

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

FIRST OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION

OF

FREEWILL BAPTIST

Convened With Pleasant Hill Church
in September, 1932.

The next Annual Session of this Association
will be held with New Bethlehem Church,
beginning on Thursday night before
the Fourth Sunday in Sept., 1933.

OFFICERS

W. E. Dearmore.....	Moderator
I. B. Dunaway.....	Assistant Moderator
A. B. Epperson.....	Clerk
J. D. Anderson.....	Assistant Clerk

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PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Thirty Fifth annual session of the First Oklahoma Association which convened with Pleasant Hill church, Norman, Oklahoma, Sept. 22-25, 1932.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION

Introductory sermon preached by Elder E. E. Bristow of Gerty, Okla. This message was heard by a large and attentive congregation. Motion to adjourn until 9 A. M. Friday.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

House called together by Moderator. After singing, devotional services was conducted by the Moderator reading the 34th Psalm. The Moderator then declared a quorum present and church letters were called for.

Letters from the following churches were read:

Pleasant Hill, Tecumseh, Box, Spring Hill, Earlsboro, New Bethlehem, North View and Liberty. The delegates were seated and the right hand of fellowship given.

Petitionary letters were called for. The following letters were presented: Oak Grove near Watonga, Olive near Drumright and the First Church of Oklahoma City. All three were accepted and the right hand of fellowship given. Delegates seated.

By motion the body went into organization to elect officers for the coming year.

OFFICERS ELECTED

W. E. Dearmore, Moderator; I. B. Dunaway, Assistant Moderator; A. B. Epperson, Clerk and J. D. Anderson, Asst. Clerk.

Visiting brothers and sisters were invited to have

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seats with us and aid us in our Council and Godly deliberations.

Corresponding Messengers were called for. They were as follows: Grand River. Represented by Bro. L. J. Florence. Center. Represented by Elder E. E. Bristow and Bro. J. T. Caton. First Mission. Represented by Elder Bert Rogers. Dibble. Represented by Elder E. E. Morris and others.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

Pulpit—I. B. Dunaway, J. W. Vanwinkle, Pete Conner, F. A. Strawn and T. L. Fry.

Resolution—W. L. Waddle, J. B. Johnson, J. T. Caton, L. J. Florence and E. E. Bristow.

Sunday School—Robert Grizzel, T. L. Fry, F. A. Strawn, Mattie Epperson and Alice Clark.

Home Mission—Ada Dearmore, Mrs. A. F. Blankenship, Ida Garrett, Reba Vanwinkle and Mrs. I. B. Dunaway.

Prayer Meeting—Larkin Grizzel, Winnie Alsup, Ethel Perrin, G. W. Argo and Sarah Grizzel.

Finance—Arthur Clarada, B. F. Maxwell, E. D. Johnson, B. L. Lawless and Rabe Boyd.

Music—Mrs. J. D. Anderson, G. W. Tidwell, J. A. Owens, Jack Patrick and Ray Webb.

Obituary—Mary Mahan, Mrs. G. H. Johnson, Letha Long, Mother Howel and Ida Maxwell.

Temperance—Olen Sangster, Weldon Dunaway, Lawton Hurst, Clyde Argo and W. F. Townsend.

Young People League—L. A. McMurry, Theo. Davis, Lily May Sangster, T. C. Christian and Artie Davis.

Ministrial Standing—Ben Littleton, J. R. Garrett, Homer Perrin, T. S. Shoopman and E. E. Bristow.

Preaching by Elder John Bean of Oklahoma City, at 11 p. m. (Subject Great Reunion) Motion to adjourn until 2 p. m.

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FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Called together by singing. Devotional services led by Bro. T. L. Fry.

There was a recess to allow the several committees to prepare their reports.

House called to order and a Committee on Publication was appointed.

Publication Committee—G. H. Johnson, O. A. Johnson, Nannie Conner, Barney Vanwinkle, Callie Cole and Mattie Grizzel. Motion to adjourn to 9 a. m. Saturday.

Preaching Friday night by Elder Bert Rogers followed by Arthur Clarada.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

House called to order by Moderator. Devotional services conducted by Elder T. C. Christian. The reports from the several Committees were then called for.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Temperance—We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to report the following: We cannot, too highly, estimate the subject of Temperance. We sincerely feel and urge that every Christian should restrain from all intoxicating drinks and also urge that we stand firm for our 18th Amendment. We, as a Committee, believe we should be temperate in all things.

Committee.

Olin Sangster
Weldon Dunaway
Lawton Hurst
Clyde Argo
W. F. Townsend

Young Peoples League—We, as the Committee on the League, urge that each church organize a Freewill Baptist League and use FWB. League literature. We also urge that the folks that have a League to push forward to

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to the mark of the high calling which is in Christ Jesus.

(Signed.) L. A. McMurry, Chairman.

Music—We, recommend that special stress be given singing and recommend an organ or piano be placed in all churches if possible; that we still sing the old time songs in God's worship; asking pastors of each church to specially encourage all young people to help in all song services.

Committee.

J. A. Owens

Minnie Anderson

Ray Webb

G. W. Tidwell

Jack Patrick

Ministerial Standing—We, the Committee on ministerial standing beg to report that we find all ministers in our Association in good standing at this time.

(Signed.) E. E. Bristow, Chairman.

Prayer Meetings—Beg to report that we find almost all of our churches have regular prayer meeting and we urge all of our members to take part as we believe prayer meeting strengthens the weak member of the church and helps in the community where they are held.

(Signed.) T. L. Grizzel, Chairman.

Resolution—We, your Committee on Resolutions submit the following:

Resolution No. 1. Be it resolved that each church in the Association organize a Young Peoples League and that one day in each year be set aside for them to meet together for worship and League work; that the young people may accomplish more in the Masters service.

(Signed.) W. L. Waddle, Chairman.

Spring Hill calls for the first Quarterly meeting.

Resolution No. 2. Resolved that this Association is opposed to the teaching of a second or third definite work

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of grace separate and apart from regeneration and the practice known as talking in tongues. We believe these doctrines to be false and heretical and forbid our ministers giving such doctrines any support or sympathy.

(Signed) W. L. Waddle, Chairman.

Resolution No. 3. Resolved that this Association go on record as opposed to millennialism, especially any theory seeking to teach that a sinner will be given a chance for salvation beyond this present life, or that Christ will reign on the literal throne of David for a thousand years beyond His return to this earth. Furthermore that we believe that when Christ comes again that all hopes of mercy for the wicked will perish and the judgement will follow immediately in which all will be rewarded according to their works done in this life.

(Signed) W. L. Waddle, Chairman.

Resolution No. 4. Lost.

Resolution No. 5. Be it resolved that we urge our churches to encourage the building of church houses by giving \$10.00 to each church that has no building, for the purpose of building a house, should they decide to do so.

(Signed) W. L. Waddle, Chairman.

Resolution No. 6. Be it resolved that any of our preachers that take an aggressive stand against any established doctrine of the church, be recalled as such and any church failing to deal with same be denied a seat in the Association.

Resolution No. 7. Resolved that this Association go on record as opposed to any church calling a licensed preacher for pastor.

Publication Com.—We, as Freewill Baptist, urge our people to use Freewill Baptist literature when possible and to put in Freewill Baptist teachers and officers when possible.

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Committee.

G. H. Johnson.

O. A. Johnson.

Barney VanWinkle.

Finance Com.—

Name of Church	Amount Paid
Tecumseh.....	\$1.50
Oak Grove.....	\$1.75
Box.....	\$3.00
Spring Hill.....	\$2.50
Earlsboro.....	\$5.00
Olive.....	\$1.50
Liberty.....	\$2.50
North View.....	\$1.90
New Bethlehem.....	\$2.00
Pleasant Hill.....	\$3.00
	<u>\$24.65</u>
Allowed for State minutes.....	\$5.00
Balance.....	<u>\$19.65</u>

(Signed) Arthur Clarada, Chairman.

Home Mission Com.—We, your Committee on Home Mission work submit the following: We think the Home Mission work is one of the greatest organizations of our church and we would urge that each church would organize a Home Mission work as it is a blessing to ourselves and to our community in a way of lending a helping hand to the poor and needy. We also think the young girls of our land should be encouraged to attend and help in every way possible, as the older ones will not be here always and someone has to take their place.

Committee.

Ada Dearmore.

A. T. Blankenship.

Reba VanWinkle.

Mrs. Nova Dunaway.

Ida Garrett.

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Sunday School Com.—We, find that our churches all have Sunday Schools and we especially urge that our people put forth every effort to build up our Sunday Schools. We especially urge on the people to use Freewill Baptist literature, also members of Freewill Baptist church for Superintendent and all other officers and teachers possible. Also urge that parents attend S. S. and bring their children. We urge our Moderator to make an effort to revive our S. S. convention.

Robert Grizzle.

Alice B. Clark.

Committee.

F. A. Strawn.

T. L. Fry.

Mattie Epperson.

Obituary Com.—We, find that God has seen fit to call from our midst; Sister Tilda Williamson, Earlsboro. Bro. John Howell, (the son of sister Howell) Northview. Rev G. W. Baley. Rev. Bud Baley. R. L. Vaughn, Pleasant Hill.

CHURCH REPORTS

Tecumseh Church:

Membership, 37; received 20; Letters granted, 2; have had 3 revivals; several conversions; baptized 13. We have a Christian Endeavor League which meets every Sunday evening. Sunday School average attendance about 50; have Ladies Aid, membership 13. Ordained ministers who have a membership with us are: A. B. Epperson, Earlsboro, Louis Hoppie, Stratford, and our pastor Rev. Arthur Clarada. Rt 1, Tecumseh. F. A. Strawn, Deacon. Alice B. Clark, Clerk.

Delegates: Mattie Epperson, Nevyl Copland, Alice B. Clark.

Alternates: Helen Copland, Byram Abbott and Alice Abbott.

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P. S. Included for minutes, \$1.50.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Since the last Association we have spent the following sum.

Light and gas (about)	\$50.00
Bro. Morris, cash and groceries	\$35.00
Sister McAdams, cash and groceries	\$40.00
Song books	\$4 96
Bro. Johnson, cash and groceries	\$20.25
Bro. Clarada, cash and other items	\$29.96
Sunday School literature	\$22.13
Total	<u>\$202.30</u>

Spring Hill—Delegates, Bros. J. A. Owens, Roy Webb and Lige Anderson. Alternates, Bros. Ray Thompson, Oscar Kess and Raymond Hunt.

Condition of church, good; condition of S. S., good; average attendance, 60; Bro. Edd Morris pastor and called for coming year; paid pastor \$71.00; ministers names, Bro. W. L. Waddle, Rt 3, Lexington; Bro. J. F. Hager, Rt 3, Lexington; Bro. D. L. Simpson, Rt 3, Lexington; Bro J. C. Bullard, Rt 4, Lexington; Bro. W. C. Keylon, Oklahoma City.

Deacons: Bros. Tom Fry, Rt 3, Lexington, Okla; B. C. Wilson, Rt 3, Lexington, Okla.; J. R. Garrett, Rt 3, Lexington, Okla.; J. D. Anderson, Lexington, Okla.; W. N Lindsay, Rt 2, Lexington, Okla.; number baptized, 6; added to church, 12; conversions, 23; minute money, \$2.50 Bro. E. E. Morris, pastor, Rt 5, Blanchard, Okla., Bro. Murl Waddle, Clerk, Rt 3, Lexington, Okla.

Box—Delegates; Bro. Otto Johnson, Bro. O. O. Evans, Bro. Earnest Bailey and Bro. Barney VanWinkle. Alternates: Sisters Ada Dearmore, Bessie Johnson and Reba VanWinkle. State of religion, good; members received, 1; baptized, none; dismissed, 5; died, none; total membership

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105; condition of prayer meeting, fair; condition of S. S. good; average number pupils, 40; number officers, 2; teachers, 4; paid pastor, \$39.83; paid evangelist \$30.00; amount enclosed for minutes, \$3.00 Pastor Eld. W. G. Fields, Trousdale, Okla. Ministers belonging to church, Elder W. E. Dearmore, Wanette, Okla., Elder E. D. Johnson, Trousdale, Okla., Elder J. B. Johnson, Trousdale, Okla., Elder T. C. Christian, Trousdale, Okla.

Elder W. G. Fields, Pastor, G. L. Toumbs, clerk.

Remarks: Elder W. P. Scott of Holdenville, Okla., was called for pastor and T. C. Christian, Trousdale, Okla., was elected clerk.

New Bethlehem—Resident members, 55; non-resident about 20; church progressing nicely; about 52 conversions; 35 additions to the church; baptized 36; condition of S. S., good; also a good F. W. B. League; good prayer meeting; paid evangelist, \$15.00; Bro. Waddle of Lexington is our pastor for the coming year; value of church property, \$500.00. We send as delegates, brothers George Tidwell, Jack Patrick and sister Nannie Conner. We have 2 ordained ministers. J. P. Terry, Asher, Okla. and J. T. Patrick, Konowa, Okla. We send as minute money, \$2.00.

W. L. Waddle, Pastor, Bertha Hues, clerk.

Pleasant Hill—Delegates: Bros. Weldon Dunaway, Lawton Hurst, Clyde Argo. Alternates: Sisters Mabel Argo, Gladys Hadam and Gertrude Grizzle. Report as follows: state of religion, good; S. S., good; average attendance for the year, 35; midweek prayer meeting, good attendance about 40; Young Folks League, membership, 42; interest fine. Church in good condition and growing. Members received this year, 35; dismissed, none; died, 1 (Brother Robert Vaughn, age 81); total membership 79; paid pastor \$69.32 evangelist \$15.52; other purposes, \$3.82; church property, none; pastor for coming year, Elder I. B. Dunaway,

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Norman, Rt 3. Ordained ministers in our church: Elder J. M. Alsup, Rt 3, Norman, Okla., licensed minister Bro. Richard Grizzle, Oklahoma City. Deacons: Bros. Robert Grizzle, Rt 3, Norman, Okla., Larkin Grizzle, Rt 3, Norman Okla., G. W. Argo, Rt 3, Norman, Okla., Homer Perrin, Rt 4, Norman, Okla., W. F. Townsend, Rt 3, Norman, Okla. G. W. Grizzle, Holdenville, Okla.

I. B. Dunaway, Pastor, Norman, Okla., Rt 3, Winnie Alsup, clerk, Norman, Okla., Rt 3.

North View—Delegates, Bro. Ben Littleton, Sister Letha Long and sister F. A. Howell. Alternates: Bro. Artie Davis, sisters Davis and Maxwell. State of religion, good; number received this year, 4; number baptized, 4; number dismissed, 3; died, none; total membership, 47; amount paid pastor \$55.00; evangelist, \$15.00; value of church property, \$1.000.00; amount for minutes, \$1 90; condition of Sunday School, good; number officers, 4; number of teachers, 4; pastor for coming year, Elder Delbert Simpson Lexington, Okla. Ministers, Brother Arthur Clarida. Deacons, Bros. Theo Davis and Ben Maxwell.

Brother Simpson, pastor, Lexington, Okla., sister Alice Jett, clerk, Tecumseh, Okla.

Liberty—Delegates: Elder G. H. Johnson, sisters Lela Johnson, T. S. Shoopman and Bro. T. S. Shoopman. State of religion, good; number received, 20; baptized, 11; dismissed, 3; died, 2; paid pastor, \$60.00. Condition of Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 50; officers, 6; teachers, 5; pastor for coming year, W. H. Carter, Rt 5, Box 114, Bristow, Okla. Name of ministers, Elder G. H. Johnson, Drumright, Okla.

Moderator, Elder W. H. Carter, clerk, Mrs. Tressie Luker

NEW CHURCHES

First Church (Oklahoma City)—Delegate: J. E. Bean; Membership, 12; more coming in soon. We ask the pray-

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ers of that body for us that our church may grow and honor God and be a blessing to Oklahoma City.

Moderator, Elder J. E. Bean, Clerk, Sister Ola Smithey

(Organized Sat night before 3rd Sun. in Nov., 1931)

Oak Grove—Delegates, Sisters A. T. Blankenship, Ruby Lawless and Bobbie Blankenship. Alternates: Brother W. O. Blankenship. Present pastor, brother Virgil Florence. Pastor elect, Brother Florence. Members received, 1; excluded, none; dismissed, none; died, none; total members, 15; for minute fund, \$1.75; members enrolled in Sunday School, 35. By the request of the church we ask for the third Fifth Sunday meeting.

Bro. Virgil Florence, Moderator, sister A. T. Blankenship, Clerk.

Olive—Organized Sept. 12, 1932 by Bro. G. H. Johnson assisted by Bros. W. H. Dickinson and P. E. Lacy with 15 members. Delegates: Sister Mary Mahon. One Deacon, Brother P. E. Lacy. We have called brother G. H. Johnson as pastor, for coming year.

Elder G. H. Johnson, Moderator, Sister Myrtle Pearson, Clerk.

Adjourned to meet at 1.30 P. M. with Elder J. B. Johnson to preach and Elder A. B. Epperson to follow.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Called to order by Moderator with clerk A. B. Epperson in the chair. Devotional services led by Elder E. E. Morris after which the Association was declared in session by the Moderator. Motion made to send delegates to the following Associations.

Grand River—Delegates: G. H. Johnson, I. B. Dunaway and Virgil Florence.

First Mission —G. H. Johnson and T. L. Shoopman.

Dibble Association—E. D. Johnson and J. L. Alsup.

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Just at this time a delegation from Dibble Association come in. Motion to elect delegates to the State Association.

Namee of Delegates: Oscar Kess, T. L. Fry, J. A. Owens, G. W. Argo and Homer Perrin. Motion carried to send five dollars to State Association as minute fund which was given to the delegates.

Motion to leave the Tecumseh trouble in the hands of the Finance Committee.

The next Association is to meet with New Bethlehem church, 4 miles east and 1 mile south of Asher, Okla., on Thursday night before the 4th Sunday in September, 1933. The introductory sermon is to be preached by Eld. J. E. Bean. Alternate Elder G. H. Johnson.

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETINGS

First Fifth Sunday	Spring Hill Church.
Second Fifth Sunday	Liberty Church.
Third Fifth Sunday	Box Church.

Each Fifth Sunday meeting will begin on Friday night.

MINISTERS REPORTS

I have had two regular appointments most of the time for the past year and preach a few times other than my appointments. Received \$1.90. Pray for us, T. C. Christian, Rt 3, Trousdale, Okla.

I. B. Dunaway—I have pastored one church for the entire and two for a part of the year. I have preached about 110 sermons. I have conducted and assisted in five revivals. Witnessed about 60 conversions; baptized 26; conducted one funeral; helped to organize one church.

My aim is to do more in the Lord's work and for His cause during the coming year than ever before. Pray for me and family as the weakest of your servants. I. B. Dunaway, Rt 3, Norman, Okla.

W. E. Dearmore—I have been sick but have conducted 6

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revivals; witnessed about 100 conversions; assisted to organize one church; traveled over 4,000 miles; been Moderator of Co-Operative Association; State Association; First Oklahoma Association and have attended to my duties the best I could. W. E. Dearmore, Wanette, Okla.

W. L. Waddle—My ministerial labors for the past year as follows: Pastored 2 churches; conducted 2 revivals; witnessed 64 conversions; received 54 members into the churches; baptized 42; funerals 2; marriages 2; money received about \$100.00. Pray for me.

W. L. Waddle, Lexington, Okla.

Virgil Florence—I have preached 55 sermons; helped in 2 revivals; witnessed 33 conversions; helped organize one church; pastored one church; baptized 7; married 1 couple. I am praying that this session will be the greatest of our Association and asking a special prayer for the interest of God's cause in this open field of labor.

Rev. Virgil Florence, Greenfield, Okla.

Arthur Clarida—I have preached 96 sermons; baptized 13; married one couple; received 20 members; assisted in revival work; and received \$29.96. Arthur Clarida.

Motion carried and Bro. W. L. Waddle elected as a member of the executive Board.

A motion made and a vote of thanks to the good people of Pleasant Hill for their kindness shown the delegations while attending the Association.

Minutes were read and approved.

Motion made to adjourn to meet at next regular session.

E. E. Morris to preach at 8.30.

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CHURCH COVENANT

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

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

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions and social worship, and by self-denial, faith and good works; endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conference, public worship and the observance of the ordinances of the gospel, nor fail to contribute 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 bond of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and to 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 principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme, counting it our chief business in life to extend the influences 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

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missions, the success of Sabbath School and evangelical efforts for the salvation of souls and the conversion of the world, and may the God of peace sanctify us whole and preserve us blameless unto the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

RULES OF ORDER

1. At every sitting the meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer by the moderator, or whomsoever he may request.

2. All ordained or licensed ministers and ordained deacons in good standing in this Association shall be invited to seats in the annual Association.

3. Those who speak shall arise and address the moderator. Personal reflections shall be avoided in all debates.

4. No motion shall be discussed without first being seconded.

5. When a motion has been made and seconded, the moderator shall ask, "Any discussion or remarks?" If none, the question shall be disposed of as usual.

6. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken separately.

7. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the minutes unless ordered by the party making the motion.

8. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the moderator.

9. All questions shall be decided by a majority of members present.

10. No member shall be absent while in session without leave of the moderator, and if so, his name shall be left off the minutes.

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11. Minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected if necessary before the close of the Association.

12. Arrangements shall be made at each session of the Association for two or more sermons or equivalent devotional exercises during each day.

13. The rules of order shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after the organization of the body.

14. Alterations may be made in these rules at any regular session.

