

The
FIRST OKLAHOMA
ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTIST
1947

Proceedings of the 50th
Golden Annual Session

1897 - 1947

Convened at Free Will Baptist
Camp Ground at
Shawnee, Okla.

MINUTES
OF THE
FIFTIETH GOLDEN ANNUAL SESSION
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HELD WITH

When convened at the Associational Camp Ground, at
Shawnee, Oklahoma, Thursday and Friday,
August 21 and 22, 1947.

OFFICERS

Moderator, Rev. Melvin Bingham, Oklahoma City, Okla.
Ass't. Moderator, Rev. A. B. Epperson, Tecumseh, Okla.
Clerk, Mrs. Floyd Cash, Shawnee, Okla.
Ass't. Clerk, Mrs. Eileen Ward, Tecumseh, Okla.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. A. B. Epperson, Tecumseh, Okla.1946-1951
Rev. D. H. O'Donnell, Cromwell1947-1950
Rev. B. T. Kirby, Oklahoma City1946-1949
Rev. Vard Wood, Shawnee1947-1949

Following a ten day Camp Meeting conducted by Rev. B. T. Kirby and Rev. Charles Sapp, the Golden Annual Session of the First Oklahoma Association of Free Will Baptist met at the Associational Camp Ground at Shawnee, Okla., August 21-22, 1947.

Wednesday night, August 21, opened by congregational singing, led by Rev. Arthur Hearron of Dibble Association. Prayer by Rev. A. B. Epperson. Introductory message by Rev. B. T. Kirby using for a subject "An Active Life Dismissed by Brother Will Yeager.

Thursday morning session opened by singing "Stand Up For Jesus," led by Rev. Charles Sapp. Scripture lesson, 1st Chapter of Psalms by Rev. R. C. Hampton. Prayer by Rev. Harry Staires of First Mission Association. Letters called for. Churches reporting: Earlsboro, Central Avenue, Oklahoma City, First Church, Oklahoma City, Spring Hill, Tecumseh, and Shawnee. Motion carried to receive letters as read and to seat the delegates with all rights and privileges to seats in Council and our deliberations. First procedure of business was the election of officers. Rev. Melvin Bingham, Central Avenue, Oklahoma City, was elected as moderator; Rev. A. B. Epperson, Tecumseh, assistant moderator; Sister Mildred Cash of Shawnee, clerk, and Sister Eileen Ward of Tecumseh, assistant clerk.

The moderator taking charge, petitionary letters called for, none. Welcome extended to visiting brothers and sisters, and an invitation to set with us and advise us in our deliberations. Motion carried that moderator and assistant moderator be empowered to appoint all committees. Motion to adjourn until 1:30 p. m. Business session dismissed by Rev. Franklin of Cushing, Okla.

Eleven o'clock services opened by singing "Victory In Jesus" led by Sister Laverda Mooneyham. Prayer by Rev. Hattie Newman of First Mission Association. Rev. E. A. O'Donnell of Center Association was introduced as the speaker of the hour, using "They Shall Flow Together" for a subject, stressing the need of repentance for the Church as well as the world. Also the need of fellowship and working together. Song, "Amazing Grace," by congregation and an old-fashioned hand shake. Dismissed by Rev. Charles Sapp of Oklahoma City.

Thursday afternoon session opened by singing "Heavenly Sunlight," led by Rev. E. A. O'Donnell. Scripture reading, 67th chapter of Psalms by Rev. D. H. O'Donnell. Prayer by Rev. Bradford of Sapulpa. Letter from Pleasant Hill Church read and accepted and delegate seated. Motion to elect member of board to replace Rev. Clyde Argo. Rev. Ward Woods of Shawnee elected by acclamation. Motion made that

executive board take charge of cafe, carried. Rev. R. C. Hampton's resignation as a member of executive board read and accepted. Rev. D. H. O'Donnell was elected by acclamation to vacancy. A standing vote of thanks for the retiring board members for services rendered.

Rev. E. A. O'Donnell of Center Association gave us a talk about our association being an incentive to them to establish them a Youth Camp.

The executive board announced Rev. B. T. Kirby as chairman and Rev. Ward Woods as clerk.

Rev. H. E. Staires brought us greetings from First Mission Association.

COMMITTEES

Divine Service: Sister Hightower, Sister Ray, Sister Guinn, Sister Lewis and Sister Stevenson.

Credential: Rev. R. C. Hampton, Rev. Vard Woods, Rev. B. C. Munkus, Rev. B. T. Kirby and Rev. W. G. Land.

Obituary: Sister Velma Graham, Sister Genoma Watts, Sister Laverda Mooneyham, Sister Lela Hannah and Sister L. R. Kiker.

Resolution: Bro. B. F. Wilson, Bro. Warren Barnette, Bro. C. F. White, Bro. L. R. Kiker and Bro. W. S. Mooneyham.

Finance: Sister Ruby Johnson, Sister Edna Lou Vaughn, Sister Verden Bingham, Bro. Bill Andrews and Bro. Allen Straughn.

League: Rev. Charles Sapp, Sister Vesta Giddeon, Sister Gladys Straughn, Bro. V. A. Villance and Rev. B. T. Kirby.

Prayer Meeting: Bro. B. N. Northum, Sister C. A. White, Bro. W. Hollis, Rev. E. A. Guhn and Sister Vard Woods.

Sunday School: Sister Trula Thompson, Bro. Clay Bowland, Sister Opal Kirby, Bro. Calvin Hannah and Sister Mattie Griswold.

Service on Divine Committee reports that Sister Hattie Newman of First Mission Association will bring the evening message.

Financial report of Camp Ground Fund read by outgoing treasurer, Rev. R. C. Hampton, all papers being turned to Rev. Vard Woods, newly elected clerk. Report accepted as read by motion and regular vote.

Motion made and carried that we write a vote of thanks to Goode Construction Company for their work donated on our Camp Ground.

Voted to give Rev. Bradford time immediately following our 8 o'clock song service for his reports as state Sunday School Worker.

Clerk's financial report read and accepted.

Report of League business session read and motion to accept same with one revision carried.

Motion to adjourn until 9 o'clock Friday morning. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Joyce McMullen of Okemah.

Thursday night service opened by singing "Old Rugged Cross," led by Rev. Arthur Hearron. Prayer by Sister Elnora Crain of First Mission Association. Song "God Leads Us Along." Prayer by Rev. James Franklin of First Mission Association. A wonderful testimony service led by Rev. Harry Staires of First Mission Association. Rev. Bradford gave a very interesting talk on the orphanage, reading a very good letter of recommendation from Ringling Rotary Club. Offering of \$44.20 was given to orphanage. Rev. Hattie Newman bringing the evening message, using for a subject "A Radiant Light." Dismissed by prayer by Rev. Bradford.

Friday morning session opened by singing "Tell Me The Story of Jesus," led by Rev. W. A. Land. Scripture Lesson 46th chapter of Psalms, read by moderator. Prayer by Sister Bessie Staires of Tulsa. Letter from New Bethlehem Church read and accepted and delegates seated.

Nominations were declared in order for delegates to state meeting. Sister Opal Kirby, Sister Euleen Ward, Sister Valiance, Sister Verden Bingham and Sister Dorothy Waddle.

Alternates, Sister Vard Woods, Bro. Will Yeager, Rev. B. C. Munkus, Sister Nettie Barnette and Bro. W. W. Hunt.

Motion made that we send \$5.00 for our national registration fee. Carried.

Nomination for delegate recommended to National Association. Sister Verden Bingham elected by acclamation.

Rev. Melvin Bingham was elected to bring the introductory message at our next annual association. Rev. D. H. O'Donnell elected alternate.

Rev. Melvin Bingham and Rev. Vard Woods were elected evangelists for our Camp Meeting.

Report of Board of Trustees read and accepted.

Motion made to eliminate board of trustees. Carried.

Divine Service Committee reports Rev. A. B. Epperson to bring the eleven o'clock message.

Motion to adjourn until 1:30 business session. Dismissed by Rev. W. A. Land.

Eleven o'clock service opened by singing "Send The Light," led by Sister Mildred Cash. Prayer by Bro. Tom Fry of Spring Hill. The moderator introducing Rev. A. B. Epperson as the speaker, reading from 4th chapter of St John, using for a subject "I Must Need Go Through Samaria," bringing a very inspirational message "On Our Duty as a Christian." Turning the service to Rev. Bingham who gave some interesting thoughts in accordance with Rev. Epperson's

message. Song "What a Gathering," led by Sister Trula Thompson. An oud-fashioned hand shake given to Bro. Epper-son who is one of our pioneer ministers. Dismissed by Rev. Charles Sapp.

Friday, 1 o'clock, opened by singing "I Am Bound for the Promised Land," led by Rev. W. A. Land. Eighth division of Psalms read for devotional by moderator. Prayer by Sister Nettie Barnette.

Motion made that Executive Board be empowered to secure loan to take care of indebtedness in Camp Ground. Carried.

Rev. W. S. Mooneyham elected as speaker for introductory message at first quarterly meeting. Rev. Dennis O'Donnell elected alternate.

Motion carried to send \$10.00 for state minutes.

Quarterly meeting called for. The first quarterly meeting will be held with Central Avenue Church, Oklahoma City, Thursday 9 a. m., November 12-13.

The second quarterly meeting at New Bethlehem Church on Thursday 9 a. m., February 12-13.

The third quarterly meeting at Pleasant Hill Church Thursday 9 a. m., May 13-14.

Motion made to pay clerk \$10.00 and moderator \$5.00. Carried.

Motion made that we give a vote of thanks to our officers, teachers, sponsors and cafe workers. Carried.

Motion to adjourn. Song, "God Be With You." An old-fashioned hand shake. Dismissed by Sister Opal Kirby.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That all money allocated for expenses of youth camp left over be transferred to Camp Ground expense.
2. That dates for our Youth Camp be August 16 through 20 with League business session on Saturday 21st, and association meet on August 25th through 27th.
3. Be it resolved that introductory message be preached first morning of the association at 11 o'clock.
4. Be it resolved that the Association direct the Executive Board to issue a deed not less than 20"x150" to the Shawnee Church for the building of a church. Motion made to table same until next year. Carried.
5. Be it resolved that the Association secure a care taker for the Camp Ground during Camp Meeting and Association. Executive Board to hire same.
6. Be it resolved that the Executive Board designate a play ground and promote a general campaign to beautify the grounds.

7. Be it resolved that each person that receives meals in Youth Camp register with a \$3.00 registration fee.
8. Be it resolved that each church send a sponsor with their delegates to the Youth Camp.
9. (a) Be it resolved that the Association give certificates for attendance in the Youth Camp based on the merit system.
(b) The merit system to be completed by League Board.
(a) Percentage for perfect attendance; (b) for qualified work; (c) for good conduct.
10. Be it resolved that the association incorporate this Camp Ground under the name of Free Will Baptist of First Oklahoma Association.
11. Be it resolved that two men be placed over the kitchen for the Youth Camp, also association and that it be designated for five women of each church be assigned the cooking and kitchen duties in rotation. We recommended Rev. B. T. Kirby and Bro. E. C. Ketchem as the two men and that the same plan be used until association is over making it possible for three meals a day when needed.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE:

We recommend that the association license Rev. Warren Barnette to preach the Gospel. We also recommend that Rev. H. H. Easterwood and Rev. W. S. Mooneyham be ordained to preach the Gospel and Bro. Bill Lewis and Bro. Gideon be ordained as deacons.

LEAGUE COMMITTEE:

We recommend that each youth that comes to Youth Camp come on recommendation of the Pastor of the Church. That the League Board make out a set of rules and that said rules be posted in each dormitory. That the majority of League Board be encamped on the Camp Ground while Youth Camp is in session.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

We, your Sunday School Committee, recommend that our Sunday Schools use Free Will Baptist literature and teachers of Free Will Baptist faith and strive to attain a Standard Sunday School.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE:

We, your committee, find the following have passed away from our midst since we last met: Sister King, Sister Duncan, Sister Ussery and Donald Willis of First Church, Oklahoma City, Bro. Everett L. Neighbors of Shawnee, and Sister S. M. Aldridge of Tecumseh. A moment of silent prayer concluded by Sister Verden Bingham.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

We, your Finance Committee, report the following: Youth Camp Fund paid up \$359.54. Paid out \$294.25, balance

\$65.29. Minute money \$61.00. Evangelistic fund \$147.00, Finding ourselves owing \$1,230.51 with \$69.78 cash on hand, and with \$300.00 note due September 7, 1947, we recommend that this body take action at once to relieve this debt.

Received \$214.50 for beds, \$180.00 for such, \$17.75 for cooking utensils, total paid out \$197.75, balance \$16.75.

PRAYER MEETING COMMITTEE:

Be it resolved that each individual church in this association put forth every effort possible to have prayer meeting at least one night in each week.

CHURCH LETTERS:

Central Avenue Church, Oklahoma City, state of religion good, members received 21, deceased 1, Sunday School good, average number of pupils 95, officers 4, teachers 10, paid pastor \$2,870.00, paid evangelist \$170.50, foreign missions \$76.70, building and repairs \$1,023.21, education \$121.14, publication \$109.00, orphanage \$249.50. Rev. Melvin Gingham, pastor; Jack Mangham, clerk.

New Bethlehem Church, state of religion good, members received 1, no dismissals, no deaths, Sunday School good, average attendance of pupils 25, officers 5, number of teachers 3, paid pastor \$230.00, paid evangelist \$46.14, foreign missions \$12.50, building and repair \$25.00. Rev. Earl Gunn, pastor; Mrs. Roy Fry, clerk.

Spring Hill Church, state of religion good, members received this year 10, baptised 7, dismissed 1, total membership 96, Sunday School good, average number of pupils 68, officers 8, value of church property \$1950.00, paid pastor \$505.00, evangelist \$188.34, incidentals \$47.60, publication \$96.49. Rev. Wade Jernigan pastor for coming year; F. M. Woods, moderator; Arlene Blackwell, clerk.

Earlsboro Church, state of religion good, members died none, received none, baptised none, dismissed none, total membership 40, prayer meeting good, Sunday School good, average number of pupils 35, officers 6, teachers 5, paid pastor \$660.00, evangelist \$60.00, foreign missions \$5.00, building and repairs \$226.26, publication \$38.91, orphanage \$27.67. Rev. Harlan Parson, pastor; Mrs. H. E. Stevenson, clerk.

Tecumseh Church, state of religion good, members received 11, number dismissed none, deceased none, total membership 80, prayer meeting good, Sunday School good, average attendance 43, paid pastor \$600.00, paid evangelist \$67.93, building and repair \$88.19, orphanage \$108.00, miscellaneous \$220.93. Rev. A. B. Epperson, pastor; Vivian Davis, clerk.

Shawnee Church, state of religion good, members received 12, number dismissed 4, deceased 1, Sunday School good, average number of pupils 78, officers 4, teachers 7, paid pas-

tor \$2080.00, evangelist \$72.00, foreign missions \$79.62, building and repairs \$393.79, publication \$66.00, education \$43.86. Rev. Vard Woods, pastor; W. S. Mooneyham, clerk.

Wolf Church, state of religion good, Sunday School fair, prayer meeting small attendance, number received none, deceased one, paid pastor \$510.00, evangelist \$50.00, visiting minister \$80.60, Camp Ground \$50.00. Rev. D. S. O'Donnell, pastor; Sarah A. Harris, clerk.

First Church, Oklahoma City, state of religion good, members received 60, baptized 21, dismissed 8, deceased 2, total membership 239, condition of prayer meeting good, Sunday School good, average number of pupils 154, officers 4, teachers 11, paid pastor \$3375.00, evangelist \$90.00, foreign mission \$75.27, home mission \$211.00, building and repairs \$6000.00, education \$20.00. Rev. B. T. Kirby, pastor; Arthur Hatcher, clerk.

Pleasant Hill Church, state of religion good, members received 9, dismissed none, deceased none, Sunday School good, paid pastor \$160.00, evangelist \$50.00, singer \$30.00. We are painting church house and repairing same. Lillian Argo, clerk.

MINISTERS' REPORT

Rev. Melvin Bingham, 116 sermons preached. Conversions 22, baptized 4, additions to church 23, couples married 4, funerals 2. Received for pastoral work, \$2,825.00. Evangelistic \$125.98.

Rev. W. A. Land, 35 sermons preached, 1 funeral. Conversions 8, amount received \$60.00.

Rev. Earl Guinn, 60 sermons preached, conversions 18, revivals 1, baptized 1, miles traveled 3,000. Amount received \$167.00.

Rev. Charles Sapp, 54 sermons preached, conversions 38, baptized 9, organized one church, "Happy Land." Ordained one deacon, and traveled 6,000 miles.

Rev. Clyde Argo, 2 revivals, 4 weddings, witnessed 10 conversions, traveled 2,000 miles, received \$9.00. I have the 4th Sunday at Pleasant Hill for the coming year.

Rev. B. T. Kirby, 117 sermons, conversions 67, baptized 30, funerals 18. Received \$3,300 salary.

MINISTERS ROLL

Harlan Parsons, Earlsboro, Oklahoma
Joe Mooneyham, Shawnee, Oklahoma
A. B. Epperson, Tecumseh
Mattie Epperson, Tecumseh
Steve Willis, Tecumseh

W. A. Land, Dale, Oklahoma.
James P. Fry, Asher, Oklahoma
Burl True, Midwest City, Oklahoma
B. C. Munkus, Norman, Oklahoma.
Clyde Argo, Norman, Oklahoma
Guy H. McGuire, Paden, Oklahoma
Charles Sapp, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Melvin Bingham, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
W. O. Mangham, Oklahoma City
Warren Barnette, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
B. T. Kirby, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
H. H. Easterwood, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
L. W. Maldee, Noble, Oklahoma
Frank Hagar, Noble, Oklahoma
Jim Owens, Lexington, Oklahoma
Reford Wilson, Lexington, Oklahoma
George Taylor, Snomac, Oklahoma
Dennis H. O'Donnell, Cromwell, Oklahoma
Vard Woods, Shawnee, Oklahoma
W. S. Mooneyham, Shawnee, Oklahoma
Earl Guinn, Shawnee, Oklahoma

ROLL OF DEACONS

Clay Boland, Shawnee, Oklahoma
Lane, Shawnee, Oklahoma
Irvin Tate, Shawnee, Oklahoma
H. W. Lynn, Shawnee, Oklahoma
J. D. Anderson, Lexington, Oklahoma
B. C. Wilson, Lexington, Oklahoma
Tom Fry, Lexington, Oklahoma
Will Vanwinkle, Lexington, Oklahoma
Jim Garrett, Lexington, Oklahoma
C. F. White, Maud, Oklahoma
Robt. L. Kiker, Maud, Oklahoma
Douglas Villines, Maud, Oklahoma
Cecil Siler, Snomac, Oklahoma
T. G. Harris, Snomac, Oklahoma
Marvin, Dixon, Oklahoma City
Jack Johnson, Oklahoma City
Tom Blackburn, Oklahoma City
Will Yeager, Tecumseh, Oklahoma
C. O. Lemmon, Tecumseh, Oklahoma
Ben Littleton, Tecumseh, Oklahoma
B. F. Maxwell, Tecumseh, Oklahoma
B. Cluck, Tecumseh, Oklahoma
H. E. Stevenson, Earlsboro, Oklahoma
C. W. Argo, Norman, Oklahoma

DELEGATES ROLL

Brother Northern, Wolf Church
 Sister White, Wolf Church
 Sister Kiker, Wolf Church
 Sister Bradam, First Church, Oklahoma City
 Sister Bell, First Church, Oklahoma City
 Sister Finney, First Church, Oklahoma City
 Bro. Roy Thompson, Spring Hill Church
 Sister Trula Thompson, Spring Hill Church
 Bro. Allen Straughn, Spring Hill Church
 Sister Tom Stokes, New Bethlehem Church
 Sister Roy Hollis, New Bethlehem Church
 Sister Beatrice Gosnell, New Bethlehem Church
 Sister Edison, Earlsboro Church
 Sister Hanna, Earlsboro Church
 Sister Rasure, Earlsboro Church
 Sister George Ray, Central Avenue, Oklahoma City
 Bro. Warren Barnette, Central Avenue, Oklahoma City
 Sister Velma Graham, Central Avenue, Oklahoma City
 Sister Ruth Hightower, Tecumseh Church
 Sister Eileen Ward, Tecumseh Church
 Sister Genoma Watts, Tecumseh Church
 Sister Laverda Mooneyham, Shawnee Church
 Bro. R. L. Hollis, Shawnee Church
 Sister Edna Lou Vaughn, Shawnee Church.

CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance on hand August 22, 1947	\$ 112.56
Paid Rev. B. T. Kirby	50.00
Paid Rev. Charles Sapp	50.00
Paid Rev. Melvin Bingham	5.00
 Total	 \$ 105.00
Balance on hand August 23, 1947	\$ 7.56
Deposited August 24, 1947	215.00
 Balance on hand August 24, 1947	 \$ 222.56
Rev. Arthur Hearron	\$ 15.00
Mildred Cash	10.00
 Total	 \$ 25.00
Balance on hand August 24, 1947	\$ 197.56
Deposited August and September	14.00
 Balance on hand	 \$211.56
September 23, Beacon Publishing Company	6.50
 Balance on hand September 23, 1947	 \$ 205.06

MINUTES OF THE WOMEN'S AUSILIARY OF FIRST OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION

The Fourth Annual Session of The Women's Auxiliary of First Oklahoma Association met August 20, 1947.

Opened by singing "Heavenly Sunlight." Minutes of last Auxiliary Convention read and accepted. Report of Treasurer read and accepted. A standing prayer of sympathy was given for Sis. Neighbors who recently lost her husband.

Four Auxiliaries present, reports of Auxiliary read and accepted. Those elected for the nominating committee are as follows Sis. Gladys Elliston, Central Ave. Oklahoma City, Sis. Opal Kirby, First Church, Oklahoma City, Sis. Hattie Bell, First Church, Oklahoma City, Sis. Beulah Kinnamon, Shawnee, Sis. Ellen Ward, Tecumseh, Sis. Daisy Davis.

Eleven o'clock service was given to Rev. Vard Wood of Shawnee. Bro. Wood delivered a very inspirational message.

Motion carried we accept the changes of the duties of the officers, handed down to us by the National Auxiliary.

Adjourn until 1 o'clock. Benediction by Rev. Hampton.

Services opened by singing "Bring Them In." Prayer by Sis. Pierce.

Motion carried we send a card of cheer to Sis. Ketchem, of Shawnee, who is ill. Motion carried we send a card of Sympathy to Sis. Neighbors of Shawnee.

Two inspiring talks were given by our First Vice President, Mrs. Verdun Bingham, Second Vive President, Mrs. Daisy Pierce on "Exalt Ye The Lord."

An inspiring talk was given by the Fourth Vice President, Mrs. Nettie Barnett, on "Exalting Christ through Benevolence. The duties of the new officers were read.

The nominating committee reported. Officers for the ensuing years is sa follows: President, Sis. Mildred Cash, 536 N. Douglas, of Shawnee; First Vice President, Sis. Verdun Bingham, Oklahoma City; Second Vice President, Sis. Eileen Ward, Box 202, Tecumseh; Third Vice President, Sis. Beulah Kinnamon, 429 North Chapman, Shawnee; Fifth Vice President, Sis. Nettie Barnett, 324 S.E. 21st, Oklahoma City; Recording Secretary, Sis. Ruby Johnson, 2212 Miramor, Oklahoma City; Assistant Secretary, Sis. Opal Kirby, 2212 S.W. 31st, Oklahoma City; treasurer, Sis. Gladys Elliston, 205 S.E. 19th, Oklahoma City.

Program Committee is Sis. Beulah Kinamon, Shawnee; Sis. Opal O'Donnell, Oklahoma City, Sis. Hightower, Tecumseh.

Motion carried for the program committee select the speaker for the First Auxiliary Convention which will be held with the Central Ave. Church, Oklahoma City.

Sis. Opal Kirby, Oklahoma City, Sis. Daisy iPerce, Shawnee, Sis. Verdun Bingham, Oklahoma City were elected as delegates to the State Auxiliary Convention. Alternates were: Sis. Eileen Ward, Tecumseh, Sis. Beulah Kinnamon, Shawnee, Sis. Opal O'Donnell, Oklahoma City.

Tithes of \$23.20 was paid to the auxiliary treasury.

Motion carried we have the installation services at the First Auxiliary Convention, of this year.

Minutes of meeting read and accepted. Motion carried we adjourn. Benediction by Sis. Opal Kirby, Oklahoma City.

AUXILIARY REPORTS

CENTRAL AVE. OKLAHOMA CITY: Members on roll 22. Active members 18; average attendance 3; new members 9; personal service workers 15; members visiting sick 18; Bibles distributed 2; tracts distributed 221; other pieces of literature distributed 150; leaflets on temperance given out 24; hot meals given to elderly lady 61; 15 gave garments to needy; 38 quarts of fruit given to needy; 48 meetings held during year; 12 members of our Auxiliary tithe; 15 of the homes represented in the Auxiliary are subscribers to the denominational papers.

Sponsored one week of prayer preceding Easter; a six day Daily Vacation Bible School was conducted; one study course was held on Stewardship, the book "He That Giveth," by Simpson. A book report was given on "His Name Among All Nations" by Sis. Barnard given by Sis. Gladys Elliston. We urge all Free Will Baptist to read this good book.

One play was given at the 3rd Auxiliary Convention. A drive for the Cuban Dormitories was given and received \$31.00 Christmas stocking fund was \$49.00 for the College at Nashville. Sent 60 cheer cards to hospitals. A box of clothing was sent to Europe through the N.A.E. valued at \$110.00. A box of food to our Cuban Missionaries.

Paid to foreign missions \$23.00; Free Will Baptist Bible College \$19.50; Superannation board \$31.00; Free Will Baptist Orphanage \$31.00; First Oklahoma Association Camp Ground Fund \$20.20; \$5.00 for steel bunk beds for the Camp Ground; college students Christmas gifts \$2.24; tithes \$21.80; members dues \$5.40; paid in \$230.50; paid out \$226.35, leaving a balance on hand of \$4.80.

TECUMSEH: Members on roll 10; active members 5; new members 2. Served lunch in the homes that had lost loved ones (3). Sent 10 bouquets to the sick. Sent 12 trays of food to sick. Served lunch to the Chamber of Commerce twice a month; paid to foreign missions \$8.00. Paid to First Oklahoma Association \$50.00 for indebtedness on Camp

Ground. Miscellaneous expense \$87.50. Paid for bunk beds for Camp Ground \$5.00.

OKLAHOMA CITY FIRST CHURCH: Members on roll 23; average attendance 10; paid to Cuban dormitories \$20.20. Foreign Missions \$54.00. Sick calls 792, deaths 8, paid in treasury \$211.24; paid out \$185.99; leaving in treasury \$25.25.

SHAWNEE: Distributed 5 Thanksgiving baskets and Christmas baskets; 9 bowls of fruit to needy; 1 box of clothing sent to Europe through the N. A. E.; 2 boxes of fruit to Cuba Missionaries. Conducted a week of prayer preceding Easter. Sponsored a 10 day Vacation Bible School. Sponsored a 10 night singing school. Sponsored buying memographing machine or the Church. Number of meetings held 32. We send \$1.40 Tithes.

MINUTES OF THE FIRST OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION LEAGUE

Business Meeting August 16, 1947

Opened by singing "Victory In Jesus," directed by Wanda Guinn of Shawnee. Rev. Charles Sapp at the piano. Prayer by Nickie Poorch, Oklahoma City. Song, "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus." Alter of prayer by officers.

Minutes of last League rally read and approved. Minutes of the yearly business meeting read and approved. Quarterly treasurer's report read and accepted as a quarterly report.

Motion carried that the president appoint an auditing committee: Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Mary Belle Smith, Nickie Poorch.

Letters called for from the Leagues. Motion carried to receive the tithes. Amount was \$3.55. Letters received from the following Leagues: Shawnee Senior League, Shawnee Junior League, Central Ave. of Oklahoma City, Tecumseh, First Church of Oklahoma City, and Spring Hill.

Motion carried to accept an oral report from Spring Hill. Motion carried to accept an oral report from Pleasant Hill.

The attendance banner was presented to the First Church in Oklahoma City. Shawnee and the First Church each received a program banner.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Sponsor: W. W. Hunt, 634 N. Louisa, Shawnee, Okla.

President: Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, 406 N. Center, Shawnee, Okla.

Vice-President: Nickie Poorch, 1125 N. W. 50th, Oklahoma City.

Recording Secretary: Mary Belle Smith, 426 N. W. 2nd, Oklahoma City.

Corresponding Secretary: LaVerda Mooneyham, 406 N. Center, Shawnee, Okla.

Chorister: Wanda Guinn, 414 N. Pennsylvania, Shawnee, Okla.

Pianist: Nola Faye Engle, Route 2, Box 96, Oklahoma City.

Motion to adjourn the business session until 1:00 p. m. Dismissed by Rev. Warren Barnett, Oklahoma City.

11:00 o'Clock Service

Opened by singing "Send the Light," directed by LaVerda Mooneyham. Nola Faye Engle at the piano. Prayer by Rev. B. C. Munkus. Rev. Reford Wilson brought the introductory message, using Titus 2:11 for a text.

Motion carried to give the president power to appoint a business committee: Rev. Reford Wilson, Spring Hill; Mary Rutherford, Oklahoma City; Warren Barnett, Oklahoma City; Eileen Ward, Tecumseh; Rev. B. C. Munkus, Pleasant Hill.

Dismissed by Luther Barnett, Oklahoma City.

1:00 o'Clock Service

Opened by singing "I Want to Love Him More" led by LaVerda Mooneyham. Prayer by Mary Belle Smith.

Rev. B. T. Kirby and Rev. M. V. Wood were elected as sponsors for the boys' dormitory next year. Mrs. Verdun Bingham and Mrs. Vivian Ketchem elected as sponsors of the girls' dormitory.

Rev. Weldon Wood of Ada was elected to bring the introductory message at our next annual session. Rev. Charles Sapp of Oklahoma City was elected as alternate.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. We recommend that the League Board select a General Director and plan the program for the Youth Camp of 1948. Carried.

2. We recommend that in counting for the Attendance Banner at our League Rallies, that three (3) points be given for each mile traveled from the church plus the attendance; and that at least five (5) representatives from each church be present for the 11 o'clock service. Carried.

Motion carried that we have three (3) League rallies a year. Motion carried that we eliminate the League rally on the first 5th Sunday following the Youth Camp.

Rallies placed as follows:

November 30, 1947, at Tecumseh.

February 29, 1948, at Central Ave. Church, Oklahoma City.

May 30, 1948, at Pleasant Hill.

Motion carried that we elect the following members of the League Board by acclamation: Rev. Melvin Bingham, Central Ave.; Rev. B. C. Munkus, Pleasant Hill; Rev. W. V. Wood, Shawnee; Rev. B. T. Kirby, First Church; Rev. Joe Mooneyham, Carr City.

Rev. Wade Jernigan, Blandenboro, N. C., was elected to bring the message for the November 30 rally. Rev. W. S. Mooneyham as alternate.

Motion made that we send \$10.00 to the association for League minutes. Carried.

Motion carried that the report of the Auditing Committee be accepted and that the committee be dismissed. Motion carried that we dismiss the Business Committee.

Motion to adjourn. A rising vote of thanks was given to outgoing officers: Rev. B. T. Kirby, general sponsor and E. C. Ketchem, president. To the sponsor, Mrs. Verden Bingham, Rev. R. C. Hampton and Mrs. B. T. Kirby, sponsor of the Cafe and the eCafe help.

Dismissed by E. C. Ketchem.

LEAGUES AND OFFICERS

PLEASANT HILL: Sponsor, Mr. Lawton Hurst, Route 3, Box 100, Norman, Okla.; President, Mr. Wilburn Hurst, Route 3, Box 100, Norman, Okla.

SPRING HILL: Sponsor, Mrs. Dorothy Waddle, Route 2, Noble, Okla.; President, Mr. Roy Waddle, Route 2, Noble, Okla.

CENTRAL AVE.: Sponsor, Mrs. Melvin Bingham, 1904 S. Central, Oklahoma City, Okla.; President, Mr. Orval Ray, 741 S.W. 45th, Oklahoma City.

FIRST CHURCH: Sponsor, Rev. B. T. Kirby, 2212 S.W. 31st, Oklahoma City, Okla.; President, Bill Thomas, 1111 S. Rockwood, Oklahoma City, Okla.

WOLF: Sponsor, Mrs. G. T. Taylor, General Delivery, Snomac, Oklahoma; President, Jane Etta Williams, Route 2, Maud, Oklahoma.

EARLSBORO: President, Mrs. Harlan Parsons, General Delivery, Earlsboro, Oklahoma.

NEW BETHLEHEM: Sponsor, Mrs. Roy Fry, Route 1, Asher, Oklahoma; President, Christine Stokes, Asher, Oklahoma.

TECUMSEH: Sponsor, Mrs. Will Yeager, Box 202, Tecumseh, Oklahoma; President, Mrs. Eileen Ward, Box 224, Tecumseh, Oklahoma.

SHAWNEE: Sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Green, 406 N. Center, Shawnee, Oklahoma; President, Milford Bowlan, c/o Aldridge Hotel, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

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 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. Mat. 24:13; Rev. 2:10.

6. That the joys of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternan. 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.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

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 been 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. 1:1-11-27-28; 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 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

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.
12. Miscellaneous Business.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR AUXILIARY

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 al 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 happniess and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring¹/₂ 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.

