

MINUTES OF THE
CENTRAL TEXAS DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
FOR
1955

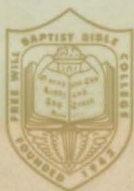
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MINUTES FOR JANUARY 1, 1955

The Central Texas District Association of Free Will Baptists met January 1, 1955 at Blue Lake Church at Piedmont. The Moderator called the meeting to order. Song service was led by Bro. Bobbie Joe Davis, Prayer by Bro. Bill Jones. Mrs. H. R. Berry brought the devotion. She read I John 5:14, Matt. 7:7. Prayer by Jane Berry.

A motion carried to adopt the program with any necessary changes.

A motion carried to have the church letters read at this session.

Motion was made to receive letters and seat the delegates. Carried.

Resolutions Committee was appointed as following: Bro. H. R. Berry, Bro. B. M. Daniels, and Bro. Herbert Richards.

The letter from Bayshore Church was read and the delegates seated.

A partial report from Bryan Church read.

Dismissed for recess by Bro. Alvin Halbrook.

After a song led by Bobbie Joe Davis, Bro. Richards led in prayer.

Morning offering of \$31.85 was received. Bro. Hellard ask God's blessings on the offering.

Jane Berry gave a special song.

Morning message by Bro. Charles Sapp.

Dismissed for lunch by Bro. Daniels.

AFTERNOON

Song service led by Bobbie Joe Davis. Prayer by Bro. Halbrook. Bro. E. E. Zoellars brought the Devotion from Psalm 38:41.

North Zulch letter read and delegates seated. Cross delegates seated.

The minutes of previous meeting and Treasurer's report read. A motion to accept same, carried.

A motion carried to accept Bro. Hellard's resignation as Moderator.

Bro. Herbert Richards was elected as Moderator.
Bro. Zoellars was elected Assistant Moderator.

Motion to accept Bro. Halbrook's resignation on the Ordaining Council. Carried.

A motion was made to place Bro. Berry on the Ordaining Council in Bro. Halbrook's place. Carried.

Bro. Halbrook gave a report on the Calverys.

A partial report of the Resolution Committee was accepted.

Resolution No. 4 was read and adopted.

A final report from the Resolutions Committee. Motion to adopt them item by item. All resolutions adopted.

The invitation from Keith Church for next session was accepted.

A motion to elect a member on the Local Home Mission Board. Carried. C. F. Goen was elected. A motion was made and carried for the Home Mission Board to recognize and notify Bro. B. F. Rogers.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Bro. Everett Hellard, Moderator
Ray T. Trant, Clerk

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

1. We recommend that the Home Mission Board look into the advisability of giving aid to the Huntsville Church and to report to the next setting of the Association.
2. We recommend that the general directions be given to the entertaining Church of the Quarterly Meeting.
3. We recommend that the host Church be given a rising vote of thanks.
4. BE IT RESOLVED that this body Commission, the Credentials Committee, to advise our Churches regarding calling for preaching service any minister who has had license or ordination papers revoked.
5. BE IT RESOLVED that the Central Texas Association adopt the Co-operative Plan of support as adopted by the State Association with a committee to be appointed to work out the basis of how much of the offering is to be retained by the District and the percentage to be sent on to the State.

REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

We, the Ordaining Council, have examined Bro. Whitfield and have found him to be doctrinally sound and therefore recommend that the Central Texas District Association authorize the Bayshore Church to proceed with his ordination.

Having been commissioned by the Central Texas District Association while in quarterly conference at the Blue Lake Free Will Baptist Church this first day of January 1955 to advise certain of our Churches concerning irregularities in the calling of ministers for preaching and pastoral services, etc, do hereby advise:

1. CROSS CHURCH:

That Bro. Gower is not a licensed or ordained Free Will Baptist Minister and is therefore incapacitated for service in any Free Will Baptist Church in our District.

2. THE HUNTSVILLE CHURCH:

That Bro. Gower is not a licensed or ordained Free Will Baptist Minister and is therefore incapacitated for service in any Free Will Baptist Church in our District.

It is not our intentions to be dictatorial, but rather call to the minds of our churches that we have a doctrine and faith to uphold.

When a minister from any Free Will Baptist Church is excommunicated for unorthodox teachings, it is unethical, and unchristian for any Church to repudiate the findings of that Association by calling on that particular minister for service, until he has made reconciliation with the offended group.

MINUTES FOR APRIL 2, 1955

The Central Texas District Association of Free Will Baptist met April 2 at the Evergreen Free Will Baptist Church at Keith. The meeting was called to order by song led by Mr. Philips. Mrs. Bob Trant read Luke 25:4-6 for devotion. The opening prayer was by Mrs. Bob Trant.

A letter from the Fellowship Church from Bryan was read and a motion carried to place the letter in the hands of the Credentials Committee to determine whether to grant them admission to the Central Texas District Association.

Report of Credentials Committee read and accepted.

Motion carried to receive letters and seat the delegates.

A motion was made to accept all motions that carried before the delegates were seated. Motion carried.

Motion carried to adopt the program with any necessary changes. Bro. Buster Oliver, State Promotional Secretary, was recognized.

Committees appointed are as following:

Resolutions - Rev. Everett Héllard, Rev. E. E. Zoellars and Bro. Franklin.

Obituary - Mrs. H. Ray Berry, Mrs. C. E. Dudley, Mrs. Huey Gower.

Digest report read and received.

A letter was read from Rev. L. T. Chesson and wife.

A report on the condition of Bro. Clyde Goen was given by Bro. Halbrook.

Motion to adjourn for recess carried. Dismissed by prayer by Bro. Halbrook.

Called together after recess by song led by K. E. Trant. Prayer was led by Bro. Bill Jones.

A worship offering was taken. Amount \$28.11. Prayer by Bro. Richards.

Special in song by the North Zulch Church.

The sermon for the day was by Bro. R. M. Daniels.

AFTERNOON

Song service led by Bobbie Joe Davis. Prayer by Bro. Lawson.

Devotion by Bro. C. E. Oliver from Mark 9:23. "Do I believe in God"?

A foreign mission report given by Bro. Halbrook. Motion carried to accept same.

A motion carried to accept Bro. Hellard's offer on his song recordings.

Minutes read and Treasurer's report given. They were accepted.

The Resolution Committee read its report. Motion carried to receive the report and act upon it, item by item. Resolution No. 1 carried. No. 2 carried. No. 3 carried. No. 4 carried.

Report of Obituary Committee read and accepted. Prayer in honor of the deceased was led by Bro. Hellard.

The next session of this body will meet at Bayshore Church at Bacliff.

Motion to receive unified program report carried.

Report of Ordaining Council read and accepted.

The Association voted to have a Missionary Conference at Bryan.

A motion was made for the Home Mission Board to look into the needs of the Huntsville Church. Motion carried.

Motion carried to adjourn. Dismissed by Bro. Gower.

Rev. Herbert Richards, Moderator
Ray T. Trant, Clerk

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Central Texas District Association give \$50.00 to the Calvary Fund. Carried.
2. BE IT RESOLVED that the Central Texas District Association give \$100.00 to the Encampment Fund by July of this year. Carried.

3. BE IT RESOLVED that the Association help with the Clary's expenses here. Carried.

4. BE IT RESOLVED that this body extend a rising vote of thanks to this Church for the wonderful way they have entertained us. Carried.

Bro. Hellard
Bro. Franklin
Bro. Zoellars

REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Obituary, wish to submit the following report:

There have been four deaths in our Churches this last quarter: Mrs. Alice Dyess, Bright Light; Mrs. Frances Wilson, Houston; Mrs. Edna Lawless, Huntsville and Mrs. Ida Capps, Bright Light.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved ones and ask that this body stand in a moment of silent prayer in honor of the deceased.

Mrs. H. Ray Berry
Mrs. C. E. Dudley
Mrs. Huey Gower

REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

We, your Ordaining Council recommend the issuing of license to preach the Gospel to the following: Bro. B. A. Holland, Bro. B. D. Jones, and Bro. Bobby Gene Ferguson.

We further recommend that the Ordaining Council be authorized to ordain Rev. James Timmons to carry the Gospel to the Latin American people near the border.

We recommend that we accept the certificate of good standing from the East Texas Association of Rev. Huey Gower with the exceptions that are stipulated therein.

We recommend that, Rev. L. T. Chesson and Rev. Mrs. L. T. Chesson associate themselves with the Association where they are laboring, in as much as a license is under observation during the license.

Rev. J. L. Bounds

Rev. Charles Sapp

Rev. H. Ray Berry

The Credentials Committee recommends that the Association accept the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church, of Bryan into the full fellowship of the Association and seat their delegates for this session and support them spiritually and with whatever other assistance they may need.

Rev. Bounds

Rev. Berry

Rev. Sapp

MINUTES FOR JULY 1955

The Central Texas District Association of Free Will Baptist met July 2 at the Bayshore Church in Bacliff, Texas. Order was called by the Moderator. Song service was led by Bro. Bobby Joe Davis. Prayer was led by Bro. Charles Sapp.

Welcome was extended by the Moderator. Barry Sue Colson brought the devotion from Psalm 37.

Letters from the Churches read by Clerk. Delegates, Ministers' wives and Deacons were seated.

A motion carried to adopt the program with any changes needed.

Resolutions Committee appointed as following: O. L. Lawson, Ruby Maxwell and Jane Berry.

A motion carried to adjourn for recess. Prayer by Bro. Zoellars.

After recess a song was led by Bro. Davis. Prayer by Bro. Davis.

Morning offering was \$13.23. Prayer by Bro. B. F. Daniels.

Bro. Zoellars sang a special song.

Bro. Zoellars introduced Bro. Berry who brought the message.

AFTERNOON

Song led by Bro. Zoellars. Prayer by Ray Trant. Devotion by Layman Lawson, St. John 17 was his scripture.

The minutes of previous meeting were read. A motion carried to adopt same. Treasurer's report read. Motion to receive carried.

Report of Resolution Committee read. A motion carried to receive report and adopt item by item. All resolutions carried.

The Obituary Committee's report was received by motion. Mrs. Sapp led the prayer.

A motion carried to cancel resolution Number 2.

Motion carried to advise the Cross Church that the Annual session meeting place had already been chosen.

Mrs. Zoellars gave a report from the Children's Home.

Motion carried to send \$75.00 to Children's Home.

Motion carried to take a special offering for the Calvary Fund, \$18.74 was received.

Motion to adjourn carried.

Rev. Herbert Richards, Moderator
Ray T. Trant, Clerk

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

1. BE IT RESOLVED that the entertaining church furnish directions to the church.
2. BE IT RESOLVED that the Nominating Committee be appointed this session in order to give due consideration to the selection of nominees for offices for the coming year.
3. BE IT RESOLVED that the District Association advise the ministers of this district to use the ministers's manual written for Free Will Baptists by a Free Will Baptist Minister available through our Ayden Press.

4. BE IT RESOLVED that we give a rising vote of thanks to the Host Church for the lovely hospitality to the District Association.

Resolutions Committee:

O. L. Lawson

Mrs. Ruby Maxwell

Jane Berry

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Obituary Committee report the following are deceased: Mrs. James Lamon, North Zulch Church; Mr. John , Houston; Mr. Walter C. Holmes, Bryan.

Committee: Mrs. Charles Sapp

Mrs. Curley Withers

Bobby Joe Davis

MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 1955

The Central Texas District Association met on September 30 and October 1 at Pine Prairie Church for an annual meeting.

The song service was led by Mrs. Molly Lawson. The Moderator and Assistant Moderator were absent. Bro. H. M. McAdams called the service to order. Bro. Mize led the opening prayer. Mrs. Lucille Carroll gave the devotion. Prayer by Bro. H. Ray Berry. C. F. Goen was elected Moderator for this session with Bro. Berry as assistant.

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

A motion carried to adopt the program with any changes.

The Committee on Committees was appointed as following: Mrs. Jim Vance, Mrs. Sallie Trant and Mrs. Bell Roberson.

A motion was made for Bro. C. B. Thompson to preach in Bro. Bounds' place, Bro. Bounds being absent.

The motion carried. Prayer was led by Bro. McAdams.

The worship offering was \$11.53.

After Bro. Thompson's very inspiring sermon, the meeting was dismissed by Bro. Handy.

Lunch

Devotion by Mrs. Sallie Trant.

Bro. Everett Hellard sang a solo.

Motion carried to receive the letter from the Houston Church and seat their delegates.

A motion carried for the children of Free Will Baptists who have died, be reported by the Obituary Committee.

The digest report was read and received.

The Student Loan Fund report was read and a motion carried to receive same.

The Resolution Committee gave a partial report. The following resolution was given that it might be tabled overnight:

BE IT RESOLVED that the following suggested change be made in our Constitution; That Article VI, Section 1 be changed to read: "Each Church entitled to three delegates shall send to the Clerk of the Association 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."

Motion carried to adjourn until evening service. Bro. Ray Trant dismissed.

SATURDAY MORNING

The Moderator being absent, the Assistant Moderator, Rev. H. Ray Berry, called the meeting to order. Mrs. Molly Lawless led the singing. Prayer by Bro. B. F. Daniels.

Mrs. Molly Lawless brought the devotional.

A letter from Bayshore Church was read. A motion carried to receive the letter and seat the delegates. The visiting ministers were recognized.

Mrs. H. Ray Berry gave the report from the Youth Encampment. Motion carried to receive the report.

A motion was made for the pulpit to be filled from the floor. Motion carried. Bro. B. F. Daniels was elected to preach.

The Credentials Committee reported. Motion carried to receive report.

The Resolutions Committee gave a partial report. This was received.

Bro. Handy dismissed for recess.

After recess Mrs. Lawless led a song. Prayer by Bro. Whitfield. Bro. Charles Sapp sang a solo. Bro. B. F. Daniels brought the Morning Message.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Mrs. Lawless led a song. Prayer by Bro. Sapp. The letter from Fellowship Church was read. Motion to receive it and seat the delegates carried.

The Obituary report was read and a motion carried to receive it.

Prayer by Bro. H. M. McAdams.

The report of the Credentials Committee was received.

The Auditing Committee gave a report. A motion carried to adopt same.

The Nominating Committee reported. The report was received.

A motion carried for the Youth Camp to extend an invitation to the East Texas Association to attend our camp.

Resolutions Committee gave a report. Motion to receive report and adopt them item by item, Carried.

According to Resolution No. 4, the following officers were elected for the District League Convention: Patsy Akins, President; Tony Withers, Vice-President; Cindy Jones, Secretary.

A motion carried to accept the invitation from Bryan for the next Annual Meeting place.

The motion was made to go to Cross for the next meeting of the Association. The motion carried.

A motion carried to have 100 minutes printed.
Also to print the whole year's proceedings

The Clerk gave his resignation. Motion to accept resignation carried. Mrs. Huey Gower was elected to fill this place.

A motion carried to buy new books for the Clerk.

The Treasurer's report was read and received.

The delegates to the State Association were elected as following: Ray Trant, C. T. Coolidge, Mrs. Molly Lawless, Mrs. H. Ray Berry, Mrs. Jim Vance, Mrs. Clyde Goen, Mrs. N. C. Cole, Mrs. Truby D. Nevill, Mrs. B. F. Daniels, Mrs. Ruby Davis.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Mr. Clyde Goen, Moderator

Rev. H. Ray Berry, Moderator

Ray Trant, Clerk

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

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

1. BE IT RESOLVED that the following suggested change be made in our Constitution; that Article VI, Section 1, be changed to read: "Each Church entitled to three delegates shall send to the Clerk of the Association 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". Carried.

2. BE IT RESOLVED that this body elect a Program Committee for the coming year preferably from the same town or locality. Carried.

Program Committee elected as following: Bro. H. Ray Berry, Bro. Huey Gower, Bro. H. M. McAdams.

3. BE IT RESOLVED that every Board arrange for a meeting at each Quarterly Meeting and that the Program Committee allow 20 to 30 minutes during the noon hour for these meetings and that the Boards report the same on their annual reports.

4. BE IT RESOLVED that we re-establish our District League Convention within our District Association, giving one hour of each quarterly meeting for their reports and business and let them be responsible for Friday Night Service of our Annual Association. Also that the officers be elected in this sitting of the Association. Carried.

5. That this body extend a rising vote of thanks to the host church for their gracious hospitality in entertaining this Association. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mrs. H. Ray Berry
Mrs. Ruby Maxwell
Mrs. C. C. Coolidge

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Obituary Committee, find through our Association letters that we have seven members deceased during the year. They are as follows: Mrs. Frances Wilson, Houston; Mr. John Spokeck, Houston; L. M. Adams, North Zulch; Bob Rice, Cross; Arthur Young, Evergreen; Walter Holmes, Bryan; Mrs. Bessie Morris, Pine Prairie and the two year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Foster, Bright Light.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the families of these people in their bereavement.

Mrs. Clyde Goen
Mrs. Bob Davis
Mrs. L. L. Nevill

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

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

J. L. Vance
Huey Gower

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Moderator	Rev. H. Ray Berry
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Chas. Sapp
Clerk	Ray Trant
Assistant Clerk	Mrs. Bob Trant

BOARD MEMBERS

Ordaining Council	Rev. H. Ray Berry
Home Missions	Rev. B. M. Daniels
Student Loan Fund	Ray T. Trant
Foreign Missions	Rev. A. F. Halbrook
League Director	Ruby Withers
Encampment Committee	Mrs. H. Ray Berry
	Everett Hellard

Nominating Committee
 Everett D. Hellard
 Molly Lawless
 Mrs. Moehlman

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We recommend that ministerial certificates be issued to the following:

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| 1. Alvin F. Halbrook — | 8. Huey Gower |
| 2. J. L. Bounds — | 9. H. M. McAdams |
| 3. H. R. Berry | 10. J. W. Handy — |
| 4. Everett D. Hellard | 11. Charles Sapp — |
| 5. Herbert Richards | 12. John Moehlman — |
| 6. B. M. Daniels — | 13. Bobby Joe Davis — |
| 7. B. D. Jones — | 14. Bill Jones — |
| 15. Mrs. Lizzie McAdams | |

C. B. Thompson

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STUDENT LOAN FUND REPORT

Amount Received

Balance On Hand July 10, 1955	\$1020.89
7/30/55 — Wesley Calvary	30.00
Total	<u>\$1050.89</u>

Amount Paid Out

9/7/55 — Barrie Sue Colson	300.00
Balance On Hand October 1, 1955	<u>\$ 750.89</u>

Notes Receivable

Jane Berry	\$ 627.00
Wesley Calvary	128.00
Gaston Clary	35.00
Herbert Richards	170.00
Barrie Colson	<u>300.00</u>

Grand Total \$2010.89

Emory Franklin, Secretary-Treasurer

BI-DISTRICT ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT 1955

Our report is much the same as last year. The Committee, consisting of Rev. Gaston Clary and Rev. Buster Oliver of the East Texas District Association and Miss Tony Withers and Mrs. H. Ray Berry of the Central Texas District Association, with the help of the Camp Director, Rev. Everett Hellard, made the usual arrangements for the camp, personel, teachers, Evangelist, publicity, courses in Bible memory, Bible stories, visual aid, Soul-winning and Stewardship in classes from Beginners through young people ages. Camp time was August 15-19, 1955.

There were not as many adults attending this year, causing a near shortage of Counsellors for both boys and girls. We noted an increase in youngsters, particularly in the Juniors and Intermediates with almost half being first time campers. There was a total registration of 174 with 114 for the week, representing three districts.

Our beloved Bro. W. S. Mooneyham, Executive Secretary to the National Association of Free Will Baptists was camp Evangelist for the fourth summer, and his stirring morning and evening messages were of particular interest to Youth. Six young people surrendered their lives to Christ by profession of Faith, and some 45 others dedicated their lives for more Consecrated Christian Service.

Intermediate and Junior Sword Drills were conducted each day and the top 10 in each group participated in the State Contest at the State League Convention held on Friday. Winners in the Intermediate Drill were: Ernest Lewis, Sue Wheeler and Jane Jones. Ernest, as first place winner is to receive an expense paid trip to Greenville, N. C., where he will represent Texas Leagues in the National Sword Drill, at the Nationwide League Convention in June of 1956. The funds for the trip to be supplied from dues to the State Convention. Diane Clary, Ray Berry and Merle McDonald were winners in the Junior Drill.

Free Will Baptist Camp time at Pineywoods is scheduled next year for the week of August 13, 1956. The Rev. C. F. Bowen, National League Secretary, and writer of our League Literature is to be the Evangelist.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance Brought Forward Sept. 1, 1954 \$ 30.70

Receipts

March 8, 1955

Central Texas District WAC 7.50

April 5, 1955

Central Texas District Quarterly Meeting 100.00

May 29, 1955

Central Texas District S. S. Convention..... 25.00

June 23, 1955

East Texas District Quarterly Meeting 100.00

Registration Paid In:

109 Campers @ \$10.00 \$1090.00

2 - 5 year olds @ \$5.00 10.00

Total \$1363.20

Disbursements:

Travel Expense for Camp Comm. \$ 10.50

Printing 26.00

Insurance On Campers 51.30

Evangelist 100.00

Awards for Sword Drills 10.57

Extra Meals for Early Campers 8.25

Publicity 6.29

Supplies for Camp Paper 6.42

Registration for Evangelist..... 10.00

Total Expense \$ 229.33

Registrations paid to Pineywoods 1100.00

Balance September 1, 1955 \$ 33.87

Free Will Baptist Camp Building Fund

On Deposit in Federal Savings and Loan Bank

In Houston, Texas \$ 462.91

Mrs. H. Ray Berry, Secretary-Treasurer

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Mrs. H. Ray Berry

Mrs. Ray T. Trant

C. T. Coolidge

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Bro. Everett Hellard

Mrs. Chas. Moehlman

Mrs. Molly Lawless

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Mrs. Clyde Goen

Mrs. Bob Davis

Mrs. L. L. Nevill

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Clyde Goen

Bro. Huey Gower

J. L. Vance

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook

Rev. H. M. McAdams

Rev. Charles Sapp

We recommend: That the Executive Committee of the Association be the official Program Committee for the ensuing year.

Mrs. J. M. Vance

Mrs. Bob Trant

Mrs. Belle Robinson

UNIFIED PROGRAM REPORT

Amount Received

Pine Prairie	\$ 126.43
First Church, Bryan	893.63
Keith	87.97
Bayshore	234.01
Bright Light	82.57
Huntsville	15.00
Blue Lake	73.48

Total	\$ 1513.09
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Total Paid Out

W. S. Mooneyham	\$ 801.12
N. C. Cole	228.88
F. A. Brooks	116.47
C. E. Oliver	366.62

Total	\$1513.09
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BOARDS

STUDENT LOAN BOARD

Emory Franklin, Secretary-Treasurer -- Expires 1957
C. T. Coolidge -- Expires 1956 *Coolidge*
W. T. Canty --- Expires 1956 *Lange*
N. C. Cole --- Expires 1957
Ray T. Trant --- Expires 1958

HOME MISSION BOARD

C. T. Coolidge --- Expires 1956
Everett Hellard --- Expires 1957
C. F. Goen --- Expires 1958

Ray Trant

ORDAINING COUNCIL

H. Ray Berry

Charles Sapp

J. L. Bounds ✓

YOUTH ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE

Mrs. H. Ray Berry

Everett Hellard

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LEAGUE DIRECTOR

Ruby Withers

Ruby Withers

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

Rev. A. F. Halbrook

Lucy Gove

FINANCE REPORT

FIRST QUARTER 1955

Total In Treasury	\$ 106.74
Offering, Dues and Unified Program	481.68
	<u>\$ 588.42</u>

Expenses:

Unified Program	\$ 379.12
State Association Dues	15.00
Clerk's Salary	10.00
Printing of Programs	5.60
Printing of Minutes and Programs	52.10
	<u>\$ 461.82</u>
Total in Treasury	\$ 126.60

SECOND QUARTER 1955

Total in Treasury	\$ 126.60
Offering, Dues and Unified Program	475.58
	<u>\$ 602.18</u>

Expenses:

Unified Program	\$ 368.71
Youth Camp	100.00
Calvary Fund	50.00
Clerk's Salary	10.00
Printing Programs	2.75
	<u>\$ 531.46</u>
Total in Treasury	\$ 70.72

THIRD QUARTER 1955

Total in Treasury	\$ 70.72
Offering, Dues and Unified Program	507.08
	<u>\$ 577.80</u>

Expenses:

Unified Program	\$ 396.64
Orphan Home	75.00
Clerk's Salary	10.00
Calvary Fund	<u>18.74</u>
	<u>\$ 500.38</u>

Total in Treasury	\$ 77.42
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FOURTH QUARTER 1955

Total in Treasury	\$ 77.42
Offering, Dues and Unified Program	448.03
	<u>\$ 525.45</u>

Expenses:

Co-op Plan	\$ 366.62
Clerk's Salary	10.00
Printing of Minutes	<u>52.50</u>
	<u>\$ 429.12</u>

Total in Treasury	<u>\$ 96.33</u>
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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 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

Section 1. Each Church, entitled to three delegates. 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 ten dollars (\$10.00) 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.

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

Section 1. 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.

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

Section 1. 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 unchristian doctrine or practice, and serve as a Credentials Committee at each session.

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ARTICLE XIII - BOARDS

Section 1. 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.

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