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ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. House called to order by the Moderator.
3. Letters called for, read and received.
4. Right hand of fellowship and seating of delegates.
5. Election of officers.
6. Petitionary letters called for.
7. Reading Rules of Order (By-Laws).
8. Invite visiting brethren to seats in council.
9. Appointment of Committees.
10. Unfinished Business.
11. New Business.
12. Reports of Committees.
13. Miscellaneous Business.

Order of Business for Missions

1. President in charge.
2. Song or songs.
3. Prayer.
4. Leader read Scripture, have prayer and turn the meeting back to the president.
5. Reading minutes of the previous meeting.
6. Treasurer's report.
7. Unfinished business.
8. Report of committees.
9. New business.
10. Report of sick and needy.
11. Suggestions for good of the Mission.
12. Song and offering.

BY-LAWS

1. The moderator or assistant moderator, or, in their absence, the oldest minister present shall call the Association into conference.

2. Each session shall be opened and closed with prayer.

3. Five members from two or more churches shall constitute a quorum. A less number may adjourn until such quorum is present.

4. Visiting brethren are invited to seats as advisory members.

5. Those who speak shall arise and address the moderator. Personal reflections shall be avoided in all debates.

6. If any proposition or motion under debate contain two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and a vote taken separately.

7. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded.

8. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the moderator.

9. The moderator shall not allow discussion when not carried on in a Christian spirit.

10. The ruling of the moderator may be overruled by a two-thirds vote of the members voting.

11. Any minister opposed to any of the enterprises endorsed by the Association will not be entitled to a seat in conference, and we will not seat any minister in this Association that teaches the baptism of the Holy Ghost separate from regeneration or the birth of the Spirit.

12. No question from any church shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it has first been discussed in its own church.

13. At each Association arrangements shall be made to insure two or more sermons or their equivalent devotional exercises each day.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant. We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid the appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world; from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit," in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of souls, and the conversion of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

PROCEEDINGS

The Sixth Annual Session of the First Mission Association met with the Zion Hill church, Wednesday morning, August 23, 1933. The session opened with singing and proper devotions. After which soul-stirring messages were delivered by Sister Pruitt and Eld. Boyd Williams. Old time shoutings were heard throughout the service.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Meeting called to order by the moderator. Opened by singing and prayer.

Letters were read and received and delegates seated from the following churches: Cushing, Drumright, Jennings, Oglesby, New Home, Bixby, Zion Hill, Blue Bell, Allen, Daisy, Iron Post, Mt. Zion, Arbor Dale, and Tulsa. As a song was sung delegates were seated and given the right hand of fellowship.

Election of Officers

Moderator,	Elder Melvin Bingham,	Tulsa, Okla.
Ass't Mod.,	Elder J. L. Waltman,	Cushing, Okla.
Clerk,	Elder B. F. Rogers,	Drumright, Okla.
Ass't Clerk,	Elder W. H. Dickinson,	Jennings, Okla.

Executive Board

Elders Boyd Williams, Carl Hood, B. H. Perkins
J. L. Waltman and O. H. Staires.

Superintendent of Missions, Sadie E. Fincher.

Ass't Supt. Missions, Elder D. Hillard.

Sunday School Supt., Elder D. B. Hillard.

Chairman Executive Board, Elder J. L. Waltman.

Secretary Executive Board, Elder Boyd Williams.

Petitionary letters called for. Letters received from the following churches: Oglesby, Bixby, Mt. Zion, Iron Post and Arbor Dale. A committee was appointed to examine these churches. Elders Waltman, Dalton and O. H. Staires were appointed. The committee reported that churches were legally organized, and on motion they were received into the Association, and the delegates seated and given the right hand of fellowship.

By-Laws of the Association were read by assistant moderator, Eld. J. L. Waltman.

By motion the moderator appointed all committees.

Appointment of Committees

Resolutions—Elders Boyd Williams, O. H. Staires and W. D. Stinnett.

Pulpit—Sister Hoffman, Mother Leftwitch, Bro. John Staires and Elder O. H. Staires.

Credentials—Elders Harry Staires, A. B. Talbert and Laird Thompson.

Temperance—Sisters Fincher, Waltman and Pierce.

Sunday School—Sisters Castleberry, Bellville and Glennie Staires.

Finance—Brothers Cooper, Castleberry and Hillard.

Obituary—Sister Rogers, Sister Holsinger, Sister Reins.

Missions—Sister Dickinson, Sister Smith, and Sister Bingham.

Motion carried to omit the Introductory sermon.

Pulpit committee reported Elders Marvin Dalton and Bert F. Rogers to bring the message Wednesday night.

Minutes of previous conference read and approved.

Committee was appointed to examine ministers and deacons for ordination. Those appointed were Elders O. H. Staires, J. L. Waltman, Marvin P. Dalton.

Motion carried to adjourn conference till 8:30 Thursday morning.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Came together at 7:30 by singing. Followed by a wonderful testimony service conducted by Eld. Harry Staires.

Committee on Examination and Ordination of ministers and deacons reported that ministers and deacons stood the examination. After the report the following were ordained:

Ministers: Elders McDonald, T. E. Milligan, Clyde Shade and Kelly Mathis of Zion Hill church; Sister Pruitt, Tulsa church minister; Elder Van of Iron Post church.

Deacons: Bro. Joe Thoamson of Zion Hill church; Bro. Florence of Bixby church.

The ordination was conducted by Eld. Melvin Bingham.

Several special numbers in song were rendered by God given talent.

Sermon by Elder Marvin P. Dalton and Elder B. F. Rogers. Text, Daniel 5:27. Soul-stirring messages were delivered and two souls were born into the kingdom of God, and five additions to the church.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened by singing. Scripture reading fourth chapter of St. John by Bro. Waltman. Prayer by Eld. A. B. Talbert.

Partial report was heard from Executive Board, and by motion the report was received for discussion. The report was ruled out of order by the moderator and an examining committee was appointed to settle the report.

Discussion of Old Ministers' Home was tabled.

Motion carried to adjourn conference till 2:00 o'clock.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Stand filled at eleven o'clock by Elder J. L. Waltman. Subject, "Tithing." It was a wonderful message.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Session opened by singing. Scripture reading Psalm 133 by the moderator, Elder Melvin Bingham. Prayer by Elder G. H. Johnson.

Service was turned to Superintendent of Missions, Sister Mae Dickinson.

Reports were received from the following churches: Tulsa, Cushing, Zion Hill, New Home, Allen, Blue Bell, Jennings and Drumright. Motion carried that reports be received and approved.

A number of good talks were given on Mission work.

By motion conference was adjourned until 8:30 Friday morning.

Pulpit committee reported that the night message would be given by Elders D. B. Hillard and H. E. Staires.

THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Preaching by Elders D. B. Hillard and H. E. Staires. Text, 1 Samuel 1:11.

Two deacons, Luther Reins and Samuel Gaston, were ordained for Arbor Dale church.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Session opened by singing. Scripture reading by the moderator. Prayer by Elder H. E. Staires.

Reports of committees were called for, and the following committees reported: Temperance, Missions, Sunday Schools, Credentials, Finance and Resolutions, and the committees were discharged. See reports.

Motion carried to adjourn conference until 1:30 p. m.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Preaching at eleven o'clock by Elders Virgel Van and G. H. Johnson. Text, Matt. 24:24.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened by singing. Scripture reading Matt. XII by the moderator. Prayer by Bro. McDonald.

By vote of the conference the first quarterly meeting goes to Iron Post church, Elder Marvin Dalton to preach the introductory sermon.

The next Annual Session of the Association will be held with New Home church. Elders Boyd Williams and O. H. Staires will preach the introductory sermon.

By motion rules of Old Ministers' Home were presented.

By motion the new Executive Board were to examine the rules and report.

By motion report of the old Executive Board was received and new board elected.

By motion a vote of thanks was given the out-going board.

By motion \$5.00 was sent to State Association for minute fund.

Delegates to the State Association were nominated as follows: Sister Mae Dickinson, Sister Waltman and Sister Bingham.

By motion conference adjourned until 8:30 Saturday morning.

Pulpit committee reported Sister Fincher and Bro. Virgel Van to bring the message Friday night.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Divine services conducted by Sister Fincher and Bro. Virgel Van. Both brought soul-stirring messages, and

twenty souls were born into the kingdom of God, and eleven additions to the church.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened by singing. Scripture reading, second chapter of Acts by the moderator. Prayer by Bro. Dalton.

Motion carried to license Sister Flossie Perkins for life.

Elder Melvin Bingham reported from the Eastern Conference held at Nashville, Tenn. By motion the report was accepted and the glad hand was given him.

By motion Resolutions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 were adopted.

By motion a vote of thanks was given Zion Hill church and its pastor for their hospitality shown during the Association.

By motion a camp meeting will be held at the New Home church ten days before the next Association.

By motion Bro. Ervin Riddle and Bro. J. L. Smith were elected to aid the pastor of New Home church during the camp meeting.

By motion Sister Newman will preach the Mission sermon at next Association, on Thursday at eleven o'clock.

By motion the credentials of Bro. Earl Hough were cancelled as requested.

By motion any minister of this Association may represent this Association as messenger or delegate.

Reports of ministers were read and approved.

Motion carried that 500 minutes be printed, and that Elder B. F. Brown of Purdy, Mo. do the printing.

By motion conference adjourned until next regular Association.

Elder Melvin Bingham, Moderator
Elder B. F. Rogers, Clerk.

List of Ministers

Eld. J. L. Waltman,	Cushing, Okla.
" V. R. Vann,	R5, B171, Bristow, Okla.
" T. E. Milligan,	Collinsville, Okla.
" Boyd Williams,	R10, B414B, Tulsa, Okla.
" D. B. Hillard,	R1, B273, Sapulpa, Okla.
" Carl Hare,	B53, Bowden, Okla.
" Harry Staires,	R9, B235, Tulsa, Okla.
" Marvin P. Dalton,	1024 N. St. Louis, Tulsa, Okla.
" A. B. Talbert,	Sand Springs, Okla.
" Kelly Mathis,	R1, Oologah, Okla.
" Lester McDonald,	R1, Talala, Okla.
" W. D. Stinnett,	R1, Talala, Okla.
" O. H. Staires,	R. F. D., B240H, Tulsa, Okla.
" Melvin Bingham,	1024 N. St. Louis, Tulsa, Okla.
" Susie Pruitt,	R8, B35, Tulsa, Okla.
" Sadie E. Fincher,	B244, Drumright, Okla.
" Bert F. Rogers,	218 W. Hull St., Denison, Tex.
" W. H. Dickinson,	Jennings, Okla.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Missions—We, the Committee, on Missions, wish to adopt the resolution as it reads in the minutes:

"Be it Resolved, That the old missions get the Juniors on their hearts and stop so much criticising and encourage them more, and each mission send in a written report at each annual meeting without fail.—Committee.

Temperance—We, you, Committee on Temperance, beg to report as follows:

We believe in being temperate in all things, as the Bible teaches. We believe intoxicating drinks to be one of the worst curses of our nation. It does not only rob people of temporal things of this life, but also robs them of their souls. It causes many to spend eternity in hell. May we, as God's people, do all we can to encourage others to be temperate in this life, and that it begin in our homes.—Committee.

Obituary—Whereas the Supreme Ruler in His wisdom has seen fit to remove from our midst the following:

Sister P. L. Dunn, Sister R. H. Miller, Sister Zona Payne, Sister Holder, Bro. W. A. Taylor, Sister Thomas' baby, Sister Gibhart's baby, also Sister Mellion's baby.

—Committee.

Sunday School—We find that each church reports a good Sunday school; and we urge that this work be carried on. Each member should attend and urge that others do so. A church without a Sunday school is on the downward road and sooner or later is gone.

We urge also the use of Free Will Baptist literature.

Sunday schools should be encouraged by pastors and deacons. All teachers and officers should be Christians, and of the Free Will Baptist faith.—Committee.

Resolutions: No. 1—Be it Resolved, That any of our churches, wishing to call another pastor, must notify said callee at least thirty days before election, and he shall consult the present pastor at least ten days before election as to his desires, whether or not he wishes to stay and in the event that said church will not retain the present pastor and said church shall call the callee, and in that event said callee shall be privileged to pastor said church.

No. 2—We Recommend, That all churches coming to the Association advise their people to come prepared to camp, corresponding delegates and messengers exempted from the above rule.

No. 3—Be it Resolved, That we meet on Wednesday night and begin the organization Thursday morning at 9:00 o'clock, and adjourn Saturday as soon as all business is finished.

No. 4—Be it Resolved, That each church pay tithes of what they take in through their church treasury, and that said tithes shall be paid annually into the treasury of the Association, sent by delegates with letter, and out of said funds shall minutes be published, and of said amount remaining, 50% shall go to Old Ministers' Home fund and 50% to Extension fund.

No. 5—Whereas God has so wonderfully blessed us in the First Mission Association, and as we feel it our duty to progress as God directs; we suggest that we take steps to organize a Western Conference: also that we lay plans for our dependent Ministers' Home.

No. 6—To the State Association when convened with the Dibble church, beginning on Tuesday night before the fourth Sunday in October, 1933: We, the First Mission Association of Free Will Baptist, are in favor of disbanding the Co-operative General Association and consummate a union with the Eastern Conference.

No. 7—Be it Resolved, That all discussions be preached and not debated.

No. 8—We Recommend, That no preacher be called to pastor any church in this Association unless he is a member of this Association, or will be a member of it, and is a Mission worker, and has been proved.

No. 9—Be it Resolved, That no more Junior missions be organized with sinners in them; as we don't take sinners into the church, and the Mission is a part of the church.

No. 10—Be it Resolved, That each Mission in our Association take it up and instruct the workers to pledge one-tenth of fruit and vegetables canned to Old Ministers' Home.

No. 11—Do we have a right to turn anyone out of the church? Voted, We do.

No. 12—Be it Resolved, That any minister of this Association, talking about another minister of the Association, be reported to the Executive Board, and said board will ask that said minister turn his or her credentials in.

Report of Clerk—Received for minutes: Tulsa church \$5.00, Cushing \$3.00, Jennings \$1.50, Allen \$2.50, Blue Bell \$1.50, Zion Hill \$3.00, Bixby \$1.75, New Home \$2.50, Drumright \$3.00, Oglesby \$1.00, Mt. Zion \$1.50, Vance Chapel \$2.00, Total \$28.25.—Bert F. Rogers, Clerk.

Report of Executive Board—Met at Sand Springs, Oklahoma, June, 1933, and voted to use the money from Old Ministers' Home funds for deposit on lights and on gas for Mission Point. Board received \$23.00 from clerk of Association. Less \$10.00 for lights and \$10.00 for gas leaves a balance of \$3.00 due the Association. The total amount is to be turned back into fund.—Committee.

Reports of Missions

Blue Bell Mission—Average number of members 16. We have made one quilt for the Old Ministers' Home. We are making another quilt to sell. Have visited many who were sick, and given clothes to the needy.

Sister Warren, President.

New Home—Junior Mission. We have a good attendance. Sick calls 259, chapters read 1014, made and sold two quilts, 25 print hats, also bought our pastor a new suit. —Velma Woolsey, Secretary.

Tulsa Mission—Sick calls 750, cottage prayer meetings 50, several grocery showers, chapters read 1979, money paid out \$77.89, made three quilts, one name quilt bringing \$15.00. Pastor's wife given one quilt, as birthday present by Junior Mission. We have one quilt and \$3.00 for Old Ministers' Home.

Zion Hill Mission—We have met thirty-one times, sick calls 50, given five baby showers, two bridal showers, one fruit shower, made three quilts, gave one to pastor, made and sold thirty-three hats and bonnets for \$6.10, have sold two quilts for \$5.00.—Mrs. F. S. Castleberry, Sec'y.

Allen Mission—Number of meetings 42, cottage prayer meetings 45, sick calls 222, money paid in collections \$34.18, money raised otherwise \$71.85, gave 40 garments to sick and needy, quilted eight quilts, gave six grocery showers, paid out \$105.43.—Mrs. Bryan, Secretary.

Cushing Mission—Average number 18 to 20, quilted 16 quilts, made many sick calls, money raised and grocery showers are turned in to the church for mission work is the church at work.—Sister Walker, President.

Jennings Mission, reported from Cushing—We are doing a good work, meet every Friday night, and cottage prayer meeting Tuesday nights. We have had several conversions. We also visit the sick and are doing good in many ways.—Opal Rogers, President.

New Home Mission—Sick calls 663, chapters read 1707, cottage prayer meetings 10, money taken in \$56.30, paid out \$50.94, amount in treasury \$5.36, 24 grocery showers to pastor and seven to needy people, quilted 12 quilts, four to complete at present. We have raised \$50.00 for new parsonage. —Sister Bacon, President.

MINISTERS' REPORTS

Sadie E. Fincher, Pastor at Arbor Dale—Sermons preached, 28; conversions, 28; baptized, 13; churches organized, one; funerals preached, five; couples married, 2.

O. H. Staires, Pastor Zion Hill—Sermons preached, 81; conversions witnessed, 118; assisted in four revivals; baptized, 42; members received, 50; miles traveled, 6380; couples married, one; assisted in organizing 2 churches; paid tithes, \$60.00; money received this year, \$95.00.

Harry Staires, Pastor New Home—Members received, 64; baptized, 61; married four couples; funerals, five; revivals, four; churches organized, one; miles traveled, 12,000; sermons preached, 135; conversions witnessed, 147; money received, \$458.66.

Boyd Williams, Pastor Blue Bell—Sermons preached, 84; baptized, 12; converts, 48; funerals, one; revivals, 4; money received, \$60.00; miles traveled, 1400.

W. E. Warner—Sermons preached, 65; converts, 27; held five revivals.

W. D. Stinnett, Pastor Oglesby—Assisted in revival with O. H. Staires; converts, 50; revival at Oglesby, converts, 35; baptized, 21; churches organized, one; funerals, one; miles traveled, 600; money received, \$10.00.

Bert F. Rogers, Pastor Drumright—Sermons preached, 124; professions, 26; additions to church, 17; baptized, 16; ministers ordained, four; deacons ordained, five; funerals, five; miles traveled, 2570; money received, \$287.00; couples married, two; revivals, one.

J. L. Waltman, Pastor at Cushing—Sermons preached, 103; revivals, four; professions, 25; members received, 12; couples married, five; baptized, eight; funerals, six; churches organized, one; deacons ordained, two; miles traveled, 5368; money received, \$100.81.

Melvin Bingham, Pastor at Tulsa—Sermons preached, 154; additions to church, 63; baptized, 78; converts, 271; funerals, 14; assisted in several ordinations and revivals; money received, \$674.08.

Cecil E. Horner—Sermons preached, 87; miles traveled, unknown; money received, \$39.70.

