

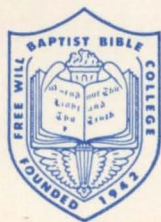
MINUTES -

First Mission Association OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

1956

**Proceedings of the
29th ANNUAL SESSION**

**OLD MINISTER'S HOME—CAMP GROUND
Drumright-Sapulpa Highway
At Sub-Station**



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented By

Rev. Ernest Harrison

First Mission Association Of Free Will Baptists

OFFICERS

Rev. Harry E. Staires	Moderator
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The next session of the First Mission Association will be held at the Old Minister's Home Camp Grounds (between Sapulpa and Drumright on Highway 33) Tuesday night, August 20, 1957.

INTRODUCTORY MESSAGE: Rev. L. A. Yandell and Rev. Robert Duck as Alternate.

MONDAY, August 19—Sunday School Convention.

TUESDAY, August 20—Woman's Auxiliary Day.

FIRST QUARTERLY CONFERENCE convenes at The Tulsa First Church, 835 North Utica, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Thursday night before the third Sunday in November, 1956.

INTRODUCTORY MESSAGE: Rev. L. A. Yandell and Rev. Doyle Dipboye as Alternate.

SECOND QUARTERLY CONFERENCE: Convenes at the Lewis Avenue Church, 1928 North Lewis, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in February, 1957.

INTRODUCTORY MESSAGE: Rev. Robert Duck and Rev. Elda Foster, as Alternate.

THIRD QUARTERLY CONFERENCE: Convenes at the Drumright Church at 139 East Drumright, Drumright, Oklahoma, Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in May, 1957.

INTRODUCTORY MESSAGE: Rev. Harry E. Staires and Rev. Alfred Coursey as Alternate.

Rev. Melvin Bingham was elected to bring the Memorial Message for 1957, and Rev. G. H. Johnson was elected as alternate.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Paul E. Purcell	Term Expires	1961
Willard C. Day	Term Expires	1960
E. J. Wilson	Term Expires	1959
Harry E. Staires	Term Expires	1958
Homer Young	Term Expires	1957

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Rev. Carl C. Hood	Term Expires	1961
Rev. Melvin Bingham	Term Expires	1960
Rev. Conn Sadler	Term Expires	1959
L. Y. King	Term Expires	1958
Rev. W. E. Warner	Term Expires	1957

CREDENTIAL BOARD

Rev. Doyle Dipboye	Term Expires	1961
Rev. Willard C. Day	Term Expires	1960
Rev. John H. West	Term Expires	1959
Rev. James Christian	Term Expires	1958
Rev. G. H. Johnson	Term Expires	1957

LEAGUE BOARD

Rev. Willard C. Day	Term Expires	1961
Rev. Paul E. Pursell	Term Expires	1960
Rev. Doyle Dipboye	Term Expires	1959
Rev. L. A. Yandell	Term Expires	1958
Rev. Robert Duck	Term Expires	1957

HOME MISSION BOARD

Rev. D. B. Hellard	Term Expires	1959
Rev. Harry E. Staires	Term Expires	1958
Rev. Carl C. Hood	Term Expires	1957

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

Rev. James Christian	Term Expires	1961
Rev. Don Jones	Term Expires	1960
Rev. L. A. Yandell	Term Expires	1959
Rev. Roy Bingham	Term Expires	1958
Rev. Melvin Bingham	Term Expires	1957

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: Doyle D'pboye, Willard C. Day, D. B. Hellard, Robert Duck and Don Jones.

PULPIT COMMITTEE: Daisy Merchant, Minnie Chapman, Elsie Keller, H. B. Walker and James Johnson.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE: Elda Foster, Eula Mae Yocham, Madge Phelps, Eula Ausbrook and Cleo Sawyer.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE: Roy Bingham, Willis Walker, L. A. Wooldridge, Roy Hearon and Cleo Purcell.

AUDITING COMMITTEE: Myrl Wilson, Mable Wooldridge and Virginia Johns.

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ASSOCIATIONAL PROCEEDINGS

The twenty-ninth annual session of The First Mission Association of Free Will Baptists met August 21, 1956 at the Old Minister's Home and Camp Grounds for the Introductory Service. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Melvin Bingham. Singing was led by Raymond Lee with Lavern Lee as pianist. The congregation was led in prayer by Rev. F. E. Crain. Devotional service was conducted by Moderator, and a Trio composed of Elda Foster, Ed Mayfield and Don Campbell sang, "It is no Secret." Lavern Lee was pianist.

The Moderator recognized eight present who attended the first session of the First Mission Association 29 years ago. Robert and June Duck of Oilton sang, "Jesus Passed By."

Rev. Ralph Brown was introduced by the Moderator to bring the Introductory message. He used Luke 11:38-42 for the scripture reading, and for his subject, "What We Need." After this most timely message the benediction was led by Rev. Willard C. Day.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

Meeting was opened with singing directed by R. B. Condry and Helen Day, pianist. Rev. Roy Bingham read for the Devotional, Psalms 46:10, after which Rev. W. H. Carter led in prayer.

The Constitution was read by the Moderator, and letters were called for and read from 24 churches. Motion carried to receive the letters and seat the delegates. Motion carried to permit North Heights delegates to prepare letter for their Church, due to the original letter being lost in the mail.

Rev. Harry E. Staires was elected Associational Moderator, and Rev. Melvin Bingham, assistant.

Letter from North Heights Church was read and motion carried to receive the letter and seat the delegates.

Motion carried to elect Rev. E. J. Wilson by acclamation as Associational Clerk and Treasurer.

Motion carried to elect Cherry Fipps by acclamation as As-

sistant Clerk.

Motion carried that Moderator and Assistant appoint all committees. Committees Appointed:

PULPIT COMMITTEE: Daisy Merchant, Minnie Chapman, Elsie Keller, H. B. Walker and James Johnson.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE: Doyle Dipboye, Willard C. Day, D. B. Hellard, Robert Duck and Don Jones.

Pulpit Committee reported Rev. Elze Yandell and Rev. Earnest M. Kennedy would bring the eleven o'clock messages.

Motion carried to adjourn business until 1:30 p. m. Rev. Homer Young led the dismissal prayer.

The eleven o'clock worship service was opened with congregational singing directed by R. B. Condry, with Elda Foster, pianist. Prayer was led by Rev. Carl Himbree, after which the Moderator introduced Rev. Elza Yandell (of the Roberts McGee Assn.) and Rev. Earnest M. Kennedy (of the First Oklahoma Assn.) Rev. Yandell took the stand reading the first and second verses of Second Peter the third chapter. For his subject he used "God's Reminder." Rev. Kennedy followed using the same subject. Both were wonderful messages. Benediction by Rev. Willis Walker.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Session was opened with singing directed by R. B. Condry and Elda Foster, pianist. Moderator read the 25th Psalm for the scripture lesson, and prayer was led by Rev. L. A. Wooldridge.

OTHER COMMITTEES APPOINTED: Obituary Committee: Elda Foster, Eula Mae Yocham, Madge Phelps, Eula Ashbrook, and Cleo Sawyer. Temperance Committee: Roy Bingham, Willis Walker, L. A. Wooldridge, Roy Hearon and Cleo Purcell. Auditing Committee: Myrl Wilson, Mable Wooldridge and Virginia Johns.

Visiting Ministers recognized were: Rev. Elza Yandell from New Harmony Church of The Roberts McGee Assn. Rev. Yandell states that he is one of the four living members who helped organize the State Association of Free Will Baptists. Rev. Earnest M. Kennedy our State Executive Secretary and Treasurer was also present.

Rev. Doyle Dipboye was elected to Credential Board as five year man. Term expires 1961.

Annual report of Sunday School Board was read by the Clerk and motion carried to receive the report.

Rev. Don Jones was elected by acclamation to Sunday School Board. Term expires 1960.

Rev. James Christian was elected by acclamation to Sunday School Board. Term expires 1961.

Credential Reports: 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 read and accepted. (See reports).

Credential Reports of Credential Board Meeting: Items No. 1,

2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 read and accepted. (See reports).

Motion carried that Paul Argo be ordained to the Ministry.

Motion carried to accept the resignation of Rev. Ralph Brown as member of the Credential Board.

Rev. Willard C. Day was elected by acclamation to Credential board. Term expires 1960.

Motion carried to accept the report of the Obituary Committee.

Pulpit Committee reports: Rev. Homer Young and Rev. Roy Hearon as speakers for the evening service.

League report was read, and motion was sustained to accept report item by item. Item No. 1 was for Youth Camp Sponsor (Raymond Lee was elected). Item No. 2 accepted. Item No. 3 accepted. Item No. 4 accepted (Resolution). Item No. 5 accepted. Item No. 6 accepted. Item No. 7 accepted.

Motion carried to adjourn until 9 A. M. Thursday.

Rev. Clint Fincher led in the benediction.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE

Opened with singing directed by Raymond Lee with La Verne Lee as pianist. Prayer was led by Rev. James Christian. Congregational singing and prayer by Sadie Fincher.

Rev. Willis Walker was in charge of the devotional service. Speakers were introduced by Moderator, and Rev. Homer Young took the stand leading the congregation in "Amazing Grace." Prayer was led by Rev. Paul Purcell. Scripture lesson was taken from Josh. 7:19-26, using for a subject "When Sin Won the Battle." Rev. Roy Hearon followed with prayer and used the same subject.

Rev. Wilbur Underwood led in the benediction.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened by moderator with Norma Finamore directing song and Kathryn Harris, pianist. Rev. Earnie Deeds read John 12: 20-21 for devotional and led in prayer. Minutes through Wednesday evening service were read and approved.

Letter from Stroud church was read and motion carried to receive the letter and seat the delegates.

Motion carried that Resolution No. 1 be tabled until Credential Board can be present.

Motion carried that resolution No. 2 be returned to the resolution committee.

Motion carried to accept Auditing Committee report.

Motion carried to accept Youth Camp directors report.

Motion carried to accept Ministers report by Rev. J. H. West.

Motion carried to accept Woman's Auxiliary report.

Motion carried to elect by acclamation Rev. C. C. Hood to the Board of Trustees. Term expiring 1961.

Motion carried to elect Rev. Doyle Dipboye to the League

Board, for an unexpired term ending 1959.

Rev. D. B. Hellard was elected to Home Mission Board for an unexpired term which expires 1959.

Motion carried to place quarterly meetings. For placements and introductory speakers see page one.

Visiting Brethren recognized were: Rev. Bill Kechum of the Grand River Assn., and Rev. Edd Sunday of the Eureka Assn.

Motion carried to adjourn until 1 P. M. Benediction prayer was led by Rev. Bill Ketchum.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Opened with singing directed by Rev. Don Jones with Sis. Harris the pianist. Prayer was led by Rev. E. J. Wilson. Rev. Paul Inbody, (pastor of The Good Springs Church, Pleasant View, Tenn.) sang as a solo, "Wonderful Peace." Sis. Harris the pianist.

Rev. W. H. Carter was introduced by the Moderator. Rev. Carter had Rev. L. A. Yandell to read for him the fourth chapter of first Thess. The congregation sang upon the request of Rev. Carter, "In the Sweet By and By," then he led in prayer. The subject of this memorial message, "Looking Too Far in the Future." This service was climaxed with the congregation singing "Hallelujah We Shall Rise." Closing prayer led by Rev. Alfred Coursey.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened with singing directed by Rev. Don Jones and Elda Foster, pianist. The Moderator read from 2 John for the Devotion, and Rev. Carl Hembree led in prayer.

Credential Reports No. 6 and 7 read and accepted. (See report).

Resolution No. 1 accepted. (See resolutions).

Resolution No. 2 read and motion carried to table same until Credential Committee can be present.

Motion carried to elect the following by acclamation as delegates to the State Association: Cherry Fipps, Pauline Johns, John Clay, Virginia Johns, Helen Day, Ethel Armstrong, Bessie Staires, Lana Oliver, Amy Belle Wilson, Joy Lou Yandell, Marie Coursey, Ida Barnard, Eula Mae Yocham, Lela Dipboye, Ann Thrasher, Verla O'berg, Gladys Héaron, June Duck, Mary Mounce, Glenara Staires, Flossie Hellard, Lela Smith, Myrl Wilson, Gladys Wagner and Bessie West.

Rev. L. A. Yandell was elected to bring the Introductory Message to the next Association and Rev. Robert Duck, alternate.

Rev. Melvin Bingham was elected to bring the Memorial Message for 1957 Association. Rev. G. H. Johnson, alternate.

Motion carried that Rev. W. H. Carter be exempted from paying insurance on his cabin.

Letter to the Executive Board of the First Mission Association of Free Will Baptists:

In as much as I have accepted the pastorate of the Free Will Baptist Church in Kirksville, Missouri, I hereby offer my resignation as member of the executive board.

It has been a pleasure to serve with you in this capacity. I would also like to express my appreciation to the First Mission Association, for their fellowship during the two years I have been in the state of Oklahoma. May the Lord bless you in the work.

Respectfully submitted
Rev. Woodrow Matthews

P. S. After August 13, my address will be 502 West Elizabeth Street, Kirksville, Mo.

Report of the Executive Board read (including the drilling and expense of the new water well) and accepted.

Motion carried to accept the resignation of Rev. John H. West as a member of the Executive Board.

Rev. Paul Purcell was elected to Executive Board for the term expiring in 1961.

Rev. Homer Young was elected to serve the unexpired term of Rev. John H. West as a member of the Executive Board for the term expiring in 1957.

Rev. E. J. Wilson was elected to serve the unexpired term of Rev. Ben Scott, as a member of the Executive Board, which expires in 1959.

Motion carried to accept the \$100 gift of Ida Holman to be applied to the expense of the new water well.

Further pledges and an offering was taken by Rev. Melvin Bingham, and Rev. Harry E. Staires: which would be a sufficient amount to cover the indebtedness of the New Water Well.

Credential Reports Numbers 8, 9, 10 were accepted.

Motion carried that resolution No. 2 be tabled until next annual meeting.

Motion carried that no licensed Minister be allowed to pastor churches in this Association, and that if he be called as pastor, he be examined for ordination.

Motion carried that this Association forward to Rev. Roy Thomas of Artesia, New Mexico, the action taken by this association against Gene Winfrey for preaching and allowing heresay preached in the Lawnwood Free Will Baptist Church of this Association, and that we have in our possession the credentials that Gene Winfrey at one time held as an ordained minister for the Free Will Baptist.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Rev. Don Jones led in the benediction prayer.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT: From the minutes of the Executive Board Clerk; We find they met ten times this year for the purpose of transacting business.

Revival was sponsored by the Executive Board; which was responsible for the organization of the Coffeyville, Kansas, church. The organization took place October 7, 1955.

Several trips were made to and from Coffeyville in establishing this new work and settling business transactions toward a loan to the Coffeyville Church from the First Mission Association of one thousand five hundred eighty six and 30-100 dollars. (\$1,586.30).

A number of items of business were transacted in the care of our Camp Ground, including: the hiring of a care taker, getting new piano, hiring carpenters, and sponsoring a work day at the camp, and the drilling of a new water well. A new sign also was placed at the entrance of the grounds.

Organization of another Free Will Baptist church was held at Sapulpa, Oklahoma, May 18, 1956. It was named the South Side Church and Rev. W. E. Warner was elected pastor.

Upon the request of the Pretty Water Free Will Baptist Church the Board met with them for the purpose of conducting their business conference for the election of church officers.

Humbly Submitted,
Your Executive Board

THE CREDENTIAL BOARD REPORT: Credential Board meeting August 14, 1956 was called to order by Rev. John H. West, and prayer by Rev. Jim Christian. Items of business were as follows: 1. We examined Joe Slaten, and we have found him sound in doctrine. We recommend him to be licensed for one year to preach the Gospel. 2. We examined James N. Cearley, and found him sound in doctrine. We recommend him to be licensed for one year to preach the gospel. 3. We examined Art Rickner and recommend him to be licensed for one year to preach the Gospel. 4. We examined John L. Wood and recommend him to be licensed for one year to preach the Gospel. 5. We examined Robert E. Spenser, and recommend him to be licensed for one year to preach the gospel. 6. We examined L. E. Harris and recommend him to be ordained for deacon. 7. We examined George F. Repsher and recommend him to remain on trial for deacon an additional six months. 8. We examined Cecil Qualls and recommend that he remain on trial for deacon for an additional six months, applying himself to the study of Free Will Baptist doctrine, and qualifications of a deacon. 9. We have examined Roy Woltrip and we recommend him to be ordained for deacon.

REPORTS OF THIS ASSOCIATION: 1. We have examined Bro. Alfred Coursey and find him sound in doctrine and recommend him for membership into this Association. 2. We examined Homer Young and find him sound in doctrine and recommend him for membership into this Association. 3. We examined Roy Hearon and find him sound in doctrine and recommend him for membership in this Association. 4. We have examined E. J. Wilsen and found him sound in doctrine, and recommend him for membership in this Association. 5. We have examined the organization of the South Side Free Will Baptist Church of Sulpula and find it in order and recommend its acceptance to the First Mission Association. 6. We have examined Willis Walker and find him sound in doctrine and recommend him to be ordained. 7. We recommend that previous action relative to the ordination of Robert Miller as deacon be recinded. This is a request of the Turley First Church. 8. We the Credential Committee ask the Association to permit us to meet at a later date to examine 4 deacons and pass on them. 9. We examined Gene Clay and find him sound in doctrine and recommend that he be licensed to preach the Gospel. 10. We examined Ernie Deeds for ordination as Minister of the Gospel and recommend that he apply himself to the study of Free Will Baptist Doctrine for one year.

Signed: COMMITTEE

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WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT: To the First Mission Association. From August 1, 1955 to August 1, 1956.

1. Enlistment Department: Enrollment at beginning of year 255. Present enrollment 272. New members 69 with a total of 18 Auxiliaries in the District.

2. Youth Department: Has 6 GTA organizations and 3 BA organizations. Assisting in 13 Vacation Bible Schools, and 6 Bible students assisted.

3. Study Course Department: Shows 20 weeks of prayer conducted. 49 family altars, 49 souls being won, and 213 subscribers to Free Will Baptist papers.

New Officers for Coming Year: President, Lela Crow; Vice President, Cherry Fipps; Recording Secretary, Bertha Rushing; Assistant Recording Secretary, Wanda Collins; Treasurer, Bertha Keiffer; Youth Chairman, Joy Yandell; Study Course, Wilma Mills; Program and Prayer, Verdun Bingham; Personal Service, Gay Beveridge.

Treasurer's Report of the Woman's Auxiliary from August

17, 1955 to August 21, 1956:

Receipts:

Co-Laborer Fund	\$ 421.50
Home Missions	90.56
Foreign Missions	84.60
National Home Missions	34.05
Orphanage	73.45
Visual Aid	27.00
Equipment for Cafe	60.00
Convention Dues	87.90
Tithes	210.18
Literature	177.45
Offerings	52.57
News Sheet and Contact	20.50
Lunch	27.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$1,366.55

Disbursements:

Co-Laborer Fund	\$ 421.50
Home Missions	90.56
Foreign Missions	84.69
National Home Missions	34.05
Orphanage	73.45
Visual Aid	27.00
Convention Dues	58.60
Tithes	19.22
Literature	177.45
News Sheet and Contact	20.50
Lunch	25.00
Andy Jensen Co. Kitchen Equipment	53.65
Boodner Van Co. Silverware	68.85
Lumber and paint for cabinet at camp ground	57.19
Virginia Johns printing of programs	10.14
Joyce Mounce, Stewardship contestant award	5.00
W. D. A. Treasurer postage, etc.	1.56
State Treasurer Declamation Contestant	15.00
Wanda Collins, printing programs, postage	13.24
Registration cards	8.16
Wanda Collins printing programs, etc.	13.35
Lona Oliver expense	1.38
Cherry Fipps expense	2.67

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$1,287.21

BALANCE ON HAND \$385.14

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT: We, the auditing committee have audited the books of the First Mission Association Treasurer, and find them in order. Myrl Wilson, Virginia Johns and Mable Wooldridge, members.

LEAGUE RALLY REPORT: To The First Mission Association when convened at the Camp Grounds on August 22, 1956. We wish to report the results of our business meeting on Saturday, August 18, 1956. Officers elected for the following year are: President, Everett Ray Keiffer; Vice President, Ronnie Jones; Recording Secretary, Barbara Staires; Corresponding Secretary, Retha Keiffer; Treasurer, Peggy Cox; Song Leader, Charles Biggs; Pianist, Mary Alice Young.

We recommend to the Association: Camp Director, Charlie Smith; second choice for camp director, Rev. Robert Duck. Motion made and carried that we elect our sponsors of dormitories at the last quarterly meeting. Resolutions made by League Convention: Be it resolved that the youth encampment be extended to a ten (10) day period; with the yearly league convention day being conducted the first Friday of Youth Encampment. Resolved that the boys rest room facilities be either repaired or replaced. Resolved that a planned recreation program and better recreation facilities be provided. Motion made and carried that a committee of five (5) be elected. They were as follows: Rev. L. A. Yandell, chairman, June Duck, Bob Duck, Rev. Paul Pursell, Rev. Doyle D'pboye. Be it resolved that if the fee of enrollment is raised we then recommend that the local church pay a certain percentage toward the expense.

Motion made and carried to turn all youth encampment receipts to the First Mission Association, and let them pay all youth encampment expenses. The remaining amount, if there be any, be contributed to the First Mission Association Treasurer as a gift from the First Mission League Convention.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD REPORT: The board met a total of eight times. Recommendations, action, and result as follows: That two Sunday School Clinics be established, one on the east side, and one on the west side of the Association. Recommended subjects were: 1. Sunday School Administration. 2. Visitation. 3. Records. 4. Duties of the teacher. 5. Duties of the superintendent.

The first school was held January 23-27 at the New Home Church. Teachers were Ralph Horton, Bessie Staires, Robert Duck, John West and Harry Staires. It was agreed that one must attend four out of the five scheduled nights to receive a certificate. A total of 106 were enrolled, plus 34 in the nursery department. There were 59 certificates awarded.

The second school was held at Drumright, February 13-17.

Teachers were L. A. Yandell, Jim Christian, Cleo Pursell and Ernest Harrison. This second school had an enrollment of 91 with 54 receiving certificates. Total enrollment for the two schools was 197. Total certificates given was 113. Total expense incurred for the schools was \$32.12. Free Will offerings at school was \$37.47. Leaving a balance of \$5.35.

Program outline for the Sunday School Day was prepared and necessary arrangements made. Theme for the day was "Winning the lost thru the Sunday School." Teachers were Lynn Hamilton, L. A. Yandell, Cleo Purcell, Ralph Horton, Bessie Staires, and Harry Staires. Fifteen churches submitted annual reports to the Sunday School Day Convention.

Respectfully,

THE BOARD: L. A. Yandell, chairman, Roy Bingham, clerk, Jim Christian, Melvin Bingham, Woodrow Matthews, members. Rev. Matthews resigned leaving one vacancy on the board.

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YOUTH CAMP DIRECTORS REPORT: I am happy to report a wonderful encampment for our youth for 1956. We had an enrollment of 157. 143 of this enrollment was our youth. 142 was paid enrollment. For this we thank our Lord.

We report 37 decisions for Christ plus seven who surrendered to special service.

Thanks to the following workers: Idura Horton for a wonderful job at the cafeteria; L. A. Yandell also for a faithful job at the cafe. These were big jobs done well and faithfully rendered. To all the ladies of the Woman's Auxiliaries of the different churches who helped in fixing and serving the meals.

To Cleo Purcell, Donna Hamilton, Wade Jernigan, John H. West who taught our classes.

To Doyle Dipboye, Sis. Dipboye, Donna Hamilton, June Duck, Robert Duck, Wade Jernigan who served as sponsors of the dormitories.

To Paul Purcell, Robert Duck, L. A. Yandell; the board members who stayed on the camp ground through the encampment.

I suggest for the coming year: Greater dormitory facilities for the camp. Especially for the girls. More classes and more teachers.

It was a pleasure to work with our youth and to have tried to direct them in this encampment. We have the finest youth to be found anywhere. We thank the Lord for them, and believe there is a great future for the Free Will Baptist through them, and a great future for them through the Free Will Baptists.

This report humbly submitted to this body, thanking each of you for your prayers and cooperation.

E. J. (Ed) Wilson

Youth Director

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT: We your obituary committee find that God in his loving kindness has called from our midst the following: Thirty-one of our Brothers and Sisters named as follows:

Turley: E. T. Harris, Lidge Owens, Bessie Smock.

Tulsa First Church: Malinda Slandridge White, Fannie Dorinda Jones.

Lawnwood: Jerome Hellard, O. E. Burton.

Okmulgee: Randy Jones, Frankie Skelton Boyd.

New Home: Doyle Washburn.

Oilton: Billy Hanson, Emily Rowe, Matilda Holland.

Cushing: Sis. Graves, Sis. Mullins.

No. Heights: Samantha Hensley, Isaac Ashmore.

Drumright: Wiley Blair, George Fuller, Calvin Moss, Tom Bean, Ella Johnson, Margarette Harrison, Julia Brown.

Pitcher: Frank'e Johnson.

Sapulpa First: Florence McGrew, Rev. Jim Lemons, Minnie Zinn, Bro. Fletcher.

Airport: Rev. Henry Dickinson, James Perecy.

Signed: Committee

TREASURER'S REPORT

August 1, 1955 to August 1, 1956

	Amt. Brt.			Balance
	Receipts	Fwd.	Disbursements	on Hand
August	\$1868.47	\$215.26	\$1541.87	\$541.87
September	1560.09	541.87	1702.52	314.44
October	1071.25	314.44	1212.17	258.52
November	812.54	258.52	976.66	94.40
December	1678.02	94.40	1413.84	254.18
January	734.34	254.18	919.54	70.92
February	784.13	70.92	723.01	132.04
March	604.12	132.04	586.16	140.00
April	467.74	140.00	367.74	240.00
May 1-15	696.11	240.00	276.98	419.13
May 16-31	654.88	419.13	211.00	863.01
June	409.75	863.01	716.88	554.88
July	482.93	554.88	526.21	511.60

TOTALS \$12045.49

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Rev. Willard C. Day turned the books to Rev. E. J. Wilson at the Association showing the following report:

Aug. 1-22	\$222.12	\$511.60	\$365.09	\$368.63
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RESOLUTIONS

No. 1: Be it resolved that all our By-Laws and Resolutions; which are now in effect, be printed in our minutes.

No. 2: Be it resolved that the traveling expenses of the Cre-

dential Committee while on business for the Association be paid.
First Quarterly Meeting—

No. 1: Be it resolved hereafter that the November quarterly meeting begin Thursday night before the 3rd Sunday because of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

No. 2: Be it resolved that we give a standing vote of thanks to this Church for their wonderful hospitality and fellowship.
Second Quarterly Meeting—

No. 1: The request for \$300 donation from the Miami Church has been settled satisfactorily, and ask that it be stricken from the minutes.

No. 2: Be it resolved that the question of second marriage be stricken from constitution: (This resolution was received and placed on the table.)

No. 3: Be it resolved that this body give the Cushing Church a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Third Quarterly Meeting—

No. 1: Be it resolved that our Churches not send any Minister up for Ordination until he has been licensed for one year from date of examination.

No. 2: Be it resolved that we give a standing vote of thanks to the Drumright Church for their hospitality to the quarterly meeting.

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CREDENTIAL BOARD REPORT OF FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

No. 1. We recommend that the First Free Will Baptist Church of Coffeyville, Kansas, be received into fellowship of this Association.

No. 2. We have examined Brother Homer Pilgrim, and find him sound in doctrine. We recommend his ordination as deacon.

No. 3. We recommend that the Hartley Free Will Baptist Church of Wichita, Kansas, be received into fellowship of this Association.

No. 4. We have examined Brother James L. Carlile and recommend him for license to the Ministry for one year.

No. 5. We have examined Casey J. Adams and recommend him for license to the Ministry for one year.

Second Quarterly Meeting—

No. 1. We the credential board have examined Dr. W. C. Day, and recommend him to be received into this body in good standing and full fellowship.

No. 2. We have examined Rev. Gene Womack and found him in good standing, carrying a Minister's card of the State of Oklahoma, and recommend that he be received into this body with full fellowship.

No. 3. We recommend that Ernie Deeds license be extended

for another year.

No. 4. We have examined Jack Ledbetter and found him sound in doctrine and we recommend that he be received into this body with full fellowship.

No. 5. We have examined LeRoy Bowers and found him sound in doctrine, and we recommend that he be received into this body with full fellowship.

No. 6. We have examined Gene Paul Mayberry and found him sound in doctrine and we recommend that he be licensed to preach the gospel for one year.

No. 7. We have examined Roy Bingham and found him sound in doctrine and recommend that he be licensed to preach the gospel for one-year.

No. 8. We have examined Don W. Payne, and found him sound in doctrine, and recommend him to be licensed to preach the gospel for one year.

No. 9. We the Credential Board ask for a three months extension of time to make decisions on Joe M. Smith Due to the time element today.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF CHURCHES

Churches	Property Value	Sun. Sch. Average	Total Membership	Members Received	Paid Pastor
Allen	\$ 14,000	109	18	180	\$ 2,608
Airport	10,000	97	19	103	1,000
Bristow	23,000	116	11	138	3,380
Blue Bell	4,000	44	10	41	1,500
Cushing	53,000	120	21	147	3,193
Coffeyville	5,000	70	29	26	448
Drumright	20,000	120	19	195	3,120
Hartley	9,000	83	24	55	1,109
Lawnwood	39,000	194	37	180	4,505
Lewis Avenue	13,200	167	50	287	4,060
Liberty	4,000	---	---	39	---
Miami	6,000	50	4	32	1,150
New Home	20,000	172	32	200	3,900
Olive	2,500	20	3	33	---
Okmulgee	5,000	43	23	66	1,765
Oilton	15,000	110	---	131	3,060
Pretty Water	2,750	23	12	20	1,300
Picher	3,000	55	3	44	489
Sapulpa First	5,000	36	5	80	1,225
Sap. No. Heights	5,000	65	7	51	527
Sap. S. Side New Church	---	---	57	57	---
Silver City	2,000	60	8	35	720
Stroud	7,000	48	16	38	455
Trinity Temple	25,000	85	18	87	3,060
Turley	40,000	123	79	125	3,900
Tulsa First	108,000	273	65	543	5,824
West Tulsa	35,000	63	16	75	1,740
TOTALS	\$604,250	---	---	---	\$55,713.50

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ALLEN—State of religion good; members received this year 18; number dismissed 4; total membership 180; condition of prayer meeting good; condition of Sunday School good; average number of pupils 109; paid pastor \$2,608.61; paid avengelist \$82.23; for building and repairs \$289.53; for education \$232.88; to Associational budget and cooperative program \$195.00; value of church property: church \$12,000, parsonage \$2,000.00; enclosed for min-

utes \$3.00.

Moderator, Rev. Carl Hembree

Clerk, Bertha Rushing

AIRPORT—State of religion good; members received this year 19; number received this year 19; number baptized 6; number dismissed 6; total members 103; deceased 2; condition of prayer meeting fair; condition of Sunday school fair; average number of pupils 422; number of teachers and officers 22; paid pastor \$1,000; evangelist \$295.00; building and repairs \$599.24; for education \$414.20; for publications \$60.00. Enclosed for minutes \$5.00.

Moderator, Rev. J. H. Prock

Clerk, Bessie Prock

BRISTOW FIRST—State of religion good; members received this year 11; deceased 0; total membership 138; average number of pupils 116; condition of prayer meeting good; condition of Sunday school good; paid pastor \$3,380.00; for publication \$492.44; to associational budget and cooperative program \$505.00; value of church property: church \$14,500; parsonage \$8,500.00; amount enclosed for minutes \$5.00.

Moderator, Rev. Paul Purcell

Clerk, Mildred Mounce

BLUE BELL—State of religion good; members received this year 10; number deceased 0; dismissed 6; total membership 41; condition of prayer meeting fair; condition of Sunday school good; average number of pupils 44; paid pastor \$1,500.00; paid evangelist \$48.53; for building and repairs \$221.28; for education \$67.62; for publications \$5.76; paid to associational budget and cooperative program \$272.00; value of church property \$2,000.00; parsonage \$2,000.00; enclosed for minutes \$2.00.

Moderator, Rev. C. C. Hood

Clerk, Mary Mae Myrick

CUSHING FIRST—State of religion good; members received this year 21; deceased 2; dismissed 4; total membership 147; condition of prayer meeting good; condition of Sunday school good; average number of pupils 120; number of officers 7; number of teachers 10; paid pastor \$3,193.50; paid evangelist \$287.96; building and repair \$1,116.60; for education \$195.48; for publications \$73.07; paid to associational budget and cooperative program \$620.50; value of church property \$50,000; parsonage \$3,000; enclosed for minutes \$5.00.

Moderator, Rev. Woodrow Matthews

Clerk, Ernest Nichols, Jr.

COFFEYVILLE—State of religion good; membership total 26; baptized 9; dismissed 3; condition of prayer meeting good; condition of Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 70 to 75. Number of officers, 4; number of teachers, 5; paid

pastor from Jan. 1, 56, to Aug. 1, 1956, \$444.81; paid for building and repairs \$570.00; enclosed for minutes, \$5.00.

Moderator, Rev. Adrian Condit

Clerk, Zelma Thomas

DRUMRIGHT—State of religion good; members received this year 19; deceased 8; dismissed 13; total membership 195; condition of prayer meeting good; condition of Sunday School good; average number of pupils 120; number of officers 6; number of teachers 10; Paid pastor \$3,120.00; paid evangelist \$210.00; For building and repair \$524.40; for education \$236.81; for publications \$32.80; Paid to Associational budget and cooperative program \$147.00; Value of church property: Church \$15,000.00; Parsonage \$5,000.00; Amount enclosed for minutes \$8.00.

Moderator, Rev. Roy Hearon

Clerk, Seth Morse Moore

HARTLEY—State of religion good; members received this year 24; number of deceased, none; number of professions 33; baptized 21; dismissed 3; total membership 55; condition of prayer meeting good; condition of Sunday School good; average number of pupils 83; number of officers 12; number of teachers 13; paid pastor \$1,109.08; paid evangelists \$168.09; for building and repairs \$1,567.14; for publications, \$193.21; paid to Cooperative Plan \$25.00; value of church building \$9,000.00; miscellaneous expense \$546.72; amount enclosed for minutes \$3.00.

Moderator, Rev. Jack Ledbetter

Clerk, Mrs. Robert Johnson

LAWNWOOD—State of religion good; members received 37; condition of prayer meeting fair; condition of Sunday School good; average number of pupils 194; number officers 18; number teachers 15; paid pastor \$4505.00; paid evangelist \$210.00; amount paid for education \$410.32; for publication \$293.25; paid to Associational Budget and Cooperative fund \$765.53; Value of church property \$35,000.00; parsonage \$4000.00. Enclosed for minutes \$5.00.

Moderator, Rev. Harry E. Staires

Clerk, Cherry Fipps

LEWIS AVENUE—State of religion good; members received this year 50; number of conversions 10; number baptized 12; dismissed 2; total membership 287; condition of prayer meeting good; condition of Sunday School good; average attendance 167; number of officers 11; number of teachers 16; amount paid pastor \$4060.00; paid evangelist \$235.0; paid for education \$232.22; paid for publication \$379.82; paid to cooperative fund \$453.00; paid for building and repair \$2,100.00; enclosed for minutes \$5.00.

value of church property, \$132,000.00.

Moderator, Willard C. Day

Clerk, Wm. D. Wooldridge

LIBERTY—State of religion good; members received this year 2; dismissed 1; total membership 39; condition of prayer meeting good; enclosed for minutes \$2.00.

Moderator, Rev. Willis Walker

Clerk, Nadean Wheeler

MIAMI FIRST—State of Religion good; members received this year 4; dismissed 3; total membership 32; condition of prayer meeting good; condition of Sunday School good; average number of pupils 50; paid pastor \$1,150.00; paid evangelist \$42.00; for building and repairs \$1,800.00; paid to associational budget and cooperative program \$158.10; value of church property: Church \$6,000.00; Parsonage none; enclosed for minutes \$2.00.

Moderator, S. O. Johnson

Clerk, Mrs. Henry Bellah

NEW HOME—State of religion good; members received 33; number deceased 1; number dismissed 4; total membership 200; condition of prayer meeting good; condition of Sunday School good; average number of pupils 172; number officers 9; number teachers 19; paid pastor \$3900.00; paid evangelist \$185.00; paid for education \$513.00; for publication \$528.41; paid to Associational budget and Cooperative fund, \$500.00.

Moderator, L. A. Yandell

Clerk, Jackie O'Bar

OLIVE—State of religion good; members received this year 3; number dismissed 2; total membership 33; condition of prayer meeting good; condition of Sunday School good; average number of pupils 20; paid pastor 0; paid evangelist \$50.00; for publications \$32.50; paid to Associational budget and cooperative program \$48.00; value of church property: church \$2,000.00; parsonage \$500.00; enclosed for minutes \$2.00.

Moderator, Rev. B. P. Smith

Clerk, Jackie Skaggs

OKMULGEE—State of religion good; members received 23; number deceased 2; dismissed 3; total membership 66; condition of prayer meeting good; condition of Sunday School good; average attendance 43; number of officers 5; number of teachers 7; paid pastor \$1,765.00; paid evangelist \$160.00; paid for education \$135.00; for publication \$31.20; paid to associational budget and cooperative program \$306.91; enclosed for minutes \$3.00. Value of property \$5000.00.

Moderator, Don Jones

Clerk, Martha Qualls

OILTON—State of religion good; members received this year 7; professions 3; deceased 3; dismissed 4; total membership 131; condition of prayer meeting good; condition of Sunday School good; average number of pupils 110; number of officers 9; number of teachers 11; paid pastor \$3060.00; paid evangelist \$225; paid to cooperative budget \$440.00; for building and repairs \$50.06; for education \$200.36; for publication \$49.25; value of church property: Church \$10,000.00; Personage \$5,000.00; amount enclosed for minutes \$5.00.

Moderator, Rev. Robert Duck
Clerk, H. R. Sylvester

PRETTY WATER—State of religion good; members received 12; number dismissed 35; total membership 12; condition of prayer meeting good; condition of Sunday School good; average number of pupils 23; number of officers 6; number of teachers 3; paid pastor \$1300.00; value of church property: Church \$2,750.00; enclosed for minutes \$3.00.

Moderator, Rev. Hurley Lemons
Clerk, Nettie Berryhill

PICHER—State of religion good; members received this year 3; number deceased 1; number professions 4; number baptized 1; number dismissed 11; total membership 44; condition of prayer meeting good; condition of Sunday School good; average number of pupils 55; number of officers 4; number of teachers 6; paid pastor \$489.19; paid evangelist \$25.00; for building and repairs \$416.13; for education \$66.31; for publications \$120.50; flowers \$83.99; miscellaneous \$528.24; amount enclosed for minutes \$5.00.

Moderator, Gerald Herd
Clerk, Mrs. Flora Mae Swinehart

SAPULPO NO. HEIGHTS—State of religion good; members received 7; deceased 2; dismissed 3; total membership 51; condition prayer meeting good; condition Sunday School good; average attendance 65; number of teachers 5; paid pastor \$547.00; paid evangelist \$74.30; paid for publications \$1.08; paid to the Associational budget and cooperative fund \$120.00; enclosed for minutes \$3.00.

Moderator, Rev. Sam Gober
Clerk, Maggie McQuilliam

SAPULPA FIRST—State of religion good; members received this year 5; number deceased 4; number dismissed 8; total membership 80; condition of prayer meeting good; condition of Sunday School good; average number of pupils 36; paid pastor \$1,225.00; for education \$83.65; paid to Associational budget and cooperative program \$80.00; value of church property \$5,000.00;

enclosed for minutes \$5.00.

Moderator, Rev. Roy Bingham

Clerk, Pauline Wolforth

SAPULPA SOUTH SIDE—We were organized May 18, 1956 with the Board present. When convened we prayed you will receive us as a church with 28 Charter Members. We have grown each week and now have on roll 57 members. We have a spiritual little church and we are working together trying very hard to help save the lost of our city. We covet your prayers that we may continue in the lovely name of Jesus. We give you an invitation to visit us at your earliest convenience.

Moderator, Rev. W. E. Warner

Clerk, Gene P. Mayberry

SILVER CITY—State of religion good; members received 8; total membership 35; condition of prayer meeting good; condition of Sunday School good; average attendance 60; number of officers 5; number of teachers 8; paid pastor \$720.00; paid evangelist \$75.00; paid for education \$141.35; paid to Associational budget and Co-op. fund. \$60.00.

Moderator, Rev. Hattie Newman

Clerk, Bill Null

STROUD—State of religion good; members received this year 16; number dismissed 0; total membership 38; condition of prayer meeting good; condition of Sunday School good; average number of pupils 48; paid pastor \$455.00; paid evangelist \$85.17; for building and repairs \$2,407.81; for education \$35.00; for publications \$131.62; paid to associational budget and cooperative program \$104.47; value of church property: church \$7,000.00; Enclosed for minutes \$3.00.

Moderator, Rev. James E. Christian

Clerk, Alvin R. Hightower

TRINITY TEMPLE—State of religion good; members received 18; deceased 0; dismissed 8; condition of prayer meeting good; condition of Sunday School good; average attendance 85; number of officers 5; number of teachers 9; total membership 87; Condition of League, Auxiliary, GTA, YPA and Scouts good; value of church property \$25,000.00; paid pastor \$3,000.00; paid evangelist \$271.39; paid to associational budget and cooperative plan \$95.00; Foreign Mission \$420.29; F. W. B. College \$65.50; Home Mission \$10.00; for publication \$209.96; for education \$114.32; enclosed \$5.00 for minutes.

Moderator, Rev. Melvin Bingham

Clerk, Grace Hughes

TURLEY—State of religion good; members received this year 79; number deceased 3; dismissed 2; total membership 125; condition

of prayer meeting good; average attendance 50; condition of Sunday School good with enrolled 207 and 123 average attendance; paid pastor \$3,900.00; paid evangelist \$160.00; for building and repair \$1,000.00; for education \$360.00; for publication \$416.00; paid to cooperative plan \$120.00; value of church property \$40,000.00. We send for minutes \$3.00. For state delegate \$5.00.

Moderator, Rev. Doyle Dipboye
Clerk, Mrs. Ada Griffin

TULSA FIRST—State of religion good; members received this year 65; deceased 2; dismissed 24; total membership 543; condition of prayer meeting good; condition of Sunday School good; average attendance 273; number of officers 17; number of teachers 28; value of church property: Church \$100,000.00; Parsonage \$8,000.00; paid pastor \$5,824.00; paid evangelist \$160.00; for publication \$160.00; paid to associational budget and co-op. fund \$2,305.80.

Moderator, Rev. John H. West
Clerk, Inabelle Hamilton

WEST TULSA—State of religion good; members received this year 16; number dismissed 8; number professions 20; number baptized 8; total membership 75; condition of prayer meeting good; condition of Sunday School good; average number of pupils 63; officers 3; number teachers 7; paid pastor \$1,740.00; paid evangelist \$75.00; to assn. budget and cooperative plan \$240.00; enclosed for minutes \$5.00; value of church property \$35,000.00.

Moderator, Rev. E. J. Wilson
Clerk, Phyllis Timbrook

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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 to promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligation, 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 School 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.

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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. 2 Tim: 3:16; 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 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 unjust, but everyone 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. 15:12; Matt. 12:12.

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; 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.

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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, and Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, and Assistant Clerk, and an Executive Board composed of five members. The Board members to be elected so as to require one 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 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 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 meeting.

8. This Association shall not license or ordain any person to the Ministry or as a Deacon who has more than one living companion.

9. This Constitution may be changed at any Yearly Meeting by a two-thirds majority of members voting.

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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 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 of the Birth of the Spirit.

12. No questions 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.

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ALL RESOLUTIONS OF THIS ASSOCIATION WHICH ARE NOW IN EFFECT

1. BE IT RESOLVED that all our By-Laws and Resolutions which are now in effect, be printed in our minutes.

2. That the traveling expenses of the Credential Board "While on business for the Association," be paid.

3. That hereafter the November quarterly meeting begin Thursday night before the third Sunday, because of the Thanksgiving holidays.

4. That our Churches not send any minister up for ordination until he has been licensed for one year from date of examination.

5. Churches sending delegates to State Association must send \$5 for this delegate's fee.

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

7. That we the First Mission Association, let it be known to all churches, new members of our Association, and all churches coming in hereafter, that their property is the property of this Association until dismissed by letter from this Association.

8. That since we have grown to such proportion, we seat our delegates from the chair, without the usual line up and hand shake.

9. That from this time on there will be no one licensed or ordained to the ministry or as a deacon who has more than one living companion, and that such a law become a part of our constitution.

10. That no person can be an active deacon or minister in this Association who does not pay and teach tithes.

11. That the letters of all churches be in the hands of the Associational Clerk at least one week before Conference convenes.

12. That the Sunday School Board be placed on a permanent basis, with a five member board, holding office for five years, and one member going off each year.

13. That the Association give the Mission Board the power to establish churches wherever they find it possible.

14. That this body purchase or supply a typewriter for Associational use.

15. That we recommend that when the Association is in the worship service all on the grounds be asked to attend the service unless providentially hindered.

16. That we write a new blanket insurance, and that our cabins be insured "Two Hundred Dollars" per cabin.

17. That the credential board be urged to act as quickly as possible on candidates for license or ordination. Be it further resolved that if the board cannot reach a decision at the Quarterly meeting or Association, that they be allowed to wait three months.

18. 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.

19. That all of our Churches use the letter forms furnished by our Clerk.

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MINISTERS BELONGING TO THIS ASSOCIATION

Name	Address
Alexander, John	1132 E. Norman, Sapulpa, Okla.
Brown, Ralph	4443 N. Lewis, Tulsa, Okla.
Biggs, Hiram	117 So. Utica, Tulsa, Okla.
Bingham, Melvin	1635 E. Jasper, Tulsa, Okla.
Barnes, Floyd	1633 E. Independence, Tulsa, Okla.
Bryant, Roy	Tulsa, Okla.
Condit, Adrian	514 No. Walnut, Coffeyville, Kans.
Crain, F. E.	622 So. College, Picher, Okla.
Christian, James E.	Route 2, Stroud, Okla.
Dalton, Marvin	114 No. Xanthus, Tulsa, Okla.
Day, Willard C. "D. D."	2248 E. Ute, Tulsa, Okla.
Duck, Robert	Oilton, Okla.
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Fincher, Clint	826 E. 2nd, Cushing, Okla.
Florence, H. H.	Box 408, Drumright, Okla.
Foster, Elda	622 So. College, Picher, Okla.
Gooch, Jess	711 So. Mounds, Sapulpa, Okla.
Gober, Sam	1120 No. Main, Sapulpa, Okla.
Gebhart, Lura	1036 No. Florence Pl., Tulsa, Okla.
Green, Norman	Seneca, Mo.
Holmes, Lee Roy	Tulsa, Okla.
Herd, Jerold	715 So. College, Tulsa, Okla.
Hembree, Carl	Route 2, Sapulpa, Okla.
Hood, Carl C.	Route 1, Sapulpa, Okla.
Holman, Ida	Route 2, Bristow, Okla.
Hearon, Roy	139 E. Drumright, Drumright, Okla.
Hellard, D. B.	422 So. Popular, Sapulpa, Okla.
Hill, James C.	117 So. Hickory, Sapulpa, Okla.
Jones, Don	817 W. 10th, Okmulgee, Okla.
Jones, Charlie	600 So. Ohio, Drumright, Okla.
Johnson, G. H.	508 So. Ohio, Drumright, Okla.
Knapp, Ira	Tulsa, Okla.
Keiffer, Everett	1230 No. Braden, Tulsa, Okla.

Lindle, Oliver	1612 No. Yorktown Pl., Tulsa, Okla.
Ledbetetr, Jack	130 So. St. Clair, Wichita, Kans.
Lemons, Hurley	Route 2, Sapulpa, Okla.
Mayfield, Leona	1162 No. Sandusky, Tulsa, Okla.
Mears, Floyd	Route 1, Sapulpa, Okla.
Newman, Hattie	Route 2, Jennings, Okla.
Purcell, Paul	Box 997, Bristow, Okla.
Purcell, Cleo	Box 997, Bristow, Okla.
Prock, J. H.	Tulsa, Okla.
Pruitt, Susie	Turley, Okla.
Peterson, John	313 No. Pennsylvania, Drumright, Okla.
Ramsey, Loye	284 E. 51st Pl., Tulsa, Okla.
Smith, B. P.	Route 1, Box 212A, Drumright, Okla.
Sadler, J. A.	114 E. Greenlee, Cushing, Okla.
Sadler, Conn J.	Route 2, Cushing, Okla.
Staires, Harry E.	516½ So. 61 W. Ave., Tulsa, Okla.
Smith, Joe	Tulsa, Okla.
Underwood, Wilbur	731 No. Wheeling, Tulsa, Okla.
Womack, Gene	Oilton, Okla.
Warner, W. E.	Kellyville, Okla.
Whitten, R. V.	Turley, Okla.
West, John H.	833 No. Utica, Tulsa, Okla.
Wilson, C. C.	821 Henshaw, Sapulpa, Okla.
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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. 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.

