

History

MINUTES
of the
FIRST OKLAHOMA
ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

1952

Proceedings of The
55th Annual Session

Convened at
Free Will Baptist Camp Ground
700 N. Penn., Shawnee, Okla.

FIRST OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION of FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Officers:

REV. WADE JERNIGAN	Moderator
General Delivery, Norman, Okla.	
REV. DELBERT AKIN	Asst. Moderator
Tecumseh, Okla.	
MRS. FLOYD CASH	Clerk
536 N. Douglas, Shawnee, Okla.	
MISS ANNE GREEN	Asst. Clerk
406 N. Center, Shawnee, Okla.	
REV. LONNIE DA VAULT	Treasurer
700 N. Penn., Shawnee, Okla.	

**The First Quarterly Conference will Convene With
Spring Hill Church, Nov. 13-14, 1952.**

**The Second Quarterly Conference Will Convene With
Tecumseh Church, Feb. 12-13, 1953.**

**The Third Quarterly Conference Will Convene With
Wolf Church, May 14-15, 1953**

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Lonnie Da Vault, Shawnee, Okla.	1951-56
E. C. Ketchem, Shawnee, Okla.	1950-55
Rev. Vard Wood, Spring Hill	1949-53
Rev. D. H. O'Donnell (Re-elected), Seminole	1952-55
Rev. E. E. Morris (Re-elected), Oklahoma City	1952-55

LEAGUE BOARD

Rev. Delbert Akins, Tecumseh	Chairman
Rev. Dale Munkus, Norman	Clerk
Rev. Lonnie Da Vault, Shawnee	Member
Rev. Bailey Thompson, Lexington	Member
Rev. Wade Jernigan, Norman	Member

LEAGUE OFFICERS

Bro. Jack Mangham	General Superintendent
Rev. Vard Wood	Asst. Superintendent
Mr. and Mrs. Oris Doss	Sponsor
Norman Ray	President
Rev. Wade Jernigan	Vice-President
Jo Ann Piercey	Recording Secretary
Anne Green	Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. Edna Da Vault	Treasurer
Rev. Delbert Akin	Chorister
Yvonne Clark	Pianist

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

Sister Margrette West	President
Sister R. R. Walker	Enlistment Chairman
Sister Alice Holliday	Youth Chairman
Sister Peggy Blackburn	Study Course Chairman
Sister Mildred Cash	Program Publicity Chairman
Sister Gorda Price	Benevolence Chairman
Sister Opal O'Donnell	Secretary-Treasurer

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Rev. D. H. O'Donnell	Seminole, Okla.
Bro. Earl Stevenson	Earlsboro, Okla.
Rev. Vard Wood	Lexington, Okla.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Rev. Bailey Thompson	Spring Hill
Rev. A. B. Epperson	Tecumseh
Rev. Ira Smithey	Pleasant Grove
Brother Jack Mangham	Central Avenue
Sister Judd	Capitol Hill

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Brother Clint Argo	Norman, Okla.
Rev. George Scott	Central Ave., Okla. City
Brother J. Kiker	Wolf

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Sister George Ray	Central Avenue
Brother Le Roy Bowers	Tecumseh
Sister Eva Hudson	Pleasant Grove

DIVINE SERVICE COMMITTEE

Brother W. Watson Seminole, Okla.
Sister Modena Caskey Spring Hill
Sister Evelyn Chism Henryetta, Okla.

The Introductory Service to the 55th Annual Session of First Oklahoma Association of Free Will Baptists when convened at the Free Will Baptist Camp Ground, August 13. Services opened by singing "I Am Thine, O Lord," led by Brother Tom Anglin. Pianist Marie George. Invocation, Rev. A. B. Epperson. Special song, "From the Manger to the Cross" by Duncan Trio.

"Home Up in Heaven," duet by Rev. and Mrs. Bob Duncan; "The Last Mile of the Way," duet by Rev. and Mrs. D. H. O'Donnell.

The Introductory Message was brought by Rev. D. H. O'Donnell. Rev. O'Donnell read 1st Kings 3:16; Joel 2:12; John 9:17 and Peter 7:13, using for a text, "Spiritual Preparation."

An inspirational message was enjoyed by all present. Benediction by Rev. Carl Walters.

Thursday morning session opened by Moderator Rev. Wade Jernigan. Rev. D. H. O'Donnell directed the singing with Sister Fern Duncan, pianist. Scripture lesson, Phillipians 3:1-15, by Rev. E. J. Wilson.

Prayer by Rev. Bailey Thompson. Conference called to order by moderator. Letters called for and read. Motion to accept same and seat the delegates sustained. Delegates were seated by moderator. Nominations were declared in order for election of officers.

Rev. Wade Jernigan, moderator; Rev. Delbert Akin, assistant moderator; Mrs. Mildred Cash, clerk; Anne Greene, assistant clerk; Rev. Lonnie Da Vault, treasurer.

Petitionary letters called for. None.

Association By-laws and Rules of Order read by Assistant Moderator. Visiting brothers and sisters invited to seat in council. Rev. Elvis Priest of Holdenville introduced. Also a number of new ministers in our association, Rev. H. C. Lamb, Spring Branch; Rev. Bob Duncan, Shawnee and Rev. E. J. Wilson, Henryetta.

Motion sustained that moderator and assistant moderator appoint committees:

Divine Service Committee—see committee.
Business Committee—see committee.
Auditing Committee—see committee.
Obituary Committee—see committee.

League report read and accepted. See report. Letter from Minneha Church read and accepted.

Committee on Divine Service reported that Brother D. A. Yandell to be followed by Rev. Dale Munkus as speaker for the 11:00 o'clock service, and Rev. Delbert Akin to be followed by Rev. Lonnie Da Vault for evening service. Motion to adjourn until 1:30 p. m. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Elvis Priest.

Thursday Morning

Worship service opened with singing "I Will Hasten to Him," led by Rev. Bailey Thompson. Pianist, Sister Retha Kiker. Prayer by Rev. I. W. Yandell. Solo, "Something Got Hold of Me," by Sister Markie Hallman.

Quartette, "O the Glory Did Roll," Revs. Wade Jernigan, Dale Munkus, Delbert Akin and Bailey Thompson.

M Assistant moderator introducing Brother D. A. Yandell as speaker. Brother Yandell read I John 7:11, using for a text, "The Love of God." A very good message.

Rev. Dale Munkus took the stand following this message using for his theme, "Our Failure to Appreciate the Love of God." A very instructive message. Benediction of prayer of thanks for noon day refreshments by Rev. Delbert Akins.

Thursday Afternoon

Business session opened by singing "Amazing Grace," led by Rev. Delbert Akins; pianist, Sister Retha Kiker. Prayer by Rev. V. B. True. Quartette, "I'll Meet You in the Morning," by Revs. Dale Munkus, Bailey Thompson, Delbert Akins, and Hanner Young. Praise service, Rev. Ira Smithers.

Credential Committee reports and accepted. See committee reports. Motion to adjourn until 9 a. m. Friday. Benediction by Rev. Clyde Argo.

Thursday Evening

Worship service called to order by moderator. Singing led by Rev. Wade Jernigan; pianist, Ann Green. Prayer by Brother Le Roy Bowers. Special song, "The Meeting in the Air," by quartette, Revs. Wade Jernigan, Delbert Akins, Dale Munkus and Bailey Thompson. Prayer by Rev. D. H. O'Donnell. A spiritual praise service enjoyed by all. Solo, "I Won't

Have to Cross Jordan Alone," by Rev. Bailey Thompson.

Rev. Delbert Akin took the stand, reading 1st chapter Corinthians, using for a text, "We Are Laborers Together With God," a searching message to each one present.

Rev. Lonnie Da Vault following this message with the same theme—a very inspirational message. Invitation hymn, "There Is a Fountain." Old-fashioned handshake and dismissed by altar prayer.

Friday Morning

Business session called to order by moderator. Singing led by Rev. Bailey Thompson. Pianist, Sister Ester Price. Prayer by Brother Dale Munkus. Obituary committee reporting. See reports. A moment of silent prayer concluded by Rev. E. E. Morris in memory of our deceased.

Motion that Superannuation board be abrogated. Carried.

Ladies' Auxiliary report read and accepted. See report.

Capitol Hill church pledged \$150.00 on Camp Ground indebtedness, Norman \$50, also Seminole and Shawnee churches will pay on same.

Constitution for our Association read and accepted. See same in back of minutes.

Motion to adjourn until 1953 session. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. E. J. Wilson.

Friday Morning Worship Service

Opened by singing, led by Brother Dale Munkus. Pianist Ann Green. Prayer by Rev. E. J. Wilson. Special song by quartette, "Ring the Message Out," by Revs. Ed Wilson, Dale Munkus, Delbert Akin and Bailey Thompson.

Solo, "God Leads Us Along," Sister Mildred Cash. Trio, "Manger to the Cross," Duncan Trio. Rev. Bailey Thompson, taking the stand, reading 1st John 21:15, using for a text, "Feed My Sheep," an instructive message.

Rev. Wade Jernigan, following this message, reading St. John 21:22, adding to the same theme, "Follow Me." A good message, admonishing unity.

Dismissed in prayer and prayer of thanks for noon-day refreshments by Rev. D. H. O'Donnell.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

Report of Business Committee Resolutions as follows:

(1) Be it resolved that we pay \$1.00 per day per person for feeding Association; to be paid by individuals. Resolution carried.

(2) Resolved that whereas we have young ministerial stu-

7 dents living in Shawnee, attending the college here, and whereas they have to pay rent and as they are preparing themselves for future service to our denomination, that one of said ministers be elected caretaker of camp ground. Carried.

(3) Resolved that dormitory space be made available to said ministers attending college. Carried.

X (4) Resolved, that there is no future opportunity for expansion of camp site and whereas it is surrounded by residential area, and a city permit must be obtained to build cabins and there are many difficulties in handling youth encampments, that we sell present camp ground and a suitable location be purchased between Tecumseh and Norman on Highway 9. Carried.

(5) Resolved that Association convene on Tuesday and Wednesday following Youth Camp. Monday to be Ladies' Auxiliary Day. Carried.

(6) That introductory message be on Tuesday morning instead of Monday night. Carried.

(7) That Association pay \$12.00 for moving the piano. Carried.

(8) That we authorize Executive Board to sell present camp site. Carried.

(9) That Association repair caretaker's home. Carried.

(10) We pay moderator and clerk \$10.00 for services rendered. Carried.

Motion sustained that a registration committee be appointed by moderator for the next session. Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Da Vault and Mrs. Flyod Cash were appointed.

t Credentials Committee: Recommended the licensing of Brothers Homer Young, Le Roy Bowers and Brother H. Judd to preach the gospel for one year.

The Ordination of Brother D. A. Yandell for November.

Obituary Committee: We, the Obituary Committee, find that God in His infinite wisdom, has called home our brothers and sisters:

Norman church, Rev. Oscar Followell and Brother Tommie Argo;

Central Avenue Church, Sister Donna Clapp;

Henryetta, Sister La Rue Smith;

Seminole, Sister Ossie Jones;

Spring Hill, Sister Laura Carter;

Pleasant Hill, Rev. Clint Munkus;

Capitol Hill, Rev. King, Brother Smith.

Shawnee, Sister Belle Lynn.

Auditing Committee: We find the books in order of the League Board. We met and organized August 14, 1952. Our next meeting will be September 23 at First Church, Norman.

Executive Board: Reports that they met and authorized the ordination of Rev. H. C. Lamb and Rev. Kennedy.

LEAGUE REPORT

Minutes of the Leagues of the First Oklahoma Association when convened at the Camp Ground, Shawnee, Oklahoma, August 9, 1952:

We opened by singing, "Standing on the Promises," led by Ann Green with Yvonne Clark at the piano.

Rev. Lonnie Da Vault led in prayer.

President Norman (Curly) Ray took charge and called for the letters from the various Leagues.

Letters from the following Leagues read and accepted: Henryetta 20; Norman 55; Pleasant Hill 20. Total tithes submitted from the three Leagues, \$9.50.

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

Election of officers was held. Sponsor—Mr. and Mrs. Oris Doss, 513 N. W. 8th, Bethany; President, Norman (Curly) Ray, 1312 S.W. 45th, Oklahoma City; Vice President, Rev. Wade Jernigan, Gen. Del., Norman; Recording Secretary, Jo Ann Piercey, 4605 S.E. 24th, Oklahoma City; Corresponding Secretary, Ann Green, 406 N. Center, Shawnee; Treasurer, Mrs. Edna Da Vault, 421 N. Beard, Shawnee; Chorister, Rev. Albert Akins, 522 E. Washington, Tecumser; Pianist, Yvonne Clark, 401 S.E. 16th, Oklahoma City.

Motion carried that we refer the election of the League Board to the Association.

Brother Jack Mangham was elected as General Superintendent for 1953 Youth Camp, and Rev. Vard Wood was elected as assistant superintendent.

Dormitory sponsors were elected for 1953 Youth Camp as follows:

Boys—Rev. Bailey Thompson and Rev.: Lonnie DaVault.

Sr. Girls—Sister Edna DaVault and Sister Jack Mangham.

Jr. Girls—Sister Oris Doss and Sister Alice Holliday.

Rev. E. E. Morris was elected as speaker at the next League Rally, and Rev. Wade Jernigan was elected as alternate speaker.

Motion carried that the President and Vice President appoint a Business Committee.

Appointed on Business Committee were Wade Jernigan,

Inez Jones, Markie Stevenson, Gail McClellan, and Lonnie Da Vault.

Peggy Morris was elected to give the response to the welcome at the next League Rally.

Business Committee was elected to serve as the Auditing Committee.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Report of the Business Committee: Item I. We, the Business Committee, recommend that at the close of the Youth Camp that we pay all money in Association League treasury on Campground Debt excepting a certain amount.

Motion carried that recommendation be accepted with amendment to read as follows: We, the Business Committee, recommend that at the close of the Youth Camp we pay all money in Association League treasury on Camp Ground debt excepting \$150.

Item II. We recommend that the next three League Rallies be held at Central Avenue, Capitol Hill, and Norman. This recommendation is made that we might have sufficient room. Motion carried to accept recommendation.

Item III: We recommend that we raise the entrance fees too \$7.50 and eliminate church feeding, leaving the responsibility of meals to the Camp Ground director.

Motion carried to accept recommendation.

Item IV. We recommend that we cut the Youth Camp down to six days, beginning on Monday and ending Saturday at the close of the business session. Motion carried to accept recommendation.

Motion carried that we adjourn business session until 1:30 P. M. Rev. E. E. Morris dismissed us in prayer.

WORSHIP SERVICE

The service opened by singing "Heavenly Sunlight," led by Delbert Akins, with Yvonne Clark at the piano.

Rev. Bob Duncan led in prayer.

Delbert Akins led the congregation in singing, "Sweet Hour of Prayer." A girls trio then sang, "Somebody Loves Me," followed by a boys quartet singing, "Beyond the Sunset." The three Duncan boys sang, "I Just Steal Away and Pray." "Haven Thine Own Way," was led by Delbert Akins.

Brother Dale Munkus took his text from Neh. 3:16 and brought a very inspiring message on the importance of Youth work.

The invitation hymn, "Ready," was led by Delbert Akins. Benediction and blessing upon meal was pronounced by Brother Dennis O'Donnell.

AFTERNOON SERVICE—1:30 P. M.

Joyce Tatum played the piano while Delbert Akins led in singing, "Send the Light."

Brother Luther Gibson led in prayer.

Report of the Business Committee: Item V. We recommend that a judging committee be appointed today. Motion carried to accept recommendation.

President and Vice President appointed as Judges Lowell Bates from Norman, Clifford Davis from Central Avenue, John Straughn from Spring Hill, Retha Kiker from Wolf, and Brother Jones from Henryetta. Vestal Borden from Capitol Hill and Wilburn Hurst from Pleasant Hill were elected as alternates.

Item VI. We recommend that we pay Brother Luther Gibson the same as in 1951—\$150.

Motion carried to accept recommendation.

Item VII. We recommend that the teachers for 1953 Youth Camp be elected today. Motion carried to accept recommendation.

Damon C. Dodd was elected as teacher and evangelist; Homer Young was elected as music teacher; Delbert Akins and Wade Jernigan were elected as teachers.

Item VIII. We, your Business Committee, working as the Auditing Committee, find the treasurer's books in order. Motion carried that we accept report.

Item IX. We recommend that we, the League, pay the July payment on note on campground.

Motion carried to accept recommendation.

President Curly Ray appointed Retha Kiker for the Business Committee to replace Markie Stevenson.

Doris Borden led in singing choruses, with Yvonne Clark at the piano. "Give Me Oil in My Lamp," "Walking With Jesus," "It's Bubbling," "Hallelujah, Praise Ye the Lord," and "The Assurance March" were sung.

The Business Committee submitted the following recommendations: Item X. We recommend that a Program Committee be appointed to work with the officers of the League and plan the program, stating which Leagues present the programs at each rally. The matter of a program banner shall also be worked out by them. Each League shall be notified

two months in advance.

Motion carried to accept recommendation with amendment to read as follows: We recommend that the Program Committee be the officers of the League and plan the program, stating which Leagues present the programs at each rally. The matter of a program banner shall also be worked out by them. Each League shall be notified two months in advance.

Item XI. We recommend that each League send \$5 a month for the evangelist and campground upkeep.

Motion carried to accept recommendation.

Item XII. We recommend that the League Rallies be November 30, 1952, at Central Avenue; February 22, 1953, at Capitol Hill; and May 31, 1953, at Norman.

Motion carried to accept recommendation.

Letter from Tecumseh League read and accepted. Tithes were \$2.10.

Banners awarded by Rev. Wade Jernigan as follows: Program banner was awarded to Shawnee, and attendance banner was awarded to Capitol Hill.

A rising vote of thanks was given to the out-going officers.

Motion carried that we adjourn. We were dismissed by pronouncing our League benediction.

President, Curly Ray.

Recording Secretary Jo Ann Piercey.

LADIES' AUXILIARY REPORT

August 13, 1952. The First Oklahoma Association District Woman's Auxiliary met at the Camp Ground at Shawnee, Okla. Services were opened by singing, "Draw Me Nearer" and "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms."

Led in prayer by Sister R. R. Walker. Devotional led by Sister George Scott. Scripture, Phil. 2:1-18. Led in prayer by Brother Wade Jernigan. Welcome to all visitors was given by our president.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. Committees were appointed by the President as follows:

Registration: Sister Francie Shields and Leona Anglin.

Business: Sister Peggy Blackburn, Sister Clyde McClellon and Sister J. W. Clark.

Auditing: Sister Opal O'Donnell, Sister Doris Tate and Sister Alice Holliday.

Sister R. R. Walker was appointed assistant secretary

during this session.

President gave report on changes made in our National meeting.

Discussion of report blanks tabled until after noon. Motion carried that we adjourn until 1:00 o'clock.

Morning services opened at 11 o'clock, singing "Heavenly Sunlight" and "I Must Tell Jesus."

Led in prayer by Brother George Scott. Class song, "There Is a Fountain Filled With Blood." A solo by Sister Mildred Cash, "God Leads Us Along."

Brother Wade Jernigan brought the morning message. His text was "Let Us Pass Over to the Other Side." Scripture was Mark 4:35. Dismissed in prayer by Sister Mildred Cash.

Afternoon services opened by singing "Doxology." Chorus time led by Sister Mildred Cash. Prayer by Sister Bob Duncan.

Combined report of Auxiliaries read and accepted as information.

Report of Committees

Registration Committee reports 36 registered. Motion carried we accept report.

Business Committee: (1) We recommend we give Brother Wade Jernigan a love offering of \$5.00.

(2) We recommend that we give the Shawnee ladies a standing vote of thanks for the nice lunch they prepared.

Motion carried we accept recommendation. (3) We recommend that we give the Association \$5.00 to pay for printing of minutes. Amendment to recommendation—that we give \$10.00 instead of \$5.00 to Association.

Motion that we accept the amendment and recommendation. Carried.

Auditing Committee: We, the Auditing Committee, find books to be correct to her figures. Signed, Committee. Motion carried we accept the report.

Election of Officers

New officers are: President, Sister Margrette West, 413 S. W. 36th St., Oklahoma City, Okla.

Enlistment, Promotion Chairman, Sister R. R. Walker, 414 S. E. 16th, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Youth Auxiliary Chairman, Sister Alice Holliday, 2645 S. W. 33rd, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Study Course Chairman, Sister Peggy Blackburn, 2341 S. W. 33rd, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Program Publicity Chairman, Sister Mildred Cash, Phone 3691-W; 536 N. Douglas, Shawnee, Okla.

Benevolence Chairman, Sister Gorda Price, 747 Jenkins, Norman, Okla.

Secretary-Treasurer, Sister Opal O'Donnell, 122 S. W. 36th, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Delegates: Sisters George Scott, E. J. Guinn and R. R. Walker were elected as delegates to our state meeting.

Altrnates: Sister Opal O'Donnll, Sister George (Seminole) and Sister Mildred Cash.

Speaker for our next meeting is Brother Bob Duncan. Alternate, Brother George Scott.

Sister Opal O'Donnell was elected to give the response at our next meeting.

Treasurer's report read and approved.

Motio nthat we have a committee to plan report blanks so we have only one report from each Auxiliary. Carried.

Committee: Sister R. R. Walker, Sister Doris Tate and Sister Opal O'Donnell.

A trio by Capitol Hill ladies, "Victory in Jesus."

Motion carried that we elect an assistant secretary. Sister Doris Tate elected.

"It Is No Secret What God Can Do." Offering, \$6.23. Led in prayer, Sister Leona Anglin. The Duncan trio sang, "Salvation Has Been Brought Down."

A standing vote of thanks was given Sister Beatrice Haas for her services in Auxiliary work as secretary and treasurer and other out-going officers.

Motion carried we adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Sister George Scott.

President, Margrette West.
Secretary, Beatrice Haas.

Treasurer's Report

First Oklahoma Association District Auxiliary Treasurer's report, August, 1951, to August, 1952.

Receipts:

Co-Labor	\$148.00
Tithes	42.32
Orphanage	77.50
Stickers to Help Finance National Meeting	26.25
Convention Desu (\$13.62 last year)	22.02
Aged Ministers Christmas Gift	17.50
Back Convention Dues	1.80
Collections at Quarterly Meetings	72.95
Literature	67.00
Total Receipts for Year	430.34
Balance Brought Forward	36.24
TOTAL	\$466.58

Disbursements:

Co-Labor	\$130.00
State Tithes	2.18
Convention Dues	20.60
Orphanage	77.50
State Auxiliary—Stickers for National Finance	26.25
Home Missions	5.00
Association, \$5 for Minutes; \$5 for Superannuation	10.00
Wilson Greenhouse	5.10
Literature	70.80
Love Offerings	20.00
Back Dues Repaid	2.70
Miscellaneous	13.91
Aged Ministers Christmas Gift	15.00
Total Disbursements	399.04
Total Receipts	466.58
Balance in Treasury	\$67.54

Church Letters

SPRING HILL: State of religion, good; prayer meeting, fair; members received, 3; deceased, 1; resident members, 67; non-resident, 53; total, 120. Condition of Sunday school, fair; average number of pupils, 45; officers, 3; teachers, 6; paid pastor, \$1,530; evangelist, \$200.00; building and repair, \$398.25; education, \$40; publication, \$60; children's home, \$60; value

of church property and parsonage, \$4200. Rev. Alvis McAfee, moderator; Trula Thompson, clerk.

10 PLEASANT GROVE: State of religion, good; Sunday school, fair; officers, 3; teachers, 2; paid pastor, \$84.00; evangelist, \$85.00; building and repairs, \$54.46; education, \$21.71; value of property, \$1500; incidental, \$48.60. Rev. Ira W. Smithy, moderator; Richard Barbee, clerk.

112 NORMAN: State of religion, good; prayer meeting, good; officers, 3; teachers, 7; average number pupils, 80; members, 112; received 47; baptized 18; dismissed 1; deceased 3; paid pastor \$2470 evangelist \$540; missions \$68.88; building and repairs \$4175.00; education \$19.89; value church and parsonage, \$26,550; superannuation, \$12.29; miscellaneous, \$818.85; children's home, \$74.63. Rev. Wade Jernigan, moderator; Sister Eula Bates, clerk.

45 HENRYETTA: State of religion, good; members received, 18; baptized, 9; dismissed, 2; deceased, 1; total resident members, 45; non-resident, 16; total, 61; condition of prayer meeting, good; Sunday school, good; officers, 2; teachers, 5; paid pastor \$1240; evangelist, \$540.04; missions, \$32.53; building and repairs, \$250.00; publication, \$29.95; value of church and parsonage, \$3500. Rev. E. J. Wilson, moderator; Sister Fern Crawford, clerk.

82 SEMINOLE CHURCH: State of religion, good; members received, 21; died, 1; resident members, 55; non-resident, 27; total, 82; condition of prayer meeting, good; Sunday school, good; number of officers, 2; teachers, 6; paid pastor, \$1200.00; evangelist, \$200; missions, \$58.00; building and repairs, \$650; publication, \$50; value of property, \$4500. Rev. D. H. O'Donnell, moderator; Mary Smith, clerk.

60 PLEASANT HILL: State of religion, good; members received, 5; baptized, 2; total members, 60; state of prayer meeting, good; Sunday school, good; average number pupils, 50; officers, 4; teachers, 4; paid pastor, \$1225; evangelist, \$110; missions, \$239.40; building and repairs, \$445.90; publication, \$20.00; education, \$60.00; value of property, \$4500. Rev. Lonnie Da Vault, moderator; Louise Allen, clerk.

144 SHAWNEE: State of religion, good; members received this year, 16; dismissed, 8; died, 1; resident, 91; non-resident, 53; total, 144; condition of prayer meeting, good; Sunday school, good; average number of pupils, 70; officers, 4; teachers, 7; paid pastor, \$2,600; evangelist, \$75.01; missions, \$22.86; building and repair, \$279.11; education, \$122.71; publication, \$24.86; value of parsonage and church, \$13,000. W. V. Wood,

moderator; Doris Tate, clerk.

38 WOLF: State of religion, good; members received, 3; dismissed, 4; members, 38; condition of prayer meeting, good; Sunday school, good; average number of pupils, 33; officers, 4; teachers, 6; paid pastor, \$720; evangelist, \$160; building and repairs, \$78.64; education, \$75.04; value of property, \$3000; children's home, \$106. Charlie F. White, moderator; Cecil R. Siler, clerk.

326 CENTRAL AVENUE CHURCH: State of religion, good; members received, 11; baptized, 5; dismissed, 7; excluded, 1; resident members 136; non-resident, 24; total, 160; condition of prayer meeting fair; Sunday school, fair; average number of pupils, 125; officers, 24; condition of League, fair; total members, 58; value of property, \$40,000; amount paid pastor, \$3445; evangelist, \$152; building and repair, \$30.11; incidentals, \$3719.64; missions, \$523.85; publication, \$200.93; education, \$239.85. Rev. George W. Scott, moderator; Mrs. Edmond Warner, clerk.

178 MINNEHA: State of religion, good; total membership, 26; condition of Sunday school, good; average number of pupils, 22; officers, 6; teachers, 4; paid missions, \$100; Rev. Cecil Harmon, pastor.

008 X SPRING BRANCH: State of religion, good; members received, 40; baptized, 8; (This is a new church) Condition of prayer meeting, good; Sunday school, good; average number of pupils, 55; officers, 3; teachers, 5; paid pastor, \$166; evangelist, \$75; building and repairs, \$64.89; education, \$16.98; value of church, \$303.00. Rev. Henry C. Lamb, moderator; Mrs. R. J. Griner, clerk.

EARLSBORO: State of religion, good; members received, 1; dismissed, 6; condition of Sunday school, good; average number of pupils, 20; officers, 2; teachers, 2; paid pastor, \$730; missions, \$25; building and repairs, \$366.23; publication, \$10.92; value of property, \$800. Rev. A. B. Epperson, moderator; Mamie Stevenson, clerk.

X CAPITOL HILL: State of religion, good; members received, 68; baptized, 40; died, 4; condition of prayer meeting, good; Sunday school, good; average number of pupils, 210; officers, 12; teachers, 9; paid pastor, \$3900; evangelist, \$150; missions, \$150; building and repairs, \$8,000; publication, \$350; education, 300; value of property, \$30,000. Rev. E. E. Morris, moderator; Kathryn Layton, clerk.

TECUMSEH: State of religion, good; members received, 40; baptized 7; dismissed, 2; resident members, 80; non-resi-

dent, 48; total, 128; state of prayer meeting, good; condition of Sunday school, good; average number of pupils, 63; officers, 4; teachers, 5; paid pastor, \$1075; evangelist, \$154.14; building and repairs, \$730.85; publication, \$102.50; value of property, \$13,500.00; miscellaneous, \$961.45. Rev. Delbert Akin, moderator; Vivian Davis, clerk.

Ordained Ministers Belonging to Our Association

Akin, Rev. Dilbert, Tecumseh	Sparks, Rev. Lewis, Shawnee
Argo, Rev. Perry, Norman	Scott, Rev. Geo. W., Okla. City
Argo, Rev. Clyde, Moore	Smithey, Rev. Ira, Okla. City
Bullard, Rev. J. A., Lexington	Thompson, Rev. Bailey, Lexington
Bean, Rev. Will, Oklahoma City	Waddle, Rev. Luther, Noble
Bean, Rev. J. E., Oklahoma City	Waddle, Rev. Curl, Okla. City
Duncan, Rev. obB, Shawnee	Wood, Rev. Lynn, Okla. City
DaVault, Rev. Lonnie, Shawnee	Wood, Rev. W. V., Lexington
Epperson, Rev. A. B., Tecumseh	Wilson, Rev. V. L., Seminole
Epperson, Rev. Mattie, Tecumseh	Wilson, Rev. E. J., Henryetta
Guinn, Rev. Earl, Shawnee	Yandell, Rev. I. W., Okla. City
Hurd, Rev. George, Tecumseh	McReynolds, Rev. Alvis, Arizona
Harmon, Rev. Cecil, Okla. City	Licensed Minlsters
Hagar, Rev. J. F., Noble	Bowers, Le Roy, Tecumseh
Hadom, Rev. W. E., Moore	Doke, Don, Okla. City
Johnston, Rev. I. N., Seminole	Hurst, J. T., Okla. City
Jernigan, Rev. Wade, Norman	Hurst, Philmore, Norman
Lamb, Rev. Henry C. Meeker	Judd, Earl, Okla. City
McAffrey, Rev. Alvis, Lexington	Munkus, Dale, Norman
Miller, Rev. Josie, McLoud	Potter, Fred, Okla. City
Morris, Rev. E. E., Okla. City	Waters, Carl, Okla. City
McPhail, Rev. W. V., Henryetta	Yandell, D. A., Okla. City
O'Donnell, Rev. D. H., Cromwell	Young, Homer, Tecumseh
Owens, Rev. Jim, Norman	

CONSTITUTION OF THE FIRST OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION

PREAMBLE: From long experience, we, the members of the Free Will Baptist, realizing the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among us as a group of churches, do hereby ordain this constitution for our progress and to perpetuate better associational government.

Article I

NAME: This Association shall be known as the First Oklahoma Association of Free Will Baptists of the State of Oklahoma.

Article II

MEMBERSHIP: This Association shall be composed of Free Will Baptist Churches who maintain Gospel order and agree with denominational doctrine and practices; and favor the enterprises that have been endorsed by this association.

Article III

DELEGATES: The members of this Association shall be ministers, deacons, and church clerks belonging to any church in this association; also three delegates from each local church three members are present and a written record shall be made of all transactions. No member of the executive board shall delegate authority to any other member of said board to cast his vote for him in anything. The board shall have the power to call all the Association in conference by notifying each church ten days prior to conference and they shall have the authority to change quarterly meetings or association if the place where said quarterly meetings or associations is to meet is not able to care for the meeting, and their decisions shall be final. This must be done in time to notify each church.

Article V

NEW CHURCHES: Any regularly organized Free Will Baptist Church (Treatise Page 42, 1947), who desires to unite with First Oklahoma Association may be received by letter and elected delegates.

Article VI

QUESTIONS: No questions from any church shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it has been first considered in its own church.

Article VII

PROPERTY AND REAL ESTATE: Any church that is a member of the First Oklahoma Association that fails to have a pastor for two years becomes the property of said Association; however, that at anytime during this two years it will be the business of the executive board to assist such a church in securing a pastor or if need be, in finance; or if a condition should arise that it would not be advisable for this church to continue its work, it would be the board's duty to take charge of said property.

Article VIII

CREDENTIALS: When a church desires that one of its members should be examined for license or ordination, it shall be the duty of the council in the examination to find out as nearly as possible if the candidate is qualified.

The candidate is to be examined by a set of questions. We recommend these questions and unless they are answered scripturally and satisfactory to the approval of the board, they will not be licensed or ordained.

A:

1. Are you in regular church attendance?
2. How many times have you been in church this year?
3. Do you attend prayer meeting?
4. Do you support the church with tithes and offerings?
5. How many have been saved under your ministry?
6. How many times have you preached in the last six months?
7. Do you have regular appointments?
8. How much time do you give to study of the Gospel?
9. What are your convictions and purposes as a minister?

B: REPUTATION:

1. This information shall be learned from the delegates from his respective church.
2. As to the report from within and without the church, this should consist of kindness, meekness and love.
3. Is GOD first and above all in your life?

C: DOCTRINE—Consisting of Doctrine.

1. Father, Son and the Holy Ghost.
2. Divine Government and Providence.
3. Primitive state of man and fall.

4. Atonement.
5. Call to the ministry.
Question: How do you know that GOD called you to the ministry?
6. Bible Repentance.
7. Justification and Sanctification.
8. Faith and Regeneration.
9. Perseverance of the saint.
10. Lord's Day.
11. The Church.
12. Tithing.
13. Ordinances of the Gospel.
 - a. Lord's Supper.
 - b. Baptism.
 - c. Feet Washing.
14. Death.
15. Second Coming of Christ.
16. The Judgment.
17. Duties of the Minister.

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. Phone 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 Saints' feet are the ordinances of Jesus Christ, appointed in the church, and none but true believers are proper subjects, and the only proper mode of baptism is immersion. Mark 1:4-9-10; Luke 23:30; John 13:14.

8. We believe in the sanctity of the first day of the week

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

9. We believe in the resurrection of the body, both 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 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.

shall be seated upon presenting proper credentials.

Article IV

OFFICERS: The officers of this Association shall be a moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, assistant clerk, treasurer and executive board consisting of five members. The board members to be elected so as to require one to be elected each year. To this board is delegated power to act in behalf of and for the First Oklahoma Association from one meeting to another of said Association, and shall have power and authority to elect such officers as might be deemed best for its own government and to carry out the plans and undertakings of First Oklahoma Association. The board shall have power to fill vacancies that may occur in its own body.

To this executive board is further delegated power to collect funds and employ and superintend such work for the field as may seem best, and the means on hand may warrant. They shall have power to convey or mortgage any real estate or associational property. This executive board shall keep a record of all work done, money raised, meetings held, and make a full and complete report to the next regular meeting of the Association and shall further receive, hold, manage, use, control, and convey any property entrusted to said Association for any purpose in accordance with the purpose of the donor or donors and in no case divert it from its original object.

The chairman and treasurer of said executive board shall sign all deeds and bonds, notes, etc., and any other papers by which First Oklahoma is to become legally held. It shall be the duty of this executive board to meet at each regular or adjourned session and as often as may be necessary, and any member absenting himself from the meetings three times may be dropped from the board and his successor elected. No meeting of the executive board shall be legal unless at least

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 thta church property to protect the welfare of the denomination.

15. The voting body of the First Oklahoma Association of Free Will Baptists, 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.

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.

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.

