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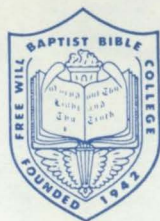
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PROCEEDINGS

Following a ten day camp meeting, conducted by Eld. Geo. McLain, State evangelist, in which 17 souls were saved, Elder John H. West preached the Introductory sermon on Tuesday night, August 18, 1936, using as a text, John 12:23, "The hour is come," for the Ninth Annual Session of the First Mission Association of Free Will Baptist, at New Home Free Will Baptist Church.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

Song service.

Called to order by Eld. Melvin Bingham.

Prayer by Eld. O. H. Staires.

Scripture lesson, first chapter of St. Luke, by Mod.

Church letters called for, following churches responded: Liberty, Tulsa, Pretty Water, Pleasant Valley, Tuskegee, Turley, Olive, Allen, Drumright, Lawnwood, Cushing, Antioch, Zion Hill, Collinsville, New Home, Blue Bell, Vance Chapel, Silver City, Jennings.

Letter of apology from Lawnwood church, also one from Eld. Boyd Williams were read, and motion carried to receive the letters and reinstate Lawnwood church in good standing in the Association.

Motion carried to receive church letters and seat the delegates. During the singing of a song, all delegates were given the right hand of fellowship.

Election of Officers

Moderator, Eld. John H. West, R5, Bristow, Okla.

Ass't Mod., Eld. Harry Staires, Drumright, Okla.

Clerk, Mrs. Mae Graham, 308 Ohio, Drumright

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Petitionary letters were called for. Letters received from Sapulpa and Oklahoma City churches, which were received and delegates seated.

Reading of Rules of Order by the Moderator.

Visiting ministers received and welcomed were:

Eld. Geo. McLain of Gains Creek Association, Elder Willard Day of Grand River Association, Eld. B. F. Brown of Purdy, Mo. and Eld. O. T. Allred of Monett, Mo., and Eld. Paul Pursell of Wewoka, Okla.

Motion carried that Moderator appoint all committees.

Appointment of Committees

Pulpit—Eld. B. F. Rogers, Sisters Gladys Allsup, Myrtle Pearson, Dessie Ballrich and Viola Miller.

Credential—Elders A. B. Talbert, O. H. Staires, Wm. Bingham, W. L. Bean, Walter Warner.

Resolutions—Sadie Fincher, H. Biggs, Kelly Mathis, Livia Waltman and D. B. Hillard.

Obituary—Peggy Ruth, Murial Wilson, Naomi Hayter, Perry Hihatts and Dolly Fields.

Finance—Taylor Cook, Nona Jo Moore, Louise Terry, Sadie Roscoe and Esther Miller.

Temperance—N. H. Sherril, Robert Hallman, Mary Mounts, Mrs. Chas. Smith and Irene Florence.

Sunday School—Wilbur Underwood, Oliver Lindle, John Montgomery, Wood Puckett and John Brown.

Missions—Sisters Smith, White, Johnston, Lulu Cairns, Redia Peddy.

Pulpit Committee reported Elders J. J. Pack and Willard Day to fill the pulpit at eleven o'clock.

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

WEDNESDAY, ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Came together by singing.

Prayer by Eld. G. H. Johnson.

Eld. J. J. Pack took the stand, using for a text, Gal. 6:7, "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

Followed by Eld. Willard Day. Both brought inspiring messages.

Dismissed in prayer by Eld. Geo. McLain, State evangelist.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Called to order at 1:30 by the Moderator.

Song service led by C. C. Wayland.

Assistant Moderator, Eld. H. E. Staires, read for a Scripture lesson, the 4th chapter of 1 Peter.

Prayer by Sister Susie Pruitt.

Clerk's report read and approved. See reports.

Motion carried that Clerk have minutes printed where she thinks best.

Resolutions No. 1, 4, and 6 adopted. See reports.

Report of Executive Board read, accepted and the board dismissed.

Motion carried to elect a new Executive Board.

Executive Board

Eld. B. F. Rogers, Chairman, R9, B374, Tulsa, Okla.
Eld. Melvin Bingham, Clerk, 833 N. Utica, Tulsa, Okla.
Eld. H. E. Staires, Member, Gen. Delivery, Drumright, Ok.
Eld. G. H. Johnson, Member, Box 1533, Drumright, Okla.
Eld. Carl Hood, Member, R9, Box 385, Tulsa, Okla.

Reports were read and received from following committees: Missions, Sunday School, Finance, Credential, Obituary, Education. Temperance Committee failed to report.

Pulpit Committee reported Elders W. H. Carter and Melvin Bingham to fill the stand at the evening service.

Eld. D. B. Hillard elected Associational Sunday School Superintendent.

Ministers elected to preach during the camp meeting in 1937 were Elders B. F. Rogers and H. E. Staires.

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

Closing prayer by Eld. Willard Day.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Opened with song and praise service.

Prayer by Elders W. L. Bean and Wm. Bingham.

A freewill offering was taken to finish paying the evangelist. \$28.60 was received.

Bro. W. H. Carter brought a soul-stirring message from Numbers 32:23, "Be sure your sin will find you out."

Dismissed with prayer by Eld. G. H. Johnson.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened with song service led by Eld. Kelly Mathis.

Moderator read for a lesson, a part of 8th chap. of Rom.

Prayer by Bro. John Brown.

Minutes of previous sessions read and approved.

Pulpit Committee reported Elders Hattie Newman and A. B. Talbert for the eleven o'clock Mission sermons.

Eld. B. F. Brown gave a few minutes talk relative to the Gem paper and the work.

Motion carried the first quarterly meeting, which will be in November, go to Drumright. Eld. Hattie Newman to preach the Introductory sermon, with Eld. Cleo Aery as alternate.

Motion carried that this Association help the Tulsa church in entertaining the Western Association, which

will convene there November 3rd, each church to send \$2.00 or more.

Motion carried that we elect delegates to State Ass'n, and send \$5.00 as minute fund. Delegates elected: Livia Waltman, Mary Rogers, Opal Bingham, Glenara Staires and Mrs. W. H. Carter.

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

Closing prayer by Eld. Cleo Arey.

THURSDAY, ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Opened with song service in charge of Nona Jo Moore.

Prayer by Eld. O. T. Allred.

Eld. Hattie Newman took the stand, followed by Eld. A. B. Talbert. Subject, "The Trying Hour."

Death message of Bro. Cole of Denison, Texas was received by Eld. B. F. Rogers. All stood in a moment of silent prayer.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened with song service.

Scripture lesson, 1st chapter of James, read by Bro. Wilbur Underwood.

Prayer by Eld. Paul Pursell.

Pulpit Committee reported Elders B. F. Brown and O. T. Allred of Missouri to bring the evening message.

Eld. Hattie Newman was elected Associational Mission Superintendent for West Side, and Eld. Carl Hood for Superintendent for East Side.

Ordination service for Bro. Perry Tattershell as deacon of Silver City church. Eld. A. B. Talbert gave charge. Prayer by Eld. W. L. Bean.

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

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. H. Biggs.

THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Song service led by Bro. Riddle.

Prayer by Eld. A. B. Talbert.

Several special songs were rendered.

Stand was filled by Elders O. T. Allred and B. F. Brown. Subject, "Preparation."

Dismissed with prayer by Eld. Ralph Coursey.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened with song service.

Scripture reading, Psalm 23, read by Moderator.

Prayer by Eld. O. H. Staires.

Minutes of previous session read and approved.

Motion carried that we have Ministers' and Deacons' meeting separate and apart from the Association, and that they be held once a year, and meet Friday night and Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in December, at Silver City church.

Pulpit Committee reported Elders Paul Pursell and E. A. O'Donnell to fill pulpit at eleven o'clock.

Motion carried to counteract Resolution No. 8 in 1933 minute, and permit preachers out of the Association to pastor our churches, and our preachers to pastor churches in other Associations.

Motion carried to put the placing of our next Association meeting in the hands of the Executive Board, that they might find a centralized place.

Motion carried to adjourn until 1:00 p. m.

Dismissed in prayer by Eld. Ralph Brown.

FRIDAY, ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Song service led by Eld. Kelly Mathis.

Prayer by Eld. H. E. Staires.

Eld. Paul Pursell took the stand and delivered a message on "Signs of the Times." Followed by Eld. E. A. O'Donnell, with "To Whom Shall We Go," They were wonderful messages.

Dismissed in prayer by Eld. Kelly Mathis.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened with song service.

Scripture lesson, Psalm 8, read by Moderator.

Prayer by Eld. D. B. Hillard.

Ministers elected to preach the introductory sermon at our next Associational meeting, in August, 1937, Elders E. A. O'Donnell and J. L. Waltman.

Standing vote of thanks given retiring officers, also Eld. B. F. Rogers and good wife, pastor of New Home church, with their efficient cooks and entertainers were given hand shake and good wishes, while singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

Motion carried to adjourn until our next Annual Session, in August, 1937, at Camp Grounds, near Sub Station on Drumright-Sapulpa road.

Eld. John H. West, Moderator,
Mrs. Mae Graham, Clerk.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Missions—We, your Committee on Missions, beg leave to report that we find our missions growing. We pray, therefore, that every one make a greater effort, for we need to do a greater Mission work now than ever before; for this is truly a service for God.

Alice Smith, Chairman.

Sunday School—Whereas the Sunday School is the greatest means of reaching the youth of our land; we, your Committee, recommend that we use Christian teachers at all times in our Sunday schools that will encourage our faith and doctrine. The future of our church and government depends upon the loyalty of its subjects; and we recommend that loyalty to God and our government be taught and encouraged in our Sunday schools.

We find that the Sunday schools in the First Mission Association are growing, and we owe it largely to the Sunday School rallies; and we recommend another one this fall.

—Wilbur Underwood, Chairman.

Obituary—Whereas, God in His supreme ruling, has called loved ones from our midst the past year as follows: Martha Brockstead, Joseph Good and Norman Herron from Drumright church.

J. W. Beldon, infant son of Bro. and Sister Roy Johnston, John Jackson, from Tulsa church.

Brother Cimmel from Bluebell church.

Anna Walker from Liberty church.

John Thomas Martin, Freeda, daughter of Lela Gregory from Tuskegee church.

Pearl Huffman from Zion Hill church.

Weaver McFarren from Vance Chapel church.

Mary Singleton from Lawnwood church.

Ramona Shaddox from New Home church.

Ada Doris, Audrey Dunaway, Wanda Lee Mooney and L. J. Florence from Cushing church.

One from Oklahoma City church, name not given.

Peggy Ruth, Chairman.

Finance—We, your Committee on Finance, report that a total of \$57.91 was paid on delegate entertainment; evangelist fund, \$40.00; minute fund, \$38.25, by the different churches.

—Taylor Cook, Chairman.

Education—We, your Committee on Education, seeing the great need of better trained and qualified ministers, we ask the Association to endorse the National College, which is to be started at Nashville, Tenn., and that each pastor act as a committee to raise finance to help support the College.

Eld. Melvin Bingham, Chairman.

Credential—We, your Committee on Credentials, recommend that C. J. Stewart be given license to preach the Gospel for one year, of Pleasant Valley church.

We recommend the ordination of Bro. Perry Tattershell as deacon of Silver City church.

Eld. D. C. Jones, ordained, from General Baptist church, is sound in faith; and we recommend that he be accepted by First Mission Association.

We recommend that Eld. John Brown's license be extended until such time as he may acquaint himself with the practices and usages of our church.

Charges were filed against the pastor of Lawnwood church, by some of the members. After an effort of reconciliation, the pastor was found willing to meet the requirements of the committee, but the aggrieved members were not. Charges were not restrained.

Eld. A. B. Talbert, Chairman.

Resolutions

No. 1—Be it Resolved, That each church send \$2.00 to pay evangelists at camp meeting.

No. 4—Be it Resolved, That any of our preachers employing ministers of other denominations that teach any doctrine contrary to the doctrines of our church, and does not raise his voice against it, shall be dealt with as sanctioning errors.

No. 6—Resolved, That the First Mission Association extend our heart felt thanks to the New Home church and community for the hospitality extended to us while in your midst. We pray God's blessings to abide with you, now and forever.

Clerk's Report

Old Ministers' Home Fund

August, 1935, by J. H. West	\$63.45
Mission Circle No. 1	12.00
Mission Circle No. 2	2.50
Total	\$77.95

Associational Fund

Carried forward	\$24.97
August, 1935, minute fund	37.75
Blanks	.50
Total receipts	\$63.22
Total amount paid out	\$63.15
Balance on hand	.07

MISSION REPORTS

West Side, No. 1—Reports 12 meetings, first Friday of each month. Eight missions in circle. Have received 52 written reports from Seniors, and 21 from Juniors. Have read 7,393 Bible chapters, made 2,264 sick calls, had 592 service hours, had several ice cream and pie sales. Carried forward in treasury \$11.84, circle dues \$16.75, collections \$7.12, total \$23.87. Paid out for Old Ministers' Home, \$12.00, State tithes, \$2.11, National Auxiliaries, \$2.50, subscription to Gem, 50c, postage 42c. Total taken in \$35.71, paid out \$17.68, Bal. on hand \$18.03.
Willia Hallman, Sec'y-Treas.

East Side, No. 2—Meeting each 2nd Friday, with eight circles. Meetings held, 9, sermons preached, 27, conversions at rallies, one, Bible chapters read, 5,293, sick calls made, 1716, cottage prayer meetings, 121, two grocery showers, 12 floral sprays. Paid Bro. Willey \$34.00, Sister Welch \$8.00. Paid into circle treasury \$10.64. Paid out for postage 66c, Sec'y book 15c, National Aux. \$2.50, balance on hand \$7.33.

Lela Payne, Sec'y-Treas.

CHURCH REPORTS

Tulsa—State of religion good, members received 35, baptized 26, dismissed 4. Paid pastor \$765.00, evangelist \$38.00, Home Mission \$14.60, Foreign Missions \$30.00, building and repair \$405.68, publication \$87.19, floral offerings \$8.58, janitor \$82.00, minute fund \$5.00, pastor for traveling expenses \$55.00.

Eld. Melvin Bingham, Pastor.

Drumright—State of religion good, members received 45, baptized 34, dismissed 53, died 3, total membership 242. Paid pastor \$669.72, evangelist \$76.93, building and repair \$303.25, incidentals \$328.55, Home Mission \$127.43, publications \$165.57, minute fund \$2.50, value church property \$4,000.00. —Eld. Harry Staires, Pastor.

Tuskegee—Died one, dismissed 14, total membership 49. Paid pastor \$300.00, evangelist \$39.00, minute fund \$3.00. —Eld John H. West, Pastor.

New Home—State of religion good, members received 15, baptized 4, discharged 84, total membership 69. Paid pastor \$515.00, evangelist \$39.59, Foreign Missions \$11.93, building and repair \$921.74, pastor's traveling expenses \$21.50, minute fund \$2.50.

—Eld. B. F. Rogers, Pastor.

Cushing—State of religion good, members received 42, baptized 23, died 2, total membership 128. Paid pastor \$189.23, evangelist \$60.40, building and repair \$87.18, minute fund \$3.00, value of church property \$2,500.00.

—Eld. John L. Waltman, Pastor.

Silver City—State of religion good, members received six, baptized 7, dismissed 7, total membership 91. Paid pastor \$95.00, evangelist \$45.00, singing teacher \$22.00, building and repair \$480.22, value of church property \$2,500.00, minute fund \$2.00. Eld. Hattie Newman, Pastor.

Oklahoma City—State of religion, Sunday school and prayer meeting good. Paid pastor \$128.70, radio broadcasting \$82.70, minute fund \$2.00. members received 35, dismissed two, died one, total membership 62.

—Eld. E. A. O'Donnel, Pastor.

Clvo—State of religion good, members received 16, baptized nine, dismissed two, conversions 41, total membership 35. Paid pastor \$85.45, building and repair \$88.15, floral offerings \$23.50, Home Missions \$1.75, for minute fund \$1.00.
—Eld. Sadié Fineller, Pastor.

Turley—State of religion fair, members received 3, baptized 3, dismissed 3. Paid pastor \$15.79, evangelist \$8.11, building and repair \$151.00, minute fund \$2.50.
—Eld. A. Coursey, Pastor.

Blue Bell—Condition of church and Sunday school good.
—Eld. D. B. Hillard, Pastor.

Pretty Water—Interest good, received four new members. Minute fund \$1.00.
—Jake Baxendale, Mod.

Allen—State of religion good, members received nine, baptized four, total membership 66. Paid pastor \$57.55, building and repair \$54.06, minute fund \$1.50.
—Eld. Carl Hood, Pastor.

Lawnwood—Number received 26, total membership 66. Value of church property \$1,500.00, minute fund \$1.50.
—Eld F. M. Crouch, Pastor.

Collinsville—New members received 11, dismissed 7, total membership 53. Value of church property \$72.00, minute fund \$1.00.
—Eld. Lester McDonald, Pastor.

Sapulpa—Condition of Sunday school and League work good. Membership 43. Minute fund \$1.25, value of church property \$800.00.
—Flossie Bradford, Clerk.

Jennings—State of religion fair, condition of Sunday school and prayer meeting good. Paid pastor \$75.48, evangelist \$14.62, minute fund \$1.00. Members rec'd five.
—J. T. Sparks, Clerk.

Pleasant Valley—New members seven, total membership 73. Minute fund \$2.00.
—Eld. Susie Pruitt, Pastor.

Antioch—Paid pastor \$35.50. Received by confession three, by letter three, dismissed one, excluded 13, resident members 30.

Vance Chapel—Condition of church and Sunday school fair, baptized nine, dismissed ten, by letter eight, died one, additions 11, total membership 144. Paid pastor \$580.84, evangelist \$49.40, building and repair \$7.62, minute fund \$2.50. —Elva Haley, Clerk.

Zion Hill—Additions to church seven, died one. Paid pastor \$63.00, minute fund \$2.00, value of church property \$1,000.00. —Bee Hensley, Moderator.

Liberty—Condition of church and Sunday school good, withdrawn one, died one, total membership 73. Value of church property \$500.00, minute fund \$1.00. Eld. G. H. Johnson, Moderator.

MINISTERS' REPORTS

	Sermons	Revivals	Conversions	Baptized	Marriages	Addition to Church	Funerals	Miles Traveled	Money Received
Harry Staires	190	5	183	56	6	45	21		\$772.72
B. F. Rogers	150	3	50			1	5		773.00
Melvin Bingham	116		139	26	16	35	14	10,000	856.00
O. H. Staires	170	5	76	16	3	45	2	5,000	800.00
W. H. Carter	148	2		15	2		3		853.75
Hattie Newman	130	2	25		6		4	1,400	142.00
John H. West	130		17		4		4	5,333	336.50
F. M. Crouch	130	3	64	21	1		2	3,339	103.40
Jack Williams	48	3	14	3	2		2	3,385	
Susie Pruitt	43	1	12	4		10	2		37.00
Sadie Fincher	120	2	42						84.56
J. L. Waltman	104				2		1		189.23
G. H. Johnson	125								

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. W. M. Bingham,	Sub Station No. 2, Tulsa, Okla.
" H. Dix	R11, Box125, Tulsa, Okla.
" Oril White	Gen. Delivery, Tulsa, Okla.
" M. Fielding	R8, B437, Tulsa, Okla.
" B. F. Rogers	R9, B374, Tulsa, Okla.
" Carl Hood	R9, B385, Tulsa, Okla.
" A. B. Talbert	2422 W. 41 St., Tulsa, Okla.
" Melvin Bingham	833 N. Utica, Tulsa, Okla.
" A. L. Boen	1540 E. Marshall, Tulsa, Okla.
" Susie Pruitt	R8, B319, Tulsa, Okla.
" F. M. Crouch	Sub Station No. 7, Tulsa, Okla.
" Willard Day	2840 W. Edison, Tulsa, Okla.
" Esther Miller	706 N. St. Louis, Tulsa, Okla.
" Lura Gibhart	1011 N. Utica, Tulsa, Okla.
" Harry Staires	311 N. Ohio, Drumright, Okla.
" Hattie Newman	B721, Drumright, Okla.
" Sadie Fincher	B244, Drumright, Okla.
" John Montgomery	Gen. Del., Drumright, Okla.
" G. H. Johnson,	B1533, Drumright, Okla.
" John H. Brown	B56, Collinsville, Okla.
" Lester McDonald	Gen. Del., Collinsville, Okla.
" John H. West	R5, B117, Bristow, Okla.
" Geo. McLain	Gen. Del., Scipio, Okla.
" E. A. O'Donnell, Capitol Hill Sta.,	B4364, Okla. City
" W. H. Carter	R1, B282, Wewoka, Okla.
" Kelly A. Mathis	R2, Claremore, Okla.
" W. L. Bean	602 E. Maple, Cushing, Okla.
" B. F. Brown	Purdy, Mo.
" O. T. Allred	Monett, Mo.
" Paul Pursell	B383, Wewoka, Okla.
" Cleo Aery	1013 W. 25 St., Tulsa, Okla.
" Ceberg Slaybough	
" W. E. Warner	B25, Bowden, Okla.
" Julian Pack	Gen. Del., Sand Springs, Okla.
" Wilbur Underwood,	1336 E. 12th, 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 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 cases of necessity and 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 reflection 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 present.

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.

