

Houston

MINUTES
of the
CENTRAL TEXAS DISTRICT
ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
for
1956

OFFICERS 1956-1957

Moderator _____ Rev. Alvin Halbrook
Assistant Moderator _____ Rev. C. B. Thompson
Clerk and Treasurer _____ Mrs. Huey Gower
Assistant Clerk _____ Mrs. Dorothy Alexander

MINUTES
Of
CENTRAL TEXAS QUARTERLY MEETING
HELD AT CROSS CHURCH
JANUARY 7, 1956

The Central Texas Quarterly meeting opened Saturday morning January 7, 1956 by singing "Stand Up For Jesus" led by Rev. Charles Sapp. The Moderator, Rev. H. Ray Berry presided over the meeting.

Prayer led by Brother Clyde Goen after which Rev. C. B. Thompson conducted the devotional in the absence of Mrs. David Reed. He read the twenty-third Psalm.

Letters were received and read from the following churches: Bayshore, Fellowship, Cross, Bright Light, Pine Prairie, Blue Lake, Evergreen, First Church of Houston Huntsville, First Church of Bryan.

Delegates were recognized. Then deacons and ministers were recognized.

The Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Texas State Association, Rev. C. E. Oliver, was recognized.

All visitors were recognized and welcomed to this meeting.

Rev. Don Ellis, Pastor of Healdton church in Okla. and his wife were introduced to this body by Rev. Charles Sapp.

Motion sustained that the program be adopted with any necessary changes.

The following committees were appointed by the moderator: Resolutions: Clyde Goen, J. W. Lafever, Everett Hellard; Obituary; Mrs. C. E. Dudley, Mr. Joe Hamilton, Mrs. Margaret Morton.

Rev. Charles Sapp led in prayer in behalf of the Halbrook family whose mother is seriously ill.

The Rev. Albert Halbrook, who was on program to bring the morning message was unable to be present. The moderator asked Rev. C. E. Oliver to bring the morning message.

Rev. Charles Sapp led the congregation in singing "Joy Unspeakable" and "Sunshine in My Soul."

Morning offering was received. (\$19.43)

Rev. Everett Hellard brought a special number in song entitled, "What Shall I Give Thee, Master?" Miss Mary Ellen Williams accompanied him at the piano.

The moderator then presented the speaker, Rev. C. E. Oliver, who brought the message based on Phillipians 3:13 "forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching

forth unto those things which are before."

Rev. H. M. McAdams led in a prayer of consecration after which we adjourned for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session opened with singing led by Rev. Huey Gower, after which Brother Daniels led in prayer.

We were then favored with a quartette

Brother Louis Lawson, a deacon from the Bryan Church, brought the afternoon devotional, reading scripture from Matthew 11:28, emphasizing some of the things that we know we ought to do in this new year.

A report of the Texas State Association was brought by Rev. Everett Hellard.

Bro. C. E. Oliver gave a report of the Texas State Association and the Cooperative Program and of his work as Executive-Secretary, after which there was a lengthy discussion.

Mrs. Minor gave a report of the Children's Home in Okla. after which two of the girls from the home were introduced and gave a short testimony. Brother Don Ellis reported on the cattle and barn and such things at the Home.

The treasurer's report was read and adopted.

The Obituary report was read and adopted and prayer was offered by Brother Sapp.

The resolutions report was read by Brother Hellard. Motion sustained to accept the report and act upon it item by item.

The first resolution which pertained to the establishment of a layman's league was amended to read thus—And that the Executive Committee be responsible for getting this organization perfected. This was adopted. The other three resolutions were adopted.

Brother Dee Rivette gave a report of the Sunday School convention. This report was received as information.

Brother Clyde Goen gave a report of the Home Mission Board. Motion sustained to adopt the report.

The report of the Student Loan Fund was read and adopted.

Evergreen Church extended an invitation for the next Quarterly Meeting which was unanimously accepted.

By motion, the body adjourned to go into the League hour.

Mrs. Withers was in charge of this part of the program.

Miss Norma Trant brought the devotional, reading from Luke 9:57-62.

League reports were read.

Dismissed with prayer.

REPORTS

RESOLUTION'S COMMITTEE REPORT

1. We recommend that a district layman's organization be established to assist in supplying pulpits and speaking at other meetings within the district, and outside the district if called upon to do so.

2. Be it Resolved that we give a standing vote of thanks to the host church for their fine hospitality.

3. Be it Resolved that within our minutes that all boards be brought up to date.

4. Be it Resolved that all church cooperative money be sent through the Quarterly meeting. Also that the churches continue thier dues.

HOME MISSIONS REPORT

January 17, 1955, Money order from B. F. Rogers	\$241.84
June 30, 1955, Interest from Bldg. and Loan	4.02
October 1, 1955, Evergreen Church by Mrs. Maxwell	15.00
December 31, 1955, Interest from Bldg. and Loan	4.42

TOTAL ----- \$265.28

C. F. Goen, Chairman of Committee

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Program Committee met Nov. 14 to plan the program for the convention to be held in the Bryan Free Will Baptist Church April 29, 1956.

The Program Committee members are Mrs. Ruby Withers, Mrs. Louise Lawson, and Mrs. Lillie Belle Kinne. They were assisted by Rev. and Mrs. Charles Sapp and Rev. and Mrs. H. Ray Berry.

A teacher training program is planned and Rev. Michler sent books to cover the workshops. Mrs. Kinne purchased the books and has made them available to anyone participating in the workshop.

Rev. John West, Chairman of the National Sunday School Board is to be guest speaker, if possible.

We urge everyone connected with the Sunday school convention to try to make this the best convention possible.

Dee Rivette, President

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received from Mr. Trant	\$ 96.33
Received for dues	55.00
Received for Cooperative program	573.07
Home for Children	126.25
Student loan fund	5.00
Worship offering	19.43

Paid out to C. E. Oliver, Jan. 7, \$100.00 to Home for Children.

Balance in Treasury, Jan. 7	\$775.10
Churches and amount given to Cooperative Program	
Cross	\$ 31.00
Bright Light	45.00
Pine Prairie	30.00
Blue Lake	36.46
Evergreen	15.00
Bayshore	53.20
Fellowship	119.66
Bryan (First)	237.75
Huntsville	5.00

TOTAL\$573.07

RECEIVED DURING QUARTER:

January 12—Received from Edge Baptist church by C. M. Payne for the Calvary Fund	\$ 15.00
January—Received from Adult S. S. Class of Houston by Mrs. Effie DeJarnett for National Home Missions	5.00
March 1—Received from Adult S. S. Class of Houston by Mrs. DeJarnett for National Home Missions	5.00
March 20—Received from Adult S. S. Class of Houston by Mrs. DeJarnett for National Home Missions	5.00
March 25—Received from Edge Baptist Church by C. M. Payne for Calvary Fund	15.00

T O T A L\$ 45.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Paid out to C. E. Oliver for Cooperative Program	\$573.07
C. E. Oliver for Home for Children	26.25
C. E. Oliver (Honorarium)	20.00
C. E. Oliver for Calvary Fund	15.00
Mrs. Huey Gower—Clerical fee	10.00
Postage and envelopes	1.00
Emory Franklin for Student Loan Fund	5.00

BALANCE IN TREASURY\$139.76

M I N U T E S
Of
QUARTERLY MEETING HELD WITH
EVERGREEN CHURCH

March 31, 1956

The Central Texas Quarterly Meeting opened Saturday morning March 31 at the Evergreen Free Will Baptist Church with the Rev. H. Ray Berry presiding.

Brother Hellard led the congregation in singing of "The Old Rugged Cross" and "He Lives" after which Bro. Clyde Goen led in prayer.

Mrs. A. V. Jennische brought the morning devotions with scripture reading from Col. 3:1 "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above. . . ."

The theme for the day was "The Resurrected Life."

The Moderator, Rev. H. Ray Berry asked the assistant moderator, Rev. Charles Sapp to preside over this session.

Letters were read from the following churches: Bayshore, Evergreen, Cross, Bluelake, Pine Prairie, Huntsville, Fellowship, First Church of Bryan and Bright Light.

The Moderator recognized all delegates, ministers and deacons, and ministers' wives.

Visitors were recognized.

By motion, the program was adopted as the order of program for the day, with any necessary changes that need to be made.

The following committees were appointed: Resolutions: Mrs. Bob Trant, O. L. Lawson and Moody Allen.

Obituary: Mrs. Kate Lucas, Mrs. A. V. Jennische, and Bro. C. W. Darnell.

Motion that we adjourn the business for the worship service.

Congregational singing was led by Bro. Hellard.

Prayer by Bro. J. C. Carter.

Song—"Sweet By and By."

An offering of \$27.77 was received.

Bro. Everett Hellard sang "The Wayfaring Pilgrim."

The moderator presented the Rev. A. F. Halbrook, Pastor of Bright Light Church, who brought a most inspiring message from Col. 3:1-4 on "The Resurrected Life."

The service was closed by singing the invitation hymn "Must Jesus bear the Cross Alone." after which we were dismissed with prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was called to order by Rev. Everett Hellard, who led the congregation in the singing of hymns.

Bro. C. E. Isom brought the devotion, reading from Psalm 46. Special music was rendered by a sextette—"Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone."

A Quartette sang: "He Whispers Sweet Peace to Me." The treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Huey Gower. The report was adopted.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. The report of the Obituary Committee was read and adopted.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was read by Mrs. Bob Trant. Motion carried to accept the report and act upon it item by item. The report was adopted in its entirety.

The report of the Home Missions Board was read by Mr. Clyde Goen. Motion sustained to adopt the report.

Rev. Alvin Halbbrook read the report of the ordaining Council. The report was adopted.

The report of the Student Loan Fund was read and adopted.

The Moderator read a report from the State Executive-Secretary.

Motion that we accept the invitation to meet with Blue Lake Church on Saturday before the first Sunday in July. It was unanimously accepted.

A fourth resolution was presented which was adopted.

Mrs. Ruby Withers was in charge of the League Hour.

A round table discussion was presented by four young people.

Motion that we adjourn.

Dismissed with prayer by Brother Timmons.

R E P O R T S

RESOLUTIONS

We, your committee on Resolutions, beg leave to submit the following:

1. Be it resolved that the Central Texas Association give as a token of their appreciation \$10.00 to each of the 7 students now attending the Free Will Baptist College in Nashville, Tenn., in order to better equip themselves to carry the Word to the lost of this world. These students are John Mohlman, Bill Jones, Miss Barrie Sue Colson, Miss Avon Burkhalter, Bobby Ferguson, Frank Breedlove, and Bobby Joe Davis.

2. Be it resolved that the churches in our district association send in cooperative funds monthly, rather than quarterly.

3. Be it resolved that we give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their gracious hospitality and abundant lunch served at noon.

4. Be it resolved that our money on percentage wide basis for foreign missions be ear-marked "Calvary Fund" until we reach our goal of \$3500.00 per year. That this information be forwarded to the state office and finally to the national office. Furthermore, if it will be the local churches desire to earmark their special offerings the same, that it will be deeply appreciated by this Quarterly Meeting.

Mrs. Bob Trant,
Louis Lawson,
Moody Allen.

OBITUARY REPORT

We, your Obituary Committee, report that we find no deceased during this past quarter.

Mrs. Katie Lucas
Mrs. A. V. Jennische
C. W. Darnell

HOME MISSIONS

Jan. 15, 1955: Rec'd from Bert Rogers money order,	\$241.84
Jan. 17, 1955: Deposited in Bryan Bldg. and Loan	241.84
Evergreen Church by Mrs. Maxwell	15.00
Feb. 14, 1956: Drew out for Fellowship Church	200.00
March 31, 1956: Amount in Treasury	56.84

C. F. Goen

ORDAINING COUNCIL

We recommend Brother Timmons to the Central Texas District Association for license to preach the gospel for one year.

J. L. Bounds
H. Ray Berry
Alvin Halbrook, proxy for Sapp

TREASURER'S REPORT

Amount in Treasury March 31	\$139.76
Received at Quarterly Meeting:	

Name of Church	Ass'n Dues	Co-op Fund	Foreign Missions
Bayshore	\$6.00	\$68.17	

Evergreen	6.00	20.00	
Cross	5.00	61.78	
Blue Lake	5.00	16.62	
Pine Prairie	7.00	30.00	
Huntsville	5.00		\$11.73
Fellowship	5.00	108.26	
Bryan First	5.00	253.80	
Bright Light	5.00	45.00	
Houston	6.00	162.20	
TOTAL	55.00	770.83	

Morning Offering—\$27.77.

Received during quarter:

April 4—from Pine Prairie by Mrs. Carroll for Chapels for Cuba.....	\$ 4.81
April 10—from Pine Prairie by Mrs. Carroll for Coop. Plan.....	10.00
May 1—from Pine Prairie by Mrs. Carroll for Coop. Plan.....	10.00
May 2—Adult S. S. Class of Houston for National Home Missions.....	5.00
May —from Bryan for Coop. Plan.....	63.25
May 3—from First Church of Houston by Geo. Howard for Coop. Plan.....	125.05
Received from Mrs. Belle Robinson, Pine Prairie Church for Calvery and Hershey Fund..... (to be equally divided)	20.00
May 8—from Fellowship Church by Mrs. Ruby Withers for Coop. Plan.....	50.43
May 8—from Bayshore Church for Coop-Plan.....	38.00
May 29—Bryan First by Mrs. B. C. Williams for Coop. Plan.....	70.13
May 18—Adult S. S. Class of Houston by Mrs. DeJarnett for National Home Missions.....	5.00
June 7—First Church of Houston for Coop. Plan.....	86.47
June 5—Pine Prairie by Mrs. Carroll for Coop. Plan.....	10.00
June 5—Bayshore Church by B. M. Daniels for Coop. Plan.....	28.00
June 8—Edge Baptist Church by C. W. Payne for Calvery Fund.....	15.00
June 15—Adult S. S. Class of Houston for National Home Missions.....	5.00
June 15—Fellowship Church by Mrs. Ruby Withers for Coop. Plan.....	29.56

Total received during quarter:

Cooperative Fund -----	\$510.89
Home Missions -----	15.00
Foreign Missions -----	35.00
Chapels for Cuba -----	4.81
TOTAL -----	565.70
Paid Out:	
Cooperative Program -----	\$1281.72
National Home Missions -----	15.00
Calvary Fund -----	25.00
Hershey Fund -----	10.00
Clerical fee -----	10.00
Bible College students -----	70.00
Postage -----	1.00
BALANCE IN TREASURY -----	\$141.53

MINUTES OF QUARTERLY MEETING HELD AT BLUE LAKE CHURCH, JUNE 30, 1956

The Central Texas Quarterly Meeting was held at Blue Lake Church on Saturday, June 30. The Moderator, Rev. H. Ray Berry presided over the meeting. The meeting opened by singing "Love Lifted Me," led by Bro. Everett Hellard.

Rev. Huey Gower brought the morning devotional on the subject of Deliverance, with scripture reading from 2 Cor. 1:10 and Luke 4:18. Prayer by Bro. Gower.

Letters were read from the following churches: First Church of Houston, Bayshore, Fellowship, Bryan, Huntsville, Evergreen, Bright Light, Blue Lake, Pine Prairie.

Delegates were recognized. Ministers and deacons were recognized.

Rev. Albert Halbrook and Bro. Brown, who were visiting ministers were welcomed.

Carol Shobert, a young lady from the Free Will Baptist Home in Oklahoma, was introduced to the body.

All visitors were recognized.

By motion, the program was adopted as the order of program for the day with any necessary changes.

The following committees were appointed: Resolutions, Alvin Halbrook, Ray Trant, and Everett Hellard.

Obituary: Mrs. Daniels, Lucile Lawson, and Mrs. Moody.

Rev. Everett Hellard led the congregation in singing of several hymns for the worship service.

An offering of \$22.89 was received.

Rev. Everett Hellard presented a special message in song entitled, "Heaven."

The moderator presented the Rev. C. E. Isom who brought the morning message based on 2 Cor. 1:2-10, and verse 20.

The service closed with a consecration service and by singing "I Surrender All."

Dismissed with prayer by John Mohlman.

AFTERNOON SERVICE

The afternoon service opened by singing "Sunshine in My Soul" with Mrs. Dale Burden at the piano.

Prayer—Rev. Albert Halbrook.

Solo—Mrs. John Mohlman.

B. M. Daniels brought a stirring devotional on what we have been delivered from and what we as Christians have received.

The Moderator read a letter from the Bible College students who had been sent \$10.00 each from this Quarterly meeting, expressing their appreciation for the offering, after which personal letters were read by the secretary.

Carol Schobert, a young woman from the Children's Home in Oklahoma spoke on the Home.

Reading of minutes were read and adopted.

The treasurer's report was read and adopted.

The report of the Credentials Committee was read by Bro. Sapp. By motion, the report was received.

The first recommendation that John Mohlman be ordained was adopted.

Second motion sustained that Bill Jones be ordained.

Motion sustained to adopt the recommendation to ordain C. E. Isom.

Recommendation to renew license for Bobby Ferguson was adopted.

Motion sustained to issue license to C. W. Darnell.

The recommendation concerning the North Zulch Church was adopted.

Brother Hellard made a recommendation that Bro. Berry, Bro. Richards, and Ray Trant go to investigate the North Zulch Church and that they go at a regular business conference. Motion carried.

The report of the obituary committee was read and adopted. Prayer by Bro. Richard.

Since the time had come for the League hour to begin and the business of the quarterly meeting was not completed a motion was made that the time be extended in order to take care of the business.

The Resolutions report was read by Alvin Halbrook. By motion, the report was received and acted upon item by item. The entire report was adopted.

Motion carried that the quarterly meeting provide \$100.00 for the Encampment fund.

The report of the Student Loan Fund was read and adopted.

Motion sustained that our District Moderator be authorized to appoint any who are present at our National Meeting to serve as delegates.

The League Hour was presented with Mrs. Ruby Withers in charge. Janie LaSuer read reports. Bill Jones spoke on what our league needs.

Mrs. Berry spoke briefly about the camp which begins August 13 at Piney Woods.

Dismissed with prayer.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Credentials Committee recommends John Mohlman for ordination.

2. That Bill Jones be ordained for ministry.

3. Bobby Joe Davis be recommended for ordination.

4. We recommend that Bobby Ferguson's license be renewed.

5. We recommend that Chas. W. Darnell be granted license to preach.

6. The Credentials Committee recommends that whereas the North Zulch Free Will Baptist Church has willfully rejected and ignored the fellowship of our association and whereas there has been given to them a space of time in which to reconsider their relationship to the association and to date have not done so and whereas this committee wants to do the will of the Lord in all respects, be it resolved that the association send a committee to them to determine the following and report back to the credential committee.

1. Do they wish to continue in fellowship with this association?

2. Does their present pastor wish the fellowship and recommendation of the association?

3. Are they (minister and church) willing to submit to direction of the association in this matter?

RESOLUTIONS REPORT

1. Be it resolved that the quarterly meeting purchase a sewing machine at the cost of \$70.00 for the Free Will Baptist Children's Home and that Brother Ray Trant be authorized to purchase and deliver the same.

2. Be it Resolved that the Executive Committee work out a plan of finance for our local Home Mission board and report to next Quarterly Meeting.

3. That we have a rising vote of thanks for the gracious hospitality of the Host Church.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Resolutions Committee.
 Rev. Alvin Halbrook
 Bro. Ray Trant
 Rev. Everett Hellard

LETTER FROM BIBLE COLLEGE STUDENTS

Central Texas District Beloved:

We rejoice greatly in the Lord that He chose to supply through you our needs. It meant much for you to give of your means but much more the expression of love from your heart and your prayers. We praise the Lord for you.
 The Bible College Students

TREASURER'S REPORT

Name of Church	Coop-Fund	Ass'n Dues	Calvary's
Fellowship	\$36.88	5.00	
Bayshore	30.97	6.00	
Huntsville		5.00	
Evergreen		6.00	
Cross	64.00	5.00	
Bright Light	45.00	5.00	
Blue Lake	24.71	5.00	
Pine Prairie	10.00	7.00	\$10.00
First Church Bryan	90.75	5.00	
TOTAL	\$302.31	\$49.00	

Received during quarter.

PROCEEDINGS

Of

ANNUAL MEETING OF

CENTRAL TEXAS DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

The Central Texas District Association of Free Will Baptists met in its annual session October 5-6 at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Bryan.

The service opened with singing led by Rev. Charles Sapp.

Rev. Charles Sapp, Assistant Moderator presented Mrs.

Herbert Richards who brought the morning devotional reading from Luke 10:1, emphasizing the Call to Service. Mrs. Richards led in prayer.

The Moderator then opened the session and asked the secretary, Mrs. Huey Gower to read the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association.

A prayer of consecration was offered by Brother H. M. McAdams.

Dismissed for a brief intermission.

The song service for the worship hour was led by Rev. Huey Gower with Mrs. Gower at the piano.

Prayer by Mr. C. T. Coolidge.

An offering of \$16.28 was received.

Solo—"I Will Arise and Go" by Everett Hellard.

The morning message was delivered by Bro. Everett Hellard who read John 12:24 and spoke on the urgency of reaching the whole world with the gospel.

An invitation hymn, "Just As I Am" was sung after which we were dismissed with prayer by Bro. Charles Sapp.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session opened with singing led by Bro. McAdams.

Prayer by Bro. C. E. Isom.

The report of the Credentials Committee was read by Rev. Charles Sapp. Motion carried that we accept the report of the Credentials Committee and the letters be received and delegates seated and Cards of Standing issued to ministers.

Letters were read from the following churches: Bright Light, Blue Lake, Evergreen, Houston, North Zulch, First Church of Bryan, Fellowship, Pine Prairie, Cross, Huntsville.

Delegates were recognized from the churches.

Deacons were recognized.

Ministers and their wives were recognized to complete the voting body of this association.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

By Motion, the program was adopted as the order of procedure with any necessary changes.

The Moderator appointed the following Committees: Resolutions; Rev. Alvin Halbrook, Rev. Everett Hellard, and Mrs. A. A. Schultz.

Obituary: Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, Mrs. Minnie Lee Davis and Mrs. L. M. Adams.

Nominations: Rev. Herbert Richards, Bro. C. T. Coolidge, and Noah Cole.

Motion carried that the chair appoint a Committee to revise the Constitution and By-Laws to clarify some points, particularly concerning the appointment of committees.

The moderator appointed Rev. Alvin Halbrook, Rev. Herbert Richards and Rev. C. B. Thompson.

The Report of the Home Missions Board was read by Bro. Clyde Goen. By motion, the report was adopted.

Motion to adjourn.

Dismissed with prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING

The Saturday morning session opened by singing "Sunshine in My Soul" led by Bro. Clyde Goen.

Prayer by Bro. J. C. Carter.

Bro. Herbert Richards brought the morning devotional with scripture reading from Psalm 85, after which he led in prayer.

Delegates coming in late were recognized. Janet Fushak from Bright Light, Mrs. J. C. Carter and Hendricks Harper a visitor from Bright Light.

Rev. Don Ellis, pastor of Jameson Memorial Free Will Baptist church in Henderson, was recognized.

Letters coming in late were read. Bayshore letter was read. Motion that the letter be received and delegates seated and that the additional information be included since it was only a quarterly report instead of an annual one. Motion carried.

Mrs. H. Ray Berry gave the report of the Youth Encampment. By motion, the report was adopted.

The moderator asked Bro. Clyde Goen and Bro. Darnell to work with Bro. Richards on the Committee on nominations since the other two members were absent.

Rev. Alvin Halbrook gave the report of the Foreign Mission Board. The report was received and by motion was adopted item by item.

A verbal report of the Superannuation Board was given by Bro. Lewis Lawson, which was received as information.

The final report of the Credentials Committee was given by Bro. Sapp and was adopted as read.

The Report of the Executive Committee elected at the last Quarterly meeting to work out a plan of finance for the Home Mission Board and present to this body was given by Bro. Sapp.

By motion, the report was tabled until after lunch in order to give more time for consideration to it.

Bro. Laymon Lawson and Sister Ellen Lawson were recognized as delegates.

Motion that the Resolutions report be read before lunch in order for it to be considered during the noon hour. Motion carried. The report was read by Bro. Alvin Halbrook. Motion to receive the report and table it until after lunch. Motion carried.

The business was adjourned until after lunch in order to give way to the worship service.

Prayer by Bro. Laymon Lawson.

An offering of \$18.39 was received.

Brother Hellard sang "Now I Belong to Jesus," after which the moderator presented Rev. J. L. Bounds who brought a challenging message on the subject of "An Open Door" with scripture reading from Deut. 30:15-20, using as his text verse 19.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon session opened with singing led by Bro. Morris.

The session opened with the assistant moderator presiding. The first item of business was removing from the table the Resolutions Report which was placed there before lunch. The report was read and by motion acted upon item by item. The first five resolutions were adopted as read. Resolution No. 6 concerning the finance for the Home Mission Board was tabled indefinitely. Resolution No. 7 was defeated.

By motion, the report of the Executive Committee on Home Missions was taken from the table.

Brother Hellard made a motion that the Home Mission Board be given some consideration and bring back some recommendation for a promotional secretary for Home Missions at the next quarterly meeting. The vote was 21 in favor and 18 opposed so the motion passed.

Mrs. Anthony made a stirring appeal that some action be taken by this body now and emphasized the urgency of reaching lost people with the gospel after which Bro. Isom led in prayer.

Bro. Gower made a motion and it was seconded by Bro. Thompson that the Home Mission Board and the Executive Committee meet in joint session to select a Promotional Secretary for Home Missions and that it be done immediately. The motion carried.

The report of the Student Loan Fund was read and adopted.

The report of the Obituary Committee was read and adopted.

The Moderator appointed Bro. Louis Lawson, Bro. Lang and Mrs. C. B. Thompson on the auditing Committee.

The report on Christian Education was given by Mrs. H. Ray Berry.

The report of the Nominating Committee was given by Herbert Richards. By motion, the report was received and acted upon item by item.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Moderator—Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook.

Assistant Moderator—Rev. C. B. Thompson

Clerk—Mrs. Huey Gower

Assistant Clerk—Mrs. Dorothy Alexander

Ordaining Council—Rev. J. L. Bounds

Home Mission Board—Ray T. Trant

Student Loan Fund—Bro. C. T. Coolidge and Bro. James Lang.

Foreign Missions Director—Rev. Huey Gower

League Director—Mrs. Teeny Anthony

Encampment Committee—Mrs. H. Ray Berry and Mrs. Everett Hellard

Program Committee—Executive Committee of Association.

The Moderator appointed the following to serve as delegates to the State Association: Mrs. Louis Lawson, Mrs. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Vance, Mrs. Huey Gower, Mrs. Herbert Richards, Mrs. Charles Sapp, Mrs. Teeny Anthony, Mrs. Glenna Jackson, Mrs. Ruby Maxwell, and Bro. H. B. Harper.

The treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Huey Gower and by motion was adopted.

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Houston invited the Quarterly Meeting and Youth Rally to meet with it in January. The invitation was unanimously accepted.

Motion to adjourn.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Charles Sapp.

Minutes of Executive Committee and Home Mission Board.

After the adjournment of the association the Executive Committee and the Home Mission Board together with the retiring moderator and assistant moderator met in joint session for the purpose of selecting a Home Mission Director to serve in this district.

The meeting opened with prayer led by Bro. Clyde Goen.

Bro. Hellard nominated Bro. Sapp to be the Executive

Secretary of the Home Mission Board for the coming year. Bro. Sapp was unanimously elected to serve in this capacity. There was a discussion of the various cities in which there are possibilities for a Free Will Baptist Church such as Hearne, Navasota, Madisonville and Houston.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Bounds.

REPORT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TO CENTRAL TEXAS DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Information forms were mailed out to ten churches in the District, and it is from these forms I submit the following report:

Nine Churches had Daily Vacation Bible Schools

Total Average Attendance 518

David C. Cook, Scripture Press, Southern Baptist, and Free Will Baptist Literature was used.

Projects were Calvary Fund, Visual Aid Equipment, and Literature and Refreshments.

Nine Churches represented at Camp with 121 members.

Two churches have students at Bible Colleges, 6 all together.

There was on average attendance in Sunday School last year of 547.

In five Leagues an average attendance of 163.

Total expended for literature for Sunday School and Leagues was \$1,167.28.

Nine Churches reported using the Co-Operative Plan for their support of the Bible College.

Mrs. H. Ray Berry

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 1956 FREE WILL BAPTIST STUDENT LOAN FUND

AMOUNT RECEIVED: AMOUNT PAID OUT NONE

Balance on hand—June 30, 1956 ----- \$845.89

July 16, 1956, Evergreen Church ----- 4.00

T O T A L ----- \$849.89

Balance—September 30, 1956 ----- \$849.89

Notes Receivable -----

Jane Berry ----- 627.00

Wesley Calvary ----- 50.00

Gaston Calvary ----- 35.00

Barrie Sue Colson ----- 300.00

Herbert Richards ----- 170.00

GRAND TOTAL ----- \$2,031.89

Signed Emory Franklin, Sec.-Treas.

BI-DISTRICT ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT 1956

The East-Central Texas Bi-District Encampment Committee, consisting of Rev. Gaston Clary and C. E. Oliver of East Texas, and Rev. E. D. Hellard and Mrs. H. Ray Berry of Central Texas met the last day of camp at Pineywoods in 1955 and laid plans as far as possible for this year's camp, including the date and name of evangelist. Another meeting was held in Henderson in January when teachers and subject matter for classes from Beginners through Young peoples ages were arranged.

The same Committee workers were elected in their Districts in October, and worked together about all plans for Camp were completed, then Brother Oliver, through duress of work, resigned from the Board and the other three members worked on through Camp, and completed some plans for next year.

This summer's Encampment August 13-18 was certainly the most successful and most rewarding we've had since we started going to Pineywoods in 1949. There were 139 registered for the week with visitors bringing the total up to 185. The largest single class was that of the Intermediates who had 42 boys and girls 12-14 and studied the "Ten Commandments" under Mrs. Herbert Richards.

Rev. C. F. Bowen of Nashville, Tenn. was our youth Evangelist, and he was accompanied by Mrs. Bowen and Jeff. Mrs. Bowen kindly assisted in the daily Intermediate Sword Drill, and directed the contest in the State League Convention on Friday. The winners in that contest were Jimmy Lewis, Mary Elizabeth Berry and Diane Clary. As first prize Jimmie was presented with a paid registration for Camp next year. Those winning in the Junior contest were Paul Trant (who also won a free trip to camp next time), Everyl Hellard and Charlotte Garrett. These first prize awards were presented by the League Convention.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF BI-DISTRICT ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE

Balance Brought Forward September 1, 1955----\$ 35.62

RECEIPTS:

East Texas District Association	\$ 100.00
Central Texas Dist. Association	100.00
State Woman's Auxiliary	25.00
Received from Campers	1330.00

1555.00

Total to Account for -----\$1590.62

DISBURSEMENTS:

Publicity and Stamps -----	17.97
Programs -----	10.50
Song Books -----	12.50
Insurance -----	55.80
Registration for Campers -----	1330.00
Registration for 3 Guests -----	30.00
Sword Drill Awards -----	7.65
Honorarium for Evangelist -----	100.00
Phone Calls -----	5.62
Camp paper supplies	
Clinic supplies -----	13.00

\$1583.04

Balance on Hand in First National Bank, Bryan \$ 7.58
More than \$461.00 in Savings account in Houston, is
Federal Savings and Loan Bank.

Mrs. H. Ray Berry, Treasurer

There were some 35 decisions for Christ as follows:

Rededications 8
Called to Ministry 2
Special Service 6
Mission work 5
Saved 14

Free Will Baptist Camp time at Pineywoods for next
year has been set for the week of August 12. Registration
rates will be increased \$1.00 a week, or some 20c per day.

Your Committee,
Gaston Clary
Everett D. Hellard
Mrs. H. Ray Berry

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We your credential committee have examined the report
of the following ministers and recommend that they be
given a certificate of good standing for the 1956, 1957
church year.

Huey Eustace Gower
Everett D. Hellard
Ray Berry
H. M. McAdams
Charles Sapp
C. B. Thompson

J. L. Bounds
Alvin Halbrook
C. E. Isom
Lizzie McAdams
Troy Lee McDonald
Herbert Richards
Clyde Burney

We have also examined letters from the following churches and find them ready for presentation to the Association.

North Zulch
Pine Prairie
Fellowship
First-Church of Houston
Cross
Huntsville
First Free Will Baptist Church of Bryan
Evergreen
Bright Light
Blue Lake

COMMITTEE REPORTS 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.

O. L. Lawson
Mrs. C. B. Thompson
James Lang

REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Obituary find we have lost by death: Bryan 2; North Zulch 1; Pine Prairie 1; Houston 2; Blue Lake 2; Bright Light 1. We recommend that a prayer of this body be sent up to our heavenly Father to comfort these families and we extend our sympathy with our prayers.

Lizzie McAdams
Mrs. L. M. Adams
Minnie Lee Davis

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, your Credentials Committee recommend the licensing for the 1956-57 church year the following: Charles Darnell and B. D. Jones.

J. L. Bounds
Charles Sapp
H. Ray Berry

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS REPORT

1. Be it resolved that the District Clerk-Treasurer be bonded for \$5,000.00.

2. Be it resolved that the District Association encourage all boards who handle money to be bonded accordingly, in conjunction with amount of money it handles.

3. Be it resolved that the association match the amount of money that the league gives to their guest speaker, Rev. Don Ellis.

4. Be it Resolved that no person hold more than two offices this to include board members, this practice to begin in this session. (This is to be a change in By-Laws.)

5. Let us all stand as token of thanks to Rev. and Mrs. Sapp the Bryan church and all who helped to make our stay comfortable.

6. Be it Resolved that 5% of our cooperative Fund be retained in our district to facilitate the building up of an adequate fund in our District Home Mission treasury to help establish new churches in neighboring towns to carry out more fully the job our Lord commissions us to do when He said "Ye shall be witness unto me both in Jerusalem, and all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." (tabled indefinitely)

7. That we send \$25.00 to the First Free Will Baptist church in Dallas to help bear the burden of expenses during the State Association. (Defeated)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

We recommend that this association appoint a home missionary director, who will serve as the Executive Secretary of Home Mission Board and whose responsibility will be to conduct revivals in the cities of our district with prospect of church organizations.

We recommend that 10% of cooperative money be retained within the association and placed in the home missions treasury for the purpose of purchasing necessary equipment for evangelistic programs. We recommend for your consideration the purchasing of a tent, chairs, and public address system.

We further recommend that the association begin a campaign immediately to raise \$600.00 within the churches of our association in order to launch such a program of home missionary evangelistic endeavor.

The cities of Madisonville, Hearne, and Navasota could

be places of great strength for our church. We recommend these cities for definite concentration for home mission endeavor.

Many young men from the Bible College can be encouraged to come to the Central Texas area if we have churches with the potential strength for them to carry on an active evangelistic program. We must carry out the program of organizing these churches then God will send us men to supply them.

THE MISSION DIRECTOR

1. He shall be the Executive Secretary of the Home Mission Board—responsible for its funds and directly responsible to the board and the association governing the board for a complete and accurate report of his activities and disbursement of funds.

2. Home Mission funds will be used for the purchase of equipment, and any necessary expenses involved in conducting evangelistic campaigns with the prospect for church organization.

3. The Home Mission Director should be paid \$10.00 per service—which funds should be raised in his evangelistic endeavors. All money collected above this sum should be placed in the home mission treasury.

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION DIRECTOR

Balance on hand October 1955	\$245.86
Received from Keith church	15.00
Balance for the year	\$260.86
Dividend	4.42
Dividend	1.14
Feb. 14, 1956 loaned to Fellowship church (Bryan)	\$200.00
Balance	\$ 66.42

1. The Home Mission Board has agreed to become a loan rather than a financial assistant and that an agreement be made with the party involved to pay the money back in installments accordingly as agreement is made with the Board.

2. We request that some solution be presented and worked whereby we may have some income for Home Missionary Work.

C. F. Goen
Everett Hellard
C. T. Coolidge

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS DIRECTOR

When we think of foreign missions, we invariably think of Wesley and Aileen Calvery, our missionaries to Japan.

to whom the Texas State association has pledged to underwrite their salary.

Until recently, the Calvery Fund has been much of the time in the red from shortly after the time the Calverys were on the field, October, 1954. This "coming out of the red" is encouraging.

According to annual church reports to this session of the District Association, 9 churches gave a total of \$615.55 in offerings to foreign missions, apart from the cooperative program. If the percentage of the cooperative program fund for foreign missions is 26%, then the past year our churches according to available information, gave through the cooperative program \$700.22. These two figures total \$1315.77.

In order to put the Calvery Fund on a more firm basis, I challenge each church in the District Association that possibly can, to contribute this year apart from the cooperative program, the equivalent of the Calvery's monthly salary, or \$150.00.

I recommend that each person of this district association send a letter, or card during this church year, to each of our foreign missionaries.

I further recommend that our district Association clerk, immediately upon the closing of this session, write a letter to Wesley and Aileen Calvery in behalf of the Central Texas District Association, including a \$10.00 love offering each for Wesley and Aileen.

Respectfully Yours,
Alvin F. Halbrook

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received from Mr. Trant at beginning of year.....\$96.33

Receipts during year

Association Dues	\$ 231.00
Worship Offerings	104.76
Cooperative Program	2840.88
Calvery Fund	119.00
National Home Missions	45.00
Chapels for Cuba	4.81
Student Loan Fund	9.00
Foreign Missions	11.73
Home for Children	126.25

TOTAL RECEIPTS\$3476.58

DISBURSEMENTS:

Cooperative Fund	\$2840.88
Calvery Fund	119.00

National Home Missions -----	45.00
Chapels for Cuba -----	4.81
Student Loan Fund -----	9.00
Foreign Missions -----	11.73
Clerical Fee -----	40.00
Home for Children -----	126.25
C. E. Oliver (honorarium) -----	20.00
Rev. H. Ray Berry, Printing programs -----	2.00
Rev. H. Ray Berry—Minister's certificates -----	1.00
Mrs. Huey Gower, postage and stationary -----	4.00
Bible College Students -----	70.00
Ray Trant for sewing machine for Children's Home -----	70.00
Mrs. H. Ray Berry, League Encampment-----	100.00
Item Stationers for record book -----	3.69
Don Ellis, (Honorarium) League \$10.00; Association -----	10.00
Balance in Treasury -----	112.40

RECEIPTS FROM JULY 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30

RECEIPTS:

- July 3 from Houston church by Geo. Howard for Coop. Program \$73.34.
- July 3 Evergreen Church by Cindy Jones \$20.00 for Cooperative program; \$4.00 for Student Loan.
- July 5 Houston Church by Geo. Howard for Association dues \$6.00.
- July 7 Evergreen Church by Mrs. Ray Trant for Calvery Fund. \$29.00
- July 11 Houston Adult S. S. Class by Mrs. Effie De-Jarnett for National Home Missions
- July 31 Bryan First church by Grady Williams for Cooperative Program \$69.08
- August 2 Bayshore Church by Mrs. Perry Yarbrough for Cooperative Program \$31.00.
- Aug. 7 Fellowship Church by Mrs. Ruby Withers for Cooperative Program \$38.59.
- Aug. 10 Houston Adult S. S. Class for National Home Missions \$5.00
- Aug. 27 Bryan First Church by G. C. Williams for Cooperative Program \$93.51
- Aug. Fellowship Church by Mrs. Withers for Cooperative Program \$40.98
- Sept. 11 Pine Prairie Church by Lucille Carroll for Cooperative Program \$20.00

Sept. 10 Huntsville Church for National Home Missions \$5.00

Sept. 18 Bayshore Church by Mrs. Barbara Yarbrough for Cooperative plan \$22.50

Sept. 21 Bright Light Church by Mrs. Clyde Goen for Cooperative Program \$45.00

B O A R D S

STUDENT LOAN BOARD

Emory Franklin, Secretary-Treasurer, 1957; N. C. Cole 1957; Ray T. Trant 1958 C. T. Coolidge 1959; James Lang 1959.

HOME MISSION BOARD

Everett Hellard 1957; C. F. Goen 1958; Ray T. Trant 1959.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

H. Ray Berry; Charles Sapp; J. L. Bounds 1959.

YOUTH ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE

Mrs. H. Ray Berry and Mrs. Everett Hellard

LEAGUE DIRECTOR

Mrs. Teeny Anthony

FOREIGN MISSION DIRECTOR

Rev. Huey Gower

MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

H. Ray Berry, 504 Park, Bryan, Texas

J. L. Bounds, Navasota, Texas, Route

B. M. Daniels, Box 266, Bacliff, Texas

Charles Darnell, (licensed)

Bobby Joe Davis, Columbia Bible College, Columbia, S. C.

Bobby Ferguson (licensed) Free Will Baptist Bible College

Huey Gower, Route 3, Huntsville, Texas

J. W. Handy, Masonic Home, Dallas, Texas

Alvin Halbrook, Route 3, Bryan, Texas

Everett Hellard, 78 Reid, Houston, Texas

C. E. Isom, Bryan, Texas

B. D. Jones (Licensed) Bacliff, Texas

Bill Jones, Free Will Baptist Bible College, 3609 Richland Ave. Nashville, Tenn

H. M. & Lizzie McAdams, Route 3, Huntsville, Texas

Herbert Richards, Route 2, Iola, Texas

Charles Sapp, 312 Laurel St. Bryan, Texas

C. B. Thompson, Box 98, Iola, Texas

John Mohlman, Columbia Bible College, Columbia, S. C.

Troy Lee McDonald, 6012 Highland, Houston 9, Texas

Leon Timmons (licensed) Bacliff, Texas

	No. Resident Members	Non-Resident Members	Conversions	Members Received	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Cooperative Program
Bayshore	80	15	17	28	\$1200.00	\$259.47	\$199.82
Blue Lake	28	12	0	0	840.00	150.22	102.39
Bright Light	78	4	5	6	1200.00	175.00	180.00
Bryan First	293	18	12	36	4200.00	313.25	1237.28
Cross	56		2	6	1480.00	225.00	210.93
Evergreen	39	48	8	7	840.00	195.25	83.00
Fellowship	52	3	5	23	3404.72	140.00	560.52
Houston	184	26	14	32	4055.00	220.00	
Huntsville	36	14	3	17	1480.00	151.00	10.00
North Zulch	50	10		3	1600.00		
Pine Prairie	123	28	9	11	1007.50	258.84	110.00

Bible College	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Children's Home	Total Receipts	S. S. Enrollment	Average Attendance	League Enrollment	Average Attendance	Woman's Aux. Members
\$ 9.97		\$ 9.25		\$ 2994.39		41	25	20	
	\$199.00	20.00	\$205.72	1,541.64	15				
	122.00			2538.39	70	52			18
174.09	118.47			11064.82	220	131	29	29	11
	60.92	10.00		2596.71		30			13
8.00	11.60	25.00	101.75	2470.40	48	31	30	21	7
	25.31		5.00	7350.00	80	43	36	22	12
34.00			100.00	12014.05	260	105	58	40	20
25.64	43.25	10.00	5.00	1780.35	64	36	30	20	8
					35				
14.00	35.00	15.00		3268.76	65	50	55	38	12

	Sermons Preached	revivals Held	Members Rec'd. by Baptism	Members Rec'd. otherwise	Salary Received	Funerals conducted	Marriages solemnized
H. Ray Berry	106	1	5	18	\$3562.50	2	2
J. L. Bounds	24	2	5	2	800.00	4	1
B. M. Daniels	130		16	2	1200.00		1
Charles Darnell	26						
Huey Gower	164	2	3	14	950.00	2	
Alvin Halbrook	54	1	5	1	1200.00	1	
Everett Hellard	120	4	14	18	3900.00	2	5
C. E. Isom	9						
B. D. Jones	52						
Bill Jones	30						
H. M. & Lizzie McAdams	131	5			Conversions 36		
Herbert Richards	110		7	3	1680.00		
Charles Sapp	231	2	18	30	4200.00	10	4
C. B. Thompson	184	5			2105.00	5	2
Troy Lee McDonald	5	1	conversion 1 rededication				

