

MINUTES
of the
First Mission Association
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE 45TH 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. Earl Judd
309 North Ohio, Drumright, Oklahoma	
ASSISTANT MODERATOR	Rev. Gene Jackson
434 West 2nd, Bristow, Oklahoma	
CLERK AND TREASURER	Rev. Leon Sheppard
Rt. No. 1, Box 392, Sapulpa, Oklahoma	
ASSISTANT CLERK	Rev. David Bigger
Rt. No. 2, Box 54, Jennings, 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 1972-1973 is composed of the Moderator of the association, the Clerk of the association and three members of the General Board. The three members are: Don Jones, Charles Brazeal, and David Bigger.

TRUSTEE BOARD OF THE FIRST MISSION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Rev. Gene Jackson, Clerk	1977
Rev. Don Jones	1976
Rev. James Franklin, Chairman	1975
Rev. Joe Wilson	1974
Rev. Leon Sheppard	1973

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

Rev. Dan L. Oliver	1977
Rev. David Bigger, Clerk	1976
Rev. J. C. Morgan	1975
Rev. Harry Staries	1974
Rev. Charles Brazeal, Chairman	1973

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

Date for the next session was set by the body and will be convened;
August 16-17-18, 1973

FIRST MISSION ASSOCIATION YOUTH CAMPS

Date for the youth camps was set by the body and will be:
Junior Camp — July 29th — August 2nd, 1973
Senior Camp — August 5th — August 10th, 1973

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-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE
FIRST MISSION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS,
AUGUST 17, 18, 19, 1972.**

Theme: "In an everchanging world, the unchanging Christ." Heb. 13:8

THURSDAY EVENING SERVICE, August 17, 1972

The Introductory service of the Forty-fifth Annual session of the First Mission Association of Free Will Baptists, was moderated by Rev. Harry Staires with Rev. Jim Christian as Music Director, and Tony Waltrip as Pianist.

The service was opened with Congregational singing and then led in prayer by Rev. Charles Brazeal.

Comments by the Moderator and announcements were made, followed by more congregational singing and led in prayer by Rev. J. B. Chism.

Special music was rendered by The Master's Men Quartet, and The Ladies Quartet from Allen Church.

Recognition of visitors.

Introduction of Speaker; Rev. John H. West, taking his text from Nehemiah 6. Bro. West used for the theme of the message: What America Wants, What America Has, and What America Needs.

Prayer of Dismissal was led by Rev. Earl Judd.

FRIDAY MORNING BUSINESS SESSION, August 18, 1972

The Friday morning session was opened by Moderator, Rev. Harry Staires, with Jim Christian as Music Director and Virginia Christian as pianist. Congregational singing was followed by prayer led by Bert Rogers.

Moderator's message was brought from Hebrews 13:1-9.

MMSC for the Moderator to appoint someone to serve as assistant clerk and assistant Moderator.

Assistant Clerk: Leon Sheppard.

Assistant Moderator: John West.

Items of Business Transacted.

1. MMSC to receive the letters from the Churches and seat the delegates.

2. By-Laws of the Association read by Assistant Moderator.

3. Call for Petitionary letters.

4. Information given, by Moderator, concerning the mission endeavor in the Cleveland area.

5. Visiting brethren recognized and invited to share counsel with the body.

6. General Board Report given. MMSC to adopt the report. (See reports).

7. Appointment of committees:

Resolution Committee—

Rev. Bob Ketchum, Rev. Joe Wilson, Rev. C. D. Benton,
Rev. Connie Cariker, Rev. Dan Oliver.

Obituary Committee—

Selma Dunigan, Grace Seawright, Nadean Wheeler.

8. MMSC to adopt treasurer's report. (See Reports)

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

FRIDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE, August 18, 1972

Congregational singing was led by Gene Jackson with Virginia Christian as the Pianist. This was followed by prayer led by Cab Benton. Special music was presented by Donna Ryker, of Silver City Church.

Speaker for the morning service was Don Jones, who took the message from Hebrews 12. Closed by singing hymn "Just As I Am" and dismissed in prayer by Bob Ketchum.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE, August 18, 1972

Rev. Jim Christian led the congregation in singing; Love Lifted Me. Sis. Virginia Christian was the Pianist. Prayer was led by Virgil Matherly and singing continued.

Rev. J. L. Vanwinkle brought the afternoon devotion from Eph. 3:17-21(We As Christians should be outstanding people).

Bro. Lonnie Davout, State Executive Secretary, shared information about the state work.

Items Of Business Transacted.

10. MMSC to adopt Budget Committee report. (See Reports)
11. MMSC to adopt Trustee Board Report. (See Report)
12. MMSC to adopt the Youth Camp Committee Report. (See Reports)
13. MMSC to adopt the Woman's Auxiliary Report. (See Reports)
14. MMSC to receive a partial report of the Resolution Committee.

Item No. 1. Be it resolved that notes held by Mrs. Jennings be paid in the following manner; Note No. 2 with a balance of \$49.08 be paid in full with the next scheduled payment and that Note No. 1, with a balance of \$1,258.34 have monthly payments increased from \$90.00 per month to \$125.00 per month. (Carried)

Item No. 2. Be it resolved that we build a rest room onto the Cafeteria with stool and lavatory. If passed each Woman's Auxiliary pay \$10.00 to meet the expense of building. (This was referred to the Trustee Board to determine the possibility and the feasibility of building, and to report to the next meeting of each Quarterly Meeting.)

15. MMSC to accept resignation of Everett Keiffer from Trustee Board.

16. Election of Board Members:

Trustee Board; Rev. Gene Jackson, Rev. Don Jones,
Rev. Joe Wilson.

Youth Camp Board; Rev. Dan Oliver.

17. MMSC to elect Rev. Leon Sheppard as the General Board Member to the State Meeting.

18. Special recognition was given to Rev. Don Payne for his having just recently received his Doctorate Degree.

19. MMSC to receive further report of Resolution Committee:

Item No. 3. Be it resolved that permanent resolution No. 8 be changed to read; one board. (carried)

Item No. 4. Be it resolved that this body set the date for next year's Youth Camp and Annual Association Meeting, at this meeting. (Carried)

20. MMSC yearly meeting for 1973 begin the 3rd Thursday of August. (16th)

21. MMSC to adjourn business session until Saturday Morning.

FRIDAY EVENING MISSIONARY SERVICE, August 18, 1972

Rev. Jim Christian led the congregation in singing, Sis. Wilma Sheppard was the Pianist. Prayer was led by Rev. Edgar Beaver. Special music was presented by the Tulsa First Church and the Blackwell Church.

The speaker for the evening was Rev. Earnie Deeds, Missionary to Brazil. Following the evening message an offering of \$53.56 was received for the Deeds account. Dismissed in prayer by Johnny Williams.

SATURDAY MORNING BUSINESS SESSION, August 19, 1972

Opened by congregational singing under the direction of Jim Christian with Sis. Pat Matherly at the piano. Led in prayer by J. C. Morgan. Devotion was brought by Edgar Beaver, using Romans 1:14-16 for his text.

Items Of Business Transacted.

Recognition of Visiting brethren:

Group from Highway 64 Free Will Baptist Mission.

Rev. Paul Meyers, Evangelist from Sand Springs, Okla.

Rev. Bill Jones, President of Hillsdale Bible College.

Bro. Jones reported, a record enrolment, building progressing rapidly, new subjects being offered.

22. MMSC to adopt Obituary Committee's report and honor the memory of the deceased with a moment of silent prayer.

23. Election of Officers:

Moderator: Rev. Earl Judd

Assistant Moderator: Rev. Gene Jackson

Clerk: Rev. Leon Sheppard

Treasurer: Rev. Leon Sheppard

Assistant Clerk: Rev. David Bigger

24. MMSC to adjourn until next yearly Associational Meeting.

Recess for 10 minutes before worship.

SATURDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE, August 19, 1972

The "Memorial Service" was begun with Rev. Jim Christian leading the congregation in singing. Sis. Pat Matherly was the Pianist. Prayer was led by Rev. Dan Oliver.

Special singing was presented by Connie and Glo Cariker.

Memorial message was brought by Rev. Earl Judd, using Hebrews 13:8 for his text.

Dismissal prayer and blessing on lunch by Roy Ryker.

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 with a good spirit of revival prevailing in each camp.

The Pre-Teen Camp was directed by Rev. Dan Oliver. Teachers were Mary Tuttle, Wilma Sheppard, and Becky Bookout. This camp reported an enrolment of 143.

The Teen Camp was directed by Rev. Gene Jackson, teachers were: J. C. Morgan, James Franklin, and Leon Sheppard. Enrolmen was 67.

Rev. David Bigger was kitchen director, with Sisters Louise Hasking and Linda Bigger cooking for the camp. Much hard work and good co-operation resulted in a glorious time in the Lord's work.

FOLLOWING ARE THE REPORTS FROM VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Tulsa Area Quarterly Meeting

Lewis Sadler	New Home
Charles Satterfield ...	New Home
A. H. Davidson	Lawnwood
Rev. J. H. Prock	Tulsa First
Beulah Sisemore	Tulsa First
Nettie Rhodes	Tulsa First
Robert Kerner	Tulsa First
M. R. McKenzie	Tulsa First
Jess Heflin	Tulsa First
Ida Austin	Tulsa First
Ola May	Tulsa First
Rova Bittick	Tulsa First
Laura E. Keen	Tulsa First
Rev. Melvin	
Bingham	Trinity Temple
Pearl Dobson	Trinity Temple
Gracie Tidwell	West Tulsa
Spencer Myrick	West Tulsa

Central Area Quarterly Meeting

Charles Kennett	Allen
Elsie Mears	Allen
Walter D. Mauk ...	Blackwell 1st
Rev. S. P. Yocham	Blue Bell
Floyd C. Lucas	Blue Bell
A. J. Robinett	Cushing First
Lydia Mounts	Cushing First
Clint Cook	Cushing First
Jack Hill	Drumright First
O. R. Hopkins ..	Drumright First
Mabel Green ...	Drumright First
Ruth Sinor	North Heights
J. C. Brock	North Heights
Ann Johns	Okmulgee First
Emma Reid	Okmulgee First
Easie Sample	Okmulgee First
Sylvia Brown	Stroud First
Rev. Hurley	
Lemons	West Side Sapulpa

TRUSTEE BOARD REPORT

The Trustee Board has met 6 times the past year. We met for the organizational meeting at the conclusion of the yearly meeting in 1972. Bro. James Franklin remained as chairman, and Bro. Leon Sheppard was elected as clerk.

During the year we have:

1. Cleared and prepared more of the property for use.
2. Began improvement on drains for boys dormitory.
3. Repaired and painted pews.
4. Painted inside of dormitories and shower house.
5. Made plans for enlargement of present pond.
6. Well was deepened about 60 ft.
7. Increased electrical power into campground.

We realize there is much that needs to be done and ask your prayerful support as we endeavor to make these needed improvements and repairs.

GENERAL BOARD REPORT

The General Board met 4 times during the preceding Associational year.

Purpose of the first meeting was to organize the Executive Committee of the General Board and to audit the Associational books.

Purpose of the second meeting was to discuss the possibility of enlarging the lake on the campground property. Letters were sent to each church to inform each pastor of said meeting and the purpose thereof.

"The meeting was opened with singing, prayer, and devotional reading from Psalm 15. The Moderator, Rev. Harry Staires then allowed time for discussion concerning the motion to enlarge the lake." The motion was carried.

Dismissal prayer was led by Rev. Joe Wilson.

Purpose of the third meeting, was to plan the Associational program for the Yearly Meeting.

Purpose of the fourth meeting was to prepare the annual Associational budget.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

The First Mission District Woman's Auxiliary met August 17, 1972 at the Campground. The Convention theme was, "I will be glorified in the midst of thee". Ezekiel 28:22.

President Bertha Keiffer presided over the meeting, Pianist was Nadean Wheeler, and Music Director Marguerite Hinesley led the congregation in singing. Prayer was led by Sis. Hancock and concluded by Sis. Fincher.

Sis. Norma Wilson brought the devotion from: I Kings 18:36-39.

Prayer was led by Sis. Lela Crow and concluded by Sis. Lila Faye Morgan. Committees were then appointed by the President and Vice-President.

Report of National Auxiliary Convention was given by Wilma Sheppard. Report from State Convention given by Donna Ryker. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. John West.

Worship service began with congregational singing, followed by prayer led by Rev. Harry Staires. Offering was received, Prayer by Sis. Bertha Keiffer. Special music was rendered by the Allen Auxiliary. The morning message was brought by Rev. Earnie Deeds, Missionary to Brazil, using Acts 26:16-18 for his text.

Blessing on the noon meal was prayed by Sis. Christine Hancock.

The afternoon service opened with congregational singing, prayer was led by Sis. Elsie Keller. Special music was by Sis. Shirley Smith from West Tulsa.

Report of work in Brazil was given by Sis. Willa Jean Deeds.

Credential committee reported:

251 members

\$306.25 membership fee paid.

\$857.00 project fund received.

Tulsa Area reports 140 members.

Central Area reports 111 members.

Registration committee reported 113 present.

Finance committee reported offering of 30.03 received.

Resolution committee:

No. 1. Resolved we recommend to the District Association that we build a rest room at the cafeteria with stool and lavatory. If it passes each Auxiliary pay \$10.00 toward the expenses of construction.

No. 2. Resolved we send \$100.00 to Bro. and Sis. Earnie Deeds account.

Nominating committee elected was: Elsie Judd, Marguerite Hinesley, Selma Dunnegan, Charlene Beavers, Lila Faye Morgan.

Secretary and Treasurer report given.

Benediction by Selma Dunnegan.

Officers are as follows:

President — Bertha Keiffer (853-3760)

520 S. 101 E. Ave. Tulsa, Okla. 74128

Vice-President — Eula Mae Yocham (224-4123)

Route No. 1 Sapulpa, Okla. 74066

Recording Secretary — Freda Waltrip (247-2081)
 Box 32 Kellyville, Okla. 74039
 Assistant Recording Secretary — Pat Matherly
 1141 East Walnut Cushing, Okla. 74023
 Treasurer — Nadean Wheeler
 Route No. 2, Box 58 Bristow, Okla. 74010
 Missions Study — Racheal Bess Tulsa, Okla.
 Missions Prayer — Donna Ryker
 Route No. 2, Box 26 Jennings, Okla. 74038
 Missions Action — Opal Rogers (225-4424)
 423 East 6th St. Cushing, Okla. 74023
 Field Secretary — Marguerite Hinesley (446-5107)
 6125 West 37 Tulsa, Okla. 74107

Treasurer's report for 1971/72 Associational year and proposed budget for 1972/73

CHURCH	ALLOCATION*	TOTAL GIVEN	DIRECT GIVING	72/73 Budget
Airport	\$10,000.00	\$6,741.05		\$10,000.00
Central	500.00	1,257.29		2,000.00
Lawnwood	5,750.00	2,627.18	\$2,047.79	5,000.00
Madison Ave.	1,250.00	759.86		1,000.00
New Home	10,500.00	9,110.40		10,500.00
Owasso	3,500.00	5.00	4,121.26	3,500.00
Trinity Temple	2,500.00	2,568.35		2,500.00
Tulsa First	3,000.00	435.00		1,500.00
West Tulsa	6,000.00	5,241.79	666.48	6,000.00
Allen	3,000.00	2,938.74		3,000.00
Blue Bell	1,200.00	1,207.58		1,400.00
Blackwell	1,200.00	811.52		1,000.00
Bristow	2,000.00	1,852.00		2,000.00
Cincinnati	300.00	80.00		300.00
Cushing First	1,400.00	1,393.89		1,500.00
Drumright	1,300.00	1,057.89		1,300.00
Fellowship	250.00	215.00		500.00
Garden Hts.	2,000.00	1,986.54		2,000.00
Highland Pk.	600.00	720.95		500.00
Liberty	500.00	163.59		500.00
Lone Chimney	500.00	405.82		500.00
North Hts.	700.00	460.00		400.00
Oilton	1,200.00	734.32		1,000.00
Okmulgee	800.00	446.74		800.00
Pretty Water	700.00	671.58		700.00
Sapulpa First	100.00	135.42		100.00
Silver City	600.00	1,552.20		1,500.00
Stroud	500.00	-0-		500.00
Trinity	200.00	-0-		200.00
West Side	300.00	-0-		300.00
Subtotals	\$62,350.00	\$45,580.30	\$6,835.53	\$62,000.00
Tulsa Ch	3,000.00	190.00		3,000.00
Central Ch	2,000.00	3,988.34		2,000.00
Misc.	500.00	335.00		500.00
Youth Camp	1,500.00	1,261.36		1,500.00
Cabin Insurance	100.00	37.00		100.00
Woman's Auxiliary	4,200.00			4,000.00
Additional Income		5,811.70		
Balance C/F 8/1/71		34.66		
Grand Totals	\$73,650.00	\$51,426.66		\$73,100.00
Direct Giving		6,835.53		
Woman's Auxiliary Giving		3,753.75		
Total giving reported		\$62,015.94		
to First Mission				
treasurer.				

Rev. K. L. Sheppard, Treasurer
 Phone: 1(913) 247-2876

Route # 1, Box 392
 Sapulpa, Okla. 74066

DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1971/72 and
Proposed Disbursements for the year 1972/73.

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>BUDGET 71/72</u>	<u>DISBURSED 71/72</u>	<u>PROPOSED BUDGET 72/73</u>
CoOp/Designated	\$66,213.00	\$44,255.88 (C/12,494.78) (D/31,761.10)	<u>\$65,541.58</u>
Loans	1,500.00	1,500.00	<u>1,307.42</u> (1)
Utilities	800.00	1,096.86	<u>1,000.00</u>
Building/Repair	1,200.00	1,160.16	<u>1,200.00</u>
Treas/Clerk	720.00	720.00	<u>720.00</u> (2)
Delegate Fees	290.00	(200.00)	<u>300.00</u> (3)
Printing	400.00	243.90	<u>400.00</u>
Youth Camp/Cafe	1,500.00	1,169.82	<u>1,500.00</u>
Misc.	500.00	586.19	<u>500.00</u>
Insurance	327.00	327.00	<u>431.00</u>
Travel Expense	200.00	41.85	<u>200.00</u>
Victoria, Texas	-0-	325.00	<u>-0-</u> (4)
<u>Totals</u>	<u>\$73,650.00</u>	<u>\$51,426.66</u>	<u>\$73,100.00</u>

DISBURSEMENT NOTES:

- (1) Payable to Martha Jennings at \$125.00 p/m. Balance; Loan # 1 is \$1,258.34
(Loan # 2 was paid in full in Sept. 1972 Loan # 2 is 49.08
and the payment on loan # 1 was increased to \$125.00 per month as voted by the body.) \$1,307.42
- (2) Payable \$60.00 p/m.
- (3) Included in designated total.
- (4) Allen Church project.

Note: Co-Op held for local expenses;

TOTAL GIVING:

Total of \$62,015.94 reported to treasurer.

Less: 6,835.53 Direct Giving

Less: 3,753.75 Auxiliary Giving

Total of \$51,426.66 handled through Treasurer's Office.

Less: 51,426.66 Disbursements (See Above)

Bal. 8/1/72 -0-

\$5,550.96

462.58p/m

less; 125.00p/m

loan payment. The cost for all phases of the Associational work was \$327.58. per month.

Outside Giving breakdown:

Foreign Missions; \$14,868.48

Home Missions 3,801.83

Hillsdale 8,168.95

F.W.B.B.C. 2,253.63

Other 2,468.21

Giving From Quarterly Meetings:

Central Area; \$3,988.34

Tulsa Area; 190.00

Youth Camp Financial Status:

Total Income; \$1,261.36

Less Cost; 1,169.82

Balance 91.54

Looking back at First Mission

giving: 1963...\$25,147.45

1964... 30,043.14

1965... 37,761.57

1966... 34,886.00

1967... 45,967.99

1968... 36,712.89

1969... 45,283.93

1970... 63,353.14

1971... 69,129.41

1972... 62,015.94

\$450,601.46

1973...?????

**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. J. C. Morgan
Clerk	Tom Pope	Marguerite Hinesley
Executive Board	Danny Oliver	Rev. J. C. Morgan
	Edgar Beaver	Rev. Don Jones
	James Franklin	Marguerite Hinesley
	Charles Brazeal	Bill Cook
	Roy Bryant	Ray Webb
No. of Ordained Ministers	38	34
Licensed Ministers	9	2
Ordained Deacons	42	55
Number of Churches	21	9
Parsonages	14	8
Sunday Schools	21	9
Woman's Auxiliaries	12	9
Total Membership (Church)	1847	2370
S. S. Enrolment	1635	1743
C. T. S.	9	9
Master's Men	0	2

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

AIRPORT CHURCH

PASTOR—Rev. J. B. Fletcher, 1229 N. 94 East Ave., Tulsa, 838-7619

CLERK—Margaret Reece, 2001 N. Mingo Rd., Box 664, Tulsa, 838-1036

ORDAINED MINISTERS—C. G. Askins, Eddie Payne

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

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Jerry Steele, Carolyn Steele, Ranny Monroe, Florence Fields, Carolyn Timmons, David Berryhill, Wesley Robertson, Virginia Johnson

STATE DELEGATE—Ernest Best

CENTRAL CHURCH

PASTOR—Rev. Don Payne, 11305 E. 17th, Tulsa, 437-1292

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

ORDAINED MINISTERS—Wayne Patton, David Rogers, Susie Pruitt, Marvin Dalton

ORDAINED DEACONS—Charles Mattix, Tuther Dunecan, Arthur McAfee, Elbert Taylor

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Elsie McAfee, Lilly Taylor, Ada Phillips, Carolyn Oglesby, Loretta Payne

STATE DELEGATE—Richard Reiman

LAWNWOOD CHURCH

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

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

ORDAINED MINISTERS—Ronald Royal, E. J. Wilson

ORDAINED DEACONS—Albert Cook, Donald Cook, Nolan Haworth, Fred Seawright, Wayne Roberts, Herman Wren, Albert Boggs, Frank L. Hargrove

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Grace Seawright, Ann Wren, Raymond Armstrong

STATE DELEGATE—Raymond Armstrong

MADISON AVENUE CHURCH

PASTOR—Rev. Fred Redfearn, 5903 N. Madison, Tulsa, 425-2339

CLERK—Charlene Curits, Rt. 1 Box 83, Collinsville, 371-5327

ORDAINER DEACONS—J. H. Frailey, Ray Kircher, Eldon Pittser, Perry Bishop, Gordon Stokes, Clyde Humble.

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Lona Brooks, Lois Crouch, Darlene Tugmon, Fay Redfearn, Robert Curits.

STATE DELEGATE—Ferry Kircher

NEW HOME CHURCH

PASTOR—Rev. J. B. Chism Jr., 3110 S. 65 W. Ave., Tulsa, 446-0758

CLERK—Lois M. Busly, 3766 S. 60th W. Ave., Tulsa 446-7246

ORDAINED DEACONS—Jim Rhodes, John Moss, Clarence Johnson, Bill Rosencutter, Harvey Oberg, James Partin, Waymon Ray, Ray Hamby, Edwin Shaddax

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Marguerite Hinesley, Rachel Bess, Dixie Woolsey, Joan Rogers

STATE DELEGATE—Elsie Hargis

OWASSO CHURCH

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

CLERK—Ann Ketchum, 1004 N. Dogwood, Owasso, 272-5468

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

ORDAINED MINISTERS—Bill Ketchum, W. T. Roberts

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Maydene Lisenbee, Odella Testerman, Marie Roberts, Rhonda Wolf.

STATE DELEGATES—Marie Roberts

TRINITY TEMPLE CHURCH

PASTOR—Sherman Webb

CLERK—Timmie Lowrey, 1031 N. Canton, Tulsa

ORDAINED MINISTERS—Rev. Robert Grain, Rev. Hollie Crouch, Rev. Everett W. Keiffer, Rev. Robert Grider, Rev. Leona Mayfield

ORDAINED DEACONS—Harold Hancock, Alvin Dunnegan, Hiram Roberts

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Selma Dunnegan, Margaret Andrew, Nobalene Ragan, Christine Hancock, Effie Morris, Ann Barbee.

STATE DELEGATE—Selma Dunnegan

TULSA FIRST CHURCH

PASTOR—Rev. Don Jones, 822 N. Utica, Tulsa, 582-5311

CLERK—Mary Jo Bridges, 11016 E. 18th, Tulsa, 437-5659

ORDAINED MINISTERS—John West, Robert Hidde, Sr., Floyd Barnes,
L. C. Worley

ORDAINED DEACONS—Harry Watt, David Bridges, Orel Creech

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Mary Grounds, Edna Young, Helen Burris

STATE DELEGATE—Lela Crow

WEST TULSA CHURCH

PASTOR—Rev. Connie D. Cariker, 923 W. 23rd Pl., Tulsa, 585-8094

CLERK—Connie Daniels, 1250 S. 74 E. Ave., Tulsa, 835-6835

ORDAINED MINISTERS—Ralph Brown, Wilton Chastain, Sadie Fincher,
Carl Hood, E. D. Williams

ORDAINED DEACONS—Robert Sides, Jake Wimer, Damon Cariker,
Loyd Martin, Leo Chism, Ed Daniel, Bill Daniels

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Mable Brown, Shirley Smith.

STATE DELEGATE—Glo Cariker

ALLEN CHURCH

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

CLERK—Bertha Rushing, Rt. No. 3 Box 63, Sapulpa, Okla., 224-4038

ORDAINED MINISTERS—Floyd Mears

ORDAINED DEACONS—George Mathews, Lionel Bilby, Arvel Bishop,
Gail Langston, Clark Vickers, Edward VanArsdale, Johnny Beller

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Peggy Ruth, Pat Langston, Ruth Bilby,
Sue Hembree, Emma Bingham, Dean Brant

STATE DELEGATE—Mary Brazeal

BLACKWELL CHURCH

PASTOR—Rev. Dan L. Oliver, 708 W. Okla., Blackwell, Okla., 363-1894

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

ORDAINED MINISTERS—Harry Staires

ORDAINED DEACONS—Lester D. Bookout, Charles V. Kirk, Bob W.
Harrold, Jack D. Bookout

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Viola Harris, Fay Bookout, Pearl Har-
rold, Ida Mae Barnes, Viola Richardson.

STATE DELEGATE—Pat Oliver

BLUE BELL CHURCH

PASTOR—Rev. Leon Sheppard, Rt. No. 1 Box 392, Sapulpa, 247-2876

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

ORDAINED DEACONS—Roy Waltrip, Bill Pridmore

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Vinita Tuttle, Eula Mae Yocham, Orvil
Ennis, Margie Ennis, Dixie Tucker, Tony Waltrip.

STATE DELEGATE—Eula Mae Yocham

BRISTOW CHURCH

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

CLERK—Mildred Mounce, Bristow, Okla.

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

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Don Campbell, Juanita Dobson, Esther
Bussey, Elva Dunn, Lula Wiley, Ruby Campbell

CUSHING FIRST CHURCH

PASTOR—Rev. James Franklin, 1146 E. Main, Cushing, Okla. 225-2509
CLERK—Ronald Adkins, Rt. 2, Cushing, Okla., 225-3332
ORDAINED MINISTERS—Willis Walker, J. A. Sadler
ORDAINED DEACONS—Murray Belveal, R. J. Greiner, Howard Matherly, Truman Nichols, Ed Wood
DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Kay Holeman, Pat Matherly, Shirline Harmon, Shirley Sherelene

CINCINNATI AVENUE CHURCH

PASTOR—Rev. C. D. Benton, 211 S. Summit, Sand Springs, Okla., 245-1415
CLERK—Marlene Lynn, Rt. No. 1 Box 150B, Skiatook, Okla. 369-2434
ORDAINED MINISTERS—Sis. Elda Bingham, Bro. Kenneth Jones
DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Jessie Jones, Colleen Campbell, Dalphine Bewley, Arthur Jones, W. O. Bewley, Max Campbell.

DRUMRIGHT CHURCH

PASTOR—Rev. Earl Judd, 309 N. Ohio, Drumright, Okla.
CLERK—Ray W. Holland, Box 220, Drumright, Okla.
ORDAINED MINISTERS—Bert Rogers, Perry Smith
ORDAINED DEACONS—Charley Smith, Ivan Semler, Floyd Wilson, Wiley Nichols
DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Barbara Holland, Doris Stottlemire, Viola Conley, Elsie Keller, Elsie Hopkins, John Stottlemire
STATE DELEGATES—Elsie Judd

FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

PASTOR—Rev. Robert Spencer, 722 W. 26th, Stillwater, Okla.
CLERK—Vera Aaron, 509 S. Pine, Stillwater, Okla.
ORDAINED MINISTERS—Floyd Vulgamore
ORDAINED DEACONS—Max Lucas
DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Dick Hoffman, Vera Jean Hoffman, Shirley Lucas, Jane Blasier, Lile Blasier
STATE DELEGATE—Willie Spencer

GARDEN HEIGHTS CHURCH

PASTOR—Rev. Wayne Bookout, 209 Summit Blvd., Sand Springs, Okla.
CLERK—Edna Varner, 121 E. Davis, Sapulpa, Okla.
ORDAINED MINISTERS—C. C. Wilson
ORDAINED DEACONS—Alvin Applegate, Worley Varner

HIGHLAND PARK CHURCH

PASTOR—Rev. Joe M. Wilson, 1402 E. Sixth, Stillwater, Okla.
CLERK—Linda McCurry, 212 S. Berry, Stillwater, Okla.
DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Buelah Clary, Jack Huff, Donna Woods, Lela Ernest, Judy McCurry
STATE DELEGATE—Norma Wilson

LIBERTY CHURCH

PASTOR—Rev. Edgar Beaver, t. No. 2, Bristow, Okla.
CLERK—Nadean Wheeler, Rt. No. 2 Box 192, Bristow, Okla.
ORDAINED MINISTERS—Everett Keiffer
ORDAINED DEACON—Jimmy L. Wheeler
DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Ola McFarland, Lavern Caughron, Russell Caughron, Daisy King, Gladys Peacock, LaDonna Byard
STATE DELEGATE—Charlene Beaver

LONE CHIMNEY CHURCH

PASTOR—Rev. J. L. VanWinkle, Rt. No. 2, Glencoe, Okla.

CLERK—Virginia Boyles, Rt. No. 1, Maramec, Okla.

ORDAINED MINISTERS—J. A. Sadler, Johnny Williams, Edmon Hollie

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Pearl Creager, Marie Keeton, Banetha Buchana, Van Chew, Ray Keeton, LaWanda Keeton.

NORTH HEIGHTS CHURCH

PASTOR—Rev. S. L. Gober, 1120 No. Main, Sapulpa, Okla.

CLERK—Wanda McGuire, 314 West 45th, Sand Springs, Okla.

ORDAINED MINISTER—Bill Patrick

ORDAINED DEACONS—Harold McGuire, Alvin A. Mears, Sterling Mears, Loyd Johnson

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Ethel Mears, Bessie Whitehead, Ruby Shoup, George Shoup, Ruby Stephens, Homer Stephens

STATE DELEGATE—Opal Gober

OKMULGEE CHURCH

PASTOR—Rev. Doyle Baker, 601 So. Okla., Okmulgee, Okla.

CLERK—Betty Roberds, Rt. No. 2 Box 56, Beggs, Okla.

ORDAINED DEACONS—Lee Ennis

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Lois Thrasher, Betty Roberds, Debbie Rice, Cheryl Roberts, Frank Roberds, Marvin McCutcheon.

STATE DELEGATE—Sue Baker

PRETTY WATER CHURCH

PASTOR—Rev. Everett Keiffer, Rt. No. 2, Bristow, Okla.

CLERK—Glodie Bock, 1029 E. Bryan, Sapulpa, Okla.

ORDAINED MINISTERS—Roy Bryant, James Timbrook, Howard Butler

ORDAINED DEACONS—Norval Robinson

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Mike Kirby, Lavon Kirby, Tommy Campbell, Wayne Bryant, Jannet Bryant

SAPULPA FIRST CHURCH

No report.

SILVER CITY CHURCH

PASTOR—Rev. David Bigger, Rt. No. 2 Box, Jennings, Okla.

CLERK—Louis Haskins, Rt. No. 2 Box 54, Jennings, Okla.

ORDAINED DEACONS—Bob L. Haskins, Gerald Mills, Cleon Linto, J. D. Mills, Walter McBroom, George Pasten

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Pat Chandler, Pauline Matherly, Virgil Matherly, Larry Chandler

STATE DELEGATES—Louise Haskins

STROUD CHURCH

PASTOR—Rev. J. E. Christian, Rt. No. 1, Stroud, Okla.

CLERK—Shirley Kennard, Rt. No. 3, Stroud, Okla.

ORDAINED DEACONS—Paul Johns, Alvin Hightower

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Pauline Johns, Rose Kennard, Debbie Christian, Essis Sprague

STATE DELEGATE—Virginia Christian

TRINITY CHURCH

PASTOR—Rev. Conn Sadler Rt. No. 2, Cushing, Okla.

CLERK—Joyce Whalen, East Maple, Cushing, Okla.

ORDAINED MINISTERS—Retes Hunsucker, Ray Price

ORDAINED DEACON—E. P. Tipton

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Walter Kinsey, Gladys Kinsey, George Boggs, Betty Hughes, Dan Hughes.

WESTSIDE CHURCH(SAPULPA)

PASTOR—Rev. Millard McGuire, Box 254, Kellyville, Okla.

CLERK—Marland Armitage, 320 W. 2nd St., Bristow, Okla.

ORDAINED MINISTERS—W. E. Warner, James Hill

ORDAINED DEACON—Dovel Gaston

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Walter Kinsey, Gladys Kinsey, George Boggs, Edna Boggs, Betty McHughes, Dan McHughes

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
Leon Sheppard* — Blue Bell Church Rt. 1, Box 392, Sapulpa	247-2876
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
Elda Bingham — Cincinnati Church 514 No. Irvington, Tulsa	835-8309
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
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

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C. C. Wilson — Garden Heights Church 821 Henshaw, Sapulpa	224-5204
Fred Redfern — Madison Avenue Church 5903 No. Madison, Tulsa	425-2339
Joe 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 — Highway "64" Mission Rt. No. 1, Cleveland, Okla.	243-5352
Howard Butler — Pretty Water 2001 S. Poplar, Sapulpa	224-3602
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
Conn Sadler — Cushing Trinity Church Rt. 2, Cushing, Oklahoma	225-1691
Millard McGuire* — Sapulpa West Side Church Box 254, Kellyville, Oklahoma	247-2333
Walter Warner — Sapulpa West Side Church 513 S. Park, Sapulpa, Oklahoma	224-2453
Buford Zinn — Sapulpa West Side Church 916 N. Ridgeway, Sapulpa, Oklahoma	224-3408

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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	
Don Payne* — Central Church 11305 E. 17th St., Tulsa	437-1292
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
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
Bob Ketchum* — Owasso Church 1004 N. Dogwood, Owasso	272-5291
Bill Ketchum — Owasso Church Rt. No. 2, Bixby, Okla.	369-2444
W. T. Roberts — Owasso Church 703 N. Carlsbad, Owasso, Okla.	272-1618
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	

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Don Jones — Tulsa First Church 822 N. Utica, Tulsa, Okla.	582-5311
Floyd Barnes — Tulsa First Church 4331 S. Yale	622-1303
John H. West — Tulsa First Church 2211 East 13, Tulsa	939-2040
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 Fincher — 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 one board 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. 11:23-26; 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.