

Minutes
of the
First Mission Association
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

1971

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 44TH ANNUAL SESSION

WHEN CONVENED AT

Old Minister's Home and Camp Ground
Highway 33, Ten Miles East of Drumright, Oklahoma

OFFICERS OF THE FIRST MISSION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

MODERATOR	Rev. Harry Staries
113 East Drumright, Drumright, Oklahoma	
ASSISTANT MODERATOR	Rev. J. B. Fletcher
1229 North 94th East Avenue, Tulsa, Okla.	
CLERK AND TREASURER	Rev. Everett Keiffer
Rt. 2, Box 187C, Bristow, Oklahoma	
ASSISTANT CLERK	Tom Pope
Route 1, Sapulpa, Oklahoma	

GENERAL BOARD OF THE FIRST MISSION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

This Board is composed of the Associational Officers, The Chairmen of each Quarterly Meeting Board and the Chairman of the Associational Boards. The Executive Committee of the General Board for the year 1971-72 is composed of the Moderator of the Association, the Clerk of the Association and three members of the General Board. The three members for 1971-72 are Bill Cook, Rev. Roy Bryant and Rev. Edgar Beaver.

TRUSTEE BOARD OF THE FIRST MISSION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Rev. Everett Keiffer	1976
Rev. James Franklin, Chairman	1975
Rev. Retus Hunsucker	1974
Rev. Leon Shepperd, Clerk	1973
Rev. Roy Bryant	1972

YOUTH CAMP BOARD OF THE FIRST MISSION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Rev. David Bigger, Clerk	1976
Rev. J. C. Morgan	1975
Rev. Harry Staries	1974
Rev. Charles Brazeal, Chairman	1973
Rev. Wayne Bookout	1972

THE NEXT SESSION OF THE FIRST MISSION ASSOCIATION OF THE FREE WILL BAPTISTS

The next session of the First Mission Association of Free Will Baptists Annual Meeting will be set by the General Board and the date and time will be sent through the mail to each church.

FIRST MISSION ASSOCIATION YOUTH CAMPS

Date and time of the youth camps will be set by the Youth Camp Board and each church will be notified through the mail as to date and time, rules and regulations.

BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE FIRST MISSION ASSOCIATION OF THE FREE WILL BAPTISTS

This committee is composed of the Pastors of First Mission Churches, and the Chairmen of each Association Board or Committee. Date and time of the Budget Meeting will be announced through the mail.

**MINUTES OF THE FOURTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE
FIRST MISSION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS,
AUGUST 12, 13, 14, 1971.**

THEME: "O LORD, REVIVE THY WORK". HABAKUK 3:2

THURSDAY EVENING SERVICE, August 12, 1971

The Introductory service of the Fourty-fourth Annual Session of the First Mission Association of Free Will Baptists was Moderated by Rev. Harry Staries with Rev. Danny Oliver as Music Director and Mrs. Carolyn Timmons as Pianist. The service was opened with congregational singing and prayer by Rev. Bert Rogers. Congregational singing preceded special music presented by the Cushing First Church. The speaker for the evening Rev. J. B. Fletcher used as the theme for the message "The Need for Revival", with the text Habakkuk 3:2. Congregational singing followed the message with the service being closed with an altar of prayer and benediction by Rev. Jim Christian.

FRIDAY MORNING SERVICE, August 13, 1971

The Friday morning session was opened by the moderator Rev. Harry Staries with Brother Condry as Music Director and Mrs. Carolyn Timmons as Pianist. Congregational singing was led by Brother Condry and prayer was led by Rev. Robert Grider and Rev. John H. West. The moderator's message was brought by Rev. Harry Staries after which the session was declared in conference. Nominations were received for assistant clerk with Mrs. Bertha Mae Keiffer being elected as assistant clerk for the session. Nominations were received for assistant moderator with Rev. Earl Judd being elected as assistant moderator for the session.

Items of business transacted.

1. MMSC to receive the letters for the churches and seat the delegates Tulsa Area Quarterly Meeting Moderator given power to appoint delegates to serve from the Tulsa Quarterly Meeting. (Mrs. Elsie Hargis from New Home appointed to serve.)
2. By-Laws of Association read by Assistant Moderator.
3. Visiting Brethren recognized and invited to share counsel with the body.
4. MMSC to adopt the General Board report. (See Reports).
5. Appointment of Committees:

Obituary Committee—

Virginia Christian, Mabel Brown, Lila Faye Morgan

Resolution Committee—

Rev. Bert Rogers, Rev. Dugan McDonald, Rev. J. B. Fletcher, Rev. David Bigger, Rev. Connie Cariker

5. MMSC to adjourn business until 1:00 p.m.

FRIDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE, August 13, 1971

Congregational singing was led by Brother Brown with Mrs. Carolyn Timmons at the piano. Special music was presented by Rev. Bert Rogers and Mrs. Elsie Hargis, and Mrs. Shirley Smith. The morning message was brought by Rev. J. C. Morgan, using as the text II Chronicles 31 and the theme, "The Results of Revival". Announcements were made and the benediction was given by Rev. Melvin Bingham.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE, August 13, 1971

The service opened with congregational singing and prayer by Rev. Connie Cariker. The devotion was brought by Rev. Robert Grider.

Items of business transacted.

6. MMSC to adopt Treasurer's report. (See Reports)
7. MMSC to adopt Budget Committee's report. (See Reports)
8. MMSC to adopt Trustee Board report. (See Reports)
9. MMSC to elect by acclamation Rev. Roy Bryant as the 4 year man and Rev. Everett Keiffer as the 5 year man on the Trustee Board.
10. MMSC to elect by acclamation Rev. David Bigger as the 5 year man and Rev. J. C. Morgan as the 4 year man on the Youth Camp Board.
11. MMSC to place on the table the proposed constitutional change as proposed by the Tulsa and Central Area Quarterly Meetings. (See Reports)
12. MMSC to adjourn with benediction given by Rev. Connie Cariker.

FRIDAY EVENING MISSIONARY SERVICE, August 13, 1971

The Missionary Service opened with congregational singing led by Rev. Doyle Baker with Mrs. Carolyn Timmons at the piano. Special music for the evening was presented by the Allen and Airport churches. The speaker for the evening was Rev. Lonnie Palmer, Missionary to Africa. Following the evening message an offering totaling \$102.60 was received for Brother Palmer's account. The service was dismissed in prayer by Rev. Edgar Beaver.

SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE, August 14, 1971

The service was opened with congregational singing led by Rev. Jim Christian with Mrs. Carolyn Timmons at the piano. Prayer was led by Rev. David Bigger followed by the devotion given by Rev. Danny Oliver.

Items of Business transacted.

13. MMSC to adopt the Youth Camp Board's report. (See Reports)
14. MMSC to adopt Woman's Auxiliary Report. (See Reports)

15. MMSC to adopt Obituary Committee's report and to honor the memory of the deceased with a moment of silent prayer after which Rev. J. B. Fletcher led in Prayer.
16. MMSC to adopt the tabled recommendation from the Tulsa and Central Area Quarterly Meeting. (See Reports).
17. MMSC to bring constitution in line with adopted constitutional change with MMSC to appoint by the Chair a committee for constitutional change. Those appointed: Rev. J. B. Fletcher, Rev. Charles Brazeal, Rev. John West, Rev. James Franklin, Rev. J. C. Morgan.
18. MMSC to adjourn with benediction by Rev. Millard McGuire.

SATURDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE, August 14, 1971

The service opened with congregational singing led by Rev. Jim Christian with Mrs. Carolyn Timmons at the piano. Prayer was given by Rev. James Timbrook followed by special music presented by the McGuire Family. The speaker for the morning message was Rev. Charles Brazeal with the theme being the "Memorial Message". After the message, announcements were made and the service was dismissed with prayer.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE, August 14, 1971

The service opened with congregational singing led by Rev. Jim Christian with Mrs. Virginia Christian at the piano. Prayer was led by Rev. Willis Walker.

Items of business transacted.

19. MMSC to adopt the names of the State Delegates and to send them to the State Meeting.
20. MMSC to elect Rev. John West as the General Board member to the State Meeting.
21. The following were elected as the Associational Officers for the coming year:
 Moderator: Rev. Harry Staries
 Assistant Moderator: Rev. J. B. Fletcher
 Clerk and Treasurer: Rev. Everett Keiffer
 Assistant Clerk: Tom Pope
22. MMSC that the Association purchase a piano bench.
23. MMSC that we purchase enough paint to paint the Tabernacle pews. (Following this motion pledges of \$5.00 were taken from the church for this project).
24. MMSC that the Trustees Board make a list of work projects and present them to the churches before the next Annual Meeting.
25. MMSC to adjourn the Forty-fourth Annual Session of the First Mission Association of Free Will Baptists.
26. A standing vote of thanks was given to Sister Franklin and Sister Staries for their work in the Cafe.
27. Service dismissed in prayer by Rev. Ed Hollie.

REPORT OF THE CENTRAL AREA QUARTERLY MEETING TO THE FIRST MISSION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Following is the report of the Obituary Committee, Mrs. Virginia Christian, Mrs. Mabel Brown and Mrs. Lela F. Morgan.

Tulsa Area Quarterly Meeting

Elevlyn Waljie	
Iva Gleasm	New Home
Oscar Hargie	New Home
Pearl Beatty	Trinity Temple
O. E. Lassiter	Tulsa First
Thelma Bates	Tulsa First
Roger Cope	Tulsa First
Zola Mae Ealey	Tulsa First
Homer J. Elderton	Tulsa First
Ruth London	Tulsa First
Ola Soeton	Tulsa First
Anna Elgin	Tulsa First
King Higgins	Tulsa First
Riley Jordan	West Tulsa
Glen Cullop	West Tulsa
Ethel Crouch	West Tulsa
E. P. Stancliff	West Tulsa
G. I. Jones	Madison Avenue

Central Quarterly Meeting

Lee Tuttle	Blue Bell
Isham Waltrip	Blue Bell
Geatrude Colley	Bristow
Fred Johns	Bristow
Mary Redout	Highland Park
J. B. Dunn	Liberty
Jim Pounds	Liberty
Lucinda Simmons	Lone Chimney
Macy Simpson	North Heights
Ida Mae Cowgill	Oilton
John Davis	Okmulgee
Phillip Faust	Okmulgee
J. I. Johns	Okmulgee
Dave Maysey	Okmulgee
Poynce Hensley	Okmulgee
Johnny Fawcett	Trinity
J. L. Davis	Blackwell
Bella Davis	Blackwell
Chester McKain	Drumright
John Wood	Drumright
Arthur Dunigan	Drumright
John Frame	Drumright
Eula Frame	Drumright
Jewell Elliott	Drumright
Berry Dean	Westside
Flossie Hellard	Westside

YOUTH CAMP BOARD REPORT

The First Mission Association Youth Camp Board has met several times during the past year. We had a wonderful two weeks of Youth Camp. A real spirit of Revival prevailed. With good cooperation and hard work all the workers made it a glorious time in the Lord's work. The Pre-Teen camp was directed by Rev. David Bigger. Teachers were Mary Tuttle, Lila Faye Morgan and Wanda Bookout. Rachel Bess was in charge of the 11:00 a.m. service. A total of 68 were in this camp.

The teen camp was directed by Rev. Leon Sheppard. Teachers were Fay Bookout, Rev. John West and Rev. Joe Braddy. A total of 69 were in the teen camp. Sister Nevada Scott was the camp cook and the First Mission Pastors did the preaching during both camp.

TRUSTEE BOARD REPORT

The Trustee Board has met 4 times in the preceding Associational Year. The purpose of each meeting was to survey the needs of the First Mission Campground and to set forth projects of work to be com-

pleted before the close of the associational year.

Projects overseen by the Trustee Board during the preceding year:

1. Placement of Everett and Mary Keiffer as caretakers of the campground.
2. New cover for the well house.
3. Both wells repaired.
4. New wiring for the cafe and dormitories.
5. Painting of the caretaker's home and the remodeling of one room.
6. Evaporative coolers installed in the cafe and dormitories.
7. Tables in cafe painted.
8. A washing machine from the Silver City Ladies installed in the cafe.
9. Prior to the youth camps the grounds and buildings were sprayed with Chlordane.
10. Septic tanks cleaned and sewer line from caretaker's house and boys dorm repaired.
11. New speakers for tabernacle installed.
12. Placement of pews by the Garden Hts Church
13. Placement of recreational equipment on the grounds.
14. Drive way from cafe to boys dorm chatted.
15. A new lawnmower was purchased with the old lawnmower being rebuilt.
16. Signs to be placed at the enterances donated by the Cushing First Church.
17. The beginning of land clearing for future development.
18. Roof on Tabernacle repaired.
19. Exhaust fan placed at the east end of the boys dorm.
20. Seperate wiring for the cafe.
21. Mercury light installed behind the Tabernacle.
22. Incorporated for 50 years.
23. Drainage ditches dug for caretakers house and boys dorm.
24. 110' of pipe given by Oklahoma Natural Gas for drainage ditches.

A special vote of thanks is extended to the Creek County Commissioner, Mr. Copeland for chat for the driveway. A special vote of thanks to Oklahoma Natural Gas and E. W. Keiffer for the picnic table and the teeter tottor and to all those who helped in the work of the campground this year.

The campground was rented to the Campbell family for a family reunion during the 4th of July weekend. The rental fee being \$100.00.

Trustee Board Members

James Franklin, Chairman
Louie Pirtle
Retes Hunsucker
Leon Shepperd
Everett Keiffer, Clerk

GENERAL BOARD REPORT

The General Board has met four times during the preceding Associational year. The purpose of each meeting was to advance the cause of Christ through discussion and prayer and to arrive at decisions that would not only effect the cause of Christ this year but in the years to come.

The first meeting of the General Board was held October 12, 1970 at the Liberty Church. Representatives from both Quarterly Meetings were present. Purpose of the meeting was stated in a letter sent to each church in the First Mission Association with the purpose being to discuss the reuniting of the Quarterly Meetings as one body. Discussion at this meeting on the topic of reuniting was given by each Quarterly Meeting and a motion was carried that "Each executive committee present to their respective quarterly meetings for discussion the possibility of reuniting as one body. It is asked that the two respective quarterly meetings discuss the possibility of reuniting and vote in conference their pleasure. The results of each quarterly meetings voting concerning reuniting to then be placed before a called session of the First Mission proper for a final vote." This meeting of the Association to be called by the Associational Moderator with time and place being sent through the mail to each associational church.

At this meeting Rev. Roma Stewart was elected to serve as the General Board member from the First Mission Association to the State Association Meeting.

The second meeting of the General Board was held at the Drumright Church, February 2, 1971. The purpose of the meeting was stated in a letter sent to each associational church. At this meeting the following motion was presented and adopted, "That we remain as two quarterly meetings and have an annual associational meeting in August".

The third meeting of the General Board was held at the campground July 22, 1971. The purpose of the meeting was to compile the Association's annual program.

The fourth meeting of the General Board was held at the Campground August 12, 1971. The purpose of the meeting was to prepare the annual Associational Budget.

NOTE: Following is the request from the Tulsa Area Quarterly Meeting as to structure of the Quarterly Meetings in relationship to voting in the Annual Association Meeting.

"We recommend to the First Mission Association that our Quarterly Meetings meet in the months of November, February, and May and that each church represent directly at the Annual Associational Meeting in August".

This recommendation from the Tulsa Area was placed with the recommendation from the Centray Area Quarterly Meeting, which was as follows:

"The Central Area Quarterly Meeting recommends that the Quarterly Meetings meet in November, February and May and that we represent by churches at the August meeting".

This recommendation from both Quarterly Meetings was adopted by the Association and the changes are noted in the First Mission Constitution.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

The First Mission District Woman's Auxiliary met August 12, 1971 at the Campground. The Convention theme was, "More Than Conquerors Through Christ." Romans 8:35-39. The convention opened with congregational singing followed by prayer led by Marguerite Hinsley. Special Music was presented by the Stillwater Trio and the devotion was given by Wilma Shepperd.

Committees were appointed and the minutes of the last meeting were read. The session was dismissed with prayer by Rev. Staries.

The worship hour began with congregational singing and special music by Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Ledlow and the Cushing Trio. Rev. Ledlow, our National Home Mission Field Secretary, gave the highlights of the Home Mission work and brought the morning message using the convention theme for his text.

The body voted to give Rev. Ledlow \$100.00 and he requested that it be sent to the National Home Mission Department.

The Afternoon session began with congregation singing and prayer by Glo Cariker. Special music was presented by Shirley Smith from the West Tulsa Church. In the Business session Miscellaneous reports were received. MMSC for each Auxiliary to send \$10.00 to buy necessary items for campground kitchen. (Money to be in by November 1st, 1971.) The nominating committee report was given and officers elected for 1971-72. Wilma Shepperd was elected as the National Delegate to the National Association Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR OF 1970/71 AND PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE YEAR OF 1971/72

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>ALLOCATION</u>	<u>GIVEN 70/71</u>	<u>PROPOSED ALLOCATION 1971/72</u>
Airport	\$8000.00	\$7715.91	\$10,000.00
Central	1000.00	407.86	500.00
Lawnwood	5750.00	5010.38	5,750.00
Madison Avenue	1250.00	1040.97	1,250.00
New Home	10,500.00	10,836.84	10,500.00
Owasso	3500.00	2763.34	3,500.00
SE Tulsa	3500.00	-0-	-0-
Trinity Temple	2000.00	2464.43	2,500.00
Tulsa First	3000.00	1984.96	3,000.00
West Tulsa	6000.00	5728.45	6,000.00
Lewis Avenue	3000.00	1743.44	-0-
Allen	2500.00	2625.74	3,000.00
Blue Bell	1000.00	1091.29	1,200.00
Blackwell	1200.00	1000.87	1,200.00
Bristow	2000.00	1956.75	2,000.00
Cincinnati	200.00	70.00	300.00
Cushing First	1200.00	1600.28	1,400.00
Drumright	1300.00	855.00	1,300.00
Fellowship	250.00	20.00	250.00
Garden Hts	1500.00	1989.24	2,000.00
Highland Park	500.00	665.27	600.00
Liberty	125.00	258.00	500.00
Lone Chimney	500.00	364.21	500.00
North Hts	500.00	651.56	700.00
Oilton	700.00	1129.28	1,200.00
Okmulgee	800.00	148.07	800.00
Pretty Water	500.00	644.33	700.00
Sapulpa First	100.00	10.00	100.00
Silver City	300.00	949.40	600.00
Streud	400.00	273.00	500.00
Trinity	200.00	80.00	200.00
West Side	200.00	45.00	300.00
Total Church Giving		\$56,153.88	\$63,350.00
Tulsa QM	3000.00	2770.98	\$3000.00
Central QM	1000.00	2044.50	2000.00
Misc:	500.00	177.40	500.00
Youth Camp	2500.00	1390.03	1500.00
Cabin Insurance	100.00	-0-	100.00
Woman's Auxiliary	4200.00	20.00	4200.00
Additional Income		6402.91	
Balance Carried 8/1/70		1278.75	(This was income from the Jr. Camp.)
Woman's Auxiliary Giving		4436.40	Handled through Auxiliary Treasurer.
Direct Money		857.48	
Final Totals	\$74,755.00	\$69,129.41	\$ 73,650.00

Everett R. Keiffer, Treasurer
Phone (918) 352-2979

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Bristow, Oklahoma 74066

DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR OF 1970/71 AND PROPOSED DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1971/72

<u>Account</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Disbursed</u>	<u>Proposed Disbursement</u>
Coop and Des:	\$56,045.00	\$13,561.68 Coop \$41,047.26 Des:	\$66,213.00
Total		\$54,608.94	
Loans	\$1500.00	\$1500.00	\$1500.00
Utilities	\$700.00	\$786.26	800.00
Bldg and Repair	\$1500.00	\$1275.84	1200.00
Treas and Clerk	\$720.00	\$720.00	720.00
Delegate Fees	\$320.00	\$260.00	290.00
Printing	\$400.00	\$359.15	400.00
Youth Camp/Cafe	\$2500.00	\$2381.61	1500.00
Misc:	\$500.00	\$674.95	500.00
Insurance	\$390.00	\$284.00	327.00
Travel Expense	\$200.00	\$48.22	200.00
Victoria, Texas	-0-	\$300.00	-0-
Central Quarterly	-0-	\$616.56	-0-
Totals	\$74,775.00	\$63,815.53	\$73,650.00

Total Income	\$69,129.41	
Less:	857.48	Direct Giving
Less:	4,436.40	Auxiliary Giving
Total	\$63,835.53	Total handled through First Mission Treasurer's Office
Less:	\$63,815.53	Disbursements (See Above)
Balance 8/1/71	\$20.00	Money for State Delegate and Minutes from Allen

Loan Information: Our loan is with Martha Jennings, Muskogee, Oklahoma.
 Balance on Loan #1 is \$2210.21
 Balance on Loan #2 is 447.68
 Total owed: \$2657.89

The above loans are payable at the rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ \$90.00 per month
 35.00 per month

Outside giving breakdown: Foreign Missions \$19,550.09
 Home Missions 6,144.64
 Hillsdale 10,768.56
 FWBBC 2,158.63
 Other 400.70

Note: Coop held for local expenses:
 \$4902.02
 408.50 p/m
 Less: 125.00 loan Associational cost which includes all phases of the above list of disbursements was \$283.50 per/month.

Youth Projects: Central Quarterly Meeting \$1237.50
 Tulsa Quarterly Meeting \$2666.48

Youth Camp Financial Status: Total Income \$2668.78
 Less Cost \$2381.61
 Balance \$287.17

Looking Back at First Mission Giving : 1963..\$25,147.45 1964..\$30,043.24
 1965..\$37,761.57 1966..\$54,886.00
 1967..\$45,967.99 1968..\$36,712.89
 1969..\$45,283.93 1970..\$63,653.14
 1971..\$59,129.41 1972.. ?

**INFORMATION FROM THE TULSA AREA AND THE CENTRAL AREA
QUARTERLY MEETINGS TO THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
FIRST MISSION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS.**

Information (General)	Central Area	Tulsa Area
Moderator	Rev. Sam Gober	Rev. J. B. Fletcher
Clerk	Tom Pope	Mrs. Marguerite Hinesley
Executive Board	Danny Oliver Edgar Beaver James Franklin Charles Brazeal Roy Bryant	J. B. Chism Ray Webb Bill Cook
Number of Ordained Ministers	46	33
Licensed Ministers	-0-	4
Ordained Deacons	53	50
Number of Churches	21	9
Parsonages	14	8
Sunday Schools	21	9
Woman's Auxiliaries	11	9
Total Membership (Church)	2058	2165
S. S. Enrolment	1704	1734
C. T. S.	7	7
Master's Men	-0-	3

**CHURCHES BELONGING TO THE TULSA AREA
QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE FIRST MISSION ASSOCIATION**

AIRPORT CHURCH

PASTOR—Rev. J. B. Fletcher, 1190 N. Mingo, Tulsa, TE 5-6898

CLERK—Margaret Reece, 2001 N. Mingo Rd., Tulsa, TE 8-7619

ORDAINER MINISTERS—C. G. Askins, Eddie Payne

ORDAINED DEACONS—Carl Payne, Lawson Fields, Harry Franklin,
Ray Hopkins, Carl Bales

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Ernest Best, Carolyn Timmons, Danny
Monroe, Bennie Best, Roy Wells, Betty Wells

STATE DELEGATE—Margaret Reece

CENTRAL CHURCH

PASTOR—Wayne Patton, Rt. 4, Box 290 C, Claremore, 341-5587

CLERK—Virginia Higdon, 6148 S. 34 West Ave., Tulsa, 446-4636

ORDAINED MINISTERS—Susie Pruitt, Marvin Dalton

ORDAINED DEACONS—Elbert Taylor, Charles Mattix Jr.,
Arthur McAfee, Lester Turley

DELEGATES—ALTERNATES—Lillie Taylor, Roberta Messer, Ada
Phillips, Loretta Nelson, Evelyn Stewart, Gaylene Shurley

STATE DELEGATE—Lillie Taylor

LAWNWOOD CHURCH

PASTOR—J. C. Morgan, 4115 West Edison, Tulsa, 585-9005

CLERK—Frank Hargrove, 15 Bassett Ave., Sand Springs, 245-4892

ORDAINED MINISTERS: Ronnie Royal

ORDAINED DEACONS—Albert Boggs, Albert Cook, Donald Cook, Nolen Hayworth, Fred Seawright, Wayne Roberts, Herman Wren, Frank Hargrove

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Bill Cook, Ovalee Hancock, Jimmy Furr, Grace Seawright, Lois Hood

STATE DELEGATE—Raymond Armstrong

MADISON AVENUE CHURCH

PASTOR—Ralph Brown, 5903 N. Madison, Tulsa, 425-2339

CLERK—Charlene Curtis, 1639 E. 71st St. North, Tulsa, 425-1011

ORDAINED DEACONS: Clyde Humble, Harold Frailey, Eldon Pittser, Perry Bishop, Ray Kircher, Gordon Stokes

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Christine Clark, Mary Frailey, Ferry Kircher

STATE DELEGATE—None

NEW HOME CHURCH

PASTOR—J. B. Chism, 3110 S 65 West Avenue, Tulsa, 446-0758

CLERK—Charles Rogers, 3860 S. 63 W. Avenue, Tulsa, 446-4767

ORDAINED MINISTERS—Joe Haas, L. A. Woodridge

ORDAINED DEACONS—John Moss, Ray Hamby, Clarence Johnson, Bill Rosencutter, Harvey Ozer, Jim Rhodes

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Betty Sadler, R. B. Condry, Howard Brown

STATE DELEGATE—Marguerite Hinesley

OWASSO CHURCH

PASTOR—Bob Ketchum, 1004 N. Dogwood, Owasso, 272-5468

CLERK—Bob Rowan, 1295 N. 154 E. Ave, Tulsa, 437-2318

ORDAINED DEACONS—Harold Boston, Johnny Crittenden, Bob Daniels, Jerry Kaase, Gale Stephens, Foy Testerman, Ray Webb, Wayne Smith, H. D. Ratliff, Bob Rowan

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES: Cille Daniels, Imogene Dawson, Etta Crittenden, Pearl Bryant, Maydene Lisenbee, Bill Lisendee

STATE DELEGATE—Willodene Stephens

TRINITY TEMPLE CHURCH

PASTOR—Robert Grider, 6241 E. Marshall Place, Tulsa, 835-5378

CLERK—Selma Dunnegan, 6128 E. 17th St. Tulsa, TE 5-7917

ORDAINED MINISTERS—Elda Bingham, Leona Mayfield, E. W. Keiffer, Hollie Crouch, F. E. Crane

ORDAINED DEACONS—Harold Hancock, Alvin Dunnegan, Hiram Roberts

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Effie Morris, Selma Dunnegan, Bob Johnson, Lea Johnson, Margaret Andrews

STATE DELEGATE—Bertha Keiffer

TULSA FIRST CHURCH

PASTOR—Dugan McDonald, 822 North Utica, Tulsa, 582-5311

CLERK—Mary J. Bridges, 11016 East 18th, Tulsa, 437-5659

ORDAINED MINISTERS—Floyd Barnes, J. H. Prock, John H. West,
E. J. Wilson, L. C. Worley,, Robert Hidde, Sr.

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Norma Cope, Florence Downs, Edna
Young, Fran McDonald, Orel Greech, Mary Grounds

STATE DELEGATES—Norma Cope

WEST TULSA CHURCH

PASTOR—Connie Cariker, 922 W. 23 Place, Tulsa, Lu 5-8094

CLERK—Esther Williams, 1625 N. Delaware Place, Tulsa, WE 6-0073

ORDAINED MINISTERS—Sadie Chase, Carl Hood, E. D. Williams

ORDAINED DEACONS—Leo Chism, Emil Colburn, Lloyd Martin, R. C.
Sides, Clayton Cariker, Jake Wimer

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Mable Brown, Shirley Smith, Mary
Watson, Hazel Bargas

STATE DELEGATE—Evelyn Chism

REPORT OF THE CENTRAL AREA QUARTERLY MEETING TO THE FIRST MISSION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

ALLEN CHURCH

PASTOR—Charles Brazeal, P. O. Box 1292, Sapulpa, Okla., 224-4500

CLERK—Bertha Rushing, Rt. 3, Box 63, Sapulpa, Okla., 224-4038

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Peggy Ruth, Sue Hembree, Dean Brant,
Zelma Bilby, Wanda White, Fred Bryant

DEACONS—George Mathews, Lionel Bilby, Arvel Bishop, Gail Langs-
ton, Edward Vanarsdale, Clark Vickers

STATE DELEGATE—Mary Brazeal

BLUE BELL CHURCH

PASTOR—Leon Sheppard, Rt. 1, Box 251B, Sapulpa, Okla., 247-2876

CLERK—Imogene Watkins, Box 206, Kellyville, Okla. 247-2891

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Freda Waltrip, Vinita Tuttle, Delores
Pridmore, Kay Pope, Tom Watkins

DEACONS—Roy Waltrip, Bill Pridmore

STATE DELEGATE—Wilma Sheppard

BRISTOW CHURCH

PASTOR—Gene Jackson, 434 W. 2nd, Bristow, Okla., 367-3755

CLERK—Mildred Mounce, 301 W. 7th, Bristow, Okla., 367-3204

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Lula Wiley, Mary Hiatt, Neagara David-
son, Ruby Dotson, Vaunda Dykeman, Garry Henderson

DEACONS—Roy Berry, Pete Dobson, George Dotson, Care Hill, R. C.
Keeling, Ben Stiles, George Wood.

STATE DELEGATE—

CINCINNATI CHURCH

PASTOR—C. D. Benton, 211 S. Summit, Sand Springs, Okla. 245-1415

CLERK—Joyce M. Barrow, 203 W. 65 Pl. N., Tulsa, Okla., 425-7805

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Lester Langston, Delphia Langston, Mary

Lou Flatt, Colleen Campbell, Sis. Winstead, Bro. Floyd McKnight.

DEACONS—

STATE DELEGATE—

CUSHING FIRST CHURCH

PASTOR—James Franklin, 1148 E. Main, Cushing, Okla., 225-2907

CLERK—Ronald Adkins, Rt. 2, Cushing, Okla., 225-2907

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—

DEACONS—Howard Matherly, Truman Nichols, Murray Belveal, R. J. Greiner

STATE DELEGATE—

FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

PASTOR—Robert E. Spencer, 722 W. 26th, Stillwater, Okla., 372-9284

CLERK—Vickie Brown, 1202 S. Lewis, Stillwater, Okla., 372-6577

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Ed Aarm, Varm, Dick Hoffman, Vera

Jean Hoffman, Norma Bieberdorf

DEACONS—Orvil Akins

STATE DELEGATE—

HIGHLAND PARK CHURCH

PASTOR—Joe B. Braddy, 1402 E. Sixth, Stillwater, Okla., 372-6721

CLERK—Bertha Bundy, 223 S. West Street, Stillwater, Okla. 372-9530

DELEGATES—ALTERNATES—Judy McCurry, Linda McCurry, Rachel

Bess, Glenna Huff

DEACONS—Wiford Lee, James Evans

STATE DELEGATE—

LIBERTY CHURCH

PASTOR—Edgar E. Beaver, Rt. 2, Bristow, Okla.

CLERK—Nadean Wheeler, Rt. 2, Box 192, Bristow, Okla.

McFarlin, LaDonna Byard, Iva Rossander

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Jessie Rossander, Gladys Peacock, Ola

DEACON—Jimmy L. Wheeler

STATE DELEGATE—Charlene Beaver

LONE CHIMNEY CHURCH

PASTOR—Bill VanWinkle

CLERK—Virginia Boyles, Rt. 1, Maramec, Oklahoma, 454-2461

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Pearl Creager, Mary Focht, Cheryl

Creager, Lawrence Creager, Van Chew, Ray Keeton

DEACONS—

STATE DELEGATE—

NORTH HEIGHTS CHURCH

PASTOR—S. L. Gober, 1120 N. Main, Sapulpa, Okla., 224-1117

CLERK—Wanda McGuire, 314 W. 45th, Sand Springs, 245-4831

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Mildred Ellis, Ora Kirby, Pat Groves,

Linda Woods, Anna Mae O'Field, Ethel Mears.

DEACONS—Harold McGuire, Alvin Mears, Sterling, Loyd Johnson

STATE DELEGATE—Opal Lee Gober

OKMULGEE CHURCH

PASTOR—Doyle Baker, 601 S. Oklahoma, Okmulgee, Okla., 756-5014

CLERK—Maxine Haynes, Rt. 2, Box 46, Beggs, Okla., 756-3840

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Sis. Beck, Bro. Robertson, Sis. Davis, Sis. Robindon, Sis. Rogers, Sis. Cook.

DEACON—Lee Ennis

STATE DELEGATE—

OILTON CHURCH

PASTOR—Danny Oliver, Box 84, Oilton, Okla., 862-3591

CLERK—Mrs. Claude Robinson, Box 135, Oilton, Okla., 862-3227

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Violet Tyree, Donna Ryker, Maude Odle, J. D. Tyree, Cecil Kenney, Velma Lonerick

STATE DELEGATE—Donna Ryker

DEACON—Claude M. Robinson

PRETTY WATER CHURCH

PASTOR—Roy Bryant, 712 S. 59th W. Ave., Tulsa, Okla., 245-6749

CLARK—Goldie Bock, 1029 E. Bryan, Sapulpa, Okla., 224-9904

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Bob Duvall, Mavis Duvall, Wayne Bryant, Jannett Bryant, Donna Robinson

DEACONS—Norval Robinson

STATE DELEGATE—

SILVER CITY CHURCH

PASTOR—David Bigger, Rt. 2, Box 63 A, Jennings, Okla., 865-3816

CLERK—Louise Haskins, Rt. 2, Box 54, Jennings, Okla., 865-4331

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Helen Geyer, Genevia Mainus, Colleen Mills, Pauline Matherly, Louise Haskins

DEACONS—Dick Mills, Walter McBroom, George Posten, Cleon Linton, Gerald Mills, Bob Haskins

STATE DELEGATE—Linda Biggers

STROUD CHURCH

PASTOR—J. E. Christian, Rt. 1, Stroud, Okla., 968-2782

CLERK—Judy Cochran, Stroud

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Pauline Johns, Rose Kinnard, Carol Christian

DEACONS—Paul Johns, Alvin Hightower

STATE DELEGATE—

TRINITY CUSHING CHURCH

PASTOR—Ray Price, 320 S. Steele, Cushing, Okla., 225-2534

CLERK—Mrs. Conn J. Sadler, Rt. 2, Cushing, Okla., 225-1691

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Ida Hopkins, Joyce Whalen, Sheila Hunsucker

DEACONS—Emmett P. Tipton

STATE DELEGATE—

GARDEN HEIGHTS CHURCH

PASTOR—Wayne Bookout, 209¹/₂ Summit Blvd., Sand Springs, CI 5-5572

CLERK—Merla Spiller, Rt. 3, Box 37, Sapulpa, Okla., 224-0755

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Edna Varner, Linnie Applegate, Mary Hargor

DEACONS—S. W. Varner, Alvin Applegate

DRUMRIGHT CHURCH

PASTOR—Earl Judd, 309 N. Ohio, Drumright, Okla., 352-2666

CLERK—Ray W. Holland, Box 220, Drumright, Okla., 352-2835

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Clarence Mitchel, John Stottlemire, Barbara Holland, P. R. Armstrong, Elsie Keller, Elsie Hopkins

DEACONS—Jack Hill, Charley Smith, O. R. Hopkins, Iva Semler, Floyd Wilson, W. W. Nichols

BLACKWELL CHURCH

PASTOR—Harry E. Staires, 708 W. Oklahoma, Blackwell, Okla., 363-1894

CLERK—Jack Bookout, 524 W. Kansas, Blackwell, Okla., 363-4462

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Fay Bookout, Ida Mae Barnes, Donna Bookout, Pam Mayfield, Darlene Russ, Diane Mayfield

DEACONS—Lester D. Bookout, Charles Kirk, Bob Harrold, Ray Dow.

ORDAINED MINISTERS BELONGING TO THE FIRST MISSION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Charles Brazael* — Allen Church Box 1292, Sapulpa, Oklahoma	224-4500
Floyd Mears — Allen Church Rt. 1, Sapulpa	224-2782
Danny Oliver* — Blackwell Church 708 West Oklahoma, Blackwell	363-1894
Chad Russ — Blackwell Church 1011 W. Harvey, Blackwell	
Leon Sheppard* — Blue Bell Church Rt. 1, Box 251B, Sapulpa	247-2876
S. P. Yocham — Blue Bell Church Rt. 1, Sapulpa, Oklahoma	
Gene Jackson* — 434 W. 2nd, Bristow	367-3755
Box 304, Cushing	225-2709
C. D. Benton* — Cincinnati Church 211 Summit Dr. Sand Springs	245-1415
James Franklin* — Cushing First Church Box 304, Cushing	225-2709
Willis Walker — Cushing First Church 715 E. Maple, Cushing Okla.	225-3843
J. A. Sadler — Cushing First Church 114 E. Greenlee, Cushing	225-3474
Earl Judd* — Drumright Church 309 N. Ohio, Drumright	352-2666
Bert Rogers — Drumright Church N. E. of City	352-3531

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Perry Smith — Drumright Church 117 S. Skinner, Drumright	352-3104
Robert Spencer* — Fellowship Church 722 W. 26, Stillwater	372-9248
Wayne Bookout* — Garden Heights Church 209½ Summitt, Sand Springs	CI 5-5572
C. C. Wilson — Garden Heights Church 821 Henshaw, Sapulpa	224-5204
Fred Redfern — Garden Heights Church 6142 W. 10th, Tulsa	CI 5-3425
Jone Wilson* — Highland Park Church 1402 E. 6, Stillwater, Okla.	372-6721
Edgar Beaver* — Liberty Church Rt. 2, Bristow, Okla.	352-2910
Sam Gober* — North Heights Church 1120 N. Main, Sapulpa, Okla.	224-1117
Bill Patrick — North Heights 1804 S. Ridgeway, Sapulpa, Okla.	224-3942
Doyle Baker — Okmulgee Church 608 S. Okla., Okmulgee	756-5014
J. A. Haynes — Okmulgee Church Rt. 2, Box 46, Beggs, Oklahoma	756-3840
Roy Bryant* — Pretty Water Church 712 S. 59 W. Ave., Tulsa, Oklahoma	245-6749
Howard Butler* — Pretty Water Church 2001 S. Poplar, Sapulpa	224-3602
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James Timbrook — Pretty Water Church 4207 Maple Dr., Sand Springs	245-5382
Alfred Brock* — Sapulpa, First Church Rt. 3, Box 363, Sapulpa	224-4900
Charles Rutland* — Sapulpa First Church Rt. 1, Box 217, Kellyville	247-2971
David Bigger* — Silver City Church Rt. 2, Jennings, Oklahoma	865-3816
Jim Christian* — Stroud Church 627 N. 7, Stroud, Oklahoma	968-2782
Retes Hunsucker — Cushing Trinity Church 905 E. Moses, Cushing, Oklahoma	225-1598

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Ray Price* — Cushing Trinity Church 320 S. Steele, Cushing, Oklahoma	225-2534
Conn Sadler — Cushing Trinity Church Rt. 2, Cushing, Oklahoma	225-1691
Nealy Huff — Cushing Trinity Church Yale, Oklahoma	EU 7-2919
Millard McGuire* — Sapulpa West Side Church Box 254, Kellyville, Oklahoma	247-2333
Walter Farner — Sapulpa West Side Church 513 S. Park, Sapulpa, Oklahoma	224-2453
Herley Lemons — Sapulpa West Side Church Kiefer, Oklahoma	
Buford Zinn — Sapulpa West Side Church 916 N. Ridgeway, Sapulpa, Oklahoma	224-3408
James Hill — Sapulpa West Side Church 117 S. Hickory, Sapulpa, Oklahoma	224-0725
J. B. Fletcher* — Airport Church 1229 N. 94 E. Ave. Tulsa	838-7619
C. G. Askins — Airport Church 218 S. Victor, Tulsa	584-3095
Eddie Payne — Airport Missionary to Africa	
Wayne Patton* — Central Church Rt. 4, Box 290 C, Claremore	341-5587
Susie Pruitt — Central Church 1710 E. 54 St., Tulsa	425-4196
Marvin Dalton — Central Church 144 N. Xanthus, Tulsa	LU 3-2900
J. C. Morgan* — Lawnwood Church 4115 W. Edison, Tulsa	585-9005
Ronnie Royal — Lawnwood Church Rt. 1, Sand Springs, Okla.	CI 5-4993
Ralph Brown* — Madison Avenue Church 5903 N. Madison, Tulsa	425-2339
J. B. Chism Jr.* — New Home Church 3110 S. 65 W. Ave., Tulsa	446-0758
Joe Hass — New Home Church Missionary to France	
L. A. Woolridge — New Home Church 3144 S. 61 W. Ave., Tulsa	446-7749

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Bob Ketchum* — Owasso Church 1004 N. Dogwood, Owasso	272-5291
Robert Grider* — Trinity Temple Church 6241 E. Marshall Pl., Tulsa	835-5378
Elda Bingham — Trinity Temple Church 514 N. Irvington, Tulsa	835-8309
Leona Mayfield — Trinity Temple Church Bixby, Okla.	
Everett W. Keiffer — Trinity Temple Church 520 S. 101 E. Ave., Tulsa	Te 5-3760
Hollie Crouch — Trinity Temple Church 5814 E. Newton Pl., Tulsa	835-1620
F. E. Crain — Trinity Temple Church Miami, Oklahoma	
Dugan McDonald* — Tulsa First Church 822 N. Utica, Tulsa	582-5311
Floyd Barnes — Tulsa First Church 4331 S. Yale	622-1303
J. H. Prock — Tulsa First Church 11134 E. Independence, Tulsa	437-2525
John H. West — Tulsa First Church 2211 East 13, Tulsa	939-2040
E. J. Wilson — Tulsa First Church 308 N. Rosedale, Tulsa	587-3404
L. C. Worley — Tulsa First Church 107 E. Elm, Skiatook	BU 3-1544
Robert Hiddle, Sr. — Tulsa First Church	
Connie Cariker* — West Tulsa Church 922 W. 23 Pl., Tulsa	585-8094
Sadie Chase — West Tulsa Church 4719 E. 22, Tulsa	936-3611
Carl Hood — West Tulsa Church 6126½ W. 31, Tulsa	446-3611
E. D. Williams — West Tulsa Church 1625 N. Delaware Pl., Tulsa	936-0073

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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 our Churches not send any Minister up for Ordination until he has been licensed for one year from date of examination.
3. That the examination of candidates for Ordination and License question and answer be recorded and filed with the Associational Clerk.
4. That no person can be an active Deacon or Minister in the Association who does not pay and teach tithes.
5. That the letter of all Quarterly Meetings be in the hands of the Associational Clerk at least one week before conference convenes.
6. The churches having candidates for ordination or license or ratification send request to Quarterly Conference in session prior to examination.
7. That all of our Churches use the letter forms furnished by our Clerk.
8. That since we have grown to such proportions, and the demands of service are heavy, that no member of this Association be permitted or required to serve on more than two boards at any time.
9. That no Minister be received into the Association from another Denomination or Association unless accompanied by a letter or recommendation.
10. That the Moderator with his Assistant appoint all committees.
11. That the Treasurer be in charge of all insurance business.
12. That the Associational Moderator be Chairman of the General Board.
13. That no ordained Minister or Deacon be recognized as active in the Association until they have appeared before the Credential Board.
14. That the First Mission Association have a printed program.
15. That the Associational Officers serve as the Associational Program Planning Committee.

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 appearances 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 Savior Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conference, 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. II Timothy 3:16-17; II Peter 1:20-21.

2. That there is but one true and living God and in the God Head of Divine Essence, Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Gen. 17:1, I John 5:7.

3. That we are fallen and depraved creatures and cannot extricate ourselves from our fallen situation by any ability we possess by nature. Eph. 5:1-19.

4. That salvation, regeneration, satisfaction, justification and redemption are by life, death, resurrection, ascension and intercession of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Acts 4:12; Titus 3:5.

5. That the joys of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal. Matt. 25:46.

6. All believers in Christ, who through grace, persevere in holiness to the end of life, have the promise of eternal salvation. Mark 13:13, Rev. 2:10.

7. Baptism (the immersion of believers in water), the Lord's Supper and Feet Washing are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel. The Lord's Supper, which is to be observed by all believers at night, is followed by the ordinance of feet washing, which teaches humility, of universal obligation, to be practiced by all believers. Baptism: Matt. 28:19; Col. 2:12. Lord's Supper: Mark 14:17; Matt. 26:26-28; I Cor. 11:23,24; Feet Washing: John 13:4,5; I Timothy 6:10.

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 worship of God, and that on it, we should abstain from our worldly concerns except in cases of Necessity and mercy. Ex. 31:15; Deut. 5:12; Matt. 12:12.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the body, both the just and unjust, but every one in his own order; those who have done evil to the resurrection of damnation, and that God has appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness by Jesus Christ. I Cor. 15:34, John 5:28; I Thes. 3:16.

10. That it is our duty to be tender and affectionate to one another, and to study the happiness of the people of God in general and to singly engage to promote the honor of God. John 13:35; Gal. 6:10.

11. We believe that Jesus Christ, by grace of God, tasted death for every man; yet none can partake of His divine benefit only by His repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, infants and idiots excepted. Acts 20:21; I Tim. 2:5-6; John 3:14-16; I Peter 3:21.

12. 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; John 17:11.

CONSTITUTION FOR FIRST MISSION ASSOCIATION

Article 1. This yearly meeting or Association shall be called the First Mission Association, and shall be composed of such regularly organized and well-disciplined Free Will Baptist Quarterly Meetings, conveniently located, as may embody themselves under this constitution.

Article 2. The Conference of this yearly meeting of association shall consist of all Ordained Ministers, Ministers wives, Ordained Deacons, Church Clerks and three elected delegates from all duly organized Free Will Baptist's Churches from each Quarterly Meeting of the First Mission Association. Each church shall represent by letter.

Article 3. The officers of this Association or Yearly Meeting shall be: (1) A standing clerk and treasurer and a moderator who shall be chosen at every session of the Association, with assistants as may be found necessary. (2) The Associational General Board shall be composed of the Associational Officers, the Chairman of Each Quarterly Meeting Board, and the Chairman of the Associational Boards. The Association Moderator, Clerk, and three members to be elected from the General Board shall compose the Associational Executive Committee. (3) A Trustee Board so elected as to require one to be elected each year. 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. This board shall consist of not less than five members. This Board shall also serve as planning board. (4) All Associational Boards to be paid traveling expense at the rate of five cents per mile.

Article 4. Any well organized and well regulated Free Will Baptist Quarterly Meetings who will conform to the practice, endorse the enterprises, and prove themselves orthodox in doctrine may at any time on application by vote of this body, become a member thereof.

Article 5. This Yearly Meeting or Association shall have power to discipline the Quarterly Meetings of which it is composed and to exclude them for disorderly walk if labor proves unsuccessful, but in no case to reverse their decisions, nor to interfere with any of their internal regulations.

Article 6. The sessions of this Yearly Meeting or Association shall be held annually at such time and place as shall be decided upon by the Association. At which time the Association shall act upon such questions and topics as may be referred to it by its respective Quarterly Meetings or churches and transact such other business not repugnant to this constitution, nor to the practices of the demonination, but such as may in their judgment promote the cause of Christ and the interest of the churches and quarterly meetings within the limits of this yearly meeting or association.

Article 7. This Yearly Meeting or Association shall have the power to adopt any regulations or by-laws, not inconsistent with this constitution, which may be deemed essential to the further regulation of its sessions.

Article 8. This Association shall not license, ordain or receive from any other association any person to the ministry or as a deacon who has more than one living companion.

Article 9. This constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of the Yearly Meeting or Association at any regular session: notice of such intended alteration having been given in writing, and recorded at the next previous session.

BY-LAWS

1. The moderator or assistant moderator, or in their absence, the oldest minister present, shall call the Association in to conference.
2. Each session shall be opened and closed with prayer.
3. Five members from two or more churches shall constitute a quorum. A less number may adjourn until such quorum is present.
4. Visiting brethren are invited to seats as advisory members.
5. Those who speak shall arise and address the moderator. Personal 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 separately.
7. Motion made and lost shall not be recorded.
8. No one will speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the moderator.
9. The Moderator shall not allow discussion when not carried on in Christian Spirit.
10. The ruling of the moderator may be overruled by a two-thirds vote of the members present.
11. Any Minister opposed to any of the enterprises, organized Sunday School League, Master's Men, Woman's Auxiliary, endorsed by the Association will not be entitled to a seat in Conference and we will not seat any minister in this association that teaches the Baptism of the Holy Ghost separate from regeneration or the birth of the Spirit.
12. No question from any church shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it has been first discussed in its own church.
13. At each Association, arrangements shall be made to insure two or more sermons or their equivalent devotional exercises each day.

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.

