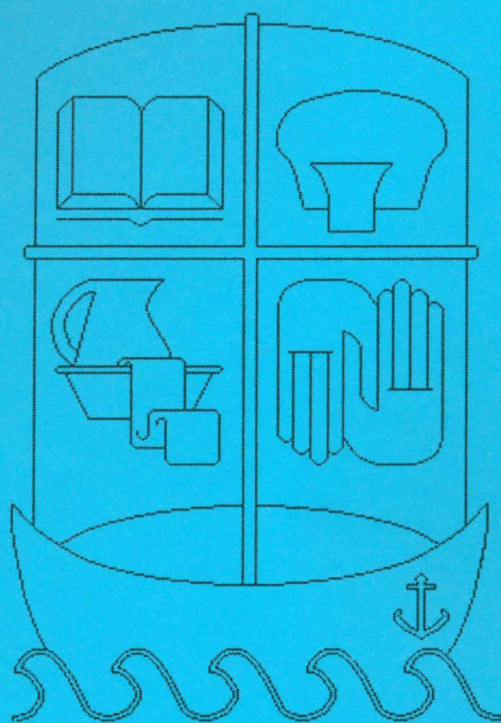


2016

Minutes



First Mission Association of Free Will Baptists

**Proceedings of the 89th annual session
convened at**

Pretty Water Free Will Baptist Church

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Information at a Glance

Executive Officers

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Assistant Treasurer *Sis. Robin Haskins*
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Trustee Board

2021	Keith Harness	918.630.3511
2020	Andrew Gosnell	918.519.7963
2018	JD Harness	918.352.2023
2017	Coswell Thompson	

Campground Steering Committee

John Bilby	918.906.9744
Rev Doyle Baker	918.245.5572 or 918.224.3581
Rev Gene Jackson	918.367.3755 or 918.760.3258
Kenneth Smith	918.224.0572
Keith Harness	918.352.2023
Charlie Conn	918.557.7790

Christian Education Board

2023	Ryan Smith	
2022	Jack Pather	
2021	Daniel Doss	918.399.8080
2020	Sharai Gosnell	918.519.7963
2019	Steve Thompson	918.352.2043

2018	Kenneth Smith	918.224.0572
2017	Andrew Whisett	918.306.1614

Credential Board

2021	Bill Sagely
2020	Rev Gene Jackson 918.367.3755 Cell 918.760.3258
2019	Dale Haskins 918.520.9290 deaconfrog@msn.com
2018	John Smith -clerk 918.729.4660 johnthefwbaptist@yahoo.com
2017	Nathan Painter 918.639.8975

Please let the board know of anyone coming up before the board 30 days prior to the quarterly meeting so all parties will be prepared – the board meets the Tuesday evening before the quarterly

State General Board Member

2017	Bill Sagely
2016	Adam Phillips

WAC Officers

Quarterly President	April Bridwell
Vice-President	Helen Geyer
Secretary	Robin Haskins
Treasurer	Donna Kinsey
Field worker	Louise Richmond

Dates to Remember

Quarterly meeting	August 20, 2016 - Oilton Free Will Baptist Church 10 a.m. November 19, 2016 – Garden Heights Free Will Baptist Church 10 a.m. February 18, 2017 – Crosspointe Free Will Baptist Church 10 a.m.
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WAC meetings	Retreat – July 29 & 30, 2016 at Stillwater Quarterly Meeting – December 3, 2016 – Silver City
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National Assn Meeting	July 17-20, 2016	Kansas City, MO
State Meeting	Oct. 10 – 12, 2016	Randall College (aka Hillsdale), Moore, OK
State Camps	June 12-17, 2016	Teen KBA1
	June 26 – July	Teen KBA2
	July 6 – 9, 2016	Victory Kids
	July 10-13, 2016	Victory Kids
	July 13 – 16, 2016	Victory Kids
	July 17 --	Victory Kids

First Mission Quarterly Associational Meeting of Free Will Baptists at the Pretty Water Free Will Baptist Church February 20, 2016

The First Mission Quarterly Associational annual meeting was **called to order** by Assistant Moderator, Ben Tuttle.

The congregation sang "Down at the Cross".

A representative from the **Free Will Baptist Foundation** encouraged those attending to have someone from their office come and discuss with each congregation estate planning.

Bro. Tuttle gave his testimony concerning his cancer and how God works. God used his hitting his head on the bottom of the pool to alert him and the doctors to his throat cancer.

Business Session

- Bro. Tuttle read the **Free Will Baptist Covenant**.
- **Church Letters** and the **Seating of the Church Delegates** was done.
- The following were appointed to the **Resolution Committee**: Joe Conn, chairman, John Smith and Nathan Painter.
- Robin Smith, clerk/treasurer, gave the **treasurer's report and minutes** of the November meeting. Motion made and seconded to approve. Motion carried. (attached page 7)
- **No Executive Committee Report**.
- Bro. Joe Conn gave the **Trustee Board Report**. Motion made and seconded to approve it. Motion carried. (attached page 9)
- Motion made and seconded to approve the **Credential Board Report**. Motion carried. (page 10)
- Kenneth Smith gave the report of the **Christian Education Board**. They have \$3,647.11. Motion made, seconded and motion carried.
- **No Women Active for Christ Report**.
- The **Obituary Report** is on page 9 and a moment of silence and prayer was given.
- 43 people were in attendance.

New Business

The **Steering Committee** for the Campground reported that for January \$2,700 was received for the camp. The Treasurer was asked to report to the committee between the 5th – 10th of

the month as to how much has been designated to the campground so they get a better understand as to how things are going. They are still working on options.

Motion made and seconded **to retain executive offices**. Motion carried. The following in the **bold print** are newly elected officers.

Executive Officers

Moderator: James Coffelt
Asst. Moderator: Ben Tuttle
Clerk/Treasurer: Robin Smith
Assist Clerk/Treas: Robin Haskins

Trustee Board

Keith Harness 2021
Andrew Gosnell 2020
JD Harness 2018
Coswell Thompson 2017

Christian Education Board

Ryan Smith 2023
Jack Pather 2022
Daniel Doss 2021
Sharai Gosnell 2020
Steve Thompson 2019
Kenneth Smith 2018
Andrew Whisett 2017

Credential Board

Bill Sagely 2021
Gene Jackson 2020
Dale Haskins 2019
John Smith 2018
Nathan Painter 2017

State General Board Member

Bill Sagely 2017
Adam Phillips 2016

Quarterly Meetings Dates & Places

May 14, 2016 - First Mission Campground

August 20, 2016 - Oilton Free Will Baptist Church

November 19, 2016 – Garden Heights Free Will Baptist Church

February 18, 2017 – Crosspointe Free Will Baptist Church

The **Resolution Committee report** was to give the Pretty Water Church a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality. (Rev. Joe Conn, John Smith and Nathan Painter) Motion made and seconded to approve. Motion carried. Everyone stood in appreciation.

Motion made and seconded to designate today's offering to the Free Will Baptist Foundation.
Motion carried.

Morning Worship

The Worship service was opened with congregational singing lead by Mike Graves. "He Set Me Free" and "Oh, How I Love Jesus" were sung. Sandy Jerigan sang "I'm Satisfied" and "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow."

Rev. John Smith, Drumright Free Will Baptist Church pastor, brought the message. Using the scripture 1 Peter 5:1-4, he brought out at those who are faithful put God 1st,

1. They love His Word and proclaim it with excitement as it moves us
2. They talk with God
3. They realize that we shouldn't put anything above being with fellow believers (church) as they are family.

The service was dismissed in prayer.

Announcement: Revival at the Okmulgee Church, March 20-23.

First Mission 2016 Annual Report

Churches	Total	Co-op	TSP	Camp Expense	Hillsdale	ACM	Quarterly Fees	hillsdale chapel	Family Ministries	Quarterly account
Allen	\$ 2,690.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 360.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Blue Bell	\$ 3,250.66	\$ 1,155.86	\$ 1,734.80	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 360.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Bristow	\$ 1,720.00	\$ -	\$ 660.00	\$ 700.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 360.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Crosspointe	\$ 14,076.19	\$ 8,913.59	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,802.60	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 360.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Cushing	\$ 360.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 360.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Drumright	\$ 2,591.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,231.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 360.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Garden Heights	\$ 2,360.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 360.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Lake Area	\$ 1,237.90	\$ 627.90	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 360.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Lewis Avenue	\$ 360.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 360.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Liberty	\$ 4,315.74	\$ -	\$ 2,095.74	\$ 1,860.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 360.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Oilton	\$ 4,782.34	\$ -	\$ 3,025.00	\$ 847.34	\$ 550.00	\$ -	\$ 360.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Okmulgee	\$ 1,331.00	\$ 634.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 360.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 337.50
Ponca City	\$ 11,518.00	\$ -	\$ 6,358.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 360.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Pretty Water	\$ 11,469.00	\$ 5,749.00	\$ 1,920.00	\$ 1,560.00	\$ 780.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 360.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Silver City	\$ 7,407.70	\$ -	\$ 2,850.00	\$ 1,575.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 360.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,522.70	\$ -
total giving	\$ 69,470.03	\$ 17,080.35	\$ 20,643.54	\$ 17,956.44	\$ 5,330.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,522.70	\$ 337.50

Misc Receipts	designated to	amount
1st Mission Campgrounds-electric	camp	\$ 1,140.00
AT&T refund	camp	\$ 6.50
Donna Shaw	camp	\$ 948.23
First Mission WAC	camp	\$ 1,212.00
Henry Stahl	camp	\$ 12.43
Keith Harness	camp	\$ 347.00
Kenneth Smith	camp	\$ 35.60
Lavenia Bingham	camp	\$ 341.07
Liberty -bidg use	camp	\$ 1,325.00
Nathan Jones-Prather cabin	camp	\$ 534.61
Quarterly Offerings	Pretty Water/TSP/	\$ 880.00
Robin Smith- tithe	quarterly account	\$ 33.00
Rolland Rushing	camp	\$ 32.33
Sylvia Thompson	camp	\$ 75.00
total giving		\$ 6,922.77

Beginning balance Jan 1, 2015	\$ 1,502.92
income from churches	\$ 69,470.03
misc. income	\$ 6,922.77
expenses	\$ (76,669.46)
ending balance	\$ 1,226.26
ending balance	\$ 1,226.26
less designated funds	\$ -
less dues to State & Nat'l	\$ (750.00)
total quarterly funds	\$ 476.26

(quarterly funds: clerk waited to find out about bank fees with changing bank account before receiving clerk fees - \$110 per month.)
 ****Okmulgee designated their funds 1/2 Coop and 1/2 quarterly acct. Treasurer over paid Coop \$148.50 in Dec. and corrected in Jan. 2016)

First Mission Annual Disbursements for 2015

Disbursements

	Co-op	TSP	Hillsdale	Hillsdale	Chapel	AMC	Family Ministries	camp-ground	clerk	quarterly fees	quarterly expenses	total
&T								182.28				182.28
ch								\$ 314.46				\$ 314.46
otherhood Mutual								\$ 81.00				\$ 81.00
mp Board								\$ 7,260.45				\$ 7,260.45
Board									\$ 300.00			\$ 300.00
novan Gas								\$ 1,040.00				\$ 1,040.00
pact								\$ 71.74				\$ 71.74
umright 1st - reim for copier paper										\$ 11.99		\$ 11.99
a Conn - salary								\$ 12,090.00				\$ 12,090.00
a Conn - reim								\$ 225.53				\$ 225.53
i&E								\$ 6,544.83				\$ 6,544.83
Iahoma State Association	\$ 14,788.49	\$ 20,643.54	\$ 5,330.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,522.70				\$ 3,000.00		\$ 46,484.73
State Association - quarterly reporting		\$ 1,020.00										\$ 1,020.00
State Association - offerings		\$ 131.00	\$ 127.00									\$ 258.00
st Office											\$ 98.00	\$ 98.00
atty Water - offering											\$ 298.00	\$ 298.00
bin Haskins - reim											\$ 46.66	\$ 46.66
bin Smith - reim											\$ 11.79	\$ 11.79
bin Smith - clerk reporting May - July									\$ 330.00			\$ 330.00
total	\$ 14,788.49	\$ 21,794.54	\$ 5,457.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,522.70	\$ 27,810.29	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 466.44	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 466.44	\$ 76,669.46

2015 First Mission Associational Church Stats

Churches	Ordained Ministers	licensed ministers	ordained deacons	baptisms	members added	members lost	total members	Sunday school	offering received	value of church property	pastor full time	pastor vi-vocational
Allen												
Blue Bell	2	1	2	12	3		69		\$ 144,840.05		x	
Bristow												
Crosspointe	1			2			89	40				
Cushing												
Drumright	1		1			2	32	39	\$ 73,973.85	\$ 425,000.00	x	
Garden Heights												
Lake Area	1		3	1	4	2	33	7	\$ 41,153.30			
Lewis Avenue												
Liberty												
Oilton	2	1	2				52		\$ 101,000.00	\$ 500,000.00		x
Okmulgee	1		1				15	11	\$ 38,249.86	\$ 500,000.00		x
Ponca City	2		1	3	6	3	100	100	\$ 222,720.55	\$ 1,250,000.00	x	
Pretty Water												
Silver City	2		3				92	61	\$ 53,228.50	\$ 200,000.00		x
total	12	2	13	18	13	7	482	258	\$ 675,166.11	\$ 2,875,000.00		

church obits. For 2015

Allen	
Blue Bell	Pat Davis 3/28/15
Bristow	
Crosspointe	
Cushing	
Drumright	Jerry Geyer 10/16/15 & Barbara Sherman 11/15
Garden Heights	
Lake Area	
Lewis Avenue	
Liberty	
Oilton	John Warren
Okmulgee	
Ponca City	
Pretty Water	
Silver City	

Trustee Board Report 2015

Income

Bank Interest	\$	28.15
Churches	\$	12,232.15
Individuals	\$	1,821.71
Coca-Cola	\$	120.00
Camp Rental	\$	12,227.00
Concession	\$	2,055.17
Laundry	\$	118.33
Cemetery Plot	\$	300.00
total	\$	28,902.51

Beginning Balance January 1, 2015	\$	13,835.29
income for year 2015	\$	28,902.51
	\$	42,737.80
expenses for year 2015	\$	(29,392.15)
Balance Ending December 31, 2015	\$	13,345.65

Expenses

Mileage	\$	14.00
Youth Rally	\$	62.84
Office Supplies	\$	51.67
Utilities	\$	2,343.86
Cemetery Plot	\$	350.00
Projects	\$	2,355.61
Open Title	\$	1,150.00
supplies	\$	4,894.73
Pool	\$	1,571.45
Concession	\$	1,225.96
Gasoline	\$	2,035.33
Internet	\$	8,066.15
Camp Insurance	\$	687.25
FMA Utilities	\$	316.80
FMA Salary	\$	4,266.50
total	\$	29,392.15

First Mission Credential Board met Feb. 16, 2016 at the Silver City Free Will Baptist Church.

We recommend the First Mission Association receive Bro. Bill Sagely as an ordained minister pending a letter of good standing from his former association.

Dale Haskins, Nathan Painter, and John Smith

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

The credential board of the FIRST MISSION ASSOCIATION of FREE WILL BAPTIST met

2 / 16 / 2016

Everette Walrath was presented to the credential board to be examined for the purpose of being ordained to preach the GOSPEL of JESUS CHRIST.

After examination it is the board's recommendation that he be approved for ordination.

This recommendation is presented for consideration by the following board members.

John Haskins Nathan Painter
John Smith

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2 / 16 / 2016

Andrew Whitsett was presented to the credential board to be examined for the purpose of being ordained to preach the GOSPEL of JESUS CHRIST.

After examination it is the board's recommendation that he be approved for ordination.

This recommendation is presented for consideration by the following board members.

John Haskins Nathan Painter
John Smith

Directory of Churches Belonging to the First Mission Association of Free Will Baptists 2016

Allen Free Will Baptist

7001 Hwy 97
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918.224.7744
afwboffice@gmail.com

Pastor: Johnny Bilby
909 Luker Lane, Sapulpa, OK 74066
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pastorjebibly@gmail.com

Clerk: Annie Bibly
513 E Lakeview
Sapulpa, OK 74066
918.519.0660

Treasurer:

Texting

Yes

yes

Ordained Ministers

Kenneth Myers
7001 Hwy 97
Sapulpa, OK 74066
918.740.0922

Jerry Myers
807 Davin Lane
Sapulpa, OK 74066

Blue Bell

20889 W Hwy 33
Sapulpa, OK 74066
918.247.6776

Pastor: Bill Sagely
20889 W Hwy 33, Sapulpa, 74066
918.247.6776

Clerk: Ann Kinsey
13419 Dusty Trail, Sapulpa, 74066

Treasurer:

Bristow

Physical address:
211 W Hwy 16
PO Box 864
Bristow, OK 74010
918.367.3612
Fax: same
bristowffwb@gmail.com

Pastor: Gene Jackson
434 W 2nd. Bristow, OK 74010
Home 918.367.3755
Cell 918.760.3258

Clerk:

Treasurer: Judy Combs
918.636.5134

Ordained Ministers

Joe Conn
37145 W Hwy 33, apt 8, Mannford, OK 74044
918.691.1523

CrossPointe
1807 N Jardot Rd
Stillwater, OK 74075
405.372.6721

Pastor: Mike King
2326 N Benjamin, Stillwater, OK 74075
580.251.1074
mikepastorking@gmail.com
Clerk/ Treasurer: Janet Gomez
1420 N Arrington, Stillwater, OK 74075
405.742.7965
jlomez05@att.net

Yes

Cushing
PO Box 304
Cushing, OK 74023
Physical address: 1130 N St.
918.225.2907

Pastor: James Coffelt
3808 N Norfolk, Cushing, OK 74023
918.864.6397
Gathering.james@gmail.com
Clerk:

Yes

Treasurer: Ann Biswell
918.225.0509
Ordained minister
Tyler Dezart
1115 E Moses, Cushing, OK 74023
405.780.3105

Drumright
PO Box 266, Drumright,
Drumright, OK 74030
Physical address: 309 N Ohio
918.352.9214

Pastor: John E Smith
PO Box 266, Drumright, OK 74030
918.729.4660
johnthefwbaptist@yahoo.com
Clerk: Carolyn Glimp
48001 W 138th Pl. S, Drumright, OK 74030
918.352.3993
Treasurer: Debbie Burckett
918.645.5646

Yes

No

Yes

Garden Heights
3415 S Summit Blvd.
Sand Springs, 74063

Pastor: Doyle Baker
1120 N Main, Sand Springs, OK 74066
918.245.5572 or 918.224.3581
Clerk: Pamela Jamison
1025 Valley Drive
Sand Springs, OK 74063
918.245.1701
Treasurer: Sue Johnson
918.224.9187

Yes

Yes

Lake Area

371580 E Hwy 64
Cleveland, OK 74020
918.358.2120

Pastor: Dan Doss

371580 E Hwy 64, Cleveland, OK 74020
918.399.8080

Clerk: Ruth Ann Newman

Treasurer: Michelle Welch
918.237.1310

Lewis Avenue

PO Box 581958
Tulsa, OK
918.584.6696

Pastor: Don Miller

1001 N Main, Sand Springs, OK 74110
918.246.9535

Clerk: Tina Trampler

3934 S Norfolk, Tulsa, OK 74105
918.695.0940

Treasurer: Anna Gibson
918.246.9535

Yes

Liberty

39490 W Hwy 33
Mannford, OK 74044
Physical address:
86954 W Hwy 33
Mannford, OK 74044

Pastor: Henry Stahl

PO Box 164, Bristow, OK 74010
918.497.0720

Clerk/Treasurer: LaDonna VanZant

39480 W Hwy 33, Mannford, OK 74044
918.352.9604

Yes

Oilton

PO Box 61, Oilton, OK 74052
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108 N. A
Oilton, OK 74052
918.862.3591

Pastor: Nathan Painter

51190 W 61st St, Jennings, OK 74052
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918.862.3368

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918.757.2982

Ordained Ministers:

Daniel Parker

PO Box 183, Oilton, OK 74052
918.862.3188

Licensed Ministers:

Andrew Whitsett

PO Box 902, Oilton, OK 74052
918.306.1614

Okmulgee First

601 S Oklahoma
Okmulgee, OK 74447
918.759.9936

Pastor: Ben Tuttle

601 S Oklahoma, Okmulgee, OK 74447
918.955.4237

BenTuttle25@yahoo.com**Clerk & Treasurer:** Ethellea Frye

916 S Mission, Okmulgee, OK 74447
918.756.8568

Yes

No

Ponca City

1900 E Hubbard Rd
Ponca City, OK 74604
580.765.5393

Pastor: Adam Phillips

1125 Rosedale, Ponca City, OK 74604
580.716.0628
adamwp24@yahoo.com

Yes

Clerk: Judy Edwards

2025 Joe St, Ponca City, OK 74601
580.706.5725

Treasurer: Linda Suggs

580.716.7570

Ordained Ministers:

Matt Hanshaw
408 N 13th, Ponca City, OK 74601
580.304.4066

Yes

Pretty Water

8335 S 145th W Ave
Sapulpa, OK 74067

Pastor: Everett Walrath

2933 Hickory Bluff Rd, Sapulpa, OK 74066
405.207.4469
Everette.walrath@yahoo.com

Clerk: Linda Austin

15930 W 86th St So, Sapulpa, OK 74066
Purpledutchess06@att.net

Treasurer:**Silver City**

44840 W 51st St S
Jennings, OK 74038
918.865.3816

Pastor: Dale Haskins

41866 W 51st St S, Jennings, OK 74038
918.520.9290
deaconfrog@msn.com

Yes

Clerk/ Treasurer Susan Williams

7044 S 369th W Ave, Mannford, OK 74044
918.798.9562
susanmaybe@hotmail.com

Yes

First Mission Women Active for Christ

President: April Bridwell – 918.857.5866
Vice-President: Helen Geyer – 918.352.9741 or 918.978.3191
Secretary: Robin Haskins – 918.520.1990
Asst. Secretary: Carolyn Glimp – 918.352.
Treasurer: Donna Kinsey – 918.224.7233
Field Worker: Louise Richmond – 405.334.8681
Missions: Vicki Chambers – 918.693.6781
At Large: Rylee Whitsett – 918.306.1611
At Large: Carol Smith – 918.224.0572 or 918.798.9070
At Large: Laura Biswell (Music) – 918.225.8800

Annual Theme: Grace

Scripture Reference: James 4:6

Upcoming Meetings:

Retreat: July 29th – 30th, Stillwater

Sub-theme: To Grow By	Scripture: 2 Peter 3:18
Speaker: Joan Warren	Alternate Speaker:
Let Us Laugh: Sylvia Thompson	Special Music: Emily Prather

Refreshments: each church

Quarterly Meeting: December 3rd, Silver City

Sub-theme: Forgiving	Scripture: 2 Cor. 8:6-7
Speaker: _____	Alternate Speaker: _____
Let Us Laugh: Louise Richmond	Special Music: Robin Haskins

Refreshments: each church

Questionnaire on Doctrine
Ministers & Deacons

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ZIP: _____

1. Do you believe that the Scriptures, the Old and New Testament, are the infallible Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice? _____
2. Do you believe in the Trinity? _____
3. Name the Godhead? _____
4. Is salvation obtained only through the blood of Christ? _____
5. Name the conditions of salvation? _____
6. Do you believe that speaking in an unknown tongue is evidence of having received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit? _____ Do you believe that one gift of the Holy Spirit is speaking in an "unknown" or heavenly language unknown to mankind? _____
7. Do you believe in a second definite work of Grace or Baptism of the Holy Ghost (Spirit) separate and apart from regeneration? _____
8. What composes or makes up the body of Christ? _____
9. Does the Bible teach that God has an organized visible Church on this earth? _____
10. Do you believe that Baptism is a Gospel Ordinance? _____
11. Who are the proper subjects for Baptism? _____
12. What is the proper method of water baptism? Immersion Sprinkling Pouring Other _____
13. Do you believe that the Lord's Supper and Feet Washing are divine ordinances and should be observed repeatedly? _____
14. Do you teach and practice these ordinances? _____ Do you practice these ordinances at night? _____
15. Do you believe in the possibility of apostasy? _____
16. Do you believe in the resurrection of the bodies of all men? _____
17. Do you believe that there will be a judgement when time and man's probation will close forever and then all will be judged according to their works? _____
18. Do you believe that immediately after judgment, the righteous will enter into eternal life, and the wicked into a state of endless punishment? _____
19. Do you believe that Christ at His second coming will close the gospel dispensation, glorify His saints and judge the world? _____
20. I pledge myself to teach and defend the Free Will Baptist Doctrine to the best of my ability. If at any future time I preach or teach any doctrine contrary to the Free Will Baptist articles of faith, I will surrender my credentials to the Quarterly Conference or Association of which I am a member.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

First Mission Association
Oklahoma State Association of Free Will Baptists

Questionnaire for Ordination
Deacon

Name: _____ Date: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Church: _____

1. How long have you been a Christian? _____
2. How long have you been a Free Will Baptist? _____
3. Is your wife a Christian? _____ Church Member? _____
4. How many times have you been married? _____ Your wife? _____
5. Do you, or your wife, have a former living spouse? _____
6. Does your wife support you being ordained as a deacon? _____
7. How many children do you have? _____
8. Are your children Christians? _____
9. Are your children members of the church? _____
10. How long have you been serving as a deacon? _____
11. What is God's plan for financing the church? _____
12. What is tithing? _____
13. Do you tithe? _____ Do you teach and encourage tithing? _____
14. How should your church support the overall Free Will Baptists denominational programs? _____
15. How should your church support the overall Free Will Baptists denominational programs? _____
16. What are the Scriptural qualifications for a deacon? _____
Bible Reference? _____
17. Based upon these teachings, are you qualified for the office of deacon? _____
18. Are you in agreement with the provisions of the Deacons as outlined in the Free Will Baptists Treatise? _____
19. What section in the Treatise refers to these provisions? _____
20. Name some of the duties of a deacon?
(1) _____
(2) _____
(3) _____
(4) _____
21. Do you support the State Association's stand on gambling? _____

First Mission Association
Oklahoma State Association of Free Will Baptists

Questionnaire for License
Ministers

Name: _____ Age: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ZIP: _____

Member of _____ Church?

1. How long have you been a Christian? _____
2. Do you believe in a Divine call to the ministry? _____
3. If so, have you definitely felt this call? _____ Describe the calling:

4. Are you married? _____ If so, how many times? _____
5. If more than once, is there a former companion living? _____
6. If not married, do you plan to marry in the near future? _____
7. If married, is your wife a Christian? _____ Is your wife a Free Will Baptist? _____
8. How long have you been a Free Will Baptist? _____
9. If you have belonged to any denomination other than Free Will Baptist, please state which and how long with each. _____
10. What is God's plan for supporting His work? _____
11. Do you practice tithing? _____ Where do you pay your tithes? _____
12. Are you willing to make any sacrifice that may be involved in this ministry? _____
13. Will you abstain from any indulgence that might hinder your effective influence _____
14. Do you believe that as a minister, you should study to show yourself approved of God?
Explain: _____
15. Have you ever had training in doctrinal theology? _____
16. Have you ever had any training in homiletics? _____
17. Have you ever had any training in ministerial ethics? _____
18. What are your immediate plans concerning the ministry? _____
19. What are the Biblical Qualifications of a minister? Please give references:

20. Are you acquainted with what Free Will Baptist believe? _____
21. Is there anything we teach which you do not believe? _____ If so, what?

**First Mission Association
Of
Free Will Baptists**

Application for Ordination of Minister

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Marital Status: _____ Age: _____ Number of Children: _____
Church Membership: _____
How long have you carried a license? _____
Who issued the license? _____
Why do you want to be ordained? _____

Do you, or your spouse, have a living spouse from a previous marriage? _____
How long have you been a Christian? _____
How long have you been a Free Will Baptist? _____
Does your wife support your ordination? _____
Do you, or your wife, have any habits that would hinder your ministry? _____
Do you use tobacco in any form? _____
Do you support the "Church Covenant" statement on alcohol? _____
What sacrifices are you willing to make in order to be successful at your ministry? _____

Will your financial circumstances hinder your ministry? _____
Have you belonged to another denomination? _____
Do you believe in tithing? _____ Do you practice tithing? _____
Describe your previous education: _____

What have you done educationally to prepare for your ministry? _____

Do you have plans to better qualify yourself for your ministry? _____

Are you willing to continue preaching under a license if this committee deems it would be best? _____
Do you support the work of the Quarterly conference, State and National ministries? _____
What have you done in the past to support these ministries? _____

What is the ministry in which you are currently involved? _____

**First Mission Association
Of
Free Will Baptists**

Application for Acceptance as an Ordained Minister

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Marital Status: _____ Age: _____ Number of Children: _____

Church Membership: _____

Are you ordained? _____ Which Free Will Baptist Association last ratified your Ordination Certificate? _____

Can you receive a letter of recommendation from your previous association? _____

Why do you want to be accepted into this Association? _____

Do you, or your spouse, have a living spouse from a previous marriage? _____

How long have you been a Christian? _____

How long have you been a Free Will Baptist? _____

Do you, or your wife, have any habits that would hinder your ministry? _____

Do you use tobacco in any form? _____

Do you support the "Church Covenant" statement on alcohol? _____

What sacrifices are you willing to make in order to be successful at your ministry? _____

Will your financial circumstances hinder your ministry? _____

Have you belonged to another denomination? _____

Do you believe in tithing? _____ Do you practice tithing? _____

Describe your previous education: _____

What have you done educationally to prepare for your ministry? _____

Do you have plans to better qualify yourself for your ministry? _____

Do you support the work of the Quarterly conferences, State and National ministries? _____

In what capacities have you served in Quarterly conferences, State and National ministries? _____

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise, by His grace, to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel; nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday schools, 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. **The Bible.** The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

2. **God.** There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in the Scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore, and obey.

3. **Christ.** Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present Saviour and Lord.

4. **The Holy Spirit.** The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God.

5. **The Government of God.** God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of men requires.

6. **The Sinfulness of Man.** Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherits a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability, sin and become guilty before God.

7. **The Work of Christ.** The Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free, and is the ground of salvation by faith.

8. **The Terms of Salvation.** The conditions of salvation are: (1) Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. (2) Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Savior and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith, the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin, and becomes a child of God (3) Continuance of faith and obedience unto death.

9. Election. God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence, by faith in Christ men become His elect.

10. Freedom of the Will. The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish.

11. Salvation Free. God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.

12. Perseverance. All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.

13. Gospel Ordinances. BAPTISM, or the immersion of believers in water, and the LORD'S SUPPER, are the ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel. FEET WASHING, an ordinance teaching humility, is of universal obligation, and is to be ministered to all true believers.

14. Tithing. God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorsed it in the Gospel (Matt. 23:23), and the apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him" (1 Cor. 16:2a).

15. The Christian Sabbath. The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works and activities, and for personal communion with God.

16. Resurrection, Judgment, and Final Retribution. The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. Those who have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

Constitution and By-Laws
Of the
First Mission Association of Free Will Baptists

Constitution

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

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

Article 3. The officers of this Association shall be: (1) A standing clerk and treasurer and a moderator who shall be chosen at the yearly session of the Association, with assistants as may be found necessary. (2) The Associational General Board shall be composed of the Association Officers and the Chairman of the Associational Boards. The Association Moderator, Clerk and the Chairman of the Associational Boards shall compose the Associational Executive Committee. (3) A Trustee Board so elected as to require two 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 no less than ten members. This board shall also serve as planning board. (4) All Association Boards to be paid traveling expenses at the current allowable rate of the IRS.

Article 4. Any well organized and well regulated Free Will Baptist Church 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 Association shall have power to discipline the Churches of which it is composed and to exclude them for disorderly walk if labor proves unsuccessful, but in no case to reverse their decisions, not to interfere with any of their internal regulations.

Article 6. The sessions of this Association shall be held quarterly on the Saturday following the second Sunday of February, May, August, and November and the place 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 churches and transact such other business not repugnant to this constitution, nor to the practices of the denomination, but such as may in their judgement promote the cause of Christ and the interest of the churches within the limits of this Association.

Article 7. This 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 no license, ordain or receive from any other association any person to the ministry or as a deacon who has more than one living wife. Let it be known also, that any ordained personnel in the Association who shall

remarry and have two living wives shall forfeit his credentials. Let it also be known, if they marry someone with a living companion, they shall forfeit their credentials.

Article 9. This constitution may be amended or altered at any regular session of the association by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present and voting, provided proposed amendment of alteration be presented in writing to the body one day in advance.

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 Churches be in the hands of the Associational Clerk at least one week before conference convenes.
6. That all of our Churches use the letter forms furnished by our Clerk.
7. That all the churches having candidates for ordination or license or ratification send request to the Association in session prior to examination.
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 one time.
9. That no Minister be received into the Association from another Denomination or Association unless accompanied by a letter of 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 a recommendation has been received from the Credential Board and approved by the Association.
14. That the First Mission Association have a printed program.
15. That the Associational Officers serve as the Associational Program Planning Committee.
16. That no two persons from the same church be elected to serve on the same board of this Association, with the exception of the Trustee Board which may have two persons from the same church.
17. That the Credential Board be urged to act as quickly as possible on candidates for license or ordination. Be it further resolved that if the board cannot reach a decision at the Association, that they be allowed to wait three months.
18. That no one be licensed or ordained by First Mission Association who uses tobacco and no one will be accepted as a Deacon or Minister into this Association who uses tobacco.

19. That sister churches which withdraw fellowship from the Association because of failure to meet requirements of good standing as prescribed by the Association not be accepted back into fellowship until such time as a church acknowledge the error of their way, and agree to abide by the Executive Boards recommendation as approved by the Association.

20. That no church, no Preacher, or Deacon be voted on or accepted into this Association unless they are present at that meeting with a petitionary letter and recommendation from the Credential Board unless excused by the Credential Board.

21. That licensed ministers be actively involved in pastoral or evangelistic ministry before being approved for ordination.

22. That this Association faithfully adopt and follow the Free Will Baptist Treatise as is currently published by the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

23. That this Association have the explicit authority to discipline, reprimand or withdraw fellowship from churches who call and or retain pastors who will not appear before the Credential Board or who, for doctrinal, moral, spiritual, or non-recommendation reasons cannot be recognized or accepted into our fellowship.

24. That Roberts Rules of Order be our guide and directive in conducting business.

25. That our Pastors not attending our Associational meetings be strongly encouraged to attend all meetings as possible, since this is a part of the work of the Lord.

26. That we give a standing vote of thanks to the Host Church for the meal and hospitality.

By-Laws

1. The moderator or assistant moderator, or in their absence, the oldest Minister present, shall call the Association into conference.
2. Each session shall be opened and closed with prayer.
3. Five members from two or more churches shall constitute a quorum. A less number may adjourn until such quorum is present.
4. Visiting brethren are invited to 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, CTS, 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 of the birth of the Spirit.
12. No question from any church shall come under 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 and 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 set in council
9. Appointment of Committees
10. Unfinished business
11. New business
12. Report of Committees
13. Miscellaneous business

Notes

