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# MINUTES -

First Mission Association  
OF  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

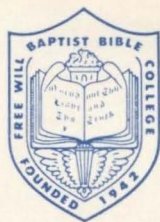
1957

Proceedings of the  
30th ANNUAL SESSION

OLD MINISTER'S HOME—CAMP GROUND

Drumright-Sapulpa Highway

At Sub-Station



# FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

*Presented by*

Rev. Melvin Bingham

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# Free Will Baptists Of First Mission Association

## OFFICERS

|                                         |                 |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Rev. Harry E. Staires                   | Moderator       |
| 516 South 61st W. Ave., Tulsa, Oklahoma |                 |
| Rev. Melvin Bingham                     | Asst.-Moderator |
| 1634 East Jasper, Tulsa, Oklahoma       |                 |
| Rev. Homer L. Young                     | Clerk           |
| P. O. 1283, Cushing, Oklahoma           |                 |
| Mrs. Cherry Fipps                       | Asst.-Clerk     |
| 2415 East Marshall, Tulsa, Oklahoma     |                 |

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) August 19-21, 1958.

INTRODUCTORY MESSAGE: Rev. Willard C. Day and Rev. John H. West as Alternate.

MONDAY, August 18—Sunday School Convention.

TUESDAY, August 20—Woman's Auxiliary Day.

FIRST QUARTERLY CONFERENCE convenes with the Turley Free Will Baptist Church, 5903 North Madison, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in November, 1957.

INTRODUCTORY MESSAGE: Rev. Lonnie Hall with Rev. Roy Bingham as Alternate.

SECOND QUARTERLY CONFERENCE convenes with the Free Will Baptist Church 139 East Drumright, Drumright, Oklahoma, Thursday night before the Fourth Sunday in February, 1958.

INTRODUCTOR YMESSAGE: Rev. L. A. Yandell and Rev. Willis Walker as Alternate.

THIRD QUARTERLY CONFERENCE convenes with the Tulsa First Church, 835 North Utica, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in May, 1958.

INTRODUCTORY MESSAGE: Rev. Adrian Condit and Rev. J. J. Slaten as Alternate. Rev. Harry E. Staires was elected to bring the Memorial Message for 1958 with Rev. Carl Hembree elected as Alternate.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

|                  |                     |                                         |
|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Homer L. Young   | Term Expires        | 1962                                    |
| Paul E. Purcell  | J. J. Slaten, proxy | Term Expires <i>Melvin Bingham</i> 1961 |
| Willard C. Day   | Term Expires        | <i>Base &amp; Hembree</i> 1960          |
| Willis Walker    | Term Expires        | 1959                                    |
| Harry E. Staires | Term Expires        | 1958                                    |

## TRUSTEE BOARD

|                |              |      |
|----------------|--------------|------|
| Ralph Brown    | Term Expires | 1962 |
| Doyle Dipboye  | Term Expires | 1961 |
| Melvin Bingham | Term Expires | 1960 |
| Conn Sadler    | Term Expires | 1959 |
| L. Y. King     | Term Expires | 1958 |

## CREDENTIAL BOARD

|                |                      |              |      |
|----------------|----------------------|--------------|------|
| Robert Duck    | <i>Harry Staires</i> | Term Expires | 1962 |
| Doyle Dipboye  |                      | Term Expires | 1961 |
| Willard C. Day | <i>Smith</i>         | Term Expires | 1960 |
| John H. West   |                      | Term Expires | 1959 |
| Jim Christian  |                      | Term Expires | 1958 |

## LEAGUE BOARD

|                |              |      |
|----------------|--------------|------|
| Robert Duck    | Term Expires | 1962 |
| Willard C. Day | Term Expires | 1961 |
| J. J. Slaten   | Term Expires | 1960 |
| Doyle Dipboye  | Term Expires | 1959 |
| Homer Young    | Term Expires | 1958 |

## HOME MISSION BOARD

|               |              |      |
|---------------|--------------|------|
| Don Payne     | Term Expires | 1962 |
| Willis Walker | Term Expires | 1961 |
| Ralph Brown   | Term Expires | 1960 |
| Roy Hearon    | Term Expires | 1959 |
| C. C. Wilson  | Term Expires | 1958 |

## SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

|                 |              |      |
|-----------------|--------------|------|
| John H. West    | Term Expires | 1962 |
| James Christian | Term Expires | 1961 |
| Carl Hembree    | Term Expires | 1960 |
| L. A. Yandell   | Term Expires | 1959 |
| Roy Bingham     | Term Expires | 1958 |

## CEMETERY COMMITTEE

|                |              |           |
|----------------|--------------|-----------|
| Myrl Wilson    | Term Expires | 1960      |
| Sadie Flincher | Term Expires | 1959      |
| Iva Rossander  | Term Expires | 1958      |
| Melvin Bingham |              | Historian |

# ASSOCIATIONAL PROCEEDINGS

The thirtieth annual session of the First Mission Association of Free Will Baptists met August 20, 1957, at the Old Minister's Home and Camp Ground for the Introductory Service. The meeting was called to order by the moderator, Rev. Harry E. Staires. Singing was led by Rev. Homer Young with June Ducuk at the piano. The congregation was led in prayer by Rev. W. H. Carter. David and Gwen Lewis sang, "That Will Be a Glad Reunion Day". Rev. Melvin Bingham, assistant moderator, introduced nineteen ministers present in the service. Other special numbers in song were as follows: "Do You Know My Jesus", by Rev. and Mrs. Bob Duck; "I'd Rather Have Jesus" by Rev. Homer Young, June Duck, Don Campbell, Bill Fincher with Leota Fincher at the piano.

Rev. L. A. Yandell was introduced by the moderator to bring the Introductory Message. He read for scripture the twentieth chapter of St. Matthew, after which Rev. H. E. Staires led in prayer. The subject for the message was, "The Folly of Idleness". The service was climaxed with an altar of prayer with the conversion of one soul. The benediction prayer was by Rev. J. J. Slaten.

## WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

Meeting was opened with singing directed by Rev. J. J. Slaten with Rev. Elda Foster as pianist after which Rev. Ralph Brown led in prayer. For a devotional the moderator read a portion of the fourth chapter of St. Luke. Prayer by Rev. A. B. Talburt.

The thirtieth session was officially declared into conference by the moderator. Due to the resignation of the clerk-treasurer, Rev. E. J. Wilson, Rev. Homer Young was elected Clerk pro-tem.

Letters were read from twenty four churches and motion carried to receive the letters and seat the delegates.

Motion carried that the moderator and assistant moderator appoint the pulpet committee. Those appointed were: H. B. Walker, James Johnson, Ethel Renegar, Ethel Armstrong and Lula Wiley.

Motion carried that clerk be empowered to make necessary changes in letters pertaining to listing of ministers, deacons and deceased names.

Pulpit committee reported that Rev. E. M. Kennedy and Rev. Carl Hembree would deliver the 11:00 o'clock message.

Motion carried to adjourn until 1:15 p. m. Benediction prayer by Rev. Roy Hearon.

## WEDNESDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

The service was opened by singing directed by Rev. J. J. Slaten with Rev. Elda Foster at the piano. Rev. Clint Fincher led in prayer.

Rev. E. M. Kennedy and Rev. Carl Hembree were introduced as ministers for the message. Rev. Kennedy read the ninth verse of the eighth chapter of Romans after which Rev. Homer Young led in prayer. Subject for the message was, "Spirit of Christ." Rev. Hembree followed requesting the congregation to sing "Footsteps of Jesus" and used the

same line of thought for the conclusion of the message.

Benediction and thanks for noon day meal was by Rev. F. E. Crain.

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Service opened with singing directed by Rev. Slaten and Rev. Foster at the piano. Rev. Don Payne led in prayer.

The devotional was given by Harold Pell, using the first eleven verses of the twelfth chapter of first Corinthians.

Officers elected by acclamation for the year were as follows: Moderator, Rev. Harry E. Staires; Assistant moderator, Rev. Melvin Bingham; Clerk-Treasurer, Rev. Homer Young; Assistant Clerk, Cherry Fipps.

Rev. Bob Duck was elected to fill expired term of Rev. G. H. Johnson on credential board. His term will expire 1962.

Petitionary letters called for and read from Owasso Church. Motion carried to receive the letter and refer it to the credential committee.

Rules or order were read by Rev. Bingham.

Visiting brethren recognized were Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Talburt from North Eastern Association; Rev. and Mrs. Ernest M. Kennedy from First Oklahoma Association and Rev. and Mrs. C. D. Benton from the Free Baptist Church, Sand Springs, Oklahoma.

Motion carried that the moderator and assistant moderator appoint the necessary committees.

Resolution Committee: Rev. J. J. Slaten, Rev. Ralph Brown, Rev. Carl Hembree, Rev. Hattie Newman and Rev. Elda Foster.

Motion carried to adopt report number one of credential committee. (see report)

Obituary Committee: Mary Mounce, Marguerite Hinesley, Naomi Wright, Lona Oliver and Florence Morton.

Temperance Committee: Rev. Joe Payne, Rev. Roy Hearon, Myrl Wilson, Iva Rossander and Eula Mae Yocham.

Finance Committee: Rev. Don Payne, A. F. Fipps, Clifton Bales, Louvene Nelson and Anna Warren.

Motion carried to accept report of credential committee and vote item by item. (see report)

Item Number one adopted. Item number two adopted.

Rev. Ralph Brown was elected by acclamation to the Trustee Board. His term expires 1962.

Rev. Don Payne was elected to the Home Mission Board. His term expires in 1962.

Rev. J. J. Slaten was elected to the Sunday School Board. His term expires in 1962.

Motion carried to elect a member to the Executive Board and League Board to serve when Rev. Paul Purcell is unable to attend.

Rev. J. J. Slaten was elected by acclamation as proxy for Rev. Purcell on the Executive Board.

Rev. Homer Young was elected by acclamation to the Executive Board. His term expires in 1962.

Rev. Willis Walker was elected to fill unexpired term of Rev. E. J. Wilson on the Executive Board. His term expires in 1959.

Motion carried that election of League Board member be tabled until 1:30 p. m. Thursday.

Pulpit Committee reported that Rev. Don Payne and Rev. J. J. Slaten would deliver the evening message.

Rev. A. B. Talburt brought greetings from the State of California.

Rev. E. M. Kennedy brought greetings from the State Executive office.

Motion carried to adopt credential report number two. (see report)

Motion carried to accept report of Sunday School Board. (see report)

Rev. Melvin Bingham was elected as historian for the association.

Minutes were read and approved.

Motion carried to accept resolution number one and that it be divided into two parts for adoption.

Motion carried to adopt item number one of resolution number one. (see report)

Motion carried to adopt item number two of resolution number one. (see resolutions)

Motion carried to adopt item number three of credential report. (see report)

Minutes were approved and motion carried to adjourn until 9:30 a. m. Thursday. Benediction by Rev. John H. West.

### **WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE**

The service was opened with singing directed by Rev. Young with Peggy Cox as the pianist. Prayer by Everett Ray Keiffer. Congregational singing was continued after which Rev. A. E. Mashburn led in prayer. Special numbers in song were as follows: "Well Tour that Golden City" and "Who" by Evon Hancock, Ovalee Hancock, Arnold Dethrow and Don Phelps with Helen Dixon at the Piano. "I'm Staying in Line" and "By the Way of Love" by Elda Foster, Rev. Homer Young, Don Campbell and J. B. Dunn with Peggy Cox at the piano.

A devotiona lservice was led by Rev. Staires wth a real revival spirit prevalling.

Rev. Don Payne and Rev. J. J. Slaten were introduced to bring the evening message. Rev. Payne took the stand reading for scripture a part of the second chapter of Jeremiah after which he led in prayer. Subject for the message was, "This Doctrine". Rev. Slaten followed, extending the invitation to the unsaved after which he led in prayer. Benediction by Rev. Marvin Dalton.

### **THURSDAY MORNING SESSION**

Services opened with singing directed by Rev. Slaten and Rev. Foster at the piano. Rev. Jess Stepp led in prayer. Gene Clay read for devotional a portion of the seventh chapter of second Chronicles.

Letter from the Miami Church was read and motion carried to accept the letter and seat the delegates.

Letter read from the Grand River Association and motion carried to accept the letter and seat the corresponding delegates.

Motion carried to accept Executive Board report and adopt all recommendations. (see report)

Motion carried that next year we have a general board meeting (all boards of the Assn.) at least three days before the annual session and that all church letters be sent to clerk ten (10) days before the session for compiled report and said report be read on opening of session and delegates seated.

Motion carried to accept annual report of Woman's Auxiliary. (see reports)

Motion carried to accept resignation of Rev. H. E. Staires on the Home Mission Board. Motion carried to elect Rev. C. C. Wilson by acclamation to serve unexpired term of Rev. Staires on Home Mission Board. His term expires in 1958.

Motion carried to adopt credential report number four. (see reports).

Letter read from Coffeyville Church and motion carried to accept the letter and seat the delegates.

Motion carried to adopt credential report number five. (see reports)

Motion carried to adopt credential report number six. (see reports)

Motion carried to accept the Obituary Committee report. (see reports)

Motion carried to adopt credential report number seven. (see reports)

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

Benediction by Rev. Adrian Condit.

#### **THURSDAY MORNING MEMORIAL SERVICE**

Congregational singing was directed by Rev. Young with Peggy Cox at the piano. Prayer was led by Rev. Ray Gwartney. Special number in song, "Beyond the Sunset" by Rev. Jess Stepp, Rev. Adrian Condit, Rev. E. B. Condit and Jessie Ketchum with Mary Alice Young at the piano.

Rev. Melvin Bingham was introduced by the moderator to deliver the memorial message. He announced his subject as, "The Promise of Diety" and "The Home of the Redeemed" reading the fifteenth verse of the third chapter of Genesis and the Fourth verse of the fourteenth chapter of Revelation. At the conclusion of the message the congregation sang "I Am Bound for the Promised Land and Amazing Grace" and enjoyed an old fashioned hand shake.

Benediction and thanks for the noon day meal by Rev. Clint Fincher.

#### **THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION**

The service opened with singing led by Rev. Slaten with Peggy Cox pianist. The moderator read for devotional a portion of the twenty second chapter of Revelation after which Rev. F. E. Crain led in prayer.

Motion carried to adopt credential report number eight. (see reports)

Motion carried to adopt credential report number nine. (see reports)

Motion carried to adopt credential report number ten. (see reports)

Motion carried to accept resolution number two. (see resolutions)

Motion carried to amend resolution number two. (see resolutions)

Motion carried to adopt resolution number two. (see resolutions)

Motion carried to adopt resolution number three. (see resolutions)

Motion carried to accept League Rally report and recommendations be voted on separately. (see reports). Motion carried to adopt item one of League Rally report. Motion carried to adopt item number two of League Rally report. Motion carried to adopt item number three of League Rally report. Motion carried to adopt item number four of League Rally report. Motion carried to adopt item number five of League Rally report. Motion carried to adopt resolution number one of league rally report. (see reports).

Rev. Robert Duck was elected to the League Board. Term expires 1962.

Rev. J. J. Slaten was elected to the League Board to fill unexpired term of Rev. Paul Purcell. His term expires in 1960.

Motion carried to adopt resolution number two of League Rally report. (see reports)

Motion carried to adopt resolution number three of League Rally report. (see reports)

Motion carried to accept resignation of Rev. J. J. Slaten on Sunday School Board. Rev. John H. West was elected to the Sunday School Board. His term expires in 1962.

Motion carried to adopt resolution number four of resolution committee. (see resolutions)

Myrl Wilson, Rev. Sadie Fincher, and Ivo Rossander were elected by acclamation as standing cemetery committee.

Motion carried to adopt resolution number five. (see resolutions)

Motion carried to adopt Trustee Board report. (see reports)

Motion carried to accept Temperance Committee report. (see reports)

Rev. John H. West spoke on the County Option on Beer.

Motion carried that first quarterly meeting convene at the Turley Church. Rev. Lonnie Hall was elected to deliver the introductory message and Rev. Roy Bingham as alternate.

Motion carried to have the second quarterly meeting at the Drumright Church. Rev. L. A. Yandell was elected to deliver the introductory message and Rev. Willis Walker alternate.

Motion carried that the third quarterly meeting be held at the Tulsa First Church. Rev. Adrian Condit was elected to deliver the introductory message and the alternate was Rev. J. J. Slaten.

Motion carried to receive finance committee report. (see reports).

Rev. Willard C. Day was elected to deliver the introductory message at the next annual session. Rev. John H. West is the alternate.

Rev. Harry E. Staires was elected to deliver the memorial at the next annual session with Rev. Carl Hembree as alternate.

Rev. Ray Gwartney brought to us greetings from the Grand River Assn.

Motion carried to pay for the lawnmower motor bought by Rev. Dip-  
boye.

Motion carried to send the nineteen names as selected by Churches  
as State delegates. (see list of delegats).

Motion carried that the moderator be empowered to fill vacancies  
if any occur on state delegate list.

Motion carried to pay light bill on cabin number 13 belonging to Rev.  
Paul Purcell.

Motion carried to accept minutes as read.

Motion carried to give standing vote of thanks to all personnel who  
served during youth encampment and association.

Motion carried to give moderator, assistant moderator, clerk and as-  
sistant clerk standing vote of thanks for services rendered during this  
annual session. Motion carried to adjourn.

Final benediction was by Rev. Homer Young.

**CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT:** of work while not in session:

1. We have examined brother Otis Welch for deacon and recom-  
mend him to be ordained. 2. We have examined brother Paul Johns for  
deacon and we recommend that he be ordained.

**CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT:**

1. We find that the organization of Owasso Church is in order and  
recommend the Church be accepted into the First Mission Association and  
that the deacons and Rev. Tommy Roberts be examined.

2. We recmomend that the request of the Oilton Church be granted.  
The request was that Ernie Deeds license be extended for one year.

3. We recommend that we require a study of at least one book on  
nommetics, practical english, doctrine and pastoral theology in compli-  
ance with the treaties for all ministers before ordination.

4. We have examined the following: Rev. W. T. Roberts, Rev. Acnel  
Masburn, and Rev. Lonnie Hall and deacon F. J. Testerman and re-  
commend that they be seated as they have come from other associa-  
tions.

5. We recommend that brothers Harry Watts from Tulsa First  
Church be ordained as deacon.

6. We recommend that Brother Harvey O'Berg from New Home  
Church be ordained as deacon.

7. We recommend that brother Art Rickner from Oilton Church be  
licensed an additional year due to the fact that he is enrolling in college.

8. We recommend that license be extended one year for Gene Clay  
from the Allen Church.

9. We recommend that license be extended three months for John  
Wood from Lewis Avenue.

10. We recommend that license be extended for three months for  
Robert E. Spencer from Lewis Avenue.

## RESOLUTIONS

### No. 1.

Item 1. Be it resolved that since we have grown to such proportions, and the demands of service are heavy, that no member of this association be permitted and or required to serve on more than two boards at a time. This would allow an individual to serve more effectively and yet enable him to serve the home church more effectively.

Item 2. The above ruling to be effective only as vacancies are filled.

2. Be it resolved that we give the credential committee the privilege of examining preachers and deacons on the Woman's Auxiliary day so that hereafter members can be present in the sessions. At quarterly meetings as well as annual sessions.

3. Be it resolved that the assistant moderator of the association hereafter be chairman of the Pulpit committee.

4. Be it resolved that we have a standing Cemetary Committee.

5. Be it resolved that two acres of land north of the tabernacle be cleared for the use of the Youth camp.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

We, the Sunday School Board held four planning meetings. The Board members traveled 1,863 miles to attend meetings and to teach in schools. We conducted four schools at the following locations: West Tulsa, Sapulpa, Okmulgee and Oilton. Total enrollment for all schools was 246. Total certificates awarded was 113. All schools have paid their own way therefore incurring no expense to the association. The board offers any assistance it can give to all churches.

Board members are: L. A. Yandell, Roy Bingham, Jim Christian, Melvin Bingham, and Carl Hembree.

Chairman, L. A. Yandell

Clerk, Roy Bingham

## WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

1. Enlistment department: Enrolled at beginning of year 354. Present enrollment 330. Number of new members 98, number lost 88, average attendance 186. Number of A-1 Auxiliaries 6, number B Auxiliaries 2, and 7 C Auxiliaries.

2. Youth Department: Number of youth organizations; G. T. A. 7, Y. P. A. 6, and B. A. 1. Total membership Y. P. A. 77, G. T. A. 101, and B. A. 29. Number stewardship declamation contests held 1, number vacation Bible schools assisted in 13, number active church libraries 2, number Bible student assisted 5, other activities 3.

3. Study Course Department: Courses conducted; Missions 23 with 183 in attendance, Stewardship 16 with attendance 86, Manual of methods 13 with 101 in attendance, Evangelism 17 with attendance 98, Prayer 17 with 122 attending, number daily Bible readers 80.

4. Program Prayer Department: Number special programs held 53; number weeks of prayer conducted 40; total amount of self denial offering resulting from week of prayer \$236.36. Total number family altars 99 and total members observing prayer fellowship 78.

5. Personal Service Department: Number making soul winning efforts 175; number souls won 33; number active in community missions 101. Total of all contributions to Children's home \$20.42.

6. Publicity Department: Number subscribers to Free Will Baptist papers 22; number of articles written for publications 184; other publicity done 28.

7. Personal Gifts: Special offerings \$382.66; Free Will Baptist Bible College \$32.50; Children's Home \$15.00; Superannuation \$7.00; others \$456.98; Total \$894.14.

8. New officers for the coming year: President, Lela Crow; Vice President, Mable Wooldridge; Recording Secretary, Helen Day; Assistant recording secretary, Bertha Rushing; Treasurer, Bertha Mae Keiffer; Chairman, Joy Lou Yandell; Study Course Chairman, Leona Mayfield; Stewardship-Prayer Chairman, June Duck; and Personal Service Chairman, Margurite Hinesley.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

##### Receipts

|                                   |            |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Convention Offerings -----        | \$ 64.2    |
| Co-Labor Fund -----               | 489.10     |
| Literature -----                  | 227.80     |
| Orphanage -----                   | 19.00      |
| Tithes -----                      | 238.32     |
| Lunch -----                       | 37.00      |
| Dues -----                        | 63.30      |
| Well at Camp Ground -----         | 134.00     |
| State Home Missions -----         | 101.96     |
| National Home Missions -----      | 101.53     |
| Foreign Missions -----            | 157.46     |
| College (improvement) -----       | 2.50       |
| Cancelled check returned -----    | 16.36      |
| College -----                     | 1.00       |
| Designated:                       |            |
| Laura Bell Barnard -----          | 8.95       |
| Roger Phoenicie -----             | 30.00      |
| Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Sparks ----- | 9.00       |
| Total Receipts -----              | \$1,701.60 |
| Balance August 21, 1956 -----     | 385.14     |
| Grand Total -----                 | \$2,06.74  |

##### Disbursements

|                  |           |
|------------------|-----------|
| Co-Labor -----   | \$ 489.10 |
| Literature ----- | 226.05    |

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Orphanage .....                                                                   | 19.00     |
| Tithes .....                                                                      | \$ 26.89  |
| Lunch .....                                                                       | 66.00     |
| Dues to the State .....                                                           | 2.80      |
| First Mission Assn. for girls dormitory .....                                     | 200.00    |
| First Mission Assn. on well .....                                                 | 200.00    |
| First Mission Assn. on doors for showers .....                                    | 37.66     |
| Declamation contestants .....                                                     | 7.50      |
| Clark Darland Hardware, supplies for dormitories .....                            | 18.62     |
| Badges and ribbons for convention .....                                           | 1.65      |
| Tent for National Home Missions .....                                             | 66.00     |
| Meigs Publishing Co. (certificates) .....                                         | .40       |
| Programs and registration cards .....                                             | 79.02     |
| Burnett's Flowers (Bessie Staires Hospital and Gladys<br>Outsinger funeral) ..... | 8.00      |
| Foreign Missions .....                                                            | 157.46    |
| State Home Missions .....                                                         | 101.96    |
| National Home Missions .....                                                      | 101.53    |
| College (improvement) .....                                                       | 2.50      |
| Designated:                                                                       |           |
| Laura Bell Barnard .....                                                          | 8.95      |
| Roger Phoenicie .....                                                             | 30.00     |
| Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Sparks .....                                                 | 9.00      |
| Postage, mailing expenses and phone calls in interest<br>of District work .....   | 24.92     |
| Total Disbursements .....                                                         | 1,886.01  |
| Balance on deposit .....                                                          | \$ 200.73 |

Treasurer, Bertha Mae Keiffer

### LEAGUE RALLY REPORT

To the First Mission Association when convened at the Camp Grounds on August 21-22, 1957. We wish to report our business of August 16, when League Rally convened at the Camp Ground.

We wish to recommend the following officers:

1. Camp Director: Charley Smith
2. Senior Girls Dormitory Sponsors: June Duck, Fronzie Tuttle, June Young and Marie Roberts.
3. Junior Girls Dormitory Sponsors: Marguerite Hinesley, Opal Rogers, and Velve Meadors.
4. Senior Boys Dormitory Sponsors: Rev. Eddie Payne, Rev. Don Payne, and Rev. W. T. Roberts.
5. Junior Boys Dormitory Sponsors: Rev. Joe Slaten, Rev. Everett Keiffer, and Charles Hinesley.

#### Resolution Committee Report

1. We recommend to the Association that the League president be put on the League board as an advisory member.

2. Be it resolved that improvements be made in both shower houses.
3. Be it resolved that a medicine cabinet be placed on the grounds.

Nominations for League Board are Rev. Robert Duck and Rev. J. J. Slaten.

Officers for ensuing year are as follows: President, Rev. Homer Young; Vice President, Larry Bishop; Recording Secretary, Glenda Armstrong; Corresponding Secretary, Retha Keiffer; Treasurer, Peggy Cox; Music Director, Jerry Kasee; and Pianist, Shirley Day.

Place of next League Rally, Lewis Avenue Tulsa.

Respectfully submitted,

Everett Keiffer, President

Barbara Pitts, Recording Secretary

**OBITUARY REPORT:** We, the obituary committee, find that God in his loving kindness as called from our midst the following: Bristow-Walter Wilson; Carl Fritchey, Frank Davidson, and J. J. Davidson; Tulsa First-George Miller, Lee Andrew, Mr. Chapman, Harold H. Carney, Gus Mickle, Mary McConnell, Priscilla Nance, Lena Belden and Alonza Bowman; Picher-Emalie Crain; Sapulpa First-Burt Hathaway and E. W. Ewing; Cushing-J. L. Graves, Hank Rowland, Mary Johnson and Lacha Britcher; Turley First-Robert Solenburg; Lewis Avenue-Sherman Smith; New Home-Kate Sales; Pretty Water-Gladys Cutsinger; Silver City-Ben Parker and Mrs. Lominick; Lawnwood-Rev. D. B. Hellard and Julia Brizenqine; Blue Bell-John McAnulty; Miami-Martha Davis and Mary Keck.

**TRUSTEE BOARD REPORT:** The Trustee Board makes the following recommendations:

1. All buildings are numbered and we recommend that those paying light bills and insurance do so by designating cabin number.
2. We recommend that all cabins and buildings be painted.
3. We recommend that necessary repairs and installation be made for lighting system.

**TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:** We, your temperance committee, recommend that at least one sermon on temperance be preached each quarter and that our young people be instructed in regard to the effect it has upon their minds, souls and bodies. We further recommend that our people refuse to patronize such places as grocery stores and other business establishments which sell beer or any other alcoholic beverages. We recommend that this association conform to the county option.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:** We, the finance committee, report that there were no books or receipts but we examined the financial statement of the cafe report and the figures checked.

## STATE DELEGATES

|             |                    |                |                  |
|-------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Airport     | Bessie Prock       | Allen          | Bertha Rushing   |
| Blue Bell   | Eula Mae Yocham    | Bristow        | Mary Halliburton |
| Cushing     | June Young         | Drumright      | Ethel Armstrong  |
| Lawnwood    | Cherry Fipps       | Lewis Avenue   | Ethel Renegar    |
| Liberty     | Mary Walker        | New Home       | Charles Hinesley |
| Oilton      | Olive Wardlow      | Okmulgee       | Jessie Hall      |
| Owasso      | Marie Roberts      | Pretty Water   | Nettie Berryhill |
| Stroud      | Virginia Christian | Trinity Temple | Nancy Hancock    |
| Tulsa First | Bessie Staires     | Turley First   | Lela Dipboye     |
| West Tulsa  | Mirl Harnden       |                |                  |

**EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT:** The Exective Board of the First Mission Association has spent a busy year in the service of the Church. The board has met several times and traveled approximatey 2000 miles.

1. The Board met in First Church, Sapulpa two times in January to help settle some Church problems. These meetings were without recommendation to the association.

2. The Executive Board met with the League Board and Trustee Board June 5, 1957, at the camp ground in joint meeting. The boards voted to build a dormitory for the girls 24 by 58 ft. with concrete blocks and concrete floor with steel sash windows. Also, to build two rooms on the caretaker's house. These projects have been completed.

. The baord met with the Lawnwood Church two times in April to advise. These meetings were held without recommendation to the Assn.

4. The board met August 8, 1957, with the Coffeyville Church to help bring peace in the Church. This meeting was successful in bringing a decision without involving the Association.

### Executive Board Recommendations adopted.

1. We recommend that the youth camp be one week prior to State League Convention with enrollment Sunday afternoon and opening service Sunday night, with closing service the following Friday night.

2. We recommend that League Board, Executive Board, and General Director of Youth encampment compile rules for 1958 session of Youth camp.

3. We recommend that we take \$300.00 from Cafe receipts and pay the note at the Drumright bank.

4. We recommend that we pay the youth evangelist \$125.00.

5. We recommend that we borrow \$1,000.00 to clear camp indebtedness.

# **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**August 1, 1956 to August 1, 1957**

|              | Receipts    | Balance Forward | Disbursements | Balance   |
|--------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------|
| August 1-22  | \$ 222.12   | \$ 511.60       | \$ 365.09     | \$ 368.63 |
| August 22-31 | 2,470.08    | 368.63          | 771.22        | 2,067.48  |
| September    | 555.30      | 2,067.48        | 2,531.59      | 91.19     |
| October      | 695.84      | 289.16          | 498.40        | 527.59    |
| December     | 337.44      | 527.59          | 517.30        | 347.73    |
| January      | 581.12      | 347.73          | 465.29        | 463.56    |
| February     | 1,010.10    | 463.56          | 911.94        | 561.72    |
| March        | 668.82      | 561.72          | 855.05        | 345.49    |
| April        | 792.51      | 345.49          | 726.27        | 411.73    |
| May          | 5,118.67    | 411.73          | 1,221.27      | 4,309.13  |
| June         | 870.76      | 4,309.13        | 2,148.23      | 3,031.66  |
| July         | 461.81      | 3,031.96        | 2,498.98      | 994.79    |
| Totals       | \$14,491.39 |                 | \$14,008.50   |           |

The books were audited by the Executive Board

Report from the kitchen for youth camp and association

## **RECEIPTS**

|                       |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| Youth Camp Enrollment | \$ 755.00 |
| Cafe receipts         | 646.77    |
| Total                 | 1,401.77  |

## **DISBURSEMENTS**

|                                          |           |
|------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Nash-Finch Wholesale Grocery             | \$ 322.23 |
| Smith Super Market                       | 5.88      |
| Drumright Ice Company                    | 9.00      |
| Shady Grove Market                       | 17.50     |
| Banfield Meat Market                     | 22.39     |
| Mrs. Dunn, to clean kitchen              | 10.00     |
| Meadow Gold Ice Cream                    | 58.20     |
| Armour Star Meat Market                  | 36.84     |
| Rex Baking Company                       | 91.95     |
| Rev. W. C. Day, teaching                 | 25.00     |
| Rev. Robert Duck, teaching               | 25.00     |
| Rev. Homer Young, music                  | 25.00     |
| Mrs. Lela Dipboye, Kitchen               | 125.00    |
| Crown Press, meal tickets                | 6.50      |
| Turley Lumber Company, rent water cooler | 20.00     |
| Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, evangelist         | 125.00    |
| Drumright Bank, note                     | 300.00    |
| Armstrong Grocery                        | 17.90     |
| Wilson Grocery                           | 13.75     |
| Safeway Grocery                          | 10.50     |
| Total                                    | 1,277.64  |
| Cash on hand                             | 124.15    |
| Total                                    | 1,401.77  |

Outstanding bills are Rex Baking Co., Dr. Pepper Bottling Co., Pepsi

Cola Bottling Co., Rent on P. A. System, Coca Cola Co.

## **BUSINESS FROM THE FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT**

1. Motion carried that we send Rev. H. E. Staires and Rev. W. C. Day to Coffeyville, Kansas, to see about payment in full of their note, and that all interest be relinquished providing they pay in full. If not paid in full the monthly payments received by Association be applied toward retirement of note. Adopted.

2. Motion carried that we hire Dan Scott to build well house for camp ground. Adopted.

3. We recommend that we dismantle one of the girls dormitories and use material to build well house and to add two rooms to the caretaker's house and build new dormitory. Adopted.

### **CREDENTIAL BOARD REPORT (business between meetings)**

1. We have examined Boyer Davis for deacon. We find him sound in doctrine and recommend him for ordination. Adopted.

2. We have examined Olen Tidwell for deacon. We find him sound in doctrine and recommend him for ordination. Adopted.

3. We have examined Olen Wagnon for deacon. We find him sound in doctrine and recommend him for ordination. Adopted.

4. We have examined Elbert Taylor for deacon. By his request we have deferred action indefinitely.

### **CREDENTIAL BOARD REPORT**

1. We have examined Everett Keifer. We find him sound in doctrine and recommend him for license for one year. Adopted.

2. We have examined Rev. Nolan Robinson and recommend that we accept him into our association. Adopted.

3. We have examined Hailie Clouch and find him sound in doctrine and recommend him for license for one year. Adopted.

4. We have examined Eddie Payne and find him sound in doctrine and recommend him to be licensed for one year. Adopted.

5. We have examined Ronald Royal and find him sound in doctrine and recommend he be licensed for one year. Adopted.

6. We have examined Casey Adams for ordination and recommend that he apply himself to the study of F. W. B. doctrine for 3 months. Adopted.

7. We have examined Rev. Joe Slaten for ordination. We find him sound in doctrine and recommend that he be ordained. Adopted.

8. We have examined Rev. Roy Bingham for ordination. We find him sound in doctrine and recommend him for ordination. Adopted.

9. We recommend that we grant the request of the North Turley Church—"That Rev. F. M. Crouch's credentials be reinstated as of this day. Adopted.

## CREDENTIAL BOARD REQUESTS

1. We, the members of the Credential Board ask that we have a pastor's meeting Dec. 7, 1956, 7:30 p. m., at the Oilton Church. Adopted.

2. We, the Credential Board ask permission to meet between sessions to examine those who have applied to previous sessions so that we can report to next session. Adopted.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. Be it resolved that this conference organize a district Master's Men's Meeting. Adopted.

2. Be it resolved that the standing delegates of this association be—Ordained Ministers, their wives, ordained deacons and Church Clerks. Adopted.

3. Be it resolved that the budget of \$12,000.00 that was set last year be retained for this fiscal year with the allocations for each Church remaining the same or more if they can raise it. Adopted.

4. Be it resolved that we rescind item No. 5 of the resolutions printed in our yearly minutes. Adopted.

5. Be it resolved that this body give this Church a standing vote of thanks for their fine hospitality. Adopted.

## BUSINESS OF THE SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING

Motion carried to have a Minister's and Deacon's meeting each quarter before the quarterly meeting.

Motion carried to pay \$200.00 from treasury on the \$500.00 note at Drumright, Oklahoma. (This is Coffeyville Loan)

## MINISTERS MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That no Minister or deacon be ordained, licensed, or accepted from another Association that uses tobacco in any form. Adopted.

2. That no Minister be received into the Association from another denomination unless accompanied by a letter or recommendation. Adopted.

## CREDENTIAL BOARD REPORT

1. We have examined Rev. Robert Sykes and find him sound in doctrine and recommend him for ordination. Adopted.

2. We recommend that James Carlile's license be extended for another year. Adopted.

3. We recommend that J. B. Biggs finish his course of study before being licensed. Adopted.

4. We recommend that Joe Payne be ordained to the Ministry. Adopted.

5. We recommend that Don Payne be ordained to the Ministry. Adopted.

6. We recommend that Gene Mayberry be ordained to the Ministry. Adopted.

7. We recommend that Casey Adams be ordained to the Ministry. Adopted.

#### **RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT**

1. Be it resolved that a telegram be sent to Rev. Paul Purcell from this association and a special prayer be offered in his behalf. Adopted.

2. Be it resolved that the First Mission Association endorse the Randall Memorial School of the Bible. Adopted.

3. Be it resolved that this Association have a five man Home Mission Board in lieu of a three man board. Adopted.

4. Be it resolved that the Moderator with his assistant appoint all committees. Adopted.

5. Be it resolved that we give a standing vote of thanks to Lewis Ave. Church for their hospitality to this meeting. Adopted.

#### **BUSINESS OF THE THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING**

##### **RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT**

1. Be it resolved that we insure our youth and all personnel while in youth camp. Adopted.

2. Be it resolved that we cooperate with the State Mission Board in their special mission week June 16-23. Adopted.

3. Tabled indefinitely

4. Be it resolved that we give the host Church a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality to this conference. Adopted.

##### **CREDENTIAL BOARD REPORT**

1. We have examined Rev. Jim Cearley and recommend that he be ordained to the Ministry. Adopted.

2. We have examined Moses Linn for license and recommend that he be licensed. Adopted.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM LEAGUE, EXECUTIVE AND TRUSTEE BOARDS**

1. Be it resolved that from this session to be held this year of youth encampment that we separate the camp from camp meeting and have youth camp earlier in the year. Adopted.

2. That Youth encampment be fully under direction of League Board. Adopted.

#### **BUSINESS OF THE MAY 10 MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE**

Motion carried to set aside a committee of 10, five Ministers and five deacons, to formulate a hand-book on the duties of a deacon. The committee consists of: Rev. Roy Hearon, Chairman; Rev. Joe Slaten, Rev. C. C. Hood, Rev. James Christian and Rev. Doyle Dipboye. The Ministers were to appoint a deacon from their churches.

# STATISTICAL REPORT OF CHURCHES

| Churches       | Property Value | S. S. Average | Membership Rec. | Membership Total | Paid Pastor |
|----------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------|
| Airport        | \$ 22,000.00   | 129           | 53              | 154              | \$ 1,795.00 |
| Allen          | 14,000.00      | 98            | 5               | 183              | 2,491.31    |
| Blue Bell      | 10,000.00      | 55            | 16              | 60               | 1,034.38    |
| Bristow        | 23,000.00      | 108           | 3               | 135              | 3,510.00    |
| Coffeyville    | 5,000.00       | 75            | 30              | 52               | 1,200.00    |
| Cushing        | 53,000.00      | 140           | 38              | 180              | 3,151.50    |
| Drumright      | 23,500.00      | 137           | 36              | 195              | 3,265.00    |
| First, Tulsa   | 108,000.00     | 285           | 89              | 585              | 5,824.00    |
| First, Turley  | 50,000.00      | 144           | 86              | 190              | 4,420.00    |
| Hartley        | 9,000.00       | 86            | 16              | 71               | 3,915.27    |
| Lewis Avenue   | 133,000.00     | 183           | 56              | 321              | 4,230.00    |
| Lawnwood       | 40,500.00      | 201           | 42              | 174              | 4,720.00    |
| Liberty        | 8,000.00       | 50            | 5               | 43               | 600.00      |
| Miami          | 6,500.00       |               | 6               | 27               | 1,200.00    |
| New Home       | 20,000.00      | 200           | 21              | 208              | 4,090.00    |
| North Heights  | 5,000.00       | 68            | 9               | 25               | 549.66      |
| Olive          | 5,000.00       | 25            | 4               | 30               | 122.26      |
| Oilton         | 15,000.00      | 110           | 10              | 141              | 2,912.00    |
| Owasso         | None           | 51            | 35              | 35               | 185.00      |
| Okmulgee       | 5,000.00       | 39            | 4               | 67               | 2,275.00    |
| Picher         | 6,000.00       | 85            | 8               | 53               | 511.80      |
| Pretty Water   | 2,500.00       | 25            | 13              | 25               | 411.00      |
| Stroud         | 18,000.00      | 56            | 3               | 41               | 1,170.00    |
| Sapulpa, 1st.  | 4,500.00       | 65            | 21              | 160              | 1,926.24    |
| Silver City    | 5,000.00       | 41            | 5               | 35               | 720.00      |
| Trinity Temple | 25,000.00      | 81            | 9               | 88               | 3,180.00    |
| West Tulsa     | 20,000.00      | 80            | 27              | 95               | 2,600.00    |
| Total          | \$636,500.00   | 2,617         | 650             | 3,308            | \$52,009.72 |

Total number of Deacons 81

Number of Licensed Ministers 15

Amount to Denominational Work (Missions, Colleges etc. \$6386.71)

Value of Assn. Property \$25,000.00

## CHURCH LETTERS

**AIRPORT:** State of religion good; members received this year 53; total membership 154; condition of prayer meeting good; condition of Sunday School good; average number of pupils 129; condition of league good; average attendance 30; paid pastor \$1795.00; paid evangelist \$200.00; for building and repairs \$2490.49 for education \$378.60; for publication \$109.40; to association budget and cooperative program \$525.00; value of Church property: Church \$14,000; Parsonage \$8000; enclosed for minutes \$5.00; state delegate's fee \$5.00.

Moderator, Rev. Joe J. Slaten

Clerk, Bessie Prock

**ALLEN:** State of religion good; members received this year 5; total membership 183; condition of prayer meeting fair; condition of Sunday School good; average number of pupils 98; condition of League good; average attendance 23; paid pastor \$2,491.60; paid evangelist \$66.20; building and repairs \$601.33; education \$279.29; publication \$81.70; associational budget and cooperative plan \$147.13; value of church property: Church \$12,000.00; Parsonage \$2,000.00; enclosed for minutes \$3.00; state delegate \$5.00.

Moderator, Rev. Carl Hembree

Clerk, Bertha Rushing

**BLUE BELL:** State of religion good; members received this year 16; total membership 60; condition of prayer meeting fair; condition of Sunday School good; average number of pupils 55; condition of league good; average attendance 9-16; paid pastor \$1,923.50; paid evangelist \$150.00; building and repairs \$1,034.38; education \$78.26; publication \$17.00; associational budget and cooperative plan \$270.00; value of property: Church \$7,000.00; parsonage \$3,000.00; enclosed for minutes \$2.00; enclosed for state delegate 5.00.

Moderator, Rev. Carl Hood

Clerk, Mary Mae Myrick

**BRISTOW:** State of religion good; members received this year 3; total membership 135; condition of prayer meeting good; condition of Sunday School good; average number of pupils 108; condition of League good; average attendance 20; paid pastor \$3,510.00; paid evangelist \$235.00; building and repairs \$1,479.16; education \$146.64; publication \$398.39; association budget and cooperative plan \$370.00; value of property: Church \$14,500.00; personage \$8,500.00; enclosed for minutes \$5.00; state delegate \$5.00.

Moderator, Rev. Paul Purcell

Clerk, Mildred Mounce

**COFFEYVILLE:** State of religion good; members received this year 30; total membership 52; condition of Sunday School good; average number of pupils 70-75; prayer meeting attendance is fair; paid pastor \$1,200.00; paid evangelist \$110.00; building and repairs \$360.00; enclosed for minutes \$3.00; value of Church \$5,000.00.

Moderator, Rev. Adrian Condit

Clerk, Wanda Goodman

**CUSHING:** State of religion good; members received this year 38; total membership 180; condition of prayer meeting good; condition of Sunday School good; average number of pupils 140; condition of league fair; average attendance 35; paid pastor \$3,151.50; paid evangelist \$178.00; building and repairs \$242.29; education \$244.62; publication \$91.37; association budget and cooperative plan \$613.00; value of property: Church \$50,000.00; parsonage \$3,000.00; enclosed for minutes \$5.00; State delegate \$5.00.

Moderator, Rev. Homer L. Young

Clerk, Earnest Nichols Jr.

**DRUMRIGHT:** State of religion good; members received this year 36; total membership 195; condition of prayer meeting good; condition of Sunday School good; average number of pupils 137; condition of league good; average attendance 35; paid pastor \$3,265.00; paid evangelist \$423.51; building and repairs \$3,005.11; education \$350.04; publication \$364.42; associational budget and cooperative plan \$188.00; value of property: Church \$17,00.00; parsonage \$6,500.00; enclosed for minutes \$8.00; state delegate \$5.00.

Moderator, Rev. Roy Hearon

Clerk, Morse Moore

**FIRST, TULSA:** State of religion good; members received this year 89; members dismissed (death, letters, etc.) 30; resident members 514; non-resident members 71; total membership 585; deceased 9; condition of Sunday School good; average number of pupils 285; condition of league good; average attendance 50; condition of Master's Men good; condition of Woman's Auxiliary good; paid for building and repair \$762.55; publication \$199.41; education \$1,500.00; cooperative work \$3,300.00; pastor \$5,824.00; evangelist \$180.00; value of property: Church \$100,000.00; Parsonage \$8,000.00; enclosed for state delegate \$5.00; minutes \$5.00.

Moderator, Rev. John H. West

**FIRST, TURLEY:** State of religion good; members received this year 6; number deceased 1; dismissed 20; total membership 190; condition of prayer meeting good; average attendance 70; Sunday School enrollment 258; average attendance 144; paid pastor \$4,420.00; evangelist \$200.00; building and repair \$12,000.00; education \$350.00; publication \$400.00; paid

to cooperative plan \$120.00; value of property: Church \$50,000.00; enclosed for minutes \$3.00; state delegate \$5.00.

Moderator, Rev. Doyle Dipboye

Clerk, Clarence Harper

**HARTLEY:** State of religion good; members received this year 16; total membership 71; condition of prayer meeting good; condition of Sunday School good; average number of pupils 86; condition of league good; average attendance 18; paid pastor \$3,915.27; evangelist \$75.00; building and repairs \$1,516.55; education \$23.33; publication \$175.06; Value of Church property \$9,000.00 amount enclosed for minutes \$3.00.

Moderator, Rev. Jack Ledbetter

Clerk, Roberta Johnson

**LEWIS AVENUE:** State of religion good; members received this year 566; number of conversions 32; number baptized 24; number dismissed 14; total membership 321; amount paid for education \$392.00; publication \$220.00; building and repairs \$2,000.00; paid pastor \$4,230.00; evangelist \$110.00; cooperative fund \$280.00; condition of prayer meeting good; condition of Sunday School good; average attendance 183; number of officers 9; teachers 14; value of Church property \$133,000.00; enclosed for minutes \$5.00; state delegate \$5.00.

Moderator, Rev. Willard C. Day

Clerk, Raymond A. Hayes

**LAWNWOOD:** State of religion fair; members received this year 52; total membership 174; condition of prayer meeting good; condition of Sunday School fair; average number of pupils 201; condition of league average; average attendance 25; paid pastor \$4,720.00; evangelist \$450.00; building and repairs \$3,466.21; education \$948.57; publication \$305.41; associational budget and cooperative plan \$757.90; Misc. \$2,496.73; value of property: Church \$36,500.00; parsonage \$4,000.00; enclosed for minutes \$5.00; state delegate \$5.00.

Moderator, Rev. Harry E. Staires

Clerk, Cherry Fipps

**MIAMI:** State of religion good; members received this year 6; dismissed 2; deceased 2; total membership 4; condition of prayer meeting good; condition of Sunday School good; paid pastor \$1,200.00; enclosed for minutes \$2.00.

Moderator, Rev. Carl Walters

Clerk, Sadie Rusco

**LIBERTY:** State of religion good; members received this year 5; total membership 43; condition of prayer meeting good; condition of Sunday School good; average number of pupils 50; condition of league good; average attendance 40; paid pastor \$600.00; paid evangelist \$72.09; association budget and cooperative plan \$214.00; value of property: Church \$5,000.00; parsonage \$3,000.00; enclosed for minutes \$2.00; state delegate \$5.00.

Moderator, Rev. Willis Walker  
Clerk, Nadean Wheeler

**NEW HOME:** State of religion good; members received this year 21; condition of prayer meeting good; condition of Sunday School fair; average number of pupils 200; condition of league fair; average attendance 25; paid pastor \$4,090.00; evangelist \$207.00; building and repair \$2,206.87; education \$549.00; publication \$248.98; association budget and cooperative plan \$600.00 value of property: Church \$18,000.00; parsonage \$2,000.00; enclosed for minutes \$5.00; state delegate \$5.00.

Moderator, Rev. L. A. Yandell  
Clerk, Jackie O'Bar

**NORTH HEIGHTS:** State of religion good; members received this year 9; total membership 25; condition of prayer meeting good; condition of Sunday School good; average number of pupils 68; paid pastor \$549.66; evangelist \$60.13 building and repair \$485.77; education \$78.53 publication \$147.62; association budget and cooperative plan \$100.00; value of property: Church \$5,000.00; enclosed for minutes \$3.00.

Moderator, Rev. Sam Gcber  
Clerk, Maggie McQuilliam

**OLIVE:** State of religion good; members received this year 4; total membership 35; condition of prayer meeting good; condition of Sunday School good; average number of pupils 25; paid pastor \$122.26; publication \$35.00; association budget and cooperative plan \$34.36; value of property: Church \$3,000.00; parsonage \$2,000.00; enclosed for minutes \$2.00.

Moderator, Rev. Bill Patrick  
Clerk, Jackie Skaggs

**OILTON:** State of religion good; members received this year 10; total membership 141; condition of prayer meeting good; condition of Sunday School good; average number of pupils 110; condition of league good; average attendance 22; paid pastor \$2,912.00; evangelist \$180.00; building and repair \$570.40; education \$538.66; association budget and cooperative plan \$95.00; value of property: Church \$10,000.00; parsonage \$5,000.00; enclosed for minutes \$5.00; state delegate \$5.00.

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

OKMULGEE: State of religion good; members received this year 4; dismissed 3; total membership 67; condition of prayer meeting good; condition of Sunday School good; average number of pupils 39; officers 5; teachers 7; paid pastor \$2,275.00; evangelist \$150.00; value of Church property \$5,000.00; paid to education \$56.00; publication none; paid to association budget and cooperative fund \$382.94 enclosed for minutes \$5.00; state delegate \$5.00.

Moderator, Rev. Lonnie Hall

Clerk, Anna Debo

OWASSO: State of religion good; members received this year 35; total membership 35; condition of prayer meeting good; condition of Sunday School excellent; average number of pupils 51; condition of league good; average attendance 41; paid pastor \$185.00; building and repairs \$44.00; publication \$18.67; association budget and cooperative plan \$21.39; enclosed for minutes \$3.00 state delegate \$5.00.

Moderator, Rev. Don Payne

Clerk, Odela Testerman

PICHER: State of religion good; members received this year 8; condition of prayer meeting good; total membership 53; condition of Sunday School good; average number of pupils 85; paid pastor \$511.80; evangelist \$85.13; publication \$26.55; association budget and cooperative plan \$120.00; enclosed for minutes \$5.00.

Moderator, Rev. Jerald Herd

Clerk, Flora Mae Swinehart

PRETTY WATER: State of religion good; members received this year 13; total membership 25; condition of prayer meeting good; condition of Sunday School good; average number of pupils 25; condition of league fair; average attendance 10; paid pastor \$411.00; evangelist \$50.00; building and repair \$21.50 education \$45.00; association budget and cooperative plan \$52.65; value of church property \$2,500.00; enclosed for minutes \$3.50; state delegate \$5.00.

Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Wilson

Clerk, Nettie Berryhill

STROUD: State of religion good; members received this year 3; total membership 41; condition of prayer meeting good; condition of Sunday School good; average number of pupils 56; paid pastor \$1,170.00; evangelist \$206.25; building and repair \$2,631.49; education \$61.65; publication \$102.80 association budget and cooperative plan \$223.45; value of property: Church \$12,000.00; Parsonage \$6,000.00; enclosed for minutes \$3.00; state delegate \$5.00.

Moderator, Rev. J. E. Christian

Clerk, Alwin Hightower

**SAPULPA FIRST:** State of religion good; members received this year 21; total membership 160; condition of prayer meeting good; condition of Sunday School good; average number of pupils 65; paid pastor \$1,926.24; evangelist \$52.00; building and repair \$1,198.78; education \$129.95; association budget and cooperative plan \$186.43; value of Church property \$4,500.00; enclosed for minutes \$5.00.

Moderator, Rev. W. E. Warner

Clerk, Bessie Whitehead, asst.

**SILVER CITY:** State of religion good; members received this year 5; deceased 1; total membership 35; condition of prayer meeting good; condition of Sunday School good; average number of pupils 41; paid pastor \$720.00; evangelist \$75.00; building and repair \$158.00; publication \$110.77; association budget and cooperative plan \$60.00; value of church property \$5,000.00; enclosed for minutes \$3.00.

Moderator, Rev. John Peterson

Clerk, Lettie Posten

**TRINITY TEMPLE:** State of religion good; condition of prayer meeting good; condition of Sunday School good; average number of pupils 81; condition of league good; members received this year 9; dismissed 7; total membership 88; paid pastor \$3,180.00; paid evangelist \$140.70; building and repairs \$600.00; education \$243.05; publication \$40.40; association budget and cooperative plan \$75.00 Home Missions \$54.67; Bible College 58.80; Foreign Missions \$199.43; value of Church property \$25,000.00; enclosed for minutes \$5.00; state delegate 5.00.

Moderator, Rev. Melvin Bingham

Clerk, Nancy M. Hancock

**WEST TULSA:** State of religion good; members received this year 27; total membership 95; condition of prayer meeting good; condition of Sunday School good; average number of pupils 80; paid pastor \$2,600.00; building and repair \$3,697.82; education \$104.00; publication none; association budget and cooperative plan \$180.00; value of property: Church \$20,000.00; enclosed for minutes \$5.00; state delegate \$5.00.

Moderator, Rev. Ralph Brown

Clerk, Esther Williams

## PERMANENT RESOLUTIONS

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. That in the examination of candidates for ordination and license, each question and answer be recorded and filed with the clerk of the Assn.
6. 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.
7. That since we have grown to such proportion, we seat our delegates from the chair, without the usual lineup and hand shake.
8. That no person can be an active deacon or minister in this Association who does not pay and teach tithes.
9. That the letters of all churches be in the hands of the Associational Clerk at least one week before Conference convenes.
10. 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.
11. That the Association give the Mission Board the power to establish churches wherever they find it possible.
12. That this body purchase or supply a typewriter for Associational use.
13. That we recommend that when the Association is in the worship services all on the grounds be asked to attend unless providentially hindered.
14. That we write a new blanket insurance, and that our cabins be insured "Two Hundred Dollars" per cabin.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. That all of our Churches use the letter forms furnished by our Clerk.

## MINISTERS BELONGING TO THIS ASSOCIATION

|                      |                                            |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 1. Alexander, John   | 1132 East Norman, Sapulpa, Oklahoma        |
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| 5. Bingham, Roy      | 317 South Oak, Sapulpa, Oklahoma           |
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| 7. Bryant, Roy       | 5916 West Ninth, Tulsa, Oklahoma           |
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| 24. Hearon, Roy      | 139 East Drumright, Drumright, Oklahoma    |
| 25. Hembree, Carl    | Route 1, Sapulpa, Oklahoma                 |
| 26. Hokit, Louis     | 1518 North Joplin, Tulsa, Oklahoma         |
| 27. Herd, Jerald     | 715 S. College St., Picher, Oklahoma       |
| 28. Hobbs, Edd       | Tulsa, Oklahoma                            |
| 29. Holman, Lda      | Route 2, Bristow, Oklahoma                 |
| 30. Hood, Carl       | Route 1, Sapulpa, Oklahoma                 |
| 31. Johnston, George | 508 South Ohio, Drumright, Oklahoma        |
| 32. Jones, Charlie   | 600 South Ohio, Drumright, Oklahoma        |
| 33. Jones, Don       | Nashville, Tennessee                       |
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60. Walters, Carl ----- 223 C S. W., Miami, Oklahoma
61. Warner, W. E. ----- Route 1, Kelleyville, Oklahoma
62. West, John H. ----- 822 North Utica, Tulsa, Oklahoma
63. Williams, E. D. ----- 1625 N. Deleware Pl., Tulsa, Oklahoma
64. Wilson, C. C. ----- 821 Henshaw, Sapulpa, Oklahoma
65. Wilson, E. J. ----- 1938 W. 46th Pl., Tulsa, Oklahmoa
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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.

## 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.

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.

1. 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.

### 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 the 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. 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 held 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.

#### 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.

## 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.

