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First Mission Association

of

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

1953

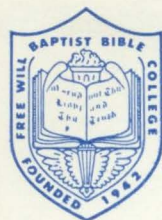
Proceedings of the

26th ANNUAL SESSION

OLD MINISTERS' HOME — CAMP GROUND

Drumright - Sapulpa Highway

At Sub Station



FREE WILL BAPTIST
BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented By

Rev. Glen Lewis

FIRST MISSION ASSOCIATION

Of

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Officers

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| Rev. H. E. Staines | Moderator |
| 516 South 61st W. Ave., Tulsa, Oklahoma | |
| Rev. W. V. McPhail | Assistant Moderator |
| Box 183, Cushing, Oklahoma | |
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| Route 9, Box 307, Tulsa, Oklahoma | |
| Rev. N. R. Smith | Assistant Clerk |
| Box 997, Bristow, Oklahoma | |

First Quarterly Conference, convenes at the Turley Free Will Baptist Church on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday of November, 1953. Introductory message by Rev. L. R. Holmes, and Rev. Ralph Brown alternate.

Second Quarterly Conference, convenes at the Lawnwood Free Will Baptist Church on ~~Wednesday~~ before the fourth Sunday of February, 1954. Introductory message by Rev. N. R. Smith, and Rev. Carl Hembree alternate. *Thurs.*

Third Quarterly Conference, convenes at the Drumright Free Will Baptist Church on ~~Wednesday~~ before the fourth Sunday of May, 1954. Introductory message by Rev. Ben Scott, and Rev. Doyle Dipboye alternate. *Thurs.*

First Mission Association, will hold its next session at the Old Ministers' Home Camp Ground, August 17, 18, 19, 1954. Introductory message by Rev. Harry Beatty, and Rev. Ralph Staten alternate.

Camp Meeting will begin August 8, 1954. Rev. Ben Scott and Rev. Harry Beatty will be the evangelists.

Youth Encampment will begin on Monday, June 21, 1954.

League Day will be Saturday, June 26, 1954.

Sunday School Convention will be Monday, August 16, 1954.

Woman's Auxiliary Convention will be Tuesday, August 17, 1954.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Executive Board

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| Rev. John H. West | Chairman |
| 833 North Utica, Tulsa, Oklahoma | |
| Rev. Harry Beatty | Clerk |
| 139 East Drumright, Drumright, Oklahoma | |
| Rev. H. E. Staires | Member |
| Rev. Ralph Staten | Member |
| Rev. E. M. Kennedy | Member |

Board of Trustees

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| Rev. D. B. Hellard | 3 years |
| Rev. Richard Shade | 4 years |
| Rev. Alfred Coursey | 1 year |
| Bro. George Smith | 2 years |
| Bro. L. Y. King | 5 years |

Credential Committee

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| Rev. John H. West (4 years) | Chairman |
| Rev. Ralph Staten (5 years) | Clerk |
| Rev. Harry Beatty (3 years) | Member |
| Rev. Carl Hembree (2 years) | Member |
| Rev. W. E. Warner (1 year) | Member |

League Board

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| Rev. L. A. Yandell | Chairman |
| Rev. N. R. Smith | Clerk |
| Rev. E. M. Kennedy | Member |
| Rev. Doyle Dipboye | Member |
| Rev. Ben Scott | Member |

Orphanage Board

(No List)

Home Mission Board

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| Rev. E. M. Kennedy | Chairman |
| Rev. John H. West (2 years) | Clerk |
| Rev. H. E. Staires (1 year) | Member |

League Officers

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| Bro. Charlie Smith | General Director |
| Drumright, Oklahoma | |
| Rev. N. R. Smith | President |
| Sis. Dorothy Williams | Vice President |
| Sue Vail | Recording Secretary |
| Mary Lou Merchant | Corresponding Sec'y-Treas. |

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| Rev. C. C. Hood | President |
| Rev. Perry Smith | Vice President |
| Sis. Lewis Bohannon | Secretary & Treasurer |
| Sis. Sadie Fincher | Field Worker |
| Rev. D. B. Hellard | Mission Board Member |
| Bro. Clarence Holman | Mission Board Member |
| Sis. Clarence Holman | Mission Board Member |

Auxiliary Officers

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| Sis. Mabel Wooldridge | President |
| Sis. Bertha Keiffer | Vice President |
| Sis. Marie Roberts | Literature Chairman |
| Sis. Kathleen Jones | Youth Chairman |
| Sis. Violet Tyree | Study Course Chairman |
| Sis. Glenara Staires | Program & Publicity Chairman |
| Sis. Susie Pruitt | Benevolent Chairman |
| Sis. Helen Seaton | Recording Secretary |
| Sis. Mildred Whittaker | Assistant Recording Secretary |
| Sis. Lucille Beatty | Treasurer |

Divine Service Committee

Bro. Grady Cunningham, Sis. Ethel Armstrong, Bro. Hayes, Sis. Null, and Sis. Ann Thrasher.

Obituary Committee

Sis. Elda Foster, Sis. Cleties King, Sis. Anne Cummings, Sis. Lela Dipboye, and Sis. Stella Hill.

Resolutions Committee

Rev. Alfred Coursey, Rev. John Elliston, Rev. W. H. Carter, Rev. E. M. Kennedy, and Rev. Ben Scott.

Education and Publication Committee

(No List)

Temperance Committee

Sis. Mary Ann Wiley, Bro. Geo. Smith, Sis. Flossie Perkins, Sis. Peggy Ruth, and Sis. Eula Halford.

Auditing Committee

Sis. Cherry Fipps, Sis. Alta Hays, Sis. Marguerite Hinesley, Sis. Mildred Nickols, and Sis. Lana Oliver.

Information

If any Church desires to send a delegate to the State Association, they shall enclose their delegate's name in

their letter to the District Association along with a five (\$5.00) dollar fee.

The telephone number at the First Mission Association Camp Ground is 1356 W 4, Drumright, Oklahoma.

YOUTH CAMP

The Youth Encampment of the First Mission Association began on August 9, 1953 with an enrollment of 115. Classes were directed to their places. Teachers were Rev. Ralph Staten, Wewoka, Oklahoma—Distinctive Bible Doctrine; Rev. Carl Hembree, Sapulpa, Oklahoma—Bible Truths, and Rev. Dixon Gurley, Pryor, Oklahoma—Music. Activities were as follows: Devotional period at 8:45 am. Classes at 9:00 am. Morning worship at 11:00 am. Lunch at 12:00 noon. Devotional service at 1:30 pm. Classes at 2:00 pm. Grove services at 7:00 pm. Evening services at 8:00 pm. Evening services were conducted by Rev. Ernest Kennedy, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Rev. Jack Dodson, Oilton, Oklahoma. Eleven o'clock services were conducted by Rev. Ralph Staten, Wewoka, Oklahoma; Rev. Dixon Gurley, Pryor, Oklahoma; Rev. N. R. Smith, Bristow, Oklahoma; Rev. L. A. Yandell, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Sis. Dorothy Williams, Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

We want to thank every one who had part in making this encampment such a successful encampment, and thank the Lord for the 35 souls who gave their life to Christ as their personal Saviour.

ASSOCIATIONAL PROCEEDINGS

Introductory service of the First Mission Association of Free Will Baptists when convened at the Old Ministers Home and Camp Ground, Tuesday, August 18, 1953.

Service called to order by the Moderator, Rev. H. E. Staires.

Song service conducted by Bro. Conn Saddler, Cushing. Pianist, Barbara Hancock.

Invocation by Rev. Alfred Coursey.

Moderator conducted attendance count from the different churches. A large crowd was in attendance.

Special numbers in song were rendered by ladies

quartette of Tulsa First Church, and the mens quartette of Tulsa First Church.

Prayer by Rev. Benjamin Scott, pastor of the Oilton Free Will Baptist Church.

Message by Rev. Carl Hembree. Theme: "Proof of the New Birth." I John 3:14. A good sermon was delivered and three souls, husband, wife and daughter, were saved.

Benediction by Rev. C. C. Wilson.

Wednesday Morning Business Session

Services called to order by Rev. H. E. Staires, Moderator.

Singing led by Rev. Ralph Staten. Pianist, Sis. Betty Watkins.

Devotional reading, Psalm 133, by Rev. H. E. Staires.

Prayer by Rev. E. E. Morris.

Letters called for and read.

Motion carried to receive the letters and seat the delegates.

Motion carried for Moderator and Clerk to appoint a Divine Service Committee. (See Committees.)

Visiting ministers recognized and seated as advisory members.

Rev. E. E. Morris from the First Oklahoma Association spoke for a few minutes concerning the National Association.

Divine Service Committee reported that Rev. Harry Beatty and Rev. E. E. Morris would bring the morning message.

Motion carried to adjourn the business session until 1:15 pm.

Wednesday Morning Worship Service

Service opened with singing led by Bro. J. B. Foster. Pianist, Sis. Elda Foster.

Prayer by Bro. Saddler.

Special song by Bro. J. B. Foster.

Rev. Harry Beatty took the stand reading from I Tim. 6:2; I Cor. 9:13, and Phil. 1:7, using for a subject, "The Doctrine of God." A very inspiring message. Rev. E. E. Morris followed using the same subject. Both messages were food for many hungry souls. An invitation was extended to the lost, with one precious soul returning to the Lord, followed by a handshake of fellowship.

Benediction by Rev. L. A. Wooldridge.

Wednesday Afternoon Business Session

Services opened with singing led by Rev. Ben Scott.
Pianist, Rev. E. M. Kennedy.

Devotional by Rev. N. K. Smith, reading Psalm 8.

Prayer by Rev. W. V. McPhail.

Motion carried that we accept Rev. Harry Beatty into our Association.

Motion carried that we accept Rev. Doyle Dipboyc into our Association.

Motion carried that we accept Rev. E. M. Kennedy into our Association.

Motion carried that we accept Rev. N. R. Smith into our Association.

Motion carried that we accept Rev. Benjamin Scott into our Association.

Election of Officers:

Motion carried that we elect Rev. H. E. Staires as Moderator by acclamation.

Motion carried that we elect Rev. W. V. McPhail as Assistant Moderator.

Motion carried that we elect Rev. L. R. Holmes as Clerk and Treasurer.

Motion carried that we elect Rev. N. R. Smith as Assistant Clerk.

Motion carried that Moderator and Assistant Moderator appoint all committees. (See Committees.)

Motion carried that we elect Rev. Ralph Staten, Rev. John H. West, Rev. Harry Beatty, Rev. Carl Hembree, and Rev. W. E. Warner by acclamation as Credential Committee.

Assistant Moderator read the by-laws of the First Mission Association.

Motion carried that we retain the same Divine Service Committee that we had for the morning service.

Unfinished business called for. (None.)

Motion carried that we accept the report of the Executive Board. (See Reports.)

Board of Trustees report read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Mission report read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Credential Committee report No. 1 read and accepted. James E. Christian for ordination as minister. (See Reports.)

Resolution Committee report No. 1a read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Resolution Committee report No.1b read and accepted.
(See Reports.)

Resolution Committee report No. 2 read and accepted.
(See Reports.)

Credential Committee report No. 2 read and accepted.
(See Reports.)

Credential Committee report No. 3 read and accepted.
(See Reports.)

Credential Committee report No. 4 read and referred back
to the Committee.

Temperance Committee report read and accepted.
(See Reports.)

Obituary Committee report read and accepted. (See
Reports.)

Motion carried that Rev. H. E. Staires bring the mes-
sage for the Memorial Service.

Motion carried that we retain Bro. L. Y. King on the
Board of Trustees.

Motion carried to adjourn the business session until
Thursday morning at 9:00 a.m.

Benediction by D. Arthur Yandell.

Wednesday Night Service

Services opened with singing led by Rev. James Chris-
tian. Pianist, Sis. Elda Foster.

Prayer by Rev. Bert Rogers.

Song, "I'm Getting Ready to Go Home."

Prayer by Rev. Euel Gorman, pastor of Bell Gardens,
California Free Will Baptist Church.

Song, "The Glory Land Way."

Special offering taken to help pay for the new pump.
Amount, \$109.23.

Prayer of thanks by Rev. L. A. Yandell.

Special song by Sis. Phillips, "Mansion Over the Hill-
top."

Special song by Rev. Ed Hobbs, "I Need the Prayers
of Those I Love." Then he took the stand reading from
John 1:15 and John 1:7. Rev. Ralph Staten followed him
reading from Acts 8:34, both using as a subject, "Wit-
nessing for the Lord."

Benediction by Rev. James Timbrook.

Thursday Morning Business Session

Services called to order by Rev. H. E. Staires, Mod-
erator.

Singing led by Rev. Ben Scott. Pianist, Rev. E. M. Kennedy.

Prayer by Sis. Susie Pruitt.

Devotional reading from Psalm 90:1-7 by Assistant Moderator, Rev. W. V. McPhail, followed by a moment of silent prayer by all, then led in prayer by Rev. Jess Stepp.

Minutes read and accepted.

Letter from Grand River Association read and accepted.

Rev. and Sis. Jess Stepp seated as corresponding delegates from the Grand River Association.

Resolution Committee report No. 3 read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Resolution Committee report No. 4 read and accepted with an amendment to the effect that this resolution be added to the constitution. (See Reports.)

The Executive Board was elected as follows: Rev. H. E. Staires, 5 years; Rev. Ralph Staten, 4 years; Rev. Harry Beatty, 3 years; Rev. John H. West, 2 years, and Rev. E. M. Kennedy, 1 year.

Credential Committee report No. 4 read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Credential Committee report No. 5 read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Credential Committee report No. 6 read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Credential Committee report No. 7 read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Credential Committee report No. 8 read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Credential Committee reports No. 9, 10, 11, 12 read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Auditing Committee report read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Youth Camp report read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Woman's Auxiliary report read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Financial report read and tabled until after lunch.

Motion carried that we adjourn until 1:15 p.m.

Benediction by Rev. D. B. Hellard.

Memorial Service

Services called to order by Assistant Moderator, Rev. W. V. McPhail.

Singing directed by Rev. Jess Stepp. Pianist, Rev. E. M. Kennedy.

Prayer by Sis. Marie Roberts.

Special song arranged by Bro. and Sis. J. B. Foster.

After a moment of silent prayer, Rev. W. H. Carter, our oldest minister, led us in prayer.

Rev. H. E. Staires read the names on the Obituary Committee report for the morning Memorial Service.

Special song, "Precious Memories," by Rev. and Sis. E. M. Kennedy.

Rev. H. E. Staires then read from John 14:1, 7 and Rev. 27:1, 7. He dwelled on the fourth verse of the 21st chapter of Rev., "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away." The service was climaxed with the congregation singing, "No Tears In Heaven."

Benediction by Rev. Bert Rogers of Houston, Texas.

Thursday Afternoon Business Session

Services opened by Rev. H. E. Staires, Moderator.

Singing directed by Rev. Ralph Staten. Pianist, Rev. E. M. Kennedy.

Scripture reading by Rev. Doyle Dipboye, Psalm 61.

Prayer by Sis. Elda Foster.

Motion carried that the financial report be accepted on the condition that if there is any misunderstanding in behalf of the General Fund, church clerks contact the Associational Clerk. (See Reports.)

The following League Board was elected: Rev. L. A. Yandell, Rev. E. M. Kennedy, Rev. Doyle Dipboye, Rev. Ben Scott, and Rev. N. R. Smith.

Resolution Committee report No. 5 read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Resolution Committee report No. 6 read and accepted with the amendment to add the word 'Executive' for the word 'Trustee.' (See Reports.)

Resolution Committee report No. 7 read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Motion carried to accept the Resolution Committee's recommendation for all churches to dismiss Sunday night services for the final day of the Camp Meeting.

Resolution Committee reports No. 8, 9, 10 read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Resolution Committee report No. 11 tabled.

Speakers elected for introductory message at the next Association are Rev. Harry Beatty and Rev. Ralph Staten, alternate.

Speaker for the Memorial Service, Rev. W. H. Carter. Sis. Hattie Newman, alternate.

First Quarterly Meeting will convene at the Turley Free Will Baptist Church.

Second Quarterly Meeting called for and set at Lawnwood Free Will Baptist Church.

Third Quarterly Meeting called for and set at Drumright Free Will Baptist Church.

Rev. L. R. Holmes elected to bring introductory message at the first quarterly meeting. Rev. Ralph Brown, alternate.

Rev. N. R. Smith elected to bring introductory message at the second quarterly meeting. Rev. Carl Hembree, alternate.

Rev. Ben Scott elected to bring introductory message at the third quarterly meeting. Rev. Doyle Dipboye, alternate.

Rev. Ben Scott and Rev. Harry Beatty elected as Camp Meeting evangelists.

Motion carried that the League elect their own evangelist with help of the League Board and General Sponsor.

Motion carried that we have the Youth Camp the last full week in June. Date set as June 21, 1954.

Moderator declared a 10 minute intermission.

Bro. Glen Seaton, Sis. Marie Roberts, Sis. Bessie West; Sis. Lucille Beatty, and Sis. Genell Scott were elected as delegates to the State Association which will convene with the Norman Free Will Baptist Church.

Resoluton Committee report No. 12 read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Rev. E. M. Kennedy, Rev. John H. West, and Rev. H. E. Staires were elected as a Home Mission Board to establish new churches as directed by the Association.

Motion carried that the Home Mission Board be paid five cents per mile expenses.

Motion carried to send Sis. Glenara Staires as delegate of this District to the National Association.

Motion carried to list in the minutes under the heading of information, that if any church desires to send a delegate to the State Association, they enclose their name in their letter to the District Association along with \$5.00 fee. Also that the Camp Ground phone number, 1356 W 4, Drumright, Oklahoma, be included under this same head.

Motion carried that we give a standing vote of thanks to Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, L. A. Yandell, Sis. Lottie McLaughlin, and the ladies that worked in the kitchen.

Led in prayer by Rev. Carl Hembree.

Rev. Ralph Staten elected to be Associational reporter.

Partial report of the League Board read and accepted.

(See Reports.)

Motion carried to pay one-half of the expense on the public address system.

Minutes accepted as read and corrected.

Motion carried to adjourn until the next Association.

Benediction by Rev. D. B. Hellard.

REPORTS

Committees and Boards

Obituary:

We, the Obituary Committee, find that God in His loving kindness has called our brothers and sisters.

Lewis Avenue—Sis. Nona Cook, Bro. S. H. Manning, Bro. Earl Young. Lawnwood—Sis. Laura Burton. New Home—Sis. Dora Wilcox. Turley—Bro. C. L. Hudson. Wewoka—Sis. Mary Florence O'Donnell.* Drumright—Rev. B. H. Perkins, Bro. Jess Markem, Bro. Lon Ivers. Silver City—Sis. Mary Armour. Pretty Water—Bro. Matt Warner, Sis. Ford. West Tulsa—Sis. E. P. Stancliff, Bro. Kenneth Lintecum. Cushing—Sis. Sprigg, Bro. Luther Sereason, Sis. Rosa Cook, Sis. Grace Holland, Sis. Nickolson. Blue Bell—Sis. Martha Hellard, Sis. Sarah Howard. Allen—the former pastor of the Allen Church, Rev. L. N. Vail, Sis. Francis Herrington. Tulsa First—Bro. G. R. Steveson, Bro. E. T. Larison, Bro. M. E. Keifer, Sis. Anna Hutton, Sis. Lizzie Hibarger, Sis. Margaret Fisher, Bro. H. W. Taylor, Sis. Sarah Holcomb. Sapulpa First—Bro. Starnes.

*Sis. Mary Florence O'Donnell had 2 preacher sons, 3 deacon sons, 2 preacher grandsons, and 1 great grandson, all Free Will Baptists.

Temperance:

We, your Committee on Temperance, recommend that our preachers and teachers teach that all our people abstain from all intoxicating drink and worldly amusements. "But take heed lest by any means this liberty of

yours become a stumbling block to them that are weak." I Cor. 8:9. "It is good neither to eat flesh nor to drink wine, nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is made weak." Romans 14:21.

Executive Board:

Motion made and carried that the Executive Board and Credential Board enter into joint session with the Moderator of the First Mission Association, upon request of the Lawnwood Free Will Baptist Church. Motion made and carried that the following deacons of the Lawnwood Free Will Baptist Church be seated in this meeting: Bro. Frank Mahair, Bro. A. L. Fipps, Bro. A. H. Boggs, and Bro. F. L. Hargrove. A motion made and carried that we put charges against Gene Winfrey for preaching heresy and allowing heresy preached in the Lawnwood Free Will Baptist Church. Motion made and carried that we ask Gene Winfrey for the Associational books and money, and that they be turned to the clerk of the Executive Board (Rev. L. A. Yandell). Motion made and carried that we adjourn.

August 27, 1952. We, the Executive Board, met, made and approved a contract concerning the dwelling and upkeep of the Camp Ground. A motion made and carried that we retain the same budget plan for the support of our Association. A motion made and carried that we tear down present garage, using the material to erect a tool house. "Amendment" Because present garage is about to fall. A motion made and carried that we adjourn until we see fit to call another meeting.

October 22, 1952. The Executive Board met with the Moderator of First Mission Association. A motion made and carried that Rev. Lonnie Hall and Rev. L. A. Yandell be granted power to get Gene Winfrey's Credentials and the First Mission Association books. If the Lawnwood Church vote to drop the Free Will Baptist name. A motion made and carried that we adjourn.

The Executive Board met this 24th day of November, 1952, at Bristow, Oklahoma, in joint session with the Moderator of the First Mission Association, Rev. H. E. Staires. In the absence of the clerk, Rev. Johnnie J. Postlewaite was appointed clerk by the Board members present. Motion carried that we appoint Rev. C. C. Hood to preach the introductory message at the third Quarterly Meeting to fill the vacancy. Motion carried to have 500 minutes printed. Motion carried that we carry Rev.

Johnnie J. Postlewaite's name in our minutes as our Associational Clerk. Motion carried to approve minutes for publication. Motion carried that the First Mission Association give the Lawnwood Free Will Baptist Church one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to help pay their back indebtedness. Motion carried that a new sign be erected at the entrance of Cemetery at the Camp Grounds. Motion carried to adjourn.

March 28, 1953. The Executive Board, with the Moderator of the First Mission Association, met to organize the First Free Will Baptist Church of Okmulgee, Oklahoma. Rev. and Mrs. John H. West were in charge of the song service. Rev. W. H. Carter brought a wonderful message on church organization. Rev. Harry E. Staires took the lead in the organization service. Rev. John H. West led in the consecration prayer. The council: Rev. Lonnie Hall, Chairman; Rev. L. A. Yandell, Clerk; Rev. Johnnie J. Postlewaite, Member; Rev. Paul Pursell, Member, Rev. W. E. Warner, Member, and Rev. Harry E. Staires, Moderator of the First Mission Association, with other ordained ministers, Rev. John H. West, and Rev. W. H. Carter, and ordained deacons, Bro. R. C. Warren, Bro. E. C. McEntire extended the right hand of fellowship and offered a word of encouragement.

May 1, 1953. The Executive Board met to consider the bill which was forwarded to Rev. Johnnie J. Postlewaite by Rev. John Elliston. A motion made and carried to pay thirty dollars (\$30.00) direct to Joe Mounce on Rev. John Elliston's expense in organizing the Free Will Baptist Church at Okmulgee, Oklahoma. A motion made and carried to start work and build a ten by ten men's rest room at the Camp Ground. A motion made and carried to adjourn.

Executive Board meeting was called to order by Rev. H. E. Staires, Chairman. Prayer led by Rev. W. V. McPhail. Motion carried to hold joint meeting with the League Board to discuss Camp meeting and cafe. Motion carried to accept Bro. Cletis King under the same contract that Rev. J. D. Jackson had (for Caretaker of the Camp Ground for the First Mission Association). Motion carried that we turn the building of the boys showers to Rev. C. C. Hood. Motion carried to meet at Sapulpa, Oklahoma, at Rev. W. E. Wainers', Tuesday night, June 2, 1953, to visit Bro. Rogers. Motion carried to adjourn.

June 30, 1953. League Board and Executive Board met at the Camp Ground in joint session. Opening prayer

led by Rev. McPhail. Same rules for youth camp will be in effect this year as was last year. Allotment for churches for the youth camp have been raised. They are as follows: Tulsa 1st, \$25.00; New Home, \$25.00; Lawnwood, \$25.00; Lewis Avenue, \$25.00; Turley, \$25.00; Drumright, \$25.00; Cushing, \$25.00; Bristow, \$25.00; Oilton, \$25.00; Sapulpa First, \$25.00; Wewoka, \$25.00; West Tulsa, \$15.00; Olive, \$15.00; Allen, \$15.00; Blue Bell, \$15.00; Okmulgee, \$10.00; Liberty, \$10.00; North Heights, \$10.00; Pretty Water, \$10.00; Picher, \$5.00; Silver City, \$5.00. Agreed to see Sis. McLaughlin about cooking for youth camp. Rev. Staires will contact her. A motion carried to give Rev. Yandell authority to notify each church what day to send women to help in cafe. League Board will be responsible for paying teachers and cook out of registration fees. The remainder of fees will go to Executive Board and Executive Board will be responsible for all other expenses during youth camp and association. Motion carried to charge 50 cents for adult plate lunch and 25 cents for a child's half plate. Rev. Paul Pursell turned in his resignation as camp evangelist. Resignation accepted. Rev. Kennedy elected to take his place. Motion carried that this Association give Rev. and Sis. Paul Pursell a letter of recommendation to the First Oklahoma Association. Motion made and carried that we grant the Christian Church the use of our Camp Ground for July 10 to 11. Motion carried that we accept Mrs. Bill Pixley's offer of putting shutters on cafe building. Motion carried to adjourn.

We, the Executive Board of the First Mission Association of Free Will Baptists, met August 10, 1953 at First Mission Camp Ground with four members present: Rev. H. E. Staires, Chairman; Rev. L. A. Yandell, Clerk; Rev. W. E. Warner, and Rev. W. V. McPhail to empower the Board of Trustees of the First Mission Association to take legal steps to protect Associational property against the Civil Suit No. 3289 by Creek Nation, and to sign all legal papers they deem necessary.

August 14, 1953, we, the Executive Board of the First Mission Association, met to give Rev. Lonnie Hall a letter of recommendation to the Grand River Association of Free Will Baptists. Motion carried to give a letter.

Board of Trustees:

We, the Board of Trustees, met at the Camp Ground on August 10, 1953 with four members present and agreed

to hire an attorney to defend us in Civil Case No. 3289. On August 11, 1953, D. B. Hellard and L. Y. King went to Bristow, Oklahoma and hired L. K. Pounder, an attorney, to appear and answer for the defendant, for which D. B. Hellard posted \$25.00 in advance to be paid by the defendant.

We, The Board of Trustees, recommend that one additional acre be allotted to the cemetery on the west side.

Auditing Committee:

We, the Auditing Committee, find the Treasurer's books in excellent condition and recommend that this body give a standing vote of thanks to Rev. Lee Roy Holmes.

Resolutions Committee:

1-a. Be it resolved that the Credential Committee be elected on a five year basis, the present Committee being elected one for five years, one for four years, one for three years, one for two years, one for one year, in the order of their nomination and election.

b. Be it further resolved that each new member elected to the Committee in the future be examined by the Committee then existent, and their election not to be mandatory unless approved by the Committee.

2. Be it resolved that resolution No.1 of the 1949 Association, restricting the Board of Trustees of the Camp Ground from acting except upon direct authorization from the Association, is hereby rescinded. Be it further resolved that the Trustees have full authority to conduct the affairs of the Camp Ground according to the regulations established by the Association for the conduct of the Board.

3. Be it resolved that our Camp Meeting and our Youth Encampment be separated by at least a month. Be it further resolved that we have at least three (3) preaching services per day during the Camp Meeting. Be it further resolved that provisions be made for campers to camp, cook, and eat on the grounds.

4. Be it resolved that the First Mission Association Executive Board be elected on a five year basis. Be it further resolved that the Executive Board elected at this conference be elected one for five years, one for four years, one for three years, one for two years, and one for one year.

5. Be it resolved that the Association elect the League

Board and the League General Sponsor in accordance with the State By-Laws.

6. Be it resolved that this Association authorize the Executive Board to have 26 more seats made for the Tabernacle.

7. Be it resolved that the Camp Meeting begin on Monday night, one week preceeding the Association week and end on Sunday night before the Association. **Recommendation**—We, the Resolutions Committee, recommend that all churches in the Association dismiss their services on the Sunday night of the final service of the Camp meeting and endeavor to bring all the church members to the Camp Meeting.

8. Be it resolved that Rev. L. A. Yandell be given an honorarium of \$50.00 for his services at the cafeteria during the Youth Camp and Association.

9. Be it resolved that since Rev. C. D. Benton has become unorthodox and has established a church of another faith, we revoke his credentials as a Free Will Baptist Minister, and that the Executive Board be empowered to get his credentials.

10. Be it resolved that this Association establish a new church in Coffeyville, Kansas in the near future.

11. Tabled.

12. Be it resolved that this Association elect a Home Mission Board as a permanent feature and that the members hold office for a period of three years. Be it further resolved that the Board elected at this conference be elected one for three years, one for two years, and one for one year. Be it further resolved that this Board be authorized to act for the Association in establishing new churches as directed by the Association when met in yearly or quarterly convention.

Quarterly Meetings

1. Be it resolved that churches having candidates for ordination or license, send request to Quarterly Conference in session prior to examination. Examination date to be set at a date between sessions of the Quarterly Conference by the Credential Committee.

2. Resolved that in the examination of candidates for ordination and license, each question and answer be recorded and filed with the clerk of the Association.

3. Be it resolved that this body give a standing vote of thanks to the First Church for their hospitality and the many conveniences they have afforded us.

4. Be it resolved that the churches of this Association help in lifting the back debts of \$1,653.35 of the Lawn-wood Free Will Baptist Church.

5. Be it resolved that this Quarterly Meeting take up a love offering for the Vail family.

6. Be it resolved that we join the Christians of all Nations in observing the World Day of Prayer by having a season of prayer under direction of the Moderator. It has been requested that we remember the Hellard family in this prayer.

7. Resolved that we establish a new church in Okmulgee, Oklahoma during the next three months.

8. Be it resolved that we give a standing vote of thanks to the Bristow Church for their hospitality in entertaining this convention.

9. Be it resolved that we recommend that we pay Bro. Johnnie Postlewaite \$25.00 for his service as Clerk of this Association for the past year. We further recommend that we give Bro. Postlewaite a standing vote of thanks for his efficient service.

Credential Committee:

A. We have examined Rev. Harry Beatty and have found him sound in doctrine and recommend him to the fellowship of our Association.

B. We have examined Rev. Doyle Dipboye and have found him sound in doctrine and recommend him to the fellowship of our Association.

C. We have examined Rev. E. M. Kennedy and have found him sound in doctrine and recommend him to the fellowship of our Association.

D. We have examined Rev. N. R. Smith and have found him sound in doctrine and recommend him to the fellowship of our Association.

E. We have examined Rev. Benjamin Scott and have found him sound in doctrine and recommend him to the fellowship of our Association.

1. We have examined James E. Christian and recommend him for ordination to the ministry.

2. We have examined Olen Hinesley and recommend him for license to the ministry.

3. We have examined Donnie Jones and recommend him for license to the ministry.

4. We recommend that letters of good standing be given the following ministers who have gone to other District Associations: Brothers J. A. Franklin, Johnnie

Postlewaite, Paul Pursell, Jack Dodson, Lonnie Hall, and Sister Cleo Pursell.

5. We have examined Glen Armstrong and recommend him for ordination as a deacon.

6. We have examined Per.y Bishop and recommend him for ordination as a deacon.

7. We have examined Lewis Saddler and recommend him for ordination as a deacon.

8. We have examined Clyde M. Huey and recommend him for ordination as a deacon.

9. We have examined Foy J. Testerman and recommend him for ordination as deacon.

10. We have exam.ned W. L. Langford and recommend him for ordination as a deacon.

11. We have examined Rupert Coy Keeling and recommend him for ordination as deacon.

12. We have examined Edward Osbourn and recommend him for ordination as a deacon.

13. We have examined Perry Smith and recommend him for ordination as a deacon.

Quarterly Meetings:

1. We have examined Bro. Harold McGuire for deacon and find him sound in the doctrine of the Free Will Baptist denomination and recommend him to be ordained.

2. We have exam ned Bro. Conn J. Saddler for license to preach the Gospel and find him sound in the doctrine of the Free Will Baptist denomination. We recommend that he be given license.

3. We have exam.ned Bro. J. B. Dunn for ordination as deacon and find him sound in the doctrine of the Free Will Baptist denomination and recommend him to be ordained.

4. We, your Credential Committee, beg to report as follows: Rev. Gene Winfrey, Rev. Quint Miller, and Rev. Rupert Furr have left the fellowship of the Free Will Baptist Association, and have surrendered their credentials. We recommend that these credentials be revoked.

5. We have examined Rev. W. V. McPhail and find him sound in doctrine and recommend that he be seated in full fellowship.

6. We have examined Rev. Carl Hembree and find him sound in doctrine of the Free Will Baptist denomination and recommend him to our fellowship.

7. We have examined Rev. Jack Dodson and have found him sound in the doctrine of the Free Will Baptist

denomination and recommend him to our fellowship.

8. We have examined Rev. John Elliston and find him sound in the doctrine of the Free Will Baptist denomination. We recommend him to our fellowship.

9. We recommend that this body license Dorothy Williams to preach the Gospel.

Missions:

The Mission Rally met at the Camp Gorund July 10 for our regular meeting and general election of officers for the coming year.

Rev. C. C. Hood, President; Rev. Perry Smith, Vice-President; Sis Lewis Bohannon, Secretary and Treasurer; Mission Board members are: Rev. D. B. Hellard, Bro. Clarence Holman, and Sis. Holman. Field Worker is Sis. Sadie Fincher. Sick Calls, 1,150. Service hours, 1,175. Bible chapters read, 3,036. Helped needy families, 6. Served bereaved homes, 12. Sympathy cards, 12. Funeral sprays, 3. Flowers for sick, 6. Home calls, 18. Get-well cards, 164. Love offerings, 6. Fruit was sent to 28 aged. Home Missions, \$17.00. Offering on 2 new churches, \$50.00.

First Mission District Auxiliary Convention—1952 - 1953

Number of re-organized Auxiliaries, 1. Number of new Auxiliaries, 2. Number of Auxiliaries, 11. Enlistment work done to win new members—Members making phone calls, 235; members making personal visits, 199; members mailing cards and letters, 72. Number of leaflets and tracts distributed, 1,150. Number young people (14-18 years) in district, 256. Number intermediate boys and girls (9-13 years) in district, 278. Number vacation Bible schools, 5. Number mission study classes, 27. Number stewardship classes conducted, 16. Number of weeks of prayer programs, 12. Total amount of self-denial offerings resulting from week of prayer programs, \$109.88. Number subscribers to F.W.B. papers, 161. Number members engaged regularly in community personal serv.ce, 269. Number members assisting in cottage prayer meetings, 269. Number members making soul winning efforts, 257. Approximate number converts resulting from efforts made, 28. Members distributing trays and baskets to needy, 240. Total amount contributed to local church programs, \$807.48.

The executive committee met in a special called session. Motion carried to pay \$100.00 on general expense of the Camp Grounds.

Woman's Mission District Treasurer's Report
August, 1952 to July, 1953

Paid Out: Co-Laborer, \$280.21. Foreign Missions, \$89.05. Home Missions, \$37.71. National Home Missions, \$60.00. College, \$18.50. Organ for College, \$115.00. Orphanage, \$198.10. Superannuation, \$6.00. Literature, \$116.45. Airport Mission, \$50.00. Lawnwood Church, \$50.00. Flooring of Tabernacle, \$50.00. Camp Meeting Evangelist, \$10.00. Declamation award, \$5.00. State treasurer, \$10.00. Lunch expense to local churches, \$53.00. Local Auxiliaries to their home churches, \$807.48. State and National dues, \$35.40. Tithes to State treasurer, \$28.00. Total, \$2,069.90.

Report of Sunday School Convention:

The First Mission Sunday School Convention was held at the Camp Gorund on August 17, 1953. The convention opened with the theme, "A Thousand More in '54." There were sixteen speakers on the program. Total registering was 75. The following Sunday Schools reported with letters as follows:

| <i>Name</i> | <i>No. Present</i> | <i>Enrollment</i> | <i>Avg. Atten.</i> | <i>Amt. Encl.</i> |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| New Home | 7..... | ..... | 137..... | \$3.00 |
| Wewoka | 3..... | 174..... | 108..... | 3.00 |
| Bristow | 7..... | 152..... | 94..... | 3.00 |
| Pretty Water ... | 4..... | ..... | 50..... | 3.00 |
| Oilton | 15..... | 130..... | 105..... | 3.00 |
| Drumright | 5..... | ..... | 115..... | 3.00 |
| Okmulgee | 8..... | 60..... | 38..... | 1.00 |
| Tulsa First | 8..... | 565..... | 258..... | 3.00 |
| Cushing | 1..... | ..... | ..... | 3.00 |
| Liberty | 6..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Lawnwood | 3..... | 164..... | 150..... | ..... |
| Lewis Avenue ... | 1..... | 154..... | 131..... | ..... |
| Allen | 4..... | 109..... | 82..... | 3.00 |
| Turley | 1..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |

In the business session: A motion sustained that each Sunday School register with \$2.00 in 1954.

Election of Officers: Ernest Kennedy, Harry Staires and John Elliston were elected Board members for the ensuing year.

League Business Day

The Annual League Business Day opened with singing directed by Rev. N. R. Smith. Devotional reading by Charles Mayfield, 23rd Psalm. Prayer by Jim Rushing.

Letters called for, read, and accepted. Minutes read and accepted. Treasurer's report read and accepted. Corresponding secretary's report read and accepted. Resolutions Committee selected as follows: Delores Roberts, Charles Mayfield, and Jean Marie Wooldridge. Auditing Committee selected as follows: Dorothy Williams, Alice Sheridan, and Anna Marie Cunningham. Round table discussion by everyone on "Improvement on Rallies."

Motion carried to adjourn until 1:30 pm.

Benediction by Rev. Harry Beatty.

Morning Worship

Services opened with singing directed by Rev. N. R. Smith. Prayer by Ed Mayfield. Three special quartett numbers.

Rev. H. E. Staires introduced the morning speaker, Rev. Arthur Billows.

Took a love offering for Bro. Billows.

Dismissed.

Afternoon Business Session

Services opened by singing, "Power in the Blood."

Late letters read and accepted. Petitionary letter from Okmulgee read and delegates were give the right hand of fellowship. Election of officers: Rev. N. R. Smith, President; Dorothy Williams, Vice-President; Sue Vail, Recording Secretary; Alice Sheridan, Treasurer; Mary Lou Merchant, Corresponding Secretary; and Bro. Charlie Smith, General Sponsor. Election of Publicity Committee as follows: Rev. H. E. Staires, Mary Lou Merchant, and Rev. L. A. Yandell. Auditing Committee Report read and accepted. The next League Rally placed at Drumright, Oklahoma, October 16, 1953. Dorothy Williams to bring response to the welcome. Rev. E. M. Kennedy will bring the message at the 11:00 service on the next Annual League Business Day.

We the Resolution Committee, recommend:

1. That we have only one officer from each church.
2. That we have a Publicity Committee to advertise our Rallies.
3. That we pay \$100.00 on the new pump.

4. That we pay our utility bills.
5. That each one register with \$5.00 for the Youth Camp year.

| <i>Ministers Reports</i> | <i>Churches pastor'd</i> | <i>Sermons preached</i> | <i>Churches organiz'd</i> | <i>Funerals Conducted</i> | <i>Weddings Perfor</i> | <i>Number baptiz'd</i> | <i>Reviews held ...</i> | <i>Profes's witnesses'd</i> | <i>Miles traveled ...</i> |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Joan Elliston | 1.. | 65.. | .. | .. | 1.. | 10.. | .. | 3.. | 2,500 |
| Ernest M. Kennedy | 1.. | 190.. | 1.. | 10.. | 2.. | 3.. | 2.. | .. | 2,500 |
| N. R. Smith | 2.. | 135.. | .. | 1.. | 2.. | .. | 2.. | 12.. | 3,000 |
| L. R. Holmes | .. | 29.. | .. | .. | 2.. | .. | 1.. | 1.. | 1,669 |
| W. V. McPhail ... | 1.. | 152.. | .. | 5.. | 3.. | .. | 2.. | 15.. | |
| Doyle D. Dipboye . | 1.. | 226.. | 1.. | 4.. | 13.. | 63.. | 7.. | 169.. | 23,000 |
| Ira E. Knapp..... | .. | 26.. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1.. | 5.. | |
| John H. West | 1.. | 240.. | 1.. | 19.. | 14.. | 17.. | 2.. | 50.. | 24,000 |

Financial Report

| Month | Year | Receipts | Pay Outs |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|------------|
| August, | 1952..... | \$ 640.54..... | \$ 222.66 |
| September, | 1952..... | 59.00..... | 602.79 |
| October, | 1952..... | 261.75..... | 286.77 |
| November, | 1952..... | 274.50..... | 217.92 |
| December, | 1952..... | 442.75..... | 399.28 |
| January, | 1953..... | 124.00..... | 88.78 |
| February, | 1953..... | 268.00..... | 307.72 |
| March, | 1953..... | 102.00..... | 268.31 |
| April, | 1953..... | 83.00..... | 93.27 |
| May, | 1953..... | 166.00..... | 194.08 |
| June, | 1953..... | 38.00..... | 28.30 |
| July, | 1953..... | 196.00..... | 20.12 |
| Totals | | \$2,655.54..... | \$2,730.00 |
| Balance brought forward | | 668.90 | |
| Grand total | | \$3,324.44 | |
| Paid out | | 2,730.00 | |
| Balance, July 31, 1953 | | \$ 594.44 | |

REPORTS OF CHURCHES

Allen—

State of religion, good. Members received this year, 20. Number deceased, 1. Number baptized, 11. Active members, 60. Total membership, 145. Condition of prayer meeting and Bible study, good. Condition of Sunday School, good. Average number of pupils, 81. Number of officers, 2. Number of teachers, 7. Paid pastor, \$2,073.85. Paid evangelist, \$75.00. Missions: Home mission, \$112.54; Foreign missions, \$17.28. For building and repair, \$791.61. For education, \$62.68. To orphanage, \$41.00. For publication, \$75.76. Value of church and parsonage, \$7,000.00. Amount enclosed for minutes, \$2.00. For clerk, \$1.00. For General Fund, \$18.00.

Moderator (Rt. 1, Sapulpa, Okla.) Rev. Carl Hembree
Clerk Bertha Rushing

Lewis Avenue—

State of religion, good. Members received this year, 18. Number baptized, 16. Number dismissed, 13. Number died, 3. Total membership, 210. Active members, 108. About 35 inactive in our Church that went with former pastor, 67 others inactive that were already on the inactive list. Condition of prayer meeting, good. Condition of Sunday School, good. Average number of pupils, 131. Number officers, 10. Number of teachers, 11. Financial Report: Paid pastor, \$3,240.00. Evangelist, \$282.68. National Home Missions, \$71.20. Foreign Missions, \$118.02. Building and repairs, \$2,095.59. Bible College, \$210.00. Publications, \$75.00. Camp Ground General Fund, \$101.00. Orphanage, \$60.00. Vacation Bible School, \$108.24. Utility bills, \$385.98. Flowers, \$158.48. Miscellaneous, \$1,782.53. Janitor, \$520.00. Value of church property, \$30,000.00. Raised for all purposes, \$9,208.72. Amount enclosed for minutes, \$5.00. Clerk, \$2.00.

Moderator (1922 N. Lewis Ave., Tulsa) E. M. Kennedy
Clerk Ethel Renegar

Oilton—

State of religion, good. Members received this year, 11. Baptized, 5. Dismissed, 10. Total membership, 126. Condition of prayer meeting, good. Condition of Sunday School, good. Average number of pupils, 105. Number of officers, 10. Number of teachers, 11. Paid pastor, \$3,037.00. Paid evangelist, \$232.00. Home Mission, \$10.00. For-

eign Mission, \$40.00. Building and repair, \$1,254.00. For education and publication, \$400.61. Children's Home, \$25.00. Utilities, \$176.68. Janitor, \$180.00. General fund, \$72.00. Enclosed for minutes, \$5.00.

Moderator Virgil Ansbrooks
Clerk H. R. Sylvester

Cushing—

State of religion, good. Members received this year, 14. Number deceased, 4. Number professions, 10. Number dismissed, 121. Total membership, 110. Condition of prayer meeting, good. Condition of Sunday School, good. Average number of pupils, 122. Number of officers, 9. Number of teachers, 15. Paid pastor, \$2,750.00. Paid evangelist, \$210.76. Missions: Home, \$33.20; Foreign, \$33.20. Building and repair, \$12,833.28. For education, \$181.79. For publication, \$12.00. Value of church, \$50,000.00. Parsonage, \$3,000.00. Enclosed for minutes, \$5.00. Moderator....(1148 E. Main, Cushing) Rev. W. V. McPhail
Clerk Conn J. Saddler

Olive—

State of religion, good. Members received past three months, 2. Total membership, 26. Condition of prayer meeting, good. Condition of Sunday School, good. Average number of pupils, 40. Number of officers, 2. Number of teachers, 5. Enclosed for minutes, \$3.00. Clerk, \$2.00. Moderator (Cushing, Okla.) Rev. J. F. Peterson
Clerk Pauline Keeling

New Home—

State of religion, good. Members received this year, 22. Number deceased, 1. Number dismissed, 7. Total membership, 144. Condition of prayer meeting, fair. Condition of Sunday School, good. Average number of pupils, 137. Number of officers, 5. Number teachers, 11. Paid pastor, \$3,120.00. Paid evangelist, \$149.50. Missions: Home, \$30.00; Foreign, \$30.00. For building and repair, \$308.44. For education, \$149.73. For publication, \$338.23. Value of church property: Church, \$15,000.00. Parsonage, \$3,000.00. Other bills paid out, \$1,609.87. Amount enclosed for minutes, \$5.00. Clerk, \$2.00. Evangelist, \$5.00. Moderator (Rt 9, Tulsa, Okla.) Rev. L. A. Yandell
Clerk Harvey Jones

Wewoka—

State of religion, good. Members received this year, 25. Number baptized, 11. Number dismissed by letter, 11. Number deceased, 1. Resident members, 152. Non-resident members, 82. Condition of prayer meeting, good. Condition of Sunday School, good. Average number of pupils, 108. Number of officers, 25. Condition of league, fair. League average, 36. Average Auxiliary, 15. Value of church property, \$50,000.00. Amount paid pastor, \$3,120.00. Amount for evangelist, \$350.00. Amount for building and repair, \$1,465.55. Amount for incidentals, \$1,347.43. Missions: Home, \$200.00; Foreign, \$70.27. Amount for education, \$70.27. Amount for publication, \$232.60. Amount enclosed for minutes, \$3.00.

Moderator (401 Patton Ave., Wewoka) Rev. Ralph Staten
Clerk Willard W. Evans

Lawnwood—

State of religion, good. Members received this year, 49. Number deceased, 1. Number professions, 34. Number baptized, 9. Number dismissed, 2. Total membership, 110. Condition of prayer meeting, fair. Condition of Sunday School, good. Average number of pupils, 150. Number of officers, 14. Number of teachers, 15. Paid pastor, \$2,480.00. Paid evangelist, \$387.00. For building and repair, \$3,708.17. For education, \$354.77. For publication, \$480.11. Miscellaneous, \$2,999.41. Amount enclosed for minutes, \$5.00. Clerk, \$2.00.

Moderator (516 S. 61st W. Ave., Tulsa) Rev. H. E. Staires
Clerk Cherry Fipps

Liberty—

State of religion, good. Total membership, 44. Condition of prayer meeting, good. Condition of Sunday School, good. Average number of pupils, 35. Number of officers, 2. Number of teachers, 5. Paid pastor, \$610.00. Paid evangelist, \$41.82. Building and repairs, \$29.77. For publication, \$33.63. Amount enclosed for minutes, \$2.00.

Moderator Rev. W. H. Carter
Clerk Nadean Wheeler

Picher—

State of religion, good. Members received this year, 9. Number professions, 6. Number baptized, 5. Number dismissed, 11. Total membership, 30 active: 15 inactive.

Condition of prayer meeting, fair. Condition of Sunday School, good. Average number of pupils, 70. Number of officers and teachers, 9. Paid pastor, \$290.90. Paid evangelist, \$69.49. Paid janitor, \$156.00. Miscellaneous, \$322.32. Literature, \$55.79. Flowers, \$66.50. Orphanage, \$85.18. Building and repairs, \$582.95. Amount enclosed, \$1.00 for clerk.

Moderator Rev. F. E. Crain
 Clerk Beulah Owens

West Tulsa—

State of religion, good. Members received, 3. Members deceased, 2. Dismissed by letter, 3. Total membership, 33. Condition of prayer meeting, good. Condition of Sunday School, average. Number of pupils, 50. Number of officers, 3. Number of teachers, 7. Paid pastor, \$2,115.00. For education, \$68.71. Value of church property, \$4,500.00. Enclosed: \$3.00 for minutes; \$2.00 for clerk; \$15.00 for June, July and August General Fund.

Moderator (1716 E Latimer St., Tulsa) Rev. Ralph Brown
 Clerk Nora Sanford

Bristow—

State of religion, good. Members received this year, 23. Number baptized, 9. Number dismissed by letter, 3. Resident members, 91. Non-resident members, 30. Total membership, 121. Condition of prayer meeting, good. Condition of Sunday School, good. Average number of pupils, 91. Number of officers, 14. Condition of league, fair. League membership, 25. Condition of auxiliary, good. Auxiliary membership, 17. Value of church property, \$10,000.00. Amount paid pastor, \$2,840.00. Amount paid evangelist, \$384.86. Amount for building and repairs, \$1,862.92. Amount for incidentals, \$773.84. Missions: Foreign, \$32.70; Home, \$98.47. Amount for education, \$114.66. Amount for publications, \$277.73. Amount of budget money paid, \$5,981.78. Amount enclosed for minutes, \$5.00. For clerk, \$1.00.

Moderator (Box 997, Bristow) Rev. N. R. Smith
 Clerk Mildred Mounce

Pretty Water—

State of religion, good. Members received this year, 18. Number of deceased, 2. Number baptized, 3. Number dismissed, 30. Total membership, 32. Condition of prayer

meeting, good. Condition of Sunday School, fair. Average number of pupils, 50. Number of officers, 8. Teachers, 7. Paid pastor, \$1,391.75. Paid janitor, \$80.00. Paid evangelist, \$66.70. Orphanage, \$115.06. General Fund, \$60.00. Mission, \$48.00. College, \$30.00. Student aid, \$15.00. Value of church property, \$2,750.00. For education and publication, \$70.67. Miscellaneous, \$338.72. Enclosed for minutes, \$3.00. For clerk, \$2.00. For general fund, \$15.00.

Moderator Rev. H. E. Staires
 Clerk Gladys Cutsinger

Tulsa First—

State of religion, good. Members received, 51. Members dismissed by letter, 15. Members deceased, 8. Resident members, 417. Non-resident members, 37. Total membership, 454. Condition of prayer meeting, good. Condition of Sunday School, good. Average attendance, 258. Condition of league, fair. Average attendance, 40. Condition of auxiliary, good. Value of church property, \$70,000.00. Church budget, \$17,000.00. Budget for next year, \$21,000.00. Enclosed \$5.00 for minutes.

Moderator (833 N. Utica, Tulsa) Rev. John H. West
 Clerk Lloyd Barnes

Blue Bell—

State of religion, good. Members received past year, 9. Baptized, 4. Dismissed, 2. Died, 2. Total membership, 71 active; 47 inactive. Condition of prayer meeting, good. Condition of Sunday School, good. Average number of pupils, 55. Number of officers, 3. Number of teachers, 5. Paid pastor, \$1,200.00. Paid evangelist, \$194.35. Foreign mission, \$27.50. Building and repairs, \$265.00. For education, \$55.00. For publication, .00. Enclosed for minutes, \$2.00.

Moderator (Rt 1, Sapulpa) Rev. Richard Shade
 Clerk Mary Myrick

Okmulgee—

Total membership, 28. Organized March 28, 1953 with 13 charter members. Number baptized, 9. Average attendance at prayer meeting, 19. Average attendance in Sunday School for the past three months, 38. Amount paid for missions, \$69.94. Amount paid for rent and supplies, \$156.89. Amount paid for maintenance, \$11.29. Paid

pastor, \$170.00. Amount paid for pulpit supply, \$15.00. Enclosed, \$3.00 for minutes: \$2.00 for clerk.

Moderator (108 S. Seminole, Okmulgee) Rev. John B. Elliston: Clerk Betty Conway

North Heights—

State of religion, good. Condition of Sunday School, good. Condition of prayer meeting, good. Number of officers, 6. Number of teachers, 4. Paid pastor, \$300.17. Paid evangelist, \$117.95. Insurance, \$54.50. Orphanage, \$60.00. General fund, \$36.00. Flowers, \$42.80. Paid on new church, \$1,081.83. Amount enclosed \$3.00 for minutes, \$2.00 for clerk.

Moderator (Rt 1, Sapulpa) Rev. Sam Gober
Clerk Opal Gober

Turley—

Members received, 4. Baptized, 2. Dismissed, 12. Number died, 1. Total membership, 115. Sunday School: average number of pupils, 90; number of officers, 7; number of teachers, 10. Paid pastor, \$3,120.00. Paid evangelist, \$300.00. For building and repairs, \$35.00. Publications, \$400.00. Amount enclosed for minutes, \$8.00.

Moderator (Box 98, Turley) Rev. Doyle Dipboye
Clerk Herbert Fowler

Sapulpa First—

State of religion, good. Members received this year, 6. Number dismissed by letter, 2. Number deceased, 1. Total membership, 85. Condition of prayer meeting, good. Condition of Sunday School, good. Average number of pupils, 60. Number of officers and teachers, 10. Amount paid pastor, \$1,950.00. Amount paid evangelist, \$134.19. Amount for building and repair, \$79.06. Home missions, \$7.87. Amount for incidentals, \$435.05. Amount for education, \$12.10. Amount for publications, \$55.26. Amount enclosed for minutes, \$3.00. For clerk, \$2.00. Enclosed for general fund, \$15.00. Paid out insurance, \$23.04.

Moderator (915 N Ridgeway, Sapulpa) Rev W. E. Warner
Clerk Bessie Whitehead

Silver City—

State of religion, good. Members received this year, 2. Condition of prayer meeting, good. Condition of Sunday School, good. Average number of pupils, 52. Number of

teachers, 6. Paid pastor, \$607.90. Paid evangelist, \$126.85. Amount enclosed: \$5.00 for general fund, \$3.00 for minutes.

Moderator Walter McBroom
Clerk Bill Null

Drumright—

State of religion, good. Total membership, 175. Number united, 25. Condition of prayer meeting, good. Condition of Sunday School, good. Average number of pupils, 110. Number of officers, 9. Number of teachers, 10. Paid pastor, \$2,700.00. Paid evangelist, \$100.00. First Mission Association, \$68.00. Orphanage, \$180.00. Building and repairs, \$5,260.41. Utilities, \$286.53. Janitor, \$300. Value of church property, \$15,000.00. Value of parsonage, \$4,500.00. Enclosed: \$5.00 for minutes, \$2.00 for evangelist, \$1.00 for clerk.

Moderator (139 E Drumright St., Drumright) Rev. Harry Beatty: Clerk (pro tem) Perry Smith

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 all 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 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 Saviour Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake 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.

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.

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 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 Testament are the infallible Word of God, and the only safe rule of faith and practice. II Tim. 3:16; II 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; I 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 Saviour 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. The 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 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 everyone in his 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. I Cor. 15:28; I 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 this 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; I 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; I Peter 3:21.

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

CONSTITUTION

From long experience, we are convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches to perpetuate our union and to maintain a correspondence among our churches.

Therefore we have adopted the following Constitution and By-Laws for our government.

1. This shall be called The First Mission Association.

2. This Association shall be composed of such well regulated Free Will Baptist Churches, maintaining Gospel Order, agreeing with the denomination in doctrine and practices, favoring the enterprises that have been endorsed by this Association.

3. The acting members of this Association shall be the ministers, ministers' wives, deacons, and the church clerks belonging to any church composing this body, also three

delegates from each church chosen by the members of their respective churches.

4. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, an Assistant Clerk, and an Executive Board composed of five members. The board members to be elected each year. A Board of Trustees to be elected so as to require one to be elected each year. The Trustees shall be elected by and be subject to the Association. They shall act as custodians of all property belonging to the Association, and shall sign all legal papers when authorized by the Association to do so. All officers shall hold office until their successors are elected.

5. The property of any church in this Association that should go down until they cannot transact business because they are disorganized, shall become the property of the Association and the Executive Board has power to execute legal papers for the property.

6. This Association shall meet annually at such time and place as shall be decided upon by the Association, also meet in regular quarterly meetings and at such quarterly meetings shall have power to transact all business of the Association except to change the Constitution.

7. This Association may be called together by the Moderator by giving the churches ten days' notice of such meetings.

8. This Constitution may be changed at any yearly meeting by a two-thirds majority of members voting.

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 a quorum is present.

4. Visiting brethren are invited to sit as advisory members.

5. Those who speak shall arise and address the Moderator. Personal reflections shall be avoided in all debates.

6. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and a vote taken.

7. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded.

8. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special 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 majority of the members voting.

11. Any minister opposed to any of the enterprises endorsed by this 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 ensure two or more sermons or their equivalent devotional exercises each day.

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 of delegates.
5. Election of officers.
6. Petitionary letters called for.
7. Reading Rules of Order.
8. Inviting visiting brethren to seat in council.
9. Appointment of Committees.
10. Unfinished business.
11. New business.
12. Report of committees.
13. Miscellaneous business.

LETTER TO ASSOCIATION

To the of Free Will
Baptists when convened with the Church
at, 19.....

We send as delegates our beloved brethren:
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..... who we
pray you to receive to sit with you in your deliberations.

State of religion,; members received this
year; No. deceased; No. professions;
No. baptized; No. dismissed; total member-
ship; condition of prayer meeting; con-
dition of Sunday School; average No. pupils
.....; No of officers; No. of teachers; paid
pastor \$.....; paid evangelist \$.....; Missions:
home \$.....; foreign \$.....; for building and re-
pairs \$.....; for education \$.....; for publication
\$.....; value of church property: church \$.....;
parsonage \$.....; amount enclosed for minutes \$.....

Pastor's name and address:
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Names and addresses of ordained ministers belonging
to our church:
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Names and addresses of ordained deacons belonging
to our church:
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Done by order of Church assembled
in conference this day of, 19.....

Moderator Add.

Clerk Add.

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