

MINUTES
OF THE
CENTRAL TEXAS DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
1953

Forty-eighth ANNUAL Session when convened with
the Bright Light Free Will Baptist Church,
Bryan, Texas.

OFFICERS

Moderator Carleton Hibbetts
Assistant Moderator Rev. Everett Hellard
Clerk Ray T. Trant
Assistant Clerk Rev. A. F. Halbrook

The next Annual Session is to be held
October 1-2, 1954 at a place to be announced
by the Executive Committee.

"PROCEEDINGS"

The Forty-eighth Annual Session of the Central Texas District Association of Free Will Baptists convened with The Brightlight Free Will Baptist Church at Harvy, Texas on Friday and Saturday, October 2nd and 3rd, 1953.

The business session opened at 10:00 O'clock Friday Morning with song led by Rev. H. M. McAdams. The Opening Prayer was led by Rev. Charles Sapp, Pastor of the Bryan Church.

In the absence of the Moderator and Assistant Moderator Rev. H. M. McAdams acted as Moderator Pro-tem to elect a Moderator to serve for the session. Rev. Charles Sapp was elected.

The Program was read and a motion carried to adopt it as read.

The Church Letters were read and a motion carried to receive the letters and seat Delegates.

A Committee on Committees was elected as follows: Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook, Bro. C. F. Goen and Rev. Hiram McAdams.

The meeting was dismissed for recess by prayer led by Rev. Alvin Halbrook.

The meeting was called to order following recess for the Worship Service. The singing was led by Rev. McAdams. Rev. Charles Sapp brought the Morning Message from Isaiah 54. After the Sermon a song was led and a hand shaking was given Rev. Sapp.

The meeting adjourned for lunch.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The Afternoon Session was opened with singing led by Rev. Everell Hellard. The Devotional was brought by Rev. C. F. Ferguson, from the 6th Chapter of Ephesians.

Delegates from the First Church, Houston were seated.

Mrs. H. Ray Berry was elected as Assistant Clerk to serve during the Convention.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Clerk and approved as read.

A motion carried to have the minutes of the entire year printed along with the Associational Minutes.

The Treasurer's report was read by the Clerk. The Moderator requested the clerk to give a breakdown of the Unified Program.

The Clerk read the Digest Report from the previous meeting.

Rev. Alvin Halbrook gave the report of the Committee on Committees. A motion carried that the Committee on Committees be authorized to recommend persons to fill vacancies on Standing Boards.

Rev. T. L. McDonald spoke briefly on Expanding the Fields through the Free-Will Baptist Leagues.

The Committee on Committees recommended that Rev. Everett Hellard and Rev. Hiram McAdams fill the vacancies on the Ordaining Council. The recommendation duly adopted.

A motion carried to review the church letter forms to the Association. The Revision Committee was elected as follows: Rev. Everett Hellard, Rev. and Mrs. H. Ray Berry. The Committee is to present a revised form at the next meeting of the Association.

EVENING SESSION

The singing was led by Mr. Willie Johnson, of Bryan. Prayer for Home and Foreign Missions was led by Rev. Mrs. Lizzie McAdams.

A Duet "All on the Altar" was sung by Misses Melba Sheffield and Virginia Williams, accompanied by Mrs. Bonnie Faulkner.

The Evening Message was brought by Rev. Everett Hellard, Pastor of First Church, Houston. The following Scriptures were used as basis for the message: Acts 2:1; 2nd Corinthians 6:2; Luke 5:32.

A proposed addition to the Constitution was presented and placed on the table until the next day.

The benediction was spoken by the Moderator.

SATURDAY

The singing was led by Rev. Hellard. Prayer was offered by Rev. Berry, and the Devotional was given by Rev. Halbrook.

Prayer for "Unity on the Field," by Rev. Everett Hellard.

Mrs. Effie Hibbets brought a message on "Expanding the Fields Through Sunday School Work."

The Home Mission Report was read by the Clerk, in the absence of the Chairman, Rev. B. F. Rogers.

The Student Loan Fund Report was read by the Clerk.

The letter from The Rosewood Church was received and Delegates seated.

A Petitionary Letter from Bayshore Free Will Baptist Church was read and a motion carried that it be referred to the Credentials Committee.

A motion carried to accept and table a partial report from the Ordaining Council, acting as Credentials Committee, until the Afternoon Session.

Congregational singing was led by Rev. Everett Hellard. Prayer was offered by Rev. Hiram McAdams. A Quartet composed of Rev. and Mrs. Hellard, Rev. Ferguson and Bro. C. F. Goen, presented a beautiful song. A Worship Offering was received in the amount of \$31.10.

Rev. B. M. Daniels, Pastor of the new Bayshore Free-Will Baptist Church, delivered the message of the morning, using the 7th Verse of the 39th Division of the Psalms. "What Wait I For, My Hope Is In God." An evangelistic appeal was made.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The Afternoon Session was opened with singing "The Light of the World is Jesus." The Devotional was given by Rev. H. Ray Berry using Exodus 17. Prayer was led by Bro. R. T. Trant, Clerk.

A partial report of the Credentials Committee was given. A motion carried to adopt the recommendations. A proposed Amendment to the Constitution, which had been tabled overnight, was read by the Clerk. Motion carried to adopt.

A motion carried to remove other tabled recommendations from the table for action.

Recommendations 1 and 2 in Credentials Report were adopted.

The Bi-District Encampment Committee Report was read by Mrs. H. Ray Berry. A motion carried to adopt the report.

The Auditing Committee Report was read by Bro. C. T. Coolidge, and duly received.

The Obituary Committee Report was read by the Clerk. The congregation rose and stood in a moment of silent prayer for the bereaved, which was closed by Rev. Troy McDonald.

A Verbal Report was given by Mrs. Ruby Withers of the District Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

The Report of the Resolutions Committee was given and motion duly sustained to receive it and act upon it item by item.

All four recommendations of the Resolutions Committee were adopted.

A motion carried for the District Women's Auxiliary Convention and the District Sunday School Convention Secretaries to send in reports within one week for the Record.

The Report from the Ordaining Council was given by Rev. Alvin Halbrook.

Motion carried to receive the report of the Ordaining Council and issue Credential Cards to those Ministers reporting.

The Unified Program Report was read by the Treasurer, Bro. Ray T. Trant. The report was received as read.

The Christian Education Report was read by the Secretary to the Board and received as read.

An interesting Report from the National Association was made by Rev. Everett Hellard.

A period of relaxation and singspiration was observed.

Rev. Charles Sapp gave an interesting report from the National Sunday School Convention.

The Nominating Committee Report was read by the Chairman, Rev. Troy L. McDonald. The report was referred back to the Committee for revision.

The following Delegates were elected to represent the Association at the State Association when convened at Bryan, Texas, October 27-29, 1953:

Mrs. John Moody	Mrs. Earl Johnson
Mr. C. T. Coolidge	Mrs. Ellen Lawson
Mrs. Arvie Brimberry	Mr. L. M. Adams
Mrs. R. T. Trant	Mrs. Mae Neville
Mrs. Arnold Shultz	Mrs. J. E. Hughes
Mr. J. L. Vance	

A Final Report was made from the Nominating Committee. Those nominated were elected.

Motion carried that Rev. Alvin Halbrook and Rev. Hiram McAdams serve with Rev. J. L. Bounds on the Ordaining Council.

A rising vote of thanks was extended the Moderator Pro-tem for the splendid manner in which he moderated the Association.

The next Session of the Association was set for January 2, 1954 at the Pine Prairie Free Will Baptist Church.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Oct. 1, 1952 Balance in Bank \$ 74.71

RECEIPTS -

Unified Program	807.29
Dues and Offerings	354.43
	\$ 1,236.43

DISBURSEMENTS -

Unified Program	807.29
10% of Offering to Calvary Fund	7.48
Minutes Printed	41.00
Programs Printed	9.05
Piano Fund	10.00
Headquarters Building	40.00
Youth Camp	100.00
10% of Offering to Calvary Fund	7.72
Local Home Missions	35.00
Foreign Missions	35.00
Bible College	35.00

\$ 1,127.54

Balance on Hand \$ 108.89

EAST TEXAS - CENTRAL TEXAS
BI-DISTRICT ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE, 1953

We, Rev. Gaston Clary and Rev. Noah Tuttle of East Texas; Miss Janet Foster and Mrs. H. Ray Berry of Central Texas, your Encampment Committee, wish to make the following report:

The Committee met at Blue Lake Church, April 5, 1953, with all members present except Rev. Tuttle, who requested Rev. R. B. Crawford, Chairman of the State League Board, to sit in as his proxy. The Committee proceeded to organize, electing Rev. Clary as Chairman and Mrs. Berry as Secretary-Treasurer. As the appointment for Camp had already been set at Pineywoods for Aug. 10-15, the Committee instructed the Secretary to contact Rev. W. S. Mooneyham immediately to serve as Youth Speaker. Plans were laid for the courses to be taught, with instructors and Personnel to be contacted. Rev. Clary was elected to serve as Camp Director and Rev. Crawford as Assistant Director.

Further plans were completed at a meeting at Keith, July 11th.

The Encampment Report is included in the Christian Education Report.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. H. Ray Berry,
Secretary

East Texas - Central Texas
Bi-District Encampment Committee
Financial Report, 1953

Balance brought forward from 1952 Encampment \$ 20.81

RECEIPTS:

March 9 - Central Texas D.W.A.C.	5.00
April 20 - " " Dist. Ass'n.	75.00
June 11 - Mt. Olive D.V.B.S.	7.65
July 24 - E. Texas Q.M.	50.00
July 24 - Central Texas Dist. Ass'n.	25.00
July 28 - North Zulch Church	4.00
Aug. 5 - Bright Light Church	10.00
Aug. 10 - Bryan Church	3.00
	179.65
Total	200.46

DISBURSEMENTS:

July 18 - Printing	6.30
July 21 - Envelopes & Postage	1.58
Aug. 14 - Youth Speaker	
Camp Fee for Speaker	
and family	25.00
Insurance for Campers	41.40
Supplies & Sword Drill	
Awards	21.26
Miscellaneous	9.92
Camp Fee for Director &	
Assistant Director	20.00
	200.46

Balance xxx xx

Balance in Building Fund at Houston First Federal
Savings & Loan Association \$ 429.37

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Auditing Committee of the Central Texas Association, carefully checked the clerk's records and find them true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Respectfully, C. T. Coolidge
 L. M. Adams
 Lizzie McAdams

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES REPORT

We, your Committee on Committees, recommend the following as temporary members of the Ordaining Council, serving with Alvin F. Halbrook.

Rev. Everett Hellard
Rev. H. M. McAdams

We, your Committee on Committees, recommend to this body the following Committees:

1. Resolutions:

Rev. Everett Hellard, Chairman
Mrs. Ruby Withers
Mrs. R. T. Trant

2. Nominations:

Rev. Troy L. McDonalds
Mrs. H. Ray Berry
Mrs. Arnold Schultz

3. Auditing:

C. T. Coolidge, Chairman
Rev. Mrs. Lizzie McAdams
L. M. Adams

4. Obituary:

Mrs. R. C. Cloud, Jr., Chairman
Mrs. Orvie Brimberry
Mrs. Beth Noble

5. Program:

Rev. Charles Sapp, Chairman
R. T. Trant
Rev. Troy L. McDonald

Signed: Alvin Halbrook
 H. M. McAdams
 C. F. Goen

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We find through our Association that the Heavenly Father has called to Heaven seven members:

Mrs. W. R. Goen	Bright Light Church
Rev. J. H. Dowell	North Zulch Church
Mrs. Stella Watson	Evergreen Church
Mr. T. Z. Cloud	Bryan Church
Mrs. Lallie Coburn	Pine Prairie Church
Mr. W. F. Dissel	Cross Church
Mr. A. L. Wilson	Cross Church

We express our deep sympathy to the bereaved ones.

Committee

Mrs. R. C. Cloud, Jr.
Mrs. Beth Nobles
Mrs. Orvie Brimberry

REPORT OF HOME MISSION BOARD

I am very sorry I cannot be present at this session of the Association on the account of illness. Praying you will have a great session.

We are glad to report of the organization of the new Free Will Baptist Church at Bay Cliff, with 21 Charter members and a promise of more to come in. Two of the Board members were present - Rev. Hellard and myself. Rev. J. L. Payne, Rev. H. Ray Berry, Mrs. Berry and Mrs. Hellard were also present.

We are hoping at the next yearly Association we may have other new churches added to the list.

We now have in Treasury \$110.36.

Yours in the Master's Service

Rev. Bert F. Rogers, Treasurer

CENTRAL TEXAS DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

This report is from 5 Auxiliaries.

Present Enrollment	65
Youth Auxiliaries	2
Young Peoples Auxiliary	1
Go-Tell	1
Daily Vacation Bible Schools	
sponsored	7
Study Courses conducted	5

Our Convention voted to observe the Pre-Thanksgiving, Pre-Christmas and Pre-Easter weeks of Prayer; sending our offerings as suggested by the W.N.A.C. to State, National and Foreign Missions.

Support given to different phases of the work included Bible College, Youth Encampment, Missions, Orphanage, Co-laborer Fund, Benevolence and local work. Around \$300.00 was expended.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruby Withers, Secretary

"REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL"

We are sorry to report the loss of Rev. R. G. Creel from our ranks. Rev. Creel enlisted with other Baptists. We pray God's blessings on him in his field of labor. However, the Lord blessed us with three other ministers uniting with us.

Rev. C. F. Ferguson from the General Baptist

Rev. B. M. Daniels, from Free Will Baptists in
Arkansas

Rev. Charles Sapp, from Nashville, Tennessee Free
Will Baptist.

The above listed wishes to come before the council at this Association. We trust they may be a blessing to our church and Denomination.

We recommend certificates of standing be issued to the following ministers, who made annual reports in writing to this session of the Association:

Rev. Bert Rogers
 Rev. B. J. Davis
 Rev. H. Ray Berry
 Rev. H. M. McAdams
 Rev. Alvin Halbrook
 Rev. B. M. Daniels
 Rev. Everett Hellard

Rev. J. L. Bounds
 Rev. Charles Sapp
 Rev. Troy L. McDonald
 Rev. Mrs. Lizzie McAdams
 Rev. J. L. Payne
 Rev. C. F. Ferguson

Signed: Alvin F. Halbrook
 Everett Hellard
 H. M. McAdams

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

ORDAINING COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS

We Recommend that:

1. Rev. C. F. Ferguson's Ordination Papers be accepted from the General Baptist Denomination.
2. Rev. B. M. Daniel Ordination Papers be accepted from the Zion Hope No. 2 Association of Free Will Baptists of Arkansas.
3. We recommend that the Bayshore Free Will Baptist Church be received into full fellowship into the Central Texas District Association of Free Will Baptists.
4. That Rev. Charles Sapp Ordination Papers be accepted from the First Oklahoma Association of Free Will Baptists in Oklahoma.

Rev. Alvin Halbrook, Chairman

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. We recommend that we give \$35.00 to the District Home Mission Board.
2. Be it resolved that we give \$35.00 to the Free Will Baptist Bible College on the New Building, and
 FURTHER: that the same amount be given to Foreign Missions.
3. Be it Resolved that we give a rising vote of thanks to the host churches for their hospitality.
4. We recommend that we set as our goal three new Churches this year.

Mrs. Ruby Withers
 Mrs. R. T. Trant

UNIFIED PROGRAM REPORT

Received for Free Will Baptist Bible College	\$ 322.91
Received for Foreign Missions	424.18
Received for Home Missions	86.83
Received for Local Home Missions	74.62
Received for Superannuation	80.75
	<u>\$ 807.29</u>

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT

Seven of our ten churches conducted Daily Vacation Bible Schools. There was a total of 462 to receive certificates. This was an increase of 2 schools and 158 students over last year.

The local churches, plus the U.P. Fund and District Association sent in \$391.49 to the Bible College. Two of our young people, Bobby Joe Davis (2nd year) and Jane Berry, are attending the Bible College in Nashville, Tenn.

The Student Loan Fund Treasurer reports a balance on hand of \$1,218.00, with notes receivable of \$726.00. One student is attending the Bible College through use of this fund.

Christian Education literature purchased by our churches amounted to \$617.77.

The Bi-District Encampment at Pinewoods, Aug. 10-15, was the largest and best we have had. There was a total attendance of 154, including visitors. Rev. W. S. Mooneyham of Nashville, Tennessee, Ex. Secretary to the National Association, was our Youth Speaker, and we had a very fine staff of Administrative Officers, Instructors and Counselors. As most of the local W.A.'s sponsored a Woman Counselor this year, we were able to divide the different age groups of girls into different dorms. The boys groups were divided according to age also, with accommodating Ministers as their Counselors. Two young hearts accepted Christ and ten rededicated their lives to full consecration.

The State League Conference was held on Friday, and was attended by Delegates from East Texas, Central and West Fork Districts. The Int. Sword Drill winner was Miss Sadie Eagleton of Ft. Worth, who is to attend the National League Conference in 1954 as our State representative, with her expenses to be paid through dues sent from the local Leagues in Texas.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. H. Ray Berry

"REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE"

We, your Nominating Committee, submit the following Nominees for your consideration. We have talked with most of these persons and they have agreed to accept the responsibilities of the offices designated. We therefore, recommend their election:

Moderator: Mr. Carlton Hibbetts, North Zulch

Assistant Moderator: Rev. Everett Hellard, Houston

Clerk: Mr. R. T. Trant, Iola

Assistant Clerk: Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook, Bryan

Encampment Committee:

Miss Janet Foster

Mrs. H. Ray Berry

Student Loan Fund:

Mr. C. T. Coolidge, Pine Prairie Church, to succeed

Mr. Phil Wood - Term expires 1956

Mr. W. T. Canty, North Zulch Church, to succeed

Mr. L. M. Adams - Term expires 1956

Others on the Board Are:

Mr. Walter C. Holmes, Bryan Church, Term expires 1954. Mr. Holmes is Secretary-Treasurer.

Mr. Hohn Moody, Blue Lake Church - Term expires 1954.

Mr. N. C. Cole, Brightlight Church - Term expires 1955.

Home Missions:

Mr. C. T. Coolidge to succeed himself - term to expire in 1956.

Others on the Board Are:

Rev. B. F. Rogers, Treasurer - term to expire in 1955.

Rev. Everett Hellard - Term to expire in 1954.

We recommend that a temporary District Director of Foreign Missions and of Leagues be elected to serve until the next session of District Association.

We recommend Rev. Charles Sapp for Foreign Missions Director and Rev. T. L. McDonald for Leagues Director.

Program Committee to serve through the year:

Rev. Charles Sapp, Rev. Troy L. McDonald and Mr. R. T. Trant.

Troy L. McDonald, Chairman

Mrs. H. Ray Berry

Mrs. Arnold Schultz

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
OCT. 1, 1952 to SEPT. 30, 1953

FREE WILL BAPTIST STUDENT LOAN FUND

AMOUNT RECEIVED

AMOUNT PAID OUT

Brought Forward from Sept.	\$1409.11	Jane Berry	333.00
Wesley Calvery	100.00		
Gaston Clary	25.00		
Brightlight Church	16.89		
TOTAL	1551.00		333.00
	333.00		
Bal. on hand 10-1-53	1218.00		
Notes Receivable	726.00		
GRAND TOTAL	1944.00		

SIGNED:

W. C. Holmes,
Secretary-Treasurer

MINISTER'S DIRECTORY

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	Pine Prairie, Huntsville, Texas
Alvin F. Halbrook	Route #3, Bryan, Texas		Bright Light - Harry Evergreen - Keith
J. L. Payne	6708 Avenue "C" Houston, Texas		
Everett Hellard	7518 Gordon St. Houston, Texas	YU-2333	First Church, Houston
B. F. Rogers	7242 Springdale Houston, Texas		Rosewood, Houston
Charles Sapp	109 South Baylor Bryan, Texas		Bryan, Bryan, Texas
Herbert Richards	314 Guthrie, Dallas, Texas		Cross, Iola, Texas
B. W. Daniels	Bay Cliff, Texas		Bay Shore, Bay Cliff, Texas
T. L. McDonald	North Zulch, Texas		North Zulch, North Zulch, Texas
H. M. McDams	1304 - 10th St. Huntsville, Texas		Huntsville, Huntsville, Texas
Lizzie McDams	1304 - 10th St. Huntsville, Texas		Huntsville, Huntsville, Texas
Lloyd Ferguson	304 Holland Ave. Galena Park, Texas		

MINISTERS REPORTS

NAME	Sermons		Church Revivals		Members		Received		Salary	Funerals	Marriages
	Preached	Pastor Held	Baptized	Other							

Herbert Richards	93	3	2	5	3	\$ 545.00	1	2
Everett D. Hellard	124	1	2	20	10	3120.00	0	2
J. L. Payne	Superannuated							
Alvin F. Halbrook	78	2	0	9	0	1320.00	3	0
J. L. Bounds	36	1	0	0	0	180.00	2	0
Bert F. Rogers	104	1	0	28	5	2600.00	0	1
B. J. Davis	25	0	1	0	0	250.00	0	0
Charles Sepp	171	1	6	61	5	2475.00	2	0
H. Ray Berry	110	1	1	4	6	1226.39	0	5
Troy Lee McDonald	83	1	1	6	4	1585.00	6	1
H. M. McDams)	100	0	4	0	0		0	0
Lizzie McDams)								
	923	11	17	133	33	\$13,301.39	14	11

CHURCH CLERK DIRECTORY

CHURCH	CLERK	ADDRESS
North Zulch	L. M. Adams	North Zulch, Texas
Blue Lake	Mrs. S. H. Davis	Anderson, Texas
Cross	Mrs. Truby D. Nevilles	Iola, Texas
Huntsville	Miss Tommy Franklin	108 Avenue L Huntsville, Texas
Brightlight	Mr. C. F. Goen	Route #3, Bryan, Texas
Houston	Lena Mae Kankey	6521 Hillshoro Houston, Texas
Bryan	Mrs. Nathan Franklin	Bryan, Texas
Rosewood	Lee B. Maxwell	7222 Touchstone Houston, Texas
Evergreen	Mrs. C. E. Dudley	Route #2, Iola, Texas
Pine Prairie	Mrs. Lucille Carroll	Route #3, Box 194 Huntsville, Texas
Bay Shore	Mrs. Dora McWhirter	Bay Cliff, Texas

CHURCH REPORT

NAME	Total Membr.	Resident Member	Non- Resident		Member Dec'd	S.S. Member	League Member	W.A. Member
			Member	Received				
North Zulch	88	71	17	8	1	54	24	0
Blue Lake	34	28	6	3	0	22	0	0
Gross	35	35	0	5	10	26	0	
Huntsville	31	22	9	5	6	20	11	8
Bright Light	50	45	5	5	1	43	14	10
Houston	127	101	26	30	9	83	43	15
Bryan	334	300	34	2	0	173	30	22
Rosewood	77	77	0	27	2	86	23	7
Evergreen	68	35	33	5	2	45	0	10
Pine Prairie	109	99	10	13	5	70	60	8
	<u>953</u>	<u>813</u>	<u>140</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>622</u>	<u>210</u>	<u>60</u>

CHURCH REPORT (Continued)

NAME	S.S. Offering	W.L. Offering	League Offering	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Evang.	Unified Program	Incident- als
North Zulch	--	--	--	--	9.90	216.00		235.92
Blue Lake	91.14	--	--	175.00	--	339.65	29.52	3.00
Cross	15.96	--	--	40.00	--	187.10	--	10.00
Pinusville	162.82	3.50	10.00	76.49	--	162.15	5.00	--
Bright Light	155.61	24.15	24.87	23.05	--	125.00	78.55	36.00
Houston	3075.71	125.64	133.47	88.00	--	25.00	54.50	253.11
Rosewood	1200.00	45.03	64.43	--	--	169.02	--	--
Evergreen	289.76	31.15	--	167.00	--	193.95	58.00	32.65
Pine Prairie	306.89	120.00	43.84	73.52	--	50.00	78.52	76.02
Bryan	<u>823.87</u>	<u>143.05</u>	<u>59.42</u>	<u>270.63</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>235.00</u>	<u>686.90</u>	<u>255.00</u>
	6121.76	492.52	336.03	1013.69	9.90	1702.87	990.99	902.40

CHURCH REPORT (Continued)

NAME	Paid Pastor	Bldg. Repair	Benevo- lence	Student Loan	Bible College	Children's Home	Litera- ture	Value of Ch. Property
North Zulch	1730.00	400.00	59.95		--	--	74.62	9000.00
Blue Lake	587.50	--	--	--	150.00	--	--	3000.00
Cross	240.00	175.00	10.25	--	--	--	15.00	4000.00
Huntsville	681.86	--	--	--	13.00	--	41.64	4000.00
Bright Light	600.00	10.00	13.00	16.89	--	11.00	40.21	8000.00
Houston	3100.00	7032.04	70.04	--	86.00	60.00	139.23	36000.00
Bryan	3900.00	6187.08	52.98	--	289.58	76.30	255.90	41000.00
Reswood	2600.00	--	--	--	--	--	55.55	15000.00
Wargreen	720.00	--	43.25	--	30.00	3.00	57.63	7500.00
Pine Prairie	1226.39	2289.52	45.50	--	8.00	10.00	76.77	12000.00
	<u>15405.75</u>	<u>1694.22</u>	<u>294.97</u>	<u>16.89</u>	<u>576.58</u>	<u>160.30</u>	<u>756.55</u>	<u>139500.00</u>

CHURCH REPORT (Digest)

NAME	Int. Evang.	Bldg. Repair	Value Ch. Property	Unified Program	Member Rec'd.
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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 mem-

bers 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 psiritual 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 The 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 while 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 price 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.

Proposed Addition to Constitution

ARTICLE XI - Section of the Constitution shall have the following addition - "The Free Will Baptist League shall have Friday evening of the annual meeting for their program.

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 doc-

urine 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 Districe 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

speaking 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.

