

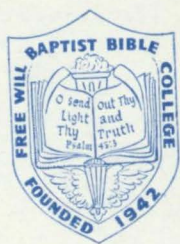
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PROCEEDINGS

The Seventh Annual Session of the First Mission Association met with the New Home church, Wednesday night, August 22, 1934.

Opened by singing, "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings." Prayer by Bro. J. S. Holman.

Testimony service conducted by Bro. J. H. West.

Introductory sermon by Rev. Boyd Williams and Rev. O. H. Staires. Dismissed by Rev. J. L. Waltman.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened by singing. Prayer by Bro. J. H. West and Bro. Harry Staires.

In the absence of the moderator, Bro. Melvin Bingham the assistant moderator read for a Scripture lesson the third chapter of James. Prayer by Bro J. L. Waltman.

Letters were called for and were received from the following churches: Jennings, Cushing, Zion Hill, Iron Post, Tuskegee, Pleasant Valley, New Home, Vance Chapel, Drumright, Allen Lawnwood, Arbordale, Daisy, Blue Bell, Tulsa and Oglesby.

Motion carried that we receive letters as read and seat the delegates.

Motion carried that the different pastors be given the authority to appoint delegates in place of absent ones.

A song was sung and the delegates were given the right hand of fellowship.

Election of Officers

Moderator,	Elder J. L. Waltman,	Cushing, Okla
Ass't Mod.,	Eld. A. B. Talbert,	Sand Springs, Okla.
Clerk,	Elder J. H. West,	Bristow, Okla.
Ass't Clerk,	Sister Nellie Fogle,	Bristow, Okla.

Rules of Order were read by the moderator.

Petitionary letters were called for and received from the following churches: Sunrise, Silver City, Pretty Water, Liberty and Collinsville. Motion carried that we receive these churches into full fellowship.

A song was sung and delegates were given the right hand of fellowship.

Motion carried that moderator appoint all committees.

Appointment of Committees

Resolution and Grievance—Rev. W. H. Carter, Rev. Melvin Bingham, Rev. Harry Staires, Rev. B. F. Rogers and Rev. W. N. Beaty.

Pulpit—Rev Carl Hood, Sister Melvin Bingham, Sister Anna Markin, Sister C. A. Dressler and Sister L. E. Waltman.

Credentials—Rev. O. B. Lane, Rev. D. B. Hellard, Rev. V. E. Cooper, Rev. A. B. Epperson, Rev. Walter Warner.

Temperance—Sister Vineta Vickers, Bro. T. S. Shoopman, Sister C. N. Mitchell, Sister Rosa Carter, Sister Mae Graham.

Finance—Rev. Jack Eden, Rev. Cletis Turner, Bro. John Hayter, Rev. F. M. Crouch, Bro. C. C. Slaybaugh.

Sunday Schools—Rev. Boyd Williams, Bro. Ed Kenyon, Bro. Wilbur Underwood, Sister Francis Miller, Bro. Sam Darden, Sister Daisy Merchant.

Obituary—Bro. Alvin Fogle, Rev. J. S. Holman, Sister Martha Hellard, Sister Mae Waltman, Sister Clara Downey, Bro. F. McDougal.

Missions—Rev. Hattie Newman, Rev. Sadie Fincher, Bro. John Creekmore, Sister Lucille Parker, Sister Cleo Watkins, Sister Stella M. Cooper, Bro. J. L. McGee.

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

THURSDAY, ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Opened by singing, "Help Somebody Today."

Prayer by Mother Taylor, Bro. Melvin Bingham and Sister Sadie Fincher.

The pulpit was filled by Rev. Hattie Newman. Subject, "Being Overshadowed by a Cloud." Scripture, Eccl. 11:4. A wonderful Mission sermon was delivered.

Dismissed by Rev. J. S. Holman.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened by singing, "He Keeps Me Singing." Scripture lesson, read by Sister Mae Graham, Psalm 1. Prayer by Rev. Melvin Bingham.

Verbal reports of Mission work were given by Rev. Sadie Fincher, Superintendent of Missions, and Rev. D. B. Hellard, Ass't Superintendent of Missions.

Motion carried that we seat Rev C. W. Thompson and

Rev. H. E. Dixon as visiting delegates from Grand River Association and Rev. B. F. Rogers from Hopewell No. 1 Association.

Mission reports read and received from the following missions: Drumright, New Home, Cushing, Cushing Jr., Vance Chapel, Tulsa, Arbordale, Allen Jr., Blue Bell.

Verbal reports were given from Oglesby, Lawnwood, Jennings and Zion Hill Jr.

Motion carried that Mission reports be received.

A good talk was given by State President, Rev J. L. Waltman.

Report from Pulpit Committee that Rev. A. B. Epperson and Rev. H. E. Dixon will preach Thursday night.

There were several good talks on mission work, and old time salvation was manifested by shouts from several.

Moderator appointed committee to examine Rev. J. S. Holman, Rev. F. M. Crouch, Rev. L. C. Florence, Rev. John Parker and Deacon Ben Bethel on doctrine.

Committee—Rev. B. F. Rogers, Rev. W. H. Carter, Rev. A. B. Epperson, Rev. O. B. Lane, Rev. Harry Staires.

Motion carried that we adjourn until Friday morning at 8:30. Dismissed by Mother Taylor.

THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Opened by singing, "There Shall Be Shower of Blessings." Prayer by Rev. R. L. Jacobs. Several special songs were sung, and were enjoyed by all.

Devotional service was conducted by Rev. Will Bean and Bro. Ervin Riddle.

Pulpit was ably filled by Rev. A. B. Epperson and Rev. H. E. Dixon. Subject, "Holy Ghost."

Dismissed by Rev. D. B. Hellard.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened by singing, "I Love to Tell the Story." Prayer by Rev. Will Bean. Scripture lesson by Rev. W. H. Carter, sixth chapter of Galatians. Prayer by Rev. W. H. Carter.

Minutes of last Quarterly were read and approved.

Motion carried that we adopt resolutions No. 1 and No. 2.

Pulpit committee reports that Rev. Susie Pruitt and Rev. A. B. Talbert will bring the message at 11 o'clock.

Motion carried that we receive report of Temperance Committee.

Motion carried to receive report of Sunday School Committee.

Motion carried that we accept second half of report by Grievous Committee.

Motion carried that we adjourn until 1:30 p. m. Dismissed by Rev. Melvin Bingham.

FRIDAY, ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Opened by singing, "The Way of the Cross Leads Home." Prayer by Rev. Hattie Newman.

Wonderful messages were delivered by Rev. Susie Pruitt and Rev. A. B. Talbert. Text, Acts 5:39.

Dismissed by moderator.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened by singing, "Blessed Assurance." Special song by Sister J. H. Chaney and children. Scripture lesson, read by Rev. J. S. Holman, first Chap. of James. Prayer by Rev. J. S. Holman.

Motion carried that Sister Leona Bingham be seated as delegate from the Vera church.

Motion carried that we seat Bro. Carl Holcome and Sister Eula McLaughlin as corresponding delegates from Grand River Association.

Motion carried that we receive report of Missions Committee and discharge the committee.

Motion that we adopt resolutions No. 8 and No. 9 and elect Executive Board.

Executive Board

Elder Harry Stairs,	Chairman
Elder W. N. Beaty,	Secretary
Elder W. H. Carter,	Member
Elder A. B. Talbert,	Member
Elder A. B. Epperson,	Member

At this time we elected officers for the Sunday school and Mission work:

Bro. Wilbur Underwood,	Sunday School Supt.
Bro. Merle Markley,	Assistant S. S. Supt.

Rev. D. B. Hellard, Mission Superintendent
Rev. B. T. Kirby, Ass't Mission Superintendent

Motion carried that we adopt resolution No. 10.

Motion carried that we receive report of Ex. Board.

Motion carried that clerk get minutes printed where he thinks best.

First quarterly meeting will be held with Drumright church, beginning Friday morning before the fourth Sunday in November, 1934. Introductory sermon by Rev. W. H. Carter, Rev. J. H. West alternate.

Pulpit Committee reports that Rev. J. H. West and Rev. B. F. Rogers will preach Friday night.

Rev. L. C. Florence was ordained as a minister from Pleasant Valley church, Rev. F. M. Crouch as a minister from Zion Hill church, and Bro. Ben Bethel as deacon from Blue Bell church. Rev. H. E. Dixon was chosen chairman of ordaining council.

Motion carried that we adjourn until Saturday morning at 8:30. Dismissed by Rev. C. W. Thompson.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Opened by singing, "There shall be showers of Blessings." Prayer by Rev. Melvin Bingham. Special numbers in song were rendered and enjoyed by all.

Testimony service was conducted by Rev. D. B. Hellard and Rev. V. E. Cooper.

Pulpit was filled by Rev. J. H. West and Rev. B. F. Rogers. Text, St. John 8:5.

Three souls were saved.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened by singing, "There Shall be Showers of Blessings." Scripture lesson, read by moderator, 1 Cor. 4th chapter. Prayer by moderator.

Reports of different ministers were read and received.

Pulpit Committee reports that Rev. Jack Eden and Rev. W. N. Beaty will preach at 11 o'clock service.

Motion carried that we adopt resolutions No. 11 and 12.

Motion carried that we print a brief report of our churches in our minutes and leave ministers' reports out. Also that we have Articles of Faith and letter forms printed in minutes.

Rev. A. B. Epperson was selected to preach the introductory sermon at our next Association, Rev. W. N. Beaty alternate.

Rev. Susie Pruitt was selected to preach Mission sermon at next Association, Rev. A. B. Talbert alternate.

Motion carried that we receive treasurer's report and pay Bro. B. F. Rogers \$4.25 that we owe him.

Motion carried that we reconsider resolution No. 6.

Motion carried that we elect two ministers to take charge of evangelistic services at camp meeting in 1935.

Rev. H. E. Staires and Rev. Melvin Bingham were elected to preach at the camp meeting.

Motion that we send \$5.00 to State Association for minute funds, and send as delegates: Sister H. E. Staires, Sister Rosa Carter, Mother Taylor, Sister Opal Bingham and Bro. Wilbur Underwood.

Motion carried that we discharge all committees.

Clerk was given authority to order ordination blanks and to fill out for the ones we ordained

Motion carried that we vote a card of thanks to this church and community for their kind hospitality to us while here.

Motion carried that we accept the minutes as read.

Motion carried that we adjourn until Tuesday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1935.

Dismissed by Rev. A. B. Epperson.

Rev. J. L. WALTMAN, Moderator

Rev. J. H. WEST, Clerk.

SATURDAY, ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Opened by singing and prayer.

In Bro. Jack Eden's absence Bro. W. N. Beaty and Bro. Melvin Bingham brought the message. Subject, "What is man, that thou art mindful of him?" Seven souls were saved.

Church Reports Taken from Church Letters

✓ **Jennings**—State of religion fair, membership 18, members received 4, amount paid missions \$7.00, good prayer meeting and Sunday school, minute money \$1.00. Pastor for next year, Rev. B. T. Kirby.

✓ **Arbordale**—State of religion good, members received 12, baptized 4, total membership 37, paid pastor \$13.00, evangelist \$1.00, Home Mission \$18.93, building and repair \$105.25. Pastor for next year Rev. Sadie Fincher.

✓ **New Home**—State of religion good, members received 25, number baptized 21, dismissed 3, died 1, total membership 153, paid pastor \$450.98, paid evangelist \$15.00, building and repair \$600.00, incidentals \$90.00, value of church property \$4000.00, mission work \$105.90, education \$20.00, prayer meeting and Sunday school good, minute money \$2.50. Pastor for next year Rev. Carl Hood.

✓ **Zion Hill**—State of religion good, Sunday school and prayer meeting fair, members received 19, baptized 25, died 1, total membership 196, paid pastor \$150.80, building fund \$100.00, minute money \$2.50. Pastor for next year, Rev. O. H. Staires.

✓ **Lawnwood**—State of religion good, baptized 61, total membership 102, paid pastor \$67.71, prayer meeting and Sunday school good. Pastor for next year, Rev. Boyd Williams.

✓ **Vance Chapel**—State of religion good, members received 33, baptized 9, conversions 100, total membership 146, prayer meeting and Sunday school good, paid pastor \$401.58, evangelist \$89.00, building and repairs \$225.00, minute money \$2.50. Pastor for next year, Rev. A. B. Epperson.

Tuskegee—State of religion good, members received 10, baptized 5, total membership 30, meeting days first and third Sundays, prayer meeting and Sunday school good, minute funds \$3.50. Pastor for next year, Rev. John H. West.

✓ **Cushing**—State of religion good, members received 30, baptized 16, dismissed 5, died 1, total membership 92, amount for building and repairs \$76.00, amount paid pastor \$133.79, evangelistic \$29.53, value of church property \$2000.00, Sunday school good, minute fund \$5.00. Pastor for next year, Rev. J. L. Waltman.

✓ **Allen**—State of religion good, dismissed 2, baptized 5, total membership 77, prayer meeting and Sunday school good, minute funds \$1.00. Pastor for next year, Rev. Jack Eden.

✓ **Collinsville**—Organized June 23, 1934, 9 charter members, members received since 11, baptized 15, minute money \$1.00. Pastor for next year, Rev. T. E. Milligan.

✓ **Silver City**—Organized in 1934 with 48 charter members, good Sunday school and prayer meeting, straight time service. Pastor for next year, Rev. Hattie Newman.

✓ **Blue Bell**—State of religion good, members received 10, baptized 8, total membership 47, prayer meeting and Sunday school good, building fund \$421.80, minute money \$2.43. Pastor for next year, Rev. D. B. Hellard.

✓ **Iron Post**—State of religion good, members received 20, total membership 43, Sunday school and Bible study good, paid pastor since December, 1933, \$227.41, minute fund \$2.50. Pastor for next year, Rev. W. N. Beaty.

✓ **Oglesby**—State of religion good, membership 56, minute fund \$1.00. Pastor for next year, Rev. W. D. Stinnett.

✓ **Tulsa**—State of religion good, members received 56, baptized 31, total membership 350, paid pastor \$704.37, prayer meeting and Bible study good. Pastor for next year, Rev. Melvin Bingham.

✓ **Drumright**—State of religion good, members received 19, baptized 12, dismissed 8, total membership 169, prayer meeting and Sunday school good, paid pastor \$289.65, evangelist \$45.00, building and repairs \$48.27, publication \$2.50, missions \$59.99, minute fund \$2.50. Pastor for next year, Rev. Harry Staires.

✓ **Pleasant Valley**—State of religion good, members received 32, baptized 7, dismissed by letter 2, total membership 52.

Daisy—State of religion good, members received 3, total membership 31, prayer meeting and Sunday school good, paid evangelist \$5.00, minute fund \$1.00. Pastor for next year, Rev. W. H. Dickinson.

Sun Rise—Organized July 7, 1934, 11 charter members, received into church 32, minute money \$1.00. Pastor for next year, Rev. Walter Warner.

Pretty Water—Organized May 11, 1934, 10 charter members, baptized 4, prayer meeting and Sunday school good, minute money \$1.00. Pastor for next year, Rev. Walter Warner.

✓ **Liberty**—State of religion good, members received 3, baptized 3, dismissed 2, total membership 50, prayer meeting and Sunday school good, paid pastor \$60.00, evangelist \$15.00, for building and repairs \$40.00, minute money \$2.00, pastor's salary \$5.00 each Sunday. Pastor for next year, Rev. W. H. Carter.

MISSION REPORTS

Arbørdale—Organized September 1, 1933, mission meetings 24, cottage prayer meetings 16, conversions in homes 11, money received \$18.93, money paid out \$18.93.

Tulsa—Sick calls 1781, chapters read 335, cottage prayer meetings 33, grocery showers 6, layette showers 8.

Blue Bell—Met 35 times, served two dinners, gave 3 ice cream suppers, paid \$45.00 on church, made about 50 shirts and dresses for school children, gave 7 layette showers, gave clothes and furniture to a family that got their home burned, gave clothes to two families, made four quilts, gave one to pastor and one for old ministers' home, gave five funeral sprays of flowers.

Cushing—Met regularly, had 12 cottage prayer meetings, quilted 15 quilts, made five comforters, sewed for orphan children, gave about 12 showers of different kinds, helped a family who were burned out \$18.00, took in \$86.37, paid out \$80.23, balance \$6.14, made 1305 sick calls, read 7214 Bible chapters.

Cushing Jr.—Met 33 times, read 1669 Bible chapters, made 410 sick calls, 397 service hours.

Vance Chapel—Cottage prayer meetings 24, grocery showers 15, floral sprays 6, money received \$22.65, paid out \$20.60, balance \$2.05.

New Home—Sick calls 895, Bible chapters 5991, amount money taken in \$105.90, paid out \$94.76, cottage prayer meetings 10, quilted 5 quilts, tacked one comfort, paid \$40.72 on parsonage, gave 4 ice cream suppers, 1 bake sale, made first payment on pastor's car \$12.85.

Drumright—13 grocery showers, 3 clothing showers, 1 household shower, 6 layette showers, quilted 5 quilts.

Allen—Meetings held 40, cottage prayer meetings 44, sick calls 272, grocery showers 19, clothing showers 2, quilts made 3, weekly collections \$16.43, money raised otherwise \$215.01, total \$231.44, paid out \$228.38, balance \$3.06.

Allen Jr.—Held 25 meetings, sick calls 104, chapters read 1760, memory verses 131, made one quilt, paid out \$6.00 for song books for church, \$1.62 for Testaments for Bible study, balance \$1.83.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sunday Schools—We find that our Sunday schools are in a thriving condition, and are the life of our churches, in the seven years of the First Mission Association we have advanced from 300 to 1600 members. We recommend that this Association hold a Sunday School convention once each year, separate from the Sunday School rally.

Missions—We find that our missions are growing and spreading more and more; and we recommend that every Free Will Baptist church have a mission, as it is an asset to the Free Will Baptist. We want a mission, not a lady's aid. And we ask that our pastors do their best to go with their flock to these circle meetings, and let us all do our best for our Junior missions, as we need one in every church.

Temperance—We believe that the majority of crimes are caused by and from the use and sale of intoxicating drinks and beverages, and it is detrimental to the cause of Christianity, morality and decency; none are exempt from its direful influence. Our churches and homes should be kept clean that they might be a support to our rising generation. We insist that any member of our association, being guilty of allowing 3-2 beer or home brew, or any other intoxicating beverage, be dealt with where the membership is held and our pastors shall rigidly enforce same and preach one or more discourses during the year to their churches.

Examination—We find Elder J. S. Holman sound in Free Will Baptist doctrine.

We find Elder John Parker's ordination to be illegal on the part of the presbytery, and recommend that his credentials be withheld until first quarterly conference.

We find Bro. Ben Bethel ready for ordination as deacon of the church.

We find Elder F. M. Crouch to be sound in Free Will Baptist doctrine and ready for ordination.

We find Elder L. C. Florence to be sound in Free Will Baptist doctrine and ready for ordination.

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

Bro. Carl Ward, Zion Hill
Sister Rosa West Bacon, age 83,.....New Home
Rev. R. G. Morgan, Cushing
Sister Patton, Jennings

Infant son of Bro. and Sister P. B. Mullins, Arbordale
Reece Benfro, Blue Bell
Infant daughter of Bro. and Sister Albert Thomason,
Zion Hill,

Infant baby of Bro. and Sister Loyd Gamon, Pleasant
Valley

Infant son of Bro. and Sister Eddie Hart, Lawnwood,
Infant son of Bro. and Sister Earl Murry, Lawnwood
Infant son of Bro. and Sister Clyde Wilson, Lawnwood.

Sister Sue Cope, Elder E. J. Matthews, Bro. C. C. Bren,
infant baby of Bro. and Sister Tyson, Sister Kate Light,
Bro. F. N. Moore, infant of Bro. and Sister Thomas, Bro.
Clint Robertson, all of Tulsa.

Resolution and Grievance—We find that Rev. V. R.
Vann is unworthy to carry his credentials as a minister
in the Free Will Baptist church, and we recommend that
he surrender the same to this body.

Finance—We have collected \$42.53 from the different
churches for minutes.

Resolutions—No. 1—Resolved, That we change reso-
lution No. 3 to read as follows: "Introductory sermon
on Tuesday night, and begin organization Wednesday
morning at 9:00 o'clock, to adjourn Saturday as soon as
all business is finished."

No. 2—Be it Resolved, That we empower the Executive
Board to seek out a central location and determine the
cost of said location and report same to the first quarterly
meeting for consideration, and that said quarterly meet-
ing be empowered to act for this Association.

No. 8—Be it Resolved, That when one of our members
absents himself from the church, or fails to support said
church for six months, he shall be automatically dis-
charged.

No. 9—Be it Resolved, That the Association appoint
an executive board. They shall investigate said minis-
ters under question, and their decision shall be final.

No. 10—Be it Resolved, That no deacon shall be ordained until he has proved himself for one year, and that this resolution become Article No. 13 of the Constitution.

No. 11—Be it Resolved, That resolution No. 1 in the 1933 minute be killed.

No. 12—Be it Resolved, That we empower the clerk of this Association to buy a ledger to record all of our laws and business of this Association from year to year.

MINISTERS PRESENT

Elder O. B. Lane.....	Tulsa, Okla.
" D. B. Hellard.....	R1, Box 273, Sapulpa Okla.
" T. E. Milligan.....	Collinsville, Okla.
" A. L. Boen.....	R8, Box 142, Tulsa, Okla.
" Susie Pruitt.....	R8, Box 35, Tulsa, Okla.
" Sadie Fincher.....	Box 244, Drumright, Okla.
" Boyd Williams.....	R6, Box 143, Tulsa, Okla.
" W. H. Carter.....	Tuskegee, Okla.
" B. H. Perkins.....	Jennings, Okla.
" J. W. Parker.....	Oglesby, Okla.
" Melvin Bingham.....	833 N. Utica, Tulsa, Okla.
" Flossie Perkins.....	Jennings, Okla.
" W. D. Stinnett.....	R1, Talala, Okla.
" J. L. Waltman.....	Cushing, Okla.
" J. S. Holman.....	Kellyville, Okla.
" H. E. Staires.....	Drumright, Okla.
" B. F. Rogers.....	401 W. Munson, Denison, Texas
" J. H. West.....	R5, Box 117, Bristow, Okla.
" W. N. Beaty.....	Bristow, Okla.
" Carl Hood.....	R9, Tulsa, Okla.
" A. B. Talbert.....	Sand Springs, Okla.
" Jack Eden.....	R6, Box 227, Tulsa, Okla.
" Hattie Newman.....	Box 721, Drumright, Okla.
" Cletis Turner.....	Bowden, Okla.
" F. M. Crouch.....	Vera, Okla.
" May Dickinson.....	Jennings, Okla.
" Marvin Dalton.....	833 N. Utica, Tulsa, Okla.
" W. L. Bean.....	Earlsboro, Okla.
" B. T. Kirby.....	Oilton, Okla.
" V. E. Cooper.....	1024 N. St. Louis, Tulsa, Okla.
" Lem Williams.....	West Tulsa, Okla.

Elder A. B. Epperson.....	Yale, Okla.
" John Bullard.....	5928 Sand Springs Road, Okla.
" H. E. Dixon.....	R2, Broken Arrow, Okla.
" C. W. Thompson.....	R2, Broken Arrow, Okla.
" Carl Holcome.....	R1, Coweta, Okla.
" L. C. Florence.....	R2, Box 18, Bixby, Okla.
" O. H. Staires.....	R8, Box 64H, Tulsa, Okla.
" W. H. Dickinson.....	Jennings, Okla.

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.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the infallible word of God, and the only safe rule of faith and practice.—2 Tim. 3:16, 17; 2 Peter 1:20, 21.

2. That there is but one true and living God, and in the God-Head or Divine Essence, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.—Gen. 17:1; 1 John 5:7.

3. That we are fallen and depraved creatures, and cannot extricate ourselves from our fallen situation by any ability we possess by nature.—Eph. 5:1, 19.

4. That Salvation, Regeneration, Sanctification, Justification and Redemption are by the Life, Death, Resurrection, Ascension and Intercession of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.—Acts 4:12; Titus 3:5.

5. That he that shall endure to the end. the same shall be saved.—Matt. 24:13; 2:10.

6. That the joys of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.—Matt. 25:46.

7. That Baptism and the Lord's Supper, and the washing of the saints' feet are the Ordinances of Jesus Christ, appointed in the church, and none but true believers are proper subjects, and the only proper mode of Baptism is Immersion.—Mark 1:4, 9, 10; Luke 23:30; John 13:14.

8. We believe in the sanctity of the first day of the week, or the Lord's day, and that it ought to be observed and spent in the public or private worship of God, and that on it we should abstain from our worldly concerns except in case of necessity or mercy.—Ex. 31:15. Deut. 5:12; Matt. 12:12.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the body, both of the just and the unjust, but every one in his own order; those who have done evil to the resurrection of damnation, and that God has appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness by Jesus Christ.—1 Cor. 15:34; John 5:28; 1 Thes. 4:16.

10. That it is our duty to be tender and affectionate to one another, and to study the happiness of the people of God in general, and to be singly engaged to promote the honor of God.—John 13:35; Gal. 6:10.

11. We believe that Jesus Christ by the grace of God tasted death for every man; yet none can partake of His divine benefit only by his repentance towards God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, infants and idiots excepted.—Acts 20:21; 1 Tim. 2:5, 6; John 3:14-16; 1 Cor. 15:20, 22; Romans 5:15.

12. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is the door into the church; that baptism is a duty in answer to a good conscience.—John 10:7; 1 Peter 3:21.

13. We believe that the Lord's people are one in Him, and therefore should be one at His table.—1 Cor. 1:1, 11, 27, 28; John 17:11.

Letter to Association

.....Church of Okla., County of.....
date,P. O. Address,
Church sends greetings to the.....Annual Session of
the Brethren composing the First Mission Association of
Free Will Baptist, to let you know of our love and fellow-
ship and of our zeal for the cause of Christ.

Statistics are as follows: Pastor's salary for the com-
ing year \$..... Meeting days are on the.....
Sunday in each month. We have received by confession
.....; by letter.....; dismissed by letter.....;
excluded.....; withdrawn.....; died.....;
resident members.....; non-resident members.....;
total in full fellowship.....; value of church prop-
erty \$.....; contribution for minutes.....

We have chosen (Brothers or Sisters).....
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.....
as our delegates to represent us in the Annual Session
when convened with..... Church.
(Here ask for the next Ass'n if wanted). Pray for us.

Done in conference on the.....day of.....193.....

.....Moderator
.....Clerk.

Rules for Holding Church Conference

1. Call church into conference
2. Call for peace of the church
3. Invite visiting brethren to seats in council
4. Reading of minutes of last meeting
5. Report of treasurer or finance committee
6. Unfinished business
7. New business
8. Any sick or in need?

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 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. Reports 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 contains 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 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.

