

MINUTES OF THE
CENTRAL TEXAS DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

FOR
1959

OFFICERS FOR 1959-1960

Moderator Rev. Everett Hellard
Assistant Moderator Rev. John Mochlman
Clerk and Treasurer Mrs. Doris Warren
Assistant Clerk Mrs. Charlene Derrman
Parliamentarian Rev. Bobby Joe Davis

PROCEEDINGS
of
CENTRAL TEXAS DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

The annual session of the Central Texas District Association convened with the Christ's Free Will Baptist Church of Corpus Christi on October 3, 1959. The meeting opened with singing "Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus" and "I Must Tell Jesus" led by Rev. Hellard, followed in prayer by our Moderator, Rev. Fry.

The moderator read James 2:14 for his scripture readings, speaking on "Faith With Works and Faith Without Works."

The Asst. Clerk read the Constitution and By-Laws.

Rev. John Moehlman presented a message on "Faith in Definition," using as his scripture Hebrew 11:1 and closing with prayer. The congregation sang "Faith is the Victory."

Bro. Moderator gave a partial report of the Credential Committee. All churches reported with the exception of Pine Prairie, which reported later. Some churches reported \$1.00 short in their dues. These were reminded.

Motion carried that we adopt the program with flexibility.

The Asst. Clerk read the church letters and they were accepted. The delegates were read and were seated along with the deacons, ministers, and their wives.

The Moderator introduced our host pastor and his wife, also Bro. W. R. Love, the church organist.

Rev. H. Ray Berry gave the Youth Encampment Report. The report was accepted.

Bro. C. F. Goen gave a report of the Home Mission Board. The report was accepted.

The congregation sang "Onward Christian Soldiers," and "I Am Thine O Lord." There was a time of Christian hand shaking while singing "Heavenly Sunshine."

The morning offering was received totaling \$26.03. Bro. Love rendered a beautiful offertory at the organ.

The host church presented us with a message in song, "A Mansion Over the Hill Top" and a verse of "I'll Be So Glad."

Our morning message was brought by Rev. C. B. Thompson, using scriptures in Romans and Hebrews, and speaking on "Faith in Action," or "The Race that is Set Before Us," closing with prayer.

Rev. Richards dismissed us with prayer and blessings on the noon meal.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The meeting was opened with singing, "Showers of Blessings" and "Redeemed." Rev. Bobby Joe Davis led in prayer.

The Asst. Clerk gave the Treasurer's Report and it was accepted.

Motion carried that the Moderator or Asst. Moderator have the authority to appoint the delegates to the State Association at the Association. (Our district dues will be \$20.00 and the dues for each church a minimum of \$5.00).

Mrs. Herbert Richards gave a report of the Student Loan Board. Motion carried to accept the report in its entirety.

Mrs. Goen gave the report of the Obituary Committee. In accepting this report the congregation stood for a moment of silent prayer for those that passed on before us.

Mrs. Herbert Richards gave a report of the Woman's Auxiliary. Motion carried to accept the report.

Motion carried that the clerk be authorized to have 300 copies of the Association Minutes printed.

Bro. Carl Warren gave a report of the Nominating Committee. Motion carried to accept the report and elect item by item. Motion carried that we accept Rev. Malcolm Fry's resignation from the Ordaining Council. The clerk declares that all officers were accepted. They read as follows:

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Carl
Mrs. Donna Warren
811 N. Ashen St
Bryan

Moderator	.Rev. Everett Hellard
Assistant Moderator .	.Rev. John Moehlman
Clerk and Treasurer .	.Mrs. Doris Warren
Assistant Clerk . . .	.Mrs. Charlene Denman
Parliamentarian . . .	.Rev. Bobby Joe Davis
Ordaining Council . .	.Rev. Herbert Richards
	Rev. C. B. Thompson
League Director . . .	.Mrs. Ruby Withers
Youth Encampment. . .	.Mrs. H. Ray Berry
	Mrs. Herbert Richards
Christian Education .	.Mrs. H. Ray Berry
Home Mission Board. .	.Rev. W. R. Love
Foreign Mission Board	.Bro. Ed Morris
	Bro. Carl Warren (Asst.)
.Student Loan Board. .	.Bro. James Lang
	Mrs. Everett Hellard

The host church presented us with another special in song.

Rev. W. R. Love brought an inspiring afternoon message, speaking on "Faith in God." (Hebrew 11:6)
Closing with prayer.

The congregation stood and sang "Only Believe."
Bro. Moderator gave the Ordaining Council Report.
Ten ministers reported.

Mrs. C. B. Thompson gave the Resolution Report.
The report was accepted and acted upon item by item.

Motion carried that we accept the invitation of
The Pine Prairie Church for the next Quarterly Meeting.

Motion carried that the Moderator appoint the
Nominating Committee at the Quarterly Meeting in July.
Since this is a Constitutional change, it will be
tabled until the next meeting.

The minutes were read and accepted.

Motion carried to adjourn. Rev. W. H. Norris dis-
missed us with prayer.

Respectively Submitted
Mrs. Charlene Denman

MINUTES
of
QUARTERLY MEETINGS IN 1959

The Quarterly Meeting of the Central District Association convened with the Evergreen Free Will Baptist Church of Keith in January 1959. Rev. Everett Hellard brought the morning message using I John 1:7 on the topic "Opportunities Unlimited in Christian Fellowship."

The following resolutions were adopted at this session:

We recommend that:

1. We give \$50.00 to the Encampment Fund.
2. We give \$50.00 to the Calvery Fund.
3. We give a rising vote of thanks to the host church.

MINUTES OF APRIL QUARTERLY MEETING

The Quarterly Meeting convened with the Cross Free Will Baptist Church, Cross, Texas, on April 4, 1959. Rev. H. Ray Berry brought the morning message in the absence of Rev. Rowe.

The following resolutions were adopted at this session:

We recommend that:

1. \$50.00 be given to the Pineywoods Encampment Fund.
2. That we add a Master's Men to the report blank.
3. \$25.00 be sent to the Calvery Fund.
4. A rising vote of thanks be given to the host church.

MINUTES OF JULY QUARTERLY MEETING

The Quarterly Meeting convened with the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church of Bryan, Texas, on July 4, 1959. Our missionary from Cuba, Bro. Tommy Wiley, brought the morning message. He told of how uncertain conditions were in Cuba and of the worshipping of idols. Also the advancement of our Free Will Churches there.

The following resolutions were adopted at this session:

We recommend:

1. That this body give Bro. and Sister Wiley a love offering of \$50.00 out of our treasury.
2. That this body give to the Corpus Christi Church \$25.00 to use as they see best.
3. That we give a rising vote of thanks to our host church for their hospitality.

There were two constitutional changes which carried at this session: 1. To delete from the Constitution Article XI, stating "The Free Will Baptist League shall have Friday evening of the annual meeting for their program."

2. That the Annual District Meeting meet one day instead of the usual two days in October.

CENTRAL TEXAS DISTRICT LOAN FUND

Recommendation to the Central Texas Free Will Baptist District Association.

The Suggested policy under which the Student Loan Fund of the Central Texas District Association should operate:

1. Explanation of the purpose for which this fund is established:

The Central Texas District Student Loan Fund was created and is maintained by the churches of the district for the purpose of lending such aid to worthy students who are training for Christian service in one of our denominational schools, or such schools which the administrators of the Student Loan Fund shall classify as institutions maintaining the sort of Christian education policies deemed to be in concord with the denominational doctrine and practices of the Free Will Baptist Church.

2. Explanation as to how this fund is to be maintained:

(1) Each church in the Central Texas District should set aside some definite amount to be given

regularly to the student loan fund as a part of its contribution to the support of Christian Education.

(2) This fund can be endowed by any individual who wishes to make a significant contribution to the cause of Christian education.

(3) The funds shall be maintained in the two ways listed above, plus the payments of principal and interest by those who receive aid from its funds.

3. Explanation as to whom shall be considered eligible to borrow from this fund.

(1) Young people, maintaining active membership in one of the churches of the Central Texas District Association of Free Will Baptists, who have given themselves to full time Christian service, who are willing to accept and comply with the rules and regulations governing the loan fund shall be considered eligible for application for a loan from the fund.

(2) Any full time Christian worker who has become established in Christian work in a Free Will Baptist Church in the Central Texas District Association, and who desires to further his educational qualifications, and who will accept and comply with the rules and regulations governing the loan fund shall be considered eligible for application for a loan from this fund.

4. The policy under which the Student Loan Fund committee are to administer their office.

(1) This fund shall be under the direction of the Student Loan Fund Committee, which consists of five members. Each member shall serve for a period of three years, being elected as a vacancy occurs. The committee shall organize at its own discretion and shall be under the charge of the Central Texas District Association, and make a full financial statement to said organization annually.

(2) All applications for loans shall be made to the Student Loan Fund Committee, and the applicant may or may not, be requested to meet the committee for a personal interview.

(3) An Applicant must be a member in good standing in a Free Will Baptist Church in the Central Texas District Association.

(4) The amount of the loan will be determined by the committee after (1) a careful study of the application, (2) and the amount of funds available.

(5) The committee reserves the right to refuse a loan to any applicant.

(6) The loan contract will be sent to the approved applicant for his signature. If the applicant is a minor (under 21 years of age) a co-signer may be required.

(7) Interest of 4% per annum will begin one year from the date of graduation, or his withdrawal from school. Interest on loans that are now outstanding will begin one year from January 1, 1960.

(8) Payments should be made monthly to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Student Loan Fund Committee. Any other basis, other than monthly installments should be worked out on a contract basis with the administrator of the loan.

(9) The amount of loan agreed upon will be paid directly to the borrower by check at the beginning of the school semester for which the loan is granted.

(10) These rules may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the Central Texas District Association.

Signed: James Lang
President, Sec. Treas.
C. T. Cooledge
N. C. Cole
Mrs. W. H. Richards

R E P O R T S

REPORT OF HOME MISSIONS Central Tex. F. W. B. Dist.

Dec. 30, 1958	Bal.in Bryan Bldg.& Loan	\$751.22
Jan. 13, 1959	Check by Mrs. Dale Burden	13.28
Apr. 3, 1959	Check by Mrs. Dale Burden	45.61
Apr. 24, 1959	Check by Mrs. Dale Burden	14.85
May 6, 1959	Check by Mrs. Dale Burden	13.76
June 30, 1959	Dividend B.B. & L. Int.	15.87
July 25, 1959	Check by Mrs. Dale Burden	18.51
Aug. 25, 1959	Fellowship Church	2.00
	Balance Sept. 28, 1959	<u>\$875.10</u>

C. F. Goen
Treasurer of Home Mission
Board

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

We, your resolution committee submit the following:

1. Since the Calvery Fund is arrears and they are to return to the states for their furlough in Nov. we recommend that we send \$30.00 to the Calvery Fund and take a Free Will offering today.
2. That we urge each church in this Association to take a special offering for the Calvery Fund in the near future.
3. That we extend a rising vote of thanks to Christ's Free Will Baptist Church of Corpus Christi for their splendid hospitality shown and for the Christian manner in which we have been entertained.

Mrs. C.B.Thompson, Chairman
Mrs. B.D.Jones
Mrs. Grady Williams

REPORT OF THE OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, your obituary committee, regret to report the following Brothers and Sisters In Christ who have passed away in the past year.

Bayshore :	Rev. B. M. Daniels
Pine Prairie:	Mrs. Jesse Pirce
	Mrs. Shelly
	Mrs. Allen Brewer
Blue Lake:	Mrs. Leonard Allen
First Church Bryan:	Mrs. J. F. Martin
	Mr. Sidney Lawless
	Mr. Earl Tatum
Bright Light:	Mrs. Allie Hathorne
Evergreen:	Mrs. Lollie Stedman
	Tennie Young
North Zulch:	Mrs. Parker
	Rev. Clyde Burney
	Bro. Frank Burney

Your Committee,
Mrs. Goen
Mrs. Vance
Mrs. Creel

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Ministers Certificates were issued to the following:

Rev. H. Ray Berry	Rev. H. M. McAdams
Rev. Bobby Davis	Rev. Lizzie McAdams
Rev. M. C. Fry	Rev. John Moehlman
Rev. Everett Hellard	Rev. W. H. Norris
Rev. W. R. Love	Rev. Herbert Richards
Rev. C. B. Thompson	

ENCAMPMENT REPORT

The Youth Encampment at Piney Woods Encampment Grounds the week of August 10-15 was one of great blessings to both our youth and the adults who attended, or worked with the Encampment.

We again had a wonderful staff of workers, who loved the Lord, and the Young People with whom they were working. Then too, Rev. Bobby Jackson is still up to preaching the work with power and authority. All this resounded to the Glory of God.

As a result of the good teaching, preaching, and witnessing, there were 10 conversions, 12 re-dedications and approximately 35 answered the call to special service for their Lord and Savior wherever He might call.

The Reverend H. Z. Cox of Dallas is the Camp Director for next year; and Rev. Gaston Clary, Asst. Director. As yet we do not know who will be the Evangelist, but Rev. W. S. Mooneyham has been written, but no word from him yet. If he cannot come the week of Aug. 11-16, then the Rev. Billy Melvin is to be contacted, so agrees the committee.

The Financial report for the Encampment is as follows:

Balance on Hand Sept. 2, 1958 (after camp) \$ 16.83

Received:

Central Tex. Dist. Assn.	150.00	
First F.W.B. Church, Dallas	50.00	
East Tex. Dist. Assn.	100.00	
Campers Reg. Fees	<u>1,682.25</u>	
Total Received during year		<u>1,982.25</u>
Total to Account for		1,999.08

Disbursements:

Postage & Mailing Supplies	6.17
One Campers Kit	3.50
Evangelist	125.00
Printing of Schedules (1500)	31.30
Supplies for Campers News	13.25
Medical Supplies	4.00
Refund to watchman, Fee	11.75

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Telephone Call	5.17	
Piney Woods Emc.	<u>1,721.37</u>	
Total Payments During Year 1959		<u>1,921.51</u>
Balance in First Nat'l Bk. Bryan, Texas		77.57

There is in the Encampment Bldg. Fund in Houston First Federal Savings and Loan Assn. \$527.99 as of Aug. 6, 1959.

Our Lord has blessed marvelously in the years the encampment has been in operation. Please Pray for the success of it each year.

The Committee is to be elected this meeting.

It has been a great blessing to serve you as Registrar and Treasurer.

Signed,
Mrs. H. Ray Berry

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR 1958-1959

Amount in Treasury at beginning of year... \$ 111.95

Receipts during year:

Quarterly Meeting Dues . . .	302.00
Worship Offering	70.58
Cooperative Program	1,682.06
Bible College	59.05
Jones Fund	386.96
Calvary Fund	480.63
Foreign Mission	413.12
National Home Missions	93.46
Wiley Fund	57.15
Kitchen Fund	23.82

Paid out during year:

Cooperative Program	1,513.85
Bible College	59.05
Jones Fund	386.96
Calvary Fund	555.63
Foreign Mission	413.12
District Home Mission	168.21

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National Home Mission	93.46
Kitchen Fund	23.82
Encampment	100.00
Wiley Fund	107.15
Clerk Fee	20.00
Postage & Supplies	20.00
Bryan Scribe Shop (for minutes)	76.50
Corpus Christi Church	25.00

Balance in Treasury

44.03

Received at Association:

Worship Offering	26.03
Dues	83.00
Cooperative Program	213.47
Jones	40.00
Calvery	45.29
Eagleton	11.50
Foreign Mission	34.54
Home Mission	20.05
Bible College	2.50

MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Church TA 2-4374

Berry, H. Ray	TA 2-7903	McAdams, Hm. and Lizzie
107 North Ennis		Rt. 3, Huntsville, Texas
Bryan, Texas		McDonald, Troy
Bounds, J. L.		Houston, Texas
Rt. 2, Anderson, Texas		Moehlman, John
Calvery, Wesley		1500 S. College Ave.
Japan		Bryan, Texas
Davis, Bobby Joe		Norris, W. H.
Rt. 3, Box 198		4670 Cosner
Huntsville, Texas		Corpus Christi, Texas
Franklin, Tommie		Payne, J. L.
Huntsville, Texas		Houston, Texas
Fry, Malcolm C.		Richards, Herbert
2123 Second Street		Rt. 2, Iola, Texas
Lake Charles, La.		Smith, Everet
		Bacliff, Texas

Halbrook, Alvin	Thompson, C. B.
Rt. 3, Bryan, Texas	Box 98, Iola, Texas
Hellard, Everett D.	Timmons, James
322 Ishmeal, Houston, Tex.	Laredo, Texas
Love, W. R.	
Corpus Christi, Texas	

B O A R D S

STUDENT LOAN BOARD

N. C. Cole, 1960	Mrs. Herbert Richards, 1961
Harold Trant, 1960	James Lang, 1962
Mrs. Everett Hellard, 1962	

HOME MISSION BOARD

C. T. Coolidge, 1960	C. F. Goen, 1961
W. R. Love, 1962	

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. C. B. Thompson, 1960	Rev. Alvin Halbrook, 1961
Rev. Herbert Richards, 1962	

YOUTH ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE

Mrs. H. Ray Berry	Mrs. Herbert Richards
League Director	Mrs. Ruby Withers
Foreign Missions Director	Bro. Ed Morris
(Assistant)	Bro. Carl Warren
Christian Education	
Director	Mrs. H. Ray Berry

CHURCH CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

BAYSHORE

Mrs. Inez Brown, Box 302, 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

CORPUS CHRISTI

Mrs. Maggie Lee Bailey, 2001 Stillman, Corpus
Christi, 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. Dorothy Simpson, 164 Lee, Maplewood, La.

NORTH ZULCH

Doris McGill, North Zulch, Texas

PINE PRAIRIE

Miss Fleta Wood, Route 3, Huntsville, Texas

CHURCHES

Number of Resident
MembersNon-Resident
Members

Conversions

Members Received

Paid Pastor

Paid Evangelist

Cooperative Program

BAYSHORE	17	25	10	5	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 153.78	\$ 188.74
BLUE LAKE	72	7		2	390.00	128.00	215.00
BRIGHT LIGHT	271	6	9	20	1,500.00	185.00	297.94
BRYAN FIRST			10	19	3,655.00	150.00	
CORPUS CHRISTI	45	4					
CROSS	45				975.00	160.00	218.20
EVERGREEN	54	41	4	5	1,800.00	277.30	193.20
FELLOWSHIP	114	16	3	47	2,756.00	235.55	130.00
HOUSTON	230	26	16	37	4,420.00	475.00	876.06
HUNTSVILLE	64	14	22	30	1,040.00	91.64	
LAKE CHARLES	13	2	8	5	1,187.85	76.44	202.50
NORTH ZULCH	52	13	1	1	1,780.00	73.90	
PINE PRAIRIE	121	34		5	340.70	75.00	
TOTALS	1,098	188	83	176	\$ 20,944.55	\$ 2,081.61	\$ 2,321.64

Bible College	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Total Receipts	Total Receipts	S.S. Enrollment	Average Attendance	League Enrollment	Average Attendance	Woman's Auxiliary	Members
\$ 80.00	\$ 184.44	\$ 15.00	\$ 1,913.35	58	39	25	12	12		
190.00	324.22		654.48	15	7	11	9	9	14	14
780.42	456.58		2,784.18	76	52	39	24	24	29	29
			10,989.49	177	98	12	8	8		
50.00		18.00	1,890.21	65	40				15	15
	472.55	40.00	3,379.54	36	20	28	22	22	8	8
	112.00	28.00	7,186.01	50	34	40	37	37	19	19
50.00	344.88		13,525.25	113	51	79	58	58	17	17
60.00	59.29	59.30	1,520.61	197	116	34	23	23	10	10
	115.91		4,337.29	61	33	37	26	26	10	10
25.50	128.18		2,823.41	75	64					
	21.00	15.00	714.40	38	30					
				66	30					
\$535.92	\$2,219.05	\$175.30	\$51,783.22	1,027	614	305	247	247	133	133

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

(For Convention Year 1958-1959)

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

FREE WILL BAPTIST WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Central Texas District

President	Mrs. Herbert Richards
Treasurer	Mrs. Wesley Coburn
Amount Fees sent to Treasurer	\$ 40.35
Number 'A-1' Standard Auxiliaries	5
Number 'B'	3
Number 'C'	1

I. Enlistment Department:

1. Enrollment at beginning of	
Convention Year	131
Present Enrollment	132
2. Number New Members	21
Number Lost	26
Average Attendance	66

II. Youth Department:

1. Number Youth Organizations:	
G.T.A.	5
Y.P.A.	4
2. Total Membership:	
G.T.A.	34
Y.P.A.	33
3. Number Vacation Bible Schools Assisted in-	4
4. Number Bible College Students Assisted .	6
5. Other Activities:	
Enlistment Supper	1

III. Study Course Department:

1. Courses Conducted		Attendance
Missions	9	95
Stewardship	13	94
Manual	8	72
Evangelism	9	119
Prayer	6	61
2. Reading Circles	4	
3. Number Daily Bible Readers .	128	

IV.	Program-Prayer Department:	
	1. Number Special Programs Held	11
	2. Number Weeks of Prayer Conducted	17
	3. Total Amount Self-Denial Offering	
	Resulting from weeks of prayer	\$72.95
	4. Total Number Family Altars	65
	5. Total Members Observing Prayer	
	Fellowship	46
V.	Personal Service Department:	
	1. Number Making Soul-Winning Efforts	109
	2. Number Souls Won	13
	3. Number Active in Community Missions.	73
	4. Total Value of All Contribution to	
	Children's Homes	\$151.00
VI.	Publicity Department:	
	1. Number Subscribers to Free Will Baptist	
	Papers	87
	2. Number articles written for Publication.	5
	3. Other Publicity work done.	1
VII.	Personal Gifts:	
	Special Offerings:	\$457.63
	Missions	12.00
	Free Will Bible College	2.00
	Children's Home	5.09
	Superannuation.	1.34
	Other: Self Denial Offering.	

ANNUAL REPORT

I.	STEWARDSHIP OF POSSESSIONS:	
	Number of auxiliary members contributing	
	to Missions	99
	Number of tithers on roll at beginning	
	of Convention year.	62
	Number of new tithers this convention year.	15
	Present number of tithers	77
II.	FINANCIAL REPORT:	
	Amount of offering sent to W.N.A.C. Co-	
	Laborer Fund	\$ 74.55

Amount of Easter offering for Foreign Missions	\$ 12.73
Amount of Thanksgiving offering for State Home Missions.	40.47
Amount of Christmas offering for National Home Missions	21.24
Cash gifts to orphanage.	2.00
Value of boxes to orphanage.	150.00
Cash gifts to Free Will Baptist College	12.00
Total Gifts to Missions sent to W.N.A.C.	
Treasurer this convention year:	
By Woman's Auxiliary	\$477.06
By G.T.A.s	3.10
By Y.P.A.s	3.00
Cash gifts to aged ministers . .	45.09
Total Amount Spent for Auxiliary Literature	140.66
Total Amount Spent this Convention Year for Local Church Activities . .	45.52

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Wesley Coburn

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 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 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 Saturday before the

first Sunday in October, at the place designated by vote of the association at its previous regular session. The association shall receive written reports from the churches of which it is composed as to progress made and service rendered in the spreading of the gospel of Christ, and to such other business as does not violate this constitution. Adjourned sessions may be called by order of the moderator or by a majority of the executive committee. These reports shall be received quarterly and shall cover the preceding quarter except the report to the annual meeting in October which shall cover the entire church year.

ARTICLE XII - COUNCIL

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.

