

MINUTES

OF THE

Fourteenth Annual Session

OF THE

First Mission Association

OF

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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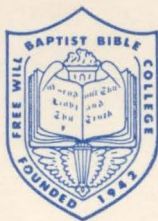
Old Ministers' Home and Camp Ground Site
August 20, 21, and 22, 1941

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Moderator,	Eld. Melvin Bingham,	Tulsa, Okla.
Ass't. Mod.,	Eld. John H. West,	Bristow, Okla.
Clerk,	Eld. Elnora Gilbert	Jennings, Okla.
Ass't. Clerk,	Miss Lulu Moore,	Drumright, Okla.

The next Annual Session of this Association will be held at the Old Ministers' Home and Camp Ground Site, on Drumright-Salulpa Highway, beginning on Tuesday morning before the fourth Sunday in August, 1942.

Free Will Baptist Gem, 211 Bond St., Monett, Missouri



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Presented By

Mr. Jim Haas

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OF

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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Associational Statistician and League Evangelist

Eld. Everet Brown Route 1, Box 5, Drumright, Okla.



PROCEEDINGS

Youth Camp

August 4-8, 1941, The First Youth Camp of the First Mission Association convened on the Old Ministers' Home and Camp Ground Site, with Eld. Harry E. Staires and Eld. Hattie Newman, camp directors.

"The Free Will Baptist League Manual" and "The Life of Christ" were taught by Eld. Elnora Gilbert.

Evangelistic services were conducted each night under the auspices of The Youth Camp Council. Every unsaved enrollee was converted ere the camp closed. Altogether 14 precious young folks were regenerated. On the last night 45 were granted League diplomas.

Camp Meeting

August 9-18, 1941, The Ten Day Annual Camp Meeting was conducted on The Old Ministers' Home and Camp Ground Site. The evangelists were: Eld. Bert F. Rogers of Wewoka and Eld. F. C. Zinn of Bristow. Musical Director, Eld. Harry E. Staires of Drumright. Thirty-three souls were converted and all were spiritually blessed through the zealous and devout leadership of God's messengers.

Associational Services

August 19, 1941, 8:00 p.m., the association convened for the introductory services, with the Moderator, Eld. John H. West, presiding.

Song service directed by Bill Fincher of Drumright.

Special music, Sisters Mildred Cash and Opal Bingham and members of the New Home Church of Tulsa.

Invocation, Eld. Rex Weatherman of Pretty Water.

The introductory message was delivered by Eld. Hattie Newman; text, Isa. 62:10, "Lift Up a Standard for the People". The message was full of holy vision and righteous challenge. Three souls were redeemed during the altar service.

Benediction, Eld. W. V. McPhail.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

Eld. John H. West called the Fourteenth Annual Association to order with song service.

Invocation, Eld. A. B. Talbert.

Scripture reading, James 1, John H. West, Moderator.
Letters from the following churches were read: Allen, Antioch, Blue Bell, Bristow, Collinsville, Cushing, Drumright, Jennings, Liberty, New Home, North Heights, North Picher, Oklahoma City, Olive, Pretty Water, Sapulpa, Silver City, Shawnee, South Picher, Tulsa, Turley, Tuskegee, Vance Chapel, Vera, Wewoka and Zion Hill.

Letters accepted and delegates were extended the hand of associational fellowship.

Election of Officers

Moderator, Eld. Melvin Bingham, Tulsa, Okla.
Ass't. Mod., Eld. John H. West, Bristow, Okla.
Clerk, Eld. Elnora Gilbert, Jennings, Okla.
Ass't. Clerk, Miss Lulu Moore, Drumright, Okla.

The Rules and By-Laws were read by Ass't. Moderator.

The Moderator (empowered) appointed the following on a Committee of Committees: Elders John H. West, W. H. Carter and A. B. Talbert.

Report of the Temporary Committee on Divine Worship for the morning service: Elders W. V. McPhail and W. H. Carter.

Benediction, Eld. B. T. Kirby.

WEDNESDAY ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Song service.

Invocation, Eld. Cleo Aery.

Sermon, Eld. W. V. McPhail; Text, Numbers 35:13; Eld. W. H. Carter, 2 Kings 6:1. Both messages were vibrant with fortitude and courage.

Benediction, Eld. C. C. Wilson.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song Service, Eld. Bert F. Rogers.

Scripture Reading, Psalm 15, Eld. J. D. Williams.

Invocation, Eld. W. F. Bingham.

Examining Committee Elected

Eld. Harry E. Staires	5 Years	1941-46
Eld. W. H. Carter	4 Years	1941-45
Eld. Bert F. Rogers	3 Years	1941-44
Eld. John H. West	2 Years	1941-43
Eld. F. C. Zinn	1 Year	1941-42

Minutes and Treasurer's Report of past quarter were read and approved.

The following committees were appointed:

Divine Worship — F. C. Zinn, Curtess O'Donnell, Sarah Bell Crane, Marie Smart, and A. C. Underwood.

Resolution — D. B. Hillard, G. H. Johnson, W. M. Bingham, Perry Tattershell, and T. S. Shoopman.

Finance — Cleo Aery, Tom Montgomery, Ella Johns, Opal Kirby, and Martha Hillard.

The Committee on Divine Worship announced Eld. Virgil Bradford and Melvin Bingham to preach for the night service.

Eld. Melvin Bingham gave an accepted report on the work of the 1940-41 Executive Committee; also the Educational and Chair Fund.

Elders A. B. Talbert, W. H. Carter and W. M. Bingham were appointed on a committee to formulate plans for the establishment of an Old Ministers' Home.

Benediction, Eld. Orval Thurman.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Song Service directed by Lewis Lindsay.

Invocation, Eld. C. C. Wilson.

Special Music, Kathryn and D. C. Kirby and the Rosebrough Quartette.

Devotional, Eld. D. B. Hillard.

Sermon, Eld. Virgil Bradford, Text 1 Sam. 17:25; Eld. Melvin Bingham, topic "The Last Warning Without Mercy". Both messages were tenderly compassionate in their plea to the unsaved.

Benediction, Eld. W. H. Carter.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Song Service directed by June Wagoner.

Scripture Reading, 1 Cor. 13, Eld. Melvin Bingham.

Invocation, Eld. Hattie Newman.

Petitionary letters were read and accepted from the Allen, Collinsville, Turley and Zion Hill Leagues. Eld. Harry E. Staires, sponsor of the League, moderated.

Welcome address, Evert Hillard.

Response, Carl Hutson.

The following League officials were elected:

Sponsor Eld. Harry E. Staires
President Strouther Youcom
Vice President Carl Hutson
Secretary-Treasurer Sarah Bell Crare
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Helen Seaton
Corresponding Secretary Ollie Hopkins
League Evangelist Eld. Evert Brown

Welcome addressee, 1942, Eld. John West; Response, 1942, Dovie Hutson.

League Board Personell: Elders R. G. Lane, W. V. McPhail, John H. West, F. C. Zinn, and B. T. Kirby.

Youth Camp sponsors: Eld. Hattie Newman and Eld. Harry E. Staires.

League messenger, August 1942, Maxine Gibbins; alternate, Eld. Leona Mayfield.

The following reports were read and accepted: League, League Board, and League Evangelist.

Benediction, Dick Youcom.

THURSDAY MORNING SERVICE

Song service directed by Raymond Lee.

Devotional, Jack Coursey.

Special music, Bristow Girl's Quartet.

Prayer, Eld. F. C. Zinn.

Eld. Elva Tuttle delivered an instructive and inspirational message; text, Isa. 55:6.

Benediction, Eld. Carl Hood.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song service, prayer, scripture reading, Psalm 116, by the Moderator.

The Committee of Committees report the following appointments:

Temperance — B. T. Kirby, C. C. Wilson, Rex Weatherman, Frank Patrick and S. E. Stout.

League — Harry E. Staires, Strauther Youcom, Opal Cruce, Dovie Hutson, and Everet Brown.

Publication and Education — Melvin Bingham, Elnora Gilbert, Walter E. Warner, Nealy Huff, and Elva Haley

Obituary — Mrs. H. E. Walker, Martha Turner, Mrs. Cunningham, Bessie O'Shields, and Buelah Peace.

Sunday School — Wilbur Underwood, R. G. Lane, Dovie Miller, Daisy O'Donnell, and Ida Dressler.

Mission — Hattie Newman, Dessie Baldridge, J. D. Williams, Ellen Osburne, and Minnie Brown.

Eld. D. B. Hillard, President of Association of Mission, moderated for mission service.

Eld. D. B. Hillard and Sister Margie Weatherman's yearly reports on Missions were read and accepted.

Motion, "We shall, as an association, co-operate with the National Auxiliary," carried.

Motion, "We shall return as formerly to the East and West Circles," carried.

Motion, "We send as Mission Delegates to the State Association, Cleo Aery, Belva Zinn, Margie Weatherman and Opal Bingham" carried.

Association Mission President elected, Elder A. B. Talbert.

The Committee on Divine Worship reports for the evening service: Elders John H. West and Harry E. Staires.

Benediction, Eld. Othel Staires.

THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Song service directed by Raymond Lee.

Prayer and Devotional, Eld. Nealy Huff.

Special Music, Blue Bell Quartette.

Sermon, Eld. John H. West, text, Acts 10:19; also by Eld. Harry E. Staires, topic, "The Pursuing God". The messages were vigorously declarative of God's supremacy. Two souls were saved during the altar service. Total of conversions during the three weeks, 52.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Song service, scripture reading, Rev. 2, by the Moderator; prayer.

Executive Board Elected

Harry E. Staires	1 Year	1941-42
John H. West	2 Years	1941-43
Melvin Bingham	3 Years	1941-44
Bert F. Rogers	4 Years	1941-45
F. C. Zinn	5 Years	1941-46

The committee on Divine Worship reported for the

morning service: Eld. D. B. Hillard and Eld. W. L. Easterly.

Report of the following committees were read and approved: Statistical, Examining, Finance, League, Education and Publication, Mission, Obituary, Temperance and Sunday School.

The ministers' reports were received as read.

Benediction, Eld. T. E. L. Curry.

FRIDAY MORNING SERVICE

Song service and prayer.

Sermon by Eld. D. B. Hillard, text Acts 12:4 and by Eld. W. L. Easterly, text Rom. 5:1. Both were logical, inspiring and wonderful messages.

Benediction, Eld. E. E. Murry.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song service. Scripture reading, Psalm 42, by the Moderator. Prayer.

Ministers elected for the November quarterly introductory sermon at Drumright: Eld. R. G. Lane, alternate, Eld. W. V. McPhail.

Ministers elected for the Association introductory sermon, August 1942: Eld. B. T. Kirby; alternate, Eld. G. H. Johnson.

Association Camp Meeting evangelists, August 1942: Eld. Melvin Bingham and Eld. R. G. Lane.

Delegates elected to the State Association: Betya Zinn, Margie Weatherman, Opal Bingham, Jessie Coursey and Bessie West.

Motion, "We allow \$5.00 for State Minutes," carried.

Motion, "We give Eld. Sadie Fincher a vote of thanks and \$10.00 for her efficient management of our cafe," carried.

Motion, "We adopt the Unified Budget Program for our Association," carried.

Corresponding delegates elected to the Missouri State Association: Eld. and Sister F. C. Zinn, Eld. and Sister Melvin Bingham, Eld. and Sister B. F. Rogers.

Resolutions 1 to 11 carried.

Benediction, Eld. W. V. McPhail.

Eld. Melvin Bingham, Moderator,
Eld. Elnora Gilbert, Clerk.

CLERK'S REPORT

August 23, 1940 to August 19, 1941:

Amount taken in	\$581.17
Amount Spent	581.12

Balance carried forward	\$.05
Minute fund	39.50
Evangelist's Fund	44.50
Clerk's Fund	13.00
Received from Cafe	174.85
Collections and donations	84.35

Total amount received	\$356.75
Expenditures	297.15

Balance on hand	\$ 58.60
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— Eld. Elnora Gilbert, Clerk.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE — We, the Finance Committee, report as follows:

We have examined the books of the past year and have found the books to be as clerk reported.

We recommend each church contribute to our Association as our minutes ask.

— Cleo Aery, Chairman.

EXECUTIVE BOARD — We, the Executive Board, report as follows:

Organized churches at Treece, Kansas and Picher, Oklahoma; licensed one preacher; ordained one preacher; erected residence for sexton; traveled 2,000 miles; purchased seats for tabernacle.

— Melvin Bingham, Chairman.

OBITUARY — God, in His loving tenderness, has called these beloved children home:

Grandpa Ellis, Turley; Ernest Richee, North Heights; Rosa Brumer, W. J. Edwards and Polly Jackson, Tulsa; Bliss Newman, Anna Bohaman and Peck Kirkwood, Drumright; J. K. Haytes, Liberty; Eld. A. C. Turner, Allen.

— Sister H. B. Walker, Chairman.

SUNDAY SCHOOL — We, your committee on Sunday School, find there are organized Sunday schools in each of the 26

churches represented, with a total membership of 1796, 102 officers, 92 teachers, and an increase in attendance of 223. There are seven churches that failed to report their statistics.

We ask that all Sunday schools use Free Will Baptist literature and teachers.

— R. G. Lane, Committeeman.

TEMPERANCE—We, your Committee on Temperance, recommend that First Mission Association go down in history as insisting that we abstain from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and that we request our pastors to influence their people to move such places from our schools and parks.

— B. T. Kirby, Chairman.

EDUCATION AND PUBLICATION—We, the Committee on Education and Publication, recommend the use of Free Will Baptist literature in all departments of the church and the consistent study of the Bible by every member of the church.

We earnestly entreat every family in our association subscribing for one or more Free Will Baptist paper.

We most heartily endorse local Bible Training Schools throughout our Association to better equip our teaching personnel. We ask each church to contribute to our educational budget.

— Melvin Bingham, Chairman.

LEAGUE—We, your Committee on League, feel that our young people have a great work in the future. We suggest that they should be taught more doctrine, league organization, and responsibility of office. We feel that this can be accomplished by teaching of the League Manual and usage of Free Will Baptist literature. We also recommend that our league evangelist be used in teaching the League Manual as far as possible. We also recommend more league revivals.

We recommend that corresponding delegates to the Missouri State Association be elected.

— Harry E. Staires, Chairman.

League Evangelist Report—Sermons preached, 70; revivals held, 5; professions witnessed, 52; baptized, 2; Leagues organized, 1; money received, \$120.97.

— Eld. Everet Brown, League Evangelist.

League Statistics—Number of Leagues, 21; average attendance, 662; amount paid by individual leagues, \$263.86; Amount

paid on dormitories, \$300.03; Collections and tithes, \$22.01.

— Sarah, Bell Crane, Secretary-Treasurer.

MISSIONS — We, your Committee on Missions, beg to report as follows:

As the Association has divided our Mission into two circles, East and West, we request that every pastor and their church make a great effort to be present at their circle each month, and let us press forward and set our goal for lost souls.

— Hattie Newman, Chairman.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE — We, the Examining Committee, report as follows:

That upon examination of Eld. W. V. McPhail, we find him sound in doctrine, and by a motion and second of the committee we recommend that he be accepted into full fellowship of First Mission Association.

We request that the following ministers' licenses be extended one year or until August, 1942: Earl Murry, Virgil Bradford, Irvin Florence, Orval Thurman, Elva Haley, James Kelly, Ida Dressler, Tim Roger and Arther McClure.

That Maudie Keep and Roy Helsey be granted licenses to preach one year, or until August, 1942.

That Roy Berry, Alfred Underwood, Jim Pounds and E. E. Greer be ordained as deacons.

We also ask that the credentials of Esther Miller be revoked.

— Harry E. Staires, Chairman.

STATISTICIAN'S REPORT

Total churches, 27; membership, 2244; valuation, \$63,700.00; Sunday school attendance 1,796; paid pastors' salaries \$8,302.39; paid evangelist \$1,152.09; league membership, 652; ordained preachers, 65; ordained deacons, 54; licensed preachers, 19.

— Evert Brown, Statistician.

RESOLUTIONS

Vance Chapel Quarterly Meeting

No. 1 — Be it Resolved, That through respect to the Grand River Association and according to the request of State Meeting, we wait until our quarterly meeting in February before taking action on Cushing Church.

No. 2 — Be it Resolved, That all ministers ordained in their

respective churches have the church clerk to notify the associational clerk, giving date and prespcty.

Cushing Quarterly Meeting

No. 1—Be it Resolved, That we have a youth camp one week preceding the regular camp meeting.

No. 2—Be it Resolved, That Eld. Harry E. Staires and Eld. Hattie Newman be elected boys' and girls' sponsors, and also for raising funds to build dormitories.

Zion Hill Quarterly Meeting

No. 1—Be it Resolved, That the First Mission Association wishes to express to the Zion Hill Church and their pastor our sincere appreciation for their Christian hospitality and courtesy toward us.

Fourteenth Annual Session

No. 1—Be it Resolved, That the Executive Board be elected for five years, the same as the Examining Committee.

No. 2—Be it Resolved, Whereas our Association has voted that this property shall be an Old Ministers' Home and Camp Ground, that arrangements shall be made at this association to care for our dependent ministers.

No. 3—Be it Resolved, That we build an Old Ministers' Home as soon as possible.

No. 4—Be it Resolved, That we build Eld. A. B. Talbert a cabin.

No. 5—Be it Resolved, That we place Eld. W. H. Carter as caretaker, as he is able to work.

No. 6—Be it Resolved, That we, the Association, add one more day to our association and that day be Tuesday before the Association, and that the day be given to the League.

No. 7—Be it Resolved, That Resolution No. 1 of the Thirteenth Annual Session be stricken from the minutes.

No. 8—Be it Resolved, That we, The First Mission Association, do not loan any of the property of this camp ground.

No. 9—Be it Resolved, That the young people have a voice in selecting the speakers of the Youth Camp.

No. 10—Be it Resolved, That each church send in by May 1, ten cents per member to build more seats for the tabernacle.

No. 11—Be it Resolved, That each church that has a Ladies' Auxiliary work be organized into a district auxiliary in order to be represented at the National Auxiliary work.

CHURCH REPORTS

ALLEN—Resident members, 47; received by letter, 2; non-resident members, 41; dismissed by letter, 3; deceased, 1; pastor's salary for coming year, \$300.00; value of property, \$2,000; League organized August 17, 1941; minute fund, \$1.00.

Cleo Aery, Pastor,
Vinita Vickers, Clerk.

ANTIOCH—State of religion, fair; members received, 23; baptized, 23; total membership, 40; condition of prayer meeting and Sunday school, good; pupils, 32; number of teachers and officers, 9; paid pastor, \$55.00; building and repairs, \$72.43; value of property, \$1,000; minute fund, \$1.00.

C. C. Wilson, Pastor,
Dessie Bairdridge, Clerk.

BLUE BELL—State of religion, excellent; members received, 12; baptized, 3; dismissed, 4; membership, 70; condition of prayer meeting and Sunday school, good; pupils, 40; officers and teachers, 7; paid pastor, \$157.00; evangelist, \$25.00; building and repairs, \$15.00; education and publication, \$15.00; value of property, \$1,500; minute fund, \$1.00.

D. B. Hillard, pastor,
Cleo Banks, Clerk.

BRISTOW—State of religion, good; members received, 38; baptized, 21; excluded, 2; total membership, 105; condition of prayer meeting and Sunday school, good; pupils, 118, officers, 8; league, good; membership, 31; mission, good; paid pastor, \$557.50; evangelist, \$91.62, building and repairs, \$278.90; value of property, \$3,000.00; foreign, missions, \$8.55; publication, \$27.79; minute fund, \$2.50.

F. C. Zinn, Pastor,
Dovie Hutson, Clerk.

COLLINSVILLE—Members received, 4; baptized, 1; total membership, 44; state of religion, good; state of Sunday school, fair; value of property, \$1,100.00; minute fund, \$1.00.

Lester McDonald, Pastor,
Mary Berg, Clerk.

CUSHING—State of religion, good; members received, 19; baptized, 4; dismissed, 7; total membership, 43; condition of Sunday school and prayer meeting, good; attendance, 30; Officers and teachers, 9; Paid pastor, \$440.93 and furnished groceries; paid evangelist, \$40.00; cash on hand, \$250.00; minute fund, \$1.50.

J. D. Williams, Pastor,
H. B. Walker, Clerk.

DRUMRIGHT—State of religion, good; members received, 61; baptized, 32; dismissed, 5; deceased, 3; total membership, 384; condition of prayer meeting and Sunday School, good; pupils, 200; officers and teachers, 18; paid pastor, \$1,090.00; evangelist, \$156.51; home missions, \$220.21; building and repairs, \$811.81; education, \$75.00; publication, \$194.85; minute fund, \$2.00.

Harry E. Staires, Pastor,
P. R. Armstrong, Clerk.

JENNINGS—State of religion, good; number received, 4; withdrawn, 1; excluded, 7; total membership, 37; condition of prayer meeting and Sunday school, good; pupils, 40; officers and teachers, 7; condition of league, fair; attendance, 10; home mission, good; membership, 12; amount paid pastor, \$9.50; evangelist, \$31.97; building and repairs, \$202.48; incidentals, \$25.77; publication, \$35.00; value of property, \$1,500.00; minute fund, \$1.00.

B. H. Perkin, Pastor,
Mamie Casey, Clerk.

LIBERTY—State of religion, good; number received, 3; dismissed by letter, 1; deceased, 1; resident members, 27; non-resident, 19; total membership, 46; condition of prayer meeting and Sunday school, good; pupils, 60; officers and teachers, 7; league, good; membership, 15; home mission, good; membership, 15; paid pastor, \$140.00; value of property, \$800.00; publication, \$24.00; minute fund, \$1.00.

W. L. Vickers, Pastor,
Gladys Alsup, Clerk.

NEW HOME—Condition of church, league, prayer meeting and Sunday school, good; minute fund, \$2.00; paid pastor, \$660.00; incidentals, \$144.00; publication, \$115.00; new members, 12; total membership, 138.

Calvin Benton, Pastor,
M. W. KyKendall, Clerk.

NORTH HEIGHTS—State of religion, good; members received, 3; dismissed by letter, 11; deceased, 1; baptized, 14; total membership, 50; condition of prayer meeting and Sunday school, good; pupils, 60; officers and teachers, 5; paid pastor, \$300.00; minute fund, \$2.00.

W. E. Warner, Pastor,
Minnie Warner, Clerk.

NORTH PICHER—Minute fund, \$1.00; state of religion, good; members received, 4; total membership, 22; condition of prayer meeting, fair; Sunday school, good; pupils, 40; officers and teachers, 7; paid pastor, \$41.54; evangelist, \$31.91; building

and repairs, \$50.00; utilities, \$13.09.

F. E. Crane, Pastor,
Elsie Dunn, Clerk.

OLIVE — State of religion, good; new members, 12; excluded or moved away, 30; resident members, 38; non-resident, 9; total 47; condition of prayer meeting and Sunday school, good; pupils, 35; officers, 6; condition of league, fair; membership, 15; condition of home mission, good; membership, 23; paid pastor, \$160.00; evangelist, \$50.00; building and repairs, \$50.00; incidentals, \$15.00; value of property, \$1,250.00; home missions, \$20.00; Education, \$11.80; minute fund, \$1.00.

G. H. Johnson, Pastor,
Audry Davis, Clerk.

OKLAHOMA CITY — State of religion, good; members received, 25; baptized, 9; dismissed, 2; total membership, 132; condition of prayer meeting and Sunday school, good; pupils, 97; officers and teachers, 10; paid pastor, \$241.00 and grocery shower; paid evangelist, \$35.00; home missions, 191.43; building and repairs, \$382.20; education and publication, \$288.82; minute fund, \$1.50; condition of league, good; attendance, 67.

B. T. Kirby, Pastor,
Flossie Greeson, Clerk.

PRETTY WATER — State of religion, good; members received, 12; baptized, 4; dismissed, 3; total membership, 44; condition of prayer meeting and Sunday school, good; pupils, 50; officers and teachers, 11; paid pastor, \$246.20; paid evangelist, \$42.63; mission, \$50.38; building and repairs, \$9.26; for minute fund, \$1.00.

Rex Weatherman, Pastor,
Vida Underwood, Clerk.

SAPULPA — State of religion, good; members received, 16; baptized, 5; dismissed, 8; resident members, 65; non-resident members, 28; condition of prayer meeting and Sunday school, good; pupils, 50; officers, deacons and teachers, 8; paid pastor, \$162.47; education, \$5.00; miscellaneous, \$21.91; minute fund, \$2.00; value of property, \$800.00.

Floyd Test, Pastor,
Mary Bush, Clerk.

SHAWNEE — Members, 33; league, active; state of church and Sunday school, good; affiliated with Association, May 1941.

A. B. Epperson, Pastor,
Mildred Cash, Clerk.

SILVER CITY — State of religion, good; members received, 8; baptized, 4; number dismissed by letter, 3; excluded, 12; resident members, 38; non-resident members, 9; total member-

ship, 47; condition of prayer meeting and Sunday School, good; pupils, 50; officers, 8; home mission, fair; membership, 11; paid pastor, \$245.00; building and repairs, \$66.46; evangelist, \$45.00; incidentals, \$100.28; value of property, \$2,600; home missions, \$40.19; publication \$32.40; minute fund, \$1.00.

Nealy Huff, Pastor,

Mrs. Perry Tattershell, Clerk.

SOUTH PICHER—State of religion, good; members received, 9; baptized, 3; dismissed, 4; deceased, 2; total membership, 52; condition of prayer meeting and Sunday school, good; pupils, 65; officers and teachers, 10; paid pastor, \$152.00; evangelist, \$60.00; building repairs and incidentals, \$100.00; minute fund, \$3.00.

Henry Ford, Pastor,

Marie Layton, Clerk.

TULSA—State of religion, good; members received, 38; baptized, 25; dismissed, 5; deceased, 3; total membership, 304; condition of prayer meeting and Sunday school, good; pupils, 200; officers and teachers, 22; paid pastor, \$960.00; paid evangelist, \$159.45; home missions, \$10.43; foreign missions, \$48.00; building and repairs, \$343.02; education, \$21.00; publication, \$86.37; minute fund, \$2.00; janitor, \$168.00; pianoist, \$60.00.

Melvin Bingham, Pastor,

Carl Phelps, Clerk.

TURLEY—State of religion, good; members received, 3; deceased, 1; total membership, 60; condition of prayer meeting and Sunday school, good; pupils, 55; officers and teachers, 7; paid pastor, \$160.00; evangelist, \$31.00; home missions, \$50.00; building and repairs, \$225.00; minute fund, \$1.00.

Ralph Brown, pastor,

Frank Ellis, Clerk.

TUSKEGEE—State of religion, good; members received, 14; baptized, 5; total membership, 76; condition of prayer meeting and Sunday school, good; pupils, 60; officers and teachers, 13; paid pastor, \$300.00; evangelist, \$30.00; home missions, \$8.00; building and repairs, \$75.00; education, \$11.00; publication, \$178.90; minute fund, \$2.50; incidentals, \$144.73.

John H. West, pastor,

Velma Deavers, clerk.

VANCE CHAPEL, State of religion, good; condition of prayer meeting and Sunday school, good; pupils, 70; members received, 4; withdrawn, 1; total membership, 44; paid pastor, \$360.00; evangelist, \$50.00; building and repairs, \$36.81; incidentals, \$24.48; value of church property, \$2,000.00; minute fund, \$1.00.

W. V. McPhail, Pastor,

Elva Haley, Clerk.

VERA—Members received, 3; dismissed by letter, 1; excluded, 24; total membership, 20; minute fund, \$1.00.

Ollie Heaton, Pastor,
Buelah Place, Clerk.

WEWOKA—State of religion, good; members received, 12; baptized, 10; dismissed, 12; total membership, 128; condition of prayer meeting and Sunday school, good; pupils, 80; number of officers and teachers, 17; paid pastor, \$1,080.00; evangelist, \$100.00; foreign missions, \$9.52; building and repairs, \$669.38; publication, 86.41; utilities, \$275.83; floral offering, \$20.48; minute fund, \$2.00.

Bert F. Rogers, Pastor,
G. C. Rowe, Clerk.

ZION HILL—State of religion, good; members received, 3; dismissed, 7; deceased, 1; membership, 31; condition of Sunday school, good; pupils, 45; officers and teachers, 6; paid pastor, \$82.09; evangelist, \$35.54; building and repairs, \$104.05; education, \$40.00; miscellaneous, \$89.25; minute fund, \$1.00.

Alfred Coursey, Pastor,
Lottie Plummer, Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS' REGISTER

Eld.	Cleo Aery	122 South Guthrie, Tulsa, Okla.
"	Melvin Bingham	833 North Utica, Tulsa, Okla.
"	W. M. Bingham	6104 W. Ninth Street, Tulsa, Okla.
"	Faye Bookout	Route 2, Jennings, Okla.
"	Evert Brown	Route 1, Box 5, Drumright, Okla.
"	W. H. Carter	Route 4, Bristow, Okla.
"	T. E. L. Curry	Picher, Okla.
"	W. L. Easterly	Picher, Okla.
"	Herod Florence	General Delivery, Drumright, Okla.
"	Lura Gibhart	1633 E. Independence, Tulsa, Okla.
"	Elnora Gilbert	Box 194, Jennings, Okla.
"	D. B. Hillard	Route 1, Box 273; Sapulpa, Okla.
"	C. C. Hood	Route 6, Box 387, Tulsa, Okla.
"	Nealy Huff	Route 2, Bristow, Okla.
"	G. H. Johnson	Box 418, Drumright, Okla.
"	Everett Keifer	1634, E. Jasper, Tulsa, Okla.
"	Arvada Keester	Route 2, Troup, Texas
"	B. T. Kirby	Box 4577, Oklahoma City, Okla.
"	R. G. Lane	General Delivery, Tushegee, Okla.
"	Oliver Lindell	2205 E. Reading, Tulsa, Okla.
"	W. V. McPhail	General Delivery, Oilton, Okla.
"	Leona Mayfield	General Delivery, Dawson, Okla.
"	John Montgomery	Box 149, Drumright, Okla.
"	Bob Mount	Box 694, Cushing, Okla.
"	Hattie Newman	Box 721, Drumright, Okla.
"	J. A. Parks	532 N. Beatty, Tulsa, Okla.
"	Cammie Pickett ...	General Delivery, Farmersville, Okla.

- " Bert F. Rogers 401 Patton Avenue, Wewoka, Okla.
- " Harry E. Staires Drumright, Okla.
- " Floyd Test West Tulsa, Okla.
- " Wilbur Underwood 1336 E. 12th, Tulsa, Okla.
- " W. L. Vickers Route 8, Box 871, Bristow, Okla.
- " W. E. Warner Box 25, Bowden, Okla.
- " Rex Weatherman 1409 S. Main, Sapulpa, Okla.
- " John H. West Route 5, Box 117, Bristow, Okla.
- " J. W. Williams Route 2, Cushing, Okla.
- " C. C. Wilson 1051 N. Peoria, Tulsa, Okla.
- " F. C. Zinn 700 S. Hickory, Bristow, Okla.

Licensed Ministers

- Eld. Virgil Bradford 216 E. Jackson, Bristow, Okla.
- " Ida Dressler Route 2, Box 215, Bristow, Okla.
- " Irvin Florence Bristow, Okla.
- " Elva Haley Box 106, Oilton, Okla.
- " Roy Helsey Sapulpa, Okla.
- " James Kelly Oklahoma City, Okla.
- " Maudie Keys Turley, Okla.
- " Hurley Lemons Route 1, Box 391, Sapulpa, Okla.
- " James Lemons Route 1, Box 391, Sapulpa, Okla.
- " Arthur McClure Turley, Okla.
- " E. E. Murry 27 N. Main, Sapulpa, Okla.
- " T. A. Roger Route 1, Sapulpa, Okla.
- " Orval Thurman Route 3, Cushing, Okla.

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.— Ac's 4:12; Titus 3:5.
5. That he that shall endure to the end, the same shall be saved.— Matt. 24:13; Rev. 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 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; 1Cor. 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.

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 been first 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.

LETTER TO ASSOCIATION

To the of Free Will Baptists when convened with the church at 19..... We send as delegates our beloved brethren;

..... whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your deliberations.

State of religion Members received this year; No. baptized; No. dismissed; No. died; total membership Condition of prayer meeting Condition of Sunday school; average number of pupils; No. of officers; No. of teachers Paid pastor \$.....; paid evangelist \$.....; Missions, home \$....., foreign \$.....; for building and repair \$.....; for education \$.....; publication \$..... Amount enclosed for minutes \$.....

Pastor's name and address

Names and addresses of ministers belonging to our church

Done by order of church assembled in conference this day of 19.....

Moderator,

Clerk,

Remarks:

FREE WILL BAPTIST 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.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. House called to order by the Moderator.
3. Letters called for, read and received.
5. Right hand of fellowship and seating delegates.
5. Election of Officers.
6. Petitionary letters called for.
7. Reading Rules of Order.
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.

MINISTER'S REPORTS

MINISTER	Sermons Preached	Churches Pastored	Revivals Held	Professions Witnessed	Baptized	Additions to Church	Churches Organized	Funerals Conducted	Marriages Solemnized	Miles Traveled	Money received
Cleo Arey	60	1	2	28	14	1	1	1	1	.....	.....
Melvin Bingham	77	1	1	30	25	38	18	27	.....	\$ 960.00	.....
W. M. Bingham	40	1	1	20	.....	.....	3	.....	500	.....	.....
Faye Bookout	40	1	1	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,000	.....	.....
Virgil Bradford	30	1	3	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,350	7.10	.....
Everet Brown	70	1	5	52	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	120.97	.....
W. H. Carter	83	1	3	50	9	.....	1	.....	.....	126.38	.....
Alfred Coursey	97	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.95	.....
Ida Dressler	140	1	1	4	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....
W. L. Easterly	25	1	1	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	300	.....	.....
Herod Florence	20	1	1	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	708	325.00	.....
Lura Gibhart	14	5	1	54	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Elnora Gilbert	10	1	1	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	32.50	.....
D. B. Hillard	109	1	2	14	6	8	6	4	.....	157.00	.....
Nealy Huff	104	1	1	8	3	9	.....	2,000	.....	240.00	.....
G. H. Johnson	125	1	1	25	12	.....	4	2,500	.....	160.00	.....
Everett Keifer	5	1	1	.....	.....	.....	2	100	.....	8.67	.....
T. B. Kirby	103	1	1	42	9	.....	7	11	.....	390.00	.....
R. G. Lane	65	1	1	12	3	14	9	.....	.....	300.00	.....
Hurley Lemons	23	1	1	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
James Lemons	60	1	1	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oliver Lindell	6	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	225	.....	2.36	.....
W. V. McPhail	132	1	2	16	12	.....	3	1	.....	500.00	.....
Leona Mayfield	40	1	1	15	.....	.....	.....	900	.....	.....	.....
E. E. Murry	52	1	1	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hattie Newman	110	1	3	40	6	.....	2	1,000	.....	470.00	.....
J. A. Parks	29	1	1	6	.....	.....	2	725	.....	.....	.....
Cammie Pickett	37	1	1	10	.....	.....	.....	1,127	.....	12.07	.....
Bert F. Rogers	114	1	1	28	10	12	2	.....	.....	1,122.00	.....
T. A. Roger	61	1	1	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Harry E. Staires	151	1	3	90	32	61	18	.....	.....	1,100.00	.....
Floyd Test	168	1	2	16	5	11	.....	2,500	.....	200.00	.....
Orval Thurman	39	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,000	.....	7.92	.....
Wilbur Underwood	42	1	1	29	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
W. L. Vickers	39	1	1	2	1	.....	.....	225	.....	40.00	.....
W. E. Warner	128	1	1	30	2	12	6	6	.....	345.00	.....
Rex Weatherman	248	1	1	64	14	10	4	2,000	.....	272.00	.....
John H. West	85	1	3	87	7	.....	5	4	9,100	51.26	.....
J. D. Williams	60	2	1	5	4	4	1	6,000	.....	101.42	.....
C. C. Wilson	45	1	1	23	23	.....	.....	2,300	.....	42.50	.....
F. C. Zinn	250	1	1	65	21	38	2	3	11,000	1,000.00	.....

