

The
FIRST OKLAHOMA
ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTIST



1951

Proceedings of The
54th Annual Session



Convened at Camp Ground
700 N. Penn., Shawnee, Okla.

MINUTES
of the
FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
FIRST OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

When Convened at Associational Camp Ground at Shawnee,
Oklahoma, Thursday and Friday, August 16-17, 1951.

OFFICERS

Moderator.....Rev. Wade Jernigan, Norman, Okla.
Asst. Moderator.....Rev. Bailey Thompson, Lexington, Okla.
Clerk Mrs. Floyd Cash, Shawnee, Okla.
Asst. Clerk Mrs. Trula Thompson, Lexington, Okla.
Treasurer Rev. W. V. Wood, Shawnee, Okla.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Lonnie Da Vault, Shawnee, Okla.1951-56
E. C. Ketchem, Shawnee, Okla.1950-55
Rev. Vard Wood, Shawnee, Okla.1949-53
Rev. D. H. O'Donnell, Cromwell, Okla.1949-52
Rev. E. E. Morris, Oklahoma City, Okla.1949-52

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 1951

The Fifty-Fourth Annual Session of First Oklahoma Association of Free Will Baptists met at the Camp Ground at Shawnee, Okla. Opened by singing "When the Saints Go Marching In," led by Brother Dale Munkus of Pleasant Hill; Sister Mamie Stevenson of Earlsboro, pianist. The first chapter of Phillipians, chosen by Moderator for scripture lesson, prayer by Rev. Wade Jernigan, Norman, Okla. Letters called for: Wolf, Central Avenue, Oklahoma City, Shawnee and Capitol Hill, Oklahoma City, reporting. After reading of letters, motion made and carried to receive same and seat delegates.

Moderator declared nominations in order for election of officers for the ensuing year. Elected as follows: Moderator, Rev. Wade Jernigan of Norman; Assistant Moderator, Rev. Bailey Thompson of Lexington, Okla., clerk; Mrs. Floyd Cash, Shawnee, Okla.; Assistant Clerk, Mrs. Trula Thompson of Lexington, Okla.

Right hand of fellowship given the newly-elected officers. Letters presented and read from Tecumseh, Spring Hill, Earlsboro, Norman and Pleasant Hill. Delegates seated.

Motion carried that Moderator and Assistant Moderator appoint committees.

Committees as follows:

Divine Service Bro. Dale Munkus, Pleasant Hill; Sister Helen Wynn, Capitol Hill; Bro. White, Wolf.

Obituary Committee: Sister Nettie Barnett, Oklahoma City; Rev. Ira Snuthey, Pleasant Hill; Sister Mamie Stevenson, Earlsboro.

Finance Committee: Bro. W. W. Hunt, Capitol Hill; Rev. E. E. Morris, Capitol Hill; Rev. A. B. Epperson, Earlsboro.

Credentials Committee: Rev. A. B. Epperson, Earlsboro; Rev. V. Wood, Shawnee; Rev. D. H. O'Donnell, Cromwell.

Resolutions Committee: Rev. Roy Waddle, Norman; Rev. Earl Guin, Wolf; Rev. V. Wood, Shawnee, Okla.

Letters from Pleasant Grove and Seminole accepted and delegates seated.

Pulpit Committee reports that Rev. Reford Wilson will bring the morning message. Motion to adjourn until 1:30 P. M. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Lonnie Da Vault.

11 o'Clock Service

Opened by singing "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder," led by Bro. Dale Munkus, Frances Munkus, pianist, prayer by Brother Luther Waddle. Song, "Talk It Over With Jesus."

A poem, "Our Savior," given by Rev. John Been. Brother Been was also the author of the poem.

Quartette, "I'm Free Again," by Revs. Bailey Thompson, D. H. O'Donnell, Wade Jernigan and Bro. Dale Munkus; Frances Munkus, pianist.

Moderator introduced Rev. Reford Wilson as speaker of the hour. Rev. Wilson chose for scripture reading 2nd chapter of St. John 19 through the entire chapter, selecting "My Lord and My God" as his text. A very inspiring message on believing and personal experiences; also stewardship of our possessions and life and the pre-eminence of God. Closing with a lovely poem, "I Am Your Church." Song, "Wonderful Words of Life." Right hand of fellowship given Rev. Wilson and our good wishes as he is leaving for Pochontas, Ark. Dismissed in prayer by Sister Dorothy Waddle.

1:00 o'Clock Service

Opened by singing "Just Over in the Glory Land," led by Sister Trula Thompson; Francis Munkus, pianist. The first chapter of Psalms read by Rev. Alves McAffrey, Pleasant Hill, for scripture reading. Prayer by Rev. Ira Smithey, Pleasant Grove.

Partial report of the executive board that the Sales children were dismissed from the children's home into custody of their parents. Motion to accept same. Carried.

Motion that we adopt a ruling on authority to borrow and rediscount for banks and other corporations tabled until tomorrow. Ladies Auxiliary report read and accepted.

Nominations declared in order by Moderator for board members. Rev. Lonnie Da Vault elected; also treasurer, Rev. Vard Wood elected. Quarterly meetings were placed as follows:

First quarterly meeting at Norman, Nov. 15, 16, 1951.

Second: Capitol Hill, Okla. City, Feb. 14, 15, 1952.

Third: Pleasant Grove, May 16, 17, Alex, Okla.

Nominations declared in order for speaker for first meeting Thursday night: Rev. D. H. O'Donnell elected; Rev. Ira Smithey, alternate.

Motion made that executive board decide on location for concession stand to be built. Carried. The stand to be paid for by the Leagues.

Motion carried that the Association extend the cafe same length of the present building. Motion also carried to build two class sheds.

Nominations in order for delegates to State Association elected as follows: Bro. E. C. Ketchem, Shawnee; W. W. Hunt, Oklahoma City; Dale Munkus, Pleasant Hill; and Sisters, Nettie Barnett, Central Avenue, and I. W. Cluck, Shawnee; alternates, Sisters Joan Percy, Pearl Fry, Doris Borden, Dorothy Waddle and Bro. Henry Worden.

Sister Trula Thompson delegate elected to National Association.

Committee on Divine Association report that Rev. Albert McReynolds will bring the evening message.

A verbal report of thanks from Rev. Will Been thanking the Association for their assistance in the buying of Sister Been an artificial limb.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Ira Smithey.

Thursday Evening Service

Opened by singing "There'll Be Shouting," led by Brother Tom Anglin, Sister Doris Borden, pianist. Song, "Take the Name of Jesus," led by Rev. Delbert Akin. Song, "Anywhere Is Home." Quartette, "Oh the Glory Did Roll," by Revs. Delbert Akin, Wade Jernigan, Bailey Thompson and Brother Dale Munkus; pianist, Doris Borden.

Quartette by Brother and Sister Tom Anglin, Kenneth Anglin and Rev. Delbert Akin, "The Great Redeemer." Devotional service led by Rev. Lonnie Da Vault. Solo, "I'll Meet You By the River," by Rev. Bailey Thompson. Rev. McReynolds introduced as speaker, a good message on "The Robe of Righteousness." Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Earl Guinn.

Friday Morning Service

Opened by singing "I'll Be Satisfied," led by Bro. Dale Munkus; Frances Munkus, pianist. Song, "I'd Rather Be An Old Time Christian." Assistant Moderator choosing 4th chapter of I Tim. for scripture lesson. Prayer by Rev. George Scott, Central Avenue. Letter from Henryetta church read and accepted.

Motion that an amendment be made to the serving of meals that Capitol Hill Church take Sunday and Shawnee Monday. Carried.

Committee on Divine Service reported that Rev. George Scott will bring the morning message. Motion carried to lend Norman church our pews until needed.

Motion that the church serving dinner on Thursday of Association also serve supper and that Camp Ground facilities be available during Association for sleeping and cafe open for fixing their own breakfast. Same carried.

Motion that Executive Board have authority of building class rooms. Carried.

Ten-minute recess declared by Moderator so that the Committee might organize. Dismissed by Bro. Dale Munkus.

Finance Committee recommended that each Church of the Association open their doors to a youth program consisting of several quartettes, and other numbers. A love offering to be taken at each program to finance the proposed buildings on our Camp Ground. Motion to accept report. Same carried.

Nominations declared in order for replacement of Rev. Lewis Woods, who has moved, and Rev. Wade Jernigan, whose time expires, to superannuation. Board elected by acclamation for three years, Rev. Wade Jernigan and for two years, Rev. George Scott.

Treasurer's report read and accepted.

Auxiliary report read and accepted.

In absence of two members of Obituary Committee, Sister Leona Anglin and Rev. V. B. True appointed to fill vacancy.

Motion made that a committee be elected to revise constitution of our Association. Motion carried. Committee elected: Revs. D. H. O'Donnell, E. E. Morris, Wade Jernigan, George Scott and A. B. Epperson by acclamation.

Resolution Committee recommended that a grievance committee be elected to take care of all grievances that may come before them, before being brought before the body as a whole. Motion to accept same and elect the committee. Carried.

Election to be in afternoon session.

Motion to adjourn until 1:30 p. m. Carried. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. J. Reford Wilson.

11:00 o'Clock Session

Service opened by singing "Blessed Assurance," led by Dale

Munkus, Francis Munkus, pianist. Prayer by Rev. Clyde Argo. Song, "He Whispers Sweet Peace." Quartette, "Way Down in My Soul," Revs. Dennis O'Donnell, Wade Jernigan, Bailey Thompson and Brother Dale Munkus.

Assistant Moderator introduced Rev. George Scott, Central Avenue., for the morning message. Rev. Scott read I Cor. 10: 11 for scripture text. Using "An Example" for subject, a very inspirational and instructive message admonishing us to follow Christ as our example. Song and right hand of fellowship and welcome extended Rev. Scott. Dismissed in prayer by Sister Nettie Barnette.

1:00 o'Clock Service

Opened by singing "Lord Send Me," led by Brother Dale Munkus; Francis Munkus, pianist. Devotional reading, Philipians 3:10-14, and prayer by Assistant Moderator.

The Obituary Committee reports the following deaths: Brother Porter and Sister Alice Clark from Tecumseh church; Brother J. D. Greenwood, Spring Hill, Brother Grissell, deacon of Pleasant Hill. Infant daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Harmon of Minneha church; Sister Metcalf from Shawnee; Brother Davis, Central Avenue church. Report accepted.

Report of Auditing Committee read and accepted.

Nominations declared in order for Grievance Committee. Revs. V. B. True, J. Reford Wilson and Clyde Argo elected.

Motion to accept the tabled motion that board have authority to borrow or rediscount from banks or corporations. Same carried.

Credential Committee recommended ordination of Brother Lonnie Da Vault and renewal of Brother Fred Potter's license to preach the gospel. Same accepted.

Motion and second to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. E. Lane.

Resolutions Committee recommended:

(1) That treasurer be elected same time as other officers. Carried.

(2) That the minutes be printed and distributed by October 1. Carried.

(3) That the Association pay the Clerk and Moderator \$10.00 each for services rendered. Accepted.

Ministers report: Rev. D. H. O'Donnell, Seminole Church,

number of conversions witnessed 31, baptized 9, members received 38, revivals held 4, salary \$275, miles traveled 22,000, present pastor of Seminole church.

Rev. Earl Guin reports that he has gone into evangelistic work and can be contacted by writing him at 400 N. Penn., Shawnee, Okla. He is the former pastor of Wolf church, having a successful yearthere.

Church Letters

Henryetta, Okla., state of religion good, prayer meeting good, membership 38, members received this year 16, dismissed 12. Sunday school good. We have two departments in F. W. B. League. Both are good. Money received this year \$1,583.30; 10 per cent of this amount paid to our denominational enterprises. We send as delegates Sisters Nettie Sparks, Fern Crawford and Ruby Ingram. Rev. W. V. McPhail, Moderator, Mrs. Opal McPhail, Clerk.

Spring Hill church: state of religion good, members received 7, baptized 7, dismissed 17, deceased 1, resident members 68. Condition of prayer meeting good, Sunday school good, average number of pupils 71, officers 2, teachers 6. Paid pastor, \$1,560.00, evangelist \$228.01. Home Missions \$55.59, Foreign Missions \$50.99. Building and repairs \$397.00, utilities \$52.01, Bible College \$60.00, Children's Home \$67.50, love offering \$20.00, flowers \$36.50. We have bought a parsonage and moved on the grounds near our church. We send as delegates Sisters Gladys Straughn, Pearl Fry and Modena Caskey, Rev. Alvis McAffrey, Moderator, Trula Thompson, Clerk.

Pleasant Hill Church. State of religion good, members received 9, baptized 6, dismissed none. Condition of prayer meeting good, Sunday school improving, average number of pupils 40, officers 4, teachers 4. Paid pastor \$288.00. Evangelist \$150.00, Foreign Missions \$65.00, Education \$15.24, publication \$28.00. We send as delegates Sisters Georgia Hurst, Marie Vaughn and Brother Dale Munkus. J. T. Hurst, Moderator, Louise Allen, clerk. We have called Rev. Lonnie Da Vault as pastor.

Tecumseh Church: State of religion good, prayer meeting good, Sunday school good. Members received this year 3, dismissed 4, deceased 2. Resident members 46, non-resident members 44. Average Sunday school attendance 33. Paid pastor \$900.00, insurance \$41.40, note on Camp Ground \$60.00, Orphan-

age \$14.26. Miscellaneous expenditures \$75.61. We send as delegates Sisters Macey, Beshers and Brother Le Roy Bowers. Pastor, Rev. Delbert Akins. Clerk, Vivian Davis.

Central Avenue: State of religion, good. Members received 18, baptized 7, dismissed 19, deceased 1, total membership 145. Condition of prayer meeting good, Sunday school good, average attendance 93; number of officers 6, teachers 11, classes 11. Paid pastor \$3,315.00; evangelist \$100.00; Home Missions \$210.50; Foreign Missions \$313.79; Christian education \$181.28; Orphanage \$359.85; miscellaneous \$4,498.44. We send as delegates Sisters Fern Warden, Erma Lee Ray and Nettie Barnette. Pastor for coming year, Rev. George Scott. Moderator, Rev. Reford Wilson, Elsie Tatum, clerk.

Pleasant Grove: State of religion good; members received 1; baptized 2; dismissed 1; total membership 29. No prayer meeting. Sunday school good. Average number of pupils 27. Number of officers 3; teachers 3. Paid pastor \$86.72; evangelist \$105.61; home missions \$5.00. For building and repairs and incidental expenses \$239.90; for education \$21.36; Orphanage \$7.00; flowers \$14.00; for Camp Ground \$19.20. We send as delegates Sisters Mary Joy, Alma Watkins and Brother Robert Watkins. Rev. Ira Smithey, pastor; Richard Barbee, clerk.

Shawnee: State of religion good; members received 23; baptized 7; dismissed 4; deceased 1. Total membership 136. Condition of prayer meeting good, Sunday school good; average number of pupils 71; number of officers 4; teachers 7. Paid pastor \$2,415.00; evangelist \$175.00; Foreign Missions \$24.45; Home Missions \$260.83; building and repair \$98.12; publication \$166.37. We send as delegates Brothers E. C. Ketchum, Wilburn Beshers and Sister I. W. Cluck. Rev. Vard Ward, pastor; Cecil Stephens, clerk.

Wolf Church: State of religion good. Members received 8; baptized 1; dismissed 5 (by letter). Total membership 38. Condition of prayer meeting good; Sunday school good; average attendance of pupils 36; officers 6; teachers 4; paid pastor \$550.00; Orphanage \$118.51; evangelist \$151.00; education \$38.32; building and repairs \$193.72; visiting ministers \$17.00; Camp Ground expenses \$30.50; College \$15.00; miscellaneous \$350.49. We send as delegates Sisters Myrtle Kyker, Vera Mullens and Orilce McDonald. Rev. Earl Guinn, pastor; Cecil Siler, clerk.

Norman church: State of religion good; resident members

67; members received this year 32; number baptized 19. Condition of prayer meeting good. Sunday school good; average attendance 57; total income \$6,844.01; paid pastor \$1810.00; house rent \$370.00; miscellaneous \$145.85; education \$30.59; evangelist \$200; superannuation \$11.75; college offering and pledges \$311.04; Missions \$20.24; Orphanage \$47.69; value of church property \$1200.00; Rev. Wade Jernigan, pastor; Eula Bates, clerk.

Earlsboro church: State of religion good; total membership 40; condition of Sunday school good; number of officers 5; teachers 3. Paid pastor \$780.00; evangelist \$150.00; Home Missions \$60.00; Foreign Missions \$25.00; Orphanage \$50.00; publication \$53.74; Camp Ground \$25.00; other expenses \$165.13. We send as delegates Sisters Lela Hanna, Ramona Barrett and Brother Clyde Boyd. Rev. A. B. Epperson pastor; Mamie Stevenson clerk.

Capitol Hill church: State of religion good; members received 72; baptized 20; dismissed 6; total membership 243. Condition of prayer meeting good; Sunday school good, average number of pupils 150; officers 4; teachers 7. Paid pastor \$4,335.00; evangelist \$110.00; utilities and telephone \$212.04. Sunday school and League literature \$152.00; radio program \$1,439.13; groceries and charity \$85.24; flowers \$100.00; Missions \$40.00; Orphanage \$80.00; Camp Ground \$250.00; singing school \$137.11; repair and expansion of building \$1,233.37. We send as delegates Sisters Helen Wynn, Joan Wood and Brother W. W. Hunt. Rev. E. E. Morris pastor; Mrs. T. J. Blackburn, clerk.

Seminole church: State of religion good; members received 38; revivals 2; number baptized 9; number dismissed 7; total membership 53. Condition of prayer meeting good; Sunday school good; average number of pupils 30; officers 9; teachers 5. Paid pastor \$275.00; Home Missions \$30.00; College \$10.00; First Oklahoma Association \$23.00; for building and repairs \$3,423.72; miscellaneous \$370.37; total received this year \$3,799.71; paid out \$4,132.49. Pastor, Rev. D. H. O'Donnell; clerk Lillian Tipton.

Sunday School Report

Shawnee Sunday school: Number enrolled 106; average attendance 71; number of departments 7; officers 4; teachers 7; assistants 4; classes 7; number of 100 per cent members for

year none; 6 months none; last 3 months 2; average grade year 75 percent; 6 months 70 percent; last 3 months 67 percent; average offering, year \$13.41; last 6 months \$13.72; last 3 months \$12.38 per Sunday. Number of class rooms 5; offering to Convention \$2.50. E. C. Ketchem, supt.; Doris Tate, secy.

Superannuation report: We, the board, have met four times since elected in March. Cards of remembrance have been sent to remind churches of the old aged ministers and any other ministers in need, each month. We gave \$10.00 on the artificial foot for Sister Been.

AUGUST 16, 1951

**TREASURER'S YEARLY REPORT
FIRST OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION
of**

FREEWILL BAPTISTS

BAL. AS OF NOV. 24, 1950\$34.22

CASH RECEIPTS:

Springhill Freewill Baptist Church	\$ 44.54
Central Avenue Freewill Baptist Church	173.10
Tecumseh Freewill Baptist Church	50.00
Shawnee Freewill Baptist Church	135.80
Wolfe Freewill Baptist Church	45.50
Earlsboro Freewill Baptist Church	25.00
Pleasant Hill Freewill Baptist Church	39.00
Norman Freewill Baptist Church	9.19
Seminole Freewill Baptist Church	33.40
Henryetta Freewill Baptist Church	16.00
G. A. Pierce (Utilities)	76.94
First Oklahoma Association Auxiliary	15.00
Rev. George McClain and Family	5.00
Seminole-Pott. Royalty Company	11.00
Lonnie Davault	10.00
Sister Barnett	5.00
Fred Potter	17.50
John Johnson	25.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	746.97
BALANCE	\$781.19

DISBURSEMENTS:

Oklahoma Natural Gas Company	\$ 30.25
Federal National Bank	452.69
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company	39.01
Shawnee Water Department	22.90
Oklahoma Gas & Electric Company	18.16
The Shawnee American	4.80
Shawnee Plumbing Company	4.46
Mrs. Verden Bingham \$100.00 Bible College; \$2.50 Old Age Ministers Fund	102.50
Sister Bean (Artificial Foot)	10.00
John H. West	5.00
The Small Voice	3.25
E. C. Ketchem	1.05
F. W. Woolworth (floor wax)	1.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$695.07
TOTAL BALANCE	\$ 86.12

Money received: Central Avenue \$40.00; Pleasant Hill \$4.00; Norman \$9.19; Ladies' Auxiliary \$10.00. Total received \$63.19; total disbursements: Sister Been's foot, \$10.00; state superannuation \$2.50; balance in treasury \$50.69.

Treasurer's report.

Ladies' Auxiliary Report

First Oklahoma Association District Ladies Auxiliary met Aug. 15, 1951, at Camp Ground, Shawnee, Okla. Opened by singing "Where He Leads I'll Follow," led by Frances Munkus, Pleasant Hill; Sister Eunice Lunsford, Capitol Hill, pianist; prayer by Sister Thelma Clark, Capitol Hill; class song, "Some Day." Scripture reading St. John 20:11-18 by Sister Lena Wood. Welcome by Sister George Hass, Shawnee. Response by Sister Thelma Clark, Capitol Hill. Sister Daisy Pierce took charge in absence of president.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Motion carried that acting president appoint committees: Committees: Registration—Sister R. R. Walker, Central Avenue; Sister E. J. Guinn, Wolfe; Sister I. W. Cluck, Shawnee.

Business: Sister Lorene Borden, Capitol Hill; Dovie Hass, Shawnee; Sister Campbell, Central Avenue.

Auditing: Sisters Opal O'Donnell, Central Avenue; Thelma

Clark, Capitol Hill, and Doris Tate, Shawnee. A thank-you card from Rev. and Mrs. W. Been for donation given. Letter from Sister J. E. Frazier, national secretary, read. Report on report blanks will have them ready before next meeting. Motion carried to accept same.

A letter of appreciation from our president for our gift was read. A reading, "Working Together Through Our Youth" by Sister Pierce. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. V. Wood for recess.

11:00 o'Clock Session

Service opened by singing "Just Over in the Glory Land," led by Frances Munkus; Freda Stephens, pianist. Prayer by Rev. R. J. Lane. Song, "Talk It Over With Jesus."

Rev. Lonnie Da Vault brought the morning message. His text, "The Woman's Place in the Life of the Lord Jesus Christ." Scripture, Matt. 15:21-28. Dismissed in prayer for lunch. Afternoon service opened by singing "Sitting at the Feet of Jesus." Led by Sister Francis Munkus; pianist, Sister Wanda Sangster. Prayer by Sister Eunice Lunsford. Scripture reading James 5:12 by Sister Lorene Borden, Capitol Hill. Quartet number, "In the Shadow of the Cross."

Central Avenue president's report read and accepted.

Second Vice President. Given by Sister Wanda Barnett as Sister Opal O'Donnell was on Auditing committee. Report accepted.

Third Vice President by Sister Doris Tate. Motion carried to accept same.

Fourth Vice President report by Vesta Sparks, read and accepted.

Fifth Vice President by Sister I. W. Cluck. Motion carried to accept same.

Local Treasurer's report by Sister George Hass accepted.

Registration Committee reports 46 present.

Business Committee: We recommend (1) that we send \$5.00 too Association for printing of minutes; (2) that a love offering of \$5.00 be given Rev. Lonnie Da Vault; (3) that we pay back dues \$1.40. Motion carried to accept the committee's recommendations.

Motion that treasurer pay back dues of inactive members. Carried.

Election of Officers: President, Sister Margaret West, Central Avenue, 129 S.W. 28th, Oklahoma City; 1st Vice President, Sister Doris Tate, 1115 N. Tucker, Shawnee; 2nd Vice President, Sister Lorene Borden, 2508 S.W. 32nd, Oklahoma City; 3rd Vice President, Sister Thelma Clark, 713 S.W. 24th, Oklahoma City; 4th Vice President, Sister Wanda Burnette, 340 S. Park View, Oklahoma City; 5th Vice President, Sister I. W. Cluck, 336 S. Eden, Shawnee, Okla.; Sec-Treas., Sister George Haas, 542 N. Elm, Shawnee, Okla.

Delegates to state meeting: Sisters R. R. Walker, Central Avenue; Alice Holiday, Capitol Hill; Eunice Lunsford, Capitol Hill; alternates: Sisters Lee Guinn, Shawnee; Doris Tate, Shawnee, and Rachel Walters, Shawnee. Speaker for our next session: Rev. George Scott, Central Avenue; alternate, Rev. Wade Jernigan, Norman. Response to be given by Sister Wanda Burnette.

Report of Auditing Committee read and approved.

District Treasurer's report read and accepted.

tSanding vote of thanks given Shawnee Church.

Motion made that we send Sister Jean Wilson a letter of appreciation for her services in our district.

Offering \$9.52; motion to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Sister Lena Wood. Five Auxiliaries reported.

First Vice President Mrs. Daisy Pierce.

Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. George Haas.

Auxiliary Treasurer's Report

Receipts: Balance brought forward	\$ 46.37
Received for Convention dues	23.70
Missions	20.40
Bible College Student	10.00
F. W B. College	20.00
Aged Ministers	20.25
Orphanage	50.00
Co. Labor	127.00
Tithes	31.48
Literature	24.00
Miscellaneous	59.34
TOTAL RECEIPTS	432.54
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	396.30
Balance in Treasury	36.24

DISBURSEMENTS:

First Oklahoma Association	20.00
Co-Labor	127.00
Convention Dues	5.40
Love Offerings	70.50
Orphanage	50.00
Norman Building Fund	15.00
Literature	23.70
Missions	20.40
Aged Ministers	20.40
Bible College	20.00
College Student	10.00
Tithes to State	1.59
TOTAL	\$396.30

LEAGUE REPORT

Minutes of Yearly Business Meeting Aug. 14, 1951

Minutes of the Leagues of the First Oklahoma Association when convened at our Camp Ground, Shawnee, Okla., August 14, 1951.

We opened by singing "Take the Name of Jesus With You" led by Dale Munkus, with Inez Thompson at the piano.

A prayer at the altar was led by Lonnie Da Vault.

Minutes of previous League Rally were read, approved and accepted.

Minutes of 1950 Business Meeting read.

A financial report of the 1951 Youth Camp was read by Rev. E. E. Morris and accepted.

Letters from various Leagues called for.

Letters from following leagues read and accepted:

Shawnee 24; Spring Hill 30; Capital Hill 54 (Adult 14, Sr. 10, Int. 20, Jr. 10); Pleasant Hill 40; Norman 30; Tecumseh 8; Wolf 15; total tithes for rally \$20.10.

Motion carried that we adjourn until after broadcast resuming business at 10 a. m.

Brother E. C. Ketchem took charge at the 10 o'clock meeting and election of new officers was held.

Sponsor: Brother and Sister Roy Waddle, 1115 W. Comanche, Norman, Okla.; President, Curly Ray; Vice President,

Dale Munkus, Rt. 3, Box 105, Norman; Recording Secretary, Doris Borden, 2508 S. W. 32nd, Oklahoma City; Corresponding Secretary, Jann Piercey, 1342 S.W. 21st, Oklahoma City; Treasurer, Edna Da Vault, 128 W. Elizabeth, Shawnee; Chorister, Ann Green, 406 Center, Shawnee; Pianist, Yvonne Clark, 713 S. W. 24th, Oklahoma City.

Motion made and seconded that Vice President and General Sponsor appoint a Business Committee. Carried.

Appointed were Rev. E. E. Morris, Bonnie Argo, Joe Blair, Bailey Thompson and Sister Alice Holliday.

Leagues agreed to continue paying \$5.00 monthly to upkeep of Camp Ground.

The Leaguers agreed to sell soda pop on through the Association, which is August 14 - 17.

League Board of 1951-52 was elected:

- (1) Wade Jernigan, 217½ E. Dawes, Norman.
- (2) Clyde Argo, Rt. 2, Moore, Okla.
- (3) Lonnie Da Vault, 128 W. Elizabeth, Shawnee.
- (4) Cotton McCaffery, Rt. 2, Lexington, Okla.
- (5) Cecil Siler, Box 87, Snomac, Okla.

Rev. E. E. Morris was elected as General Superintendent for 1952 camp, with Brother Vard Wood as assistant.

Dormitory Sponsors elected:

Boys—Lonnie Da Vault, Clyde Argo.

Sr. Girls—Ethel Smoot, Edna Da Vault.

Jr. Girls—Alice Holliday, Dorothy Waddle.

Motion carried that we adjourn until 1:00 p. m.

Dismissed in prayer by Brother Bill Hunt.

Worship Service

Opeend by singing "He's a Wonderful Savior to Me," led by Dorothea Moore, with Yvonne Clark at piano.

Prayer by Sister Epperson.

Devotion Service was led by Ada Belle Sapp.

Camp Ground quartet sang "My Lord Will Send Ol' Moses."

Rev. E. E. Morris took charge, taking his text from John 11:28, "The Master cometh and calleth for thee." An inspiring message was brought.

A handshake of appreciation was given to all the sponsors by the Leaguers. Dismissed in prayer by Brother Morris.

Afternoon Service—1:00 P. M.

Opened with song led by Dorothea Moore.

Brother Joe Blair was elected to speaker at the first League Rally with Lonnie Da Vault as alternate.

Motion carried that the host church would not be eligible for the attendance banner if they had the League Rally brought to Camp Grounds.

Report of Business Committee: Item 1. We, the Business Committee, recommend the building of a concession stand on Camp Grounds.

Motion carried to accept recommendation.

Item 2. We recommend that next years program be carried right on through Sunday with classes on Sunday morning as during week days.

Motion carried to accept recommendation.

Item 3. We further recommend that the business session be held on Saturday afternoon and that classes will continue on through Tuesday, closing Tuesday night.

Motion carried to accept recommendation.

Item 4. We recommend that the Constitution be amended to read "that each officer shall hold only one office." Motion carried to accept recommendation.

Item 5. We recommend that the age limit be raised to 10 years through 25. Motion carried to accept recommendation.

Item 6. We recommend that water fountains be purchased and installed. Motion carried to accept recommendation.

Item 7. We recommend that the same registration fee of \$3.00 be charged and that the churches serve in the same order as this year with the exception that the Norman church serve on opening Monday and Shawnee serve on Sunday. Motion carried to accept recommendation

Item 8. We recommend that the officers of the League and League Board arrange the program for the ensuing year. Motion carried to accept recommendation.

A motion carried that we rescind the resolution calling evangelist out of our Association.

Brother Luther Gibson was elected Evangelist for the 1952 Youth Camp.

Treasurer's report read and accepted.

Auditing Committee was appointed to audit books. They

were: Lonnie Da Vault, Dorothea Moore and Yvonne Clark. Motion carried that we have 10-minute recess.

The League Rallies are to be on the following dates:

Henryetta—Sept. 30, 1951.

Spring Hill—Jan. 27, 1952.

Norman—April 27, 1952.

Report of Auditing Committee made and accepted.

Brother Don Ketchem was elected to give response to welcome at Henryetta.

New treasurer was given authority to pay tithes owed to State League Association.

A rising vote of thanks was given for outgoing officers.

Motion was made and seconded that we adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. E. E. Morris.

President, Curly Ray.

Recording Sec., Doris Borden.

The Churches of the Association will feed Youth Camp as follows: Monday, Shawnee; Tuesday, Central Avenue; Wednesday, Capital Hill; Thursday, Spring Hill; Friday, Pleasant Hill; Saturday, Wolf; Sunday, Capitol Hill; Monday, Minneha and Pleasant Grove; Tuesday, Earlsboro and Henryetta; Wednesday, Ladies Auxiliary will have charge; Thursday, Tecumseh; Friday, Seminole.

Quarterly Meetings

First quarterly meeting of First Oklahoma Association of Freewill Baptist met Nov. 16, 1950, with Spring Hill Church. Opened by singing "Oh, I Want to See Him" and "Leaning On the Everlasting Arms." Prayer by Rev. Louis Woods of Tecumseh, Central Avenue reporting. Motion made to accept letters and seat the delegates. Songs, and right hand of fellowship given delegates. Letters from Norman church read and accepted.

Motion that Moderator appoint Business Committee. Carried. Committee appointed as follows: Revs. Earl Guinn and Wade Jernigan, Brother W. W. Davis, Sisters George Ray and Bonnie Argo.

Committee on Divine Service appointed. Brother John Straughn, Sisters Japer Clark and Bessie Trammell.

Recessed by Moderator. Prayer by Moderator. Committee reports that Rev. Joe Blair will bring the morning message. Shawnee letter read and accepted and delegates seated.

Business Committee: We recommend to this Conference the recommendation from Auxiliary meeting: "We, the Auxiliary, recommend that the Association set up a functioning program for the assistance of aged ministers in our Association. We, the Woman's Auxiliary, send \$10.00 for the program. Motion carried to accept same. Rev. H. E. Starris of Mission Association invited to seat in Conference.

Eleven o'clock service opened by singing "Standing On the Promises," led by Rev. Wade Jernigan. Sister McAffrey, pianist. Prayer by Rev. A. McAffrey. Song, "Heaven Holds All For Me," led by Rev. Hagar. Quartette, "Looking For a City," by Revs. Wade Jernigan, Bailey Thompson and Sisters Trula Thompson and Elba Simpson. Moderator introducing Rev. Joe Blair as speaker of the hour. Reading I Cor. 15:10. Subject: "By the Grace of God I Am What I Am." An inspirational message, followed by Rev. H. E. Staires reading St. John 13:35. Subject: "By This All Men Shall Know Ye Are My Disciples," Rev. Staires bringing an inspiring message on our conduct and living. Congregational song, "Amazing Grace." Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Roy Waddle.

One o'clock service opened by singing "Tell It to Jesus," led by Rev. John Nunley, Sister Tommie Argo, pianist. Scripture reading by Rev. Luther Waddle, 23rd Psalm. Prayer by Rev. Vard Wood. Shawnee Sunday school report read and accepted. Report on State Sunday School Meeting given by Rev. E. E. Morris. A talk by Rev. H. E. Staires on the Mission Association Sunday School Convention. Verbal report of Executive Board by Rev. E. E. Morris, stating the organization and acceptance of the Norman church into First Oklahoma Association by the Board when the church was organized. Motion carried to accept report. Talk by the pastor of Norman church, Rev. W. Jernigan. Greetings from Brother and Sister E. C. Ketchum read; resignation of Brother Ketchum as Association treasurer read and motion carried to accept same. Nominations declared in order by Moderator for treasurer. Brother Wilburn Besheirs of Shawnee elected by acclamation.

Business Committee: We recommend (1) That this body appoint a three-man committee to work out and set up a functioning program for the assistance of the aged ministers of our Association. Revs. Wade Jernigan, Louis Wood and Brother

John Straughn appointed.

(2) We recommend that the introductory message be brought on Thursday night and that a Committee on Divine Service be appointed at each session to select ministers for the Friday morning and night services. Carried.

Nominations declared in order for the introductory speaker for Second Quarterly Conference. Rev. A. McAffrey elected. Rev. Lonnie Da Vault, alternate. Report of State Meeting by Sister Mildred Cash. Rev. H. E. Staires, member of National Home Mission Work, gave a report on Home Mission work and stated that we have six new churches through this work.

Credentials Committee: We recommend Brother Lonnie Da Vault for licensing to preach the Gospel for one year, and Brother Lowell Bates, Gene Shaw and R. H. McAlister for deacons.

Business Committee recommended that Moderator appoint a three-man committee to present plans for a Sunday School Convention at next session of Quarterly Conference. Brothers Lowell Bates, Clifford Davis and Rev. Vard Wood appointed.

Special prayer for Brother and Sister E. C. Ketchem.

A rising vote of thanks given Spring Hill church for their hospitality. Song, "When the Saints Go Marching In," led by Moderator. Motion to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Bailey Thompson.

Rev. J. Reford Wilson, Moderator.
Mrs. Floyd Cash, Clerk.

March 2, 1951.

Second Quarterly Conference

The Second Quarterly Conference of First Oklahoma Association met in Conference with Central Avenue Church, Oklahoma City. Opened by singing "O, I Want to See Him," and "Leaning On the Everlasting Arm." Scripture reading, I Cor. 13, by Rev. Vard Wood.

Prayer by Rev. James Franklin. Motion made to elect clerk for this session in the absence of clerk. Sister Eula Bates elected Rev. H. E. Staires of Mission Association invited to seat in Conference. Letters called for: Wolf, Central Avenue, Capitol Hill, Norman, Shawnee, Pleasant Grove and

Spring Hill reported. Letters read, accepted and delegates seated. Song and right hand of fellowship given delegates. By-laws read by Assistant Moderator. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Motion to fill vacancy on Credential Committee. Rev. Louis Wood of Tecumseh elected.

Committee on Divine Service appointed as follows: Sisters Junaita Warner, Central Avenue; Mildred Barbee, Pleasant Grove, and Bonnie Argo, Norman; Recessed by prayer. Committee on Divine Service appointed reported that Rev. F. A. McCage will bring the 11 o'clock message. Motion carried to elect Finance and Resolution Committee. Finance Committee: Revs. Wade Jernigan, Earl Guinn, Brothers Wilburn Besheirs, Phillip Simpson and Sister Alice Holliday.

Resolution Committee: Revs. Vard Wood, Louis Wood, John Nunley and Sisters Opal O'Donnell, and Lorene Borden.

Motion to adjourn for 1½ o'clock service.

Eleven o'clock service opened by singing "Where the Soul Never Dies," led by Rev. Wade Jernigan, Sister Bonnie Argo pianist. Prayer by Brother E. C. Ketchem; duet by Prague girls; solo by Rev. Bailey Thompson.

Moderator introduced Rev. F. E. McCage as speaker of the hour. Scripture, Job 38:17. The presence of the Holy Spirit was deeply felt during the service. Invitation song, "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone." Altar prayer. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. J. Reford Wilson.

One o'clock service opened by singing "What a Gathering That Will Be," led by Rev. Bailey Thompson. Scripture lesson, Job 19:26, read by Rev. Albert McReynolds. Prayer by Rev. McReynolds. A talk by Rev. H. E. Staires on Home Mission work.

Women's Auxiliary work by Sister Jean Wilson read and accepted. Nominations declared in order for Superannuation Committee. Elected were Revs. Wade Jernigan, Dennis O'Donnell and Louis Wood.

Finance Committee recommended that the pastor of each church stress the necessity of paying their membership dues into the Association in order to take care of Camp Ground indebtedness. Carried. Treasurer's report read and accepted.

Resolution Committee recommended that Rev. John H. West be invited to meet with us in our next session to talk to us on what Sunday School Convention would mean to our Association. Accepted.

(2) Resolved that this Association give \$100.00 to building program of Freewill Baptist Bible College in memory of Rev. W. E. Dearmore, long-time member and Moderator of this Association. Money to be pledged and paid by June, 1951. Motion carried to accept same.

Superannuation Committee: We, the Committee appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting, met December 29, opened with prayer. We recommend (1) That this Quarterly Conference elect a board consisting of three members, one, two and three years, whose authority shall determine whom, and how much support needy ministers shall receive; (2) That 75 percent of money sent in for superannuation be kept in First Oklahoma Association and 25 percent be given the state; (3) That each pastor explain this program, and the need of it to his church and work out some method whereby each shall be a supporter of the work. This shall not be binding but voluntary; (4) That the local churches recommend needy preachers to the board. The board will then consider the case. Motion carried to accept report.

Shawnee Sunday School report read and accepted. Rev. Lonnie Da Vault elected introductory speaker for next Conference. Rev. Dennis O'Donnell, alternate.

Committee on Divine Service reported. Rev. Wade Jernigan to bring Friday evening message.

Resolutions Committee recommends a rising vote of thanks to Central Avenue for their gracious hospitality. Carried. Motion to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. John Nunley.

Rev. R. Reford Wilson, Moderator.
Eula Bates, Clerk Pro Tem.

May 16, 1951.

The Third Quarterly Meeting of First Oklahoma Association at Tecumseh. Introductory message Thursday night by Rev. Lonnie Da Vault, using 22nd verse of 1st James: "Be ye doers of the word. A challenging and inspiring message. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Delbert Akins.

May 17, 1951, Third Quarterly meeting of First Oklahoma Association opened by singing "I Live On," led by Rev. D. H. O'Donnell; Sister John Nunley, pianist. Scripture reading 5th chapter 1st Thessalonians, 6 through entire chapter by Rev.

John Nunley. Prayer by Rev. Vard Wood. Song, "I'll Be Satisfied." Letters called for: Earlsboro, Seminole, Central Avenue, Wolf, Capitol Hill, Spring Hill, Shawnee and Tecumseh reporting. Letters read and accepted and delegates seated. Visiting brothers invited to seat with us in council. Rev. John West and Rev. Rogers invited to council with us.

Rev. D. H. O'Donnell elected by acclamation as Assistant Moderator for present session. Reading of minutes, read and accepted. Motion carried that Moderator and Assistant Moderator appoint Business Committee. Revs. Ira Smithey, A. B. Epperson, Earl Guinn and Sisters Trula Thompson and May Walker appointed. Treasurer's report read and accepted. Committee on Divine Service appointed as follows Sisters Nettie Barnette, Delcie Green and Alice Holliday. Recess called by Moderator. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Clifford Myers of Gaines Creek Association.

Eleven o'clock service opened by singing "I'll Fly Away," led by Rev. Tommie Roberts of First Mission Association, Brother Kiker pianist. Song, "What a Gathering That Will Be." Prayer by Brother E. C. Ketchem. Quartette arranged by Rev. O'Donnell. Revs. John West, R. Hall, Roberts and Sister Nunley sang "I'm a Millionaire." Rev. Hall, Rev. Hurd and Sister Joyce McMullen introduced s visiting ministers. Moderator introducing Rev. John H. West as speaker. Reading Deut 31:12. An instructive message on Sunday School work. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Ira Smithey.

One o'clock service opened by singing "I Just Steal Away and Pray," led by Rev. John Nunley, Sister Cora Bruce, pianist. Song, "Some Day." Scripture reading I Cor. 2:1-6, by Rev. Fred Potter. Prayer by Rev. Reford Wilson. Oral report from Pleasant Grove b pastor, Rev. Ira Smithey. Report accepted. Report from Gaines Creek Association by Rev. Clifford Myers.

Report of Credentials Committee: Recommends that Brother Fred Potter and John N. Johnson for licensing to preach the Gospel for one year; Brother McDonald for deacon. (2) We find there has been some violation of Association rules, so in order to correct same as nearly as possible, we have examined Brother Cecil Stephens and indorse his ordination as deacon of Shawnee church.

Committee on Divine Service selected Rev. Earl Guinn for Friday evening message.

Business Committee: Recommended that we pay Rev.

John West's expenses for trip down here. Carried.

Business report of Ladies Auxiliary read by Sister Beatrice Haas Accepted.

The resolution that we pay to college \$100 in memory of Rev. W. E. Dearmore discussed; those donating were Brother Lonnie Da Vault, Fred Potter, John Johnson, Wolf church, Auxiliary, Seminole, Spring Hill, Central Avenue and Shawnee. A motion that the Association extend an invitation to our National Convention to convene in Shawnee in 1952 by extending our Camp Ground facilities. Carried.

An explanatory talk on superannuation by Rev. D. O'Donnell. Resolved that we give Tecumseh a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. Carried. Motion to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. E. E. Morris.

Rev. Reford Wilson, Moderator.
Mildred Cash, Clerk.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the infallible Word of God, and the only safe rule of faith and practice. II Tim. 3:16-17; II 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; I 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 life, death, resurrection, ascension, and intercession of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Acts 4:12; Titus 3:5.

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

6. That He that shall endure to the end the same shall be saved. Matt. 24:13; Rev. 2:10.

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 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 engage 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 Peter 3:21.

12. 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. Motion 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 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 Baptist 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 the 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.
13. Miscellaneous Business.

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 void 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 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.

