

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

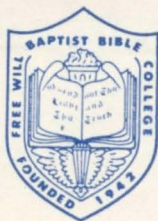
1948

**Forty-Third Annual Session when
Convened with Evergreen Free Will
Baptist Church, Iola, Texas
October 15-16, 1948**

OFFICERS

**Reverend Alvin F. Halbrook.....Moderator
Reverend N. Bruce Barrow.....Vice-Moderator
Mrs. C. R. Maxwell.....Clerk**

The next session is to be held with the Free Will Baptist Church of North Zulch on Friday and Saturday, October 14-15, 1949.



FREE WILL BAPTIST
BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Rev. Damon Dodd

PROCEEDINGS

Friday Morning

A song service was conducted by K. E. Trant; prayer was led by Rev. W. F. McDuffie.

The devotional was given by Mrs. R. P. Trant.

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

The program was adopted.

Minutes of the previous session were read by the clerk.

The Constitution and By-Laws were read.

The reports of the following churches were read and received:

Bryan.....	\$15.00	Blue Lake.....	\$6.00
Houston.....	9.00	Bright Light.....	6.00
Evergreen.....	9.00	Cross	6.00
North Zulch	6.00	Pine Prairie	6.00
Huntsville.....	6.00		

The delegates, deacons, and ministers were seated. The visitors were recognized.

After recess, another song service was led by K. E. Trant.

Rev. Mrs. Lizzie McAdams brought the morning message. She used for scripture Heb. 12:1 and I John 2:27. Prayer was led by Rev. Mrs. McAdams.

After song "In the Sweet By and By," led by Rev. H. M. McAdams, the committees were named.

Meeting was dismissed for the noon hour by prayer by Rev. Mrs. Lilly Kelley.

Friday Afternoon

A song service led by K. E. Trout called the meeting back to order. Prayer was led by Rev. N. Bruce Barrow.

The following reports were read and received:

Superannuation.....	Rev. H. M. McAdams
Sunday Schools.....	K. E. Trant
Student Loan Fund.....	W. C. Holmes
Home Missions.....	Mrs. Alvin F. Halbrook

Read by Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook

A report on the sale of the tent was given by Rev. H. M. McAdams. He was officially thanked for hemming and selling of same.

The report of the Ordaining Committee was received.

Rev. H. M. McAdams was elected by acclamation to succeed himself.

Rev. L. J. Bounds was elected by unanimous vote to succeed Rev. T. W. Smith.

The following delegates to the State Association were elected: Mrs. Tatum Trant, Mrs. H. Ray Berry, Mrs. J. L. Vance, Mrs. N. C. Cole, Mrs. N. Bruce Barrow, Mr. Bill Payne Mrs. R. P. Trout. Miss Icy Goen, alternate. Any member of the Executive Committee was given authority to fill any vacancy of delegates.

Mrs. Tatum Trant was to be recommended to the State Association as delegate to the National Association. Mrs. N. C. Cole to be alternate.

The invitation of North Zulch to convene with them in 1949 was accepted.

Minutes of the 1948 National Association of F. W. B. were given to the varioius churches. Also posters on missions.

Mrs. Chas. Maehlman suggested that each church send a box to our Childrens' Home at Ringling, Okla.

After a song the meeting was dismissed by prayer by Clyde Goen.

Friday Night

The song service was led by K. E. Trant. Prayers were led by R. T. Trant and Mrs. Weyman Smith.

A trio "Heaven" was rendered by Miss LaNell Rice, Mrs. Charlie Beene and Mrs. Joe H. Brotherton.

The evening message was delivered by Rev. N. Bruce Barrow. He read for scripture I John 2:26-29.

Rev. Barrow dismissed meeting with prayer.

Saturday Morning

The song service was led by K. E. Trant.

The devotional service was led by Rev. W. F. McDuffie.

Prayer was offered by Mrs. N. Bruce Barrow.

Delegates from the various churches who were not present Friday were seated.

The following reports were received:

Digest of Reports.....	Mrs. Tatum Trant
Report of Sunday Schools.....	K. E. Trant
Report of Auxiliary Convention.....	Mrs. Tatum Trant
Report of Unified Program.....	Clyde Goen
Report on Christian Education.....	Mrs. Jack Bullard
Report of Nominations Committee....	Rev. W. F. McDuffie

After recess a song service was led by C. W. Cook. Prayer was led by Carlton Hibbetts.

The morning message was delivered by Rev. J. L. Bounds. He used for scripture II Chron. 7:14 and closed with prayer.

Meeting was dismissed for lunch by prayer by Mrs. E. B. Stedman.

Saturday Afternoon

A song service was led by Rev. W. F. McDuffie. "Hand in Hand With Jesus" and "Blessed Assurance" were sung.

Devotional service was led by Rev. W. F. McDuffie. He used for scripture text Eccl. 9:10.

The following reports were received:

Resolutions report.....Rev. N. Bruce Barrow
Report of Auditing Committee.....Clyde Goen
Report of Nominating Committee....Rev. W. F. McDuffie
League report.....Rev. W. F. McDuffie
Report of Social Justice Director....Mrs. Carlton Hibbetts
(This report is to be sent to both our F. W. B. papers to be published.)
Report of Foreign Missions.....Rev. Mrs. Lilly Kelley

Prayer for foreign missions was led by Rev. Mrs. Lizzie McAdams. Rev. J. L. Bounds told of the Houston Church's plan to support foreign missions.

The following were selected as program committee: Rev. J. L. Bounds, Rev. W. F. McDuffie, and Mrs. Jack Bullard.

A standing vote of thanks was given to the church and community for their hospitality in entertaining the association.

The Clerk was given 30 days to prepare manuscript for minutes and have it approved by the executive committee.

The report of the Ordaining Council by Rev. Alvin Halbrook was adopted.

The District Auxiliary minutes are to be printed in the association minutes without charge to the District Auxiliary.

Annual certificates were given to the ministers present.

The Foreign Missions director, Rev. Mrs. Lilly Kelley, asked that all articles on missions be sent to her for publication.

Benediction by Rev. N. Bruce Barrow.

Singing and handshake.

REPORTS

Nominations Committee

We, the Committee on Nomination, resolve that the various officers serve in the following offices, that we retain the Moderator, Ass't. Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer, and that the following Directors be retained for—

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

Done by the Committee on Nominations.

Unified Program—Oct. 21, 1947 to Oct. 15, 1948

Bryan	\$225.00
Bright Light	61.60
Huntsville (missions)	34.45
Huntsville (unified)	24.77
North Zuleh	41.23
Evergreen	29.56
Piedmont	26.55
Pine Prairie	16.00
Cross	6.13
Houston	15.00

\$480.29

C. F. Goen, Quarterly Meeting Clerk.

Sunday School

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 character to do good that is not found in other places.

A church without a Sunday School is missing a blessing and we urge the churches that do not have Sunday Schools to make a special effort to organize one this year.

Average number pupils.....	249
Officers	21
Teachers	38
Departments	27

Collection\$1,988.15

Education

I am happy to be here and thank God for the expansion of Christian Education in the Free Will Baptist denomination.

In our Bible College we have 73 students.

The College is considering buying a larger piece of property. Students were turned away from the College for lack of facilities this year. Let us pray and give more for Christian Education during 1949.

If each local church would designate Easter and Christmas Sundays as days for a special offering for Christian Education and have a program to keep before the people the work of our College, the churches would receive many blessings.

Also during the summer invite students of our Bible College to visit your church. Some of us know the help and blessings we received from Bro. Richards (one of our students) this summer when he visited and preached for us.

Another plan we suggest to help our youth in church is vacation Bible School. If we write into the College it might be possible to obtain a student to help us with this plan. Our school and pastors will appreciate all efforts and endeavors and we will receive blessings.

Mrs. Jack Bullard.

Treasurer's Report

1947

Bryan	\$15.00
Houston	9.00
Evergeen	9.00
North Zulch	6.00
Huntsville	6.00
Blue Lake	5.00
Brightlight	6.00
Pine Prairie	5.00
Cross	

Total	\$61.00
Brought forward	13.30

TOTAL\$74.30

Minutes	\$30.00
Certificates	5.00
Programs	3.35
Clerk	10.00
State Association	15.00
Postage	2.00
	\$65.35
Balance	\$ 8.95
Dues 10-15-1948	63.00
TOTAL	\$71.95

Social Justice

By Effie R. Hibbetts, North Zulch, Texas

The home was instigated for the propagation of society and to serve as a medium through which society might best function. In some respects the home has failed, thus placing it on the problem list for Social Justice. So when I began thinking about a subject or some phase of God's work to discuss as a social justice problem, I became interested in the subject of Home. This seems to be a very timely subject as its different phases are being discussed by educators, juvenile courts, psychologists and people of all ranks and professions.

The home in general is far too broad a subject to be discussed here. In order to be brief I have a few general remarks about the home, the need for Christian homes and what Christian homes need.

The home is one of our greatest heritages; it was directly instituted by God. In God's creation, he provided for the home when he made man and woman. Man was the crowning work of God's creation and then woman was made to complete the unit. Is this unit now crowning God? You can answer this for yourself.

It is an universally accepted fact that the home is the basis of all civilization. For the home to be abolished would mean national suicide; history relates many sad catastrophes which have befallen nations and individuals because of the evils and wickedness brought about by unstable family life. The head of households were unwilling to say as Joshua, "As for me and my family,

we are going to serve the Lord."

Today we need homes which are willing to serve the Lord. We need homes to give Him an abiding place. Many Christians are still making the Son of God sleep in the manger, there seems to be no room in the home; others are leaving him at the church house to await their return on Sunday morning. Some have him at home but keep him put away until no one is around and then very quietly talk to him. The one who gave his life that we and studied about that He might be as familiar a figure home can afford; He should be talked to, talked about, and studied about that he might be as familiar a figure as any member of the family. Many children whose parents claim to be Christians, never hear a prayer said, a word read from the Bible, or the name of Jesus ever mentioned in their home.

If Christian character is to be built in the home, Christ must be made supreme. A child is influenced by its home life more than other environmental source; therefore the home must accept the responsibility of giving the proper training.

The poet has said that "it takes a lot of living to make a home," and a lot of living is what most Christians need to be doing. Has your church checked to see what kinds of homes you have, how many read their Bibles and discuss God's Word, how many have family prayer, how many in the family pray aloud, how many offer thanks at meal time, and how many discuss God in relation to everyday problems?

God says to teach thy children. Many older people who have reared their families can now see the ere of their ways and will openly admit how differently they would do if they could only re-live their lives. Time never turns backward, so let's make good use of today for we know not what tomorrow may bring.

Homes built upon God's foundation are more stable and can often weather a storm which may completely destroy an ungodly home. If the very presence of a Bible is of value in the home, how much more valuable the open Bible would be; one that is opened and used from day to day. Here are a few brief reasons why the open Bible should be a part of every home.

First, it teaches systematic living. Life itself is more or less a routine affair. Even in the creation God did

His work in an orderly and systematic way.

Second, it teaches the supremacy of God. The closer we live to God, the more we feel His power and great strength and learn that we may do all things through Christ who strengtheneth us.

Third, the Bible serves to unite the family in the closest bonds of love, and how sacred are these memories when the members of the family begin to drift apart.

Fourth, the Bible builds respect for oneself and his fellowman. Very few lawless people come from homes where an open Bible is found.

Fifth, the Bible fortifies for temptations which come into the lives of boys and girls. When they have the Word of God hid in their hearts, they can not easily sin against it. It serves as their breast plate of Righteousness, and makes saying No to sin easy, although their many associates may say yes.

Sixth, it trains for personal work. One feels no timidity in testifying for Christ when He is just a part of his family life. Often a sinner has been heard to testify for the Christ his mother knew. Boys and girls may not always live up to the things which they are taught, yet they never forget them and often pass them on as a testimony of the Christ which died for all.

As Christian people, let us resolve to try to do something to improve our homes and the homes of our Denomination for Christ.

Financial Statement—Student Loan Fund

October 1, 1947 to October 1, 1948

AMOUNT RECEIVED

Brought forward from September 1947.....	\$1,047.16
Bryan church	176.11
Evergreen church	33.14
Brightlight church	23.79
North Zulch church	16.25
Houston church	134.0
Huntsville church	3.00
Special collection	21.12
Circle No. 1, Bryan church	10.00
Rev. Alvin Halbrook	100.00

Total\$1,443.97

AMOUNT PAID OUT

Jess Hensarling	\$600.00
Gaston Clary	309.25
Total paid out	909.25
Balance on hand October 1st	534.72
Notes receivable	989.60
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,524.32

League Report

Number of Leagues	3
Number of Members	46
Number of Officers	12

League work offers a great challenge to all Christians workers, even in the churches which have Leagues. Who's work is League work? As for me I think it is mine. Don't you feel that it is, in part, yours. Yes, it is yours. Let us resolve that we will do something about this deplorable condition existing in our bounds.

Given in by W. F. McDuffie.

Auditing and Finance Committee

We have checked the clerks report and find it to be correct with a balance from 1947 of \$8.95 and collected at this meeting \$63.00 making a total of \$71.95.

We recommend that the association pay out of its funds to meet current expenses as follows.

To State Association as follows	\$15.00
To Mrs. Ruby Maxwell (clerk)	\$12.50

\$27.50

That the clerk be authorized to pay out of the balance of \$44.45 for the printing of minutes.

C. F. Goen

Joe Brotherton

John Moody

1. Be it resolve that we send to South East Mo. Yearly Meeting an expression of our regrets, since our letter returned relative to Bro. James F. Miller. Also that we send another commending him to that fellowship without reservation.

Letter to be sent to:

Clerk of South East Mo. Yearly Meeting in care of
Rev. Woodrow Mathews Mine-La-Motte, Mo.

2. Be it resolved that our constution be ammended so
that artical IX is made to conform to our pratice —
Namly leave out words "Thursday Night".

3. Be it resolved that the exective committee work out
a plan for a promotional worker for the association.

4. Be it resolved that every church and minister be re-
sponsible for securing their own blanks upon which to
make reports to the assocation.

Mrs. W. F. McDuffie

N. Bruce Borrow

H. M. McAdams

Foreign Missions

Bro. Herbert Richards visted each church in the dis-
trict for the cause of Foreign Missions. Definite interest
was shown, sermons preached and special collections.
Amont collected this year \$363.12 from 7 churches.

We feel sure that our people are becoming more
mission couscious. Three more missionaries are in India.
Sailed Aug. 7th. Miss Zalee Lloyd, Bro. and Mrs. Dan
Cronk. The increase in salries of missionaries will cer-
tainly meet the approval of all.

Let's pray for our missionaries and either Give or Go.

Ordaining Council

To the Central Texas District Association when
convening with the Evergreen church at Keith, Oct. 15-
16, 1948, we your Ordaining Council make the following
report.

In request to the Free Will Baptist church of Bryan,
Rev. Herbert Richards was examined for the purpose of
ordination, and ordained to the full gospel ministry the
ordination service being May 30, 1948, in the evening
service at the Bryan church.

Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook

Rev. H. M. McAdams

Rev. N. B. Barrow

Minutes of called meeting of Executive Committee
of District Association Saturday, May 29, 1948 for purpose
of filling vacancy on ordaining council in order to ex-

amine and ordain Rev. Herbert Richards to preach the gospel.

The District Moderator Rev. Alvin Halbrook, appointed Mrs. H. Ray Berry and Rev. J. L. Bounds to serve on the committee in the absence of Rev. Ray Berry and Mrs. Ruby Maxwell.

Invocation of God's blessing on the meeting led by Rev. Bounds.

Mrs. Berry was requested to act as secretary to take the minutes and the moderator proceeded to read a letter from the Bryan F. W. B. church requesting the examination, and ordination of Rev. Herbert Richards at Bryan church Sunday evening, May 30, if found qualified.

The motion carried to grant their request.

As the ordaining council consists of Rev. Halbrook, Rev. Smith and Rev. McAdams it was necessary to elect a proxy to serve on the examining council in the absence of Rev. Smith at the quarterly meeting.

Motion carried to elect Rev. B. Barrow to serve as proxy for Rev. Smith.

Motion carried to elect proxy to serve on ordaining council in the absence of Rev. McAdams Sunday evening. Rev. W. F. McDuffie was elected to serve as his proxy.

Adjourned with prayer, led by Rev. Halbrook.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. H. Roy Berry, Clerk
pro. tem.

Tent Committee

To the Central Texas District Association when convening with the Evergreen church at Keith, Oct. 15th & 16th, 1948.

Having been charged by this association with the responsibility of making final disposition of the tent at Huntsville, belonging to this association, we make the following report.

1. It was decided to give the canvas chairs some eight or ten that were with the tent to the Huntsville church.

2. Inasmuch as the tent was found to be of little value to our association, as it was badly worn, and considerably reduced from its original size, it was placed in the hands of Rev. H. M. McAdams for sale, either in parts or whole; the proceeds to be placed in the quarterly meeting treasure.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Alvin F. Halbrook

H. Roy Berry

Mrs. C. R. Maxwell

Report of Home Missions Director

As Director of Home Missions in the Central Texas District Association of Free Will Baptist, it was my happy privilege to arrange an itinerary for our State Home Missionary, Rev. R. E. Conner, from January 6 to January 14, 1948 in this district. Brother Conner's itinerary was highly successful. We were privileged to be with him in four of these services and his ministry was a blessing. Our churches responded with the following offerings:

Bright Light church	\$ 25.50
Evergreen church	25.00
Blue Lake church	20.00
Gross church	8.81
Houston church	17.17
Pine Prairie church	20.00
North Zulch church	31.75
Bryan church	19.82
Friends in Edge community	18.00
Rev. and Mrs. H. M. McAdams	6.00

Grand Total\$192.05

Home Missions Director, Mrs. Alvin F. Halbrook.

Report of Ordaining Council

We, the Ordaining Council, make the following report:

1. We recommend that certificates of standing be granted the following ministers upon the basis of their reports: Alvin F. Halbrook, N. Bruce Barrow, Miss Tommie Franklin, J. L. Payne, H. M. McAdams, Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, Mrs. Lilly Kelley, W. F. McDuffie, and J. L. Bounds.

2. 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 pastors of the churches of which these ministers are members, together with the clerk of our association, insist that these ministers report to the clerk of this association within the

next 30 days so they may be given certificates of good standing.

3. We recommend Mrs. Lilly Kelley be granted license for the second year to preach the Gospel.

4. We recommend a ministers report blank be printed in the minutes for the convenience of our ministers.

J. L. Bounds,
H. M. McAdams,
Alvin F. Halbrook.

Ministers

Rev. W. F. McDuffie	Rev. J. L. Bounds
Rev. Mrs. Lizzie McAdams	Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook
Rev. H. M. McAdams	Rev. Mrs. Lilly Kelley

Delegates

Mrs. J. H. Kent	Mrs. Melvin Neville
Mrs. Kate Brotherton	Mrs. T. H. Bean
Kennard Trant	Mrs. Bob Davis
Elwyn Trant	Mrs. Willis Fuqua
Mrs. Alice Conlee	Mrs. N. C. Cole
Mrs. Walter Holmes	Mrs. T. H. Hyden
Mr. Walter Holmes	Mrs. Willie Johnson
Mrs. Kate McMellon	W. W. Payne
Mrs. Clyde Goen	Earl Tatum
Mrs. Betty Moody	Mrs. Jack Bullard
Mrs. J. C. Carter	Mrs. D. C. Brown
Mrs. Chas. Moehlman	Mrs. Kate McMellon
Mrs. Chester Dudley	Carlton Hibbits

Deacons

John Moody	Clyde Goen
N. C. Cole	Tatum Trant
Joe Brotherton	

COMMITTEES

Digest of Reports

Mrs. Elwyn Trant
Mrs. Viola Kent
Mrs. Melvin Neville
Mrs. Willis Fuqua
Mrs. Lillie Kelley

Nominations

W. F. McDuffie
Mrs. Charles Moehlman
Mrs. Kate Brotherton

Resolutions

N. B. Barrow
Mrs. N. C. Cole
H. M. McAdams

Auditing

C. N. Goen
John Moody
Joe Brotherton

REPORT OF

Rev. of work
 for the year ending September, 19..... to the
 Central Texas Association of Free Will Baptist.
 Sermons preached
 Churches pastored
 Names of same

 Revivals held
 Members received by baptism
 Members received otherwise
 Amount of salary
 Collected on same
 Funerals conducted
 Marriages solemnized
 Collected for Foreign Missions
 Collected for Home Missions
 Collected for Education
 Collected for other purposes
 Collected for incidental expense
 Total for all other purposes not including salary
 How many of your churches have FWB League
 How many of your churches have S. S.
 Extra addresses, lectures, remarks, etc.

QUARTERLY STATISTICAL REPORT OF

..... FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
 To the Central Texas Quarterly Meeting when convened with
 the Church at
, Texas.
 This day of 19.....
 We send as delegates:

Condition of:	Good	Fair	Poor	None
Church				
Choir rehearsal				
Prayer meeting				
Sunday School				
League				
Women's Auxilliary				

CHURCH SECTION	WOMEN'S AUXILIARY SECT.
Communion services ..	Active members
Resi. members	No. of officers
Non-resi. members	No. departments
Members rec'd.	Meetings held
By baptism	Dues collected
By letter	Amt. special col. \$

	F.W.B. LEAGUE SECTION
Members dismissed ..	*Ave. No. pupils
Members deceased	No. of officers
Services held	No. of teachers
Revivals held	No. departments
Amt. offerings	Ave. percentage
Pastor's name	Amt. offerings
Address	
Other resi. ministers	

	FINANCIAL REPORT
	Total amt. collected .. \$
	Amount paid for:

SUNDAY SCHOOL SECTION	
*Ave. No. pupils	Pastor \$
No. of officers	Evang. work
No. of teachers	Bldg. & rep.
No. of departments ..	Incidentals
Ave. percentage	Benevolence
Amt. offerings	Student loan
	Unified pro.
	Other

Other reports, recommendations, or remarks:	Total expen. \$
.....	Bal. in treasury \$
.....	Val. church property \$
.....	

Done by order of Conference at.....
 Free Will Baptist Church, assembled this day of
, 19.....

Moderator Clerk

Address Address

*Members including officers and teachers.

MINISTERS STATISTICAL REPORT

MINISTERS												
	Sermons Preached	Churches Pastored	Revivals Held	Members Received	Amount Salary	Funerals Conducted	Marriages	Col. for For. Missions	Col. for H. Missions	Col. for Education	Col. for Other not sal.	Col. for Incidentals
N. Bruce Barrow	99	1	2	25	2,375.00	5	2	60.00	35.00	100.00	3,000.00	
Alvin F. Halbrook	95	3	2	8	1,088.50	4	1	87.05	45.00	252.13	1,194.61	132.74
H. M. & Lizzie McAdams	114	1	4	37	1,546.30	6	1	133.00	16.00	47.55	77.17	24.00
Miss Lillie Kelley	47	Sup	3		7.50			112.50		90.00		6.72
W. F. McDuffie	178	3	3	7	900.00	3		38.00	40.00	110.00	200.00	500.00
J. L. Bounds	146	3		11	2,000.00	3	3					
Tommie Franklin												
J. L. Payne		Sup										
Herbert Richards	64	Stu			90.00			218.80			10.00	192.81
Willie G. Clary	25	Stu			140.00							
Gladys F. Blane	6	Sup										
J. W. Handy	47	Sup			84.00							
H. Ray Berry		Sup										

CHURCH STATISTICAL REPORT

NO. 1

CHURCH	Number Churches	Churches Reporting	Spiritual Standing	Members Received	Baptised Members	Members Dismissed	Resident Members	Members, Non Res.	Number Leagues	League Mem'ship.	Ave. S. S. Attendance	O. S. S. Officers
Bryan	1	1	Good	19	6	11	184	17	1	12	98	6
Brightlight	1	1	Good				44				20	2
Evergreen	1	1	Good	7	5		41	38	1	20	37	3
Blue Lake	1	1	Fair	3			23	8				
Cross	1	1	Fair			4	35					
Houston	1	1	Fair	9	4	17	75	17	1	19	30	3
Huntsville	1	1	Good	8			48	7			24	3
North Zulch	1	1	Fair	7	1	2	47		1	15	42	4
Pine Prairie	1	1	Fair	25	25		50	45			15	2
TOTAL	9	9	Fair	78	41	34	547	132	4	66	266	23

CHURCH STATISTICAL REPORT

NO. 2

CHURCH	Sun. School Teachers	Members Women Aux.	Ordained Ministers	Amt. paid Pastor	Amt. Evan. Work	Amt. Bldg. and Repairs	Amount Incidentals	Val. Church Property	Unified Program	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Christian Education
Bryan	13	26	1	2,611.50	644.33	1,546.55	75.56	25,000.00	225.00			
Brightlight	3	11	1	360.00	77.33		64.54	5,500.00	64.06			
Evergreen	5	8	1	600.00	221.96	750.09	44.20	1,750.00	39.16		25.00	120.00
Blue Lake			1	124.00	105.00		24.00	1,000.00		33.85	20.00	
Cross			1	200.00	114.00		10.19	1,000.00	11.53		12.20	
Houston	7	12	4	1,839.50	202.00	674.66	282.08	7,000.00	30.00	129.32		
Huntsville	4	22	2	1,586.30	60.64	76.00	24.00	4,000.00	32.17	133.00	16.00	
North Zulch	6		1	724.20	80.00	648.58	156.04	4,000.00	41.40	13.75	73.75	95.00
Pine Prairie	4		1	260.11	206.00		25.00	1,000.00	37.50			
TOTAL	42	79		8,305.61	1,709.31	3,695.79	704.61	50,250.00	480.52	309.92	146.95	215.00

CHURCH STATISTICAL REPORT

NO. 3

	Other Purposes	Amt. for Benevolence	Amt. for Orphanage	Student Loan Fund	Super- annuation
Bryan	763.43	61.67		583.78	
Brightlight	173.49	5.00		23.40	
Evergreen				34.13	
Blue Lake					
Cross		10.25			
Houston				46.95	
Huntsville	9.00	20.00			
North Zulch		11.50		10.00	6.00
Pine Prairie	5.74				
TOTAL	951.66	108.42		698.26	6.00

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 disci-

pline 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.

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, and 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.

