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**The
First Oklahoma
Association
of
Free Will Baptist**

1945

**Proceedings of the
48th. Annual Session**

**Convened at
Shawnee, Okla.**

MINUTES
OF THE
FORTY EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
FIRST OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH

When convened at the Associational Camp Ground, at
Shawnee, Oklahoma, Thursday and Friday, Aug. 23-24,
1945

OFFICERS

Moderator, Rev. Harry E. Staires, Okla. City, Okla.
Ass't. Mod., Rev. A. B. Epperson, Tecumseh, Okla.
Clerk, Rev. Arthur Hearron, Oklahoma City, Okla.
Ass't. Clerk, Rev. Reford Wilson, Lexington, Okla.

Next Session will be held in Associational Tabernacle
at Camp Ground in Shawnee, Okla., Aug. 24-25, 1945.

Free Will Baptist Gem, 211 Bond St. Monett, Missouri

PROCEEDINGS

Following a ten day camp meeting conducted by Rev. A. B. Epperson and Rev. Guy McGuire in which 23 souls were saved, our 48th Annual Session of the First Oklahoma Association met at our Associational Camp Ground, under our New Tabernacle, Aug. 23-24, 1945.

Opened Thursday Morning Aug. 23, 1945, by singing, "Nothing but the Blood of Jesus" and "I'll be Satisfied", led by Rev. Arthur Hearron from Oklahoma City. Prayer by Rev. E. E. Morris from Ada, Okla., a visiting minister from the Center Association.

Devotional services conducted by Rev. Harry E. Staires from Oklahoma City. Scripture used was the 6th chapter of II Cor.

Letters called for, read and received. The following churches reported: Shawnee, Pleasant Hill, Tecumseh, Earlsboro, North View, Wolf, Spring Hill, Central Avenue, Oklahoma City, Paden and New Bethlehem.

Delegates were seated and the right hand of fellowship was given them with all rights and privileges to seats in council and our deliberations.

Temporary Committee was appointed to select a minister for the 11 o'clock services; Rev. Weatherman was selected for the Devotional and Rev. McCage and Rev. Vard. Wood for the preaching hour.

Moved and carried to adjourn until 1:30 p.m.

Eleven o'clock services were opened by singing, "The Glory Land Way" led by Bro. Charles Smith from The Mission Association who was visiting with us. Prayer by Sister Hattie Newman from the same Association, also visiting.

Special quartet number, "Rocked on the Deep" arranged by Bro. Charles Smith. This was a fine musical number rendered in the power of the Spirit.

Devotional service conducted by Rev. Rex Weatherman from the Mission Association who was a visiting minister. Wonderful meeting was enjoyed by all present.

A quartet was rendered by a group of young Christians from the Mission Association, "To My Waiting Heart". This was a real treat to us, the song was sang with the power of the Spirit.

Preaching service by Rev. F. M. McCage, a visiting minister from Bristow, Okla. Subject, "Press Forward" scripture used Philemon 3:13-15, text Philemon 3:14. An encouraging message was given to us very ably delivered and brought joy to our hearts. Concluded by Rev. Vard Wood, a visiting minister from Sulphur, Okla. The power of God was with him. Closing song "Just over in the Glory Land," led by Bro. Charles Smith, while we enjoyed a good old fashioned hand shake, there was shouting among the Brethren and Sisters. God was present.

Dismissed by Rev. Tate Kirby of First Church, Oklahoma City.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened by singing led by Sister Thompson. Devotional conducted by Rev. George Taylor from Wolf Church. Scripture used, Psalms 46. Prayer by Rev. B. C. Munkus from Pleasant Hill Church.

Called for the election of officers. Rev. Harry E. Staires, pastor of Central Avenue Church, Oklahoma City was elected Moderator; Rev. A. B. Epperson, pastor of Tecumseh Church was elected Assistant Moderator; Rev. Arthur Hearron, pastor of Pleasant Hill Church was elected Clerk and Rev. Reford Wilson, State League Evangelist, was elected Assistant Clerk.

Rev. Ralph Hampton, pastor of the Shawnee Church was elected to serve on the Executive Board from 1945-1950.

Rev. Guy McGuire was elected to serve on the Executive Board from 1945-1948 to fill the unexpired term of Rev. Orban Doss who moved to the Mission Ass'n.

Rev. Clyde Argo was elected to serve on the Executive Board from 1945-1947, to fill the unexpired term of Rev. Arthur Downs who moved to California.

Called for Petitionary letters; there was none.

Moved and carried to show appreciation to officers of the Association who were re-elected for another year. We as officers appreciate the confidence and co-operation of our good Brethren and Sisters.

Rules of Order were read by Rev. Reford Wilson, Ass't. Clerk.

Right hand of fellowship was given by Rev. A. B. Epperson to our visiting Ministers who were invited to

set with us and advise us in our deliberations.

Motion carried that the Moderator and Ass't. Moderator be empowered to appoint all committees.

Committee on Divine Services—Rev. Ralph Hampton Bro. Earl Stevenson, Bro. Yeager, Bro. B. C. Wilson and Bro. Lawton Hurst.

Credential Committee—Rev. Ralph Hampton, Rev. A. B. Epperson, Rev. Guy McGuire, Rev. George Taylor and Rev. W. E. Dearmore.

Obituary Committee—Sister Hightower, Sis. Thompson, Sister Pearce, Bro. Tom Fry and Bro. J. D. Anderson.

Finance Committee—Sister Mae Mooneyhan, Bro. Tom Blackburn, Bro. Bowlan, Sister McClain and Bro. J. T. Hurst.

League Committee—Bro. E. C. Ketchum, Bro. Charles Sapp, Rev. Clyde Argo, Sister Myrtle Mixon and Sister Dorothy Waddle.

Resolution Committee—Rev. J. P. Frye, Rev. Luther Waddle, Rev. B. C. Munkus, Rev. Ira Smithey and Bro. Roy Thompson.

Prayer Meeting Committee—Sister A. B. Epperson, Sister Barnett, Sister Harry E. Staires, Sister Lawton Hurst and Sister Foust.

Sunday School Committee—Sister George Taylor, Sister Dawson, Bro. Lemmons, Sister B. C. Munkus and Bro. Stewart.

Orphanage Committee—Sister Ralph Hampton, Sister Earleen Parris, Sister Stokes, Bro. Robert Kiker and Sister Wiley.

Publication Committee—Sister Bertha Bonds, Sister Guinn, Sister Robert Kiker, Sister Akins and Bro. Lynn.

Pulpit Committee reports they have selected Rev. W. H. Carter, one of our Pioneer Ministers from Mission Association who is visiting with us will conduct the devotional at the evening service and Rev. E. E. Morris, pastor of the Ada, Okla. church will bring the message.

Orphanage Committee reports as follows: The Free Will Baptist of Oklahoma have purchased a State Orphanage for \$8,000.00 and approximately \$6,400.00 has

been raised, leaving a balance of \$1,600.00, Therefore we Recommend that this Association pledge \$600.00 to be raised within the next thirty days—motion carried to accept the report.

Rev. F. M. McCage and Rev. E. E. Morris gave a good talk on our Orphanage and \$702.00 was raised in an offering. A real spiritual meeting was enjoyed by all, and our people responded splendidly for this worthy cause.

Motion carried to adjourn until 9 o'clock Friday morning, Aug. 24. Dismissal prayer by Bro. Lemmons from Tecumseh.

THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION

Opened by congregational singing conducted by Rev. Arthur Hearron, from Oklahoma City. Prayer by Bro. Ted Shipley from Wewoka, Okla., a visiting Brother.

Rev. Harry E. Staires took an offering to finish paying off our Tabernacle and Camp Ground. Pledges amounting to \$680.00 were given and \$45.50 cash was donated making a total of \$725.50.

Rev. W. H. Carter led the devotional services and a good old fashioned testimony meeting was enjoyed by all, Rev. Carter is one of the best in devotional, being a Godly man, he can bring the Power of the Spirit down.

A quartet of young people from the Mission rendered a fine song "Rocked on the Deep".

Rev. E. E. Morris from the Center Association filled the preacher's stand using as a subject, "Deliverance" He used as a text, Dan. 6:16. He preached a fine message under the leadership of the Holy Spirit and four souls were saved.

Dismissal prayer by Rev. Orban Doss, pastor of Wewoka Church in the Mission Association.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened by singing "I Would Not be Denied" led by Rev. Arthur Hearron from Oklahoma City. Prayer by Rev. W. H. Carter, Bristow, Okla.

Devotional conducted by Rev. Ira Smithey, Oklahoma City, scripture Phillipians 2nd. chapter. Prayer by Sister Hattie Newman from Drumright, Okla.

Right hand of fellowship was given to Rev. John West pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Tulsa. He was a visiting minister.

Motion carried to accept the report of the League Committee and discharge them.

Motion carried to accept the report of the Prayer Meeting Committee and discharge them.

Motion carried to accept the report of the Publication Committee and discharge them.

Motion carried to accept the report of the Finance Committee and discharge them.

Motion carried to accept the report of the Obituary Committee and discharge them.

Motion to accept Treasurer's report and retain him.

Motion carried to accept Resolutions Committee report and release them.

Motion carried to adjourn until 1:00 o'clock p.m.

Dismissal prayer by Rev. Reford Wilson.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICES

Opened by singing "This World is not My Home", led by Rev. Arthur Hearron. Prayer by Rev. Vard Woods of Sulphur, Okla., Center Association.

Rev. Ira Smithey had charge of the Devotional services.

Special song, "When I've gone the Last Mile of the Way", by Sisters Mildred Cash and Earleen Parris, dedicated to Rev. W. E. Dearmore and Rev. W. H. Carter two of our pioneer ministers.

Sister Hattie Newman, a visiting minister from the Mission Association filled the preacher's stand using as a text Num. 13. Subject "Be of good Courage". She is an able minister and preached a wonderful message under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. A hand shake of appreciation was given her.

Dismissed by Bro. E. C. Ketchum of Shawnee church.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened services by singing "An Empty Mansion", led by Bro. Lemmons from Tecumseh church.

Scripture read by Rev. Charles Sapp, Oklahoma City 1st. Psalm was used.

Prayer by Rev. W. A. Land, Dale, Okla.

Sunday School Committee report was accepted and committee released. Rev. Ira Smithey of Oklahoma City was selected as Associational Sunday School Superintendent.

Minutes of League Rally were read and approved.

Reports from the following Ministers were read and accepted: Rev. Harry E. Staires, Oklahoma City; Rev. B. C. Munkus, Norman, Okla.; Rev. Guy H. McGuire of Paden, Okla.; Rev. Reford Wilson, Lexington, Okla. Rev. Orban Doss of Wewoka, Okla.; Rev. Clyde Argo, Norman, Okla.; Rev. Ralph Hampton, Shawnee, Okla. Rev. W. A. Land (Verbal report); Rev. Tichner, Earlsboro., (Verbal report).

Report of the Credential Committee was accepted as regards Bro. Tichner.

Credential reports favorably on ordaining Rev. Arthur Hearron and licensing Bro. Charles Sapp, Claud Rush and Sister Joyce McMullin accepted.

Minutes of the Ladies' Auxiliary read and accepted.

Rev. Ralph Hampton and Rev. Reford Wilson were elected to the preaching for our Camp Meeting next year.

Rev. A. B. Epperson was selected to preach the Introductory message at our next Association. Rev. W. A. Land, alternate.

The first Quarterly Meeting will be at Wolf Church on Thursday 9 a.m., November 17-18, 1945.

The second Quarterly Meeting will meet at Spring Hill Church on Thursday morning 9:00 o'clock a.m. Feb. 16-17, 1946.

Third Quarterly Meeting will meet at Paden Church Thursday morning, 9:00 o'clock a.m., May 18-19, 1946.

Introductory Sermon at First Quarterly Meeting will be preached by Rev. Joe Mooneyhan, Rev. Guy McGuire alternate.

Motion carried to have introductory sermon on Thursday night at each Quarterly Meeting.

The following delegates were elected to our State Association: Bro. E. C. Ketchum, Sister Lucille Hampton, Sister Barnett, Sister Earleen Parris and Rev. Reford Wilson; Alternates: Sister Lawton Hurst, Sister Dawson, Sister Hightower, Sister B. C. Munkus and

Sister Dorothy Waddle.

Motion carried to send \$10.00 to our State Association for our part on the Minutes.

Motion carried for each church in our Association send in \$2.00 per month to pay for our Camp Meeting.

Report of Executive Board read and accepted.

(By-Law No. 14.) Moved and carried that when a church has died, (no pastor for two years) The Association have the power to take possession of that church property, to protect the welfare of the denomination.

Minutes were read, corrected and approved.

Moved and carried to adjourn until our next session of the First Oklahoma Association, August 24-25, 1946.

Dismissed by Rev. Charles Sapp, Oklahoma City.

Committee Reports

Resolutions:

1. Be it resolved that Tuesday preceeding the Association be designated as League Day.
2. Be it resolved that the First Oklahoma Association build two dormitories 16' by 50', one for the boys and one for the girls.
3. We recommend that Sister Vivion Ketchum and Rev. Ralph Hampton be placed over the dormitories for our Youth Camp.
4. Be it resolved that at our Quarterly Meetings the Women's Auxiliary day be exchanged for the business day.
5. Be it resolved that we elect an Associational Sunday School Superintendant.
6. Be it resolved that each church in the Association pay \$2.00 per month for Evangelist Fund for the Camp Meeting.
7. Be it resolved that we hold a Youth Camp during our Camp Meeting.
8. Be it resolved that this body give a vote of thanks to the Shawnee Church for the courtesy and hospitality they have shown us during this Association and Camp Meeting.

Prayer Meeting Committee:

We, Your Committee on Prayer Meeting beg to report: We find the need for Prayer Meeting very neces-

sary for the upbuilding of the Church and recommend that each of our churches have at least one prayer service each week, and make a report of the average attendance at each Quarterly Meeting.

Finance Committee:

We, your Finance Committee beg to report the following: Money received for minutes \$45.00. For Evangelist Fund \$123.75. For Camp Ground and expenses \$61.00. Finding ourselves in debt \$900.00 we are asking that pledges and offerings be given to cover this amount.

Obituary Committee:

We your Obituary Committee find that the following have passed from our midst since we last met: Bro. Earnest Bailey, Box; Sister Celia Lee, Central Ave. Church, Oklahoma City; Bro. Jess Houts, Central Ave. Church, Oklahoma City; Bro. Wesley Moulder, Spring Hill Church; Bro. Tom Houk, New Bethlehem Church. We pray God to bless their loved ones in their loss of these our good Brethren and Sisters.

Publication Committee:

We your Publication recommend that we print 800 minutes. Also that the minutes be published by the Free Will Baptist Gem, and that our members subscribe and support Free Will Baptist Publications and use Free Will Baptist Literature in our different churches.

Orphanage Committee:

We, your Orphanage Committee wish to report as follows: We have bought an Orphanage near Ringling, Oklahoma for \$8,000.00 and that approximately \$6,400 has been raised, therefore; we recommend that this Association pledge \$600.00 to be paid within the next thirty days.

(Rev. F. M. McCage gave an interesting talk on the Orphanage, as to size and amount of cost. We have 306 acres of land and have all rights except $\frac{1}{4}$ of 5 acres. There are 3,000 pecan trees, 1,000 paper shell; 17 room house stucco and plaster, 13 out buildings, large barn, dairy barn and chicken house. He caused us all to be very enthusiastic about what the Lord had given us.)

Sunday School Committee:

We your Sunday School Committee believe that a

good Sunday School is essential to any Free Will Baptist Church, and we recommend that all our Sunday Schools use Free Will Baptist Literature, and teachers of the Free Will Baptist faith. Also recommend that First Oklahoma elect a General Superintendant to visit and encourage Sunday Schools. (Rev. Ira Smithey was elected for that place).

League Committee:

We, your League Committee wish to report: There have been approximately 23 souls saved and added to the various leagues during the past year. Two Leagues in our Association have been re-organized and one League came into our Association. The Lord has called a number of our young Leaguers into the Ministry and we are proud of the efficient leaders the League has produced. We are happy to report the next State League Rally will be held at our own First Oklahoma Associational Camp Ground in Shawnee. Our Leagues have received and paid out approximately \$1,000.00 during the past year to promote the Cause of Christ. Pray for us.

Credential Committee:

We, your Credential Committee find upon examination that Bro. Arthur Hearron be recommended to be ordained to the ministry. We also find Bro. Charles Sapp be recommended to be licensed to preach for 12 months. Bro. Claud Rush, upon being examined is recommended to be licensed to preach for one year. We recommend that Sister Joyce McMullen's license be renewed for one year. Upon examination, we find Bro. Tickner is not a legal member of this Association, and we recommend that he go back to First Free Will Baptist Church, Oklahoma City a member of the Mission Association and make restitution.

Church Letters

CENTRAL AVENUE—State of religion, good; members received 44; dismissed 15; deceased 3; total membership 254; Sunday School, good; average attendance 125; officers 5; teachers 9; paid pastor \$2600.00; paid evangelist \$250.00; Home Missions \$129.00; Foreign Missions \$76.00; for buildings and repairs \$4,131.00; for education \$50.00; for publications \$120.00; for janitor \$300.00; for orphanage \$433.00; incidentals \$125;

for minutes \$5.00; paid on Camp and Tabernacle \$325; League paid out \$371.80; value of church property \$14,000.00; total paid out \$8,928.80. Harry E. Staires, pastor, Jack Mangrum, Clerk. Note: We recommend Bro. Claud Rush and Bro. Charles Sapp be licensed to preach and Bro. Arthur Hearn be ordained to the ministry).

SHAWNEE CHURCH—State of religion, good; members received this year, 20; members dismissed, 9; number baptized, 4; total membership, 95; condition of prayer meeting, good; condition of Sunday School, good average attendance, 60; number of officers, 2; number of teachers, 5; amount paid pastor, \$2,040.00; paid evangelist, \$145.00; Home Missions \$309.00; Foreign Missions \$46.36; building and repairs, \$192.00; paid out for education \$228.00; publication, \$65.00; Rev. Ralph Hampton, 129 S. Draper, pastor; Rev. Joe Mooneyhan, Clerk.

(Note We recommend for renewal of license for the ministry, Bro. Earl Guinn, Sister Joyce McMullen and Bro. Joe Mooneyhan.

TECUMSEH CHURCH—State of religion, good; members received, 3; members dismissed, none; total membership, 69; Sunday School, good; average attendance, 50; condition of prayer meeting, good; amount paid pastor, \$600.00; paid evangelist, \$62.50; paid for building and repairs, \$153.86; to Association, \$5.00; miscellaneous expenses, \$205.68; pastor, Rev. A. B. Epperson, Tecumseh, Okla.; Sister Vivian Davis, Clerk.

PLEASANT HILL—State of religion, good; condition of Sunday School, good; average attendance, 45; paid out to Associational building program \$125.00; building and repairs, \$85.24; fuel \$24.00; insurance, \$8.50; Camp Meeting Fund, \$24.00; pastor's salary, \$100.00; other ministers, \$32.00; old ministers, \$6.00; evangelist, \$65.00; miscellaneous, \$63.58; charity, \$10.12; total expenditures, \$543.44; dismissed by letter, 1; by request, 1; additions to church, 14; baptized 9; conversions, 17; total membership, 86; resident members, 60; pastor, Rev. Arthur Hearn, Oklahoma City; Sister Ruth Munkus, Clerk.

NORTH VIEW—State of religion, good; membership, 17; dismissed by letter, 3; Sunday School, good; average attendance, 18; League membership, 20; inter-

est, good; pastor, Rev. Roy Trice; Sister Bernice Carr Clerk.

SPRING HILL—State of religion, good; members received, none; number baptized, none; dismissed, none; excluded, none; number deceased, 2; resident members 68; non-resident members, 148; total membership, 216; condition of prayer meeting, good; condition of Sunday School, good; average attendance, 45; number of officers 7; condition of League, good; League membership, 21; value of church property, \$1900.00; amount paid pastor, \$140.00; paid for evangelist work, \$47.80; amount for publications, \$34.80; for minutes, \$5.00; we have no pastor at present; Sister Dorothy Waddle, Clerk.

NEW BETHLEHEM—State of religion, good; condition of Sunday School, good; members received, none number baptized, none (have 4 candidates now); number dismissed, none; number deceased, 1; average attendance, 25; officers, 5; teachers, 3; paid evangelist \$19.00; paid visiting ministers, \$25.00; building and repairs \$40.00; for minutes, \$5.00; for Camp Meeting \$6.00; pastor, Rev. Joe. Mooneyhan, Shawnee, Okla.; Sister Tom Stokes, Clerk.

(Note: The church at New Bethlehem has been re-organized after having gone through a period of hardships, and we think this is a good report).

EARLSBORO—State of religion, good; members received this year, 4; members joining other churches, 18 total membership, 45; condition of Sunday School, good average attendance, 40; officers, 5; teachers, 4; deacons, 3; paid pastor, \$700.00; visiting ministers, \$49; janitor, \$55.00; publications, \$34.32; other expenses, \$295.32; total expenditures, \$1,134.18; pastor, Bro. W. C. Tickner, Earlsboro, Oklahoma; Sister Earl Stevenson, clerk.

PADEN—State of religion, good; Sunday School, good; resident members, 50; non resident members, 35 total membership, 85; enclosed for minutes, \$5.00; pastor, Rev. Guy McGuire, Prague, Oklahoma; Sister Ora Mitchell, Clerk.

WOLF—State of religion, good; members received, 9; members dismissed, none; number deceased, none; paid pastor, \$81.35; paid evangelist, \$46.00; paid visit-

ing ministers, \$13.90; paid into Association Building Program, \$25.00; Camp Meeting expense, \$24.00; repairs to building, \$74.16; condition of Sunday School, good; Prayer meeting, good; pastor, Rev. Geo. Taylor Sumac, Okla.; Sister Sarah A. Harris, Clerk.

MINUTES OF LADIES AUXILIARY

The second annual session of the Woman's Auxiliary of the First Oklahoma Association met in Conference Aug. 22, 1945. Meeting called to order by First Vice President, Sister Earleen Parris due to the absence of the President. Sister Pattie McClain of Oklahoma City directed the singing.

Sister Glenna Staires of Oklahoma City was appointed temporary secretary. Scripture readding 23rd. Psalm by the President in charge. Prayer by Sister Nettie Barnett. Letters were received from Tecumseh and Oklahoma City Auxiliaries.

Rules of order were read. A nominating committee was elected as follows: Sister Nettie Barnett of Oklahoma City, Sister Daisy Pierce of Shawnee and Sister Myrtle Trice of Tecumseh.

Motion to adjourn until 1 o'clock. Dismissed by Sis. Ruth Hightower.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICES

Opened by singing, "When we All Get to Heaven" prayer by Sister Lucille Hampton. Devotional led by Sister Montgomery of Drumright. Girls quartet from Drumright and Shawnee girl's quartet favored us with special numbers.

Rev. A. B. Epperson, Tecumseh, brought the message of the hour. Text, 2nd. chapter of St. John. Closed with song and handshake. Dismissed in prayer by Sister Doris Tate, Shawnee.

ONE O'CLOCK SERVICES

Opened by singing "I Would Not Miss it Would You" Scripture lesson, Romans 13th. chapter read by Sister Ruth Hightower of Tecumseh. Prayer, Sister Mae Mooneyhan, Shawnee. Auxiliary reports read and accepted. Report of Nominating Committee read and accepted. Officers for the ensuing year are as follows:

President, Sister Glenna Staires, 1904 S. Central Ave., Oklahoma City; 1st. Vice President, Sister Pattie McClain, 416 S. E. 17th., Oklahoma City; 2nd. Vice President; Sister Daisy Pierce, 518 E. Ada, Shawnee; 3rd. Vice President, Sister Daisy Davis, Gen. Del. Tecumseh; 4th. Vice President, Sister Nettie Barnett, Oklahoma City, 324 S. E. 21st.; 5th. Vice President, Sister Lucille Hampton, 129 S. Draper, Shawnee, Okla.; Treasurer; Sister Mae Mooneyhan, 535 N. Louisa, Shawnee, Oklahoma; Recording and Corresponding Secretary, Sister Earleen Parris, 429 N. Chapman, Shawnee, Okla. Field Worker, Sister Mildred Cash, 536 N. Douglas, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Sister Elizabeth Patten of Shawnee and Sister Myrtle Trice of Tecumseh were elected as delegates to the State Auxiliary Convention; alternates were Sister Ruth Hightower of Tecumseh and Sister Vivian Ketchum of Shawnee. Rev. Harry Staires of Oklahoma City was elected to bring the message at our next Association.

The President was granted the power to appoint a committee for the equipping of the cafe for our Association Camp Ground. Those appointed were: Sister Pattie McClain, chairman; Sister Mildred Cash and Sister Myrtle Trice.

Pledges to be paid on the indebtedness of our Camp Ground were taken amounting to \$105.00.

Rev. Ralph Hampton, Shawnee, was elected as the minister to bring the message at the First Quarterly Meeting.

A round table discussion was held pertaining to our State Orphanage.

Motion carried that our Field Worker with our Auxiliary workers is to meet the second Friday night in Sept. for the purpose of organizing an Auxiliary at Paden.

Motion carried for our First Vice President, Sister Pattie McClain order literature to distribute among our auxiliaries, funds to be taken from our treasurer.

Minutes of the previous year's meeting were read and approved.

Moved and carried that our Association is to use the form in the back of the year book to report to our State Meeting.

Moved and carried that we present to the Association that we exchange days with the business day at the Quarterly Meeting.

Motion carried that at our next Quarterly Meeting we have an Orphanage Program.

Motion carried that we pay \$5.00 on the cost of printing of our Minutes in which our Auxiliary minutes will appear.

Report of the Treasurer was read and accepted.

Moved and carried to buy a secretary and treasurer ledger.

Motion carried to have a program to be presented at the next Association.

Minutes of the day's session were read and accepted.

Motion carried to adjourn with a song.

All the officers were extended the right hand of fellowship.

Dismissed until our next regular Association. Rev. Guy McGuire prayed the benediction prayer.

Report of the Executive Meeting

The Executive Committee met in a called meeting and business was transacted as follows: Our Associational Women's Work is to contribute \$25.00 from our treasury making a total of \$130.00 to be paid on our Camp Ground. A dozen Manuals are to be obtained for the use of the Field Worker.

Auxiliary Reports

OKLAHOMA CITY—New members, 3; number on roll, 15; average attendance, 8; served lunches in two bereaved homes; sent 6 death sprays; sent 6 bouquets of flowers to the sick; sponsored one week of prayer preceeding Easter; held 10 day's vacation Bible School; paid on our State Orphanage, \$22.00; to Foreign Missions, \$8.00; to Bible College, \$4.00; to Superannuation fund, \$12.00; amount received \$128.00; paid out \$121.

TECUMSEH—New members, 1; number on roll, 15 average attendance, 5; paid for ministerial relief, \$100; for Red Cross, \$5.00; repairs on church, \$135.00; miscellaneous expenses, \$160.40; total expenses, \$310.40; balance on hand \$210.43; gave two pot plants and four sprays to the sick.

SHAWNEE—New members, 4; number on roll, 27; average attendance, 10; sent 1 death spray; sent 5 potted flowers; Foreign Missions, \$14.35; Orphanage donation, \$5.00; educational offering, \$12.00; special offering, \$10.00; paid on Camp Ground, \$25.00; paid on parsonage, \$25.00; total amount paid out, \$182.61; balance in treasury, \$13.23.

MINUTES OF THE FIRST OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION LEAGUE BUSINESS MEETING

Tuesday morning, August 21, 1945:

Opened by singing "Just Over in the Glory Land" led by Brother Ray Martin of Oklahoma City, prayer by Rev. Reford Wilson, Lexington, Oklahoma.

Scripture reading Eccl. 12 chapter by Rev. Charles Sapp, of Oklahoma City.

Minutes of the July 29 Rally read and approved, minutes of August 16, 1944 were read and approved. Report of Treasurer, Bro. Ray Martin, read and approved.

Letters read from Pleasant Hill, Spring Hill, Shawnee Junior and Seniors, Oklahoma City Juniors and Seniors, approved.

Oral report from the Paden League was accepted.

The right hand of fellowship was given to Paden and to all visitors from the First Mission Association.

Motion carried to adjourn until 1:30 o'clock, dismissed by Bro. Jimmy Williams.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Opened by singing "I'm Not Ashamed" led by Sister Wanda Keller of Drumright. Devotional service led by Bro. Jimmy Williams of Shawnee. Special song by Drumright Girl's quartet. Rev. Harry Staires brought an inspiring message subject "Double Portion." Scripture reading 2 Kings 2:9. Closed with a good altar service and four conversions. Dismissed by Bro. Ketchum, Shawnee.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened by singing, "I Would Not Miss It Would You?" led by Bro. Charles Sapp, Oklahoma City. Prayer by Sister Lillian Argo, Norman. Devotional led by

Bro. Wilburn Hurst, Norman, Scripture reading 23rd. Psalms.

Opened for business by Bro. E. C. Ketchum, president.

Report of the League Board given by Rev. Guy McGuire, Sprague, accepted. The following officers were elected: Sponsor, Rev. Harry Staires, Oklahoma City; President, Bro. E. C. Ketchum, Shawnee; Vice President, Rev. Charles Sapp, Oklahoma City; Recording Secretary, Sister Joyce McMullen, Shawnee; Corresponding Secretary, Sister Jewel Barnett, Oklahoma City; Treasurer, Sister Fay Pierce; Choir Leader, Sister Thelma Dawson; Pianist, Sister Laverda Mae Green.

LEAGUE BOARD—Rev. Reford Wilson, Lexington; Bro. Norman Ray, Oklahoma City; Bro. Ray Martin, Oklahoma City; Bro. Roy Waddle, Lexington.

Rallies for the coming year were set as follows: September 30, 1945, Camp Ground, Shawnee; December 30, 1945, Paden Church; March 31, 1946, Oklahoma City; June 30, 1946, Camp Ground, Shawnee.

The Minister for the First Rally is to be Rev. Joe Mooneyhan, Shawnee; alternate, Bro. Jimmy Williams.

Motion carried that the chair appoint all committees.

The following committees were appointed:

PULPIT: Sister Fay Pierce, chairman; Bro. Ray Martin and Sister Margeret Thompson.

RESOLUTIONS: Rev. Charles Sapp, chairman; Bro. Jimmy Williams and Sister Lillian Argo.

BUSINESS: Rev. Reford Wilson, chairman; Bro. Norman Ray and Sister Dorothy Hurst.

Committees were excused.

The Pulpit Committee report that those to bring the evening message were Rev. Reford and Rev. Ralph Hampton.

Bro. Jimmy Williams was elected to bring the introductory message at yearly League Meeting 1946.

After a short recess, Sister Glenna Staires gave us a lesson on, "Why Have a Senior Free Will Baptist League?"

Report of Business Committee:

I. We, your Business Committee, believe that the Leagues should pay toward the expenses of the Camp

Ground \$300.00 and that \$100.00 be taken from our treasury, the other \$200.00 to be in pledges to be paid later.

II. We recommend that the League Board work with the Executive Board of our Association to make rules governing the Camp Ground.

III. We recommend that the minutes of each session be compiled in a ledger and kept for a record.

IV. We recommend to the Association that they build two dormitorys—one for the girls and one for the boys 16'x50'.

V. We recommend to the Association that Sister Vivian Ketchum and Rev. Ralph Hampton be placed in charge as sponsors over the dormitories at our Camp Ground.

Motion carried that these recommendations be accepted.

Motion carried that our treasurer care for the expense of our secretaries.

REPORT OF RESOLUTION COMMITTEE:

I. Be it resolved that the Shawnee League have a chance in winning the Attendance Banner at the two League Rallies at the Camp Ground.

II. Be it resolved that the League that wins the Program Banner the most times be given a pennant award.

III. Be it resolved, that the League that wins the attendance banner the most times be given a permanent award.

Motion carried to accept this report.

REPORT OF LEAGUE BOARD:

We, your League Board submit the following report: Rev. Ralph Hampton, elected Chairman, Bro. Norman Ray, elected Clerk; report accepted.

Motion carried that we pay \$5.00 on printing of our minutes.

Pictures of Christ the Good Shepherd were given to Shawnee for winning the program banner more times than any other church, accepted by Bro. Jimmy Williams.

Picture of Christ The Good Shepherd was given to Oklahoma City for winning the attendance banner

more than any other church, accepted by Bro. Norman Ray, President.

Motion carried that we authorize our treasurer to pay all over \$200.00 that was pledged to our Camp Ground Fund.

A vote of thanks was given the out going officers for their splendid work.

Prayer for installation of new officers by Rev. Clyde Argo.

Minutes of session read and approved. Motion carried to adjourn. Dismissed by Bro. E. C. Ketchum.

SPONSORS AND PRESIDENT:

PLEASANT HILL: President, Bro. Perry Argo, Rt. 3, Norman, Okla.

Sponsor, Bro. Lawton Hurst, Rt. 3, Norman, Okla.

PADEN: President, Josephine Wiley, Rt. 1, Paden, Okla.

Sponsor, Thelma Dawson, Box 694, Paden, Okla.

SPRING HILL: President, Bro. Roy Waddle, Rt. 1 Lexington, Okla.

Sponsor, Sis. Dorothy Waddle, Rt. 1, Lexington, Okla

OKLAHOMA CITY: President, Bro. Norman Ray, 741 S. W. 45th., Okla. City, Okla.

Sponsor, Sister Gladys Shinn, 312 S. E. 17th., Okla. City, Okla.

SHAWNEE: President, Bro. Jimmy Williams, 412 N. Okla. Shawnee, Okla.

Sponsor, Bro. Tommy Edwards, 216 N. McKinley, Shawnee, Okla.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

Executive Board organized: Rev. Harry Staires, Oklahoma City, chairman; Rev. Ralph Hampton, Shawnee, Okla., clerk.

Motion carried to extend Bro. Guinn's License for one year to preach the Gospel.

Motion carried to ordain Bro. Joe Mooneyhan for the ministry.

Be it resolved that this body give the Shawnee Church a vote of thanks for the courtesies shown us and for the

wonderful way they have entertained this Association and Camp Meeting.

MINISTERS REPORTS

Guy H. McGuire: Preached 108 sermons, held two revivals, witnessed 8 conversions, baptized 6, received \$130.00 for pastoral work, paid tithes in the amount of \$280.00, pastor of the Paden Church; address, Prague Okla.

B. C. Munkus: Preached 35 sermons; baptized 5; witnessed a number of conversions; received \$57.50; assisted in one revival.

Charles Sapp: Preached first sermon on Dec. 31, 1944 at Oklahoma City; preached 6 sermons; received \$10.00 have witnessed 1 conversion.

Harry E. Staires: Sermons preached 148; number of revivals 3; number of conversions 187; number baptized 37; additions to church 44; funerals 18; performed 12 marriages; miles traveled 1,400; money received \$2600 tithes paid \$260.00.

Ralph Hampton: Preached 105 sermons; witnessed a number of conversions; baptized 3; preached one funeral; received \$1,000.00; am now pastor of the Shawnee Church.

Orbin Doss: Sermons preached 120; revivals held 3; conversions witnessed 25; number baptized 1; funerals conducted 5; miles traveled 7,200; amount received \$2,165.00.

Clyde Argo: Traveled 3,000; preached 60 sermons; baptized 5; funerals conducted 2; marriages 2; pastored one church ½ time; received \$123.00.

Reford Wilson: Sermons preached 46; helped in two revivals and conducted 2 revivals; witnessed 42 conversions; received \$243.20; address, Lexington, Okla. Rt. 1.

DELEGATES ROLL

Wesley Willingham, Wolf Church.

Cecil Siler, Wolf Church.

Sister Wesley Willingham, Wolf Church.

Sister Cecil Siler, Wolf Church.

Brother Douglas Vallines, Wolf Church.

Thelma Dowson, Paden Church.

Josephine Wiley, Paden Church.
 Myrtle Day, Paden Church.
 Wayne Wheeler, Earlsboro Church.
 Sister Akins, Earlsboro Church.
 Sister Dunn, Earlsboro Church.
 Tom Stokes, New Bethlehem Church.
 Christine Stokes, New Bethlehem Church.
 J. C. Clark, Oklahoma City Church.
 Juanita Sapp, Oklahoma City Church.
 Elsie Tatum, Oklahoma City Church.
 Roy Waddle, Spring Hill Church.
 Roy Thompson, Spring Hill Church.
 Myrtle Mixon, Spring Hill Church.
 Sister Edwards, Shawnee Church.
 Sister Guinn, Shawnee Church.
 Ina Frye, Shawnee Church.
 Sister Alice Clark, Tecumseh Church.
 Sister Davis, Tecumseh Church.
 Sister Hightower, Tecumseh Church.
 J. T. Hurst, Pleasant Hill Church.
 Ruth Munkus, Pleasant Hill Church.
 Earl Allen, Pleasant Hill Church.
 Elnora Meissner, Pleasant Hill Church.
 Georgia Hurst, Pleasant Hill Church.
 Bernice Carr, North View Church.

Roll of Deacons

B. C. Wilson, Lexington, Okla., Rt. 1.
 C. W. Argo, Norman, Okla., Rt. 3.
 H. E. Stevenson, Earlsboro, Okla.
 B. F. Maxwell, Tecumseh, Okla.
 Lester O. Lemmons, Tecumseh, Okla.
 Bro. Yeager, Tecumseh, Okla.
 L. R. Kiker, Maud, Okla.
 Bro. Cluck, Tecumseh, Okla.
 Bro. Littleton, Tecumseh, Okla.
 H. W. Lynn, Shawnee, Okla.
 H. C. Bowlan, Earlsboro, Okla. Rt. 1.
 William R. Rush, 410 S. E. 19, Oklahoma City, Okla.
 J. D. Anderson, Lexington, Okla.
 Tom Fry, Lexington, Okla.
 Jim Garrett, Lexington, Okla.
 Marvin Dixon, 328 S. E. 21, Okla., City.
 Tom Blackburn, 2331 S. W. 33, Okla. City.
 Clifford Stewart, Oklahoma City.

Jack Johnson, Oklahoma City.

Minister's Roll

E. A. O'Donnell, Long Beach, Calif.

Ira Smithey, Oklahoma City.

Arthur Hearron, 4601 Melrose, Okla. City.

James Garret, Address Unknown.

Charles Sapp, (License) Oklahoma City.

Claud Rush, (License) Oklahoma City.

Clyde Argo, Moore, Okla.

W. L. Land, Dale, Okla.

B. C. Munkus, Norman, Okla.

Oscar Followill, Norman, Okla.

W. E. Hodam, Norman, Okla.

Guy McGuire, Prague, Okla.

Odis Robinson, Okemah, Okla.

W. L. Waddle, Noble, Okla.

Frank Hagar, Lexington, Okla.

J. A. Owens, Lexington, Okla.

R. C. Hampton, 129 S. Draper, Shawnee, Okla.

Earl Guinn, (License) Shawnee, Okla.

Joyce McMullen, (License) Shawnee, Okla.

Joe Mooneyhan, (License) 535 N. Louisa, Shawnee.

A. B. Epperson,, Tecumseh, Okla.

Mattie Epperson, Tecumseh, Okla.

James P. Frye, Asher, Okla.

W. E. Dearnore, Wanette, Okla.

W. C. Tickner, Earlsboro, Okla.

Harry E. Staires, 1904 S. Central Ave, Okla. City.

George Taylor, Seminole, Okla.

T. C. Christian, Box 151, Norman, Oka.

Arthur E. Downs, Address Unknown.

CLERK'S REPORT

August 24, 1945:

Paid in for minute fund	\$44.12
Received for minutes, special offering	14.88
Earlsboro	4.88
Oklahoma City	10.00
Total	\$59.00
Amount received at Association, 1945	\$40.00
Paid out for Minutes, 1944	\$53.88
State Minutes, 1944	\$10.00
Balance to date. Total	\$35.12

For Camp Meeting:

Shawnee Church	\$24.00
Spring Hill	7.75
Wolf Church	24.00
Pleasant Hill	24.00
Earlsboro	14.00
New Bethelhem	6.00
Okla. City, Central Ave.	24.00
Tecumseh	24.00
Total	\$147.75
Paid Evangelists for Camp Meeting	\$147.75
Associational Funds:	
Balance to date	\$43.39
Advertizing and ordination certificates	6.00
Associational expense	21.90
Balance on hand	\$15.29

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. 17:1; 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 Saviour 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 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.

14. When a church has died (had no pastor for two years) the Association has the power to take possession of that church property to protect the welfare of the denomination.

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.

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.

