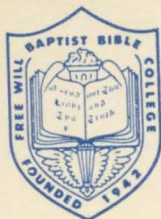


THE
CENTRAL TEXAS
ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
1947
PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
42ND ANNUAL SESSION

CONVENED WITH THE
Bright Light Church
of Bryan, Texas



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Rev. Damon Dodd

**MINUTES
OF THE
CENTRAL TEXAS ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

Forty-Second Annual Session when convened with the
Free Will Baptist Church of Bright Light, Bryan, Texas
October 17-18, 1947.

OFFICERS

Reverend Alvin F. Halbrook Moderator
Reverend H. Ray Berry Ass't. Moderator
Mrs. C. R. Maxwell Clerk

The next session is to be held with the Free Will Baptist Church of Evergreen on Friday and Saturday, October 15-16, 1948.

PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY MORNING

A song service was conducted by Rev. Alvin Halbrook, and the devotional service was led by Rev. J. W. Handy.

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

Mrs. C. R. Maxwell was elected Clerk pro-tem of the Association until time for the regular election of officers.

Minutes of previous meeting were read.

The Constitution and By-Laws were read by the Clerk.

The reports of the following churches were read and received:

Bright Light	\$6.00	Bryan	\$15.00
Evergreen	9.00	Huntsville	6.00
Houston	9.00	North Zulch	6.00
Pine Prairie		Piedmont	5.00
Cross			

The delegates, deacons, and ministers were seated.

The program was adopted.

A letter from the absent Moderator was read.

The following committees were appointed:

1. Digest of Reports
2. Resolution Committee
3. Nominating Committee
4. Auditing Committee

Another song service was led by Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook. Prayer was led by Mrs. C. E. Conlee.

Rev. Lizzie McAdams brought the morning message. She read for Scripture, Eph. 6:10-24 and her text was, "Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction." Isaiah 48:10.

The song, "Ready", was sung, and a hand of welcome was given to Revs. H. M. and Lizzie McAdams, Mrs. Lillie Kelley and Mrs. Gladys F. Beane.

Benediction was pronounced by Rev. Gladys F. Beane, and the Association was recessed for lunch.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

A song service was led by Mrs. Chester Dudley, and prayer was led by Mrs. E. F. Trant.

The Moderator appointed W. C. Holmes and Rev. H. M. McAdams to serve on the Ordaining Council, and Mrs. H. Ray Berry and Mrs. Jack Bullard to serve on the Program Committee.

The report of the District Woman's Auxiliary Convention was given by Mrs. Chas. Moehlman. It was received and adopted.

The report on Superannuation, given by Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook, was received.

The report on Sunday Schools by Mrs. Ray F. Trant was received.

The report on Student Loan Fund, by W. C. Holmes, was received.

An offering of \$21.12 was given for Student Loan Fund.

The report on Christian Education by Mrs. J. L. Vance was received.

The report on the F. W. B. Leagues, by Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook, was received.

The report on Foreign Missions, by Mrs. Alvin F. Halbrook, was received.

The report of the Ordaining Council, by Rev. T. W. Smith, was received.

A letter from Mrs. Gladys F. Beane's pastor concerning her character, was read.

A letter from Rev. Jas. F. Miller was read by Rev. T. W. Smith; also a report of his ministerial work here in Texas. They were received and his request granted.

The report of the Executive Committee was read, by Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook. It was received.

The report of the Program Committee was given by Mrs. H. Ray Berry.

The report of the Nominating Committee was received.

The recommendations of the Ordaining Council were received.

Permission was given Rev. T. W. Smith to grant Certificates to all ministers in the Association.

After benediction by Mrs. E. F. Trant, Association was recessed until 7:30.

FRIDAY EVENING

Song service was led by Mr. Willie Johnson.
Rev. H. M. McAdams brought the evening message.

SATURDAY MORNING

Song service was led by Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook.

Devotional service led by Mrs. Gladys F. Beane.

Prayer by Mrs. Lilley.

The letter from the Bryan Church was read and received.

The report of Social Justice, by Mrs. Effie Hibbetts, was received.

The Executive Committee was given the responsibility of preparing the program for the next session of the District Association.

Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook was nominated to succeed Rev. J. O. Fort on the Ordaining Council, and Rev. H. M. McAdams to succeed Rev. Jas. F. Miller.

A card from Rev. Tiff Covington was read by Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook.

A minute's recess was called.

Song service led by Rev. McAdams.

House called to order.

Prayer led by Mr. Carlton Hibbetts.

The morning message was brought by Rev. J. W. Handy. He read for Scripture lesson Rom. 8:1-14. His subject was "The Pre-Eminent Christ".

The song, "I Need Thee Every Hour," was sung.

Benediction by Mrs. Kan Kelley

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The song service was led by Rev. H. M. McAdams.

Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook brought the devotional, using for Scripture Text, John 15:1-7.

The report of the Auditing Committee was received.

The Quarterly Meeting Treasury is to be asked to supplement the Association funds for the printing of the Association minutes.

The report of the "Digest of Reports" Committee was received.

Evergreen's invitation, to hold the next District As-

sociation with them, was accepted.

The report of the Resolution Committee was read, received, and adopted.

A standing vote of thanks was given for the wonderful hospitality extended the Association.

The National Headquarters Fund was mentioned, and \$10.00 were collected for it.

The following Directors were elected.

Foreign Missions — Rev. Lillie Kelley
Home Missions — Mrs. Alvin F. Halbrook
Superannuation — Rev. H. M. McAdams
Sunday School — Kennard Trant
League — Mrs. Irene Prichett
Social Justice — Mrs. Carlton Hibbetts
Laymen's Work — N. C. Cole
Director of Education — Mrs. Jack Bullard.

The following delegates to the State Association were elected:

Mrs. E. F. Trant	Mrs. Molly Lawlis
Miss Icy Goen	Mrs. John Moody
Mrs. Chas. Maehlman	Mrs. J. L. Vance
Mrs. H. Ray Berry elected as alternate.	

We recommended that Mrs. Berry and Mrs. Lawlis be used as delegates from the State Association to the National Association.

The Clerk was given thirty days to write the minutes and have them approved by the Executive Committee.

The Free Will Baptist Covenant was read by Rev. Lizzie McAdams.

After the songs, "Amazing Grace" and "Blessed Be The Tie That Binds", were sung, meeting was adjourned. Benediction by Mrs. C. E. Conlee.

COMMITTEES

DIGEST OF REPORTS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Chester Dudley, Chairman, Evergreen
Mrs. Oliver Goen, Bright light
Mrs. Gladys F. Beane, Huntsville

Mrs. J. C. Carter, Houston
Mr. K. Kelley, Bright Light
Mrs. T. W. Smith, Cross
Mrs. Sallie Taylor, North Zuleh

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Dev. T. W. Smith
Mrs. H. Ray Berry
Mrs. Tatum Trant

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Chas. Mochlman
Mr. W. C. Holmes
Mr. C. F. Goen

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Mr N. C. Cole
Rev. H. M. McAdams
Rev. Lillie Kelley

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook, Chairman
Rev. H. Ray Berry, Houston
Mrs. C. R. Maxwell, Evergreen

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook, Moderator
Rev. H. Day Berry, Ass't. Moderator
Mrs. C. R. Maxwell, Clerk-Treasurer

CHURCH CLERK DIRECTORY

Bryan	Miss June Hearne Bryan Texas
Bright Light	Mrs. Noah C. Cole Bryan, Texas, Rt. 3
Evergreen	Mrs. Ray T. Trant Iola, Texas, Rt. 2
Huntsville	Mrs. Ruby Parker Huntsville, Texas
Houston	Mrs. H. Ray Berry 1031 E. 14th St. Houston, Texas

Pine Prarie	W. B. Humphreys Huntsville, Texas
Piedmont	Mrs. John Moody Anderson, Texas
Cross	Mrs. Irene Prichett Iola, Texas

TOTAL OF CHURCH REPORTS

No. Churches Reporting	9
No. Churches (10-30-46)	9
Spiritual Standing	Fair
No. New Churches	0
No. Churches Disbanded	0
No. Members Received	56
No. Members Received by Baptism	35
No. Members Dismissed	21
No. Deceased	9
No. Resident Members	466
No. Non-resident Members	128
No. Churches (10-30-47)	9
No. Members	594
No. Prayer Meetings	5
No. Leagues	4
League Membership	88
No. Sunday Schools	8
Average Attendance	335
No. S. S. Officers	31
No. S. S. Teachers	55
No. Woman's Auxiliaries	51
No. Ordained Ministers	14
Amt. Paid Pastors	\$ 8,620.95
Amt. Paid for Evangelistic Work	1,180.41
Amt. Paid for Building & Repairs	6,026.77
Amt. Paid for Incidentals	1,006.25
Value of Church Property	50,500.00
Amt for Unified Program	576.85
Amt for Foreign Missions	190.43
Amt. for Home Missions	21.80
Amt. for Christian Education	291.32
Amt. for Other Church Purposes	1,666.63
Amt. for Benevolence	368.36
Amt. for Orphanage	None
Amt. for Student Loan Fund	247.31

REPORT OF DIGEST OF REPORTS COMMITTEE

	1	2	3	4	5
No. Churches (10-30-46)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. Churches Reporting	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Spiritual Standing	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. New Churches	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. Churches Disbanded	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. Members Received	4	25	..	..	2
No. Members Baptized	2	14	..	..	2
No. Members Dismissed	2	6	4	..	1
No. Resident Members	46	146	40	20	35
No. Non-resident Members	4	29	..	5	..
No. Churches (10-30-47)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. Members (10-30-47)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. Prayer Meetings	..	1	..	..	..
No. Leagues	..	1	..	..	1
League Membership	..	27	..	..	20
No. Sunday Schools	1	1	1	..	1
Average Attendance	20	131	40	..	20
No. S. S. Officers	2	8	4	..	2
No. S. S. Teachers	3	13	16	..	3
No. Woman's Auxiliaries	1	1	..	..	..
No. Woman's Aux. Members	10	20	..	..	..
No. Ordained Ministers	1	1	..	1	1
Amt. Paid Pastor	\$ 400.00	\$ 2,850.00	\$ 458.40	\$ 145.10	\$ 254.38
Amt. for Evangelistic Work	85.00	237.00	185.00	87.00	130.77
Amt. for Building & Repairs	2,240.00	2,961.96	270.25	.....	.....
Amt. for Incidentals	.....	135.00	142.00	18.00	18.00
Value of Church Property	5,500.00	25,000.00	4,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Amt. for Unified Program	83.43	225.00	55.98	47.35	39.91
Amt. for Foreign Missions	.....	.....	.....	65.00	.....
Amt. for Home Missions	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Amt. for Christian Education	50.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Other Church Purposes	5.29	1,556.34	95.00	.....	10.00
Amt. for Benevolence	14.00	165.00		70.00	20.00
Amt. for Orphanage					
Student Loan Fund	21.92	127.57	11.25		20.50

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22.60		531.96	
196.00		487.25	10.00
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72.83		30.00	22.35
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.....	21.80		
144.16	40.60	56.56	
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29.36		70.00	
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34.27		31.80	

Col. 1. Bright Light

Col. 2. Bryan

Col. 3. North Zulch

Col. 4. Piedmont

Col. 5. Cross

Col. 6. Evergreen

Col. 7. Huntsville

Col. 8. Houston

Col. 9. Pine Prairie

Rev. H. M. & Lizzie McAdams	Rev. J. L. Payne	Rev. J. F. Miller	Elder J. W. Handy	Rev. A. F. Halbrook	Rev. T. W. Smith
Sermons Preached	150	95	54	162	49
Churches Pastored	3	2	..	1	supplied
Revivals Held	2	1	1	4	1
Members Received by Bap.	4	7	1	1	7
Other Members	..	1	..	4	9
Amt. of Salary	\$750.00	\$1,000.00	\$107.00	\$945.00	\$258.50
Funerals Conducted	5	..	..	2	1
Marriages Solemnized	3	1	5	...	..
For Foreign Missions	...	..	..	...	56.40
For Home Missions	...	..	..	...	..
For Christian Education	20.50	163.00	..	40.00	12.85
Other Collections	130.00	2,637.91	..	100.00	..
For. Unified Fund	...	156.26	..	10.00	..
No. F. W. B. Leagues	2	1	..	...	...
No. Sunday Schools	3	2	..	1	1

October 14, 1947

Central Texas Association
Of Free Will Baptists
Bryan, Texas

Brethren:

I regret very much that I will not have the pleasure of fellowshiping with you during the Association. I shall, however, be praying for a wonderful meeting.

I feel sure that you will enjoy the business proceedings which will be moderated by Rev. Alvin Halbrook, the Assistant Moderator, and please, may I say, a very capable Moderator.

I should like very much to recommend him to the body as your Moderator for the year 1947-48.

May the Lord's richest blessings rest upon you during this session, and inspire each one present to return home and put his best into carrying on the program.

Yours in Christ,

H. Ray Berry

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE—

We, your Resolutions Committee, wish to submit the following recommendations:

1. Be it resolved: that the representative of the Students Loan Board in each church in this Association at least once each quarter bring before his church the importance of our securing funds for our educational work and receive an offering to be sent to the Secy.-Treas., Mr. Walter Holmes, at Bryan, Texas.

2. We recommend that the Ass'n. re-offer our pledge that we made last session to cooperate with the \$10,000.-00 Expansion Program of the F. W. B. Bible College.

3. That every church in this Ass'n. strive to conduct a Vacation Bible School during the summer of 1948.

4. That the disposition of the tent belonging to this Ass'n., at Huntsville, be left in the hands of the Executive Committee.

5. We, the delegates, the ministers, and visitors, wish to extend a rising vote of thanks to the Bright Light Church and other Churches and persons for the splen-

did manner in which they have entertained this Association, and we pray the continuance of God's richest blessings upon them.

6. We further recommend that a committee of three (3) be appointed by the Moderator to make a final decision concerning the offer of the land (or money) made by Mrs. Kate McMillan and Mr. P. K. Trant at the District Association last year (1946).

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. H. Ray Berry, Chairman

Mrs. Chester Dudley

Mrs. E. E. Wilson

SOCIAL JUSTICE

God is calling all men to repentance, who-so-ever will may come. But who has failed God in His plan of Salvation for the world, the sinner who never comes or those who proclaim His name, yet live so far from His teachings?

Christian people have a definite obligation to fulfill and in failing to do this someone is made to suffer. When one person is made to bear a loss at the negligence of another, we say an eminent social injustice has been committed. Then don't you think it could be said that a vast majority of our church members and many Christians are guilty of this charge today?

We don't mean to judge, but yet we are told that by our fruits we are known. Too many of God's people are bearing excuses when they should be bearing fruits; while others do not even care enough to make an excuse.

Most people do not like to be thought of as being peculiar, but there is one peculiarity that everyone ought to wear and that is the peculiar marking acquired through atoning blood of our Savior. How our churches are lacking today for peculiar people! So many church members lack this peculiar mark; they are no different than other people of the world. God tells us that His people are a peculiar people and that we should show forth our praises of Him who hath called us out of darkness into His marvelous Light. (Peter 2:9). How peculiar are we? Are we showing forth our praises or are we holding on to the things of the world by associating ourselves

with all kinds of worldly vices? James tells us that the world is the enemy of God and whosoever is a friend of the world is an enemy of God. Peter warns us in the second chapter and eleventh verse that God's people should abstain from the lusts of the flesh, which war against the soul. Many Christian people have lost their power of influence as a result of fleshly lusts winning in their battle against the soul.

The greatest social injustice which can be made by man is failing God after he has been redeemed, because when we fail God continuously, He fails us, and without God we are failures to ourselves and to society as a whole.

Then, as Christians, let our daily lives be for Christ; be strong and steadfast with a resolved spirit, that come what may, we will be able to say as Job said in the time of his adversities, "My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go: My heart shall not reproach me so long as I live".

Effie R. Hibbetts
North Zulch, Texas

REPORT OF SUPERANNUATION DIRECTOR

Report on Superannuation to the Central Texas Ass'n.

We should be concerned that our Superannuation Program, as well as any other phases of our denominational work, succeeds.

We should be concerned that our eligible Free Will Baptist ministers receive a livable compensation for services rendered our denomination.

It has been stated that the funds in the State Superannuation Treasury are low. This retards the progress of our Texas State Superannuation Work.

A greater giving to the Unified Program is the key to the success of our Superannuation Program. Of the Unified offering, 10% goes into the Superannuation Treasury; thus by a more liberal giving to the Unified Program the Treasury will be increased, making it possible to do more for those who have done their best for us.

I, therefore, urge the maximum of giving to the Unified Program.

Director of Superannuation
Alvin F. Halbrook

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION DIRECTOR

Report to Central Texas District Ass'n.

"The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad".

Again, as in the years before, we come to the close of another associational year with noticeable gains having been made in the department of Foreign Missions. More of our people have been reached in the interest of missions, more of them have been enlisted to the support of missions and more money has been given for the cause of missions than in any previous year. The total receipts of the National Foreign Missions Treasury for the past year reached a new high of \$31,430.68 which is a gain over last year of more than three thousand dollars. Where we have been blessed with an appreciable gain in receipts, the disbursements have also mounted. There are greater demands on the Treasury continually.

Two new missionaries have been sent to the field in the past year, namely, Rev. and Mrs. Paul Woolsey. Reports are that they are getting settled in their work nicely so far, and we have confidence that a new day has dawned for Free Will Baptists in India.

We come to this new associational year with several candidates for the fields of Cuba and India. Some few years ago we were searching diligently for missionaries to send out; now we have more applicants than we have money with which to send them.

The work in Cuba is moving forward with blessings. We now have ten organized churches in the Pinar Association of Free Will Baptists, and also approximately forty preaching stations. Some of these mission stations are practically ready for their organization into more churches. The work at the school has progressed nicely with an enrollment of thirty-two students.

We have a campaign on, for the erection of a new and permanent set of buildings at the school. Some progressive work has been done on a dormitory building for girls, but it is in great need of being finished. The completion of this part of the new building project is most compulsory before the opening of the next school year.

It is with regret we report that Rev. and Mrs. Dodd were compelled to return to the states in March of this year due to Mrs. Dodd's failing health. Let us be much in prayer that the time may soon come, when Mrs. Dodd's

health will be regained sufficiently for them to return to the field. They were dearly loved by the Cubans and did a splendid work while there on the island.

Concerning India, we are happy to be able to report that we have new recruits. It was surely a relief to Miss Barnard to have Rev. and Mrs. Woolsey to assist her in the work on that great field. The Woolseys and Miss Barnard have plans for the opening up of a new work somewhere in the northern part of India. Let us pray earnestly for them as they shoulder this great responsibility of representing us and the Lord in that far-away land. We hope that soon other recruits may be added to our staff of missionaries in India.

For years the Lord has been saying to Free Will Baptists: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel unto all nations". At first, we said, "Not so, Lord, our work is at home and besides, we are too few and too poor and too uneducated to go"; but afterward we repented and said, "Yes, Lord, here are we send us". God forbid that because of the lack of faith in Him, or failure to give our means or ourselves that we now fail to go. The responsibility is not to a few, but to every single individual in the entire denomination. The answer to the call of God cannot be answered by an isolated voice here and there but by the united voice of our undivided people. God has begun a great work through Free Will Baptists. God cannot fail; neither will He fail His people. It is up to us to see that we do not fail the Lord of Lords and King of Kings.

The Lord hath truly done great things for us; now let us do great things for Him.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT FOR 1946-47

The Sunday School is the teaching part of the church. Its function is to teach the Bible to all ages. Attending Sunday School has an influence on children's characters to do good that is not found in other places.

To stimulate regular attendance let me recommend the Cross and Crown System. We have just started it and it really creates interest. We expected the children to like it but to our surprise the adults are just as enthusiastic as the young.

We have 8 Sunday Schools in our district.	
Enrollment	410
Ave. Attendance	284
Collections	\$3,001.76

REPORT OF F. W. B. LEAGUE TO CENTRAL TEXAS ASSOCIATION

In the Central Texas Association of Free Will Baptists, there are 4 organized Free Will Baptist Leagues. The total number of League members in this Association is 91. This shows an increase of 2 League organizations and an increase of 25 members during the past year.

On Sunday afternoon, Dec. 29th, 1946, there was a League Rally at the Bryan Free Will Baptist Church. One objective of the League Rally was the organization of a Central Texas District League Convention. This plan did not materialize due to lack of representation of the various Leagues.

Greater effort must be made if our League objectives are to be reached. Therefore, it is essential that every Free Will Baptist be a leaguer, either in reality or in support.

Alvin F. Halbrook

REPORT OF THE 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 from 1946 of \$13.30 and \$51.00 collected at this meeting, which makes a total of \$64.30 on hand.

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

To State Ass'n:	\$15.00
To Mrs. Ruby Maxwell (Clerk)	10.00
To National Ass'n.	10.00
Balance to be applied on printing of 300 minutes	\$29.30

Signed—

Noah C. Cole
Rev. H. M. McAdams
Mrs. Lilly Kelly

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FREE WILL BAPTIST STUDENT LOAN FUND

(October 1, 1946 to October 1, 1947)

Amount received

Brought forward (10-1-46)	\$ 270.16
Gift from Kurten Church	608.00
Special Collection	20.79
Dist. Ladies' Auxiliary	10.00
Circle No. 1, Bryan Church	5.00
Bryan Church	227.57
Evergreen Church	34.27
Bright Light Church	27.92
Houston Church	21.80
Huntsville Church	2.00
Rev. Alvin Halbrook (On Note)	50.00
Total	\$1277.51

Amount paid out

Rev. Alvin Halbrook	\$ 150.00
Rev. Gaston Clary	80.35
Total	\$ 230.35
Balance, (10-1-47)	\$1047.16
Notes receivable	180.35
Grand Total	\$1227.51

UNIFIED REPORT AND STATEMENT

(From July, 1946 to October, 1947)

1946

July	8— Huntsville Ch. by Mrs. Ruby Parker	\$ 18.75
	9— Waco Ch. by J. L. Bounds	\$ 28.00 H. & F. Mis.
	18— N. Zulch Ch. by Mrs. Effie Hibbetts	21.48
Aug.	8— Bryan Ch. by J. E. Tatum	85.77
	9— Waco Ch. by J. L. Bounds	\$ 14.00 H. & F. Mis.
Sept.	10— Pine Prairie Ch. by W. B. Humphreys	5.40
	27— Bryan Ch. by J. E. Tatum	79.32
	28— Huntsville by Mrs. Ruby Parker	17.05
	28— Cross Ch.	7.52
	28— Bright Light Ch.	22.37
	Total	\$257.66

Disbursed

30— Bible Col. 40% of Total.

		plus \$21.00 from Waco Ch.	\$103.06
	30—	W. Davis 30% of Total	
		plus \$21.00 from Waco Ch.	98.29
	30—	T. W. Smith 20% Total	72.53
	30—	C. B. Thompson 10% total	25.76
	Total disbursed	.....	\$299.64
1946			
Oct.	8—	Cross Ch. by Mrs C. R. Maxwell	\$ 18.35
	15—	Blue Lake by Velma Moody	13.65
Dec.	28—	Bright Light Ch.	22.35
	28—	Evergreen Ch. by Mrs. T. Trant	14.83
	2—	N. Zuleh Ch. by Mrs. Hibbetts	11.93
	28—	Pine Prairie Ch. by W. B. Humphries	2.50
	28—	Huntsville Ch. by Mrs. Parker	5.00
	28—	Cross Ch. by Mrs. Pritchett	11.50
1947			
Jan.	14—	Bryan Ch. by J. E. Tatum	75.00
	Total	.....	\$175.11
	Disbursed		
	16—	Bible Col. 40%	\$ 70.04
	16—	Winford Davis 30%	52.53
	16—	N. C. Cole 20%	35.02
	16—	C. B. Thompson 10%	17.51
	Total Disbursed	.....	\$175.10
1947			
Feb.	4—	Blue Lake Ch. by Velma Moody	\$ 16.30
Mar.	25—	Blue Lake Ch. by John Moody	7.00
	25—	Bright Light Ch.	22.17
	25—	Evergreen Ch. by Mrs. Roy Trant	16.00
	25—	Pine Prairie Ch. by W. B. Humphries	4.00
	25—	Cross Ch. by Mrs. Irene Pritchess	10.80
	5—	N. Zuleh Ch. by Mrs. Effie Hibbitts	16.16
Apr.	7—	Bryan Ch. by J. E. Totam	75.00
May	28—	Huntsville Ch. by Mrs. Ruby Parker	2.00
	Total	.....	\$169.43
	Disbursed		
Apr.	16—	Bible College 40%	\$ 67.77
	16—	Winford Davis 30%	50.83
	16—	N. C. Cole 20%	33.89
	16—	C. B. Thompson 10%	16.94
	Total Disbursed	.....	\$169.43
1947			
June	27—	Cross Ch. by Mrs. Irene Pritchett	\$ 5.50

25—	N. Zulch Ch. by Mrs. Egie Hibbetts	13.03
28—	Houston Ch. by Mrs. H. Ray Berry	15.00
28—	Bright Light Ch.	19.91
28—	Piedmont Ch.	17.40
28—	Evergreen Ch.	19.00
28—	Huntsville Ch. by Mrs. Ruby Parker	2.20
Aug. 10—	Bryan Ch. by J. E. Tatum	75.00
	Total	\$167.04
16—	Bible College 40%	\$ 66.81
16—	Winford Davis 30%	50.11
16—	N. C. Cole 20%	33.40
16—	C. B. Thompson 10%	16.70
	Total Disbursements	\$167.02

1947

Aug. 30—	Pine Prairie Ch.	\$ 5.00
26—	N. Zulch Ch. by Mrs. Hibbetts	11.96
27—	Cross Ch. by Irene Pritchett	12.11
27—	Bright Light Ch.	14.00
30—	Houston Ch. by C. B. Thompson	15.00
30—	Evergreen Ch. by Mrs. Maxwell	8.00
Sept 10—	Evergreen Aux.	9.00
30—	Evergreen Ch. by Mrs. Maxwell	6.00
	Total	\$ 81.07

BRYAN FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE

(Report from Oct. 1, 1946 to Oct. 1, 1947)

Average No. present	27
Average No. on time	27
Average No. studying program	16
Average No. attending church	23
Average No. daily Bible readers	12
Average No. giving offering	24
Average No. on program	24

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

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 un-Christian 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 sessions, the Association shall receive written reports from the churches of which it is composed as to progress made and service rendered in the 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.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1. Each session and adjournment session of this Association shall be called to order by the Moderator and opened with prayer. Each session shall 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 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 anyone 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 one 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 person 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.

