

MINUTES OF THE
CENTRAL TEXAS DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

FOR
1958

OFFICERS FOR 1958-1959

Moderator	Rev. Malcolm Fry
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Herbert Richards
Clerk and Treasurer	Mrs. Jane Burden
Assistant Clerk	Mrs. Charles Denman
Parliamentarian	Rev. H. Ray Berry

PROCEEDINGS Of CENTRAL TEXAS DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

The annual session of the Central Texas District Association convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Houston on Friday and Saturday, October 3-4, 1958. The meeting opened with the assistant moderator, Rev. C. B. Thompson presiding.

Rev. Richardson Fry led the congregation in singing "When We All Get to Heaven" with Bro. Malcolm Fry at the piano. Rev. Everett Hellard brought the morning devotions from I Kings 18:38-39, speaking on the Holy Spirit as fire. Prayer by Brother Hellard. The clerk read the Constitution and By-Laws. Rev. C. B. Thompson brought a short message on the subject "Will a Christian's Sins Send Him to Hell?"

Motion carried to adopt the program with any necessary changes. The theme of the program was "Renewed Emphasis on the Doctrines of Free Will Baptists."

A partial report of the Credential Committee was given by Bro. Malcolm Fry, which by motion, was adopted.

Delegates were recognized by the moderator. Motion carried to seat the delegates. Ministers and their wives were recognized, also the deacons as the voting power of this body.

Rev. Malcolm Fry led congregational singing for the worship service. Sister McAdams led in prayer, after which a worship offering of \$11.98 was received.

Rev. Malcolm Fry sang "Great is Thy Faithfulness".

The moderator presented the Rev. R. N. Fry, pastor of the North Zulch Free Will Baptist Church, who brought the morning message, based on Luke 5:5, "Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net." The subject of his message was, "Renewed Emphasis on the Doctrine of Soul-Winning." He concluded with prayer.

The service was dismissed with prayer by Rev. R. N. Fry.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon session opened with congregational singing led by Bro. Hellard with Gordon Johnson at the piano.

Mrs. Dale Burden brought the devotions from Hebrews 12:1-4.

The moderator appointed the following committees: *Obituary* - Mrs. Ruby Withers, Mrs. Dale Burden, and Mrs. Carter; *Nominating Committee* - Rev. Malcolm Fry, Sister Lizzie McAdams, and Rev. H. Ray Berry; and the *Program Committee* - the moderator, assistant moderator, and clerk.

The report of the Home Missions Board was given by Bro. Berry in absence of Mr. Goen. By motion the report was adopted.

A recommendation was read about combining the League Rally and Youth Rally. Motion carried that this recommendation be placed on the table and taken off tomorrow.

The treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Huey Gower, which by motion was adopted.

Rev. H. Ray Berry brought a brief message on "The Necessity of the Christian's Conviction of Sin". Scripture reading was II Tim. 3:16 and Heb. 12:1.

The report on Foreign Missions was given by Bro. Hellard in which he gave an extensive report of our missionaries and the various fields on which they labor. Motion carried that the report be received as information.

The report of the Sunday School Convention was read and adopted.

Letters were read from the following churches: Fellowship, Cross, Huntsville, Pine Prairie, Bryan, North Zulch and Bayshore. Motion carried that the letters be received.

The report of the Youth Encampment was given by Bro. Berry in the absence of Mrs. Berry. Motion that we accept this report with thankful hearts. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn.

FRIDAY NIGHT

In the absence of the moderator and his assistant, the clerk called the session into conference for the purpose of presenting a recommendation, involving constitutional change. Motion carried that this recommendation be placed on the table until the next day.

The League had charge of the Friday night service. A young minister of Houston, Mike McMahon brought the evening message.

SATURDAY MORNING

The morning session opened with congregational singing led by Layman Lawson with Mrs. Jane Burden at the piano.

Bro. Huey Gower led in prayer.

The Moderator, Rev. Herbert Richards presided over this session.

Mike McMahon brought the morning devotions, reading from Heb. 12:1, after which he led in prayer.

The Moderator appointed the following to serve on the Resolutions Committee: Bro. Charlie Zykes, Mr. Jim Vance, and Laymon Lawson.

The report of the Nominating Committee was read. Motion carried that the report be received and acted upon item by item.

We paused at this time to read letters from Houston and Evergreen. Motion that the delegates from Bright Light be seated along with the delegates from Evergreen, since they had mailed their letter to the clerk and it had not reached her. Motion carried.

The report of the Nominating Committee was considered item by item. The officers elected for the ensuing year are:

Moderator	Rev. Malcolm Fry
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Herbert Richards
Clerk and Treasurer	Mrs. Jane Burden
Assistant Clerk	Mrs. Charles Denman
Parliamentarian	Rev. H. Ray Berry
Student Loan Board	Mrs. Herbert Richards
Home Mission Board	C. F. Goen
Ordaining Council	Rev. Alvin Halbrook
Youth Encampment	Mrs. H. Ray Berry
	Mrs. Everett Hellard
League Director	Mrs. Ruby Withers
Foreign Missions Director	Rev. Everett Hellard
Christian Education Director	Rev. Dale Burden

The report of the Student Loan Board was read, and by motion adopted. The report on Christian Education was read and adopted.

The moderator asked Ned Graham, a young minister from Lake Charles, Louisiana, to bring a short message at this time. Ned spoke from Matt. 13 on the four kinds of hearts and challenged us to live separated lives and give our best unto the Lord.

The morning worship service opened with congregational singing led by Brother Hellard. Rev. Herbert Richards led in prayer.

The Houston Choir presented two special numbers in song, "He Hideth My Soul" and "Wonderful Grace of Jesus".

The moderator presented the Rev. B. M. Daniels, pastor of the Bay-shore Free Will Baptist Church to bring the morning message. Scripture reading was taken from II Timothy 3:15-16. Brother Daniels spoke on the theme of the program emphasizing renewed emphasis on the doctrines of Free Will Baptists. The service closed with a consecration service and prayer of dedication by the ministers. The service was dismissed with prayer by Rev. R. N. Fry.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon song service was led by Mr. Laymon Lawson. Mr. Carlton Hibbits led in prayer.

Mr. Tatum Trant brought the devotional, reading for a scripture lesson Heb. 12:1-5. Brother C. B. Thompson led in prayer.

The report of the Obituary Committee was given by Mrs. Ruby Withers. The report was received and prayer was offered by Bro. Hellard.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was read. Motion carried that the report be received and acted upon item by item. The first resolution which had to do with taking a free will offering for Brother Burney who is sick, was replaced with a substitute motion by Bro. Hellard that instead of taking the free-will offering that the association give \$25.00 out of the treasury to the Burneys. The substitute motion was adopted. The other resolutions were all adopted.

Brother Berry presented a resolution from the floor that the retiring officers be given a vote of thanks and appreciation for their service rendered. Motion carried to adopt this resolution.

Brother Hellard made a motion that a Layman's Board be appointed or elected. Brother Berry offered a substitute motion that a committee of three be appointed to study Layman's organizations and to make recommendations to the next quarterly meeting. Motion carried. The moderator appointed Brother Berry, chairman; A. V. Jennische and J. E. Tatum to serve on this committee.

By motion, the recommendation which dealt with combining the League and Youth Rally was taken from the table. Motion carried that this recommendation be adopted.

Motion carried to take the other item from the table concerning proposed amendment to the constitution. Motion carried that this recommendation be adopted.

The report of the Ordaining Council was given by Brother Malcolm Fry. Motion carried that the report be adopted item by item.

Motion carried that the Woman's Auxiliary report be mailed to the clerk and printed in the minutes. Motion carried that the moderator be empowered to fill in the names of the delegates to the State Meeting, together with the clerk.

Evergreen Church extended an invitation to meet with them for the next quarterly meeting. Motion carried that we accept this invitation.

Motion carried that we have 300 minutes printed. By motion, the minutes of the two days session were read and approved.

The moderator asked for a standing vote of thanks in appreciation of the work which has been done by the clerk the past three years.

Motion to adjourn. Dismissed with prayer.

Mrs. Huey Gower, Clerk

Rev. Herbert Richards, Moderator

MINUTES Of QUARTERLY MEETINGS IN 1958

The Quarterly Meeting of the Central District Association convened with the North Zulch Free Will Baptist Church in January 1958. Rev. Huey Gower, Pastor of Pine Prairie Free Will Baptist Church, brought the morning message on dedication and consecration.

The following resolutions were adopted at this session:

We recommend that:

1. Every member of the churches in this district association spend time daily in Bible study and prayer.
2. That we pledge ourselves to actively participate in World Wide Day of prayer.
3. That the 1958 Calendar as presented in the December Contact by the National Association be followed as closely as possible by each church in the association.
4. That each church in the district association adopt the "Church Family Plan" for the national paper, the "Contact".
5. Inasmuch as December records show that contributions to the National Foreign Missions Department have been low, we recommend that our Treasurer send a gift of \$25.00 to the Calvary Fund.
6. That this body give a rising vote of thanks to the North Zulch Church for their hospitality during this convention.

MINUTES OF APRIL QUARTERLY MEETING

The Quarterly Meeting met in April with the Lake Charles Free Will Baptist Church. Since Brother Thompson, who was on program to bring the morning message, was unable to attend, he had asked Brother Sapp to bring the message in his absence. Brother Sapp read Luke 23:38-43, using as a text, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom."

The following resolutions were adopted at this meeting:

1. That we contribute \$50.00 to the First Free Will Baptist Church of Lake Charles.
2. That the moderator and church clerk of each church see that the report forms are filled out correctly.
3. That we give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality today.

MINUTES OF JULY QUARTERLY MEETING

The Quarterly Meeting met July 5, 1958 at Blue Lake Church.

The morning message was brought by John Moehlman, who read Ephesians 5:23-30, and brought a challenging message on the church.

The only resolution that was presented at this meeting was that a bill of thanks be offered to the host church.

RECOMMENDATION TO COMBINE YOUTH AND LEAGUE RALLY

I have a recommendation to make; whereas the Central Texas District Youth Rally and the Central Texas District League Conference have been meeting at separate times on the same date, making hardships on both organizations; we, the Executive Committee of each, in combined meeting on August 13, 1958, do hereby recommend that the two bodies be merged and render one name with one set of officers to meet on the 4th Saturday night following the Quarterly Meeting. We further recommend that this new organization be known as the Central Texas District League Youth Rally.

Respectfully submitted,

Ned Graham, President of League

Ray Berry, Vice-President

Sally Hibbits, Secretary of League

Jimmy Lewis, Vice-President of Youth Rally

Jane Jones, Secretary of Youth Rally

Sponsors of both organizations:

Mrs. Ruby Withers

Mrs. H. Ray Berry

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER, 1958

FREE WILL BAPTIST STUDENT LOAN FUND

Balance on hand July 1, 1958	\$ 669.89
Received Payments:	
Mrs. Barrie Sue Colson Davis, note in full	300.00
Mrs. Barrie Colson, Donation	25.00
James Lang, Donation	5.11
Total Amount of Cash on hand	<u>\$1000.00</u>
September 5, 1958, placed in Bryan Building and Loan Association in savings account with interest rate of 4%	\$1000.00
Notes Receivable:	
Gaston Clary, Balance due on note	\$ 35.00
Herbert Richards, Balance due on note	170.00
Mrs. Jane Berry Burden, Balance due on note	577.00
Bobby G. Ferguson, Balance due on note	<u>\$ 325.00</u>
Total Amount due on notes	\$1107.00
Grand Total Amount in Loan Fund	<u>\$2107.00</u>

James Lang

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT

OF ELEVEN OF THE TWELVE CHURCHES IN THE CENTRAL TEXAS DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Following is the statistical information concerning Christian Education:

There were 8 Daily Vacation Bible Schools, which had an average attendance of 488.

The following literature was used in the schools: David C. Cook and Scripture Press.

Projects for the schools were as follows: Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Projector Slides, Rev. Bill Jones, The Whaleys in Alaska, and African Missions.

132 from the district attended the encampment for the week.

We have 2 students in the Free Will Baptist Bible College.

There was an average attendance in the Sunday Schools of 492. Cost of literature was \$1,228.60.

There was an average attendance in Leagues of 178. Cost of literature was \$208.58.

Gifts to the Free Will Baptist College above that sent through the cooperative plan were \$270.50.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. C. R. Maxwell, Director

REPORTS

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

1. A substitute motion was made to take the place of this resolution.
2. That we give \$50.00 to the Free Will Baptist Encampment.
3. We resolve that all churches in the Central Texas District of Free Will Baptists help entertain the State Association convening at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Bryan October 28-30, 1958.
4. Be it resolved that each church furnish the District Clerk with the name and address of their church clerk and that these be included in the directory of the minutes.
5. We resolve to give the First Free Will Baptist Church of Houston, a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality during this association.

Charlie Zykes

J. L. Vance

Laymon Lawson

REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, your Obituary Committee, submit the following brothers and sisters of our members who have been called from this earth to that home of better things:

Mrs. Jesse Pierce	Pine Prairie
Mr. Louis Jordy	Pine Prairie
Miss Betty Morris	Fellowship
Mrs. Tom Cloud	Bryan
Mrs. Tom Franklin	Fellowship
Mr. Benson	Houston
Mrs. J. D. Rumfield	North Zulch
Mr. Dave Manly	Evergreen
Mrs. Mary Prescott	Blue Lake
Mr. Tom Fuquah	Blue Lake

May we stand for a moment of silent prayer.

Mrs. W. O. Withers
Mrs. Dale Burden
Mrs. Clarence Carter

To: Free Will Baptist District Association

Subject: Central Texas Sunday School Convention

On June 29, 1958, the 13th Annual Central Texas Sunday School Convention met at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Houston, Texas, with the President, R. D. Rivette, presiding.

After regular Sunday School classes, and appointment of committees, Rev. L. Donald Hill was guest speaker at the 11:00 o'clock hour.

The host church served lunch before going into the business session at 1:15 p.m.

The convention is grateful for an invitation from the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church of Bryan, Texas, where we will meet next year.

Respectfully submitted,
R. D. Davidson
President of the 1959 Convention

REPORT OF HOME MISSION BOARD

Central Texas Free Will Baptist District Home Missions Report:

June 30	Balance	\$548.77
June 30	Dividend	10.22
June 23	Mrs. Gower	40.27
July 7	Mrs. Gower	17.92
July 15	Mrs. Gower	14.11
September 22	Mrs. Gower	42.18
October 3	Balance in Bryan Building and Loan	\$673.47

C. F. Goen, Treasurer

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

1. We recommend that the letters from each church included in the clerk's reading of church letters be accepted along with their respective dues, granting their delegates the right of counsel and vote.

2. We recommend that the following ministers be given ministers' certificates for the church year 1958 and 1959:

H. Ray Berry	Malcolm C. Fry	C. B. Thompson
H. M. McAdams	Huey E. Gower	B. M. Daniels
John E. Moehlman	R. N. Fry	Lizzie McAdams
Everett Hellard	Herbert Richards	Clyde Burney

3. We have examined Rev. Dale Burden and recommend that the association recognize his credentials and issue him a minister's certificate for the church year 1958 and 1959.

Proposed Amendment to Constitution:

ARTICLE XII - COUNCIL

Section 2. So much as reads, "The duties of the ordaining council shall be to examine each applicant for license to preach the gospel and those desiring ordination to the gospel ministry and make appropriate recommendation to the association on the basis of such examination," be amended to read:

"The duties of the ordaining council shall be to examine each applicant for license to preach the gospel, those desiring ordination to the gospel ministry, and *those who have been ordained outside of the Central Texas District Association and desire recognition as a minister in good standing* and make appropriate recommendation to the association on the basis of such examination."

Respectfully Submitted,

Ordaining Council:

Rev. Malcolm C. Fry

Rev. H. Ray Berry

Rev. J. L. Bounds

BI-DISTRICT ENCAMPMENT REPORT, 1958

The East - Central Texas Bi-District Encampment Committee, composed of Mrs. Eva Hellard, Rev. and Mrs. Gaston Clary and Mrs. H. Ray Berry, laid plans for the camp to be held at Pineywoods the week of August 11 and secured teachers and workers.

Camp officially opened at 4:00 p.m., Monday afternoon with the Director, Rev. H. Ray Berry calling the teachers, counselors, workers and campers together for instruction in routine and schedules.

There were 179 registered for the week with 82 visitors, making a total registration of 261, compared to an even 200 last year, (our record attendance). We had 14 conversions; 28 rededications; 2 announced calls to the ministry; 12 yielded to go to the mission field; and approximately 150 said by standing they would be willing to do whatever the Lord called them to do.

A spirit of revival started in the young men's dorm on Wednesday night and spread throughout the camp, bringing much rejoicing.

A good representation from West Fork District in Dallas attended and worked with us this year, promising to come back next time, and Rev. Bobby Jackson, our dynamic camp evangelist, is to be back again next August.

The State Woman's Auxiliary Convention Executive Committee held a called meeting one afternoon; also the Executive Committee of the State Association met, and the State League Convention as usual met on Friday. Diane Clary won a free ticket to camp next year by placing first in the Intermediate Sword Drill. Ray Berry won second place again, and Nan Flanagan won third.

There was unusual interest in subject matter and activities throughout the week, and an unusually good faculty of teachers, and workers. However, there was a greater shortage of counselors this year than usual, especially for the boys.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. H. Ray Berry, Registrar

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1958 ENCAMPMENT

Balance brought forward	\$	33.73	
Received:			
East Texas Association	\$	100.00	
Central Texas Association		50.00	
State Woman's Auxiliary Convention		5.00	
Encampment offering for			
Foreign and Home Missions		32.98	
From Campers		1,790.00	1,977.98
			<u>\$2,011.71</u>

Disbursements:

Printing and Supplies	31.80
National Home Missions	16.49
National Foreign Missions	16.49
Evangelist's Registration	33.00
Evangelist	110.00
Campers Registration	<u>1,790.00</u>

\$1,997.78

Balance on hand September 30, 1958 \$ 13.93

Encampment Fund (Federal Savings and

Loan Company, Houston) \$ 509.91

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR 1957-1958

Amount in Treasury at beginning of year \$ 124.66

Receipts during year:

Quarterly Meeting Dues	216.00
Worship Offering	78.47
Eagleton Fund	40.41
Sparks Fund	25.00
Calvary Fund	420.17
Bible College	142.50
National Home Missions	159.72
Alaska Missions	32.25
Foreign Missions	341.70
Cooperative Program	2,365.32

Paid out during year:

Eagleton Fund	40.41
Sparks Fund	25.00
Calvary Fund	420.17
Bible College	142.50
Alaskan Missions	32.25
Foreign Missions	341.70
District Home Missions	236.49
Cooperative Program	2,128.83
Mrs. Huey Gower, Clerical Fee	30.00
Printing Programs	12.00
Postage and Stationary	6.60
Texas Youth Encampment	50.00
Lake Charles Church	50.00
Free Will Baptist Press,	
Printing Minutes	112.79
State Association Dues	20.00

Balance in Treasury \$ 98.10

Received at Association:

Worship Offering	\$31.73
Dues	76.00
Cooperative Program	78.09
Foreign Missions	19.62
Home Missions	9.62
Bible College	5.00

MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Berry, H. Ray 107 North Ennis, Bryan, Tex.	Handy, J. W. Masonic Home, Arlington Tex.
Bounds, J. L. Route 2, Anderson, Tex.	Halbrook, Alvin Route 3, Bryan, Tex.
Burney, Clyde 412 East 28th St., Houston, Tex.	Hellard, Everett 78 Reid St., Houston, Tex.
Calvery, Wesley Japan	McAdams, H. M. and Lizzie Route 3, Huntsville, Tex.
Daniels, B. M. Box 266, Bacliff, Tex	McDonald, Troy Houston, Tex.
Davis, Bobby Joe Fort Hood, Tex.	Moehlman, John Bryan, Tex.
Ferguson, Bobby Free Will Baptist Bible College	Payne, J. L.
Franklin, Tommie Huntsville, Tex.	Richards, Herbert Route 2, Iola, Tex.
Fry, Malcolm 312 Laurel St., Bryan, Tex.	Thompson, C. b. Box 98, Iola, Tex.
Fry, R. N. North Zulch, Tex.	Timmons, James Laredo, Tex.
Gower, Huey Route 4, Box 79, Huntsville, Tex.	

BOARDS

STUDENT LOAN BOARD

C. T. Coolidge, 1959	N. C. Cole, 1960
James Lang, 1959	Harold Trant, 1960
Mrs. Herbert Richards, 1961	

HOME MISSION BOARD

Ray T. Trant, 1959	C. T. Coolidge, 1960	C. F. Goen, 1961
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ORDAINING COUNCIL

J. L. Bounds, 1959

Malcolm Fry, 1960

Rev. Alvin Halbrook, 1961

YOUTH ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE

Mrs. H. Ray Berry

Mrs. Everett Hellard

League Director Mrs. Ruby Withers
Foreign Missions Director Rev. Everett Hellard
Christian Education Director Rev. Dale Burden

CHURCH CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Bayshore Mrs. C. W. Darnell, Box 266, Bacliff, Texas
Blue Lake Mrs. L. I. Davis, Route 2, Anderson, Texas
Bright Light Mr. Charlie Zykes, Box 69, Bryan, Texas
Bryan, First Mrs. Johnnie L. Brown, Route 3, Box 65, Bryan, Texas
Cross Mrs. Flora Belle Nevill, Iola, Texas
Evergreen Mrs. C. E. Dudley, Route 2, Iola, Texas
Fellowship Mrs. R. N. Franklin, 4007 Hwy. 6 N., Bryan, Texas
Houston Mrs. T. V. Kankey, 6521 Hillsboro, Houston, Texas
Huntsville Mrs. George Lawlis, Route 3, Huntsville, Texas
Lake Charles Mrs. Marvin Stine, 2007 Third St., Lake Charles, La.
North Zulch Doris McGill, North Zulch, Texas
Pine Prairie Miss Fleta Wood, Route 3, Huntsville, Texas

Name of Minister	Sermons Preached	Revivals Held	Members Received by Baptism	Members Received Otherwise	Salary Received	Funerals Conducted	Marriages Solemnized
Dale Burden	125	6	0	0	600.00	0	0
Clyde Burney	40		2				
B. M. Daniels	120		3	6	1200.00	1	1
Malcolm Fry	104	2	2	4	1575.00	1	2
R. N. Fry	105	1	8	4	480.00	0	0
Huey Gower	101	2	1	1	1585.00	3	1
Alvin Halbrook	52	0	0	3	1500.00	1	1
Everett Hellard	110				4655.00		
H. M. and Lizzie McAdams	104	4	3	7	1000.00	3	1
John Moehlman		2	3				
Herbert Richards	104	1	3	3	1700.00	3	0
C. B. Thompson	198	2	5		1050.00	9	
H. Ray Berry	111	1	5	16	2756.00	4	2
Bobby Ferguson	15	1					

Churches	Number of Resident Members	Non-Resident Members	Conversions	Members Received	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Cooperative Program
Bayshore	93	21	2	9	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 113.20	
Blue Lake	17	26	0	0	885.00	222.00	\$ 27.85
Bright Light	70	7	0	3	1,500.00	190.00	215.00
Bryan First	307	11	11	14	4,350.00		742.50
Cross	45		3	4	1,050.00	135.00	208.43
Evergreen	45	39	2		1,700.00	288.91	182.28
Fellowship	75	15		21	2,928.00	218.78	
Houston	217	26		21	4,655.00	350.00	808.05
Huntsville	42	8	6	8	1,000.00	179.36	
Lake Charles	17	2	18	8	324.00	29.60	249.00
North Zulch	52	13	7	7	1,750.00	217.76	
Pine Prairie	122	33	40	2	2,270.00	225.00	10.00
TOTALS	1102	201	89	95	\$23,612.00	\$2169.61	\$2443.11

\$262.50	\$1008.11	\$408.66	\$53,592.82	984	580	236	162	123
12.00	42.55	43.50	3,053.70	69	39	59	36	13
7.50	115.99		2,714.48	42	30			
	25.00		4,410.40	74	53			7
	31.58	31.58	1,052.74	41				11
	157.00	130.28	11,053.50	179	100	65	43	17
56.00	33.00	27.00	5,962.54	108	54	40	26	16
	159.63	65.00	3,226.08	43	38	25	21	8
		11.30	2,705.85	36	25			14
\$187.00	142.16		11,907.90	201	124	26	17	24
	301.20		3,204.02	83	52	21	19	13
	\$ 100.00	100.00	1,353.70	15	10			
Bible College		\$ 25.00	\$ 2,747.91	93	55			
				Total Receipts S. S. Enrollment	Average Attendance	League Enrollment	Average Attendance	Woman's Auxiliary Members
Foreign Missions								
Home Missions								
Total Receipts								

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

(For Convention Year 1957 - 1958)

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

FREE WILL BAPTIST WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Central Texas District

President Mrs. Ed Morris

Treasurer Ruby Withers

Number of Auxiliaries Reporting 8

Number "A - 1" Standard Auxiliaries 2

Number "B" 3

I. Enlistment Department:

1. Enrollment at beginning of Convention Year 120

Present Enrollment 130

2. Number New Members 35

Number Lost 16

Average Attendance 79

II. Youth Department:

1. Number Youth Organizations:

G.T.A. 4

Y.P.A. 4

2. Total Membership:

G.T.A. 29

Y.P.A. 44

3. Number Vacation Bible Schools Assisted in 7

4. Number Bible College Students Assisted 3

III. Study Course Department:

1. Courses Conducted

Attendance

Missions 10 68

Stewardship 5 40

Manual 4 43

Evangelism 7 51

Prayer 11 156

His Name Among all Nations 62

Free Will Baptist Story 7

IV. Program - Prayer Department:

1. Number Special Programs Held	11
2. Number Weeks of Prayer Conducted	18
3. Total Amount Self-Denial Offering Resulting from Weeks of Prayer	\$96.06
4. Total Number Family Altars	33
5. Total Members Observing Prayer Fellowship	48

V. Personal Service Department:

1. Number Making Soul-Winning Efforts	26
2. Number Souls Won	3
3. Number Active in Community Missions	56

VI. Publicity Department:

1. Number Subscribers to Free Will Baptist Papers	77
2. Number Articles Written for Publication	3
3. Other Publicity Work done	1

VII. Personal Gifts:

Special Offerings:

Missions	\$468.00
Free Will Baptist Bible College	230.00
Superannuation	1.75
Other	167.88

ANNUAL REPORT

I. STEWARDSHIP OF POSSESSIONS:

Number of Auxiliary Members Contributing to Missions	94
Number of Tithers on Roll at beginning of Convention Year	62
Number of New Tithers this Convention Year	31
Present Number of Tithers	70

II. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Amount of Easter Offering for Foreign Missions	\$44.41
Amount of Thanksgiving Offering for State Home Missions	\$27.38
Amount of Christmas Offering for National Home Missions	\$16.42
Cash Gifts to Free Will Baptist College	\$66.05
Total Gifts to Missions sent to W.N.A.C. Treasurer this Convention year:	
By Woman's Auxiliary	\$349.61
By G.T.A.s	\$2.00
By Y.P.A.s	\$5.00
Cash Gifts to Aged Ministers	\$2.00
Total Amount Spent for Auxiliary Literature	\$97.21
Total Amount Spent this Convention Year for Local Church Activities	\$129.79

Respectfully submitted,
Ruby Withers, Treasurer

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF CENTRAL TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

PREAMBLE

We, the believers in Christ according to the doctrine of the Free Will Baptist Demonination, 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 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.

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 and usages of the Free Will Baptist church, 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 doctrine or practices contrary to the Treatise of the Free Will Baptist denomination 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.

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, an assistant moderator, a clerk-treasurer, an assistant clerk and a parliamentarian. 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. All committees, with the exception of the credential committee, which is otherwise provided for, shall be appointed by the moderator 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, those desiring ordination to the gospel ministry, and those who have been ordained outside of the Central Texas District Association and desire recognition as a minister in good standing and make appropriate recommendation to the association on the basis of such examination. It shall examine the annual reports of the ministers of this association and make appropriate recommendations to the association on the basis of such examination. It shall sit in church conferences in an advisory capacity, when ministers of such churches are on trial for doctrine and practices contrary to the Treatise of the Free Will Baptist denomination, and shall serve as a credentials committee at each session. •

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 bylaws, 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.

BYLAWS

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 association.

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 committee 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 bylaws of this association shall be read at each annual session, near its commencement.

ARTICLE 15. These bylaws 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 last previous session of the association.

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