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The
FIRST OKLAHOMA
ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTIST

1946

Proceedings of the
49th Annual Session

Convened at
Shawnee, Okla.

MINUTES
OF THE
FORTY NINTH 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, August 23-24,
1946

OFFICERS

Moderator, Rev. F. A. McCage, Oklahoma City, Okla.
Ass't. Moderator, Rev. R. C. Hampton, Shawnee, Okla.
Clerk, Mrs. Floyd Cash, Shawnee, Okla.
Ass't. Clerk, Rev. Guy H. McGuire, Shawnee, Okla.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

E. C. Ketchem, Shawnee, Okla.
Jack Johnson, Oklahoma City, Okla.
B. C. Wilson, Lexington, Okla.
Earl Stevenson, Earlsboro, Okla.
Cecil Syler, Wolf, Okla.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. A. B. Epperson, Tecumseh, Okla.	1946-1951
Rev. R. C. Hampton, Shawnee, Okla.	1945-1950
Rev. F. A. McCage, Oklahoma City, Okla.	1944-1949
Rev. Guy H. McGuire, Shawnee, Okla.	1945-1948
Rev. Clyde Argo, Moore, Okla.	1945-1947

Next session will be held in Associational Tabernacle at
Camp Ground in Shawnee, Aug. 22-23, 1947.

PROCEEDINGS

Following a ten day Camp Meeting conducted by Rev. Ralph Hampton and Rev. Reford Wilson in which 34 souls were saved, the 49th Annual Session of First Oklahoma Association of Free Will Baptist met at our associational Camp Ground at Shawnee, Okla., August 22-23, 1946

Wednesday night, August 21, opened by singing "Sunlight" led by Rev. Arthur Hearron of Oklahoma City, prayer by Rev. Morris, of Center Association. Installation service for officers of Women's Auxiliary. Rev. F. A. McCage of Oklahoma City, officiating. Special song "Send The Light," by Sis. Fern McCage and Rev. Arthur Hearron of Oklahoma City, prayer by Rev. Reford Wilson. Charges given to each officer, prayer led by Rev. Mattie Epperson of Tecumseh.

Rev. A. B. Epperson of Tecumseh then taking the stand brought the introductory message for the 49th annual session of the First Oklahoma Association of Free Will Baptist, using for his theme 'Go Forward.' Dismissed by Rev. Guy McGuire of Shawnee.

Thursday morning session opened by singing, "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms," led by Rev. Arthur Hearron of Oklahoma City, prayer by Bro. Tom Fry of Lexington. Scripture lesson 133 Psalm by Rev. Guy McGuire of Shawnee. Letters called for, read and accepted, Churches reporting, Earlsboro, Tecumseh, Shawnee, First Church Oklahoma City, New Bethel, Central Ave. Oklahoma City and Spring Hill.

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

First procedure of business was the election of officers the following were elected: Moderator Rev. F. A. McCage, Oklahoma City; Ass't. Moderator, Rev. Ralph Hampton of Shawnee; Clerk, Sis. Mildred Cash of Shawnee; Ass't. Clerk, Rev. Guy McGuire of Shawnee.

The elected Moderator taking charge. Prayer by Rev. A. B. Epperson, Tecumseh, retiring Moderator.

Motion carried that the Moderator and Ass't. Moderator appoint committee on Divine Service. Rev. W. A. Hearron of Center Ass'n. selected for the preaching hour.

Called for petition by letter, none received.

Rules of order read by Moderator Rev. McCage.

Right hand of fellowship extended to our visiting ministers and an invitation to set with us and advise us in our deliberations.

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

Motion to adjourn until 1:30 P. M. Business session, Dismissed by Rev. H. E. Stairs of First Mission Ass'n.

Eleven o'clock services were opened by singing "What A Gathering That Will Be" led by Rev. Arthur Hearron. Prayer led by Rev. W. V. McPhail of Mission Ass'n. Song "I Must Tell Jesus," prayer by Rev. E. A. O'Donnell, Oklahoma City. Preaching service by Rev. W. A. Hearron, a visiting minister from Sulphur, using for his subject "Establishment and Identity of the Church", scripture text Zechariah 6: 12-13. A very instructive and inspiring message helping each of us to better understand the instituting of the church. Song called for and an old fashioned hand shake. God's Spirit was present.

Dismissed by Rev. Vard Woods of Ada also expression of thanks for noon day refreshments.

Thursday afternoon Session opened by singing "Give Of Your Best" led by Rev. Arthur Hearron. Devotional reading Exodus 33:9-14 by Rev. Reford Wilson from Spring Hill Church. Prayer by Rev. B. C. Munkus of Pleasant Hill Church.

Letter from Pleasant Hill read and accepted and delegates were extended hand of fellowship by Ass't. Moderator Rev. Ralph Hampton.

COMMITTEES

Divine Service—Sister Nettie Barnette, Sister Opal Kirby, Bro. Tom Fry, Bro. W. W. Hunt and Bro. Earl Stevenson.

Credential Committee—Rev. E. A. O'Donnell, Rev. B. C. Munkus, Rev. A. B. Epperson, Rev. R. C. Hampton and Rev. Joe Mooneyham.

Obituary Committee—Sister Joyce Edison, Sister Ida Maxwell, Sister Ruby Johnson, Sister Myrtle Mixon and Sister Dorothy Kirby.

Resolution Committee—Rev. B. T. Kirby, Bro. Charley Ferguson, Bro. Bill Rush, Rev. W. A. Land and Bro. M. Lynn.

Finance Committee—Bro. E. C. Ketchem, Bro. Roy Waddle, Bro. Marvin Dixon, Rev. Joe Mooneyham and Bro. J. W. Argo.

League Committee—Bro. B. C. Wilson, Sister Arlene Blackwell, Sister Francis Davis, Sister Lucille Hampton and Sister Hallie Lewis.

Prayer Meeting Committee—Sister Mamie Dixon, Sister Steward, Sister Shelton, Sister Mamie Stevenson and Sister Dorothy Waddle.

Sunday School Committee—Sister Dorothy Hurst, Bro. Jack Johnson, Sister Ruth Munkus, Bro. Clay Bowland and Bro. Lee Phillips.

Recessed for Committees to organize, business resumed by

singing, "He Included Me" led by Bro. Hearron prayer by Rev. W. A. Land of Dale.

Pulpit Committee reports that Rev. E. E. Morris of Ada will bring the message at the evening service, Rev. W. A. Land of Dale for devotional, Rev. Arthur Hearron Choir director and Rev. Charles Sapp pianist.

Motion carried to adjourn until 9 A. M. Friday. Dismissal prayer by Bro. G. O. Palmer of Sulphur.

Thursday Night Session, opened by singing by congregation directed by Rev. Arthur Hearron. Devotional conducted by Rev. W. A. Land of Dale. Special number in song "I Know Somebody's Listening," by quartet from Oklahoma City, Fern McCage, Bro. Marvin Dixon, Bro. Bill Rush and Rev. Arthur Hearron.

Rev. E. E. Morris of Ada was introduced as the speaker of the hour reading Deuteronomy 30:19. Using for a subject, "Life and Death." Three precious souls were saved. Dismissed by Rev. Charles Sapp of Oklahoma City.

Friday Morning Session

Opened by singing "Standing On The Promises," led by Rev. Arthur Hearron. Scripture lesson Phillipians 12:1-9 by Moderator. Altar prayer by ministers and wives, led by Rev. Clay Ritchie, of the Dibble Association. Visiting brethren invited to sit with us and advise us in our transactions, extended right hand of fellowship by Ass't. Moderator Rev. Ralph Hampton. Letter from Wolf Church read, accepted and delegates seated. Election of members to fill expired term of Executive Board; Rev. A. B. Epperson of Tecumseh elected for 5 year term and Rev. F. A. McCage of Oklahoma City, for 3 year term.

Motion that we designate 20 minutes in the 1 o'clock service in memory of our beloved Bro. Rev. W. E. Dearmore. Rev. Clay Ritchie of Dibble, to have charge. Voted that we write a letter of condolence to the West family, in their recent bereavement. Motion to adjourn dismissed by Rev. F. A. McCage.

Eleven o'clock Services opened by congregational singing directed by Rev. Arthur Hearron. Prayer by Rev. B. C. Munkus. Rev. B. T. Kirby of First Church, Oklahoma City, bringing the message of the hour using for his theme; "Yet I Show Unto Thee A More Excellent Way." A very interesting message closing with an old fashioned handshake, dismissed by Bro. H. H. Easterwood of Oklahoma City.

Friday Afternoon Session, opened by singing "Stand Up

For Jesus," led by Bro. Bill Rush of Oklahoma City. Scripture lesson, Romans 12. 1-10, by Ass't. Moderator. Prayer by Bro. W. Hollis of Shawnee. Rev. Clay Ritchie taking charge of the Memorial Service for our beloved Bro. W. E. Dearmore reading John 5.9-15, picturing to us "How Beautiful Is The Death Of The Saints," and the reward of the faithful and of the beautiful life of our dear Bro. Dearmore. Rev. A. B. Epperson leading the closing prayer.

Quarterly Meeting called for. The first quarterly meeting will be held with Wolf Church on Thursday, 9 A. M. Nov. 14-15, 1946

The Second Quarterly Meeting at Spring Hill Church on Thursday, 9 A. M., February 13-14, 1947.

The Third Quarterly Meeting at First Church of Oklahoma City, Thursday, 9 A. M., May 15-16, 1947.

Rev. Joe Mooneyham Pastor of New Bethlehem Church elected to bring introductory message at First Quarterly Conference, Rev. Guy McGuire of Shawnee alternate.

Rev. B. T. Kirby of First Church Oklahoma City selected to bring introductory message at our next annual session. Rev. George Taylor Pastor of Wolf Church elected alternate.

Rev. Charles Sapp and Rev. F. A. McCage were elected as evangelists for next Annual Camp Meeting.

State delegates elected as follows: Bro. W. W. Hunt, Shawnee; Brother H. H. Easterwood, Central Ave., Oklahoma City; Sister Bobbie McCage, Sister Opal Kirby, First Church, Oklahoma City; Sister Lucille Hampton, Shawnee.

Alternates: Brother E. C. Ketchem, Shawnee; Sister Dorothy Kirby, First Church of Oklahoma City; Sister Dorothy Hurst, Pleasant Hill; Sister Ruby Johnson, Central Ave., Oklahoma City; and Sister Nettie Barnette, Central Ave., Oklahoma City.

Motion carried that the Board of Trustees and Executive Board supervise the placing of plot for building of cabins.

Motion made that 500 minutes be printed carried.

Voted to pay clerk ten dollars and moderator five dollars.

Voted that we give our teachers, sponsors and ladies who had charge of the cafe a special vote of thanks for their assistance in our Youth Camp. Bro. E. C. Ketchem president; Rev. B. T. Kirby, sponsor; Rev. R. C. Hampton, boy's sponsor; Sister Vivian Ketchem, girl's sponsor; Rev. E. A. O'Donnell, Rev. Reford Wilson, Rev. B. T. Kirby, teachers. Sisters Lucille Hampton, Sister Opal Kirby and Sister Mildred Cash, Cafe supervisors.

Motion to adjourn until next annual session. Song "God Be With You" led by Rev. Guy McGuire. Right hand of fellowship given Rev. Charles Sapp and Rev. Reford Wilson who are to be ordained and Rev. H. H. Easterwood who is to be licensed. Dismissed by Rev. Arthur Hearron.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Be it resolved that First Oklahoma Association of Free Will Baptists Churches elect a board of trustees for camp ground and property. Brothers E. C. Ketchem, Shawnee, Jack Johnson, Oklahoma City Central Ave Church; B. C. Wilson, Lexington; Earl Stevenson, Earlsboro and Cecil Syler, Wolf Church were elected.
2. Be it resolved that the voting body of First Oklahoma Association of Free Will Baptist, shall be ordained ministers, ordained deacons, regularly elected delegates, ministers wives, and church clerks, who are members of the Free Will Baptist Churches of said Association in good standing. Said resolution to become by-law number 15.
3. Be it resolved that Association fence the Camp Ground. Voted that Board of Trustees and Executive Board take care of same.
4. Be it resolved that this Association buy a check book with our Association name printed thereon to be used by the Association treasure.
5. Be it resolved that we pay our Evangelist \$50 each at our next Camp Meeting.
6. Be it resolved that we put a concrete floor in our tabernacle.
7. Be it resolved we build a boys dormitory 16x50 for use by next August.
8. Be it resolved that the remainedr of Evangelistic fund over and above the \$50 each be used to take care of expenses of the Camp Meeting and Association.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

We, Your Finance Committee beg to report the following money received: Minute money \$69, Evangelistic fund \$200 and Incidental \$44.79. We recommend that Bro. E. C. Ketchem be reimbursed in the Amount of \$5 registration fee to National Association. We ask that \$10 be sent to our State Association Treasure as fees to our State Meeting and \$5 as registration fees to the National Association. Finding ourselves owing \$1500 and the league is assuming \$500 of this we ask that each church pledge to support same.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE:

We recommend that the association license Rev. H. H. Easterwood to preach the gospel. License to extend for a period of one year. We also recommend that Rev. Reford Wilson and Rev. Charles Sapp be ordained to preach the gospel ordination to be at their own convenience.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE:

We your Committee, find the following have passed from our midst since we last met, Rev. W. E. Dearmore, Shawnee Church; Grandma Rose, First Church, Oklahoma City; Sister Weatherford of Wolf Church; Sister Bailey of Tecumseh Church and Baby Lucille Kline, Spring Hill Church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

We your Sunday School Committee know that a good Sunday School is essential to any Free Will Baptist Church. We recommend that our Sunday Schools use Free Will Baptist Literature, and teachers of Free Will Baptist faith. Also that each Sunday School organize a meeting of teachers and pastor, that he may discuss methods of instruction. Also that this body re-elect a general Supt. to visit each Sunday School in the Association. Rev. Guy McGuire of Shawnee elected for General Supt.

PRAYER MEETING COMMITTEE:

We your Committee of Prayer Meeting beg to report: We feel that each church should by all means have a prayer meeting once each week. We also feel that each member should strive to get others out to prayer meeting. We feel that we as a Denomination need to pray more and put God first at all times.

LEAGUE COMMITTEE:

We your League Committee wish to report: That we have seen the power of God manifest through our Young people here during our Youth Camp. There were 34 souls saved. And added to our various Leagues during the past year, and we do thank God for them. We now have 7 churches in our Ass'n. that have active leagues. We pray God that our other churches will soon organize leagues. That our young people go forward for Christ.

- (1) We recommend that our Leagues try using the point system in their Leagues to improve the interest and attendance.
- (2) We recommend that all Leagues use Free Will Baptist League literature.

(3) We also recommend that all pastors work with their Young people, and encourage them to work in their home Leagues and to urge them to attend all League Rallys with a program. The Lord has blessed us wonderfully in the past year in our effort and we have another League added to our Association. Our Leagues have paid out approximately \$859.03 to help promote the cause of Christ.

CHURCH LETTERS

EARLSBORO—State or religion, good; members received 22; dismissed 1; deceased none; Sunday School, good; average attendance 40; officers 6; teachers 5; paid pastor \$690.00; paid evangelist \$133.00; Foreign Missions \$19.48; building and repairs \$603.69; for orphanage \$50.00; publication \$54.86. W. F. Willingham, Pastor; Mrs. Earl Stevenson, Clerk.

NEW BETHLEHEM—State of religion, good; our revival was held by Rev. Vard Wood with good interest and the church was blessed. \$60.00 paid evangelist; \$250.00 paid Pastor, Rev. Joe Mooneyham; called for our pastor for another year. Rev. Joe Mooneyham, Pastor; Iva Borkes, Clerk.

SPRING HILL—State of religion, good; members received 8; dismissed, 8; deceased, none; Sunday School, good; average attendance, 57; officers, 8; paid pastor \$474.40; paid evangelist \$306.50; for orphanage \$70.40; publication \$26.83; for incidental \$71.66; value of church property \$1900. Rev. Vard Woods, Pastor; Myrtle Mixon, Clerk.

PLEASANT HILL—State of religion fair; Sunday School, good; We have mid-week prayer service; total membership 86; paid pastor \$100.50; evangelist \$77.00; Camp Ground \$100.00; camp meeting \$24.00; miscellaneous \$105.23; total expenditures \$441.23. We have called Rev. Arthur Hearron for pastor. Ruth Munkus, Clerk.

SHAWNEE—State of religion, good; members received 13; number dismissed, 2; deceased, 1; Sunday School good; average attendance 60; officers 5; teachers 6; paid pastor \$2140.00; Home Missions \$190.00; Foreign Missions \$11.00; building and repairs \$1550.00; total paid out \$4226.54; Rev. Ralph Hampton, Pastor; Mildred Cash, Clerk.

FIRST CHURCH OF OKLAHOMA CITY—State religion, good; members received 31, number dismissed 8; deceased 3; Sunday School good; average attendance 128; officers 4; teachers 9; paid pastor \$2760.00; paid evangelist \$75.00; Home Missions \$207.00; Foreign Missions \$55.27; building and repairs \$2100.00; education \$250.00; publication \$87.50; Total membership 185. Rev. B. T. Kirby, Pastor; Arthur J. Hatcher, Clerk.

CENTRAL AVENUE CHURCH OF OKLAHOMA CITY—

State of religion, fair; members received 44; number dismissed 39; Sunday School fair; average attendance 121; officers 5; teachers 9; paid pastor \$2730.00; paid evangelist \$48.00; Foreign Missions \$24.00; building and repairs \$2179.21; education \$59.60; publication \$116.69. Note, We recommend that Bro. Charles Sapp be ordained and Bro. Easterwood be licensed to preach. Rev. F. M. McCage, Pastor; Jack Mangham, Clerk.

WOLF CHURCH—State of religion, good; Sunday School, good; members received 13; deceased 1; dismissed 4; paid pastor \$260.00; evangelist \$34.00; Tabernacle \$50.00; orphanage \$25.00; building and repairs \$131.28; paid visiting ministers \$9.00; Camp Ground \$25.00; Rev. George Taylor, Pastor; Sarah A. Harris, Clerk.

TECUMSEH CHURCH—State of religion, good; members received 3; dismissed none; deceased 1; total membership 71; Sunday School, good; average attendance 44; paid pastor \$600.00; evangelist \$50.00; building and repairs \$70.00; miscellaneous \$185.98; to association \$7.00; Orphanage \$209.00; Rev. A. B. Epperson, Pastor; Vivian Davis, Clerk.

MINUTES OF LADIES AUXILIARY

The third annual session of Women's Auxiliary of the First Oklahoma Association met in conference Aug. 21, 1946. Meeting called to order by Fourth Vice-President, Sis. Nettie Barnette of Oklahoma City, due to the absence of the first three Vice-Presidents. Rev. F. A. McCage of Oklahoma City directed the singing. Led in prayer by Bro. Epperson.

Sis. Mildred Cash of Shawnee was appointed temporary secretary.

Devotional service was conducted by president in charge.

Eleven o'clock service opened by song and prayer. Rev. Arthur Hearron bringing an inspirational message using for his text 23rd Psalms "The Lord Is My Shepard, I Shall Not Want." Sis. Fern McCage, Rev. F. A. McCage and Rev. Arthur Hearron favored us with a special number in song "Lord Lead Me On." Adjourned until 1 o'clock session by alter prayer.

One o'clock Service opened by singing "Love Lifted Me." Prayer by Sis. Nettie Barnett, Oklahoma City.

Three auxiliary's present. Reports of Auxiliary's read and

accepted. Duties of officers read by secretary.

Officers for ensuing year are as follows: President, Sis. Mildred Cash, 536 N. Douglas, Shawnee, Okla.; First Vice-President, Sis. Bobbie McCage, 1904 S. Central, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Second Vice-President, Sis. Lucille Hampton, 129 S. Draper, Shawnee, Okla.; Third Vice-President, Sis. Vivian Ketchem, 1342 E. Whittaker, Shawnee, Okla.; Fourth Vice-President, Sis. Nettie Barnett, 324 S. E. 21st, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Fifth Vice-President, Sis. Myrtle Trice, Tecumseh, Okla.; Recording and Corresponding Secretary, Sis. Ruby Johnson, 2212 Miramar, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Treasurer, Sis. Beulah Kennamon, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Sis. Visian Ketchem, Shawnee; Sis. Lucille Hampton, Shawnee; Sis. Bobbie McCage, Oklahoma City, Okla. were elected as delegates to the State Auxiliary Convention. Alternates are: Sis. Ruby Johnson, Oklahoma City; Sis. Mattie Epperson, Tecumseh, Okla.; Sis. Marie Stewart, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Rev. Reford Wilson of Lexington, Oklahoma was elected to bring the message at our next association. Alternate to bring the message will be Rev. F. A. McCage, of Central Ave. Oklahoma City, Okla.

Rev. Joe Mooneyham of Shawnee was elected to bring message at our first quarterly meeting. Alternate Rev. Ralph Hampton, Shawnee.

Motion carried that we pay our tithes of the past year. Motion carried we send \$5.00 to pay for our minutes.

President was granted power to appoint committee to render program at our First Quarterly meeting. Those appointed were: Sis. Barnett, Sis. Trice, Sis. Ketchem.

Motion carried we have our Installation service the night of Aug. 21st with Rev. F. A. McCage officiating.

Motion carried the Corresponding Secretary write to all churches with Auxiliary workers and invite them to meet with us in our Associations and Quarterly Meetings.

Minutes of the present meeting were read and accepted. All officers were given right hand of fellowship. Motion carried that we adjourn.

Benediction by Rev. A. B. Epperson, Tecumseh, Okla.

AUXILIARY REPORTS

OKLAHOMA CITY—Central Ave. Members on roll 13; active members 11; new members 2; sponsored one week of prayer services preceeding Easter; sponsored ten-day Vacation Bible School; served lunches three weeks for Normal School of Music in our church. Paid to Foreign Missions \$24.00; to Bible College \$12.00; to Superannuation \$36.00; to State Orphanage \$130.00; to First Oklahoma Association Camp ground \$25.00; to typewriter fund for Sister Barnard in India \$10.00; to needy \$7.00; also 2 baskets of graceries to two needy families.

We sent \$3.30 for dues, making a total paid out of \$247.30, leaving a total in Treasury of \$18.88.

TECUMSEH—State or religion good; members received 2; members dismissed none, average attendance 5; total paid members 12; 2 sprays for funerals; 6 bouquets to the sick; 15 trays to the sick; sent to the Orphanage 4 pillow cases, 3 quilts, 15 tea towels. Paid out for building and repair \$46.31; Paid on Mission work \$10.00; Paid on cancer drive \$5.00; miscellaneous expenses \$55.71; paid on the camp ground \$25.00; we sent our dues \$1.50 and as our tithes \$4.50.

SHAWNEE—Members active 16; members inactive 8; new members 4; total 24 members; amount of money for home Missions \$65.71; Foreign Missions \$3.35; special offering for foreign missions \$9.38; Orphanage \$8.88; amount of dues collected \$7.55; total disbursements \$76.47; number stewardship programs held 1; number mission programs held 1; number tithers 98 percent; 4 saved thru personal service.

MINUTES OF THE FIRST OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION LEAGUE

BUSINESS MEETING AUGUST 20, 1946

Opened by singing "The Unclouded Day," directed by D. C. Kirby of Oklahoma City. Prayer by Dorothy Waddle of Spring Hill. Scripture reading by W. C. Mooneyham of Shawnee. Prayer by Rev. Reford Wilson of Spring Hill. Minutes of last meeting were read.

Letters called for, read and accepted. The following Leagues reporting: Spring Hill, Central Ave. of Oklahoma City, Pleasant Hill, and Shawnee.

Petitionary letters called for, one from First Free Will Baptist Church of Oklahoma City, read and accepted.

Treasurer's report read and accepted.

Motion carried for President to appoint all committees.

Business Committee: Rev. Reford Wilson, Spring Hill; D. C. Kirby, Oklahoma City; Warren Barnett, Oklahoma City; Dorothy Waddle, Spring Hill; Dorothy Hurst, Pleasant Hill and Beatrice Hass, Shawnee.

Program Committee: Melba Fry, Shawnee; Vernice Martain, Oklahoma City; Dorthy Kirby, Oklahoma City; Margaret Thompson, Spring Hill.

Report of League Board, given by Rev. Reford Wilson. Report accepted.

Officers Elected:

Sponsor—Rev. B. T. Kirby 2212 S. W. 21, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

President—E. C. Ketchem, 1342 E. Whittaker, Shawnee, Oklahoma

Vice President—D. C. Kirby, 2212 S. W. 21, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Rec. Secretary—Mary Rutherford, 2215 S. W. 30, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Treasurer—Jewell Barnett, 324 S. E. 21, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Corresponding Secretary—Nola Fae Engle, Rt. 2, Box 96, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Choirster—LeVerda Green, 404 No. Center, Shawnee, Okla.

Pianist—Eula Mae Ewing, 536 No. Douglas, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Business adjourned until 1:00 o'clock, dismissed by Faye Pierce of Shawnee, Oklahoma.

11:00 O'clock Service

Opened by singing "The Old Rugged Cross," directed by Rev. Arthur Hearron, prayer by Warren Barnette, Devotional by W. S. Mooneyham. Rev. Joe Mooneyham brought an inspirational message, using for a text, Hebrews 12:1. Dismissed by Rev. Clyde Argo.

1:00 O'clock Service

Opened by congregational singing "Standing On The Promises," lead by Rev. Clyde Argo. Special prayer for the boys in service., led by Gladys Campbell of Oklahoma City.

Program Committee reports that Rev. Charles Sapp, followed by Rev. B. T. Kirby to bring the evening message.

A motion was made to elect two Sponsors for each dormitory, Vivian Ketchem, and Lucille Hampton were elected as sponsors for the girls and Rev. R. C. Hampton and C. E. Howard as boys sponsors.

Rev. Charles Sapp of Oklahoma City, was elected to bring the Introductory Message for our next annual session, August 16, 1947. Alternate Rev. Reford Wilson of Spring Hill.

Moved and seconded that we pay \$10.00 for League Minutes.

Business Committee Reports:

1. We recommend that we pay \$500.00 on our present indebtedness of our Camp Ground. That each League report their pledge within two weeks to the treasurer. Pledges to be paid Dec. 29, 1946.

2. We recommend that the sponsors give their reports of the Youth Camp, and that each name be recorded in our ledger.

3. We recommend that the First Oklahoma Association sponsor a Youth Camp in connection with the Annual Camp Meeting.

Motion to accept the League Manual as our by-laws governing the Annual League Rally and Associational League Rally, motion tabled. Report of Sponsors of Dormitories read and accepted.

It was voted to have our next Youth Camp on Monday, August 11, through Friday 15, closing with business session on Saturday 16.

Pleasant Hill received the attendance banner and Central Ave. Oklahoma City, received program banner.

Rallies placed as follows :

Sept. 29, 1946, at First Church, OklahomaCity.

Dec. 29, 1946, at Pleasant Hill.

March 30, 1947, Spring Hill.

June 29, 1947, at Camp Ground, Shawnee.

Motion carried to accept League Manual as By-Laws governing the Associational and Annual League Business.

Motion carried that the Pastors having Leagues represented in this Association be given a vote.

Resignation of E. C. Ketchem as President was not accepted.

Rev. F. A. McCage, Rev. R. C. Hampton, Rev. Charles Sapp and Rev. Joe Mooneyham were elected as members of the League Board.

Voted that any minister in good standing with our Ass'n. present at our League Rally may be seated as a member.

Motion carried that the League Board work with the Executive Board in promoting our Youth Camp. Rev. Guy McGuire of Shawnee elected to bring the message for Sept. 29, Rally. Alternate, Rev. Clyde Argo of Pleasant Hill.

Voted that we replace equipment of State League Rally. Motion carried that we give a rising vote of thanks to the ladies in charge of the cafe. Motion to adjourn until our next Rally. Closed by prayer.

Leagues and Officers

Pleasant Hill: Sponsor, Mrs. Ruth Munkus, Rt. 3, Norman, Okla. President, Wilbur Hurst, Rt. 3, Norman, Okla.

Spring Hill: Sponsor, Dorothy Waddle, Rt. 1, Noble, Okla. President, Roy Waddle, Rt. E, Noble, Okla.

Central Ave.: Sponsor, Mr. and Mrs. Max Scott, 220 S. E. 19, Oklahoma City. President, Orville Ray, Oklahoma City.

First Church: Sponsor, Rev. B. T. Kirby, 2212 S. W. 31, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. President, Maurice Thompson, 2216 S. W. 31, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Shawnee: Sponsor Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ketchem, 1342 E. Whitaker, Shawnee. President, W. S. Mooneyham, 515 No. Beard, Shawnee, Okla.

Wolf: Sponsor, Mrs. George Taylor, Snomac, Okla.

MINISTER'S REPORT

Charles Sapp: 24 sermons preached, conversions 9, 1402 miles traveled, received \$22.50.

B. T. Kirby: sermons preached 103, baptized 14, number of conversions 67, funerals 16.

R. C. Hampton: preached 115 sermons, conversions witnessed 40, performed 3 marriages, have no record of miles traveled, pastored the Shawnee Church, baptized 4, received 13 in the church, conducted 3 funerals, money received \$2,-270.00.

George Taylor: Churches pastored 1, sermons preached 52, revivals held 1, professions witnessed 12, baptized 4, funerals 2, miles traveled 2000, money received \$260.00.

W. A. Land: Sermons preached 35, conversions 4, funerals 3, 500 miles traveled, amount received \$120.00.

Reford Wilson: Sermons preached 62, conducted 4 revivals, assisted in two revivals, attended the spring semester of the Free Will Baptist College in Nashville, Tenn., miles traveled and money received not known.

F. M. McCage: Sermons preached 130, conversions 38, baptized 11, received 25 into the church, married 3, funerals 1, received \$2,615.00, and \$83.00 for evangelistic work, miles traveled unknown.

A. B. Epperson: Sermons preached, professions 4, received members 3, funerals 3, marriages 3, money received \$600.00.

Arthur Harrison: Sermons preached 86, conversions 16, marriages 2, additions to the church 23, miles traveled 2184, amount received \$520.00, assisted in 3 funerals.

Guy H. McGuire: Sermons preached 108, revivals 2, conversions 13, miles traveled 3000, received \$200.00.

B. C. Munkus: Sermons preached 47, witnessed conversions 5, funerals 1, assisted in 1 revival, miles traveled 300, money received \$300.00.

DELEGATES ROLL

Sister Bershires, Tecumseh, Oklahoma.

Sister Ida Maxwell, Tecumseh, Oklahoma.

Sister Francis Davis, Tecumseh, Oklahoma.

Sister Retha Kiker, Wolf Church.

Jane Etta Williams, Wolf Church.

Jenia Lucas, Wolf Church.

Sister Jack Johnson, Sentral Ave. Church.

Sister Ray, Central Ave. Church.

Sister Nettie Barnette, Central Ave, Church.

Dorothy Hurst, Pleasant Hill Church.

Imogene Argo, Pleasant Hill Church.

Roy Waddle, Spring Hill Church.

Sister Myrtle Mixon, Spring Hill Church.

Sister Arline Blackwell, Spring Hill Church.

E. C. Ketchem, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

W. W. Hunt, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Sister Lucille Hampton, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Sister Willingham, Earlsboro, Oklahoma.

Sister Shelton, Earlsboro, Oklahoma.

Sister Mamie Stevenson, Earlsboro, Oklahoma.

Louise King, Pleasant Hill Church.

Tom Stokes, New Bethlehem Church.

Sister Tom Stokes, New Bethlehem Church.

Sister Dovie Hass, New Bethlehem Church.

Sister Dorothy Kirby, First Church, Oklahoma City.

Sister Opal Kirby, First Church, Oklahoma City.

Sister Hallie Lewis, First Church, Oklahoma City.

ROLL OF DEACONS

B. C. Wilson, Lexington, Okla., Rt. 1.
C. W. Argo, Norman, Okla., Rt. 3.
H. E. Stevenson, Earlsboro, Oklahoma.
B. F. Maxwell, Tecumseh, Oklahoma.
Lester O. Lemmons, Tecumseh, Okla.
Will Yeager, Tecumseh, Okla.
L. R. Kiker, Maud, Oklahoma.
Ben Littleton, Tecumseh, Oklahoma.
H. W. Lynn, Shawnee, Oklahoma.
H. C. Bowlan, Shawnee, Oklahoma.
William R. Rush, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
J. D. Anderson, Lexington, Oklahoma.
Tom Fry, Lexington, Oklahoma.
Jim Garrette, Lexington, Oklahoma.
Marvin Dixon, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
Tom Blackburn, Oklahoma City, Okla.
Cecil Siler, Wolf Church.
Jack Johnson, Oklahoma City, Okla.

MINISTERS ROLL

E. A. O'Donnell, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
Ira Smithey, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
Arthur Hearron, 4601 Melrose, Oklahoma City, Okla.
Charles Sapp, Oklahoma City, Okla.
Clyde Argo, Moore, Oklahoma.
W. A. Land, Dale, Oklahoma.
B. C. Munkus, Norman, Oklahoma.
Oscar Followill, Norman, Oklahoma.
W. E. Hodam, Norman, Oklahoma.
Guy H. McGuire, 501 South Aydelotte, Shawnee, Okla.
W. L. Waddle, Noble, Oklahoma.
Frank Hagar, Lexington, Oklahoma.
J. A. Owens, Lexington, Oklahoma.
R. C. Hampton, 129 S. Draper, Shawnee, Okla.
Earl Guinn, Shawnee, Oklahoma.
Joe Mooneyham, Carr City.
A. B. Epperson, Tecumseh, Oklahoma.
Mattie Epperson, Tecumseh, Oklahoma.
James P. Fry, Asher, Oklahoma.
George Taylor, Seminole, Oklahoma.
B. T. Kirby, 2212 S. W. 31, Oklahoma City, Okla.
Bro. H. Easterwood, (licensed) Oklahoma City, Okla.
F. A. McCage, Oklahoma City, Okla.
J. A. Bullard, Lexington, Oklahoma.
Burl True, 311 E. Kitty St. Midwest City, Okla.
W. F. Willingham, Earlsboro, Oklahoma.
Reford Wilson, F.W.B. College, Nashville, Tenn.

CLERK'S REPORT

Balance on hand February 19, 1946	\$108.39
Deposited in March and April	76.00
Total	\$184.39

Paid for 1945, minutes	\$52.50
Rev. Reford Wilson	16.76
Rev. Arthur Hearron	10.00
For ledger	4.60
Postage	1.00
Total	\$84.86

Balance on hand	\$ 99.53
Deposited May 18, 1946	26.36
Total	\$125.89
Paid for lister for orphanage	\$24.36

Balance on hand Aug. 20, 1946	\$101.53
Amount rec. for minutes and evangelistic	228.34
Total	\$329.87
Paid Evangelists	\$200.00
Paid Clerk	10.00
Paid Moderator	5.00
National Association Registration fee	5.00

August 24, 1946, balance\$109.87

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 of 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,

ion 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 saint's 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 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. 1:1-11-27-27; 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 reflections shall be avoided in all debates.
6. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and a vote taken separately.
7. 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.
15. The voting body of First Oklahoma Association of Free Will Baptist, shall be ordained ministers, ordained deacons, regularly elected delegates, ministers wives, and church clerks, who are members of the Free Will Baptist Churches, of said Association in good standing.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

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.
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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.

