

MINUTES
of the
FIRST OKLAHOMA
ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
1954

●
Proceedings of The
57th Annual Session

●
Convened at
FREE WILL BAPTIST CAMP GROUND
9 Miles West of Tecumseh
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First Quarterly Meeting November 18-19, 1954 ✓

Second Quarterly Meeting February 17-18, 1955

Third Quarterly Meeting May 12-13, 1955

Annual Association August 17-19, 1955

(NOTE: All meetings will convene at the Associational Camp Grounds Nine (9) miles west of Tecumseh. Woman's District Auxiliary Convention will be on first day of Quarterly meetings and also Association. Introductory message on Thursday night, and business on Friday at Quarterly meetings. Introductory message to Association on Thursday morning, August 18, 1955. Business session on Thursday and Friday.)

YOUTH ENCAMPMENT DATES August 8-13, 1955

Registration, August 8; Evangelist, Rev. Dale Burden,
Nashville, Tennessee.

ASSOCIATIONAL CAMP MEETING August 15-19, 1955

Rev. Robert Duncan, Norman, Evangelist.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Robert Duncan, Norman, Okla.	1953-56
Rev. Vard Wood, Lexington, Okla.	1953-57
W. W. Hunt, R-1, Choctaw, Okla.	1953-56
Rev. Delbert Akin, Tecumseh, Okla.	1954-55
Rev. E. E. Morris, Oklahoma City	1954-55

LEAGUE BOARD

Rev. J. R. Hall, Oklahoma City	1954-59
Rev. Jack Dodson, Oklahoma City	1954-58
Barney Mangham, Oklahoma City	1953-57
Rev. Leroy Bowers, Shawnee	1954-56
Rev. Gene Womack, Seminole	1954-55

LEAGUE OFFICERS

Mr. and Mrs. Oris Doss, Oklahoma City	General Sponsor
Rev. Lonnie Sparks, Wolf	President
Bro. Lester White, Oklahoma City	Vice-President
Jo Tatum, Oklahoma City	Recording Secretary
Billie O'Donnell, Oklahoma City	Corresponding Secretary
Sister Fern Duncan, Norman	Treasurer
Barbara Grizzle, Norman	Song Leader
Hazel Munkus, Norman	Pianist
Barney Mangham, Oklahoma City	Campground Supt.
Delbert Akin, Tecumseh	Asst. Campground Supt.

DORMITORY SPONSORS

Bro. Oris Doss and Rev. Robert Duncan	Junior Boys
Rev. Lonnie Sparks and Delbert Akin	Senior Boys
Sister Alice Holiday and Sister Doss	Junior Girls
Sister Fern Duncan and Sister Irma Jean Hall	Senior Girls

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

Sister Cleo Pursell	President
Sister Mildred Cash	Vice-President
Sister Edna Lou Vaughn	Secretary-Treasurer
Sister Erma Dodson	Youth Chairman
Sister Louise Womack	Program Chairman
Sister Lucille Stark	Study Course Chairman
Sister Fern Duncan	Benevolence Chairman
Sister Letha Mae Trent	Asst. Secretary-Treasurer

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Rev. Leroy Bowers Shawnee, Oklahoma
Brother W. I. Cluck Shawnee, Oklahoma
Rev. Jack Dodson Oklahoma City

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

W. A. Garrett Springhill
Rev. John Bean Capitol Hill
Sister Cora Bruce Seminole
Sister Fern Duncan Norman
Sister Carrie O'Donnell Central Avenue
W. W. Hunt Sunny Lane
Sister Trula Thompson Springhill
Sister Cleo Pursell Firsh Church, Shawnee

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Sister Vicie Gilliland Wolf
Sister Georgia Hurst Pleasant Hill
Sister Zelma Ward Capitol Hill

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Sister George Ray Central Avenue
Sister Betty Gober Tecumseh
Sister Lorraine Cantwell First, Shawnee

DIVINE SERVICE

Sister Leona Anglin Northeast of Shawnee
Brother David Johnson Minneha
Sister Mildred Lobdell Sunny Lane

MINUTES OF 57TH ANNUAL SESSION OF FIRST OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS, August 10, 1954, When Convened at Associational Campground, Nine 9 Miles West of Tecumseh.

TUESDAY MORNING

Opened by singing "The Gloryland Way." Led by Sister Luna Bowers. Sister Cleo Pursell at the piano. Another song, "I'm a Millionaire," was followed by a devotional lesson read by Rev. Vard Wood, Springhill, from Psalms 46. Brother Wood led in prayer.

Session called to order by Moderator, Rev. Delbert Akin, Tecumseh. Letters were called for and the following letters were received: Springhill, Capitol Hill, Central Avenue, Minneha, Wolf, Seminole, Northeast Shawnee, First Church, Shawnee, Pleasant Hill, Norman and Tecumseh. Letters were read and motion was made to accept the letters as read and seat the delegates. Right hand of fellowship was given to the delegates.

Election of officers for the session was as follows:

Moderator, Rev. Bob Duncan; Assistant Moderator, Rev. Paul Pursell; Clerk, Rev. Delbert Akin; Assistant Clerk, Sister Mildred Cash.

Letter from Sunny Lane Church was read and accepted and the delegates were seated.

Petitionary letters were called for; none were received. Visiting brethren were invited to seat in council. Visitors present were Brother and Sister George McClain, California, and Sister Earlene Paris, from Texas.

Motion made that Moderator and Assistant Moderator appoint committees. (See committees). Motion to adjourn until 1:30 p. m.

11:00 A. M. Worship Service

Song Service led by Brother Lester Maynard, Sister Cleo Pursell at the piano. Songs, "Joy Unspeakable" and "Tell It Everywhere You Go." Prayer by Rev. E. E. Morris. Special number, solo by Brother Maynard, "Anchored in His Love."

Message by Rev. George McClain, using as a text, Gen. 24:54. His subject was "Hindrances." Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Jack Dodson.

1:30 P. M. Business

Song, "From the Cross to the Crown," led by Sister Fern Duncan, Sister Cleo Pursell at the piano. Devotional by Brother Orville Carpenter, Norman, using Romans 12:1-4 as a

scripture reading. Prayer by Brother Carpenter.

Motion to receive amendment to Article III of Constitution and Article 15 of By-Laws. This amendment to lay on table for 24 hours before discussed on the floor.

Woman's Auxiliary Report read and accepted (See Reports).

Treasurer's Report read and accepted (See Reports).

Report of Auditing Committee read and accepted (See Reports).

Part of Report of Business Committee read and accepted (See Reports).

The following delegates were selected as members of the indebtedness committee: A. C. Harrell, Sunnyslane; Lunie Macy Tecumseh; Clyde Argo, Pleasant Hill; Leroy Bowers, Northeast Shawnee; Clarence George, Seminole; Dorothy Gabel, Central Avenue; Cleo Pursell, First Shawnee; Claude Baldwin, Minneha; Sister E. E. Morris, Capitol Hill; Elvas Looman, Springhill; Sister Willie Gilliland, Wolf; Brother Orville Carpenter, Norman.

Motion to recess for 15 minutes. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. J. R. Hall.

Reassembled in 15 minutes.

Song: "Sunlight," led by Sister Luna Bowers.

Pianist: Sister Cora Bruce, Seminole.

Executive Board report read and accepted along with report from State Health Board (See Reports).

Motion to adjourn until 9:30 A. M. Wednesday morning.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. N. R. Smith.

9:30 Wednesday Morning

Song, "When We All Get to Heaven," led by Sister Trula Thompson.

Pianist: Sister Cleo Pursell.

Devotional: Rev. Clyde Hamar, Union Baptist, Putnam, Okla., using Ephesians 5:1-11.

Prayer: Brother Hamar.

Motion that Moderator appoint members to fill vacancies in committees.

Motion to accept resignation of Rev. Paul Pursell from League Board (See Reports).

Motion to accept recommendation of committee on indebtedness (See Reports).

League Board Report read and motion read to receive report and take it item by item for adoption. Report adopted as read except for Item IX of Business Committee (See Report as adopted with Item IX amended.)

Motion to adjourn for 11:00 service.

11:00 A. M. Wednesday Morning

Song: "His Way With Thee," led by Rev. N. R. Smith.

Pianist: Hazel Munkus.

Prayer: Rev. Leroy Bowers.

Song: "Victory in Jesus."

Message: Rev. Jack Dodson brought the message, using as a text Psalms 48:14. His subject was "Yearning For the Living God."

Invitation Song, "Just As I Am."

Dismissed in prayer, by Brother Orville Carpenter.

1:00 P. M.

Song: "Standing on the Promises," led by Rev. N. R. Smith.

Pianist: Sister Cleo Pursell.

Scripture and Prayer: 23rd Psalm by Rev. Leroy Bowers.

Motion to accept report of Credential Committee for ordination of Brother Preston Chaffin as deacon (See Reports for complete list).

Resignation of E. E. Morris from Executive Board accepted.

Motion to accept Constitutional Amendment of Article III, Section 15 of By-laws.

Report of Obituary Committee (See Committee Reports).

Moment of silent prayer concluded by Brother W. I. Cluck.

Report of Business Committee read and accepted (See Reports).

Nomination declared in order for replacement of Executive Board. Rev. Delbert Akin and Rev. E. E. Morris elected.

Rev. Bob Duncan elected as Camp Meeting evangelist.

Introductory speaker for 58th annual session: Rev. E. E. Morris, Rev. Vard Wood, alternate.

Introductory speaker for 1st Quarterly meeting: Rev. Lonnie Sparks; Alternate, Rev. Carl Walters.

Motion to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Bob Duncan.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Business Committee

(1) Be it resolved that one member of each church be placed on a committee to offer a suggestion to the Board plans to raise money to pay off the \$500 and any other money that will have to be raised for repair. This committee to function only in this Associational meeting.

(2) Be it resolved that the Association sponsor a Camp

Meeting on Monday following the ending of the Youth Encampment and continuing through Friday night. District Woman's Auxiliary convention to meet on Wednesday and the Yearly Business meeting of the Association on Thursday and Friday of same week. Introductory message to the Association to be on Thursday morning. Be it further resolved that the meals be prepared as the Quarterly Meetings with the churches bringing covered dishes to spread in cafeteria together.

(3) We recommend that a standing vote of appreciation be given to the following: Camp Ground Director, Assistant Camp Ground Director, Dormitory Sponsors, Teachers, Evangelist, and cooks.

(4) Be it resolved that Item IX of League Report be amended to read as follows: Resolved that the Youth Encampment for next year, 1955, be six (6) days with registration beginning on Monday, August 8, 1955, at 8:00 A. M. Classes will begin on August 8. Registration fee to be \$7.50 for each individual. League business day will be Saturday, August 13, 1955.

Report of Auditing Committee

We, the Auditing Committee, to the best of our knowledge, find the books to be correct.

Report of Credentials Committee

(1) We recommend that Brother Lowell Foster of Seminole church be licensed to preach the Gospel for one (1) year.

(2) We recommend that Brother Gerald Mangham of Oklahoma City be licensed to preach the Gospel for one (1) year.

(3) We recommend the ordination of Brother Arlie Maxwell of Tecumseh as deacon.

(4) We recommend the ordination of Brother Preston Chaffin of Tecumseh as deacon.

(5) We recommend the ordination of Brother Alton Garrett of Springhill as deacon.

(6) We recommend the ordination of Brother Gene Womack as minister.

Report of Obituary Committee

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

Springhill Church, Mr. A. P. Vanwinkle, Mrs. A. P. Vanwinkle, and Mrs. Molly Rice.

Shawnee First Church, Mr. H. M. Lynn.

Tecumseh Church, Mrs. Mary Howell, Mr. George Herd, and Mr. Homer Rogers.

Sunnylane Church, Mr. F. D. Underwood.
Central Avenue Church, Rev. W. O. Mangham.
Capitol Hill Church, Mrs. Williams.

We recommend that we have a silent moment of prayer in memory of our departed ones.

Committee on Camp Ground Indebtedness

We, your committee on Camp Ground Indebtedness, recommend that our churches pay 30c per resident member to retire the present indebtedness, which is to be paid by September 1, 1954.

We further recommend that any future indebtedness be allocated to each church according to their proportionate membership by the Executive Board.

W. A. Harrell, Chairman
Cleo Pursell, Clerk

Executive Board Report

The past year has been a very busy one for the Executive Board. The moving of the Associational Campgrounds and the task of improving it has been the major projects.

At the first meeting of the Board, Rev. Robert Duncan was elected as chairman and E. C. Ketchem as secretary-treasurer.

The first regular business meeting, other than the election of officers and organization, was held at the Tecumseh Church on August 31, 1953, at which time E. C. Ketchem resigned from the board, and Rev. Delbert Akin, Tecumseh, was elected to fill the vacancy as Secretary-Treasurer. It was at this meeting that the Board voted to borrow \$3500 from the Federal National Bank to use to enclose the tabernacle, buy heaters, seal the cafeteria and dormitories, and put a concrete floor in the tabernacle. It was also voted to use part of the money to add one room to the caretaker's home. Brother Clay Bowlan was employed as caretaker for the campground at a salary of \$100 per month, and the plan now being used for the support of this caretaker was set up. The following is a list of the proposed plan of support for each church:

Sunnylane Church	\$10.00
Norman Church	12.50
Central Avenue Church	12.50
Tecumseh Church	12.50
Capitol Hill Church	12.50
First Church, Shawnee	10.00
Northeast Church, Shawnee	10.00
Seminole Church	10.00
Pleasant Hill Church	7.00

Springhill Church	10.00
Henryetta Church	10.00
Minneha Church	7.50
Earlsboro Church	5.00
Wolf Church	7.00
Pleasant Grove Church	5.00

Although the place has not been chosen and full details for building cabins for each church and also for individual cabins, it has been voted that one (1) acre of land be set aside for each church in the association that desires to build campsites. The Board hopes that each church in the Association will take an active part in the improving of our campground.

One of the most important transactions of the year was the selling of 100 acres off the west side of the Campground property to H. G. Huff jr., for a sum of \$2500. Forty dollars was deducted from this price for a fence on the property line.

Although a great deal of improvement has been made, there is much yet to be done. Included with this report is a letter from the State Department of Health, which has offered many suggestions for needed improvements. The Board recommends that these suggestions for improvement be completed as soon as possible, and the Board be given the approval to raise necessary funds to get the work under way and speed its completion.

The Board also has investigated the condition of the New Bethlehem Church and find that there is still a segment of the membership that remains and desired that the building and fixtures remain in the community.

Another great asset that has been purchased is a large whirlwind power mower which will help to keep the grounds in good condition. It was purchased from D. D. Wynn for a sum of \$50 and the transportation to get it here was \$17, making a total of \$67 invested.

The Board wished to express its thanks to every church for its cooperation in making the hiring of a caretaker possible. Also it wishes to commend Brother and Sister Bowlan, our caretaker and wife, for the splendid job they have done to improve and care for the campgrounds.

We are looking forward to another great year of success and cooperation with all the churches in the Association.

Recommendations of Department of Public Health

On August 2, 1954, an inspection was made of the facilities of the youth camp located nine (9) miles west of Tecumseh on Highway No. 9 on the west side of the road.

The following suggestions are submitted for your consideration:

1. A sanitary well seal should be installed between the surface pipe and the drop pipes in the well.

2. The well house should have a drain through the wall at floor level.

3. Sanitary angle jet type drinking fountains should be installed.

4. The boys' toilet should be replaced with a flush toilet and septic tank system approved by the Bureau of Sanitary Engineering of the Oklahoma State Department of Health, 3400 N. Eastern, Oklahoma City. Your agreement with the contractor doing the job should be specific, that the work must be done from the very beginning, in such a manner that it will receive full health department approval.

5. The present septic tank system having a metal septic tank and approximately 200 feet of lateral sewage disposal lines cannot be considered adequate for the girls' dorms.

6. All sewage, including mess hall sink drainage, shower drainage, urinal drainage, lavatory drainage, stool drainage and any other considered to be sewage, should go into a large approved septic tank and then into a sand filter or underground disposal lines, depending on which one is recommended by the Pottawatomie County Department of Public Health, when a representative of your executive board calls on us. Your contractor could act as an agent for you in contacting the Pottawatomie County Department of Health.

7. Dormitories should not be crowded and the occupants should sleep "head to toe" as suggested. As much space as possible between the heads should be used.

8. There should be covered trash and garbage cans at the campsite and burning at the campsite is not suggested as the best method of disposal. Burying is suggested as a proper means of disposal of trash.

9. Drainage from the drinking fountain should go well away from the fountain and should not pool. It may go into the proposed septic tank providing there is a trap in the line to prevent gasses from coming back out the fountain.

10. In the dining hall the greatest need is for a large three-compartment sink for sterilizing dishes. The last compartment should have a gas burner under the compartment. Baskets should be provided to submerge the dishes in the water. The final rinse water should be 180 degrees F., and the dishes should be drained and not wiped with towels.

11. There should be a regular handwashing lavatory installed in the dining hall.

12. There should be a covered garbage can.

13. The floor and tables in the dining hall should be covered with an easily washable material.

14. Cracked dishes and cups and chipped utensils should be replaced.

TREASURER'S REPORT

First Oklahoma Association of Free Will Baptists 1953-1954

Balance Brought Forward\$ 11.32

RECEIPTS

Recd. from Assn. Clerk at close of session	\$127.00
Pleasant Hill Church for minutes and tithes..	9.20
First Church, Shawnee, for minutes	5.00
Henryetta Church for tithes	13.99
Norman Church for minutes	5.00
Loan from Federal Natl. Bank	3500.00
Kenneth Abernathy, Refund on Deposit	100.00
Offering at 1st Quarterly Meeting	18.25
Offering at 2nd Quarterly Meeting	33.27
H. G. Huff jr. (on west 100 a. campground)....	2460.00
State League Convention (for utilities)	10.00
Received from Pott-Seminole Royalty Co.	40.00
Received on Caretaker's Fund:	
Norman Church	125.00
Sunnylane Church	90.00
Earlsboro Church	40.00
Tecumseh Church	125.00
Central Avenue Church	125.00
Wolf Church	70.00
Minneha Church	50.00
Capitol Hill Church	125.00
First Church, Shawnee	80.00
Seminole Church	80.00
District Auxiliary Convention	68.19
Springhill Church	20.00
Received from Clay Bowen as tithes	90.29
Received from Pleasant Hill as tithes	13.60
Recd. from Bill Hunt Pleasant Grove Church	5.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS\$7428.79

PAID OUT FOR PERIOD

Mrs. Floyd Cash, Clerk of Association	10.00
Delbert Akin, Moderator of Association	10.00
Oklahoma Electric Cooperative	2.08
Oklahoma Electric Coop. (meter loop; etc.)....	23.75
Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.	2.60
Federal National Bank (add abstract pages)	8.55
J. C. DeBerry Ins. (3 years insurance)	637.25
Pioneer Abstract Co. (abstract work)	71.25
Loyd Lumber Company	266.58

State Association for delegate fees	40.00
Oklahoma Electric Cooperative	4.00
Shawnee American, printing minutes	65.00
Condon & Horne Hdw. for pipe	20.75
Jack Bell Concrete Co. (floor in tabernacle)	242.15
Bill Holland (concrete finish work)	49.50
James Meyer for painting sign	7.50
Sinclair Refining for barrels	1.35
Chism-Gilbert Lumber Co. for material	576.25
Kib Warren's Hdw. for stovepipe	10.04
H. A. Epperson for labor	103.00
L. H. Epperson for labor	29.75
Mr. Henry for labor	13.00
Clay Bowlan, salary for 10 months	1000.00
White's Blacksmith Shop, welding	4.00
Oklahoma Electric Cooperative	6.73
Jackk Bell Lumber Co., for material	188.76
Loyd Lumber Co., for material	143.05
Cooper's Furniture, for stoves	29.27
R. L. Eppele for Butane Tank	40.70
George Plunkett for labor	30.00
Oklahoma Electric Coop.	10.56
E. E. Morris (bulbs for campground)	1.50
Oklahoma Electric Coop.	10.70
H. O. Loyd Lumber (for caretaker's house)	98.00
Barney Mangham (wiring supplies)	3.61
Delbert Akin for phone calls	2.10
Delbert Akin for misc. exp., postage, etc.	3.50
Oklahoma Electric Coop.	6.08
R. L. Eppele Butane Co., for butane	17.50
Guy Ewton, making deed to west 100 acres	2.00
Federal Natl. Bank on note	3245.00
Postmaster for Revenue Stamps for deed	2.75
Oklahoma Electric Coop.	14.28
Delbert Akin (cleaning supplies, postage)	3.00
Damon Dodd (sign for camp)	12.00
Clyde Cain (beds for home)	33.27
Checks for Treasurer	2.00
Oklahoma Electric Coop.	12.60
Bob Duncan for plumbing material	3.70
Postage, Office Supplies, nails	3.50
D. D. Wynn, mower for campground	67.00
Outdoor Adv. for sign for camp	10.00
R. B. Condry for tuning piano	10.00
Oklahoma Electric Coop.	19.70
Mooney's in Norman for tubs for camp	14.85

TOTAL PAID OUT7246.42

BALANCE FORWAR D.....	11.32
RECEIPTS	7428.79
TOTAL	7440.11
LESS PAID OUT	7246.42
BALANCE	193.69

Due on Note at Federal Natl. Bank...\$500.00
(Due September 1, 1954)

DELBERT AKIN, Secretary-Treasurer.

LEAGUE REPORT MINUTES OF THE YEARLY BUSINESS MEETING

August 7, 1954

Meeting opened by singing "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart."

Pianist: Pat Smoot; Songleader: Barbara Grizzle; Prayer: Rev. E. E. Morris; Song: "His Way With Thee."

Brother Oris Doss, general sponsor, made opening remarks. Minutes of previous League Rally were read by Jo Tatum. Rev. Bob Duncan, vice-president, called for treasurer's report, was read by Sister Fern Duncan, treasurer, and received.

Letters were called for and read as follows:

League	Attendance	Paid Caretaker	Tithes
Sunnylane League	83	\$15.00	\$4.57
Spring Hill League	75		2.00
Norman League	62		6.06
Central Avenue League	53	15.00	4.90
Capitol Hill League	49	15.00	3.00
Pleasant Hill League	25		2.00
Tecumseh League (Senior)	12	15.00	1.00

Officers were elected for the coming year as follows: General sponsors, Brother and Sister Oris Doss; president, Rev. Lonnie Sparks, Wolf; vice-president, Lester White, Oklahoma City; recording secretary, Jo Tatum, Oklahoma City; corresponding secretary, Billie O'Donnell, Oklahoma City; treasurer, Fern Duncan, Norman; song leader, Barbara Grizzle, Norman; pianist, Hazel Munkus, Norman; campground superintendent, Barney Mangham, Oklahoma City; assistant campground superintendent, Rev. Delbert Akin, Tecumseh; dormitory sponsors, junior boys, Brother Oris Doss and Rev. Bob Duncan; senior boys, Rev. Lonnie Sparks and Rev. Delbert Akin, junior girls, Sister Alice Holiday, Oklahoma City, and

Sister Oris Doss; senior girls, Sister Fern Duncan nad Sister J. R. Hall, Oklahoma City.

A Business Committee was appointed as follows: Paul Stark, Hazel Munkus, Cela Hurst, Betty McDaniel, Rev. J. R. Dodson.

Speaker for next rally in November: Rev. Bob Duncan; alternate, Rev. J. R. Dodson.

Dismissed in prayer for 11:00 service.

11:00 A. M. Worship

Song leader, Barbara Munkus; pianist, Hazel Munkus; songs: "Where He Leads I'll Follow" and "I Know I Have Religion."

Special song: "Then I'll Settle Down," by Rev. Bob Duncan and Mrs. Duncan.

Message: "Majoring in Minor Things of Life," by Rev. Bob Duncan, using Luke 12:13-21 as a text.

Invitation hymn: "Just As I Am."

Dismissed with altar prayer.

1:00 P. M.—Business

Song: "Sunlight"; leader, Barbara Grizzle; pianist, Pat Smoot; prayer by Rev. J. R. Hall.

Report of Business Committee:

Item 1. We, the Business Committee, resolve that the Camp Ground Superintendent have charge of hiring cooks for next year's Youth Encampment. Accepted.

Item 2. We recommend that the present system of judging of plays, presentation of programs and present judges be retained. Accepted.

Item 3. We, the Business Committee, working as an Auditing Committee, find the treasurer's books in order. Accepted.

Item 4. We recommend that the officers and League board select the teachers and plan the program for the Youth Encampment next year. Accepted.

Item 5. We recommend that each League send their letter, tithes, and \$5.00 a month for the campground upkeep and evangelist to the corresponding secretary one week before each rally. Send to: Billie O'Donnell, 122 S. W. 36th St., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Accepted.

Item 6. We recommend that our League Rallies for the coming year be as follows: November 28, 1954; February 27, 1955; May 22, 1955 (note that this is Fourth Sunday to miss Decoration Day Holiday.) Accepted.

Item 7. We recommend that each church and league bring their own food for lunch on Rally days and use the

cafeteria to spread together. Dishes and silverware from our cafeteria may be used. Accepted.

Item 8. We recommend that the Saturday night evangelistic services be continued and that the League Board and Executive Board have the responsibility of making rules for the governing of this service. Accepted.

Item 9. We recommend that the Youth Encampment for next year be for 6 days with registration beginning August 3, 1955, at 8:00 A. M. Classes will begin on August 8, 1955. Registration fee to be \$7.50 for each individual. Business day will be Saturday, August 13, 1955. (Note this item is shown as was amended by the Association).

Rev. J. R. Hall was elected to bring the message at the first Saturday night evangelistic service November 28, 1954. Rev. J. R. Dodson, alternate.

Rev. Dale Burden was elected to be the evangelist for the 1955 Youth Encampment, to be held at the campgrounds next August. Brother Burden was the evangelist for 1954 also.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT OF THE LEAGUE OF THE FIRST OKLA. ASSN.

CASH IN BANK August 1, 1954\$310.17
REGISTRATION FEES:

Norman	\$100.50
Capital Hill	97.50
Union Baptist & Children's Home	82.50
Seminole	67.50
Tecumseh	60.00
Central Avenue	52.50
Sunny Lane	45.00
Northeast Shawnee	30.00
Pleasant and Spring Hill	22.50
TOTAL	558.00
Campground Upkeep, Tithes	90.88
Profit, Additional Fees, Offerings, Meals	545.31

TOTAL\$1503.86

DISBURSEMENTS:

Cooks	\$250.00
Evangelist	150.00
Nehi Bottling Co.	78.00
Bread	66.00
Teachers	50.00
O. K. Packing Co.	85.32
Poultry and Eggs	56.34
Steffens	36.26
Ice	14.23
Ice Cream	11.40

H. D. Grocery	24.83	
Scrivner Stevens	120.64	
Synch Hardware	19.20	
Wood & Co.	4.75	
Dr. Pepper	25.20	
Coca-Cola Bottling Co.	43.90	
Candy	9.50	
Redbud Dairy	37.40	
Typewriter Parts	4.83	
Stove Jets	1.43	
Sprayer	1.50	
Electric Plugs	2.62	
Gulf Station	4.16	
Miscellaneous	21.27	
Medicine	2.71	
Total		\$1,121.55
BALANCE IN BANK		382.31

DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

First Oklahoma Association District Woman's Auxiliary Convention met August 9, 1954, at the Associational Campgrounds

Theme of Convention: Know God's Work."

Registration: 9:30 A. M. Song: "To the Work," led by Sister Mildred Cash. Prayer: "Brother Bean. Song: "I Love to Tell the Story." Devotional and Prayer: John 6:28, read by Sister Erma Dodson. Roll call of Auxiliaries by Secretary Opal O'donnell. Welcome chorus: "There Is a Welcome Here."

Report of Executive Committee.

Motion carried that we purchase awards for Stewardship Declamation, and Standard of Achievement Award.

Motion carried that we have a work shop.

Committee appointments by president, Sister Cleo Pursell.

Registration Committee: Peggy Blackburn, Marcelene Thompson.

Resolutions Committee: Sisters Cantwell, Luna Bowers, Leota McMormick, Lucille Stark, Mae Ingle, Agnes Kiker, and Sister Cora Bruce.

Finance and Auditing Committee: Opal O'Donnell, Dorothy Gable, Sister J. E. Mauck, Eunice Lunsford, Eva Chaffin.

Credentials Committee: Gorda Price, Sarah Harris, Letha Mae Trent.

Obituary Committee: Sister Armstrong, Mae Walker, Lois Owen.

Standard of Achievement Award Judges: Earlene Parris, Sister Winnie McClain, Ida White.

Appreciation Committee: Lorene Borden, Orena Herd, Rachel Walters.

Recess; dismissed in prayer by Sister Fern Duncan.

11:00 A. M.—Worship

Song: "Bringing in the Sheaves."

Leader: Sister Mildred Cash."

Prayer: Rev. Dale Burden, Youth Evangelist.

Special Music: "He'll Understand and Say Well Done," by Norman Auxiliary.

Message by Rev. Bob Duncan, Norman, using as a theme "Know God's Work" and St. John 9:1-5 as a text.

Dismissed in prayer by Sister McClain.

Lunch and Fellowship.

Afternoon Business

Services opened by singing choruses led by Hazel Munkus.

Prayer by Sister Armstrong.

Scripture, Ephesians 4:11, "Doing God's Work Through the Local Church and Auxiliary." Speaker, Dorothy Akin.

Offertory: Prayer by Mildred Cash.

Class Song and Prayer by one of the Leaguers.

Special Song by Brother and Sister Bob Duncan, "Jesus Is the One."

Prayer by Vivian Ketchum.

"Doing God's Work Through Missions," speaker, Vivian Ketchum.

Stewardship Declaration by Linda Lunsford from Shawnee First Church.

Declaration Award presented to Linda Lunsford by Alice Holiday, District Youth Chairman.

Highlights of WNAC by Fern Duncan.

Report of Secretary-Treasurer read and accepted.

Motion carried that we buy waste paper baskets for Girls Dormitory.

Auditing report read and accepted. "Books all right to date."

Obituary Committee reported one death from the Capitol Hill Church, Sister Williams. Led in prayer by Earlene Parris.

Report of Nominating Committee read and accepted. New officers as follows:

President—Cleo Pursell, 1111 E. 11th, Shawnee, Okla.

Vice-President—Mildred Cash.

Secretary-Treasurer—Edna Lou Vaughn.

Youth Chairman—Erma Dodson.

Program Chairman—Louise Womack.

Study Course Chairman—Lucille Stark.

Benevolence Chairman—Fern Duncan.

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer—Letha Mae Trent.

Special song by Seminole Auxiliary, "When I've Gone the Last Mile."

Installation of new officers by Mildred Cash.

Standing vote of thanks to the outgoing officers.
Dismissed in prayer.

1953-54 Woman's Auxiliary Treasurer Report

Balance brought forward	\$ 80.84	
Total Receipts	592.51	
		\$673.35
Total Disbursements	603.20	
Balance in Treasury		\$ 70.15

Disbursements

Missions	\$106.90	
Co-Labor, Band	196.00	
Campground Fund	46.41	
WNAC Headquarters	18.00	
Curtains and rods for campground	40.00	
Bible College	10.00	
Convention dues	22.70	
Literature	45.65	
Minutes	10.00	
Tithe to State	7.72	
State dues	15.20	
Gifts to speakers	15.00	
Miscellaneous	5.62	
Total Disbursements		\$603.20

CLEO PURSELL, President
OPAL O'DONNELL, Sec-Treas.

MINUTES OF QUARTERLY MEETING

First Quarterly Meeting, November, 1953

First Oklahoma Association of Free Will Baptists met at the Campgrounds on Highway 9 west of Tecumseh.

Song: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arm," and "He's a Wonderful Saviour to Me."

Leader: Rev. Delbert Akin.

Pianist: Sister Cleo Pursell.

Prayer: Sister Doris Tate.

Devotional: Rev. Carl Walters, Ephesians 5:1.

Song: "Some Glad Day."

Motion carried to receive letters.

Letters received from the following churches: Seminole,

Tecumseh, Shawnee First, Sunnyslane, Norman, Spring Hill, Northeast Shawnee, Capitol Hill and Minneha.

Song, "I'll Fly Away" and right hand of fellowship extended to delegates and same seated.

Motion carried that Moderator appoint committees. Committees appointed as follows: Pulpit Committee, Delcie Green, Maudie Akins, Doris Tate and Harold Owen; Business Committee, Ed Warner, Bob Duncan, Raymond Thompson and Sister Carr.

Visiting brethren and sisters invited to seat in council. Ministers from Union Baptist welcomed.

Letters from Central Avenue and Wolf read, accepted and delegates seated.

Sisters Cleo Pursell and Mattie Epperson offered resignations from Credentials Board. Same accepted.

Motion carried that Moderator appoint two members to fill vacancy. Rev. Bailey Thompson and Brother White appointed.

Brother Clyde Hamar of Union Baptist from Putnam, Oklahoma, selected to bring morning message.

Report of Executive Committee given by Rev. Delbert Akin.

Motion carried to table same until 1:15 P. M. Motion to adjourn.

11:00 A. M.

Song: "It Won't Be Very Long."

Leader: Rev. Delbert Akin.

Pianist: Matti Grizzell.

Prayer by Rev. Ralph Staten, Wewoka.

Special Song: "The Son Hath Made Me Free," by quartet, Rev. Ralph Staten, Rev. Delbert Akin, Rev. Bailey Thompson, and Sister Fern Duncan.

Message by Rev. Hamar on theme, "Having a Form of Godliness, But Denying the Power Thereof," using I Tim. 3 as a text.

Dismissed in prayer; followed by lunch.

1:15 P. M.

Song: "All Hail the Power."

Devotional: Isaiah 9, read by Rev. Jack Dodson, who also led in prayer.

Motion carried to accept Executive Board report.

Motion carried to set aside Saturday, November 21, as work day at Campground. Lunch to be brought.

Introductory speaker for the next Quarterly meeting: Rev. Paul Pursell, Rev. Bailey Thompson, alternate.

Credentials Committee recommended Brother Baird from Minneha for ordination as Deacon. Motion to accept same.

Motion carried for Minister's Fellowship meeting on 2nd Friday night of each month.

Special song: "I Can Tell You the Time" by quartet, Fern Duncan, Bob Duncan, Delbert Akin, Bailey Thompson.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Mullendore.

Delbert Akin, Moderator

Fern Duncan, Assistant Clerk

Second Quarterly Meeting, February 19, 1954

✓ The Second Quarterly Meeting of the First Oklahoma Association of Free Will Baptists convened at Campgrounds.

Songs: "Where He Leads" and "Some Oay."

Leader: Mildred Cash.

Pianist: Cleo Pursell.

Devotional: Job 23:1-10 read by Rev. Bailey Thompson.

Prayer: Raymond Thompson.

Letters called for and received from the following churches: Norman, Pleasant Hill, Shawnee First Church, Minneha, Northeast Shawnee, Sunnyside, Springhill, Capitol Hill, Central Avenue, Tecumseh, Seminole. Motion to receive same and seat delegates carried. Song "I'll Live in Glory." Right hand of fellowship given delegates.

Reading of By-laws by Moderator.

Visiting brothers and sisters invited to seat in council. Rev. Ross Hamar and wife, Rev. Jess Haney and wife of Union Baptists, Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, National Executive Secretary.

Motion that Moderator appoint committees.

Divine Service: Sister Eula Bates, Sister Mullendore, Sister Argo.

Business Committee: Rev. Bob Duncan, Rev. J. R. Hall, Rev. Vard Wood, Rev. Jack Dodson, Rev. John Bean.

Two members to serve for this meeting only on Credentials committee: Rev. Will Been and Brother Argo.

Pulpit committee reported that Brother Haney and Brother Hamar of Union Baptists to bring morning message.

Letter from Wolf Church read and accepted. Delegates seated.

Report of Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. Delbert Akin, accepted.

Motion to adjourn until 1:00 p.m.

Dismissed by Rev. W. S. Mooneyham.

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP

Song: "Won't It Be Wonderful There" and "The Redeemed are Gathering In."

Leader: Mildred Cash
Pianist: Eunice Lunsford
Special song: "The Master of Blue Galilee" by Kenny Lunsford.

Speaker introduced by Moderator.

Rev. Haney chose for his subject, "Preaching the Word With Reverence and Its Spiritual Results." An inspirational message.

Dismissed in prayer and thanks offering by Rev. E. J. Wilson, Ardmore.

1:00 P.M.

Song: "Where He Leads"

Leader: Rev. E. J. Wilson

Pianist: Eunice Lunsford

Prayer: D'Arthur Yandell.

Special Song: Quartet: Clyde Cain, Bailey Thompson, W. S. Moneyham, and Delbert Akin, singing "When He Blessed My Soul" and "Looking for a City."

Report of Business Committee as follows: (1) Resolved that we rescind previous motion by Leage Board that girls be permitted to wear jeans during recreation hour or while on Campground. (2) We recommend that Association rescind former resolution binding Executive Board to sell west 100 acres at original price and that said Executive Board be given authority to sell 100 west acres.

The National Executive Secretary, Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, reported on highlights of our College work and our work in other states, that is opening for us. And stressing help for liquidation of college debt.

The Credential Committee recommend Brother W. D. Cargill and Brother Raymond Thompson for ordination as Deacons and Brother Eugene Shaw be licensed to preach the Gospel for one (1) year. Accepted.

Report by Superintendent of Children's Home, Brother Clyde Cain, as to needs of Home. An offering of \$33.27 given for beds for Home.

Report by Rev. Ed Sunday as to the insurance plan adopted by the State Mission Board.

Short talk by Rev. Ralph Staten on Publication.

Motion to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Paul Pursell.

Third Quarterly Meeting, May 14, 1954

The Third Quarterly Meeting of the First Oklahoma Association of Free Will Baptists convened at Campgrounds.

Song: "Send the Light."

Leader: Mildred Cash.

Pianist: Cleo Pursell.

Prayer: Rev. Will Bean.

Devotional: I John 3:1-2, 13-17 read by Rev. A. B. Ep-person.

In the absence of Moderator, Rev. Paul Pursell, Assistant Moderator, took charge.

Letter called for and received from the following churches: Tecumseh, Seminole, Wolf, First Church Shawnee, Northeast Shawnee, Central Avenue, Capitol Hill, Sunnyslane, and Pleasant Hill. Letters read and motion made to accept same and seat delegates. Springhill letter read and accepted. Song "Heavenly Sunlight" and right hand of fellowship extended delegates. Letter from Norman read and accepted. Delegates seated.

Moderator called for Rev. E. E. Morris to assist in moderating session. Moderator and Assistant to appoint committees.

Committees as follows: Divine Service, Brother White, Sisters Fern Ray, Lena Wood, Gorda Price and Sister Herman Hall; Business: Rev. Will Bean, Rev. W. V. Wood, Rev. Jack Dodson, Rev. J. R. Hall and Brother W. I. Cluck.

Visiting brothers and sisters recognized and asked to seat in council. Rev. Elvis Priest, Rev. Ralph Staten from Progressive Association, Rev. Foreline, Tennessee, and Brother and Sister Wilson, Holdenville.

Rev. Bob Duncan and Rev. John Bean appointed to serve on Credentials Committee.

Committee on Divine Service report that Rev. Ralph Staten will bring the 11:00 message.

Treasurer's report read and accepted.

Discussion on \$500 indebtedness due as of September 1 on campground note. Motion carried that League pay \$100 and the remainder be properly proportioned to all churches according to membership, and that said amount be sent in with yearly letter in August. Carried.

Dismissed for recess until 11:00 service by Rev. Foreline.

11:00 A. M.

Song: "Victory in Jesus."

Leader: Fern Duncan.

Pianist: Cleo Pursell.

Prayer: Rev. Elvis Priest.

Rev. Foreline made a short talk on extension school and college work.

Duet: "Where He Leads I Will Go," by Sisters Fern and Irma Ray.

Rev. Staten of Wewoka introduced as speaker, reading

for scripture lessons Acts 11:24. Text, "What Is a Bible Christian?" A very instructive and inspirational message.

Dismissed in prayer and thanks offering for noonday refreshments by Rev. E. E. Morris.

1:00 P. M.

Song: "Showers of Blessings."

Leader: Fern Ray.

Pianist: Irma Ray.

Devotional: Sister Fern Duncan; I Peter 4th chapter.

Prayer: Brother P. W. DeWeber.

Report of Business Committee as follows: (1) We recommend that the Executive Board proceed through proper channels in obtaining the possession of New Bethlehem church. Carried.

Ordination Committee reported Brother W. C. Rupp, Roger Harwell, Orville Carpenter, and Manuel Gillham be licensed to preach the gospel for one year.

Rev. Bob Duncan elected to be introductory speaker for Yearly Business Meeting. Rev. J. R. Hall as alternate.

May 22 and 23 set as Work Days at Campground.

An offering of \$39.50 was taken for curtains for dormitories and given to Mrs. Gable as head of committee.

Sunnylane Church accepted the feeding of the State League Convention.

Rising vote of thanks given to Brother and Sister Bowlan for work on grounds.

Motion to postpone Ministers and Deacons Conference until Second Friday night in September, due to other business for July and August.

Motion to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Brother Gillham.

Paul Pursell, Moderator

Mildred Cash, Clerk

CHURCH STATISTICS

Church & Pastor	Received	Dismissed	Total Membership	Paid Out For 1953-54	Property Value
Central Avenue, OC30	11	175	\$5920.70	\$30,000.00	
Rev. Jack Dodson, 1522 S. Central, OC, Pastor					
✓ Northeast Shawnee27	0	58	8990.02	15,000.00	
Rev. Leroy Bowers 129 S. Draper, Shawnee					
✓ Seminole (Quarter Rep.) 1	2	81			
Rev. Gene Womack Seminole, Oklahoma					
Capitol Hill43	20	425	13688.02	30,000.00	
✓ Rev. E. E. Morris 2709 SW 33, OC					
✓ Pleasant Hill 4	—	40	2380.55	3500.00	
Rev. Clyde Argo Rt. 2, Moore					
✓ Wolf 4	—	42	1976.80	2500.00	
Rev. Lonnie Sparks 1234 E. Main, Shawnee					
✓ Springhill21	2	85	2467.01	4400.00	
Rev. Vard Wood Rt. 2, Lexington					
✓ Tecumseh22	4	176	6710.54	17500.00	
Rev. Delbert Akin Box 292, Tecumseh					
✓ Minneha—	5	17	249.98		
Rev. Cecil Harmon Rt. 4, Box 125 B, OC					
✓ Norman17	0	156	6364.49	29050.00	
Rev. Robert Duncan 715 Tiffin, Norman					
✓ Shawnee First22	3	81	5454.95	15500.00	
Rev. Paul Pursell 1111 E. 11th, Shawnee					
✓ Sunnyslane44	2	144	4338.00	27500.00	
Rev. J. R. Hall 41st & Sunnyslane Okla. City, Okla.					
✓ TOTALS 235	49	1480	58541.06	74950.00	

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: Voting members of the Association shall be ministers, deacons, members of all standing boards, officers and sponsors of the League Rally of Association, Officers of Women's Auxiliary Convention of Association, Officers of Sunday School Convention of Association, church clerks, and also three delegates from each local church in the Association, which shall be seated with proper credentials. There must be a quorum of at least five churches 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 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 be-

half 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 three members are present.

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. Pho. 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 di-

vine 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.

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 Baptists, shall be ordained minister, ordained deacons, members of all standing boards, officers and sponsors of the League Rally of the Association, Officers of Women's

Auxiliary Convention of the Association, Officers of the Sunday School Convention of the Association, regularly elected delegates, which shall be seated only with proper credentials, 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, or 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.

