

MINUTES
OF THE
CENTRAL TEXAS ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

1949

Forty-Fourth Annual Session
When convened with North Zulch
Free Will Baptist Church, North Zulch,
Texas
October 14-15, 1949

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 Bryan, Texas on Friday and Saturday, October 13-14, 1950.

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM, MONETT, MO.



FREE WILL BAPTIST
BIBLE COLLEGE

Nashville, Tennessee

Presented By

Rita McDuffie

PROCEEDINGS

Friday Morning

Meeting was called to order by song.

In the absence of Mrs. Carlton Hibbetts, Mrs. A. S. Ford conducted the devotional by reading Psalm 19.

J. W. Lefevre was elected to serve as clerk pro tem.

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

The Constitution and By-Laws were read.

The program was read and adopted.

The reports of the following churches were read and received.

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

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

After recess a song service was led by Rev. H. M. McAdams.

The following Committees were named: Digest, Resolutions, Nominating, and Auditing.

The morning message, "The Walk of the Believer," was brought by Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook.

After song, meeting was dismissed by prayer for the noon hour.

Friday Afternoon Session

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

Prayer was led by Rev. N. Bruce Barrow.

The devotional, Psalm 23, was brought by Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook.

Additional delegates were seated.

The following reports were read and received.

District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Mrs. Charles Moehlman.

Superannuation, Rev. H. M. McAdams.

Sunday Schools, Rev. N. Bruce Barrow.

Free Will Baptist League, Mrs. Ruby Withers.

Home Missions, Clyde Goen.

Social service, Mrs. Effie Hibbetts.

The report of the Ordaining Committee was received.

Rev. J. L. Bounds was re-elected his term to expire 1952; Rev. H. M. McAdams' term is to expire 1951, and Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook's term is to expire 1950.

Meeting was adjourned by prayer by Miss Tommie Franklin.

Friday Night

Song service was led by Rev. Wesley Calvery.

The evening message was brought by Rev. J. L. Bounds.

Saturday Morning

Song service was led by Rev. H. M. McAdams.

Prayer was led by Rev. W. F. McDuffie.

Devotional was brought by Rev. W. F. McDuffie. He read for Scripture, Neh. 4.

The following reports were received:

Resolutions, Rev. N. Bruce Barrow.

Nominations, Rev. Miss Tommie Franklin.

The following delegates to the State Association were named: Mrs. Jim Vance, Mrs. Charles Moehlman, Mrs. C. R. Maxwell, Marvin Lawson, Mrs. H. Ray Berry, Mrs. Kate McMillian, Mrs. Clyde Goen, and Mrs. Gaston Clary.

Mrs. Jim Vance was to be recommended to the State Association as delegate to the National Association. Mrs. H. Ray Berry is to be alternate.

The Executive Committee or the delegates to the State Association are to have authority to substitute delegates.

The following reports were received:

Auditing report, W. K. O'Brian. It was recommended that the churches send in additional offering for printing of minutes and other expenses of the Association.

Digest report, Mrs. Ellen Lawson.

After recess a song service was conducted by Rev. W. F. McDuffie.

Prayer was led by Mr. L. M. Adams.

A solo, "Fairest Lord Jesus," was rendered by Miss Evelyn Kelly.

Prayer was led by Rev. N. Bruce Barrow, who brought the morning message, "Faith in Works." James 2:23.

After song led by Rev. W. F. McDuffie, meeting was dismissed for lunch by J. W. Lefevre.

Saturday Afternoon

A song service was led by Rev. W. F. McDuffie.

Devotional was led by Rev. N. Bruce Barrow. He read for scripture, I Peter 3:1-25.

Prayer was led by Rev. J. L. Bounds.

Clerk was granted authority to pay bills as received and use her discretion as to printing of minutes.

The Association accepted the invitation of the Bryan Church to meet with them October 13-14, 1950.

The report of the Foreign Missions Director, Mrs. Lillie Kelly, was received.

There was no report from the student loan fund. So a motion carried that the Association Clerk write the Secretary-Treasurer of the Student Loan Fund Board for a copy of its financial statement to date; also that the Student Loan Fund Board submit a copy of its financial records to each session of the district association for its auditing committee to audit and that a copy of the regulations whereby the board is governed be sent to the clerk of the association and to the clerks of each church in the association.

The report of the Ordaining Council given by Rev. N. Bruce Barrow was received.

We, the Ordaining Council, recommend that certificates be issued to all ministers sending in by November 1, 1949 their annual reports in writing.

J. L. Bounds

Alvin F. Halbrook

H. M. McAdams

The Unified Program report was read by Mrs. C. R. Maxwell; it was received.

Clerk was instructed to compile minutes and have the Executive Board approve them.

Benediction by Will O'Brian.

REPORTS

COMMITTEES

Nominating:

We, the Committee on Nominations, recommend the following officers for the ensuing year:

Moderator.....Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook
Vice-Moderator.....Rev. N. Bruce Barrow
Clerk-Treasurer.....Mrs. C. R. Maxwell

Directors:

Home Missions.....Mrs. Velma Moody Franks
Foreign Missions.....Mrs. Lillie Kelly
Superannuation.....Rev. Gaston Clary
Sunday School.....Clyde Goen
Social Justice.....Mrs. Carlton Hibbetts
Layman's Work.....L. M. Adams
Education.....Mrs. H. Ray Berry
League.....Rev. Wesley Calvery

Tommie Franklin
Ruby Withers
Jim Vance

Unified Program Report

October 21, 1947—October 15, 1948

Received:

Oct. 24 Bryan Church by J. E. Tatum.....\$ 75.00
Nov. 29 Huntsville by Mrs. McAdams..... 3.22
Nov. 29 Huntsville for Foreign Missions.... 5.00
Nov. 29 N. Zuleh by Effie Hibbetts..... 14.89
Total\$ 98.11

Disbursed:

Dec. 21 Bible School (40%).....\$ 37.24
Dec. 21 Foreign Missions (30%)..... 27.93
Dec. 21 Foreign Missions, designated..... 5.00
Dec. 21 N. C. Cole (20%)..... 18.60
Dec. 21 C. B. Thompson (10%)..... 9.31
Total\$ 98.08

Received:

Feb. 3 Bryan by J. E. Tatum.....\$ 50.00

Jan. 5 Evergreen by Mrs. Joe Brocherton..	13.16
Feb. 24 N. Zulch by Effie Hibbetts.....	11.91
Feb. 24 Piedmont by John Moody.....	5.10
Feb. 28 Huntsville	14.00
Feb. 28 Huntsville for Foreign Missions....	6.60
Feb. 28 Bright Light.....	16.01
Feb. 28 Bright Light (Last Quarter).....	23.38
Total	\$140.16

Disbursed:

Mar. 1 Bible College (40%).....	\$ 53.42
Mar. 1 Winford Davis (30%).....	40.06
Mar. 1 Winford Davis, designated.....	6.60
Mar. 1 N. C. Cole (20%).....	26.71
Mar. 1 Alvin Halbrook (10%).....	13.35
Total	\$140.14

Received:

May 26 Pine Prairie.....	\$ 8.00
May 29 Cross	5.40
May 29 Houston	15.00
May 29 N. Zulch.....	9.40
May 29 Bright Light.....	16.82
May 29 Huntsville—Cuban Work.....	7.55
—Indian work.....	7.55
Bible School.....	7.55
June 8 Bryan by J. E. Tatum.....	50.00
Total	\$127.27

Disbursed:

June 10 Bible School (40%).....	\$ 41.84
June 10 Winford Davis (30%).....	31.38
June 10 Winford Davis (India).....	7.55
June 10 Winford Davis (Cuba).....	7.55
June 10 N. C. Cole (20%).....	20.92
June 10 Alvin Halbrook (10%).....	10.46
Total	\$119.70

Received:

Aug. 26 N. Zulch by Effie Hibbetts.....	\$ 5.03
Aug. 26 Blue Lake by John Moody.....	21.45
Aug. 28 Huntsville by Mrs. Halbrook.....	3.00
Aug. 28 Huntsville (Missions).....	7.75
Aug. 28 Houston by Mrs. Lawson.....	15.00

Aug. 28 Pine Prairie by W. B. Humphries	8.00
Aug. 28 Bright Light.....	14.07
Aug. 28 Evergreen by Mrs. Conlee.....	16.40
Total	\$ 82.95

Disbursed:

Sept. 18 Bible College (40%).....	\$ 33.18
Sept. 18 Winford Davis (30%).....	24.88
Sept. 18 N. C. Cole (20%).....	16.59
Sept. 18 Alvin Halbrook (10%).....	8.29
Total	\$ 82.94

C. F. Goen, Quarterly Meeting Clerk

Treasurer's Report:

October, 1948—October, 1949

Balance from 1947.....	\$ 8.95
Dues (10/15/48).....	63.00
Total	\$ 71.95

Expenses:

State Association.....	\$ 15.00
Clerk	12.50
Minutes	65.00
Total	\$ 92.50
Debit	\$ 20.55

Treasurer's Report—October 14, 1949.

Bryan	\$ 15.00
Evergreen	9.00
Piedmont	5.00
Pine Prairie.....	5.00
Cross	6.00
Huntsville	6.00
Bright Light	6.00
Houston	6.00
N. Zulch.....	6.00
Total	\$ 64.00
Debit	24.55
Balance	\$ 39.45

Social Justice—

Necessity of the Sunday School

Before the outbreak of the last war the United States was declared to be the most lawless nation on earth. It held a record for murder and juvenile delinquency which

exceeded any other nation.

What is wrong? Who is to blame? Can it be said that our public school system has failed? Educational attainments are steadily progressing. In fact, our nation has one of the finest public school systems in the world, and it is putting forth every effort to enrich the lives of boys and girls for the support of democracy. The tragedy is that our boys and girls are not being taught in the home and church. Our forefathers were far-thinking in framing the Constitution of the United States and wished to give us religious liberty as well as political freedom. Their system of public schools were to guarantee the intelligence of the people and a system of religious schools under the control of the church was to guarantee the character of the people.

The church has somewhat failed. It has failed to reach two-thirds of its constituency and has not been too successful in teaching the other third.

It should be the goal of every church to make the Sunday School the strongest branch of its body. Effective teaching can not be done in the home unless they are trained and prepared for such a responsibility by growing up in a Sunday School. Trained Sunday School teachers are needed, a half a million or more. Where can they get a background for such training if it doesn't come through the Sunday School?

J. Edgar Hoover says that "Crime in America would be practically negligible if the young people attended Sunday School in their formative years."

As an act of Social Justice to our nation, to American family life, and to the individual, let's try to reach the youth through the Sunday Schools while boys and girls are young and pliable that they may be prepared to carry the banner of Christ where and when it is needed.

Financial Statement
Free Will Baptist Student Loan Fund
October 1, 1948—September 30, 1949

Received:

Brought forward from September.....	\$ 534.72
Jess Hensarling.....	315.00
Bryan	79.98
Kurten Property sold.....	50.00
Evergreen	28.36

Special collection (Dist. Ass'n.).....	23.00
Houston	11.75
Brightlight	11.57
Ladies Auxiliary (Bryan).....	7.00
Pine Prairie.....	6.00
Total	\$1,067.38
Paid out (Herbert Richards).....	300.00
Balance on hand 10/1/49.....	\$ 767.38
Notes Receivable:	
Jess Hensarling.....	\$ 285.00
Gaston Clary.....	389.60
Herbert Richards.....	300.00
Grand Total.....	\$1,741.98

All members of the Free Will Baptist Church of the Central Texas District Association who have dedicated their lives to Christ are eligible for a loan to better prepare themselves by attending school for whatever line of religious work they have been called.

The student is to be allowed to attend any school that is best fitted for his line of work.

In making a loan the Board will deal directly with the student rather than the college authorities.

The loan is to include all college expenses plus the cost of books, but not spending money or clothes.

The financial aid to the student is not a gift but a loan to be paid back in monthly installments after the student has completed schooling.

The student is to send a monthly statement of school expenses to the secretary-treasurer of the Loan Fund. The secretary-treasurer then sends check with note attached, note to be signed by student and left attached to the check.

When application for loan has been made to the secretary-treasurer, he is to send a letter to each board member requesting their recommendation or rejection of the loan.

In all cases the majority rules.

League Report:

Average pupils, 22; No. of officers, 6; No. of teachers, 4; No. of departments, 3; average percentage, 76; amount of offerings, \$138.01; churches reporting, 4: Bryan, Houston, Brightlight, and Pine Prairie.

Mrs. Ruby Withers

Executive Committee:

The Executive Committee of the Central Texas District Association met January 29, 1949 at the Houston F. W. B. Church, Houston, Texas. A motion carried for the Ordaining Council to examine Mrs. Lillie Kelly for the purpose of ordaining her.

The Executive Committee of the Central Texas Association met in a called session at the N. Zulch F. W. B. Church, N. Zulch, Texas, May 28, 1949.

The purpose of the meeting was to consider the request of the Free Will Baptist Church of Bryan, Texas, who recommended the ordination of Bro. Gaston Clary.

The Executive Committee unanimously voted to refer the above recommendation to the Ordaining Council of the Central Texas District Association authorizing the Ordaining Council to proceed with the examination, and if found qualified, the ordination of Bro. Gaston Clary.

Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook, Chairman
Rev. N. B. Barrow, Member

Ordination Council:

The Ordination Council of the Central Texas Association of F. W. B. Churches met on February 10, 1949 to question Sister Lillie Kelly as directed by the Executive Committee of Central Association. The Council agreed that Sister Kelly should be publically set apart to public ministry. Said ordination service was held at 7:30 on the same date at the Pine Prairie F. W. B. Church.

On July 5th, Saturday, the Ordination Council met and questioned Bro. Gaston Clary as directed by the Executive Committee. The Council agreed that Bro. Clary should be set apart to the public ministry of the Word and said service was held at Bryan on Sunday night, August 21, 1949.

We commend the above ministers to the Association.

Superannuation:

To Central Texas Association of Free Will Baptists while convened at N. Zulch, Texas, October 14-15, 1949.

Since our Superannuation Plan and finance comes through the Unified Program, we should try to put our Unified Plan in greater force and make greater efforts to look after our over aged ministers.

H. M. McAdams

Home Missions:

Our Home Mission Work is one of the most important works that we have. We should be very active in creating new churches and abandoned churches.

We have a new work and a church being built at Bowie, Texas which in part is to our credit. There is much more to be done, and we trust that we no less as in time past have your interest, prayers, and support to accomplish that which remains to be done.

Paid from Unified Fund.....\$118.53

C. F. Goen

Women's District Auxiliary Convention

The Women's District Auxiliary Convention met with Houston Church on September 20 with five auxiliaries sending in reports and delegates. The reports as a whole were some better, but we hope to have all seven auxiliaries reporting at our next meeting the second Tuesday in March in Huntsville. We had about 35 or 40 in attendance and a very good service at the 11 o'clock hour. The sermon was by Rev. R. P. Harris of North Carolina.

One of the projects of the day was the forming of the Dollar Club to help raise the balance of money for Miss Barnard's car. Twenty dollars have been raised for it so far; each auxiliary plans to raise some before the next meeting.

The secretary of each Auxiliary is asked to send in the names and addresses of all their local officers to the district secretary so that all reports can be sent to proper people, two weeks before the next meeting.

All officers were retained except the secretary-treasurer. Mrs. J. L. Vance was elected. Mrs. McAdams was elected as our field worker and asks the prayers and cooperation of all in this work. Let's help Mrs. McAdams to reorganize and build several new auxiliaries before our next convention in March.

Mrs. Charles Moehlman

DIRECTORY OF MINISTERS

Rev. N. Bruce Barrow, Pastor, Bryan, 109 S. Baylor,
Bryan, Texas

Rev. J. L. Bounds, Pastor, Houston, 412 E. 28th St., Houston, Texas
 Rev. J. L. Payne.....6708 Ave. C., Houston, Texas
 Rev. Lizzie McAdams, Pastor, Huntsville; 916 Ave. M., Huntsville, Texas
 Rev. Hiram McAdams, Pastor, Huntsville, 916 Ave. M., Huntsville, Texas
 Rev. Miss Tommie Franklin, 1304 10th St., Huntsville, Texas
 Rev. Gladys F. Bean.....Address Unknown
 Rev. W. F. McDuffie, Pastor, North Zulch, North Zulch, Texas
 Rev. J. J. Dowell, Box 1098, Confederate Home for Men, Austin, Texas
 Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook, Pastor, Evergreen, Brightlight, Blue Lake, Rt. 3, Bryan, Texas
 Rev. Lilly Kelly, Pastor, Pine Prairie, 1127 20th St., Huntsville, Texas
 Rev. J. W. Hanley, 7837 Baltimore, St., Houston, Texas
 Rev. C. E. Wyche.....Rt. 4, Huntsville, Texas
 Rev. H. Ray Berry, Pastor, Cross, 1031 E. 14th St., Houston, Texas
 Rev. Gaston Clary.....210 W. 24th St., Bryan, Texas
 Rev. Wesley Calvery.....509 W. 29th St., Bryan, Texas
 Rev. Herbert Richards, 1306 Clark St., Brownwood, Texas

CHURCH CLERK DIRECTORY

Bryan: Mrs. Mary Ruth Patranella, 408 N. Coulter Drive, Bryan, Texas
 Houston: Mrs. H. Ray Berry, 1031 E. 14th St., Houston, Texas
 Huntsville: Rev. Miss Tommie Franklin, 1304 10th St., Huntsville, Texas
 North Zulch: Mrs. Carlton Hibbetts, North Zulch, Texas
 Evergreen: Mrs. Ray T. Trant.....Rt. 2, Iola, Texas
 Bright Light: Mrs. N. C. Cole.....Rt. 3, Bryan, Texas
 Pine Prairie: Mrs. Fleta Wood.....Rt., Huntsville, Texas
 Cross: Mrs. J. P. Beeler.....Anderson, Texas
 Blue Lake: Mrs. John Moody.....Anderson, Texas

REPRESENTATION

Ministers, Deacons, and Delegates

Bryan: Mrs. Harry Edge, Mrs. Ruby Withers, Mrs. Chas. Moehlman, Rev. N. Bruce Barrow, Rev. Wesley Cal-

vary, and Rev. Gaston Clary.

Houston: Mrs. Ellen Lawson, Marvin Lawson, Mrs. Viola Kent, and Rev. J. L. Bounds.

N. Zulch: Mrs. J. E. Taylor, L. M. McAdams, J. W. Lefevre, Rev. W. F. McDuffie, Mrs. W. F. McDuffie, and M. C. Hibbets.

Huntsville: Rev. H. M. McAdams, Robert Pendergrast, and Rev. Miss Tommie Franklin.

Pine Prairie: Rev. Mrs. Lilly Kelly, Mrs. Robert E. Welsh, and Margaret Smith.

Cross: Mrs. M. D. Neville, Miss Estelle Williams, Mrs. May Neville, and Mrs. Florence Brown.

Bright Light: Mrs. J. J. Faster, Mrs. N. C. Cole, Miss Sunshine Cole, Clyde Goen, and Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook.

Evergreen: Mrs. C. B. Manley and Mrs. C. R. Maxwell.

Blue Lake: W. K. O'Brien.

REPORT OF

Rev. of work
for the year ending September, 19..... to the
Central Texas Association of Free Will Baptists.

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 on 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 Auxiliary				

CHURCH SECTION

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY SECT.

Communion services ..	_____	Total amt. collected ..\$	_____
Resi. members	_____	Active members	_____
Non-resi. members....	_____	No. of officers	_____
Members rec'd.	_____	No. of departments ..	_____
By baptism	_____	Meetings held	_____
By letter	_____	Dues collected	_____
Members dismissed ..	_____	Amt. special col.	\$ _____
Members deceased	_____		
Services held	_____	F.W.B. LEAGUE SECTION	
Revivals held	_____	*Ave. No. pupils	_____
Amt. offerings	\$ _____	No. of officers	_____
Pastor's name	_____	No. of teachers	_____
Address	_____	No. of departments...	_____
Other resi. ministers ..	_____	Ave. percentage	_____
	_____	Amt. offering	\$ _____

FINANCIAL REPORT

SUNDAY SCHOOL SECTION

Amt. paid for:

*Ave. No. pupils	_____	Pastor	\$ _____
No. of officers	_____	Evang. work	_____
No. of teachers	_____	Bld. & rep..	_____
No. of departments ..	_____	Incidentals	_____
Ave. percentage	_____	Benevolence	_____
Amt. offering	\$ _____	Student loan	_____
Other reports, recommendations,	_____	Unified pro.	_____
	_____	Other	_____

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.....
 *Members including officers and teachers.
 Moderator Clerk
 Address Address

Resolved: that we extend North Zulch Church a
 standing vote of appreciation for their gracious hospi-
 tality during this Association.

Approved by Executive Committee
 of Central Texas District Association

MINISTERS' STATISTICAL REPORT

MINISTERS		147	102	120	112	53	130	6	32	20	40	5
N. Bruce Barrow.	Sermons preached.....	147	102	120	112	53	130	6	32	20	40	5
	Churches pastored.....	1	3	1	1	1	1	1			1	
	Revivals held.....	2	1	2	0	1	1	2				
	Members received by baptism	12	4	6	5	2	3					
	Other members received.....	17	6	8	12	0	3					
	Amount of salary.....	3605.00	1318.90	1284.17	2400.00	360.00	1210.00				60.00	
	Funerals conducted.....	6	4	2	6	1	2		1			
	Marriages solemnized.....	6	1	2	2	0	2		1			
	Collected for foreign missions	125.00										
	Collected for home missions.	80.00				89.67	475.00					
	For Christian Education.....	165.00	41.00				28.75					
	Other collections.....	4000.00	1006.16		163.00	80.00	4.98			300.00	65.00	20.00
	For Unified Program.....		180.49	234.56								
	No. F. W. B. Leagues.....	1	1		1		1				1	
	No. Sunday Schools.....	1	2	1	1		1				1	
	For incidentals.....	1300.00	274.10			328.48	114.00					5.00

CHURCH STATISTICAL REPORT

CHURCHES	No. Churches	Churches Reporting	Spiritual Standing	Members Received	Members Baptized	Members Dismissed	Resident Members	Non-Res. Members	Total Members	No. Leagues	League Members	Ave. S. S. Attendance	Christian Ed.	Other Purposes	Amt. Benevolence	Student Loan Fund
Bryan	1	1	Good	22	10	3	223	17	240	1	36	103		254.49		249.38
Houston	1	1	Good	17	5	12	77	19	96	1	20	34	98.72			11.75
Huntsville	1	1	Good	14	6	1	45	15	60			107		8.00	23.15	
North Zulch	1	1	Fair	0	0	0	48	0	48	1		40	20.00		6.00	
Evergreen	1	1	Good	3	2		48	33	81			32	156.98	18.00	10.00	35.39
Bright Light	1	1	Good	8	2		48		48	1	17	20		44.25	19.16	14.45
Pine Prairie	1	1	Good	2	2		52		52	1	25	30			20.65	
Cross	1	1	Fair	8	6	3	35		35			20				
Blue Lake	1	1	Fair				23	8	31				41.00			
Total	9	9		74	33	19	599	92	691	5	98	386	316.70	404.74	78.96	310.97

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CHURCHES

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.

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 VII

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 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.

