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OF THE
47th Annual Session
OF THE
FIRST OKLA. ASSOCIATION
OF
Free Will Baptist

HELD WITH

Shawnee Church

August 17, 18, 1944

OFFICERS

Moderator, Eld. Harry Staires, Oklahoma City, Okla.
Ass't Mod. Eld. A. B. Epperson, Tecumseh, Okla.
Clerk, Bro. Arthur Hearn, Oklahoma City, Okla.
Ass't Clerk, Bro. Joe Mooneyham, Shawnee, Okla.

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PROCEEDINGS

Following a ten-day camp meeting conducted by Evangelist Eld Harry Staires of Oklahoma City and Elder Orbin Doss of Shawnee, Oklahoma in which 16 souls were saved, with the greatest spirit of co-operation ever shown in the Association.

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On Thursday morning the 47th Annual Session of the First Oklahoma Association was opened by singing "I Love Jesus." Prayer by Elder A. B. Epperson from Tecumseh. Scripture reading by Elder W. E. Dearmore, from Wolf church. Scripture used first division of Psalms.

Letters read from different churches: North View, Spring Hill, Wolf, Oklahoma City, Tecumseh, Pleasant Hill, Shawnee and Earlsboro. Delegates were seated and the right hand of fellowship was given.

Elder Harry Staires of Oklahoma City was elected moderator and Elder A. B. Thompson of Tecumseh was elected assistant moderator.

Sister Earleen Parris was elected as clerk, and resigned immediately. Her resignation was accepted. Brother Arthur Hearron of Oklahoma City was elected clerk, and Brother Joe Mooneyham of Shawnee was elected assistant clerk.

Motion carried that a vote of thanks be given the outgoing officers. Prayer for the richest blessings of God to rest upon them was prayed by Elder A. B. Epperson of Tecumseh church.

Motion carried to adjourn until 1:30 p. m., and dismissal prayer was led by Eld. Clay Richey from the Dibble Association, a visiting minister.

Eleven o'clock Service—Opening song led by Bro. Burley Wilson from Spring Hill Church. Pianist Ruth Followill. Prayer by Eld. B. C. Munkus from Pleasant Hill Church. Special song "Keep a Little Sunshine in your Sky," was sung by Eld. Clay Richey, Bro. William Rush, and Bro. and Sister Arthur and Opal Hearron.

Devotional was conducted by Bro. Arthur Downs from Earlsboro Church, and a fine spiritual meeting was enjoyed by all present. A special song was arranged by Bro. Tulane Mooneyham, "Just a Closer Walk with Thee."

The Introductory sermon was preached by Eld. A. B. Epperson

from Tecumseh Church, Subject "Leadership." Concluded by Eld. Harry Staires from the Oklahoma City Church. This was an inspiring message to our ministers.

The Hand of appreciation was given to Eld. Epperson while Bro. Wilson from Spring Hill Church led the song, "Some Day." Invitation song, "There is Power in the Blood," was also by Bro. Wilson. Dismissal prayer was prayed by Eld. George Taylor from Wolf Church.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Opened by singing "A Soul Winner for Jesus" led by Bro. Joe Mooneyham from Shawnee Church. Devotional services conducted by Eld. Clay Richey, from The Dibble Association—Scripture reading 12th Chapter of Romans. Prayer by Eld. Ralph Hampton of the Earlsboro Church.

Rules of Order were read by the Ass't Clerk, Bro. Joe Mooneyham of Shawnee. Right hand of fellowship was extended to all visiting brethren and they were invited to sit in council with us.

Moved and second that the Moderator Edl. Harry Staires of Oklahoma City Church appoint all comitees—Carried. The following committees were appointed: COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS: Eld. Arthur Downs, Earlsboro; Eld. George Taylor of Wolf; Bro. B. C. Wilson, of Spring Hill, Eld. Clyde Argo of Pleasant Hill, and Bro. William Rush of Oklahoma City.

PULPIT COMMITTEE—Bro. H. N. Lynn, of Shawnee, Bro. Clay Bourland, Earlsboro, Bro. Ben Maxwell of Tecumseh, Bro. Robt. Kiker of Maud, and Eld. Orbin Doss, of Shawnee.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE—Eld. A. B. Epperson, of Tecumseh, Eld. B. C. Munkus, of Pleasant Hill and Eld. Orbin Doss of Shawnee, Eld. Oscar Followill, Pleasant Hill and Eld. W. E. Dearmore, of Wanette, Okla.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE—Sister Delcie Green, of Shawnee, Sister Opal Hearron of Oklahoma City, Sister Thelma Trice of Te-

cumseh, Sister Pearl Taylor of Wolf, and Sister Dorothy Hearst, of Pleasant Hill.

FINANCE COMMITTEE—Sister May Mooneyham, of Shawnee, Sister Myrtle Kiker of Maud, Sister Bernice Carr of Pleasant Hill and Sister Mamie Stevenson of Earlsboro.

LEAGUE COMMITTEE—Eld. Clyde Argo of Pleasant Hill, Bro. E. C. Kethum of Shawnee, Sister Nellie Brownlee of Pleasant Hill, Sister Themla Clark of Oklahoma City and Sister Trula Thompson, of Spring Hill.

PRAYER MEETING COMMITTEE—Sister Nora Rasure, Earlsboro, Sister Daisy Davis of Tecumseh, Bro. Woodson Thompson of Spring Hill, Bro. R. L. Hollis of Shawnee and Sister Louise King of Pleasant Hill.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE—Bro. Lester Lemmons of Tecumseh, Sister Fay Wilson of Spring Hill, Bro. W. B. Rasure of Earlsboro, Sister Bell Oakes of Maud, and Bro. Roy Trice of Tecumseh.

Moved and carried to elect an Executive Board—Board to consist of one member elected for five years, one for four years, one for three years, one for two years, and one for one year.

Eld. Harry Staires, Oklahoma City,	1944 to 1949
Eld. Orbin Doss, Shawnee, Okla.	1944 to 1948
Eld. Arthur Downs, Earlsboro, Okla.	1944 to 1947
Eld. A. B. Epperson, Tecumseh, Okla.,	1944 to 1946
Eld. Clyde Argo, Norman, Okla.	1944 to 1945

UNFINISHED BUSINESS CARRIED FROM THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING—Bro. E. C. Ketchum discussed a building for an orphanage and recommended that this be discussed at the State Association. Committee report was accepted and the committee dismissed.

Eld. Clyde Argo made a favorable report on a permanent place for the First Oklahoma Association to meet each year; also recommend location near Shawnee Church. Eld. Orbin Doss reports that

the purchase price is \$1,250. Moved and carried to accept report and purchase property; the other churches of the Association to pay \$750.00; after being duly discussed the purchasing committee was retained composed of the following: Eld. Orbin Doss of Shawnee, Bro. Earl Stevenson of Earlsboro, Eld. Clyde Argo of Pleasant Hill, Eld. A. B. Epperson, of Tecumseh.

PULPIT COMMITTEE REPORTS—Eld. V. L. Wilson will bring the message for Thursday Night's Services.

Eld. Clay Richey visiting from The Dibble Association was given time to report conditions in our neighboring Association. The cause of the Free Will Baptist Church is moving forward and many lost souls are being added to the church, for which we are very glad. Eld. Ralph Hampton of Dibble Association is pastor of Earlsboro church and plans to join our Association later.

Motion carried to adjourn until 9:00 o'clock Friday morning. Dismissed by prayer by Bro. Earl Stevenson of Earlsboro.

Thursday Night Services—Singing conducted by Bro. Arthur Hearron of Oklahoma City, and Bro. Joe Mooneyham of Shawnee. Prayer by Elder Ralph Hampton. Devotional led by Eld. James Garrett, of Oklahoma City. Eld. B. L. Wilson preached on the subject, "Harden not Your Hearts." He very forcibly and ably demonstrated the power of God in his discourse and gave us a wonderful message. Dismissal prayer by Eld. Harry Staires of Oklahoma City.

FRIDAY MORNING

Opened by singing "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow" and "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be. Led by Bro. Joe Mooneyham. Scripture reading by Eld. Harry Staires, 1st John, 1st Chapter. Prayer by Eld. Oscar Followill of Pleasant Hill. Minutes of Thursday's proceedings were read and approved.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS—Recommend the licensing to preach of Bro. James Garrett and Bro. Arthur Hearron of Oklahoma City; also to Ordain to the Ministry Bro. Guy McGuire.

Motion carried to accept the report. Committee also reports the Central Avenue Free Will Baptist Church of Oklahoma City have withdrawn fellowship from A. J. Kinsey, and asked that his credentials be called for, and recommend that this action be upheld by the Association. Moved to accept the report and let the Executive Board act as a committee to call for A. J. Kinsey's Credentials. Carried.

Pulpit committee reports that Eld. B. C. Munkus of Pleasant Hill will deliver the 11 o'clock message.

Motion carried to select a minister to deliver the Introductory Sermon at the next Association. Bro. Arthur Hearnin was selected to fill that capacity and Eld. Arthur Downs as Alternate.

Motion carried to adjourn the business session of the Association until 1 o'clock P. M.

Motion carried to hold a Camp Meeting each year.

Eleven o'clock services opened by song, "In Gethsemane Alone," led by Bro. Henly of Shawnee. Prayer by Bro. Roy Trice of Tecumseh. Special song "Good Morning Up There" by Bro. and Sister Arthur and Opal Hearnin of Oklahoma City. Preaching hour by Eld. B. C. Munkus. Scripture, Hebrew, 1st Chapter; subject, "Possibility of Apostacy." A wonderful message was delivered which was enjoyed by all and was also educational. Dismissal prayer by Eld. Ralph Hampton of Earlsboro.

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Friday Afternoon Session August 18, 1944

Opened by singing song, "Anywhere is Home," led by Sister Mildred Cash of Shawnee. Scripture Reading by Eld. Oscar Followill, of Pleasant Hill Church: St. John 1:1-14. Prayer by Eld. Arthur Downs.

Motion Carried to meet on Tuesday before 4th Sunday in August, 1945, in the 48th Annual Session of the First Oklahoma Association.

Motion carried to have two Ministers to preach in our Camp Meeting, ten days preceeding the Association.

Motion carried to elect Eld. A. B. Epperson, of Tecumseh, and Eld. Arthur Downs of Earlsboro as Evangelist in our next Camp Meeting.

Motion carried that The Ladies Auxiliary be given Wednesday preceeding the Association.

Motion carried that the Ladies Auxiliary meet on Friday preceeding each Quarterly Conference.

Motion carried that The League be given all day, Tuesday preceeding the Association.

First Quarterly Meeting will be held with the Spring Hill Church starting Thursday morning 9:00 o'clock A. M. November 16-17, 1945.

Second Quarterly Meeting will meet with the Earlsboro Church on Thursday Morning 9:00 A. M. Feb. 15-16, 1945.

Third Quarterly Meeting will meet with the Tecumseh Church on Thursday Morning, 9:00 A. M. May 17-18, 1945.

Minister to preach the Introductory Sermon at the first Quarterly meeting; Eld. Clyde Argo of Pleasant Hill Church. Alternate: Eld. Guy McGuire of Shawnee Church.

Motion carried to print 300 copies of Minutes—with the approval of the Executive Board 500 additional copies to be printed.

Motion carried to send the following delegates to the State Association: Bro. E. C. Ketchum, Bro. James Garrett, Sister Daisy Davis, Sister Earl Stevenson, and Sister Opal Hearron. Alternates: Sister Burley Wilson, Sister Thelma Clark, Bro. Roy Trice, Sister Trudy Thompson, and Sister Alice Clark.

Motion carried to have each church to take a special offering for General Fund and printing of Minutes.

Minutes Read and accepted.

Moved to adjourn until our next Annual Session of the First Okla-
homa Association, which meets with the Shawnee Church. Ladies
Auxiliary Wednesday, August 21, 1945.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. E. C. Ketchum.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resolutions: We your committee on Resolutions submit the fol-
lowing:

No. 1. Be it resolved that Tuesday preceeding the Association
be designated as League Day.

No. 2. Be it resolved that each League secure a League Maunal
and carry on their League work according to the instructions of
the Manual.

No. 3. Be it resolved that the Leaguers be given a short course
of instruction under the supervision of Sister Glenara Staires
on the day of the League Session.

No. 4. Be it resolved that section 5, paragraph 6, of our Church
government be printed in our Minutes, and that our pastors im-
press this doctrine upon their churches.

No. 5. Be it resolved that each licensed minister conduct at least
one revival meeting before they are ordained.

No. 6. Be it resolved that we adhere to the teaching of our Trea-
tise and that no man be allowed to serve as Deacon in any local
Church until elected by special vote of said church.

No. 7. Be it resolved that each Church in the Association send in
\$2.00 per month for Evangelist Fund for the Camp Meeting.

No. 8. Be it resolved: That this body give the Shawnee Church a

vote of thanks for the courtesy shown us and for the wonderful way they have entertained this Association and Camp Meeting.

PRAYER MEETING COMMITTEE REPORTS—

We your committee recommend that each church keep a record of their average attendance at prayer meeting and report be turned in at the Association.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Sunday School Committee recommend that all Sunday schools use International Lessons and Free Will Baptist Literature.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your committee on Finance report the following: Money received for Minutes, \$35.00; Paid in for Evangelist, \$201.71; Cash on hand of the Old Ministers' Fund, \$25.28. Total, \$270.99.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, your Obituary Committee report the following: Sister Wilson, Sister Smithy, Bro. Terrel, Sister Gill and Bro. Danny Lee from Central Avenue Church.

Eld. Fields, and Sister Gentry from the Tecumseh Church.

Grandma Brown, Eld. Lester Judd, Grandma Crowley, Grandma Thompson and Grandpa Barrett from the Earlsboro Church.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

We, your Credential Committee beg to report that we find the Central Avenue Free Will Baptist Church have withdrawn fellowship from A. J. Kinsey for unchristian and undoctinal acts, and ask that his deacon's credentials be called for.

LEAGUE COMMITTEE

We, your league Committee report as follows: We have eight leagues with a membership of approximately 200.

CHURCH LETTERS

Central Avenue Church: State of Religion, good; Members re-

ceived, 48; Number baptized, 12; Dismissed by letter, 5; Excluded, 1; Number deceased, 5; Total membership 225. Condition of Sunday school, good; average number of pupils, 120; officers, 12; league membership, 36; Auxiliary membership, 13; amount paid pastor, \$2400.00; building and repair, \$1,000; value of church property, \$10,000.00; enclosed for Minutes, \$5.00. Pastor, Eld. Harry Staires; clerk, Raymond Landers.

Shawnee Church: State of religion, good; Members received, 29; Number baptised, 10; Condition if Sunday school, good; Average attendance, 65; number of officers, 8; Paid pastor \$1,729.95; paid Evangelist \$25.00; paid home Missions, \$107.90; Foreign Mission, \$16.00; paid for building and repair \$1,844.40; amount enclosed for Minutes, \$5.00; Enclosed for Association, \$6.00; Total membership 80. Pastor Eld. Orbin Doss; clerk, Lee Guinn.

Spring Hill Church: State of Religion, good; membership received 10; number baptised, 10; dismissed by letter, 8; paid pastor, \$300; total embership 120; Sunday school good; average attendance 50; officers, 7. We have just completed a new Church Building at a cost of \$1600.00. Amount enclosed for minutes, \$5.00; amount enclosed for Camp Meeting, \$6.00. Pastor, Eld. Clay Richey; clerk, Sister Dorothy Waddle.

Tecumseh Church: State of religion good; members received, 4; dismissed by letter, 2; deceased, 2; total membership, 61; condition of Sunday school, good; average attendance, 40; paid pastor, \$600.; paid Evangelist \$58.62; building and repair, \$530.74; miscellaneous, \$82.46. Enclosed for Minutes, \$5.00; camp meeting, \$6.00; pastor, Eld. A. B. Epperson; clerk, Sister Vivian Davis.

Earlsboro Church: State of Religion good; members received, 12; number baptised, 9; number deceased, 5; dismissed by letter, 2; total membership 229; Condition of Sunday school good; average attendance 45; number of officers, 11 paid pastor, \$1,019.45; paid Evangelist, \$80. Building and repair, \$72.63; enclosed for Minutes, \$5.00; pastor Eld. R. C. Hampton; Clerk, Milford.

Pleasant Hill Church: State of religion, good; members received, 1; conversions, 6; total membership, 70. Our league and Sunday school are both doing fine. Paid pastor, \$135.50; paid Evangelist,

\$61.00. Enclosed for Minutes, \$5.00; for Camp Meeting, \$6.00.
Pastor, Eld. Clyde Argo; Clerk, Mattie Lee Grizzle.

Wolf Church: State of religion, good. Total membership 45; dismissed by letter, 9; excluded, 1; paid pastor \$65.00; Evangelist, \$26.65; Sunday school fair. Enclosed for Minutes, \$5.00; Camp Meeting \$6.00, pastor Eld. George Taylor, Clerk Pearl Taylor.

North View Church: State of religion fair, conversions six, baptized three, paid pastor \$15.00, incidentals \$26.75 Total Membership 25, members recieved 4, pastor Eld. Roy Trice, Clerk Sister Bernice Carr.

LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Various Churches of the First Oklahoma Association of Free Will Baptist convened Wednesday evening August 16, 1944 with Eld. Harry Staires of the Oklahoma City Church as Moderator, Scripture reading 2nd John 1st chapter. Prayer by Sister Lee Guinn.

OFFICERS

Sister Effie Wood of Oklahoma City was elected President.
Sister Earleen Parris of Shawnee, Vice-President.
Sister Lee Guinn, of Shawnee, was elected Secretary.
Sister Vivian Ketchum of Shawnee, 2nd Vice-President.
Sister Myrtle Trice, of Tecumseh, 3rd Vice-President.
Sister Doris Henley, 4th Vice-President.
Sister Daisy Pierce, 5th Vice-President.
Sister Lee Guinn also was elected as corresponding Secretary.
Sister May Mooneyham, of Shawnee, Treasurer.
Sister Delcie Green, of Shawnee, Okla., Field Worker.

Letters from Oklahoma City, Shawnee, and Tecumseh were read and accepted.

Moved and carried that the Ladies Auxiliary ask for Wednesday preceeding each Associational Meeting for Auxiliary day.

The following churches sent funds to the meeting: Oklahoma City \$3.90; Shawnee Church \$5.70; Tecumseh Church, \$6.00.

Duties of officers read and explained. Each Church to send Sister May Mooneyham all funds collected of the National body.

Eld. A. B. Epperson was elected to bring the introductory message at the next Auxiliary Meeting.

Moved and carried to have all reports sent to State Association Officers to be read at each yearly Association.

Moved and carried to adjourn.

Dismissed by Bro. Joe Mooneyham, of Shawnee Church.

Sister Mildred Cash, Clerk.

OFFICERS ADDRESSES

Sister Effie Woods, President, 427 S. E. 18th, Oklahoma City.

Sister Earleen Parris, Vice-President, 429 Chapman, Shawnee, Okla.

Sister Vivian Ketchum, 134 E. Whittaker, Shawnee, 2nd Vice-President.

Sister Mrtle Trice, Box 172, Tecumseh, Okla., 3rd Vice-Pres.

Sister Doris Henley, 1002 N. Pennsylvania, Shawnee, Okla., 4th Vice-President.

Sister Daisy Pierce, 1025 E. Chandler, Shawnee, Okla., 5th Vice-President.

Secretary and Corresponding Secretary: Sister Mildred Cash, 536 N. Douglas, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Sister May Mooneyham, 535 N. Louisa, Shawnee, Okla., Treasurer.

Sister Delcie Green, 406 N. Center, Shawnee, Okla. Field Worker.

MINUTES FOR FIRST OKLAHOMA YEARLY LEAGUE BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday Morning Session, August 16, 1944

Opened by singing, "When the Saints Go Marching In," led by Brother Ray Martin.

Letters from Pleasant Hill, Tecumseh, Oklahoma City, Earlsboro, Shawnee, and Spring Hill accepted.

Motion carried that the President, Brother E. C. Ketchum appoint a pulpit Committee. The following were appointed.

PULPIT COMMITTEE

Brother Reford Wilson, Shawnee
Brother Ray Martin, Oklahoma City
Sister Frances Davis, Tecumseh
Sister Dorothy Hurst, Pleasant Hill
Sister Margaret Thompson, Spring Hill

The Committee selected Brother Ralph Hampton to bring the 11 o'clock message.

Delegates to the First Oklahoma yearly League meeting are:

Sister Betty Franklin, Earlsboro
Sister Margaret Thompson, Spring Hill
Sister Dorothy Hurst, Pleasant Hill
Sister Billie Marie Williams, Shawnee
Sister Frances Davis, Tecumseh
Brother Ray Martin, Oklahoma City

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The following officers were elected for the coming year:

OFFICERS

Sponsor—Brother Harry E. Staires, 328 S. E. 21st St. Oklahoma City

President—Brother E. C. Ketchum, 1342 E. Whitaker, Shawnee

Vice-President—Brother Reford Wilson, 201 N. Cleveland, Shawnee

Recording Secretary—Sister Marie Burnsed, 825 W. California, Oklahoma City.

Corresponding Secretary—Sister Joyce McMullen, 412 N. Oklahoma, Shawnee

Treasurer—Brother Ray Martin, 320 N. E. 7th, Oklahoma City.

Choir Leader—Brother Weldon Wood, Oklahoma City, 427 S. E. 18th St.

Pianist—Sister Juanita Sapp, Oklahoma City, 227 S. E. 21st St.

The League Board was elected as follows:

LEAGUE BOARD

Brother Joe Mooneyham, 535 Louisa, Shawnee

Brother J. T. Garrett, Box 771-A, Route 6, Oklahoma City.

Sister Effie Wood, 427 S. E. 18th, Oklahoma City.

Brother Guy McGuire, 521 E. Ada, Shawnee

Brother Orbin Doss, 1109 E. 11th, Shawnee

Motion carried for adjournment by Brother Staires, dismissed by prayer by Brother Weldon Wood.

11:00 Preaching Service, August 16, 1944

Opened by singing led by Brother Ray Martin. Brother Weldon Wood took charge of the Devotional Service.

Brother Ralph Hampton's message was from the text, "Where there is no Vision, the People Perish."

Dismissed by prayer by Brother Delbert Akin.

Wednesday Afternoon Session, August 16, 1944

Opened by singing, "Anywhere Is Home," led by Brother Weldon Wood.

A Choir leader and Pianist were elected.

Installation of new officers by Brother Epperson, who read as scripture, I Timothy 2:1-7, after which there was a handshake of all officers.

A vote of appreciation was given for the out-going officers.

Rallies for the coming year were set as follows:

October 29—Earlsboro; Introductory by Brother J. T. Garrett.

December 31—Tecumseh

April 29—Pleasant Hill

July 29—Spring Hill

Motion carried that the church who has won the Program Banner the most times will be asked at the April 29th Rally at Pleasant Hill to prepare a play to represent the First Oklahoma Association at the State League Rally, which will be held in June, 1945. If two churches tie for this, a vote will then be taken.

Motion carried that we ask the First Oklahoma Association to grant the Leaguers one day for our business next year preceeding the Association.

Introductory Message for yearly League Meeting of 1945 is to be brought by Brother Harry E. Staires—Brother Orbin H. Doss, Alternate

Introductory message for October 29 Rally at Earlsboro is to be brought by Brother J. T. Garrett.

Motion carried that we pay our Recording Secretary \$5.00.

Motion carried that we pay \$5.00 for our Minutes to be compiled with the First Oklahoma Association Minutes.

Pictures of "Christ at the Age of 12" were given to:

Pleasant Hill—For winning the Attendance Banner more times than any other church. Accepted by sponsor, Brother Clyde Argo.

Oklahoma City—For winning the Program Banner more times. Accepted by Brother Ray Martin, President.

Motion for adjournment by Sister Joyce McMullen.

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SPONSORS AND PRESIDENTS

Pleasant Hill:

President—J. T. Hurst, Rt. 3, Box 100, Norman.

Sponsor—Clyde Argo, Rt. 2, Moore.

Tecumseh:

President—Jackie White, Tecumseh, Oklahoma.

Sponsor—Mrs. Alice B. Clark, Box 255, Tecumseh.

Earlsboro:

President—Delbert Akin, Box 142, Earlsboro

Sponsor—Brother Ralph C. Hampton, P. O. Box 134, Earlsboro.

Spring Hill:

President—John Straughn, Rt. 2, Lexington.

Sponsor—Dorothy Waddle, Rt. 1, Lexington.

Shawnee:

President—Faye Pierce, 1045 Chandler, Shawnee.

Sponsor—Irvin Tate, 1115 North Tucker, Shawnee.

Oklahoma City:

President—Brother Ray Martin, 320 N. E. 7th, Oklahoma City.

Sponsor—M. R. Shinn, 312 S. E. 17th, Oklahoma City.

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CLERK'S REPORT

August 16, 1944

Paid in for Minute Fund	\$35.00
Balance from last year	14.65
Total	49.65
Paid out for printing of Minutes	\$26.00
Moderator	5.00
Clerk	5.00
Ass't Clerk	2.50
State Minutes	10.00
Ordination Blanks	.30
Paper, Postage and Miscellaneous	.80
Total Paid Out	49.60
Balance in Treasury	.05
Unified Budget Fund from 1943	2.70
Amount received and paid for Camp Meeting	23.00

MINISTER'S REPORT

Elder W. A. Lamb:

Paid as pastor of Pleasant Hill,	\$133.50
As Evangelist at Pleasant Hill	61.00
Pastor at North View,	10.00
Tithe Paid	14.45
Number converted	4
Number reclaimed	3
Baptised	4
Number of Sermons preached	108
Miles travelled (Approximately)	2,000

Elder O. H. Dose:

Pastored Spring Hill Church, one-half time.	
Paid as pastor	\$800.00
Revival meetings	2
Conversions	28
Funerals	1
Marriage ceremonies performed	1

Am now pastor of the Shawnee Church located at 9th and Shawnee, Shawnee, Okla.

Elder Guy H. McGuire

Number of Sermons preached	13
Miles travelled	800
Number of Conversions	3
Received	\$26.85

Elder Harry Staires

Number of sermons preached	178
Number of revivals held	4
Number of Professions Witnessed	113
Number Baptised	12
Additions to Church	48
Funerals preached	12
Miles Travelled	12,000
Money received	\$2400.00
Tithes paid	250.00

Elder A. B. Epperson, Tecumseh Church

Pastored one church full time; did nearly all the preaching.
Made hundreds of sick calls.

Conducted three funerals; helped in that many more.
Received \$600.00 for service

Executive Board Met. to select Chairman and other officers at
Tecumseh, Sept. 11, 1944.

Elder Harry Staires, Chairman

Elder Orbin Doss, Clerk

Board voted to print an additional 500 Minutes of the 47th Session of First Oklahoma Association as the Ladies Auxiliary and League both have their minutes in this year's proceedings, and we feel that we need that many more to give everyone a minute. Also voted to let Eld. E. A. O'Donnell do the printing.

Elder Harry Staires, Chairman.

MINISTER'S ROLL

Arthur E. Downs	Earlsboro, Okla.
Orbin H. Doss	1109 E. 11 St. Shawnee, Okla.
R. C. Hampton,	Earlsboro, Okla.
Guy H. McGuire,	521 E. Ada, Shawnee, Okla.
George Taylor,	Seminole, Okla.
Joe Mooneyham	535 N. Louisa, Shawnee, Okla.
E. J. Guinn	414 N. Penn., Shawnee, Okla.
C. W. Argo,	Rt. No. 2, Moore, Okla.
Oscar Followill	531 S. Ponca, Norman, Okla.
B. C. Munkus,	Rt. 3, Box 105, Norman, Okla.
W. E. Dearmore,	Wanette, Okla.
Roy C. Trice,	Rt. No. 1, Tecumseh, Okla.
Clay Richey,	Rt. No. 2, Blanchard, Okla. Visitor
Arthur Hearn	4601 Melrose Lane, Oklahoma City

T. C. Christian Box 151, Norman, Okla.
 Mattie Epperson, Tecumseh, Okla.
 Harry Staires, Oklahoma City, Okla.
 A. B. Epperson, Tecumseh, Okla.

DEACON'S ROLL

B. C. Wilson, Rt. 1, Lexington, Okla.
 C. W. Argo, Rt. 3, Norman, Okla.
 H. E. Stevenson, Earlsboro, Okla.
 B. F. Maxwell, Tecumseh, Okla.
 L. R. Kiker, Rt. No. 3, Maud, Okla.
 Lester O. Lemmon, Box 62, Tecumseh, Okla.
 H. W. Lynn, Dale, Okla.
 H. C. Bowlan, Rt. No. 1, Earlsboro, Okla.
 William L. Rush, 410 S. E. 19, Oklahoma City

DELEGATE'S ROLL

Daisy Davis, Tecumseh, Okla.
 Thelma Clark, 643 S.E. Oklahoma City, Okla.
 Delcie Green, 406 N. Center, Shawnee, Okla.
 Mamie Stevenson, Earlsboro,, Okla.
 R. L. Hollis, 1226 E. 10th, Shawnee, Okla.
 Dorothy Hurst, Pleasant Hill Church,, Moore, Okla.
 Pearl Taylor, Wolf Church, Snomac, Okla.
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 Mrs. Nora Rasure, Earlsboro, Okla.
 W. B. Rasure, Earlsboro, Okla.
 Mrs. Thelma Trice Tecumseh, Okla.
 Mrs. Trula Thompson, Spring Hill Church, Lexington, Okla.
 Milford Bowlan, Rt. No. 1, Earlsboro, Okla.
 Opal Hearron, 4601 Melrose, Oklahoma City, Okla.

No. baptized; No. dismissed; No. died;
total membership Condition of prayer meeting
Condition of Sunday School; average number of pupils.....
No. of officers; No. of teachers....., Paid pastor \$.....;
Paid evangelist \$.....; Missions, home\$....., foreign \$.....
for building and repair \$.....; for education \$..... publi-
cation \$..... Amount enclosed for minutes \$.....; Pastor's
name and address

LETTER TO ASSOCIATION

To the of Free Will Baptist when
convened with the church at
19 We send as delegates our beloved brethren;

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whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your deliberations.

State of religion Members received this year

Names and addresses of ministers belonging to our
church

Done by order of church assembled
in conference this day of 19.....

Moderator,

Clerk,

Remarks:

FREE WILL BAPTIST 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 the 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 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.

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 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.

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 souls, and the conversion 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 Testaments are the infallible Word of God, and the only safe rule of faith and

practice.—2 Tim. 3:16, 17; 2 Peter 1:20,21.

2. That there is but one true and living God, and in the God-Head or Divine Essence, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. —Gen. 1:1; 1 John 5:7.

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

4. That Salvation, Regeneration, Sanctification, Justification and Redemption are by the Life, Death, Resurrection, Ascension and Intercession of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.—Acts 4:12; Titus 3:5.

5. That he that shall endure to the end, the same shall be saved. —Matt. 24:13; Rev. 2:10.

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

7. That Baptism and the Lord's Supper, and the washing of the saints' feet are the ordinances of Jesus Christ, appointed in the church, and none but true believers are proper subjects, and the only proper mode of Baptism is Immersion.—Mark 1:4, 9, 10; Luke 23:30; John 13:14.

8. We believe in the sanctity of the first day of the week or the Lord's day, and that it ought to be observed and spent in the public or private worship of God, and that on it we should abstain from our worldly concerns except in cases of necessity and mercy.—Ex. 31:15; Deut. 5:12; Matt. 12:12.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the body, both of the just and the 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 be singly engaged to promote the honor of God.—John 13:35; Gal. 6:10.

11. We believe that Jesus Christ by the grace of God tasted death for every man; yet none can partake of his divine benefit only by his repentance towards God and faith in the Lord Jesus

Christ, infants and idiots excepted.—Acts 20:21; Tim. 2:5,6; John 3:14-16; I Cor. 15:20,22; Romans 5:15.

12. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is the door into the church, that Baptism is a duty in answer to a good conscience.—John 10:7; I Peter 3:21.

13. We believe that the Lord's people are one in Him, and therefore should be one at His table.—I Cor. 1:1, 11, 27, 28; John 17:11.

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 reflection 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. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded.
8. No one shall 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 a 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 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. Right hand of fellowship and seating delegates.
5. Election of Officers.
6. Petitionary letters called for.
7. Reading Rules of Order
8. Invite visiting brethren to seats in council.
9. Appointment of Committees.
10. Unfinished Business.
11. New Business.
12. Reports of Committees.
13. Miscellaneous Business.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR MISSIONS

1. President in charge.
2. Song or songs.
3. Prayer.
4. Leader read Scripture, have prayer and turn the meeting back to the president.
5. Reading minutes of the previous meeting.
6. Treasurer's Report.
7. Unfinished Business
8. Reports of Committees.
9. New Business.
10. Report of sick and needy.
11. Suggestions for good of the Mission.
12. Song and offering.

