

MINUTES
OF THE
CENTRAL TEXAS DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
1952

Forty-seventh Annual Session when convened
with the Rosewood Free Will Baptist Church,
Houston, Texas,

OFFICERS

Moderator ----- Rev. Gaston Clary
Assistant Moderator ---- Rev. B. F. Rogers
Clerk ----- Ray T. Trant
Assistant Clerk ----- Rev. R. G. Creel

The next annual session is to be held
October 2-3, 1953 at a place to be
announced by the Executive Committee.

PROCEEDINGS

The forty-seventh annual session of the Central Texas District Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the Rosewood F.W.B. Church at Houston, Texas, Friday and Saturday, October 3-4, 1952.

The business session opened at 10:30 o'clock Friday morning with the Moderator, Rev. Gaston Clary, presiding. Congregational singing was led by Rev. R. B. Crawford.

The invocation was given by Rev. H. M. McAdams, and the devotional was brought by Mr. Laymond Lawson, using James 3:1-18 and 11:4-11.

The motion carried to adopt the program, with any necessary changes. Theme of the program was "Worldwide Christianity" taken from Mark 16:15.

Delegates, Deacons, and Ministers and ministers' wives were seated and visitors made welcome. Two new ministers, Rev. Walley and Hellard, were introduced and made welcome. The clerk read the minutes from the previous Quarterly Meeting, which were approved as read, and gave the Treasurers report.

As Rev. Royce Creel, Ass't. Clerk was not present, Mrs. H. Ray Berry was appointed by the Moderator to fill his place.

By common consent of the body no recess was observed and singing was led by Laymond Lawson.

Prayer was offered by Rev. A. J. Walley.

A quartet composed of Rev. and Mrs. Walley, Rev. B. F. Rogers and L. Lawson sang "I NEED THE PRAYERS". A Worship offering was received in the amount of \$10.50, and the morning message was brought by Rev. Everett Hellard, whose topic was "Go-Send" taken from St. John 12:44-50.

Lunch was served on the grounds by the Woman's Auxiliary of the Houston First Church.

The second session was opened at 1:30 with Rev. E. Hellard leading the singing. Mrs. Hellard brought the devotional, reading from Isaiah 52:10, and Luke 24.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

PROGRAM: Rev. Hellard, Jane Berry and Mildred Rivette.

NOMINATING: Rev. Crawford, Mrs. Paula Simpson and Mrs. Berry.

OBITUARY: Rev. McAdams, Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Coolidge.

RESOLUTIONS: Rev. Halbrook, Rev. Rogers and Mrs. Kankey.

AUDITING: Mrs. Royce Creel and Mrs. Gaston Clary

A recommendation was offered that an addition to Art. XI and Art. XIII in the Constitution be made, and Sections 4 and Section 5 be added. Action was deferred overnight.

The annual reports were called for and the District S.S. report was read by the President, Rev. R. B. Crawford, who distributed minutes.

The F.W.B. ENCAMPMENT report was given by Mrs. H. Ray Berry, Sec'y. of the League Board.

A verbal report on the National Association was given by Rev. B. F. Rogers.

A season of song and special prayer for the Calvary's visa to India to come through was directed by Rev. Hellard.

Delegates were placed for the night and the session adjourned at 3:07 with benediction by the Moderator.

Friday evening: 7:30 P.M.

Bro. Gaston Clary gave the Home Missions report. A worship offering of \$17.37 was received and a beautiful solo was sung by Rev. E. Hellard.

Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, from Sulphur, Okla. was Guest Speaker for the evening and brought a very challenging message on "The Odds Against Us", taken from Mark 6:34.

Saturday morning: 10:00

Song service was led by L. Lawson, prayer by Barrie Sue Colson.

Rev. H. M. McAdams read Psalm 127 for devotional and spoke on "Growth".

The following reports were read and adopted.

District Woman's Auxiliary - Mrs. Crawford

Superannuation - Mr. C. F. Goen

Unified Program - Mr. R. T. Trant

Education - Mrs. H. Ray Berry, assisted by Rev.

W. S. Mooneyham, in behalf of the Bible College.

Ordaining Council - Rev. J. L. Bounds

The theme topic "A Strong Home Base for Making Christianity Worldwide" was discussed from a high school students' viewpoint by Jane Berry, Phil 4:4-8.

A worship offering was taken and \$14.00 received.

The morning message was brought by Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, whose subject was "To Whom We Are Debtors" using Romans 1:14.

Adjourned at 12:00 for lunch served by the ladies of the church.

The last session was called together by congregational singing at 1:25 led by Rev. Crawford. The devotional was given by Rev. H. Ray Berry, who spoke on the Great Commission.

The Obituary report was read by the clerk. It was adopted, and the congregation stood in tribute of respect, and the moderator led in prayer for the bereaved families.

The clerk stated that \$52.50 had been mailed to him earmarked for the Calvary salary fund.

The Executive Committee report was read by Rev. Gaston Clary. It was adopted and a standing vote of thanks was extended by the body for excellent service rendered.

The report of the Nominating Committee was read by Rev. Crawford. It was adopted and all nominees were unanimously elected.

The report of Foreign Missions was read by Rev. Gaston Clary and adopted.

The body was admonished by the Chairman of the Ordaining Council, acting also as Credentials Committee to have all church letters signed by both Pastor and Clerk.

The Resolutions Committee report was given by Rev. A. F. Halbrook. It was received to be acted upon item by item. Resolution No. 5 was tabled.

The Moderator read the constitution and By-Laws. A motion carried to revise the By-Laws.

The Moderator was authorized to appoint the delegates to the State Association at a later time. The Central Texas District is entitled to represent with nine delegates.

It was voted to accept the invitation to hold the Quarterly Meeting at Pine Prairie Church in January 1953.

The new District Home Mission Board was elected as follows: Rev. B. F. Rogers; Rev. Everett Hellard; and Rev. Gaston Clary. All offerings to be sent to the

Chairman-Treasurer, Rev. B. F. Rogers.

A hymn was led by Rev. Hellard while the stage was set for a play presented by the Bryan Womans' Auxiliary "What Shall I Do With My Life", featuring Miss Barrie Sue Colson, and representing several of our foreign missionaries.

The Meeting was adjourned at 3:20 P.M. The closing prayer was led by the Moderator.

TREASURERS' REPORT

Jan. 1, 1952	Balance in bank Dist. Ass'n. Funds	\$110.82
"	" Balance in bank Quarterly Meeting Funds	<u>137.01</u>
	TOTAL	\$247.83

RECEIPTS:

Dues from churches Jan. through Sept.	\$217.00
Unified Program	814.27
Worship offerings through Dist. Assn.	<u>89.68</u> 1368.78

DISBURSEMENTS:

Disbursements through Assn.	
Unified Program	\$814.27
Rev. G. Clary, Minutes & Programs ..	55.00
Rev. G. Clary, Calvery Fund	114.80
Free-Will Baptist Encampment	100.00
Mrs. Berry, Compiling Manuscripts ..	10.00
Free-Will Baptist Bible College	100.00
Guest Speaker for Oct. Meeting	50.00
Dist. Home Mission Board	<u>50.00</u> 1294.07
Balance on Hand	\$ 74.71

UNIFIED PROGRAM REPORT

January 5th through October 10th, 1952

Received for Free Will Baptist Bible College	\$385.12
" " Foreign Missions	288.61
" " Home Missions	192.57
" " Superannuation	<u>96.30</u>
	\$962.50

CALVERY FUND REPORT

June 28th through Oct. 18th.

Brightlight Church.....	\$57.60
Evergreen Church.....	26.00
Houston First Church	51.00
Huntsville Church.....	13.01
Pine Prairie Church	5.00
Woman's District Auxiliary Convention	<u>2.00</u>
T O T A L	\$154.61

CENTRAL TEXAS DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION REPORT

The Convention met with the Bryan Free-Will Baptist Church June 29th, 1952. Seven Sunday Schools reported with delegates. The theme of the convention was "Evangelism Through the Sunday School". Rev. and Mrs. Paul Woolsey, Missionaries from Northern India brought the morning message.

The following resolutions were voted by the convention:

1. That the Central Texas District Sunday School Convention, adopt as a work project for 1952-53 the establishing of an encampment in co-operation with the East Texas District, and the State League Board.
2. That a revolving library for the Sunday Schools of the District be adopted.
3. That the Executive committee select and buy the books for the library.

The Sunday School through its members gave \$206.77 to the Calvery fund as suggested through the years project.

Rev. R. B. Crawford, President
Mrs. N. T. Kinne, Secy.-Treas.

CENTRAL TEXAS DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

The report is from six out of eight auxiliaries.

Present enrollment	95
Youth Auxiliaries	2

Young Peoples Auxiliary	1
Go-Tell	1
Daily Vacation Bible Schools sponsored	6

Support given to different phases of the work:

Free Will Baptist Bible		\$113.00
Youth Encampment		69.00
Other Youth Work		150.00
Foreign Missions		<u>111.94</u>
Total Expenditures		\$472.24

Other items for which this money was spent include literature Orphanage, Co-laborer fund and local work.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. R. B. Crawford, President

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

I am happy to make this report of our Foreign missions work in the Central Texas District Association for the associational year ending September 30, 1952.

On June 29, 1952 Rev. and Mrs. Paul Woolsey of India began their visit in the different churches of this area. On the 18th of July of this year Tommy and Barbara Willey representing our missionaries in Cuba began their itinerary in Central Texas. Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery visited our churches during September.

Much has been accomplished this year but there is a lot yet to be done in the future. A total of \$1516.38 has been given for missions from the ten churches and church auxiliaries in this association during the past twelve months.

There is given below a list of churches and the amount contributed by each church since the last annual meeting of this association.

Cross	Pine Prairie	Bryan	Huntsville	Houston	Harvey
39.12	51.52	140.16	114.16	33.50	136.40

Keith	North Zulch	Rosewood	Blue Lake	Dist. Asso. & Church Aux.
86.62	56.20	12.34	183.80	662.26

Respectfully submitted,

Gaston Clary

REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

We are indeed grateful to the Lord for having added Bro. Royce Creel to our ministerial group. With the divine leadership of the Lord, the Holy Spirit to guide, Brother Creel can be a blessing and asset to our Denomination.

Surely our hearts were made to rejoice to know Bobby Joe Davis has entered the Bible College in Nashville, Tenn., preparing for the ministry and service of the Lord.

We lost Rev. Noah Tuttle and family from our Association. The Lord had another field for him to labor in. The Lord filled the vacancy of Brother Tuttle with a fine young minister, Reverend Hellard, his wife and two lovely children. These we welcome into our midst and pray God they will be a blessing to our Free Will Baptist Denomination and especially the City of Houston.

We have Bro. A. J. Walley and family from Green County, Miss. We extend to them a cordial welcome.

We are happy to report the ministers of this Association are in good standing and recommend these ministers who made their reports be granted their certificates, namely Revs. Gaston Clary; J. L. Bounds; R. B. Crawford; H. Ray Berry; B. F. Rogers; J. W. Handy; J. L. Payne; H. M. McAdams; Mrs. Lizzie McAdams; Royce Creel; Alvin F. Halbrook and Everett D. Hellard.

As your Credentials Committee we recommend that the Central Texas Association accept all reports from the churches to become the minutes of this annual session.

J. L. Bounds
R. B. Crawford
A. F. Halbrook

AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, your auditing committee, find the books in good order and commend those in charge for the manner in which they are kept.

Mrs. Royce Creel
Mrs. Gaston Clary

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We find through our Association that the Heavenly Father has called to Heaven Mrs. J. George McAdams from the Huntsville Church, also Mrs. Agnes Browne. Mrs. W. J. Lang from Bryan Church and Mrs. Nancy Jordy from Pine Prairie Church; Mr. T. D. Beene and Mr. Pat Franklin from Iola, the Cross Church. We express our deep sympathy to the bereaved ones.

Respectfully your committee,
H. M. McAdams
C. T. Coolidge
Mrs. Edna Carter

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We, the Executive Committee of the Central Texas Association, make the following report:

We met in a called meeting session on August 10th, 1952, and appointed Rev. R. B. Crawford to serve for the October 1, 1952 session in the absence of Rev. Noah Tuttle on the Ordaining Council.

We selected the speaker for the October meeting.

We met regularly to prepare the programs for each session of the Association.

We appreciate the co-operation we have received and served you to the best of our ability. We pray that God will continue to bless our efforts for this cause.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Be it resolved: that the Central Texas District send \$50.00 to the Bible College on the October Drive; and \$50.00 to the new District Mission Board Treasurer

to get it established.

2. That as individual churches and a District Association, we support the Calverys in every way possible.
3. That the fourth Sunday in October be set aside as Bible College day, the blessings and needs of the college being placed before our people and financial offerings and gifts being received on that day. Be it further resolved that earnest prayer be offered to God that the \$65,000.00 needed will be raised this month.
4. That one Sunday in each Quarter be designated as Home Mission Day, and a special offering be received for the Home Mission Treasury.
5. That the 20% of the Unified Program offerings heretofore sent to State Home Missions be retained in the Central Texas District Home Mission Treasury. Also that the proper amount be sent to the National Home Mission Treasury. Be it resolved that the above resolutions be adopted pending more wholesome cooperation among the District Associations of the state.
6. That the body give a rising vote of thanks to the Rosewood and the First Houston churches for their splendid hospitality in entertaining this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. T. V. Kankey

Rev. B. F. Rogers

Rev. A. F. Halbrook, Chairman

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND ENCAMPMENT REPORT

Five of our churches conducted daily vacation Bible schools with great success. There was a total attendance of 304 students to receive certificates.

The local churches, plus the unified program fund and the District Association sent in \$1292.28 to the Bible College. One of our members Rev. Bobby Joe Davis of the Blue Lake Church is attending the College preparing for the ministry.

The Student Loan Fund Treasurer, W. C. Holmes, reported the total assets of the fund to be \$1927.11. Cash on hand \$1409.11.

The F.W.B. Encampment was considered to be the best of any yet held. The attendance of 74 was not as great as anticipated but the Spiritual atmosphere was high throughout the week, with 10 decisions for Christ, 17 dedicating their lives for Christian Service, and one young man taking his stand to preach the gospel. Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, of Sulphur, Okla. was Youth Speaker, and Rev. R. B. Crawford was camp Director, with a splendid group of workers and counsellors. The next Encampment is to be held August 10th-15th, 1953.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. H. Ray. Berry

O F F I C E R S F O R 1953

Moderator	Rev. Gaston Clary
Ass't. Moderator	Rev. B. F. Rogers
Clerk	Mr. Ray Tatum Trant
Ass't. Clerk	Rev. Royce Creel

Two members of the Student Loan Fund Board of Trustees were elected to succeed themselves. Mr. John Moody and Mr. N. C. Cole, for three year terms.

Mr. L. M. Adams	term expires	1953
Mr. Phil Woods	"	" 1953
Mr. Walter C. Holms	"	" 1954
Mr. John Moody	"	" 1955
Mr. N. C. Cole	"	" 1955

Rev. R. B. Crawford was elected to fill the unexpired term of Rev. N. G. Tuttle on the Ordaining Council through 1954; and Rev. J. L. Bounds was elected to succeed himself. His term to expire in 1955.

DIRECTORY OF MINISTERS

Name	Address	Phone	Church
H. Ray Berry	1031 East 14th St. Houston 9, Texas	VA. 3043	Pine Prairie, Huntsville, Texas
J. L. Bounds	412 East 28th St. Houston 9, Texas	VI. 1536	Blue Lake, Navasota, Texas
Gaston Clary	305A Homstead, Bryan, Texas		
R. B. Crawford	109 South Baylor		Bryan Brightlight
Alvin F. Halbrook	Route 3, Bryan, Texas		Harvy, Keith
J. W. Handy	5101 Griggs, Houston, Texas		
Lizzie McAdams	916 Ave. M., Huntsville, Texas		Huntsville
Hiram McAdams	916 Ave. M., Huntsville, Texas		Huntsville
J. L. Payne	6708 Ave. C., Houston, Texas		
B. F. Rogers	3922 Pickfair, Houston, Texas	OS. 4-0016	Rosewood, Houston
Everett Hellard	7518 Garden St. Houston, Texas	YU. 2333	First Houston Houston
Royce Creel (Licensed)	2520 McDaniel Houston, Texas		

MINISTERS REPORTS

Sermons Preached Pastor Church Revivals held Memb. Rec'd. Salary Funerals Marriages

Name

H. Ray Berry	100	1	2	16	20	826.93	1	4
J. L. Bounds	98	2	2	-	-	960.00	4	-
Gaston Clary	100	2	2	4	3	640.00	2	5
Robert B. Crawford	143	1	5	46	18	3900.00	5	4
Royce Greel	20	-	1	2	2		-	-
Alvin F. Halbrook	56	2	-	4	2	1100.00	2	-
J. W. Handy	----	-	-	Out of State	-	-	3	4
Everett Hellard	150	2	-	20	12	2400.00	1	1
H.M. & Lizzie McAdams	120	1	2 os	7 os	1	1054.00	7	1
J. L. Payne	Superannuated				teaching			1
Bert F. Rogers	137	1	2	15	21	2600	3	1
	924	11	20	114	79	\$13,480.93	28	21

Os - Out of State

Bobby Joe Davis - Attending Bible College

Collected for other purposes \$2,288.66

CHURCH CLERK DIRECTORY

Church	Clerk	Address
Blue Lake Church	Mrs. Pauline Davis	Anderson, Texas
Brightlight Church	Mrs. N. C. Cole	Route 3, Bryan, Texas
Bryan	Mrs. Cecil Capps	1308 Batts, Bryan, Texas
Cross	Mrs. Mary Demman	Iola, Texas
Evergreen	Mr. K. E. Trant	Iola, Texas
Houston First	Mrs. Irene Creel	2512 McDaniel, Houston, Texas.
Huntsville	Miss Tommy Franklin	1304 10th Street Huntsville, Texas
North Zulch	Mrs. E. R. Hibbetts	North Zulch, Texas
Pine Prairie	Mrs. Lucile Carrol	Route 3, Box 194 Huntsville, Texas
Rosewood	Mr. Donald L. Lee	714 Tassell St. Houston, Texas

CHURCH REPORT (Digest)

Name	Total Membr.	League Membrs	League Offer	S.S. Enroll	S.S. Offer	Foreign Mission	Home Mission	In Incidentals
Blue Lake	30	--	--	22	85.93	261.79	5.00	88.83
Brightlight	54	16	66.96	50	212.34	198.45	6.70	282.07
Bryan	316	52	93.72	172	1098.48	450.99	--	233.07
Cross	34	--	--	15	1 150	26.84	--	--
Evergreen	83	22	5.34	43	303.74	146.61	--	42.82
First Houston	104	36	120.08	73	2728.54	69.50	5.50	1053.49
Huntsville	50	--	--	30	117.04	140.10	--	81.50
North Zulch	51	--	--	60	--	70.86	--	54.33
Pine Prairie	101	55	18.50	65	277.20	52.75	--	23.19
Rosewood	<u>47</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>70.00</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>1976.75</u>	<u>27.50</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>36.00</u>
	870	237	374.60	616	6870.22	1445.39	17.20	1895.30

CHURCH REPORT (Digest) Continued

Name	Amt. of Benevo- lence	Student Loan	Liter. S.S. League	Bible College	Child Home	Memb. W.A.	Aux. Offer	Paid Pastors
Blue Lake	100.00	---	---	232.45	---	---	---	647.93
Brightlight	---	18.08	51.42	76.94	3.35	9	79.20	600.00
Bryan	---	---	311.53	84.73	86.75	25	338.90	3900.00
Cross	---	---	15.00	78.67	---	---	---	480.00
Evergreen	14.40	11.94	64.03	121.16	---	8	18.16	720.00
1st Houston	15.00	---	53.36	84.21	---	18	105.78	2450.00
Huntsville	14.00	---	50.20	10.00	7.00	---	---	1054.32
North Zulch	13.15	---	76.98	119.00	15.00	---	---	1200.00
Pine Prairie	56.31	---	54.22	---	10.00	8	43.00	745.60
Rosewood	---	---	60.00	---	---	11	429.62	2600.00
	<u>112.86</u>	<u>30.02</u>	<u>736.74</u>	<u>797.16</u>	<u>194.35</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>1014.66</u>	<u>12397.85</u>

CHURCH REPORT (Digest)

Name	Amt. Evang.	Bldg. Repair	Value Ch. Party	Unified Program	Membr. Recd.	Res. Membr.	Membr. Dism.	Non-Res.
Blue Lake	142.00	---	3000.00	---	---	26	2	6
Blue Lake	142.00	---	3000.00	---	---	50	2	---
Brightlight	154.83	109.20	5000.00	84.58	4	282	12	34
Bryan	260.00	1280.02	31000.00	546.24	57	30	2	---
Cross	99.50	---	2000.00	---	4	43	3	40
Evergreen	245.83	640.16	7500.00	55.22	5	76	10	26
Houston	120.60	5975.90	14500.00	60.00	32	30	2	12
Huntsville	127.00	85.50	4000.00	20.00	---	48	1	---
North Zulch	166.80	625.00	8000.00	---	4	80	10	10
Pine Prairie	144.81	34.10	2000.00	48.30	29	47	---	---
Rosewood	<u>45.00</u>	<u>1827.62</u>	<u>10000.00</u>	---	<u>29</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>---</u>
	1506.37	10577.50	83500.00	814.27	164	452	44	128

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF CENTRAL
TEXAS DISTRICT 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 District 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

MEMBERSHIP - Any regularly organized and well disciplined Free Will Baptist Church conforming to the usages of the Free Will Baptist Denomination as set forth in the Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the Free Will Baptists of the National Association, may upon proper application, and a vote of the Association become a member of this Association.

ARTICLE IV

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; regularly ordained deacons and ministers wives, who are members of Free Will Baptist churches composing this Association.

ARTICLE V

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 VI

FINANCE - Each church entitled to three delegates shall send to the clerk of the Association one week in advance of each session, five dollars together with a written report of its spiritual condition, benevolent work and statistics for the year. Each church entitled to more than three delegates shall send one additional dollar for each additional delegate to which it is entitled.

SECTION 2 - The clerk shall be paid the sum of five dollars (\$5.00) quarterly for his services.

SECTION 3 - The clerk shall compile the digest report.

SECTION 4 - The assistant clerk shall receive the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00) annually for his services.

SECTION 5 - The duties of the Assistant Clerk shall be to assist the clerk during each session of the Association, and prepare the manuscript for the Minutes containing the proceedings of the annual sessions of the Association.

ARTICLE VII

QUORUM - Representation from five of the churches of the Association shall be declared a quorum at any regular or called meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE VIII

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 IX

MINISTERS - SECTION 1. The pastor of every church in the Association should be a member of a church under his care.

SECTION 2 - When a church desires that one of its members be licensed or ordained to preach the Gospel, it should request the Association through its Ordaining Council to examine such member, and should agree to abide by the recommendation of the Ordaining Council.

SECTION 3 - A minister of this Association who is subject to discipline for unChristian doctrine or practice 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 the annual session of the Association.

ARTICLE X

OFFICERS - The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, and Assistant Moderator, a Clerk-Treasurer and an Assistant Clerk. These officers shall be elected near the close of each annual 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.

SECTION 2 - Committees, as necessary, shall be appointed by the Moderator, unless otherwise provided for, and shall hold office until their work is completed, or until their successors are elected.

ARTICLE XI

SESSIONS - The regular sessions of this Association shall be on Saturday before the first Sunday in January, Saturday before the first Sunday in April, Saturday before the first Sunday in July and on Friday and Saturday before the first Sunday in October, at the place designated by vote of the Association at its previous regular session. The Association shall receive written reports from the churches of which it is composed as to progress

made and service rendered in the spreading of the Gospel of Christ, and 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. These reports shall be received quarterly and shall cover the preceding quarter except the report to the annual meeting in October which shall cover the entire church year.

ARTICLE XII

COUNCIL - The Ordaining Council shall consist of three members, whose terms shall be three years each. Each member shall be elected alternately.

SECTION 2 - The duties of the Ordaining Council shall be to: examine each applicant for license to preach the Gospel, or ordination, and make appropriate recommendation to the Association on the basis of such examination; examine the annual reports of the ministers of this Association, and make appropriate recommendation to the Association on the basis of such examination; sit in church conferences, in an advisory capacity, when ministers of such churches are on trial for un-Christian doctrine or practice, and serve as a Credentials Committee at each session.

ARTICLE XIII

BOARDS - The Board of Trustees of the Student Loan Fund shall be composed of five members. The members are to be elected on the following basis: two members for a term of one year, two members for a term of two years, and one member for a term of three years, after which all members shall be elected to serve terms of three years.

SECTION 2 - The duties of the Board of Trustees of the Student Loan Fund shall be to supervise the Student Loan Fund. The Board shall have power to organize itself and devise its own government, as may be found in harmony with the principles of this Association.

SECTION 3 - The Board shall meet in at least one regular session each year. It shall be the duty of this Board to make written reports of all of its work and funds to each annual session of the Association.

SECTION 4 - The Home Mission Board shall be composed of three members. Their term of office shall be for a term of three years. One member shall be elected for a term of one year, one for a term of two years and one for a term of three years, after which each member shall serve three years.

SECTION 5 - It shall be the duty of the District Home Mission Board to investigate all possibilities in Central Texas for new work and organize new churches and related duties in keeping with policies and practices of our Denomination.

ARTICLE XIV

AUXILIARIES - The Central Texas District Woman's Auxiliary Convention and the Central Texas District Sunday School Convention and other organizations shall be recognized as subordinate organizations to the Central Texas District Association. They shall organize at their own discretion, and have power to create and adopt their respective constitution and by-laws, and maintain complete management of the work for which they are constituted. The scope and character of the work of these organizations shall conform to the general

program and promotional plans of the Association. They shall report their accomplishments annually to the Association.

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 will 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 the 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. 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 9. 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 10. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one person or member on any committee, provided the one nominated be elected.

ARTICLE 11. The following committees shall be appointed at each setting of the Association:

Resolutions. At the fourth quarterly or annual session the additional committees shall be appointed: Program, Obituary and Nominations.

ARTICLE 12. The program of each session of the Association shall be prepared by the regularly elected, or appointed, Program Committee; programs to be distributed two weeks in advance of date of sitting of the Association.

ARTICLE 13. The Minutes shall be carefully read and corrected before adjournment.

ARTICLE 14. The Constitution and By-Laws of this Conference shall be read at each annual session near its commencement.

ARTICLE 15. 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 at the next previous session of the Association.

