the Quarterly Meeting.

Each Auxiliary is to fill one box of food to send to the Cuban School of Missions for Christmas, and all Churches without Auxiliaries are asked to go together and fill one box.

It was decided that each Auxiliary send as dues to the Convention 30¢ per capita.

The following officers were elected:

President	Mrs. C. B. Thompson
1st Vice-president	Mrs. Alvin Halbrooks
2nd Vice-president	Mrs. Charles Moehlman
3rd Vice-president	Mrs. Ray T. Trant
4th Vice-president	Mrs. H. Ray Berry
5th Vice-president	Mrs. T. W. Smith
Secretary-Treasurer	Mrs. P. K. Trant
Corresponding	

Secretary	Mrs. J. O. Fort
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The report of the Treasurer was read and adopted.

The Convention voted to request that the minutes of this Convention be included in the minutes of the Central Texas Association.

The meeting was adjourned and turned
back to the Association.

R E P O R T S

Report of Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Work to the Central Texas Association.

"In the past year, Free Will Baptists have gone forward in carrying out the command of Christ, when he said, 'Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.' Our people have done remarkably well in late years, and we are gaining steadily, for which we praise the Lord. We are now prepared to really do things in the realm of missions.

"Progress on the Foreign Mission front in Cuba continues un-abated and the Gospel's effect is still just as definite as ever. Reports from our workers scattered over the field, are to the effect that many souls are finding the Lord as their Savior and are realizing the newfound joy as that for which they have longed all these years. At the present, we have seven organized Churches and at least ten more awaiting organization. We have five American Missionaries and thirty-two active preachers. Our Cuban School is growing, having begun with seven students and now having an enrollment of thirty-three. This school has been unable to open this fall due to limited facilities. A girl's dormitory is now under construction and needs our ardent support. Our future work in Cuba is dependent largely on this school and the students trained therein.

"Report of Activities of Cuban Field for
1945-1946.

Services held - 1,219
Prayer Services - 478
Bible studies - 303
Special Services - 226
Sunday Schools - 673

Visits - 5,113

New Churches Organized - 5

Tracts distributed - 26,363

Tithes and offerings paid by Cuban members -
\$1,299.94.

"Cuba is wide open and we are going to possess the land. God grant that we may be true to the trust and see that all in Cuba who want to hear the Gospel shall hear through our efforts as a Church and Denomination.

"And, then, there is our Mission Field in India, where Miss Barnard is laboring so faithfully. There are 600,000 villiages in India without a single Christian, without a Church, without a Christian School or teacher, doctor or nurse, or even so much as a Christian witness of the Lord Jesus Christ. This is India. The first missionary to be sent out by the Free Will Baptists was sent to India in 1835, and yet, after these years, we have done little toward the evangelization of this great country. In India, we have two schools conducted for two different communities of outcast people. One in Kotogari was begun in 1937, and it has continued these nine years without a break. It has been a lighthouse of the Gospel for the scavenger caste of Koto-gari. The present enrollment is sixty pupils with an average attendance of forty-five. The other school in Aggals, a villiage of the Kotas, has fifteen pupils. We also have two Sunday Schools and hope to start another soon. The lack of missionary help is the reason for this small number. Our work in India is small but as Free Will Baptists, pray, give, and go, so our work will be enlarged and India will be brought to Christ.

"The Missionary challenge was never greater than it is today. David said: 'Give me understanding and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.' When

Free Will Baptists understand their obligations to God and their opportunities in serving Him daily, surely our Foreign Mission work will go forward and His name shall be published among all nations."

Signed: Mrs. Alvin F. Halbrook

Reverend C. B. Thompson gave, as an addition to this report, the information that Rev. & Mrs. Paul Woolsey have decided to go, as missionaries, to India.

Report On Christian Education to the 41st Annual Session of the Central Texas Association.

"We come to this session of the Central Texas Association of Free Will Baptists with rejoicing over our accomplishments, both from the standpoint of money raised during the year and the interest manifested in our Churches relative to the Christian Education Program. Though we have not done all that we had hoped to do during the past year in our campaign of the Expansion Program sponsored by the Free Will Baptist Bible College at Nashville, Tennessee, we have, nevertheless, made considerable progress toward our goal. In cooperation with the one hundred thousand dollar campaign for expansion of the facilities in the Bible College, over a three year period, 1945 to 1947, Free Will Baptists in the State of Texas were asked to strive to raise \$5,000. The Central Texas Association set as its goal in its last session the raising of \$3,000 over the three year period--\$1,000 per year. According to the statistics furnished by the Churches of this Association, we have raised this year, \$668.75. We have noticed that a few of the Churches have not reported their efforts in this activity, and we hope that they shall make their contributions before they consider their year's work done. We congratulate the

Churches which have put forth whatever effort it took to reach the quota set for them by the last session of this Association.

"We are delighted to know that some of the Churches have sponsored Vacation Daily Bible Schools during the past summer, and we urge that other Churches follow this splendid example.

"We are indeed happy to know that every Church in this Association has now adopted our Unified Program plan which supports Christian Education with 40% of all money raised. We call to your attention the fact that Christian Education received this year, from the Unified Program, \$327.82 as compared with \$413.83 from this program last year. We find from these reports that two of our Churches did not report anything for Unified Program.

"We wish to call to the attention of our people our Educational Loan Fund administered by the Educational Loan Board of which Rev. H. Ray Berry, Houston, Texas, is chairman, and W. C. Holmes, Bryan, Texas, is secretary-treasurer. The report from this board shows that there is on hand in this fund \$270.16. It is our information that very little has been paid to this fund during this year, and at the present time, there is no applicant for assistance from this board. May we pray earnestly that the Lord call 'laborers into the vineyard' and put it into the hearts of our people to supply the funds whereby these young ministers may prepare themselves for a life of service in our church.

"We offer the following recommendations:

I. That this Association re-affirm our pledge made last session to cooperate with the \$100,000 expansion program of the Free Will Baptist Bible College. That our goal for this year be to raise the second \$1,000

on our over-all pledge, using such adjustments of the individual Church Allocations as this body deems necessary.

II. That every Church in this Association strive to conduct a Vacation Daily Bible School during the summer of 1947.

III. That this Association continue to allocate 40% of its Unified Program funds to Christian Education.

IV. That the Association work out systematic and regular means for the support of our Educational Loan Fund."

Signed: Mrs. Charles Moehlman

Report on Superannuation to the Central Texas Association

"To superannuate means to retire one with compensation for services rendered.

"In years past, the Ministers who were forced to give up their service because of illness, accidents, age, or other reasons, generally had to rely for their sustenance upon earnings previously accumulated, relatives, charity, or the 'Old Folks Home.'

"However, in recent years, Christian people have begun to realize their responsibility and obligation toward their retired Ministry, and they are beginning to compensate them at least in a partial way for their services already rendered.

"Therefore, it was an important decision when on June 28, 1946, at Huntsville, Texas, the Texas State Superannuation Board of Free Will Baptists made the decision to begin payment to all eligible retired Free Will Baptist Ministers.

"Bases of payment for the retired Ministers were:

Continuous service of 30 years or more -
100% participation

21 to 30 years continuous service - 75%
participation 15.

Less than 10 years service - left to the discretion of the Board

"In the same board meeting, a motion carried to set \$10.00 per month as maximum payment for Ministers who qualify.

"Immediately after this decision by the Texas State Superannuation Board, Rev. E.S. Jamerson, of Tatum, Texas, began receiving maximum payment as our first superannuated Free Will Baptist Minister in this state.

"Jesus said, 'The laborer is worthy of his hire.' Therefore, may the Lord impress upon Free Will Baptists not only the obligation, but the privilege of superannuating their eligible Ministers with a decent, comfortable, living." Signed: Alvin F. Halbrook

Report on Sunday Schools to the Central Texas Association.

"We believe most of our Sunday Schools have made progress this year, although they can be made much better. Our school at Evergreen has increased in attendance and also in contributions. We hope the Sunday School Convention will create more interest in the work. All Church Members should feel responsible for the educational part of the Church, and not just the younger people.

"The Sunday School Convention will convene on the second fifth Sunday in the year at the same place as the Quarterly Meeting. We urge the Pastors to keep this date before their people so we may have good attendance. There are eight Sunday Schools in this Association with an average attendance of 262."

Signed: Tatum Trant

Report of Free Will Baptist Leagues in the Central Texas Association

"In the Central Texas Association of Free Will Baptists, there are two organizations of

Free Will Baptist Leagues. The total number of League Members in this Association is 69.

"These figures show a decrease of two organizations during the past year, and a decrease of 18 members during this same period of time. Since there is a decrease in the extent of our League work, it is evident that some measures should be taken in order that this work may grow in proportion with the growth of the Churches and their various other auxiliaries. Therefore, the following recommendations are offered:

I. That each department of each League Organization hold a conference of its workers at least once within the period of four meetings, for the purpose of outlining the nature of the devotional services of that department for that period in which this worker's conference is held.

II. That each fifth Sunday afternoon will be devoted to a meeting, hereafter referred to as a League Rally, of all the League Organizations in the Central Texas Association. League Organizations will not send delegates to these League Rallies, but will strive to have 100% representation of their members. The place of each of these League Rallies, will be set by the group assembled at the preceeding League Rally. Invitations for the League Rally will be honored, discussed, and voted upon. The officers in charge of the business meeting of each League Rally will be the General Officers of the Host League Organization.

III. That a committee be appointed by this Association for the purpose of:

I. Investigating the possibility of securing a site for a summer camp to be held during the summer of 1947; this camp not to be restricted to League Members only, but to be open to all individuals under the care of Free Will Baptist Churches in

the Central Texas Association.

II. Exerting the influence of this Association to cooperate with other League Organizations in the state for the organization of a State League Convention.

III. Exerting the influence of this Association to cooperate with other League Organizations in the nation for the organization of a National League Convention."

Signed: B. B. Trant

Report of Nominations Committee to the Central Texas Association

"We, your Committee on Nominations, submit the following report of nominees:

Moderator - Rev. H. Ray Berry

Assistant Moderator - Rev. Alvin Halbbrook

Clerk-Treasurer - B. B. Trant

"On invitation from the Bright Light Church, we recommend that we hold the 42nd Session of The Central Texas Association of Free Will Baptists, which convenes at the regularly appointed time in 1947, with that Church."

Signed: Mrs. C. B. Thompson

Report of the Resolutions Committee to the Central Texas Association.

"We, your committee, offer the following recommendations:

I. We, the ministers, delegates, and visitors beg to offer this, our vote of thanks to the Bryan Free Will Baptist Church for their excellent manner in which they have entertained this Association, and we pray that God will continue his richest blessings upon you.

II. We recommend that the Pastor of each of our Churches in this Association shall bring squarely before his congregation the importance of our securing funds for the furtherance of our Educational work; this to be done at least once during each quarter and a

collection to be taken and turned over to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Student Loan Fund."

Signed: J. W. Handy

Report of Auditing and Finance Committee to the Central Texas Association.

"We have checked the Clerk's report and find it to be correct with a balance of \$29.80 from 1945 and \$78.00 collected at this meeting, which makes a total of \$107.80 on hand.

"We recommend that the Association pay out of its funds to meet current expenses as follows:

To State Association	\$15.00
To B.B.Trant for Services	10.00
To National Association	10.00
For Printing of Minutes	35.00"

Signed: C. F. Goen

Report of Ordaining Council to the Central Texas Association of Free Will Baptists

"We, the Ordaining Council, make the following report:

1. We find that some of our Ministers have not, due to their absence from this session, made reports to this body. We therefore recommend that the Churches of which these Ministers are members, together with the Pastors of such Churches, insist that these Ministers report to the clerk of this Association within the next 30 days so that they may be given certificates of good standing and their names placed on the roll of Ministers.

2. It is further reported to us that one of our Ministers, Reverend Earl Wyche, is not walking as becometh his position. We recommend that this body instruct Pine Prairie Church, of which Reverend Wyche is a member, to deal with this matter according to Article VII, Section 3, of our Constitution."

Signed: J. O. Fort

	Cross	
No. Churches 10-30-45		
No. Churches Reporting		
Spiritual Standing		
No. New Churches		
No. Churches Disbanded		
No. Members Received	12	
No. Members Baptized	9	
No. Members Dismissed	6	
No. Members Deceased	1	
No. Resident Members	40	
No. Non-Resident Members	0	
No. Churches 10-30-46		
No. Members 10-30-46	40	
No. Prayer Meetings	0	
No. Leagues	1	
League Membership	30	
No. Sunday Scho. ls	1	
Average Attendance	30	
No. S.S. Officers	2	
No. S. S. Teachers	4	
No. Women Auxiliaries	0	
Women Auxiliaries Mbrs.	0	
No. of Ordained Ministers		
Amt. Paid Pastors	\$183.51	\$
Amt. for Evangelistic Work	127.35	
Amt. for Bldg. & Repairs	-	
Amt. for Incidentals	21.00	
Value of Church Property	1000.	
Amt. for Unified Program	29.58	
Amt. for Foreign Missions	-	
Amt. for Home Missions	30.00	
Amt. for Ch. Education	5.00	
Other Church Purposes	-	
Amt. for Benevolence	95.00	
Amt. for Orphanage	-	

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Bryan	North Zulch	Huntsville	TOTAL
			8
			9
			Good
			1
			None
1	8	20	73
6	7	0	28
5	3	1	31
0	1	0	4
80	42	19	469
39	35	1	172
			9
19	77	20	641
1	1	1	6
1	0	0	2
36	0	0	66
1	1	1	8
83	37	20	257
4	4	2	23
11	6	3	40
1	1	0	4
20	10	0	57
			13
2700.	\$550.00	\$252.75	\$5297.31
175.00	80.53	-	689.47
633.34	758.00	-	3230.23
-	122.82	3.50	386.66
25,000	3000.	1000.	42000.00
351.62	33.41	-	624.69
-	-	12.50	86.50
16.00	113.70	39.70	755.28
300.00	95.00	-	842.49
1149.42	-	-	1154.53
-	-	-	100.00
-	-	-	31.43

	Reverend H. Ray Berry	Reverend J. L. Payne
Sermons Preached	52	12
Churches Pastored	None	None
Revivals Held	None	None
Members Received by Baptism	None	None
Other Members Received	2	None
Amount of Salary	-	-
Funerals Conducted	2	-
Marriages Solemnized	6	2
Collected for Foreign Missions	-	-
Collected for Home Missions	-	-
Collected for Christian Education	-	-
Other Collections	995.00	-
Collected for Unified Program	-	-
No. of F. W. B. Leagues	-	-
No. of Sunday Schools	-	-

Reverend J. O. Fort	Reverend Alvin F. Halbrook	Reverend J. W. Handy	Reverend T. W. Smith	Reverend C. B. Thompson
150	86	47	150	220
2	2	None	4	None
1	2	None	4	7
6	8	None	11	None
5	2	None	4	None
\$2822.00	\$860.00	-	\$825.00	\$1800.00
10	4	4	3	-
6	1	6	1	4
60.00	77.43	-	86.47	-
78.00	113.70	-	77.00	-
427.50	151.25	-	-	-
4984.26	942.32	-	50.00	72.00
393.40	33.41	-	40.00	-
1	0	-	2	-
1	2	-	3	-

ISTERS' REPORTS

Report of Adjustment of Expansion Program Committee to the Central Texas Association

"We, your committee, offer the following adjustments of the allocation of amounts for each Church in this Association for the Expansion Program for the year 1946-1947:

Cross	\$ 75.00	Bryan	\$328.00
Evergreen	113.00	Bright Light	80.00
Edge	25.00	Houston	131.00
North Zulch	115.50	Piedmont	62.50
Pine Prairie	40.00	Huntsville	30.00"

Signed: J. O. Fort

Home Missions Report to the Central Texas Association of Free Will Baptists

"After my nine months work in Home Missions work, I can truly say that it has been one of the happiest experiences of my ministry. God has set His seal of approval upon the work by blessing in such a marvelous way. The presenting of our program to the Churches often resulted in a real revival; a number of souls were saved and many consecrated their lives to God and His service as a result of the messages brought by your missionary.

"I traveled approximately 14,000 miles, preached 198 sermons, and raised \$1,600. I have organized 2 churches, Huntsville and El Paso. Other groups are ready to go into the organization as soon as pastors are available. There is no doubt in my mind but that God is in the Home Mission program and for this reason I say that we must continue the work, but I do not think it will be practical to keep a man on the field to do organizational work. It will greatly help our Home Mission program if we will use some of the money to aid our new Churches."

Signed: C. B. Thompson

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 spreading 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 members 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 the Christian policy, 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 the 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 at 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

AMMENDMENTS-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.

BY-LAWS

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 shall 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 a 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.

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