

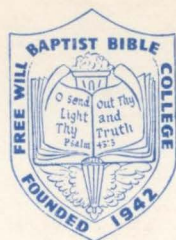
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PROCEEDINGS

At nine o'clock Wednesday morning, August 21, 1935, after a ten days' Camp Meeting conducted by Elders Harry Staires and Melvin Bingham, in which 28 souls were saved, we opened the Eighth Annual Session of the First Mission Association of Free Will Baptist with the Vance Chapel Free Will Baptist church.

Opening song, "'Neath the Old Olive Tree."

Prayer by Eld. A. B. Epperson.

In the absence of the moderator, Eld. A. B. Talbert the assistant moderator, read for a Scripture lesson, the second chapter of 2 Corinthians.

Church letters were called for, and the following churches responded with letter and delegates:

Tuskegee, New Home, Silver City, Vance Chapel, Olive, Collinsville, Liberty, Lawnwood, Drumright, Pretty Water, Bluebell, Jennings, Cushing, Zion Hill, Allen, Pleasant Valley and Victory Hill.

Motion carried that letters be received as read and the delegates seated.

As a song was sung the right hand of fellowship was given the delegates.

Election of Officers

Moderator, Eld. Melvin Bingham, 833 N. Utica, Tulsa, Ok.
Assistant Moderator, Eld. W. N. Beaty
Clerk, Mrs. Mae Graham, 308 N. Ohio, Drumright, Okla.
Assistant Clerk, Bro. Lewis Lindsay

A standing vote of thanks was given the retiring Moderators and Clerks.

Petitionary letters were called for. Letters received from Turly and Gypsy churches, which were received and delegates seated.

Visiting brethren received and welcomed were: Bro. Hedrich, a Methodist minister, and corresponding delegates: Bro. and Sister McLaughlin from Grand River Association, Eld. Winford Davis of Monett, Mo., Eld. Kenneth Turner of Granby, Mo.

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

Dismissed with prayer by Eld. W. H. Carter.

Conference took five minutes recess.

WEDNESDAY, ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Came together at 11:00 by singing.

Prayer by Eld. Kelly Mathis.

Introductory sermon by Eld. A. B. Epperson. Text, Numbers 13:30, "Let us go up at once and possess it." Followed by Eld. W. N. Beaty.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opening song, "Tell It to Jesus Alone."

Moderator read Psalm 120 for a lesson.

Prayer by Eld. Winford Davis.

A wonderful message in song given by Eld. Winford Davis, singing, "I'll Not Have to Cross Jordan Alone."

Bro. Davis then made a good talk on the Gem paper.

Motion carried that Moderator appoint all committees.

Appointment of Committees

Pulpit—Elders A. B. Epperson, W. N. Beaty, Brother Wilbur Underwood and Sister L. E. Waltman.

Resolution and Grievance—Elders A. B. Talbert, H. E. Staires and D. B. Hillard.

Credentials—Elders B. F. Rogers, W. H. Carter and Bro. Turley.

Temperance—Elders Sadie Fincher, Kelly Mathis and A. C. Turner.

Finance—Brothers M. W. Kykendall, E. M. Warner and Taylor Cook.

Sunday School—Elders J. H. West, A. B. Epperson and Bro. W. A. Pierce.

Obituary—Sister Florine Crouch, Eld. E. J. Easter and Sister E. M. Warner.

Missions—Sister Hattie Newman, Bro. Wilson and Sister Flossie Perkins.

Motion carried that we, the First Mission Association, find that the action of the Lawnwood church was in order, and that we recommend that they get a new pastor and new deacons, and that the decision of this body be final.

Motion carried that we adjourn until 9:00 a. m. Thurs.

Closing prayer by Eld. Walter Warner.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Opened by singing. Several special songs rendered.

Devotional service in charge of Eld. B. F. Rogers.

Prayer by Eld. D. B. Hillard.

Eld. W. H. Carter brought a wonderful message, using as a text, Luke 8:46, "And Jesus said, Somebody has touched me." Three souls were saved.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened by singing.

Scripture lesson, Eph. 5:1-20, read by assistant Mod.

Prayer by Eld. W. N. Beaty.

Report of Executive Board read and accepted.

Report of retiring clerk read and accepted.

Motion carried that we pay Eld. J. H. West, retiring clerk, \$10.00 for his services.

Motion carried that we give our moderator time to report on the Eastern Merger trip.. The moderator, also Eld. B. F. Rogers gave good interesting talks on the North Carolina trip.

Motion carried that the money given to Eld. J. L. Waltman for the Eastern trip be used by him in the furtherance of the work

Motion carried that Bro. A. E. Coursey be ordained to the Gospel ministry at this session.

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

Dismissed with prayer by Eld. F. M. Crouch.

THURSDAY, ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Opened by singing.

Prayer by Eld. O. H. Staires.

Eld. A. E. Coursey was ordained to the Gospel ministry preceding the 11 o'clock service in a very spiritual way, and the power of God was felt. The charge was given by Eld. Melvin Bingham.

Sermon by Sister Susie Pruitt, text, Job 23:8. Followed by Eld. A. B. Talbert.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened by singing.

Prayer by Eld. J. H. West.

Scripture reading, 4th chapter of 1 Peter, by Moderator.

Association Mission Superintendent, Eld. D. B. Hillard, took charge.

Report of assistant Sec'y-Treas. read and accepted.

Letters read from Circle No. 1, West Side Circle No. 2, East Side did not come in. Motion carried that their letter be sent to the Executive Board for approval.

Motion carried that letters be accepted. (See letters).

Motion carried to elect two assistant Mission Supt.:

Supt. West Side, Eld. Sadie Fincher, Drumright, Okla.
Supt. East Side, Eld. A. C. Turner, R1, B150, Sapulpa, Ok.
Ass't Sec'y-Treas., Hilla Hollman, Drumright, Oklahoma.

Standing vote of thanks was given retiring officers.

Motion carried to elect the Executive Board.

Executive Board

Eld. J. L. Waltman, Char., 1109 E. Bwdy, Cushing, Okla.

Eld. J. H. West, Member, R5, B117, Bristow, Oklahoma

Eld. B. F. Rogers, Secretary, R9, B374, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Eld. D. B. Hillard, Member, R1, B273, Sapulpa, Okla.

Eld. Ralph Geiger, Member,R2, Yale, Okla.

Standing vote of thanks was given the retiring board.

Pulpit committee reported Eld. Kelly Mathis and Eld. J. H. West to fill the pulpit at the evening service.

Motion carried to adjourn until 9:00 a. m. Friday.

Closing prayer by Eld. A. B. Epperson.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Moderator read for a lesson the Epistle of Jude.

Prayer by Eld. H. E. Dixon.

Motion carried that we set place for next Annual Session. New Home church was decided upon.

Motion carried that we have a ten days' Camp Meeting preceding the yearly meeting.

Eld. W. H. Carter and Eld. Boyd Williams are to conduct the revival services during the Camp Meeting.

Motion carried that we pay the evangelists \$40.00, and that we make up what the collections may lack of paying it.

Motion carried that each church pay \$3.50, to pay the expense of giving the delegates dinner and supper.

Pulpit committee reported Eld. H. E. Dixon to preach at eleven o'clock.

A verbal report was made on Sunday School work by Bro. Wilbur Underwood, assistant Sunday School Supt.

Bro. Wilbur Underwood was unanimously re-elected as assistant Sunday School Superintendent.

An ordination was conducted for Eld. E. J. Eastin, minister, Eld. W. N. Beaty giving the charge, and for Bro. J. A. McClain as deacon, with Eld Pruitt giving the charge. Prayer by Eld. W. H. Carter.

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

Closing prayer by Eld. Melvin Bingham.

FRIDAY, ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Opened by singing.

Stand filled by Eld. H. E. Dixon. Text, 2 Kgs. 4:38-41.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened by singing.

Scripture lesson, Acts 28th chapter, by moderator.

Report made of an aged couple who might need assistance. Committee appointed to investigate: Elders Harry Staires, W. N. Beaty and Jack Williams.

Committee reports on Finance, Sunday School, Temperance, Resolutions, Obituary, Credentials and Missions, read and received. —See reports.

A moment of silent prayer was given in behalf of the departed ones.

The first quarterly meeting was given to the Tulsa church. Eld. W. H. Carter to preach the introductory sermon, Eld. B. T. Kirby alternate.

Pulpit committee reported Eld. B. F. Rogers to preach at the evening service.

Ministers' reports read and accepted. —See reports.

Resolutions No. 1, 3, 5 and 6 adopted.—See resolutions.

Motion carried that ministers' reports be printed in the minutes.

Motion carried that money sent to New Home church for expenses next August be sent one month previous.

Motion carried that some time in the near future each Sunday school take an offering for Bro. Wilbur Underwood, assistant Sunday school superintendent.

Motion carried that we send \$5.00 minute fund to the State Association.

Delegates to State Association are: Bro. Wilbur Underwood, Bro. M. W. Kykendall, Bro. Perry Tattershell, Sister Maudie Levisy and Sister L. E. Waltman.

Motion carried that the amount (\$30.00) paid evangelists during the Camp Meeting be inserted in minutes.

Motion carried that all committees be discharged.

A message in song that was composed in honor of one of our dear soldiers of the Cross, Bro. W. A. Taylor, was ably rendered by a Cushing quartet.

Motion carried to adjourn until our next Annual Session to be held at New Home church in August, 1936.

Eld. Melvin Bingham, Moderator.
Mrs. Mae Graham, Clerk.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance—We, your Committee on Finance, report that \$37.75 has been paid in by the different churches.

M. W. Kykendall, Chairman.

Missions—We, your Committee on Missions, beg to report that we find our missions are growing; and we recommend that every Free Will Baptist church have a mission, as it is an asset to the church. We want a mission not a ladies' aid, and we ask that our pastors do their best to go with their flocks to these circle meetings, and let us all do our best for our Junior mission, as they are needed in every church.

Rev. Hattie Newman, Chairman.

Temperance—We, your Committee on Temperance, believe that the majority of crimes are caused by the use of intoxicating drinks, and we, as a Free Will Baptist body, stand against the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment. Strong drink is an enemy of men, women and children: it deprives them of necessities of life, when it is used. We pray that the good people of our country will consider the danger and work against its very appearance.

Eld. Sadie Fincher, Chairman.

—Eld. J. H. West, Chairman.

Eld. B. F. Rogers, Chairman.

Bro. T. O. Dunnivant, age 52.....Tuskegee church
 Bro. Ben Bethel's infant sonBluebell church
 Bro. James, age 84, and Bro. Graham's son, age 18
 monthsPleasant Valley church
 Sister Thoeba Clymer, age 72, and Joe Allen Hart,
 age 19 months, and Bro. Deerwood Clymer's infant, all
 of Lawnwood church.

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Resolutions

No. 1—Resolved, That the resolutions made in this Association and recorded in the minutes cannot be changed by the quarterly meetings.

No. 3—Be it Resolved, That ministers of our Association who have had their credentials revoked, turn in said credentials within ten days. If not it shall be published in our paper, that they are no longer affiliated with the Free Will Baptist denomination.

No. 5—Be it Resolved, That we pay out of the treasury one-half the expense of the Executive Board for their past year's work, which amounts to \$8.50.

No. 6—Resolved, That Eld. J. H. West give an address of appreciation to this church and their good pastor for their splendid care and service for us during this Ass'n.
Eld. A. B. Talbert, Chairman.

Mission Reports

Circle No. 1, West Side—Our circle meets 1st Friday of each month and is composed of the following missions:

Cushing, Vance Chapel, Arbordale, Jennings, Drum-right, Tuskegee, Silver City and Olive. We have received forty-six written reports from the various missions.

We have street meetings from 7:15 to 7:45. One soul was saved on the street at Oilton. After this service we return to the church for a fellowship meeting in which all the ministers present take part. We average ten ministers present and each is given ten minutes time to talk on any subject he or she may choose. We have had eight souls saved. We took one program to Tuskegee. Our financial report is as follows: Cash on hand \$18.55, received as circle dues \$14.60, collections \$9.49. Paid out to Old Ministers' Home \$16.00, traveling expenses and printing \$12.50, state tithes \$1.71, postage and stationery 49c, total 30.76, cash on hand \$11.94.

Willa Hallman, Sec'y-Treas.

Circle No. 2, East Side—Number of meetings held 11, garments given to the needy unknown, sick calls 2688, quilts given to needy 22, souls saved and reclaimed 159, floral offerings 4, funeral sprays 12, cottage prayer meet-

ings 201, Bible chapters read 8331, money received \$497.11, money paid out \$237.89, tithes \$3.73, tithes from East Side general fund \$1.75, for Old Ministers' fund paid out of circle treasury \$14.58, amount on hand \$162.90
Alice Smith, Sec'y-Treas.

Church Reports Taken from Church Letters

Olive—State of religion excellent, number dismissed 4, total membership 28, interest at prayer meeting and Sunday school good, average attendance at Sunday school 65. Paid pastor \$17.45, evangelist \$25.00, Home Mission \$7.00, building and repair \$500.00, publication \$12.75, amount for minutes \$1.00. Pastor for coming year, Rev. Sadie Fincher.

Drumright—State of religion good, number received 101, baptized 80, dismissed 17, total membership 253. Sunday school and prayer meeting are good. Paid pastor \$605.00, evangelist \$26.15, missions \$167.50, building and repair \$200.39, publication \$100.00, incidental \$155.59, minute money \$2.50. Pastor for the coming year, Eld. Harry Staires.

Vance Chapel—State of religion fair, members rec'd 10, number baptized 3, number dismissed 16, number died one, total membership 127. Condition of Sunday school and prayer meeting good. Paid pastor \$480.00, evangelist \$47.78, building and repair \$19.44. Pastor for coming year, Eld. W. N. Beaty.

Bluebell—Members received 7, dismissed 1, died 1, total membership 41. Minute money \$3.75. Condition of Sunday school and prayer meeting good. Pastor for coming year Eld. D. B. Hillard.

New Home—State of religion good, members received 22, baptized 15, dismissed 9, total membership 152. Condition of Sunday school and prayer meeting good. Paid pastor \$318.54, evangelist \$54.60, building and repair \$30.53, minute fund \$3.00. Pastor for new year, Eld. B. F. Rogers.

Allen—State of religion good, members received 5, total membership 62. Condition of Sunday school and prayer meeting good. Paid pastor \$49.95, building and repair \$124.05, minute fund \$1.50. Pastor for coming year, Eld. Carl Hood.

Tulsa—State of religion good, members received 65, baptized 36, died two. Paid pastor \$628.87, and \$32.00 expense to Eastern Conference, tires for car \$41.00 evangelist \$65.00, building and repair \$617.00, minute money \$5.00. Pastor for coming year, Eld. Melvin Bingham.

Cushing—State of religion good, members received 28, baptized 20, dismissed 19, died 1, total membership 80. Condition of prayer meeting and Sunday school good. Paid pastor \$227.61, evangelist \$22.51, building and repair \$158.74, missions \$40.91, minute fund \$3.00. Pastor for the coming year, Eld. J. L. Waltman.

Tuskegee—Members received 34, dismissed 1, died 1, total membership 62. Paid pastor \$222.85, evangelist \$55.00, tithes to Association \$13.85. Pastor for coming year, Eld. John H. West.

Silver City—State of religion fine, members received 30, baptized 75, dismissed 3, total membership 75. Condition of Sunday school and prayer meeting good. Paid for building \$770.67, minute fund \$2.00. Pastor for coming year, Rev. Hattie Newman.

Lawnwood—State of religion good, dismissed one, died one. Condition of prayer meeting and Sunday school and mission good. Paid pastor \$127.00, for minutes \$1.50. Pastor's name not given.

Jennings—State of religion fair, members received 15, dismissed 4, total membership 25. Condition of Sunday school fair. No pastor for the coming year.

Pleanant Valley—Members received 19, dismissed 2, deaths one, total membership 69. Minute fund \$2.00. Pastor for coming year Rev. Susie Pruitt.

Liberty—Dismissed 2, total membership 12. Minute fund \$2.00. Pastor's name not given.

Pretty Water—Members received 2, total membership 12. Condition of Sunday school and prayer meeting good. Paid out for church expenses \$83.22, minute fund \$1.50. Pastor, Eld. Walter Warner.

Zion Hill—Members received 9, dismissed 8, total membership 85. Paid pastor \$100.00, minute fund \$2.00. Pastor's name not given.

Victory Hill—Members received 21, resident members 17. Minute fund \$1.50. Pastor, Eld. V. E. Cooper.

Collinsville—Members received 39, dismissed 12, total membership 45. Sunday school and prayer meeting good. Minute fund \$1.00. Pastor, Eld. F. M. Crouch.

Gypsy—Organized with 17 charter members. State of religion good, good Sunday school. Minute fund \$2.00. Pastor not called yet.

Turley—State of religion good, members received 45, baptized 16, dismissed 5, total membership 40. Condition of Sunday school and prayer meeting good. Paid evangelist \$10.00, building and repair \$122.55, minute fund \$2.50. Pastor's name not given.

MINISTERS' REPORTS

	Sermons.....	Revivals.....	Conversions.....	Baptized.....	Marriages.....	Funerals.....	Added to Church....	Miles Traveled.....	Money Rec'd.....
H. E. Stairs	188	6	207	120	3	11	101	10,000	\$695.20
Melvin Bingham	80		132	36	11	16	60		628.87
Carl Hood	70	3	52	11				5,000	340.00
John H. West	89		63	18	3	4		5,430	231.85
Boyd Williams	140		25	15	4	4		500	205.00
V. H. Cooper	105	4	62	18				20,080	85.44
Hattie Newman	100	4	30		3	3			12.00
D. B. Hillard	162		23	3		1		1,000	37.45
Sadie Fincher	92	3	69	9		6			42.00
Susie Pruitt	76	2	43	12		4	19		29.83
J. L. Waltman				10	5	7	28		
J. D. Williams				1	2	1		1,500	1.52
W. H. Carter	171	4		33		2	51		534.33
Cleo. D. Avery	20		12	1				369	
F. M. Crouch	115		49	6	1			1,287	
J. E. Bell	52							150	

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.

MINISTERS PRESENT

Eld. F. M. Crouch,	604 N. 10th St., Collinsville, Okla.
" Hattie Newman	Box 721, Drumright, Okla.
" D. B. Hillard	R1, B273, Sapulpa, Okla.
" Harry Staires	Gen. Del., Drumright, Okla.
" B. F. Rogers	R9, B374, Tulsa, Okla.
" Sadie Fincher	B244, Drumright, Okla.
" A. B. Talbert	Tulsa, Okla.
" Melvin Bingham	833 N. Utica, Tulsa, Okla.
" A. B. Epperson	Tecumseh, Okla.
" W. H. Carter	Wewoka, Okla.
" John H. West	R5, Bristow, Okla.
" W. N. Beaty	R2, Yale, Okla.
" A. C. Turner	R1, B150, Sapulpa, Okla.
" W. E. Warner	B25, Bowden, Okla.
" Kelly Mathis	R2, Claremore, Okla.
" Boyd Williams	R6, B432, Tulsa, Okla.
" O. H. Staires	Dawson, Okla.
" J. D. Williams	Gen. Del., Cushing, Okla.
" Mattie Epperson	Tecumseh, Okla.
" A. J. Edino	R6, B330, Tulsa, Okla.
" W. M. Bingham	Sand Springs, Okla.
" Ralph Geiger	R2, Yale, Okla.
" Winford Davis	Monett, Mo.
" H. E. Dixon	R1, Coweta, Okla.
" L. J. Florence	R1, Coweta, Okla.
" Carl Hood	R9, Tulsa, Okla.
" John Brown	Collinsville, Okla.
" Alfred Coursey	Gen. Del., Turley, Okla.
" Flossie Perkins	Jennings, Okla.
" D. B. Taylor	Drumright, Okla.
" Russell Green	Jennings, Okla.
" E. J. Eastin	Cushing, Okla.
" M. A. Dupree	R6, B374, Tulsa, Okla.
" J. W. McFarren	B255, Oilton, Okla.
" Oliver Lindel	Tulsa, Okla.
" Mae Dickinsin	Jennings, Okla.
" O. B. Lane	Tulsa, 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 saint's 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 Thess 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 and 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.

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.

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.

