

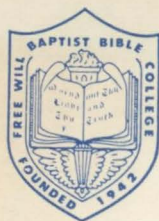
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The
First Mission Association
of
Free Will Baptists

1943

Proceedings of the
16th Annual Session

Convened at
Drumright-Sapulpa Highway
Old Ministers' Home--Camp Ground



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Rev. Melvin Bingham

**FIRST MISSION ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

Associational Officers

Rev. C. D. Benton, moderator West Tulsa, Okla.
Rev. John H. West, assistant moderator Wewoka, Okla.
Rev. Bert F. Rogers, clerk Drumright, Okla.
Miss Sarah Belle Crain, assistant clerk Tuskegee, Okla.

Executive Board

Rev. Melvin Bingham, chairman Tulsa, Okla.
Rev. Bert F. Rogers, clerk Drumright, Okla.
Rev. John H. West Wewoka, Okla.
Rev. D. B. Hellard Sapulpa, Okla.
Rev. R. G. Lane Bristow, Okla.

Associational Mission President

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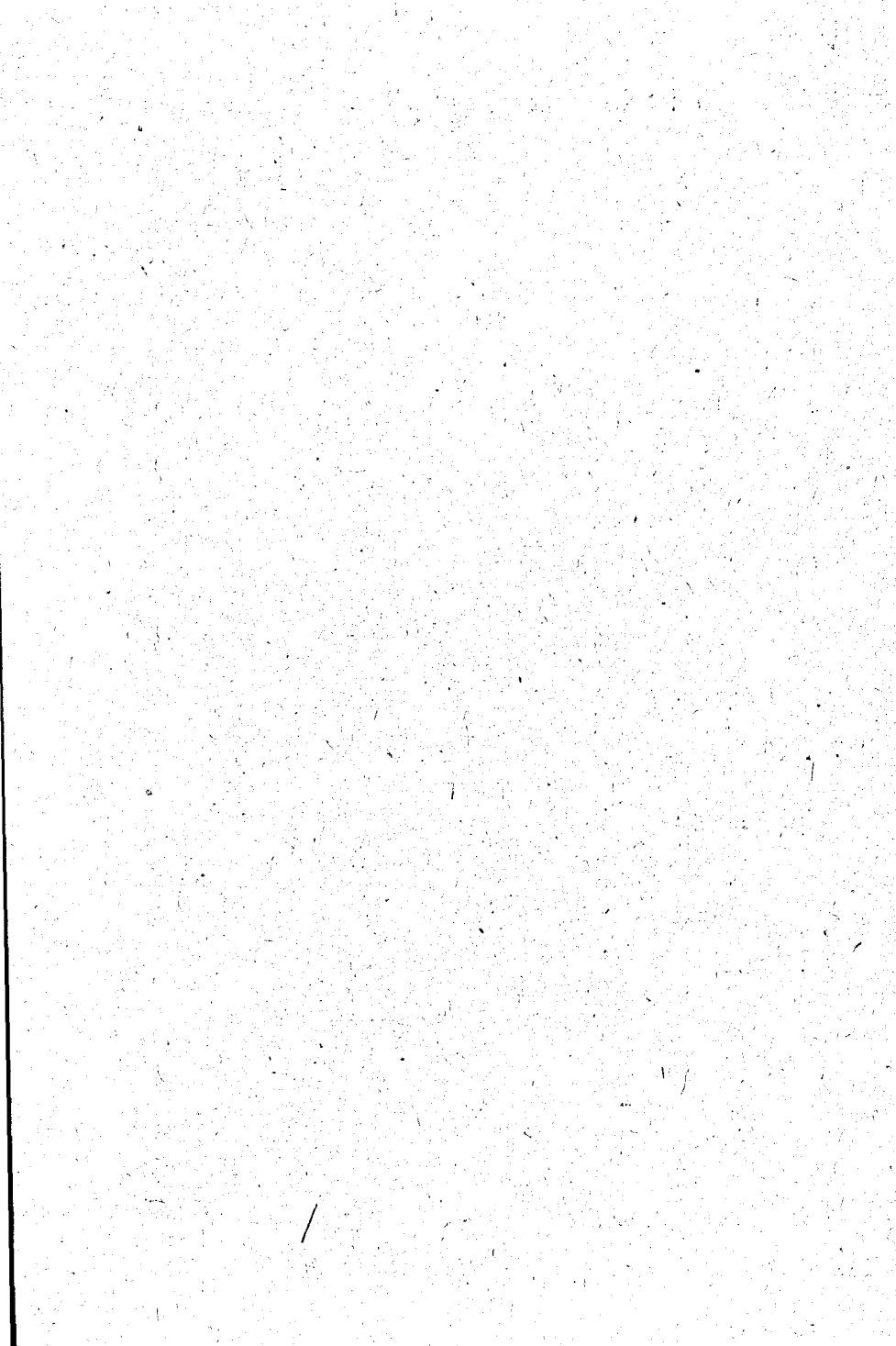
League Evangelist

Rev. Everett Hellard Sapulpa, Okla.

Auxiliary Officers

Sister Melvin Bingham, president Tulsa, Okla.
Rev. Hattie Newman, vice president Jennings, Okla.
Sister Margie Weatherman, rec., sec.-treas. Sapulpa, Okla.
Miss Wanda Lee Rogers, cor. sec. Drumright, Okla.

The next annual session of this association will be held at The Old Ministers Home and Camp Ground Site, on the Drumright-Sapulpa Highway, beginning on Tuesday morning before the fourth Sunday in August 1944.



PROCEEDINGS

YOUTH CAMP

The Youth Camp of the First Mission Association convened on The Old Ministers' Home and Camp Ground Site, with Rev. H. E. Staires as sponsor.

Rev. Everett Hellard was elected president and Norma Jeanne Sheridan, recording secretary.

The following were elected as a Committee on Divine Service: Wanda Lee Rogers, chairman; Lewis Houts, Paddy Reese, Wanda Keller, and Ava Hellard.

Evangelistic services were conducted each night under the auspices of this committee. There were seventeen precious souls saved during the week of Youth Camp.

Rev. Bert F. Rogers, teacher of Personal and Church Evangelism, brought four interesting and helpful lessons. Rev. A. B. Talbert was teacher in the afternoon on the Authenticity of the Bible. All lessons and classes were very inspirational. Total enrollment at the end of the school was 54. All students made passing grades and received diplomas at the end of school.

CAMP MEETING

The Ten Day Annual Camp Meeting was conducted on The Old Ministers' Home and Camp Ground Site. The following ministers preached during the Camp meeting: Everett Brown, D. B. Hellard, Melvin Bingham, Bert Rogers, John H. West, Hattie Newman, Wilbur Underwood, Ed Hawkins, E. A. Odonnell, Oval Stalcup, R. G. Lane, Nealie Huff, A. B. Talbert, W. H. Carter.

Four precious souls were saved.

LEAGUE PROCEEDINGS

The Free Will Baptist Young People's League convened at the Camp Ground, August 16, 1943.

Song service was directed by Norma Hutson.

Invocation by Rev. John H. West.

Devotional by Norma Jeanne Sheridan, 91st Psalm.

Rev. H. E. Staires, sponsor, called the session into conference.

Welcome address was given by Rev. Melvin Bingham.
Response by Ava Hellard.

Letters were received from the following churches:
Tulsa, Blue Belle, Bristow, Drumright, Tuskegee, Shaw-
nee and Zion Hill.

Letters were read and approved and delegates seated.
Motion carried that sponsor appoint a committee on
Divine Service to elect a speaker for 11 o'clock service.

The following were appointed: Norma Hutson, Norma
Jeanne Sheridan, Austin De Jarnett, June Wagoner and
Irene Cruce.

The committee selected Elva Tuttle, followed by John
H. West.

Minutes of last yearly meeting was read and approved.

Motion carried that each sponsor and president of the
Leagues that didn't elect delegates, add the names of
the delegates to their letters.

Noah Tuttle was elected to take charge of the devo-
tional service.

Motion carried to adjourn until 1 o'clock.

MONDAY ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Song service directed by Rev. Everett Hellard.

Devotional, scripture Isaiah 53, by Noah Tuttle.

Sister Elva Tuttle used Joshua 1:5, "Be strong and
of a good courage." Rev. John H. West followed using,
"What is the Almighty that we should serve Him?"
His subject was "Is Christ sufficient?" Both were very
encourageing and helpful messages.

Benediction by Rev. Everett Hellard.

MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song service directed by Austin De Jarnett.

Devotional by Rev. H. E. Staires, scripture John 17.

Invocation by Rev. Everett Hellard.

Special singing by the Oklahoma City girls quartett
and Bristow girls quartett.

The following League officials were elected: League
Board, L. E. Turley, Strauther Yocham, E. P. Tipton,
Melvin Bingham, John H. West; Sponsor, Bert F. Rogers;
President, Everett Hellard; Vice President, Harold
Hancock; Secretary-Treasurer, Sarah Belle Crain; Cor-

responding Secretary, Norma Jeanne Sheridan; League Evangelist, Everett Hellard.

Installation service was held for new officers.

Rev. Melvin Bingham was elected sponsor for the boys dormitory; for older girls, Sister Hattie Newman and for younger girls, Sister Opal Bingham.

Rev. Billy Rice was elected to deliver first message of the Youth Camp, Rev. A. B. Talbert as alternate.

Rev. H. E. Staires was elected to deliver the message on League day, Rev. John H. West as alternate.

The following Educational Committee was elected to work with the League Board: Norma Hutson, Alveta Bingham, Norma Jeanne Sheridan.

Motion carried to pay teachers \$10.00 each.

Motion carried to pay 50 cents to State Treasurer for electric bill for State League Rally.

Motion carried to elect five delegates for State League Rally meeting.

The delegates are as follows: Everett Hellard, Norma Hutson, Elva Tuttle, Ava Hellard, and Austin De Jarnett. As alternates: Lenora Hill, Charles Smith, Eula Mae Yocham, Jackie Sheridan, and Kathryn Hill.

Rev. A. B. Talbert was elected to give the welcome address next year, Wanda Hill to give the response.

The next League Rally will convene with the Pretty Water Church in October.

Speaker for the Rally is Rev. Melvin Bingham.

Eugene Mitchell was elected to give response to welcome.

Motion carried that moderator appoint a committee to get a gift for Rev. H. E. Staires, to show their appreciation for his service with the young people.

The committee appointed was: Charles Smith, Norma Jeanne Sheridan, and Sarah Belle Crain.

A standing vote of thanks was given to retiring officers.

Motion carried that the Pretty Water Church entertain with a program at the Rally in October.

Special numbers in song were given by Drumright, Tulsa, and Bristow Leagues.

Rev. Staires was given a hand shake in appreciation for his work with the young people.

Motion carried that we adjourn until next Rally day.
Benediction by Rev. A. B. Talbert.

MONDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Song service directed by Austin De Jarnett.

Devotional Melvin Bingham.

Invocation Nealie Huff.

Special vocal numbers were given by Oklahoma City quartett, Bristow and others.

Rev. W. H. Carter was to be the speaker of the hour but the power of the Lord came down and he didn't get to preach for people shouting the praises of the Lord. Two precious souls were saved.

PROCEEDINGS LADIES AUXILIARY WORK

The second Annual Ladies Auxiliary convention met at the Camp Ground August 17, 1943, at 9 A.M.

Song service was directed by Sister Hattie Newman.

Invocation by Rev. W. H. Carter.

Yearly reports were read and approved.

Motion carried that a fund be started for an Orphanage. \$105.00 was received in offerings and pledges.

District delegates elected to go to the State Ladies Auxiliary Convention are as follows: Sister B. F. Rogers, Sister John H. West, Sister Emma Floyd.

Motion carried to pay \$5.00 on the printing of Minutes.

Officers elected for the coming year are as follows:

Election of Officers

President Sister Opal Bingham
First Vice President Sister Hattie Newman
Second Vice President Sister Elva Tuttle
Third Vice President Sister Mary Rogers
Fourth Vice President Sister John H. West
Fifth Vice President Sister Maud Moore
Field Worker Rev. Hattie Newman
Rec. Sec. and Treas. Sister Margie Weatherman
Corresponding Secretary Sister Wanda Lee Rogers

A beautiful installation service was held for new officers with Sister Bessie Staires as the main speaker.

The eleven o'clock messages were wonderfully de-

livered by Sister Elva Tuttle and Rev. Bert F. Rogers, using as their subject, "Be ye steadfast in the work of the Lord."

Benediction by Sister Ketchem.

PROCEEDINGS HOME MISSION

Song service directed by Rev. John H. West.

Devotional by Rev. Wilbur Underwood, scripture Matthew 13.

Invocation by Sister Coursey.

Letters from the East and West side were received and motion carried to accept them.

An offering of \$10.61 for Foreign Missions and \$10.61 for Home Missions was received from East Side Circle.

A talk was given by Rev. A. B. Talbert of the great field of work in California.

Rev. R. G. Lane was elected president of Missions.

Sister D. B. Hellard was elected president of West Side Mission.

Sister Alfred Coursey was elected president of East Side Mission.

Motion carried to adjourn until next session.

PROCEEDINGS ASSOCIATIONAL SERVICES

Song service directed by Wanda Lee Rogers.

Invocation by Rev. Clint Fincher.

A special number in song by the Drumright Trio.

Praise service conducted by Rev. John West.

Moderator, Rev. Melvin Bingham, made an appeal for funds to beautify the Camp Ground. The congregation responded nicely to the appeal with \$210.27 in cash and pledges.

Rev. H. E. Staires took stand to deliver the Introductory message, using for his subject, "Christian Vocation." Two souls were saved.

Benediction by Nealie Huff.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

Song service directed by Lenora Hill.

Devotional, Rev. Melvin Bingham, scripture Rev. 2.
Invocation Rev. Jack Eden.

Letters from the following churches were received: Cushing, Allen, Blue Belle, Pretty Water, Zion Hill, Wewoka, Liberty, Bristow, Olive, Shawnee, Turley, Drumright, Tulsa, Picher, New Home, Tuskegee, First Church Sapulpa, Silver City, Vance, North Height, Lawnwood, Collinsville, Jennings, South Picher, Cliff View.

By a motion the letters were accepted.

A song was sung and the hand of fellowship was extended to the delegated body.

By a motion the assembly proceeded with the election of officers.

Election of Officers

Rev. C. D. Benton, moderator West Tulsa, Okla.
Rev. John H. West, ass't. moderator Wewoka, Okla.
Rev. Bert F. Rogers, clerk Drumright, Okla.
Miss Sarah Belle Crain, ass't. clerk Tuskegee, Okla.

The moderator (empowered) appointed the following on a committee of Divine Service: E. P. Tipton, Kathryn Shipley, Mother Taylor, T. J. Cope, W. M. Kuykendall.

Petitionary letters were called for and the Lawnwood church responded.

Rules of order were read by assistant moderator.

The moderator and assistant (empowered) appointed the following committees:

Sunday School — Ruby Worley, Mary Lou Merchant, Lucy Bilby, Mary Ann Williams, Lily Hutson.

Resolutions — W. E. Warner, G. H. Johnson, Floyd Test, R. G. Lane, Nealy Huff.

Finance — E. L. Floyd, Vivian Ketchum, Charles Smith, C. C. Hood, Mildred Watson.

Temperance — Pricilla McGee, Lucy Hedrick, Vinita Vickers, Annie McCain, Edna Rolland.

Obituary — Theodosia Brown, M. N. Cruce, Alice Sutton, Gladys Shuey, Pearl Beshears.

Education and Publication — A. B. Talbert, Will Bean, Cleo Aery, Ted Shipley, Daisy Merchant.

League — Lenora Hill, Sarah Belle Crain, Valera Varner, Ella Smith, Ann Thrasher.

Mission — Sadie Fincher, Hattie Newman, Martha Hellard, Susie Pruitt, Bertie Benton.

Committee on Divine Service reported that Rev. W. V. McPhail followed by Rev. Alfred Coursey would deliver messages at eleven o'clock.

Motion carried to adjourn until one o'clock.

Benediction by Ted Shipley.

WEDNESDAY ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Singing directed by Rev. Nealie Huff.

Invocation by Rev. Boggs.

Rev. McPhail used Heb. 11:7, followed by Rev. Coursey using Rom. 5:1. Wonderful messages were delivered by each minister.

Benediction by H. E. Staires.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song service directed by Brother Worley.

Scripture reading, Matt. 14, by Rev. D. B. Hellard.

Invocation by Rev. Walter Warner.

Motion carried to accept report of the Credential Committee concerning the re-instatement of the Lawnwood Church.

Motion carried to accept resignation of Rev. H. E. Staires from Credential Committee.

Motion carried to accept the report of committee as to D. B. Hellard taking the place of H. E. Staires.

Rev. John H. West was elected to take the place of Rev. Jack Edens as he was the one to go off the Board this year.

Minutes of the Quarterly meeting were read.

Motion carried to accept report of Executive Board and pay their expense.

Motion carried to accept report of Sister Leona Mayfield.

Motion carried to accept the report of the Ladies Auxiliary.

Motion carried to accept the report of the Youth Camp.

Motion carried to accept the report of the clerk.

Motion carried to accept the report of Home Missions.

Committee on Divine Service reported that Rev. C. D. Benton and Rev. Ralph Brown would deliver the messages at the evening service.

Motion carried to adjourn until 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

Benediction by Clara J. Taylor.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Singing directed by Austin DeJarnett.

Invocation by Rev. B. H. Perkins.

Special number in song by Glen Hargis.

Praise service conducted by Rev. R. G. Lane.

Rev. C. D. Benton used Acts 2 for his scripture, followed by Rev. Ralph Brown using Heb. 13:8. Wonderful messages were delivered by each minister.

Benediction by Rev. C. D. Benton.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Singing directed by Fanchion DeJarnett.

Scripture reading, St. John 10:21-29.

Invocation by Rev. W. H. Carter.

Motion carried to accept resignation of H. E. Staires from Executive Board.

Committee on Divine Service reported that Rev. Charles Wilson, followed by Rev. Jack Edens, would deliver messages at eleven o'clock.

Motion carried to accept the recommendation of the Board concerning men going off the Executive Board.

Motion carried to grant the request of Board, that John H. West fill the vacancy of Rev. W. V. McPhail which will be for a term of five years, and Rev. R. G. Lane to fill vacancy of H. E. Staires, which will be for three years.

Reports of the following committees were accepted: Finance, Credential, League, Temperance, Obituary, Sunday School, Missions, Education and Publication, Executive Board, and Resolutions.

Motion carried to accept the League Board's report.

Motion carried to adjourn until one o'clock.

Benediction by Rev. Link Vickers.

THURSDAY ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Invocation by Sister Coursey.

Rev. Charles Wilson used Jonah 2:3, followed by Rev.

Edens using for a subject, "He walked." Wonderful messages were delivered.

Benediction by H. E. Staires.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Singing directed by John H. West.

Scripture reading, Matt. 5, by Rev. G. G. Diplose.

Invocation by Melvin Bingham.

Motion carried that recommendation of Board concerning Rev. A. B. Talbert as Home Mission worker be accepted.

An offering was taken to pay Rev. Talberts' way to California. \$45.24 was received.

Committee on Divine Service reported that Rev. Floyd Test and Rev. W. H. Carter will deliver the evening messages.

Rev. Melvin Bingham and Rev. John H. West were elected as Camp Meeting Evangelists.

Rev. C. D. Benton was elected to deliver the Introductory message, Rev. Bert F. Rogers alternate.

Sister C. D. Benton was elected Statistition.

Motion carried that each Church go to the Quarterly Meeting prepared to take care of themselves, only sleeping rooms would be provided.

Motion carried that next Quarterly meeting would go to the Drumright church.

Motion carried to accept partial report of Credential committee.

Motion carried that Youth Camp and Camp Meeting start Saturday night before the first Sunday in August.

Motion carried to adjourn until 9 o'clock Friday morning.

Benediction by Rev. D. B. Hellard.

THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Singing directed by Fanchion DeJarnett.

Invocation by Rev. Rex Weatherman.

Several special songs were sung by different quartetts.

Committee on Divine Service reported that Rev. Link Vickers and Rev. Rex Weatherman would deliver the messages Friday at eleven o'clock.

Praise service was conducted by Rev. Will Bean.

Rev. Test used Heb. 2:1, followed by Rev. Carter using

Prov. 1:24. Wonderful messages were delivered.
Benediction by Rev. John H. West.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Singing directed by John H. West.

Devotions were conducted by Rev. Alfred Brock.

Invocation by Brother Taylor.

Motion carried to accept report of Executive Board.

Motion carried that Tulsa church have charge of Cafe next year and secure their help as best they can from the different churches.

Motion carried that we enlarge the Cafe.

The following delegates were elected to represent us at the State Association: Mary Rogers, Ethel Armstrong, Sister Weatherman, Sister Bessie West, and Sister Opal Bingham.

Motion carried that we send \$5.00 for State Minutes.

Motion carried we send \$5.00 to represent in the National Body through the State Association.

Rev. W. H. Carter was elected Sunday School superintendent and Evangelist for the First Mission Association.

Motion carried that Rev. D. B. Hellard see about insurance for the Camp Ground.

Motion carried that the clerk send a card to each church not represented in the Association, telling how we missed them.

Motion carried that we give Rev. H. E. Staires a letter of redommendation from this Association.

Motion carried that minutes be accepted as read.

Motion carried to adjourn until the next session.

Benediction by Rev. W. L. Easterly.

FRIDAY ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Singing directed by Wanda Hill.

Invocation by Rev. A. B. Talbert.

Rev. Vickers used Matt. 3:3, followed by Rev. Weatherman using the same subject. Wonderful messages were delivered.

Benediction by Rev. Nealie Huff.

Moderator, Rev. C. D. Benton

Ass't. Moderator, Rev. John H. West

Clerk, Rev. Bert F. Rogers

Ass't. Clerk, Sarah Belle Crain

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

TEMPERANCE—We, your Committee on Temperance, recommend to the First Mission Association that we as Christians teach against the use and sale of intoxicating beverages in any form and that we impress on the minds of our Younger people the evil of intoxicating drinks.

Edna Rolland, chairman

FINANCE—We, the Financial Committee, have audited the clerk's financial report from August 1, 1942 to July 31, 1943, and find it in excellent condition. We commend the clerk on his efficient and accurate method in keeping the clerk's record.

E. L. Floyd, chairman

OBITUARY—God in his loving tenderness has called these beloved Brothers and Sisters home: Sister Molly Sanders of Silver City Church; Brother George Buss of First Cushing Church; Sister Klock, Sister Cooper, Sister Thompson, Sister Blair of Drumright Church; Sister Erma Curry of South Picher Church; Brother Charlie Rice of Pretty Water Church; Brother Monroe Hudson, Brother Hurtz of Bristow Church; Brother C. E. Paxton, Rev. Earl E. Smiley, Brother John Staires, Sister Sallie Strong, Sister May Mickle of Tulsa Church; Brother Cicero Thompson of Allen Church; Brother Luther Davis, and Mother Walls of Wewoka Church; Sister May Hare of the Lawnwood Church.

Theodosia Brown, chairman

SUNDAY SCHOOL—We, the Committee on Sunday School, are happy to report an improvement in our Sunday School. The attendance is good and the good Lord has blessed us with finance to carry on our great work.

Signed, Committee

EDUCATION AND PUBLICATION—We, your Committee, find that our Associational Board has co-operated with our National Educational program. We find this to be a great work and recommend that we continue to encourage our churches to respond with their aid.

We recommend the use of Free Will Baptist literature in all departments of our Churches, we also recommend that a Bible

School be sponsored in each church in our Association once a year.

Cleo D. Aery, chairman

LEAGUE—We, your League Committee, feel that League work is very important as it is the training service of the Church. We recommend that Free Will Baptist League literature be used and also that League Manual be taught. We feel that each League should have at least one revival, held by League Evangelist, during the coming year. We ask that each League keep records of their meetings so a yearly report may be made.

Lenora Hill, chairman

YEARLY REPORT OF LEAGUE

Number of Leagues	20
Average attendance	300
Amt. rec'd. through collections and tithes during Rallies	\$183.30
Amount paid out	\$157.19
Amount taken in by individual Leagues	\$290.51
Balance in treasury	\$1.10

Sarah Belle Crain, secretary

MISSIONS—We, your Committee on Missions, suggest that each Church take more interest in Missions, at home and abroad, and we pray that God will burden our hearts and give us a greater passion for the lost. For Christ the greatest of all missionaries said, "as ye have done it unto one of the least of these ye have done it unto me." We recommend that each Church start a fund for the purpose of financing a full time Mission Worker.

Signed, Committee

BUSINESS—We recommend that a standing vote of thanks be given to the Drumright Church for the service rendered during Camp Meeting and Association.

Signed, Committee

EXECUTIVE BOARD—We, the Board, have had a successful year in the work of the Lord. We made one trip to Picher Church, one to Tulsa and one to Bristow.

The work concerning the water system at the Camp Ground

was completed to the best of our ability under the present condition.

We have had a difficult time trying to get an entrance into the camp ground since the highway department has cut the road through.

We are thankful for the new Dormitory for the girls which has been completed and payed for this year.

We are looking forward to a more prosperous new year.

Rev. D. B. Hellard traveling expense	\$5.00
Rev. Melvin Bingham traveling expense	\$5.00
Rev. H. E. Staires traveling expense	\$5.00
Rev. B. F. Rogers traveling expense	\$7.00

Signed, Board

STATISTICIAN.—Total churches, 28; membership, 2,315; valuation of church property, \$65,750; Sunday School attendance, 1,672; pastors salaries, \$8,707.08; Evangelist, \$1,143.34; League membership, 652; ordained ministers, 65; ordained deacons, 54; licensed ministers, 22.

Everett Brown, statistician.

EXAMINING — We, the Committee, recommend that Clara J. Taylors' license be extended for one year, and that she apply herself to the study of the Bible and the Free Will Baptist doctrine. We recommend that the license of J. A. Taylor be extended for one year and that he apply himself to the study of the Bible and the doctrine. We recommend that the Association revoke the license of Paul Inman as he has turned them in to the Association. We recommend that the credentials of Elva Tuttle be revoked as she has united with another denomination and turned in her credentials. We recommend that Alfred Brock's license be extended one year and that he apply himself to the study of the doctrine and Bible. We recommend that Brother Ed. Hawkins be deferred for three months for license. We recommend that I. L. Boggs be deferred three months for investigation. We find the following sound in doctrine: Brother Worley, Brother James Franklin, Brother Stayball, Brother Doyal Diplose, Brother Billy Rice.

Signed, Committee

LEAGUE BOARD REPORT — We, the League Board, met and organized. Brother Melvin Bingham was elected chairman, Brother Strauther Yocham, clerk.

We recommend a ten days Youth Camp and Camp Meeting preceding the Association. League and school during the day, revival services at night. League in charge of day services and Association at night. Also, that two evangelists be elected for night services.

We, the Executive Board, recommend that Brother Talbert's pension be restored to him and that we send him as our Home Missionary, also that we pay his fare to California.

As Rev. H. E. Staires has resigned from the Board and the time of Rev. W. V. McPhail has expired, we recommend that Rev. John H. West and Rev. R. G. Lane fill the vacancy. Rev. John H. West for five years and Rev. Lane for three years.

Signed, Board

Please accept my resignation as a member of the Executive Board and Credentials Committee as I am going to another Association.

Signed, H. E. Staires

We, the Examining Committee, recommend that Rev. D. B. Hellard be elected to fill the vacancy of Rev. Staires on this committee.

Signed, Committee

CLERK'S REPORT — Financial report of First Mission Association for the year beginning August 1, 1942 to August 1, 1943.

Received from churches the past year during:

August	\$ 674.43
September	16.36
October	46.51
November	79.26
December	43.89
January	70.86
February	244.17
March	174.86
April	111.57
May	96.44
June	165.45
July	113.48

TOTAL \$1,837.18

Paid out during:

August	\$ 473.81
September	68.06

October	94.96
November	64.30
December	51.59
January	63.82
February	44.19
March	104.95
April	355.88
May	96.08
June	155.95
July	147.57

TOTAL \$1,837.18
Balance in Treasury \$ 136.12
Bert F. Rogers, clerk

Examining Committee Elected

Rev. John H. West	5 Years	1943-48
Rev. B. T. Kirby	4 Years	1943-47
Rev. D. B. Hellard	3 Years	1943-46
Rev. W. H. Carter	2 Years	1943-45
Rev. Ralph Brown	1 Year	1943-44

Executive Board Elected

Rev. John H. West	5 Years	1943-48
Rev. D. B. Hellard	4 Years	1943-47
Rev. R. G. Lane	3 Years	1943-46
Rev. B. F. Rogers	2 Years	1943-45
Rev. Melvin Bingham	1 Year	1943-44

REPORT OF CHURCHES

TULSA—State of religion, good; members received, 29; deceased, 5; condition of Sunday School and prayer meeting, good; officers, 7; teachers, 14; paid pastor, \$1,650.00; evangelist, \$143.25; Home Missions, \$14.91; Foreign Missions, \$120.09; Bible College, \$22.00; state evangelist, \$6.00; pianist, \$60.00; flowers, \$44.30; First Mission Association and Camp Ground, \$68.00; National Program, \$16.85; janitor, \$300.00; radio broadcast, \$130.00; singing school, \$60.00. Total paid out, \$4,897.86. We enclose \$3.00 for Minutes.

Rev. Melvin Bingham, moderator
Bro. T. J. Cope, clerk

DRUMRIGHT—State of religion, good; members received, 33; baptized, 21; dismissed by letter, 5; excluded, 1; deceased, 5; condition of Sunday School and prayer meeting, good; average number of pupils, 170; officers, 14; condition of League, good; League membership, 35; Home Mission, good; membership, 30; paid pastor, \$1,510.00; evangelist, \$171.98; building and repairs, \$277.85; incidentals, \$856.62; value of church property, \$5000.00; education, \$257.73; amount for Minutes, \$4.00.

Bert F. Rogers, moderator

Jack Hill, clerk

VANCE CHAPPEL—State of religion, good; condition of Sunday School and prayer meeting, good; average attendance, 53; officers and teachers, 9; members received this year, 7; dismissed, 5; total membership, 82; baptized, 3; paid pastor, \$475.00; janitor, \$18.00; utilities, \$32.00; state evangelist, \$8.00; general fund, \$30.88; Foreign Mission, \$37.23; miscellaneous, \$62.74; evangelist, \$65.80; literature, \$33.07; for a parsonage, \$100.00; amount for Minutes, \$2.00; amount for evangelist, \$2.00; amount for clerk, \$1.00.

Hattie Newman, pastor

Elva Haley, clerk

SILVER CITY—State of religion, good; condition of Sunday School and prayer meeting, good; members received this year, 11; dismissed, 1; deceased, 1; total membership, 46; average number of pupils, 40; teachers and officers, 6; paid pastor, \$240.00; evangelist, \$25.00; Home Mission, \$105.00; building and repairs, \$12.79; amount for Minutes, \$2.00.

Sadie Fincher, pastor

Cora Coonrod, clerk

OLIVE—State of religion, good; condition of Sunday School and prayer meeting, good; members received, 2; baptized, 2; total membership, 46; average number of pupils, 20; officers, 4; Home Mission, good; membership, 6; paid pastor, \$120.00; Home Mission, \$5.00; amount for publication, \$14.00; value of church property, \$1,250.00; amount for Minutes, \$1.00; for evangelist, \$2.00.

Ida Dressler, pastor

Mildred Inman, clerk

ALLEN—State of religion, good; condition of Sunday School

and prayer meeting, good; average number of pupils, 50; number of teachers and officers, 12; members received this year, 2; dismissed, 1; deceased, 1; total membership, 102; paid pastor, \$300.00; Brother Talbert's suit, \$7.00; utilities, \$24.00; janitor, \$48.00; building and repairs, \$321.37; education and publication, \$40.96; general fund, \$83.10; amount for Minutes, \$1.25; for evangelist, \$2.00.

Cleo Aery, pastor

Mrs. George Mathews, clerk

LIBERTY—State of religion, good; members received, 8; baptized, 4; dismissed by letter, 2; total membership, 58; condition of prayer meeting and Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 45; officers, 7; Home Mission, good; membership, 15; paid pastor, \$545.88; evangelist, \$25.09; building and repairs, \$1,396.48; incidentals, \$14.00; Home Mission, \$32.00; publication, \$40.00; value of church property, \$2000.00; amount for Minutes, \$2.00.

R. G. Lane, pastor

Gladys Alsop, clerk

JENNINGS—State of religion, good; number dismissed, 6; total membership, 34; condition of Sunday School and prayer meeting, good; average number of pupils, 35; officers and teachers, 7; paid ptasor, \$138.70; evangelist, \$46.84; general fund, \$15.00; Brother Pogue, \$2.00; utilities, \$24.66; building and repairs, \$170.87; Red Cross, \$6.50; value of church property, \$2,000.00; amount for Minutes, \$1.00; evangelist, \$2.00; clerk, \$2.00.

B. H. Perkins, pastor

Mamie Casey, clerk

NORTH WEST PICHER—State of religion, fair; members received, 2; baptized, 1; deceased, 1; total membership, 14; condition of Sunday School and prayer meeting, fair; average number of pupils, 35; officers and teachers, 7; paid pastor, \$65.00; evangelist, \$31.61; utilities, \$15.00; building and repairs, \$58.00; amount for Minutes, \$1.60.

F. E. Craine, pastor

Elsie Dunn, clerk, Box 243, Treece, Kansas

TURLEY — State of religion, good; amount for Minutes, \$1.50; general fund, \$9.00.

D. D. Diplose, pastor

Paul Whitten, clerk

NEW HOME — State of religion, good; members received, 14; total membership, 98; condition of Sunday School and prayer meeting, good; paid pastor, \$780.00; janitor, \$111.00; evangelist, \$67.50; building and repairs, \$437.14; publication, \$104.74; general fund, \$58.00; utilities, \$147.15; miscellaneous, \$108.02; amount for Minutes, \$2.00; evangelist, \$3.00.

C. D. Benton, pastor

M. W. Kuykendall, clerk

BRISTOW — State of religion, good; members received, 14; baptized, 5; deceased, 2; total membership, 105; condition of prayer meeting and Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 40; officers and teachers, 8; paid pastor, \$705.00; evangelist, \$100.00; publication, \$51.00; amount for Minutes, \$3.00.

W. V. McPhail, pastor

Lenora Hill, clerk

Pastor for the new year, R. G. Lane.

BLUE BELLE — State of religion, good; members received, 3; dismissed by letter, 3; total membership, 81; condition of prayer meeting and Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 40; officers and teachers, 10; paid pastor, \$326.00; evangelist, \$50.00; Home Mission, \$75.00; building and repairs, \$320.00; education, \$112.00; publication, \$30.00; value of church property, \$2000.00; amount for Minutes, \$1.00.

D. B. Hellard, pastor

Lena Williams, clerk

TUSKEGEE — State of religion, good; number dismissed, 2; total membership, 78; condition of Sunday School and prayer meeting, good; average number of pupils, 35; officers and teachers, 7; paid pastor, \$370.00; evangelist, \$47.38; Home Mission, \$56.04; publication, \$65.00; general fund, \$24.00; state evangelist, \$6.00; utilities, \$19.50; insurance, \$15.94; amount for Minutes, \$1.00; clerk, \$1.00; evangelist, \$2.00.

R. J. Mounce, moderator

Sarah Belle Craine, clerk

CLIFF VIEW — State of religion, good; members received, 38; baptized, 1; Sunday School and prayer meeting, good; average attendance, 50; officers and teachers, 8; paid pastor, \$60.00; evangelist, \$92.50; building and repairs, \$155.00; amount for pump, \$5.00; for Minutes, \$1.00.

James Franklin, pastor

Sister Watkins, clerk

LAWNWOOD — State of religion, good; members received, 20; baptized, 9; dismissed, 2; deceased, 2; total membership, 70; Sunday School and prayer meeting, good; paid pastor, \$360.00; evangelist, \$90.00; building and repairs, \$525.00; amount for Minutes, \$2.50.

C. C. Hood, pastor

Joe Watson, clerk

COLLINSVILLE — State of religion, good; deceased, 1; total membership, 31; condition of Sunday School and prayer meeting, good; average number of pupils, 35; officers and teachers, 9; paid pastor, \$165.00; evangelist, \$25.00; Home Mission, \$20.00; building and repairs, \$15.00; value of church property, \$1,500.00; for Minutes, \$1.00; clerk, \$1.00; evangelist, \$3.00; education \$1.00.

Lester G. McDonald, pastor

Bertha Richmond, clerk

ZION HILL — State of religion, good; members received, 2; total membership, 40; officers and teachers, 11; paid pastor, \$93.69; building and repairs, \$45.00; education, \$35.00; for Minutes, \$1.50; clerk, \$1.00.

Ralph Brown, pastor

R. H. McMillen, clerk

PRETTY WATER — State of religion, good; members received, 1; total membership, 66; Sunday School and prayer meeting, fair; average number of pupils, 50; teachers and officers, 11; paid pastor, \$480.00; evangelist, \$78.88; building and repairs, \$33.40; Minutes, \$1.00.

Rex Weatherman, pastor

Vida Underwood, clerk

FIRST CHURCH SAPULPA — State of religion, good; members received, 7; dismissed, 8; total membership, 57; Sunday

School and prayer meeting, good; average number of pupils, 45; officers and teachers, 10; paid pastor, \$313.44; evangelist, \$22.00; publication, \$5.28; janitor, \$35.00; building and repairs, \$323.60; Minutes, \$2.00; clerk, \$1.00.

W. E. Warner, pastor

Hazel Bradford, clerk

WEWOKA—State of religion, good; members received, 14; baptized, 11; dismissed by letter, 9; deceased, 2; total membership, 134; Sunday School and prayer meeting, good; average number of pupils, 67; officers, 8; condition of League, fair; paid pastor, \$1,397.50; evangelist, \$36.57; building and repairs, \$1,218.32; incidentals, \$240.71; value of church property, \$10,000; Foreign Mission, \$17.08; Home Mission, \$44.48; education, \$22.75; publication, \$56.08; Superannuation, \$5.68; Minutes, \$3.00.

John H. West, pastor

W. A. Dehart, clerk

SHAWNEE—State of religion, good; members received, 13; baptized, 1; dismissed by letter, 2; total membership, 53; prayer meeting and Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 45; teachers and officers, 7; paid pastor, \$323.00; evangelist, \$102.00; Foreign Mission, \$7.00; building and repairs, \$211.00; publication, \$51.18; free will offerings, \$12.55; Minutes, \$2.00.

A. B. Epperson, pastor

Lee Guinn, clerk

NORTH HEIGHTS—State of religion, good; members received, 8; baptized, 5; dismissed by letter, 2; total membership, 50; condition of Sunday School and prayer meeting, good; average number of pupils, 45; officers, 5; value of church property, \$650.00; amount paid pastor, \$175.00; evangelist, \$25.00; building and repairs, \$25.00; publication, \$31.83; Minutes, \$1.50; clerk, \$1.00; evangelist, \$2.00.

Floyd Test, pastor

Opal Gober, clerk

CUSHING—State of religion, good; members received, 5; baptized, 10; dismissed by letter, 11; total membership, 35; prayer meeting and Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 40; teachers and officers, 16; League, good; membership,

9; Home Mission, good; membership, 25; paid pastor, \$420.00; evangelist, \$66.55; building and repairs, \$400.00; incidentals, \$30.00; value of church property, \$3,000; Home Mission, \$30.00; publication, \$14.50; Minutes, \$2.50.

G. H. Johnston, pastor for coming year

J. A. Sadler, clerk

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Alfred Coursey	Route 1, Box 164, Sperry, Okla.
W. E. Warner	Bowden, Okla.
G. H. Johnston	Box 418, Drumright, Okla.
B. D. Byers,	Bowden, Okla.
W. N. Huff	Route 2, Bristow, Okla.
Floyd Test	West Tulsa, Okla.
C. C. Hood	Route 9, Tulsa, Okla.
Sadie Fincher	Drumright, Okla.
Susie Pruitt	Tulsa, Okla.
Hattie Newman	Jennings, Okla.
C. D. Aery	Bowden, Okla.
Link Vickers	Oklahoma City, Okla.
W. L. Bean	Cushing, Okla.
Wilbur Underwood	Tulsa, Okla.
D. B. Hellard	Sapulpa, Okla.
Melvin Bingham	Tulsa, Okla.
R. G. Lane	Bristow, Okla.
W. H. Carter	Bristow, Okla.
John H. West	Box, 1402, Wewoka, Okla.
Bert F. Rogers	Drumright, Okla.
Virgil Bradford	Bristow, Okla.
W. V. McPhail	Bristow, Okla.
Ralph Brown	Tulsa, Okla.
C. C. Wilson	Tulsa, Okla.

Licensed Ministers

A. J. Brock	Sapulpa, Okla.
J. A. Taylor	Sapulpa, Okla.
Daisy Merchant	Talalal, Okla.
Clara J. Taylor	532 S. Cherokee St., Picher, 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. — Acts 4:12; Titus 3:5.

5. That he that shall endure to the end, the same shall be saved. — Matt. 22:13; 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 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 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 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 toward 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;

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.

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 of 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 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 brethern;
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whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your delibera-
tions.

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 evan-
gelist \$.....; Missions, Home \$....., Foreign \$.....;
for building and repair \$.....; for education \$.....;
publication \$..... Amount enclosed for Minutes \$.....

Pastors name and address
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Names and addresses of ministers belonging to our church
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Done by order of church assembled
in conference this day of 19.....

Moderator,
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Clerk,
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Remarks:
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ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory sermon.
2. House called to order by the Moderator.
3. Letters called for, read and received.
4. Right hand of fellowship and seating 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 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' REPORTS

	Marriages Money Received Miles Traveled Funerals Churches Organized Additions to Church Baptized Professions Witnessed Revivals Held Churches Pastored Sermons Preached										
Bert F. Rogers	117	2	3	63	9	13	..	9	....	\$1,733.00	5
Melvin Bingham	92	1	1	69	..	29	..	14	....	.....	25
John H. West	159	1	4	36	14	20	..	9	8,605	866.03	2
Virgil Bradford	25	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	642	21.27	..
C. C. Hood	38	1	..	14	9	..	..	3	....	360.00	..
G. H. Johnston	104	1	..	10	6	6	..	2	2,320	150.00	..
Leona Mayfield	60	..	..	18	..	..	..	1	....	25.00	..
A. J. Edens	33	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	581	6.81	..
Floyd Test	140	1	1	14	7	8	..	2	2,800	200.00	..
Nealie Huff	110	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	4,500	400.00	..
R. G. Lane	113	1	2	6	3	8	..	5	....	659.50	..
C. C. Wilson	12	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	500	15.00	..
W. L. Easterly	12	..	..	4	..	..	..	1	....	.....	..
D. B. Hellard	42	1	1	14	..	3	..	9	....	326.00	..
T. A. Rogers	37	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	..
Johnnie Parks	47	1	..	4	..	..	..	1	2,690	51.00	..
Hattie Newman	75	1	2	15	..	7	..	4	....	500.85	..
W. L. Bean	4	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	200	7.00	..
W. E. Warner	45	1	..	10	..	4	..	2	....	150.00	..
Bob Mounts	10	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	50	.....	..
Sadie Fincher	69	1	1	20	..	6	..	..	....	287.00	..
Cleo D. Aery	62	1	..	12	3	..	..	3	....	440.00	..
Rex Weatherman	95	1	..	20	3	1	..	5	1,248	325.00	..

