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First Mission Association of FREE WILL BAPTISTS

1958

Proceedings of the THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

OLD MINISTER'S HOME — CAMP GROUND

Drumright-Sapulpa Highway

At Sub-Station



# FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Rev. Melvin Bingham

#### **OFFICERS**

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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 Drumrigh on Highway 33) August 18-26, 1959.

- INTRODUCTORY MESSAGE: Rev. Waldo Young and Rev. Melvin Bingham as alternate.
- MONDAY, August 17-Sunday School Convention.
- TUESDAY, August 18-Woman's Auxiliary Convention.
- FIRST QUARTERLY CONFERENCE convenes with the Drumright Free Will Baptist Church, 139 East Drumright, Drumright, Oklahoma, Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in November, 1958. (November 20-21, 1958).
- SECOND QUARTERLY CONFERENCE convenes with the First Free Will Baptist Church, 835 North Utica, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in February, 1959. (February 19-20, 1959).
- INTRODUCTORY MESSAGE: Rev. Bob Ketchum with Rev. Homer Young as alternate.
- THIRD QUARTERLY CONFERENCE convenes with the Lewis Avenue Free Will Baptist Church, 1928 North Lewis Ave., Tulsa, Oklahoma, Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in May, 1959. (May 21-22, 1959).
- INTRODUCTORY MESSAGE: Rev. W. T. Roberts with Rev. Adrain Condit as alternate.
- MEMORIAL SERVICE will be held at the Free Will Baptist Cemetery, on Sunday before Memorial Day, May 24, 1959, Rev. Melvin Bingham, speaker.

# Executive Board

Homer L. Young, Clerk	Term	Expires	1963
Harry E. Staires, Chairman	.Term	Expires	1962
Melvin Bingham			
Carl Hembree			
Waldo Young	Term	Expires	1959
Trustee			
L. Y. King	Term	Expires	1963
Ralph Brown	. Term	Expires	1962
Doyle Dipboye, Chairman	.Term	Expires	1961
Melvin Bingham, Clerk	Term	Expires	1960
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N. R. Smith, Clerk	Term	Expires	1963
Harry E. Staires			
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Roy Bingham, Clerk			
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C. C. Wilson	Term	Expires	1963
Don Payne			
Alfred Coursey			
Ralph Brown			
Kenneth Stephens	.Term	Expires	1959
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Bob Ketchum			
W. T. Roberts			
Lynn Hamilton			
Carl Hembree			
N. R. Smith	Term	Expires	1959
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Cemetery			
Iva Rossander			
Myrl Wilson			
Sadie Fincher	.Term	Expires	1959

# **Associational Proceedings**

The thirty-first annual session of the First Mission Association of Free Will Baptists met August 19, 1958, 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 Rev. Waldo Young at the piano. The congregation was led in prayer by Rev. Sam Gober. Rev. and Mrs. C. D. Benton sang, "Every Where I go and Every Thing I do". Daphne Thomas sang, "I'll go where you want me to go", "He's the Master of Blue Galilee" was sung by the Young Brothers.

Rev. John H. West was introduced by the moderator to bring the introductory message. Text: Joshua 13:1. Subject: The Call of the Unpossessed. The Service was dismissed in prayer by Rev. Carl Hembree.

#### WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

Services opened with singing directed by Rev. Adrain Condit with Rev. Waldo Young at the piano. Rev. C. C. Wilson led the congregation in prayer. Rev. Melvin Bingham, assistant moderator, read a portion of the second chapter of Revelation for devotional and Rev. E. M. Kennedy concluded with prayer.

The thirty-first annual session of the First Mission Association was officially declared into conference by the moderator, Rev. Harry E. Staires.

A partial report of the General Board was read and adopted. (We recommend the highlights of the letters be read at this session.) Letters from 23 Churches were read and motion carried to accept the letters and seat the delegates.

The following were appointed on the pulpit committee: Rev. Melvin Bingham, Queenie White, Lela Smith, Ruby Dotson, and Dephane Thomas.

The officers were elected as follows: Moderator, Rev. John H. West; Assistant Moderator, Rev. Melvin Bingham; Clerk and Treasurer, Rev. Homer Young; Assistant Clerk, Rev. Waldo Young.

The Pulpit Committee reported Rev. Richard Shade and Rev. Waldo Young would be the eleven o'clock speakers.

Motion made and accepted that Mrs. Cherry Fipps be given a standing vote of thanks.

The Moderator asked the clerk to come and read the Rules of Order, Rules of Order were read.

A Partial Report of the Credential Committee was read and accepted item by item. Items 1 through 7 were accepted.

Dr. E. M. Kennedy, the State Executive Secretary, made announcements concerning car decals advertising the State Association, Promoter, and the State work. We were dismissed in prayer by Rev. George Johnson.

#### 11:00 O'clock Service

Services opened with singing directed by Rev. John H. West with Mrs. C. D. Benton at the piano after which Rev. Carl Hembree led in prayer. A trio composed of Rev. E. M. Kennedy, Rev. Waldo Young, and Rev. Homer Young sang "What a Savior." "Bless the Lord O My Soul" was sung by the Grandmother's Quartet from Garden Heights church. Rev. John H. West, Moderator, introduced Rev. Richard Shade and Rev. Waldo Young to bring the morning messages. Rev. Shade read Rev. 2:1-7 and Psalms 65:1, His subject was "Performing Our vows unto the Lord." Rev. Waldo Young read John 5:1-9 and spoke on "The Impotent Folk." The service was dismissed in prayer by Rev. Perry Smith.

#### 1:30 P. M.

The afternoon session was opened by singing "Count Your Blessings" directed by Mrs. Daphne Thomas with Mrs. C. D. Benton at the piano. The Devotion was directed by Rev. Everett Keiffer who read Zechariah 3:1-4 as his Scripture

The afternoon session was declared in order by Moderator. Committees were appointed as follows; Resolution Committee, Rev. Carl Hembree, Rev. C. D. Benton, Rev. H. E. Staires, George Smith, and Rev. Roy Bingham.

Obituary Committee, Rev. Hattie Newman, Mildred Mounce, Eula Mae Phillips, Alice Cox, and Ethel Renegar. Temperance Committee, Bessie Staires, Nancy Hancock, Mary Halliburton, Cherry Phipps, and Diana Maxwell.

Unfinished Business was called for by Moderator. Item of business concerning the office of a deacon was rejected.

The General Board report was read and motion made to accept it item by item. Items 2 through 8 were accepted after Item No. 3 was amended.

The Session was dismissed for the rest of the day due to a terrible rain storm.

#### THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

The Thursday morning session opened by singing "At Calvery" directed by Mrs. Myrl Wilson with JoAnn Warren at the piano. Psalms 8:1-9 was read for the morning devotion by the Moderator Rev. John H. West, who closed the devotion with prayer.

New business was called for by Moderator. Letter from the Hartley church was read by the Clerk. Motion carried to accept the letter.

The Executive Board report was read, and accepted as read.

The Sunday School Board Report was read and Moderator ruled it be tabled until the Chairman of the Sunday School board was present.

Mission Board report was read. Motion made and accepted to amend by adding financial report. Report accepted with amendment.

Request from the cemetery committee that a speaker be elected for the next year's service. Request was granted and Rev. Melvin Bingham was elected.

Partial report of the Credential Committee was read and accepted Item No. 8 and 9.

Trustee Board report was read and received.

Sunday School Board report was called for by Moderator. Rev. Carl Hembree read the Standard of Excellence. Request was given to accept the Standard of Excellence Item by Item. All items were accepted after the amending of items No. 1, 7, and 8. The Complete Sunday School Board report was accepted.

The Woman's Auxiliary report was read and accepted as read.

The League Board report was read, request was given to separate the resolutions. Motion made to table resolution N. 2 concerning enclosing the Tabernacle. With this exception, the League Board report was accepted and nominations for offices were elected, Jim Christian, League Board member, and Charlie Smith, sponsor.

The Thursday morning session was dismissed in prayer by Rev. W. E. Warner.

#### 11:00 A. M.

The Morning Worship service and Memorial service was opened by singing "When We All Get to Heaven," directed by Rev. Adrian Condit with Jo Ann Warner at the piano. Prayer by Rev. Bob Ketchum. Song, "When the Roll is Called up Yonder." Special by Young Brothers "I will Not Be a Stranger" with Mrs. Warren at the piano. Message, "Life Beyond the Grave" by Rev. H. E. Staires. Scripture Job 14:1, concluded by special number "Then I'll Settle Down" by Young Brothers. Dismissed in prayer by Moderator Rev. John H. West.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Services opened by singing "Standing on the Promises" directed by Rev. Adrian Condit with Jo Ann Warren at the piano. Devotion was given by Rev. Gene Clay who read Isiah 6:1-8.

Resolution Committee report was read. Motion carried to receive it item by item. Item No. 1 accepted after amendment, Items No. 2, 3, and 4 carried.

Temperance Committee report was read and accepted.

Motion made and accepted to permit the ladies from the Olive community to use the camp ground cafe for one day to serve an Oil Company.

The Cemetery Committee report was read and received. Mrs. Iva Rossander was re-elected to this committee.

Partial report of the Credential Committee, Items 10 through 13, was accepted.

Obituary Committee report was received.

The Quarterly Meetings for the next year were placed. First Quarterly Meeting at the Drumright church with Rev. Ralph Brown as Introductory speaker and Rev. C. C. Wilson as Alternate. Second Quarterly Meeting to be held at the First Free Will Baptist church of Tulsa, Rev. Bob Ketchum as Introductory speaker and Rev. Homer Young alternate. Third Quarterly Meeting was placed at the Lewis Ave. church with Rev. W. T. Roberts as Introductory speaker and Rev. Adrian Condict, alternate. The yearly meeting will be at the Camp Grounds with Rev. Waldo Young as Introductory speaker and Rev. Melvin Bingham, alternate.

The Treasurer's Report was read and received as read. Supplementary report was read and accepted.

The Master's Men Report was read and accepted.

The Board members were elected as follows: Executive Board, Rev. H. E. Staires 5 year, and Rev. Waldo Young as 1 year. Trustee Board, L. Y. King, 5 year. Home Mission Board, Rev. C. C. Wilson, 5 years, and Rev. Kenneth Stephens 1 year Sunday School Board, Rev. Bob Ketchum, 5 year. This filled the vacancies made by those whose term expired and those whose resignations were read.

Motion carried that the Moderator appoint delegates to the National Association: Those appointed were Mrs. Gertie Banks, Mrs. John West, Mrs. H. E. Staires, Mrs. C. C. Wilson, and Mrs. N. R. Smith.

Motion carried that we send as delegates to the State Association those whose names were sent in with the church letters and those whose name will be sent to the Associational Clerk before the State Association.

Motion carried we combine the Camp Meeting and the Annual Association.

Motion carried we offer our appreciation to Rev. Doyle Dipboye for the use of his Public Address system. Motion carried we show our appreciation to the clerks by standing. Motion carried to adjourn. The final Benediction prayer was by Rev. W. T. Roberts.

# General Board Report at Annual Association

The General Board met August 11 and August 18, 1958 and transacted the following items of business:

- 1. We recommend the highlights of the letters be read at this session. Adopted.
- 2. We recommend that our churches give at least 10 percent of their income to budget. Adopted.
- 3. We recommend that we keep 25 percent of the money that comes through the Association until \$3250.00 is received, after which all money will be sent to the state. Adopted.
- 4. We recommend the adoption of the proposed \$13,000.00 budget. Adopted.
  - 5. Motion carried that we borrow \$4500.00 (\$1100.00 more than

present loan) from Jack Kaiser and that \$80.00 per month be placed in savings at "The Citizen's Bank", Drumright, to apply to this indebtedness at the end of the year. Adopted.

- 6. Motion carried that we allow Cleties King to tie on to the water well for a period of six months with the needed business agreement made between him and the Trustee Board. Adopted.
- 7. Motion carried that we paint and repair the camp ground buildings. Adopted.
- 8. Motion carried that we accept the Trustee Board recommendation that space be granted to build a row or six cabins approximately 40 feet north of the north row of cabins and that these cabins be not less than 12 feet wide, not more than 14 feet wide and not over 24 feet long. Adopted.

#### GENERAL BOARD REPORT AT FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

The General Board met at the Turley Church on Thursday, November 21, 1957. A total of nineteen letters were read. Motion carried to receive the letters as read and turn the requests to the Credential Committee.

A petitionary letter from Garden Heights Free Baptist Church was read. Motion carried to receive the letter and turn to the Credential Committee for examination.

Recommendation No. 1: We, recommend that our Association clerk order the National Letters from a Church to quarterly meeting or yearly association (Form L101), and that these letters be used in this association.

# GENERAL BOARD REPORT AT SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING

The general board met February 20, 1958, Drumright, and offered the following recommendations:

- 1. That we accept Drumright Master's Men proposal to re-wire the camp ground with the Association purchasing necessary material. Be it further resolved that they work with the Executive Board. Adopted.
- 2. That Rev. Harry E. Staires, Rev. Willard C. Day, Rev. Doyle Dipboye and Rev. Melvin Bingham be authorized to see the Coffeyville Church about paying their note in full Adopted.
- 3. That we authorize the Drumright Masters Men prepare play ground for youth camp. Adopted.
- 4. That the district Executive Board be in charge of entertaining the State League Convention. Adopted.
- 5. That minutes of annual meeting be distributed according to the minute money received at the Association. Adopted.
- 6. That we endorse "Star Book for Ministers" as ministers handbook in this association. Adopted.

### GENERAL BOARD REPORT AT THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING

- 1. Motion carried to build a room on the northeast corner of kitchen (north side) for walk-in ice box.
- 2. Motion carried to place Rev. H. E. Staires in charge and build with donated labor.
- 3. Motion carried that we accept Willard Day's resignation as chairman of League Board
- 4. Motion carried that money be borrowed to pay off indebtedness and that new indebtedness be paid off in payments.
- 5. Rev. D. D. Dipboye was elected by acclamation for League Board Chairman.
- 6. Motion carried that Rev. Staires and Rev. Dipboye be authorized to make arrangements for feeding the State League Convention and District Youth Camp.

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT AT ANNUAL ASSOCIATION

The Executive Board of the First Mission Association has had a busy year in the service of our Churches. The board has traveled approximately 2000 miles.

- 2. We met with the Drumright Church board May 9, 1958, for council and advice.
- 3. On May 26, 1958, we met with the Airport board of deacons to help in securing a pastor.
- 4. The board was called to the Liberty Church June 9, 1958, to conduct a business meeting. The Chairman was called back to the Liberty Church June 16, 1958, to moderate their business meeting in calling a pastor.

Rev. Paul Pursell resigned from the Executive Board June, 1958. Rev. Roy Hearon resigned from the Executive Board July 16, 1958.

# Joint Report of The Executive Board and Credential Board at Second Quarterly Meeting

The boards met at the Garden Heights Free Baptist Church at Sand Springs, Okla., November 25, 1957. The meeting was called to order by the chairman of the credential board, Rev. Willard C. Day. The purpose of the meeting was to examine the Church. Church books were examined by boards and found in order.

The Garden Heights Church voted unanimously to abide by the treatise. The point of church property belonging to First Mission Association at such time that the church does not hold service was discussed. The Church voted 100 percent in favor of this item. Church roll of 52 members was read. The Church was dismissed in prayer by Alvin Applegate.

The credential committee met with Deacon Alvin Applegate and pastor Rev. C. D. Benton to examine them.

The business of the boards was as follows: (1) Motion carried to receive Garden Heights Free Baptist Church into the First Mission Association after which they shall be called Garden Heights Free Will Baptist Church. (2) Mction carried that Alvin Applegate be ordained as deacon of the Church. (3) Motion carried that Rev. C. D. Benton be reinstated and his original ordination papers be given to him and that he surrender his Free Baptist credentials.

#### TRUSTEE BOARD REPORT AT ANNUAL ASSOCIATION

- 1. The trustee board met several times and with permission of the Association repaired and painted the three dormitories, rest rooms, kitchen and tabernacle; built room for ice box and rewired camp ground. Also, insurance and light bills have been paid on all cabins except No. 15 and No. 22.
- 2. We appreciate the assistance and cooperation of the Executive Board in the accomplishments of the past year.
- 3. We ask permission to purchase a new lawn mower for the caretaker.
- 4. We appreciate the special care given to our camp ground by J. B. Dunn and family.

### TRUSTEE BOARD REPORT AT THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING

- 1. A new room was built to house walk-in ice box large enough to also use for storage room on the north side of cafe at a cost of approximately \$250.00.
- 2. New wire and equipment was purchased for camp ground at a cost of \$192.57 with Bill Moon in charge of wiring.
- 3. Cabins and buildings at camp ground have been numbered as follows:
- 1—Tabernacle, 2—Edna Rowland, 3—First Church Auxiliary, Tulsa, 4—R. B. Condry, 5—John H. West, 6—Ida Holman, 7—Cox, 8—D. D. Dipboye, 9—Senior girls dormitory, 10—Junior girls dormitory, 11—Roy Bingham, 12—A station W.-B station E., 13—Joe Mounce, 14—Ralph Fipps, 15—Scott, 16—Cutsinger, 17—Armstrong, 18—Caretakers Home, 19—Storage building, 20—Cafe, 21—H. E. Staires, 22—W. H. Carter, 23—Junior Boys dormitory, 24—Boys shower house, 25—Senior boys dormitory, 26—Girls shower house.

RECOMMENDATION: We your trustee board recommend that if you have not already painted your cabin you do so in the next few days as we want our camp to look neat for the State League Convention June 18-20, 1958.

#### CREDENTIAL BOARD REPORT AT ANNUAL ASSOCIATION

During the past quarter, the following ministers have completed the Ministerial Preparation Course as offered by this Association and have received their certificates: Roy Bingham, Harry E. Staires, Susie Pruitt, Everett Buchanon, W. T. Roberts, Waldo Young, Virgie E. Clay, Everett Ray Keiffer, Eddie Payne, Charles C. Wilson, Melvin Bingham, and Carl Hembree.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. We have examined Waldo Young, pastor of the Bristow Free Will Baptist Church and find his credentials in good standing and as he has completed the minister's preparation course as offered by this Association and has received his certificate, we recommend that he be seated in this Association. Adopted.
- 2. We have examined Eddie Payne and recommend him for ordination to preach the Gospel. He has completed the Ministerial Preparation Course and received a certificate for the same. Adopted.
- 3. We have examined Virgie E. Clay and recommend him for ordination to preach the Gospel. He has completed the Ministerial Preparation Course and received a certificate for the same. Adopted.
- 4. We have examined Everett Keiffer and recommend him for ordination to preach the Gospel. He has completed the Ministerial Preparation Course and has received his certificate. Adopted.
- 5. We have examined Morgan Odell Hibbard and recommend him to be ordained as a Deacon. Adopted.
- 6. We have examined Jimmy Jones and recommend him to be ordained as a Deacon. Adopted.
- 7. We have examined Clayton B. Crafton and find his credentials in order and recommend that he be accepted into this association from the Grand River Association. Adopted.
- 8. We have examined Nealy Huff and find that he has both license and ordination papers as granted by the First Mission Association. His license was granted November 23, 1939, and he was ordained on June 9, 1940.

Mr. Huff united with the Southern Baptist Convention in the year of 1950 and in the year of 1958 he united with the First Free Will Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma. He said the reason he came back to the Free Will Baptist was because he could not preach and teach the Southern Baptist Doctrine.

We have examined his credentials and find them in order and recommend him for acceptance in this association. Adopted.

- 9. We have examined Harold McGuire and recommend that he serve one year as a deacon as a Free Will Baptist and then return for examination for ordination. Adopted.
- 10. We have examined Kenneth Stephens and find his credentials in order. We recommend that he be accepted into this association from the Northeast Association. Adopted.
- 11. We have examined James Newby and recommend him to be ordained as deacon. Adopted.
- 12. We have examined W. E. Null and recommend him to be ordained as a deacon. Adopted.

13. We have examined Bob Ketchum and find his credentials in order. We recommend that he be accepted into this Association from the Grand River Association. Adopted.

#### CREDENTIAL BOARD REPORT AT FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

- 1. We have read the petitionary letter from the Garden Heights Free Baptist Church and interviewed their pastor; we recommend that we accept the church and their pastor upon approval of the Executive board and the Credential Board which will meet with church and pastor at earliest convenience, and when their approval is made said church and pastor will be received in full fellowship with our association. Adopted.
- 2. We have examined Everett Brown from First Church, Tulsa, and find him sound in doctrine. We recommend that he be accepted into First Mission Association. Adopted.
- 3. We have examined W. C. Hastings of West Tulsa and recommend that the Association return to him his credentials and since he has been ordained by another association we recommend he relinquish, the credentials he received by later association. Adopted.
- 4. We have examined Noel Jones of Lewis Avenue and find him sound in doctrine. We recommend that he be accepted into this association. Adopted.
- 5. We recommend that Lewis Avenue's request for Robert Spencer and John Wood have their license extended for three months be granted. Adopted.
- 6. We recommend that we grant the request of Lawnwood Church in extending the license of Ronald Royal. Adopted.
- 7. We recommend that the license of Everett Ray Keiffer be extended for the remaining part of associational year ending August, 1958, from Trinity Temple. Adopted.
- 8. We recommend that the license of Eddie Payne be extended until August, 1958, in accordance with the request of the Airport Church. Adopted.
- 9. We have examined Owen Garrison of the Miami Church for deacon and find him sound in doctrine and recommend him for ordination. Adopted.

# CREDENTIAL BOARD REPORT AT SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING

- 1. We have examined Ronald Royal from Lawnwood Church and recommend that he be ordained to preach the Gospel. Adopted.
- 2. We have examined Robert Spencer from Lewis Avenue, and find him sound in doctrine and recommend that he be ordained to preach the Gospel. Adopted.
- 3. We have examined John Wood from Lewis Avenue, and recommend that he be ordained to preach the Gospel. Adopted.
  - 4. We have examined Everett Buchanon for license, from Lawn-

wood Church, and recommend that he be licensed to preach the Gospel for one year. Adopted.

- 5. We have examined N. R. Smith and recommend that he be accepted into this Association from the Progressive Association. Adopted.
- 6. We have examined Bill Johndrow, Airport Church and recommend that he be licensed to preach the gospel. Adopted.
- 7. We have examined Henry Aten, Lawnwood Church, and find him sound in doctrine and recommend that he be licensed to preach the Gospel. Adopted.
- 8. We have examined Dan Parker, Oilton Church, and find him sound in doctrine and recommend that he be licensed to preach the Gospel. Adopted.

# CREDENTIAL BOARD REPORT AT THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING

- 1. We recommend Wayne Wagnor, West Tulsa, be licensed to preach the Gospel. Adopted.
- 2. We recommend William Pitts, First Church, Tulsa, be ordained as a deacon. Adopted.
- 3. We recommend Jack Prater, Turley, be ordained as a deacon. Adopted.
- 4. We recommend John D. McHenry, Airport, for license to preach the Gospel. Adopted.
- 5. We recommend Robert Hidde, Turley, for acceptance into this Association coming from Arkansas. Adopted.
- 6. We recommend George Rubbins, Wichita, be ordained as deacon. Adopted.
- 7. We recommend Bill Patrick for acceptance into this Association coming from North East Association. Adopted.
- 8. In regards to Carl Walters the credential board could not reach a decision and therefore recommend him to the body for a decision. He has his 1958 Ministers card from the state. Motion carried to accept Rev. Walters into the First Mission Association.

#### LEAGUE BOARD REPORT AT ANNUAL ASSOCIATION

The League Board met several times the past year in planning our four League Rallys, and Youth encampment. Our last meeting held June 16, the following business was transacted, concerning our youth encampment: 1. Motion carried to accept Cleo Pursell's resignation as teacher and principal. 2. Mrs. Ralph Staires was elected to teach Stewardship, and be principal of the school. 3. Waldo Young was elected as Choir Director. 4. Motion carried to accept Mrs. Burl Tuttle's resignation as dormitory sponsor. 5. Mrs. Adrian Condit was elected as dormitory sponsor. 6. Motion carried that teachers, evangelist, and choir director receive \$25.00 each. 7. Motion carried that

cook receive \$100.00 for State League Convention and Youth Encampment. All working personal to get free meals.

#### LEAGUE BOARD REPORT OF YOUTH ENCAMPMENT

The youth camp of the First Mission Association began June 22, 1958. We had an enrollment of 129. Classes were directed to their places by Charlie Smith, general sponsor.

Activities beginning Monday morning were as follows: Devotional services each morning at 8:45. Classes assembled at 9:00. Worth of Prayer was taught by Rev. John H. West. Sunday School Evangelism was taught by Rev. N. R. Smith and Stewardship was taught by sister Bessie Staires.

The eleven o'clock services were conducted by Rev. Doyle Dipboye, Rev. Waldo Young, Rev. Robert Duck, Rev. Adrain Condit, and Rev. N. R. Smith. The devotional and choir practice at 1:30 p.m. each afternoon was under the direction of Rev. Waldo Young. Grove services were held each evening at 7:00 p.m. and the evening evangelistic Service at 7:45. Rev.Waldo Young was in charge of the music and 'Rev. Homer Young was the evangelist.

We thank the Lord for 20 conversions and eleven who dedicated their lives to special work for the Lord. We wish to thank each and every one who helped to make the youth camp a success. We also wish to thank each one who worked so faithfully in the kitchen to see that the boys and girls were so well fed.

Respectfully submitted, Charlie Smith, General Sponsor, Glenda Armstrong, Rec. Sec.

#### LEAGUE BOARD REPORT OF ANNUAL LEAGUE RALLY

Minutes of the First Mission Association League Rally which convened July 31, 1958, at First Mission Camp Grounds.

Homer Young led in a song, "Amazing Grace," played by Waldo Young. We were led in prayer by Ellen Bourland. Homer Young read the devotional from 1st Timothy, 4th chapter and then led the chorus, "God can do anything but fail."

Committees were appointed as follows:

Resolution committee: Doyle Holeman, Kenneth Timmons, and Ronnie Jones; Auditing committee, Joyce Mounce, Nancy Valentine, and Harrell Pell; Nominating committee, Rev. Robert Duck, Doug Mayfield, Jerri Tuttle, and Nita Hillard.

Songs "In right, out right, up right, down right" and "Hallelujah" were sung.

Treasurer's report was read and approved. Letters were read and accepted. Stroud League was accepted into the First Mission Association League.

Leagues present were: Airport, 15; Allen, 7; Blue Bell, 7; Bris-

tow, 7; Cushing, 23; Drumright, 10; Turley, 3; Lewis Avenue, 9; Liberty, 5; New Home, 29; Oilton 12; Stroud, 9; Trinity Temple, 2; and West Tulsa, 1.

We were blessed with special singing from: New Home, Cushing, Turley, Oilton and Bristow. Rev. Adrain Condit led in prayer and an offering was received. A special number was given by the Young brothers.

In the business session the resolution committee report was read and accepted item by item. 1. Be it resolved that we have planned recreation for the youth encampment. 2. Be it resolved that the tabernacle have an enclosure for rain and cold and for the League to sponsor this work. 3. Be it resolved that the League Rallies be held at the camp grounds when item No. 2 is completed. 4. Be it resolved that the First Mission League send at least \$25.00 to the Free Will Baptist College for Kitchen Improvement.

The auditing committee report was read as follows: We the auditing committee find the treasurer's report in perfect condition and wish to commend the treasurer on a fine job. Accepted.

Motion carried that we alternate plays and talents at the League Rallies. The 1st and 3rd Rallies are to be plays and the 2nd and 4th Rallies will be talent.

The League Rallies are to be held as follows: Bristow, October 17; New Home, January; Stroud, April; and Camp Grounds in July.

The nominating committee report was read and accepted as follows: Youth Camp General Sponsor, Charlie Smith; League Board member, Jim Christian; President, Ronnie Jones; Vice-president, Don Miller; Cors. Secy., Jane Hune; Recording Secy., Nancy Halliburton; Treasurer, Ruth Ann Stout; Song Leader, Waldo Young; Assistant Song Leader, Ellen Bourland; and Pianist, Raymond Lee Jr.

New Home church was presented with the attendance banner. Motion carried to adjourn. Benediction by Rev. N. R. Smith.

> Respectfully submitted, Nancy Halliburton

### LEAGUE BOARD REPORT AT THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING

Youth Camp Schedule. Monday—Friday, June 23-27.

6:30 a.m. Arise and shine.

7:00 a.m. Breakfast.

9:00 a.m. Devotional.

9:15 a.m. Class I.

Seniors—"Personal Soul Winning"—N. R. Smith. Intermediates—"Prayer"—John H. West.

Juniors—"Stewardship"—Cleo Pursell.

9:45 a.m. Class II.

Seniors—"Personal Soul Winning"—N. R. Smith.

Intermediates—"Stewardship"—Cleo Pursell. Juniors—"Prayer"—John H. West.

10:15 a.m. Recess.

11:00 a.m. Morning worship.

12:00 a.m. Lunch.

2:30-3:30 p.m. Singspiration-Inspiration.

7:00 p.m. Grove service.

7:30 p.m. Evening service—Homer Young, evangelist.

#### Youth Camp Rules

- 1. Each boy or girl and his or her parents must understand clearly and agree to abide by the rules approved by the association.
- 2. Anyone too sick to attend classes or worship service must be taken home.
- 3. Everyone must be in the dormitories for the devotional period (unless sick in bed) beginning one hour after evening service. Failure to abide by this rule will result in suspension.
- 4. Everyone must be out of bed each morning by 6:30. First bell will be sounded at 6:15 and warning bell at 6:25.
- 5. Everyone must be fully clothed at all meals. No housecoats, brunchcoats or bathrobes will be allowed at any meal.
- 6. Everyone must be on time at all camp activities. These are: Classes, meals, and devotional periods.
- 8. Regular inspection will be made daily during class period by the camp director. All bunks must be made, clothes hung and the section cleaned. Everyone must be out of the dormitory by this time.
  - 9. There is to be no smoking.
- 10. Everyone is expected to abide by the general rules of this camp.
- 11. No one goes off the grounds without the permission of the camp director.
  - 12. All must attend all classes and both worship services each day.
- 13. All must be in their dormitory, lights out and quiet one hour and fifteen minutes after evening service.
- 14. Girls will not be allowed to wear slacks or jeans. No shorts at all.
  - 15. Boys will not be allowed on the grounds without shirt on.
- 16. No water fighting inside or outside the dormitory, no pranks with clothing, or bedding, no rock throwing.
- 17. We reserve the right to send home anyone who misbehaves to the extent of disrupting the camp and its regulations.
- 18. It shall be the duties of the dormitory sponsors, teachers, camp director and league board to see that these rules are enforced.

#### MISSION BOARD REPORT AT ANNUAL ASSOCIATION

We the Mission Board met five times the past year assisting two churches, Owasso, and Miami. The board helped the Stillwater Mission materially. In this area we have a great burden and feel that we support Rev. Young in this work. We have plans to represent your association and covet your prayers that these plans will be God's will. The following is the Financial Report of the Mission Board; Helped Owasso to the extent of \$287.00.

Submitted by Board.

#### MISSION BOARD REPORT AT THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING

To the First Mission Association when convened at Tulsa First Church May 25, 1958. We the Mission Board are happy to report thirty five dollars which was received in love offerings from the ministers of this association. It was given to the Miami church to help in their financial difficulty.

Resolution from Mission Board: To the First Mission Association when convened at First Church of Tulsa May 23, 1958. Be it resolved that we the Mission Board recommend that we have eards printed for the Extension and Establishment of Free Will as follows; \$5.00 membership club per year Free Will Baptist Home Mission Board of the First Mission Association of Free Will Baptists, Extension and Establishment of Free Will Baptist. This assessment will be once a year to each club member.

#### CEMETERY COMMITTEE REPORT AT ANNUAL ASSOCIATION

We the Cemetery Committee were very pleased with the Cooperacemetery. The First Free Will Baptist Church, Tulsa has presented a new sign for the cemetery. The Memorial Services May, 1959 will be the Sunday before Memorial Day, 2:30 P. M. Rev. Melvin Bingham, speaker. We urge all to attend.

> Mrs. Myrl Wilson, Sadie E. Fincher, Iva Rossander.

# CEMETERY COMMITTEE REPORT AT THIRD OUARTERLY MEETING

We, the cemetery committee, wish to report a memorial service will be held at the Free Will Baptist cemetery Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Rev. Carl Hembree, speaker. Each church is asked to represent with their pastor and to bring a few song books for congregation singing. Mrs. C. D. Benton will accompany with the accordion. We are happy to report that some of the local woman's auxiliaries are furnishing the flowers for the eight graves that had no relatives to decorate them.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

The Sunday School Board held seven planning meetings, board

members traveled 2,149 miles to attend meetings and to teach in schools. We conducted one school which was held at the Lawnwood church in Tulsa. Total enrollment for this school was 89. 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.

We recommend the adoption of the Standard of Excellence program for our Sunday Schools. We recommend the use of Free Will Baptist literature ordered from the National Association Sunday School Board. Board members: Tom Roberts, Carl Hembree, N. R. Smith, Lynn Hamilton, and Roy Bingham.

Carl Hembree, Chairman Roy Bingham, Clerk.

# Standard of Excellence

RECOGNITION: When a Sunday School feels that they have maintained the standard for the year, whether it be the Associational, Calender, or National Sunday School year, they will make application upon forms provided by the district board. If the application is passed by the board, they will make their recommendation to the convention and a certificate of recognition will be granted signed by the chairman and clerk of the board.

#### No. 1 Church Relationship:

- 1. The school shall be recognized as a Free Will Baptist school.
- 2. The Church shall approve the officers and teachers.
- 3. The school shall report to the Church while in conference either once each month or every quarter.

# No. 2 Enlargement:

- 1. The enrollment of the school shall exceed the yearly average by at least 30 percent.
- 2. The enrollment of the school shall at least equal in number the resident Church members, as recognized by the Church.
- The school shall promote a visitation program, either general, departmental, or by class.

# No. 3 Grading:

- 1. THE SCHOOL SHALL BE GRADED AS FOLLOWS: Cradle Roll and Nursery, birth through three; Beginners, 4-5; Primaries, 6-8; Juniors, 9-11; Intermediates or Junior High, 12-14; Seniors 15-17; Young People, 18-24; Adults, 25-up.
  - 2. A nursery for those in the nursery department who are not old enough for class.
  - An extension department for those who cannot attend Sunday School.

#### No. 4 Literature:

- 1. Free Will Baptist literature must be used throughout the school
- 2. The literature must be purchased from National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Department.

#### No. 5 The Bible:

- 1. The Bible shall be used as the text book of the Sunday school.
- 2. The officers and teachers shall provide opportunities for the pupils to use their Bibles in the class, as required in the six point record system.
- 3. The officers and teachers shall encourage the pupils to engage in daily family Bible reading with their families.

#### No. 6 Preaching Attendance:

- An average of at least 75 percent of the officers, teachers and pupils above eight years of age must attend the preaching service.
- 2. At least 50 percent of the beginners and primaries shall remain for the preaching service.

#### No. 7 Evangelism:

- 1. The school shall be positively evangelistic.
- The officers shall in their meetings stress the point that every part of the school program is in its primary purpose to reach the pupil for Christ and lead the Christians in a deeper, richer life of service.
- The Superintendent or someone whom he may request, shall give frequent opportunities in assembly for the unsaved to accept Christ.

# No. 8 Meetings:

- 1. The school shall have a weekly officer and teachers meeting the purpose of this meeting shall be to,
  - a. Promote study of the lesson for the following Sunday.
  - b. Study how best to present the lesson.
  - c. Consider briefly the problems of the school.
  - d. and to pray.
- 2. The school shall also maintain a monthly workers conference for, Fellowship, Business, and Devotion.
- 3. The Sunday sessions of the school shall be at least one hour long.

# No. 9 Equipment:

 Each class from the seniors on down shall have their own class room, or at least be separated during the class period by movable partitions, screens, or curtains.

#### No. 10 Records:

The school shall use the six point record system.

#### No. 11 Training:

- The Church will to the very best of its ability choose only genuine Christians, and members of the Church in which they are to serve, as officers and teachers of the school.
- The school shall sponsor at least one training school each year for the benefit of its officers and teachers, using some of the training coarses recommended by the state Sunday School board.
- At least 50 percent of all teachers and officers shall hold a Master Workers Certificate offered by the State Sunday School Board with the blue, red, and gold seals affixed.
- Or at least 55 percent of all teachers and officers shall hold the Master Workers Certificate with the Blue and Red seals affixed.
- Or at least 60 percent shall hold the Masters Workers Certificate with the Blue seal affixed.
- Or at least 75 percent of all teachers and officers shall hold the Master Workers Certificate without any seals affixed, for the completion of four courses in Sunday School Work.

#### No. 12 Stewardship And Missions:

- The school shall support the Church program and promote the general Missionary, Educational, and Benevolent causes fostered by the denomination.
- 2. The school shall present educationally each year the Cooperative plan endorsed by the National Association, and endeavor to show its pupils how all the important phases of the work can be supported through this plan.

# Woman's Auxiliary Report

- 1. Enlistment department: Enrolled at beginning of year 290. Present enrollment 344. Number New members 114. Number lost 60. Average attendance 180. Number A-1 Auxiliaries 5.
- 2. Youth department: Number youth organizations: G.T.A. 8. Y.P.A. 4, Total membership: Y.P.A. 42, G.T.A.83; Number Stewardship declamation contest held 1. Number vacation Bible schools assisted in 9. Number active Church libraries 3. Number Bible students assisted 9. Other activities 4.
- 3. Study Course Department: Courses conducted: Missions 19, with attendance of 161, Stewardship 12, with attendance of 131; Manual 12, with attendance of 158; Evangelism 17, with attendance of 150; Prayer 11, with attendance of 152. Reading circles, youth 1, attendance 9. Number daily Bible readers 133.
- 4. Program Prayer Department: Number special programs held 82. Number weeks of prayer conducted 41. Total amount of self-denial offerings, resulted from weeks of prayer, \$169.00. Total number family alters 78. Total members observing prayer fellowship 103.

- 5. Personal Service Department: Number making soul efforts 134. Number souls won 24. Number active in community missions 220.
- 6. Publicity Department: Number subscribers to Free Will Baptist papers 214. Number articles written for publication 137. Other publicity done 27.
- 7. Personal Gifts: Special offerings \$192.75. Missions \$738.67. Free Will Baptist Bible college \$102.72, Superannuation 21.80. Others \$538.73.
- 8. Officers for the coming year: President, Lela Crow; Vice-president, Mable Wooldridge; Youth, Virginia Johns; Personal Service, Catherine Smith, Stewardship Prayer, June Young; Study Course, Martha Biggs; Recording Secretary, Laveina Bingham; Assistant Recording Secretary, Lela Dipboye; Treasurer, Myrl Wilson; Corresponding Secretary, Berdie Benton.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY:-Receipts

Convention Offerings\$ 36.82	
Co-Laborer Plan 430.00	
Literature	
Tithes	
Lunch	
Dues	
National Home Missions (Rev. Martinez)	
College (Rev. Don Jones) 85.44	
Missions	
Foreign Missions 108.67	
Foreign Missions (Rev. Lonnie Sparks)	
National Home Missions	
State Home Missions	
Africian Mission Station	
Work Shop Offering 8.68	
Missions (Rev. John Elliston)	
College (Rev. Roger Phenice)	
Africian Visual Aid	
comple ( and )	
Foreign Missions (Laura Bell Barnard)	
Home Missions (Alaska) 23.11	
College 1.00	
Total\$2,082.65	
Balance on Hand	
Grand Total\$2,283.38	

#### Disbursements

First Mission Assoc. (Wiring at Campground)	25.00
Workshop Expenses (National Ex. Sec. W.N.A.C.)	75.00
Co-laborer Plan	
Literature	209.95
Tithes to State Auxiliary Treasurer	28.40

# WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President, Lela Crow; vice president, Mabel Wooldridge; Youth Chairman, Virginia Johns; Personal Service, Catherine Smith; Stewardship and Prayer, June Young; Study Course, Martha Biggs; Recording Secretary, Laveina Bingham; Asst. Recording Secretary, Lela Dipboye; Treasurer, Myrl Wilson, and Corresponding Secretary, Berdie Benton.

#### RESOLUTIONS AT ANNUAL ASSOCIATION

- 1. Be it resolved that the First Mission Association put hot water heaters in the boys and girls shower rooms, preferably electric hot water heaters as we already have electricity. Be it further resolved that this be given to the League as a project. Adopted.
- 2. Be it resolved that any cabin located on the camp ground, not insured by the owner, be insured by the association and any damages received be paid to the Assn. Adopted.
- 3. Be it resolved that those choosing out certain lots to build cabins on be required to build within six months from date the permission is granted, otherwise the agreement will be cancelled.. Adopted.
- 4. Be it resolved that we make a lake on the camp ground. Adopted.

#### RESOLUTIONS AT FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

- 1. Be it resolved that in the event that a church does not represent with delegates and \$5.00 delegate fee that the association pay this fee and place this information in the minutes. Adopted.
- 2. Be it resolved that we give the host church a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality. Adopted.

#### RESOLUTIONS AT SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING

1. That we give the Drumright church a standing vote of thanks in appreciation of the hospitality shown to this quarterly meeting.

#### RESOLUTIONS AT THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING

1. Be it resolved that this conference give the host church a standing vote of thanks for their fine hospitality.

#### MASTER'S MEN REPORT AT ANNUAL ASSOCIATION

The district Master's Men has had a good year this year. They have given to the building of the ice house. The local Master's Men that have given to this project are as follows: Tulsa 1st, Pretty Water, New Home, Turley, Lewis Avenue and Allen.

We submit the following recommendations:

- 1. That Monday night before the annual association be given over completely to the district Master's Men. Adopted.
- 2. That the Master's Men provide 50 percent of the material cost of enclosing the tabernacle and furnish the labor. Adopted.

#### TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

- 1. Since there will be, in all probability, an election this year for repeal, be it resolved that the First Mission Association go on record against repeal. Adopted.
- 2. Since August 31, 1958, is temperance Sunday, be it resolved that our Sunday Schools of the First Mission Association give special emphasis to temperance in all things.

Signed, Committee,

# Proposed Budget

### RECEIPTS

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Allen       180.00       Cooperative Plan       \$         Blue Bell       180.00       Payment on Loan       \$	9,750.00
Blue Bell 180.00 Payment on Loan	
Bristow 480.00 Youth Encampment	500.00
Cushing 600.00 Delegate Fee	390.00
Drumright 400.00 Utilities	350.00
Garden Heights 120.00 Building and Repair	200.00
Hartley 60.00 Insurance	176.26
Lawnwood 600.00 Printing	125.00
Lewis Avenue 420.00 Office Expense	125.00
Liberty 180.00 Board	
New Home 1,200.00 Meeting Expense	100.00
North Heights 150.00 State Delegate Fee	100.00
Okmulgee 240.00 Youth Insurance	58.80
Oilton 480.00 Misc	164.94
Owasso	3,000.00
Pretty Water 120.00	
Sapulpa, 1st 120.00	•
Silver City 60,00	
Stroud 60.00	
Trinity Temple 300.00	
Turley 200.00	
Tulsa First 3,600.00	
West Tulsa 600,00	
Stillwater 120.00	
W. D. A. C 100.00	*
Master's Men 60.00	
Cabin Receipts 60.00	
Coffeyville 60.00	
Misce 1,710.00	
TOTAL\$13,000.00	

# Treasurer's Report August 1, 1957 to August 1, 1958—Receipts

Received from:	Total	
Airport\$	568.89	Co
Allen	181.61	$\mathbf{T}$
Blue Bell	162.00	St
Bristow	182.52	$\mathbf{B}^{1}$
Coffeyville	1,163.00	L
Cushing	804.15	Y
Drumright	48.00	E
Garden Heights	30.00	Pı
Hartley	48.00	D
Lawnwood	808.43	M
Lewis Avenue	95.00	U
Liberty	248.00	
Miami	17.00	$\mathbf{R}$
New Home	529.78	$\mathbf{B}$
North Heights	133.00	To
Olive	24.00	D
Okmulgee	239.70	B
Oilton	235.00	
Owasso	191.15	
Picher	100.00	
Pretty Water	91.91	
Sapulpa, 1st	20.00	
Silver City	78.00	
Stroud	35.00	
Trinity Temple	45.00	
Turley	153.00	
Tulsa, 1st	1,526.87	
West Tulsa	414.58	
W. D. A. C	95.00	
Cabins, Ins. & L	48.00	
Telephone	5.52	
Credential (Books)	38.00	
Loan	1,000.00	
Dist. League	10.00	
Misc. Receipts	313.44	
Youth Camp	1,106.61	
State League	333.50	
Penn Ins. Co.	409.60	
Cafe Refund	74.00	
TOTAL\$1		
	11,001.20	

DISBURSEMENTS			
Cooperative\$	3,066.24		
Travel	193.60		
State Delegate	95.00		
Building & Repair	2,049.92		
Loan	1,580.00		
Youth Camp	1,724.41		
Earmarked	2,084.88		
Printing	98.75		
Delegate, Dist	390.00		
Misc	822.52		
Utilities	473.70		
TOTAL\$	12,579.02		
Receipts\$	11,607.26		
Balance Forward	994.79		
Total			
Disbursements	12,579.02		
Bank Balance	23.03		

#### A SUPPLIMENTAL TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS
Turley Church \$ 7.10	Telephone \$ 8.06
Tulsa, First 20.00	The Citizen's Bank 400.00
Cabin Ins. & Lights 28.00	Drumright Lbr. Co 475.88
Master's Men 50.00	Conn Sadler 5.00
Jack Kaiser 1,100.00	W. H. Pixley, labor 129.00
Books, sale of 2.00	League, district 2.38
J. B. Dunn, telephone30	Tuttle plumbing 23.75
Lawnwood,	Ledgerwood, labor 108.00
League & fans 20.00	Earnest McLain, labor 64.50
Airport 14.88	W. H. Pixley, labor 84.00
Liberty 20.00	Owen Lewis, labor 84.00
TOTAL\$1,262.28	TOTAL\$1,384.57

# **Obituary Committee**

We the Obituary Committee find that God in His loving kindness has called from our midst the following brothers and sisters:

Tulsa First: InAmell Glance and Tom Day.

Drumright: Mrs. Rosa Kidd, Mrs. Addie Race, Mrs. Emma Hill, Mr. Jim Kelley, Mr. Luther Bell, Mr. D. A. Cloud and Mr. Joe Parker.

North Heights: Mr. Jess Warren.

Bistow: Ed Taylor and Jimmy Johns.

Cushing: W. T. Cook, Jim Holland and Erma Seybert.

Oilton: Bertha Deatherage and Cora Raper.

Allen: Dennis Bryan.
Turley: Emma Whitten.
Lewis Avenue: Patsy Arnold.
Silver City: B. C. Parker.

Lawnwood: Floyd Cunningham.
West Tulsa: Mr. Finnell and Mr. Merle Horndon.

Olive: Everett Inman.

RESIGNATION: Rev. Roy Hearon's resignation to the Mission Board and Executive Board was accepted. He has moved to Odessa, Texas.

Rev. Robert Duck's resignation to the Credential Board was accepted.

NOMINATIONS: We the Sunday School Board nominate Rev. Bob Ketchum to fill the vacancy on the Board.

STATE DELEGATES: Fern Condit, Gertie Bank, Mildred Mounce, Ann Ketchum, Ethel Armstrong, Bessie Staires, Lela Dipboye, Laveina Bingham, Mabel Wooldridge, Howard Gwartney, Flossie Hellard, June Rhoades, Marie Roberts, Myrl Wilson, Nancy Hancock, Evelyn Chism, and Eula Mae Yochum.

# Statistical Report of Churches

Chur	Prope	is is	Mem.	Total	Paid
ches	Property Value	Enrollment	Rec	Total Mem	Pastor
Airport\$	22,000.00				
Allen	14,000.00	156	6	179	2,243.37
Blue Bell	12,000.00	137		151	1,377.50
Bristow	20,500.00	174	16	145	3,461.00
Coffeyville	5,000.00	to,	4	45	816.32
Cushing	56,000.00	258	17	191	3,565.00
Drumright	17,500.00	202	7	296	3,640.00
First Church, Tulsa	100,00.00	736	83	640	6,500.00
First Church Turley	55,000.00	281	53	238	4,680.00
Garden Heights	18,000.00	82	30	75	2,000.00
Hartley	11,000.00	128	21	90	3,960.31
Lewis Avenue	96,500.00	236	21	313	4,350.00
Lawnwood	40,500.00	364	49	188	4,940.00
Liberty	20,000.00		5	50	600.00
New Home		500	20	230	4,420.00
North Heights	12,000.00	82	22	72	834.16
Oilton	15,000.00	186	18	140	3,422.00
Owasso	7,500.00	57	10	41	740.00
Okmulgee	5,000.00				-
Pretty Water	2,500.00	42	5	26	500.00
Sapulpa, First	6,000.00	64	3	140	2,575.00
Silver City	5,000.00	50	14	47	720.00
Stroud	18,000.00	53	10	51	720.00
Trinity Temple	25,000.00	157	12	84	3,180.00
West Tulsa	34,000.00	110	26	109	1,750.00
Total Reported\$	618,000.00	4055	452	3541	\$60,994.66

#### Church Letters

AIRPORT: Number of licensed ministers 3; ordained deacons, 3; Auxiliaries: Sunday School, League, Woman's Auxiliary, and Prayer Meeting; Church membership 158; members received 20; members dismissed 5; Sunday School enrollment 323; League enrollment 66; Woman's Auxiliary membership 19; enclosed for minutes \$5.00.

Pastor, Rev. Adrain Condit Clerk, Noreen Beams

ALLEN: Number of licensed ministers 3; ordained deacons 2; Auxiliaries: Sunday School, League, Woman's Auxiliary, and Prayer Meeting; Church membership 179; members received 6; dismissed 5; Sunday School enrollment 156; League enrollment 46; Woman's Auxiliary membership 10; Total offerings received \$5,208.55; Spent for local causes: pastor's salary, \$2,243.37, evangelistic work \$58.58; building and repair \$1,246.04; literature, \$202.04; Misc. \$500.81; loan \$1,742.64; total \$5.992.48; Spent for outside causes: Cooperative plan \$157.96, and Foreign Missions \$20.65; value of church property: Church \$12,000.00, parsonage \$2,000.00; enclosed for minutes \$3.00.

Pastor, Rev. Carl Hembree Clerk, Mrs. Bertha Rushing

BLUE BELL: Auxiliaries: Sunday School, League, Woman's Auxiliary and Prayer Meeting; church membership 151; members received none; dismissed none; Sunday School enrolment 137; League enrolment 37; Woman's auxiliary membership 11; Total offerings received \$3,337.65; Spent for local cause: pastor's salary \$1,377.50, evangelistic work \$55.00, building and repair \$825.03, literature \$81.97, misc. \$37.96, other \$379.53, total \$2,756.99; paid to cooperative plan \$240.00; other outside causes \$123.65; value of Church property \$8,000.00; parsonage \$4,000.00; enclosed for minutes \$3.00; enclosed for state delegate \$5.00.

Pastor, Rev. Clayton Crafton Clerk, Mary Myrick

BRISTOW: Number of ordained deacons 5; Auxiliaries: Sunday School, League, Woman's Auxiliary, GTA, YPA, and Prayer Meeting; Church membership 145; members received 16; dismissed 2; Sunday School enrolment 174; League enrolment 42; Woman's Auxiliary membership 16; total offerings received \$7,960.74; Spent for local causes: pastor's salary \$3,461.00, evangelistic work \$150.00, building and repair \$2,836.70, literature \$369.19, misc. \$861.62, other \$208.69, total \$7,887.60; Spent for outside causes: cooperative plan \$70.00, Foreign missions \$48.03, Home missions \$139.50, delegates fees \$25.00, Gedeon Society \$14.75, total \$297.28; value of church property \$12,500.00; value of parsonage \$8,000.00; enclosed for minutes \$5.00; enclosed for state delegate \$5.00.

Pastor, Rev. Waldo Young Clerk, Mrs. Mildred Mounce COFFEYVILLE: Number of licensed ministers 1; Auxiliaries: Sunday School, League, Woman's Auxiliary, and Prayer Meeting; church membership 45; members received 4; dismissed 11; League enrolment 12; Woman's Auxiliary membership 14; total offerings received \$1,577.28; Spent for local causes: pastor's salary \$816.32, evangelistic work \$121.33, building and repair \$20.00, total \$1,137.65; paid to cooperative plan \$20.00; value of church property \$5,000.00; enclosed for minutes \$5.00.

Pastor, Rev. Kenneth Stephens Clerk, Waunda Goodman

CUSHING: Number of licensed ministers 1; ordained deacons 6; Auxiliaries: Sunday School, League, Woman's Auxiliary, GTA, and Prayer Meeting; church membership 191; members received 17; dismissed 7; Sunday School enrolment 258; League enrolment 45; Woman's Auxiliary membership 22; total offerings received \$9,454.89; Spent for local causes: pastor's salary \$3,565.00, evangelistic work \$295.00, building and repair \$3,023.53, literature \$346.88, advertising \$14.28, misc. \$563.60, other \$416.00, total \$8,224.29; Spent for outside causes: cooperative plan \$804.13, Foreign Missions, \$18.82, home missions \$30.-25, associational projects \$47.00, total \$900.20; value of church property \$50,000.00; parsonage \$6,000.00; enclosed for minutes \$5.00; state delegate \$5.00.

Pastor, Rev. Homer Young Clerk, E. A. Nichols Jr.

DRUMRIGHT: Number of ordained deacons 3; Auxiliaries: Sunday School, League, Woman's Auxiliary, GTA, Master's Men and Prayer Meeting; Church membership 296; members received 7; dismissed 12; Sunday School enrolment 202; Woman's Auxiliary membership 25; total offerings received \$6,695.77; Spent for local causes: pastor's salary \$3,640.00, evangelistic work \$264.15, building and repair \$931.00, literature \$377.95, advertising \$40.00, other \$600.00; Spent for outside causes: Foreign missions \$38.12, home missions \$11.00, education \$100.00, associational projects \$33.00, state and national projects \$47.00, other \$10.00; value of church property \$12,500.00; parsonage \$5,000.00; enclosed for minutes \$5.00.

Pastor, Rev. H. E. Staires Clerk, John Hausner

GARDEN HEIGHTS: Number of licensed ministers 1; ordained deacons 2; Auxiliaries: Sunday School, League, Woman's Auxiliary and Prayer Meeting; church membership 75; members received 30; Sunday School enrolment 82; League enrolment 15; Woman's Auxiliary membership 10; total offerings received \$2,825.80; Spent for local causes: pastor's salary \$2,000.00, evangelistic work \$139.00, building and repair \$112.00, literature \$199.81, misc. \$402.99 total \$2,816.80; paid to cooperative plan \$30.00; delegates fees \$10.00; value of church property \$18,000.00; enclosed for minutes \$3.00.

Pastor, Rev. C. D. Benton Clerk, Mula Spiller HARTLEY: Number of licensed ministers 1; ordained deacons 4; Auxiliaries: Sunday School, League, Woman's Auxiliary and Prayer Meeting; church membership 90; members received 21; dismissed 2; Sunday School enrolment 128; average attendance 103; League enrolment 24; Woman's Auxiliary membership 12; total offerings received \$6,085.90; Spent for local causes: pastor's salary \$3,960.31, evangelistic work \$130.22, building and repair \$1,205.26, literature \$156.48, misc. \$567.37, other \$21.50 total \$6,041.14; Spent for cooperative plan \$30.00; value of church property \$8,000.00; enclosed for minutes.

Pastor, Rev. Jack Ledbetter Clerk, Mrs. Roberta Johnson

LAWNWOOD: Number of licensed ministers 1; ordained deacons 3; Auxiliaries: Sunday School, League, Woman's Auxiliary, GTA, Master's Men and Prayer Meeting; church membership 188; members received 49; dismissed 35; Sunday School enrolment 364; League enrolment 35; Woman's Auxiliary membership 22; Total offerings received \$18,369.31; Spent for local causes: pastor's salary \$4,940.00, evangelistic work \$290.76, building and repair \$8,072.46, literature \$485.26, advertising \$329.12 misc. \$2,111.58, other salaries \$769.80, total \$16,998.98; Spent for outside causes: cooperative plan \$639.82, Foreign missions \$68.92, Home missions \$151.32, education \$257.12, associational projects \$111.00, state and national projects \$142.15, total \$1,370.33; value of church property \$36,500.00; parsonage \$4,000.00; enclosed for minutes \$5.00; state delegate fee \$5.00.

Pastor, Rev. Robert Duncan Clerk, Cherry Fipps

LEWIS AVENUE: Number of ordained deacons 4; Auxiliaries: Sunday School, Woman's Auxiliary, GTA, YPA, Boy's Auxiliary, Masters Men and Prayer Meeting; Church membership 313; members received 21; members dismissed 14; Sunday School enrolment 236; Woman's Auxiliary membership 42; total offerings received \$16,000.00; Spent for local causes: pastor's salary \$4,350.00; evangelistic work \$110.00; building and repair \$270.00, literature \$550.00, other \$8,950.00, total \$14,200.00; Spent for outside causes: cooperative plan \$70.00, foreign missions \$72.00 home missions \$65.00 education \$110.00, associational projects \$10.00, other \$1,473.00 total \$1,800.00; value of church property \$90,000.00; parsonage \$6,500.00; enclosed for minutes \$5.00.

Pastor, Rev. Roy Bingham Clerk, Ray Hayes

LIBERTY: Number of licensed ministers 2; ordained deacons 2; Auxiliaries: Sunday School, League, and Prayer Meeting; church membership 50; members received 5; members dismissed 2; total offerings received \$3,615.16; Spent for local causes: pastor's salary \$600.00, building and repair \$4,743.26; literature \$53.75, total \$5,397.01;

Spent for outside causes: \$179.00 (cooperative plan); value of church property \$17,000.00; parsonage \$3,000.00; enclosed for minutes \$2.00.

Pastor, Rev. Willis Walker Clerk, Earl Larkin

NEW HOME: Number of licensed ministers 1; ordained deacons 5; Auxiliaries: Sunday School, League, Woman's Auxiliary, GTA, Master's Men and Prayer Meeting; church membership 230; members received 20; members dismissed 22; Sunday School enrolment 500; League enrolment 30; Woman's Auxiliary membership 18; Money spent for local causes: pastor's salary \$4,420.00, evangelistic work \$225.00, building and repair \$4,049.20, literature \$475.33; Spent for outside causes: cooperative plan \$477.70, foreign missions \$100.88, home missions \$72.52; enclosed for minutes \$5.00.

Pastor, Rev. N. R. Smith

NORTH HEIGHTS: Number of ordained deacons 2; Auxiliaries: Sunday School and Prayer Meeting; church membership 72; members received 22; dismissed 3; average Sunday School attendance 82, total offerings received \$3,255.71; Spent for local causes: pastor's salary \$834.16, evangelistic work \$33.00, building and repair \$2,374.86, literature \$163.25, misc. \$342.11, total \$3,747.38; paid to cooperative plan \$120.00; value of church property \$12,000.00; enclosed for minutes \$5.00.

Pastor, Rev. Sam Gober Clerk, Wanda McGuire

OILTON: Number of licensed ministers 3; ordained deacons 6; Auxiliaries: Sunday School, League, Woman's Auxiliary, GTA, and Prayer Meeting; church membership 140; members received 18; dismissed 15; Sunday School enrolment 186; League enrolment 49; Woman's Auxiliary membership 19; total offerings received \$5,438.95; Spent for local causes: pastor's salary \$3,422.00, evangelistic work \$120.00, building and repair \$202.47, misc. \$462.30, other \$399.18, total \$4,926.58; paid to cooperative plan \$220.50, education \$200.00, value of church property \$10,000.00; parsonage \$5,000.00; enclosed for minutes \$5.00.

Pastor, Rev. Robert E. Duck Clerk, H. R. Sylvester

OWASSO: Number of ordained deacons 4; Auxiliaries: Sunday School, League and Prayer Meeting; church membership 41; members received 10; dismissed 2; Sunday School enrolment 57; League enrolment 28; total offerings received \$2,970.15; Spent for local causes: pastor's salary \$740.00, evangelistic work \$10.00, building and repair \$888.73, literature \$72.30, advertising \$6.00, misc. \$56.45, total \$789.43; paid to cooperative plan \$160.00; value of church property \$7,500.00; enclosed for minutes \$5.00; enclosed for state delegate \$5.00.

Pastor, Rev. W. T. Roberts Clerk, Mrs. F. J. Testerman PRETTY WATER: Auxiliaries: Sunday School and Prayer Meeting; church membership 26; members received 5; dismissed 4; Sunday School enrolment 42; Spent for local causes: pastor's salary \$500.00, evangelistic work \$37.50, literature \$65.18, misc. \$87.50, total \$1,090.18; Spent for outside causes:cooperative plan \$62.70, foreign missions \$9.36, home missions \$10.81, associational projects \$20.00; value of church property \$2,500.00; enclosed for minutes \$2.00.

Pastor, Rev. C. C. Wilson Clerk, Freda L. Butler

STROUD: Number of licensed ministers 1; ordained deacons 2; Auxiliaries: Sunday School, League, Woman's Auxiliary and Prayer Meeting; church membership 51; members received 10; dismissed 2; Sunday School enrolment 89; average attendance 53; League enrolment 15; Woman's Auxiliary membership 10; total offerings received \$2,903.71; Spent for local causes: pastor's salary \$720.00, evangelistic work \$28.77, building and repair \$298.43, literature \$110.35, advertising \$16.50, misc. \$99.02, loan on church \$960.00, parsonage \$462.42, total \$2,695.99; Spent for outside causes: cooperative plan \$20.00, foreign missions \$15.00, education \$110.35, other \$35.63, total \$200.98; enclosed for minutes \$3.00; enclosed for state delegate \$5.00.

Pastor, Rev. Jim Christian Clerk, Alvin Hightower

SAPULPA FIRST: Number of ordained deacons 4; Auxiliaries: Sunday School and Prayer Meeting; church membership 140; members received 3; dismissed 1; average Sunday School attendance 64; Spent for local causes: pastor's salary \$2,575.00, literature \$108.35; misc. \$165.00; value of church property \$6,000.00; enclosed for minutes \$5.00.

Pastor, Rev. W. E. Warner Clerk, Ethel Prater

SILVER CITY: Number ordained deacons 1; Auxiliaries: Sunday School and Prayer Meeting; church membership 47; members received 14; dismissed 8; Sunday School enrolment 50; total offerings received \$1,439.26; Spent for local causes: pastor's salary \$720.00, evangelistic work \$75.00, building and repair \$27.42, literature \$83.81, misc. \$302.10, total \$1,208.33; Spent for outside causes: cooperative plan \$60.00, and associational projects \$28.00; value of church property \$5,000.00; enclosed for minutes \$3.00.

Pastor, Rev. John F. Peterson Clerk, Betty Hockett

TRINITY TEMPLE: Number of licensed ministers 1; ordained deacons 1; Auxiliaries: Sunday School, League, Woman's Auxiliary and Prayer Meeting; church membership 84; members received 12; dismissed 15; Sunday School enrolment 157; League enrolment 15; Woman's Auxiliary membership 19; total offerings received \$5,409.88; Spent for local causes: pastor's salary \$3,180.00, evangelistic work

\$100.00, building and repair \$252.50, literature \$231.49, misc. \$313.50, other \$1,275.00, total \$5,369.96; Spent for outside causes: cooperative plan \$20.00 foreign missions \$79.50, state home missions \$25.44, national home missions \$13.41, education \$7.50; value of church property \$25,000.00; enclosed for minutes \$5.00; enclosed for state delegate \$5.00.

Pastor, Rev. Melvin Bingham Clerk, Nancy M. Hancock

TULSA, FIRST: Number of ordained deacons 5; Auxiliaries: Sunday School, League, Woman's Auxiliary, GTA, YPA, Master's Men and Prayer Meeting; church membership 640, members received 83; dismissed 15; Sunday School enrolment 736; League enrolment 150; Woman's Auxiliary membership 57; total offerings received \$26,988.63; Spent for local causes: pastor's salary \$6,500.00, evangelistic work \$205.00, building and repair \$3,195.68, literature \$1,075.61, advertising, utilities etc. \$4,923.50 misc. \$3,231.40, other \$3,600.00, total \$22,731.19; Spent for outside causes: foreign missions \$1,020.00, home missions \$660.00, education \$1,020.00, associational projects \$240.00, state and national projects \$660.00, other \$400.00, total \$4,000.00; value of church property \$90,000.00; value of parsonage \$10,000.00; enclosed for state delegate \$5.00.

Pastor, Rev. John H. West Clerk, Twila Adair

TURLEY FIRST: Number of ordained deacons 10; Auxiliaries: Sunday School, League, Woman's Auxiliary, YPA, Master's Men and Prayer Meeting; church membership 238; members received 53, dismissed 5; Sunday School enrolment 281; average attendance 151; League enrolment 52; Woman's Auxiliary membership 40; total offerings received \$13,000.00; Spent for local causes: pastor's salary \$4,680.00, evangelistic work \$600.00, literature \$250.00, advertising \$30.00, building and repair \$3,880.00, misc. \$3,000.00, other \$150.00; Spent for outside causes: cooperative plan \$120.00, home missions \$250.00, associational \$40.00; value of church property \$50,000.00; value of parsonage \$5,000.00; enclosed for minutes \$3.00; enclosed for state delegate \$5.00.

Pastor, Rev. Doyle Dipboye Clerk, Bill Mills

WEST TULSA: Number of ordained deacons 4; Auxiliaries: Sunday School, League, GTA, and Prayer Meeting; church membership 109; members received 26; dismissed 12; Sunday School enrolment 110; League enrolment 25; Woman's Auxiliary membership 12; Spent for local causes: pastor's salary \$1,750.00, evangelistic work \$25.00, literature \$125.00; paid to cooperative plan \$389.58; value of church property \$30,000.00; value of parsonage \$4,000.00; enclosed for minutes \$5,00.

Pastor, Rev. Ralph Brown Clerk, Esther Williams

# Ministers Belonging to This Association

1.	Askins, A. G	Tulsa,	Oklahoma
2.	Benton, C. D., 211 Summitt Blvd	Sand Springs,	Oklahoma
3.	Biggs, Hiram		
4.	Bingham, Melvin, 1636 East Jasper	Tulsa,	Oklahoma
5.	Bingham, Roy, 2248 East Ote	Tulsa,	Oklahoma
6.	Brown, Ralph, 922 West 23 place	Tulsa 7,	Oklahoma
7.	Bryant, Roy	Tulsa,	Oklahoma
8.	Carter, W. H., 209 South Elm		
9.	Christian, J. H., Route 1		
10.	Condit, Adrain, 6903 East Eyler		
11.	Coursey, A. E., 1705 East 51 North		
12.	Crafton, Clayton, Route 1		
13.	Dalton Marvin		
14.	Day, Willard C		
15.	Dipboye, Doyle, 5903 North Madison		
16.	Duck, Robert		
17.	Duncan, Robert, 516 S. 61st W. Ave	Tulsa	Oklahoma
18.	Fincher, Clint, 826 East Second		
19.	Fincher, Sadie, 826 East Second		
20.	Foster, Elda, 7623 East King		
21.	Gebhart Lura, 1136 N. Florence pl		
22.	Gober, Sam, 1120 North Main		
23.	Hastings, W. C., Route 13, Box 569		
24.	Hembree Carl, Route 1		
26.	Hidde, Robert, 2105 E. 56th st. North		
27.	Holman, Ida, Route 2		
28.	Hood Carl C		
29.	Hobbs, Ed, 3819 S. 31st Ave		
30.	Huff, W. N.		
31.	Johnson, George, 508 South Ohio		
32.	Jones, Charley, 600 South Ohio	_	
33.	Jones Noel		
34.	Keiffer, Everett, 1230 N. Braden		
35.	Ketchum, Bob, 1148 East Main		
36.	Knapp, Ira, 2230 N. Atlanta Pl		
37.	Ledbetter, Jack, 331 N. Athenian		
38.	Lindle, Oliver, 1612 Yorktown Pl		
39.	Mayberry, Gene		
40.	Mayfield, Leona, 1162 Sandusky		
41.	Mears, Floyd, 120 West Page	Sapulpa,	Oklahoma
42.	Newman, Hattie, Route 2	Jennings,	Oklahoma
43.	Patrick, Bill		
44.	Payne, Don		
45.	Payne, Joe, 1508 East Admiral Pl		
46.	Peterson, John F., 313 N. Penn		
47.	Prock, J. H.		
48.	Pruitt, Susie, 1710 E. 54th North		
49.	Pursell, Cleo		

50.	Pursell, Paul	Torrance, California
51.	Roberts, W. T., Box 287	Owasso, Oklahoma
52.	Royal, Ronald	Tulsa, Oklahoma
53.	Sadler, Conn, Route 3	
54.	Sadler, J. A., 114 East Greenlee	Cushing, Oklahoma
55.	Smith N. R., Route 9, Box 412	Tulsa, Oklahoma
<b>56.</b>	Smith, Perry	
57.	Spencer, Robert, 117 N. Sandusky	Tulsa, Oklahoma
58.	Staires, Harry E., 139 East Drumright	Drumright, Oklahoma
59.	Stephens, Kenneth, 514 N. Walnut	Coffeyville, Kansas
60.	Test, Floyd	Tulsa, Oklahoma
61.	Timbrook, James, 404 West 43rd	Tulsa, Oklahoma
62.	Underwood, Wilber, 731 N. Wheeling	Tulsa, Oklahoma
63.	Walker, Willis, Route 2	Bristow, Oklahoma
<b>64.</b>	Warner W. E., 808 N. Ross	Sapulpa, Oklahoma
65.	West, John H., 822 North Utica	Tulsa, Oklahoma
66.	Williams, E. D., 1625 N. Deleware pl	Tulsa, Oklahoma
67.	Wilson, C. C., 821 Henshaw	Sapulpa, Oklahoma
68.	Wood, John, 1500 E. 52nd St. North	Tulsa, Oklahoma
69.	Wooldridge, L. A., 3144 S. 61st W. Ave	Tulsa, Oklahoma
70.	Worley, L. C.	Tulsa, Oklahoma
71.	Young, Homer L., 524 West Ninth Ave	Stillwater, Oklahoma
72.	Young, Waldo, Box 997	Bristow, Oklahoma

#### 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 Association.
- 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 we recommend that when the Association is in the wor\_ship services all on the grounds be asked to attend unless providentially hindered.
- 11. 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.
- 12. 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.
- 13. That all of our Churchs use the letter forms furnished by our clerk.
- 14. 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 ruling to be effective only as vacancies are filled.
- 15. That we give the credential committee the privilege of examining preachers and deacons on the Woman's Auxiliary day at the quarterly meetings and the Association so that hereafter members can be present in the sessions.
- 16. That the assistant moderator of the association hereafter be chairman of the pulpit committee.

- 17. That no Minister or deacon be ordained, licensed, or accepted from another Association that uses tobacco in any form.
- 18. That no Minister be received into the Association from another denomination unless accompanied by a letter of recommendation.
  - 19. That the Moderator with his assistant appoint all committees.

### 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 enterprise, 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 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. I 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; I Tim. 2:5-6; John 3:14-16; I Cor. 15:20-22; Romans 5:15.
- 12. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is the door into the Church, that baptism is a duty in answer to a good conscience. John 10:7; I Peter 3:21.
- 13. We believe that the Lord's people are one in Him, and, therefore, should be one at His table. I Cor. 1:1; 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 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.

### 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.

