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MINUTES
of the
FIRST OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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Proceedings of The
58th Annual Session



Convened At
Free Will Baptist Camp Ground
9 Miles West of Tecumseh
(On Highway 9)

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Rev. E. E. Morris, 2713 S.W. 33rd, Okla. City.....Moderator

Rev. J. R. Hall, 3629 Mistito Driev, Okla. City Asst. Moderator

Mrs. Floyd Cash, 325 W. Coe Drive, Midwest CityClerk

Mrs. Clarence Bruce, Seminole, Okla.....Asst. Clerk

First Quarterly Meeting, November 18-19, 1955

Second Quarterly Meeting, February 18-19, 1956

Third Quarterly Meeting, May 14-15, 1956

Annual Association, August 24-25, 1956

Auxiliary Day, August 23, 1956

Youth Encampment Date, August 13-18, 1956

Registration, August 13. Evangelist, Rev. Dale Burden, Nashville, Tenn.

Associational Camp Meeting, August 19-24. Services under supervision of various churches.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Executive Board

Rev. Odis Robinson, Prague, Okla.....	1953-56
Rev. Vard Wood, Lexington, Okla.....	1953-57
W. W. Hunt, Route 1, Choctaw, Okla.....	1953-56
Rev. Delbert Akin, Tecumseh, Okla., Box 233.....	1955-59
Rev. E. E. Morris, 2713 S.W. 33, Oklahoma City.....	1955-60
Chairman, Rev. Vard Wood. Anyone wishing to contact Executive Board or have conference with same, call Chairman, Phone 805F2, Lexington, Oklahoma.	

League Board

Rev. Roy Hearon, 1111 East 11th, Shawnee, Okla.....	1955-56
E. C. Ketchem, 1342 East Whittaker, Shawnee, Okla.....	1955-60
Rev. J. R. Hall, 3629 Mestito Drive, Oklahoma City.....	1954-59
Barney Mangham, 628 S. E. 22, Oklahoma City.....	1953-57
Rev. Jack Dodson, 1904 S. Central, Oklahoma City.....	1954-58

League Officers

Mr. and Mrs. Oris Doss, Oklahoma City, General Sponsors.	
Rev. Kermit Argo, Norman, Okla.....	President
Bill Cosby, Oklahoma City.....	Vice-President
J. O. Tatum, Oklahoma City.....	Recording Secretary
Peggy Morris, Oklahoma City.....	Corresponding Secretary
Helen Munkers Pelvery, Norman.....	Treasurer
Hazel Munkers, Norman.....	Pianist
Johnny Garner, Seminole.....	Choirister
Kenneth Bowlan, Tecumseh.....	Asst. Choirister
Barney Mangham, Oklahoma City.....	Yearly Camp Ground Dir.
Rev. J. R. Hall, Okla. City.....	Asst. Camp Ground Director

Dormitory Sponsors

Senior Boys—David Trent and Rev. Delbert Akin
Junior Boys—Rev. Euel Gorman and Rev. Clyde Cain
Senior Girls—Sisters Letha Mae Trent and Erma Dodson
Junior Girls—Sister Alice Holliday and Sister Young

Auxiliary Officers

President, Erma Dodson, Central Avenue
Vice-President, Mae Walker, Central Avenue
Secretary-Treas., Edna Lou Vaughn, First Church, Shawnee
Program Chairman, Louis Womack, Tecumseh
Study Course Chairman, Mildred Cash, Capitol Hill
Youth Chairman, Vivian Ketchem, First Church, Shawnee
Benevolence Chairman, Fern Duncan, Norman
Asst. Secretary-Treasurer, Doris Vulgamore, Seminole

Credentials Committee

Rev. Vard Wood, Spring Hill
Rev. Clyde Argo, Pleasant Hill
Rev. A. B. Epperson, Tecumseh

Business Committee

Rev. Delbert Akin, Tecumseh
Rev. Jack Dodson, Central Avenue
Rev. Allan Moore, Seminole
Rev. Ode Robinson, North Side, Prague
Rev. Roy Hearon, First Church, Shawnee
Rev. Euel Gorman, North East, Shawnee

Obituary Committee

Sister Dadie Harold,, Sunny Lane; Sister Ola Clagg, Seminole; Sister Lois Owens, Capitol Hill.

Divine Service Committee

Sister Vivian Ketchem, First Church, Shawnee; Sister Annie Akins, Tecumseh; Sister Oriece McDonald, North Side, Prague.

Auditing Committee

Sister George Ray, Capitol; Brother Earl Haas, North East, Shawnee; Brother W. W. Hunt, Sunny Lane.

State Delegates for 1955

Leta Cain, Wolfe; Gorda Price, Norman; Oriece McDonald, Prague; Don Wolfe, North East, Shawnee; W. W. Hunt, Sunny Lane; Lois Owens, Capitol Hill; Virgil Lemons, Tecumseh; Clarence Bruce, Seminole; E. C. Ketchem, Shawnee First; Lena Wood, Spring Hill; Donna Cartwright, Pleasant Hill; Elmira Harmon, Minneha; Ed Warner, Central Avenue.

Church Delegates to Annual Session

Henry Warden, Gerald Mangram, Ethel Ray, Central Ave.
Ella Baldwin, Gladys Sparks, Helen Williams, Minneha.
Clarence Bruce, Ola Clagg, Floyd Vulgamore, Seminole.
Vivian Ketchem, Ruth Hightower, Della Cluck, Shawnee First.

Orena Akin, Anna Akin, Mattie Hartoon, Tecumseh.
Sadie Harrell, Sister Teaterman, Sister Konopinski, Sunny Lane.
Earl Haas, Don Wolfe, Juanita Wolfe, N.E., Shawnee.
Loys Steele, Luther Scott, Lena Wood, Spring Hill.
Helen Finchum, Georgia Hurst, G. Argo, Pleasant Hill.

Duffie Frakes, Oriece McDonald, Ethyl Stearman, Prague.
W. J. Price, W. D. Cargill, Gorda Price, Norman.
Barbara Barlow, Clemie Mauk, Myrtle Kyker, Wolfe.
Delbert Henderson, Lela Rose, Lois Ownes,

PROCEEDINGS

The 58th Annual Session of First Oklahoma Association of Free Will Baptists, August 18, 1955, when convened at Associational Camp Ground.

THURSDAY MORNING

Opened by singing "Standing On the Promises," led by Sister Snow with Evelyn Gorman as pianist. Rev. Vard Wood read I Cor. 13 for the devotional. Rev. A. B. Epperson led in prayer.

Letters called for, and those reporting were Capitol Hill, seh, Spring Hill, Shawnee First, Central Avenue and Prague Sunny Lane, N. E. Shawnee, Seminole, Pleasant Hill, Tecum-North Side. Letters read and accepted and delegates seated. Right hand of fellowship was extended delegates. Song, "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart."

Election of officers for the year followed. Rev. E. E. Morris, Moderator; Rev. J. R. Hall, Asst. Moderator; Mildred Cash, Clerk, and Cora Bruce, Asst. Clerk.

Rev. E. E. Morris and Rev. Delbert Akin were elected to Executive Board.

Rev. LeRoy Bowers' resignation from League Board was read and accepted. Rev. Roy Hearon and Brother E. C. Ketchem elected to League Board vacancies.

Letter from Wolfe church read and accepted and delegates seated. Visiting brothers and sisters invited to seat in conference. Rev. and Mrs. Bob Duncan, Clinton; Brother and Sister Arch Wilson, Holdenville, and Sister Shaw, Oklahoma City.

Motion adopted that Moderator and Assistant Moderator appoint committees. (See Committees.)

Motion to adjourn until 1:30 p. m. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Euel Gorman.

THURSDAY—11:00 A. M. SERVICES

Song, "Joy Unspeakable," led by Rev. Delbert Akin; Evelyn Gorman, pianist. Prayer by Brother Jim Owens. Song, "Nothing Between." Special number, "I've Got That Old Time Religion," by Quartet, Rev. Lester Maynard, Rev. Delbert Akin, Sister Luna Bowers and Brother Lloyd Plunkett. Message by Rev. E. E. Morris, reading Gal. 5:1, using for a text, "The Use and Abuse of Our Liberties." Altar of prayer then old-fashioned handshake by all. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. E. E. Morris.

THURSDAY, 1:30 P. M.—BUSINESS

Song, "It Got a Hold On Me," led by Rev. Lester Maynard, Evelyn Gorman, pianist. Prayer by Rev. Ode Robinson. Rev. Euel Gorman reading Phil. 1:11 for devotional.

Letter from Norman church read, accepted and delegates seated.

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

Executive Board report read and accepted. Brother Bowlan retained as caretaker.

League report read with request by Rev. Delbert Akin for report to be received item by item. Report adopted. (See Report.)

League Treasurer report read and accepted. (See report.)

Motion to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Jack Dodson.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 9:30 A. M.

Song, "To The Work," led by Brother Ferguson, Evelyn Gorman, pianist; Rev. John Been reading Heb. 1:4 for devotional. Prayer by Rev. Been.

Letters called for and Minneha letter read, accepted and delegates seated.

Report of Obituary Committee received. (See Report.)

Women's Auxiliary report read and accepted. Auxiliary Treasurer's report read and accepted.

Committee on Divine Service report was Rev. J. R. Hall for 11 o'clock message.

Rev. Vard Wood elected as introductory speaker for 59th Annual Session; Rev. Euel Gorman as alternate.

Rev. Euel Gorman elected speaker for first Quarterly Conference and Rev. John Been Alternate.

Camp Ground projects for the various churches as follows: New curtains for platform by Pleasant Hill. Masonite for platform wall by Capitol Hill. Senior Girls dormitory re-decorating by Prague. Sheetrock for Boys' dormitory, Springhill. New sign, W. W. Hunt and Acy Harold. Croquet ground, Tecumseh. Linoleum strips for kitchen, Norman. Painting tabernacle, Shawnee First and Shawnee N.E. Girls tennis court by W. W. Hunt and Rev. Lester Maynard. Varnishing all furniture by Minneha and steps for platform by Wolfe.

Motion to adjourn until 1:00 p.m. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Clay Ritchie.

WORSHIP SERVICE — Friday, 11:00 a.m.

Song, "Glory To His Name," led by Rev. Lester Maynard, Pianist Leta Cain. Prayer by Bro. Roger Harwell.

— Message by Rev. J. R. Hall reading Genesis 15, using for a text verse 11, "The fowls of the devil devoureth." Altar of

prayer for afternoon session. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. E. E. Morris.

BUSINESS — Friday, 1:30 p.m.

Song, "When We All Get To Heaven," led by Rev. Lester Maynard. Leta Cain pianist. Prayer by Rev. Vard Wood. Proverbs, 16th chapter read by Rev. Delbert Henderson for devotional.

Credential Committee's report read and accepted. (See report.)

Business Committee's report read and accepted. (See report.)

Auditing Committee's report read and accepted. (See report.)

Discussion on New Bethlehem property. (See report.)

Capitol Hill Church agreed to put hot water tank in No. 1 Girls' Dormitory. Sunny Lane League to put hot water tank in No. 2 Girls' Dormitory. North East Shawnee to erect lights in front of tabernacle.

Motion to adjourn until 1956. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Allan Moore.

Rev. E. E. Morris, Moderator
Mildred Cash, Clerk

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT—

(1) Be it resolved that a program committee consisting of one member of the Executive Board, League Board and Woman's Auxiliary arrange the program of 1956 Campmeeting which shall start August 20 and end on August 25, 1956, immediately following the youth encampment. It is recommended that the several churches be given a night during the camp meeting to have charge of the program.

(2) Be it resolved that a dedication service for the Camp Ground be held on Sunday afternoon, August 19, 1956, and that the program committee be responsible for the arranging of program and secure speaker for same.

(3) Be it resolved that Executive Board be responsible for arranging of serving the 1956 annual session.

(4) Be it further resolved that the Quarterly Meetings be held on Friday and Saturday and each church bring lunch to spread in cafeteria.

(5) Resolved that disposition of New Bethlehem property be left to Executive Board.

LEAGUE BOARD REPORT—NOV. 27.

League Board reports that Capitol Hill, Norman, Wolfe, Pleasant Hill, present program. Capitol Hill and Norman

serving in kitchen for November 27.

February 26 Rally, Central Avenue, Shawnee N. E., Tecumseh, Spring Hill and Minneha present programs. Central Avenue and Tecumseh serving in kitchen.

May 20 Rally, Sunny Lane, Shawnee First, Seminole and Prague presenting program. Shawnee and Seminole serving in kitchen.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE—

We your obituary committee find that God in His infinite wisdom has called home our brother and sisters from the following churches:

Mrs. Anderson, Spring Hill; Jackie Allen, Seminole; Margarette Northern, Wolfe; Wash Davis, Tecumseh; Mary Newell, Shawnee First; Floyd Sturman, Prague; Myrtle Mangham, Central Avenue; G. A. Pierce, N. E. Shawnee. We recommend a moment of silent prayer in memory of our loved ones.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT—

We recommend the ordination of Brother Earl Dighton for deacon. Brother Bill Hall license to preach the gospel for one year. Brother Delbert Henderson licensed to preach the gospel for one year. Brother Carl Cheshier be licensed to preach the gospel for one year. Brother Gerald Mangham be ordained to preach the gospel.

AUDITING COMMITTEE—

We the auditing committee to the best of our knowledge find the books to be correct.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING — August 19, 1955

Prayer by Brother Ode Robinson. Rev. Vard Wood re-elected as chairman. Rev. Delbert Akin re-elected as Clerk and Treasurer. Motion made and carried that anytime a member cannot be present that he report in advance of the meeting.

Members of the Executive Board are as follows:

Rev. Vard Wood, Route 2, Lexington, Oklahoma, Phone 805F2
W. W. Hunt, Route 1, Choctaw, Oklahoma, Phone Nicoma
Park 63W3 or Okla. City FO 5-0039
E. E. Morris, 2715 S. W. 33, Oklahoma City, Phone ME 2-6424
Ode Robinson, Box 69, Prague, Oklahoma, Phone 121J
Delbert Akin, Box 233, Tecumseh, Oklahoma, Phone 233

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE FIRST OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION — AUGUST 10, 1954—AUGUST 15, 1955

Balance brought forward\$193.69

RECEIPTS:

Minute Money\$107.00
League Treasurer 300.00

Clay Bowlan	40.00
Seminole-Pott. Royalty	20.00
District Auxiliary Convention	49.90
Box Supper for Equipment	101.97
Sale of sign to Stroud church	12.00

Received from Churches—

Shawnee 1st	\$ 50.00
Tecumseh	687.91
Norman	507.86
Wolf	174.41
Minneha	113.11
Pleasant Hill	158.50
Springhill	53.10
Seminole	353.29
NE Shawnee	87.58
Capitol Hill	683.90
Central Avenue	548.32
Prague NS	83.96
Earlsboro	55.00
Sunnylane	45.61
TOTAL	\$3602.55

Total Received for period	\$4233.42
Balance Forward	193.69
TOTAL	\$4427.11

Disbursements—

Federal National, Shawnee	\$500.00
Culp Music, piano	100.00
State Minute Money	60.00
County Treasurer (back taxes)	34.85
Shawnee American (Minutes)	74.25
Bob Duncan, Moderator	10.00
Delbert Akin, Clerk	10.00
Campground Equipment	127.00
Hey Electric, pump service	31.25
Condon Hardware, paint	52.60
Lawnmower repair	30.46
Miscellaneous Expense	43.87
Clay Bowlan, Salary	1200.00
Butane	31.50
Electric	113.85
State Cooperative Budget	1843.54
Total Disbursements	\$4263.17

TOTAL Received and Brought Forward	\$4427.11
TOTAL Disbursements	5263.17

BALANCE ON HAND, August 15, 1955\$ 163.94

The above statement is true and correct.

Respectfully submitted
Delbert Akin, Treasurer

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board has had only five official meetings this year. The first meeting was at Capitol Hill Church on August 20, 1954. This was a joint meeting with the League Board. The second meeting was held at the Campgrounds on November 18, 1954, the third at the Capitol Hill Church on January 6, 1955, the fourth at the Campgrounds on June 2, 1955, and the fifth at Prague Northside Church on August 2, 1955.

At the first meeting Rev. Bob Duncan was elected as Chairman, but later resigned and Rev. Vard Wood was elected to fill his vacancy as Chairman. Rev. Odus Robinson of Prague was elected to fill Bro. Duncan's vacancy by the body. The present members of the Board include: Rev. Vard Wood, Springhill, Chairman; Rev. Delbert Akin, Tecumseh, Clerk-Treasurer, Rev. E. E. Morris, Capitol Hill, Rev. Odus Robinson, Prague, and W. W. (Bill) Hunt, Sunnyslane.

The work of the Board in the past year has centered chiefly around continued improvement of the Campgrounds. Bro. Clay Bowlan has been employed as Caretaker and the Board wishes to commend Bro. Bowlan and his wife for their fine work at the Campgrounds during the past year. The Board recommends that he be retained as Caretaker for the ensuing year.

Chief among improvements include a new kitchen stove, dishwashing unit, and linoleum for the kitchen floor and tables, all of which were purchased by the League Board, in cooperation with the Association, which sponsored a box supper, and also the District Woman's Auxiliary Convention which made a contribution. A new boys rest room constructed from concrete blocks has been added. All the churches have worked at different tasks to make the added improvements. The Board wishes to thank all these churches that have worked for their wonderful cooperation.

A delegation from the New Bethlehem community also met with the Board in a called meeting to discuss the moving of the old church house at New Bethlehem to the Vista Cemetery east of the present location of the church. The Board told the delegation that they could not move the house as the Association had voted to move it to the Campgrounds. However the Board has delayed moving of the house in order that further investigation and study can be made concerning the keeping of the house in the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Vard Wood, Chairman
Rev. Delbert Akin, Clerk

LEAGUE TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash in Bank	\$104.59
Registration fees	650.95
Campground Upkeep, Tithes	101.45
Profit, Additional fees, Offerings and meals	313.94
TOTAL	\$1170.93

DISBURSEMENTS—

Cooks	\$170.00
Evangelist	100.00
Mendonca Dairy	52.00
Bread	48.88
Gas	10.94
Ice	24.05
Meat	58.25
Dr. Zumwalt	8.00
N. R. Smith (teacher)	10.00
Nehi Royal Crown	50.30
Pepsi Cola Bottling Co.	30.44
American Typewriter Co.	4.50
Hey Electric	9.00
Candy and gum	82.25
Groceries	172.74
Condon and Horne Hdwe.	3.51
Beacon Publishing Co.	37.13
Watermelons	9.14
Ed Morris	24.00
Sherevia Williams	3.30
R. L. Epple Butane	3.50
Misc.	22.14
Dr. Pepper Bottling Co.	8.84
TOTAL	\$942.91

Balance Brought Forward	\$1170.93
Less Disbursements	942.91
Cash on Hand	\$220.02
Tithes, to be paid to state.	

MINUTES OF THE YEARLY LEAGUE BUSINESS MEETING WHEN CONVENED AT OUR CAMP GROUND ON AUGUST 13, 1955

Meeting was opened by singing "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" led by Rev. Gerald Mangham with Hazel Munkus playing the piano.

Rev. Delbert Akin led in prayer.

Rev. Lonnie Sparks, President, read Daniel 1:8-12 and encouraged us to follow Daniel by not defiling ourselves with the things of the world.

Minutes of the previous League Rally were read and approved.

Letters from the following Leagues were read and accepted:

League	Attendance	Tithes
Tecumseh	43	\$ 4.32
Also \$15 for Youth Camp Evangelist and Camp Ground Upkeep.		
Spring Hill	59	\$ 4.27
\$27 for Camp Ground Equipment		
Norman	51	\$ 4.27
Also \$15 for Youth Camp Evangelist and Camp Ground Upkeep.		
First Shawnee	21	\$ 1.06
Also \$5.40 for Camp Ground Equipment		
Central Avenue	59	\$ 6.00
Also \$15 for Youth Camp Evangelist and Camp Ground Upkeep.		
Wolf		\$ 1.00
Also \$5 for Youth Camp Evangelist and Camp Ground Upkeep		
North East Shawnee		
\$2.40 for Camp Ground Equipment		

Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Report of the 1955 Youth Encampment was read and accepted.

Motion carried that the President be given the authority to appoint a Business Committee. He appointed the following: Rev. J. R. Dodson, Rev. Roger Harwell, Johnny Garner and Bill Cosby.

Election of Officers was as follows:

President—Rev. Kermit Argo
 Vice President—Bill Cosby
 Recording Secretary—Jo Tatum
 Corresponding Secretary—Peggy Morris
 Treasurer—Helen Munkus
 Pianist—Hazel Munkus
 Choir Director—Johnny Garner
 Assistant Choir Director—Kenneth Bowlan
 General Sponsors—Brother and Sister Oris Doss
 Camp Ground Director—Brother Barney Mangham
 Assistant Camp Ground Director—Rev. J. R. Hall

Election of Dormitory Sponsors was as follows:

Senior Boys—Bro. David Trent and Rev. Delbert Akin
 Junior Boys—Rev. Euel Gorman and Rev. Clyde Cain
 Senior Girls—Sister Letha Mae Trent and Sister Erma Dodson
 Junior Girls—Sister Holliday and Sister Young.

Rev. Dale Burden was elected as the Evangelist for the 1956 Youth Encampment.

Motion carried that we adjourn for the 11 o'clock Worship Service.

11 O'clock Worship Service

Rev. Gerald Mangham led the congregation in singing "At The Cross."

Rev. J. R. Dodson led in prayer.

Rev. Roger Harwell brought the message of the hour from Luke 13:23-24, inspiring us, as Leaguers, to be more determined to live a Christian life.

"Victory in Jesus" was led by Rev. Gerald Mangham with Hazel Munkus playing the piano while everyone participated in a "Hand-Shaking Service."

Dismissal prayer and blessing upon food by Bro. Oris Doss.

One O'Clock Business Session

"Send the Light" was led by Rev. Lonnie Sparks with Hazel Munkus playing the piano.

Bro. Oris Doss led in prayer.

Rev. Lonnie Sparks, President, read Matthew 7:1 and led in prayer.

Report of the Business Committee was as follows:

Item I—We, the Business Committee, resolve that the Camp Ground Director be given the authority to hire all help needed for next year's Youth Encampment. Accepted.

Item II—We, the Business Committee, working as an Auditing Committee, find the Treasurer's books in order. Accepted.

Item III—We recommend that the present system of the judging of plays and presentation of programs be retained. Accepted.

Item IV—We recommend that the League Officials and League Board select the teachers and plan the program for next year's Youth Encampment. Accepted.

Item V—We recommend that each League send their letter, tithes, and \$5 a month for Youth Camp Evangelist and Camp Ground Upkeep a week before each League Rally to the Corresponding Secretary, Peggy Morris, 2713 S. W. 33rd St., Oklahoma City 9, Oklahoma. Accepted.

Item VI—We recommend that the League Rallies for the coming year be on the following dates: November 27, 1955; February 26, 1956 and May 20, 1956. Accepted.

Item VII—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 silver from the cafeteria may be used. We also recommend that two churches combine forces of ladies to serve lunch at each League Rally.

Accepted.

Item VIII—We recommend that the Saturday Night Evangelistic Services be continued and that the League Board and Executive Board have the responsibility of making rules and governing the period of time. Accepted.

Item IX—We recommend that the 1956 Youth Encampment be for six days, Monday through Saturday, beginning the second week of August and that the registration fee be \$7.50 for each individual and that Saturday be Business Day. Accepted.

Minutes of the League Board Meetings were read and accepted.

Motion carried that we accept and forward the following recommendations to the First Oklahoma Association when convened at the Camp Ground on August 18-19, 1955:

(1) We recommend that no group or organization be allowed to use our Camp Ground in the future.

(2) We recommend that those who have used the Camp Ground in the past be notified that it is no longer available.

These recommendations carried with a unanimous vote by the following League Officials and Members of the League Board who were present at the League Board Meeting, June 17, 1955, at the Norman Free Will Baptist Church; Rev. J. R. Hall, Rev. Gene Womack, Rev. Lonnie Sparks, Bro. Oris Doss, Bro. Barney Mangham, Bro. Lester White, Sister Anita Sparks, Billie O'Donnell and Jo Tatum.

We feel that it is our duty to make these recommendations, and we pray that you accept same. It is our sincere desire to keep the standards of our Camp Ground as high as possible for our young people.

Motion carried that we adjourn.

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Barney Mangham.

Rev. Lonnie Sparks, president

Jo Tatum, recording secretary

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

First Oklahoma Association District Auxiliary met August 17, 1955 at the campground, using as a theme "Lamb In The Fold."

Registration, 9:30. a.m.—Opal O'Donnell

Services opened by singing "Love Lifted Me," directed by Nancy Snow, pianist, Sister Cain.

A moment of silent prayer concluded by Rev. Delbert Akin.

Devotional by Sister Akin, Duet. 26:11. Prayer by Louise Womack.

Report from Free Will Baptist Orphans Home by Mae Walker.

Recognition of Auxiliaries by President, Erma Dodson. Seven Auxiliaries represented—Shawnee First, Shawnee N.E., Central Avenue, Capitol Hill, Seminole, Wolfe and Norman. Poem, "I Do Not Ask Thee Lord," by Darlene Vaughn.

Committee appointments by president:

Finance—Vivian Ketchem, Opal O'Donnell and Sister Annie Akin.

Resolution—Lucille Stark, Inez Howell and Dorothy Akin.

Auditing—Cora Bruce, Nancy Snow and Sister Cain.

Obituary—Sister Gillian, Sister Price.

Prayer by Brother Ed Morris.

Recess.

Hymn, "Stand Up For Jesus." Special Song, "Come Unto Me," by Brother and Sister Akin. 11:00 a.m. message by Rev. Roy Hearon, Isaiah 40:1-11. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Clay Richie.

Lunch and fellowship.

Afternoon Services opened with singing and offertory prayer by Paul Stark. Special song, "It Was a Miracle," by Rev. Delbert Akin.

Topic, "A Day of Mixed Emotions" by Lucille Stark. "Keeper of the Springs," by Cora Bruce; and "Youth in God's Service," by Anita Sparks.

Quarterly report of Secretary and Treasurer read and accepted. Annual report read and accepted.

Registration committee reports 55 present. Finance Committee Report read and accepted. Auditing Committee report read and accepted. Books found correct and accurate.

Obituary Committee reported five deaths as follows:—Jackie Allen, Seminole; Sister Northen, Wolfe; Bro. G. A. Pierce, N. E. Shawnee; M. L. Mangham, Central Avenue and Bro. Davis, Tecumseh. Prayer offered by Brother Sparks.

Resolutions Committee Recommends the following:

I. We give the Seminole Auxiliary a standing vote of thanks for nice floral decorations and work in the kitchen today. Carried.

II. We send \$20 from our District Auxiliary to help entertain the State Auxiliary Convention when convened at Central Avenue in October. Carried.

III. We give out-going officers a standing vote of thanks for faithful work. Carried.

Report of Nominating Committee read and accepted.

New officers elected as follows:

President—Erma Dodson

Vice-President—Mae Walker

Secretary-Treasurer—Edna Lou Vaughn

Program Chairman—Louise Womack

Study Course Chairman—Mildred Cash

Youth—Vivian Ketchem

Benevolence—Fern Duncan

Asst. Secretary-Treasurer—Doris Vulgamore

Installation of officers by Opal O'Donnell. Dismissed in prayer by Lonnie Sparks.

Delegates to State Meeting are Inez Howell, Vivian Moore and Dorothy Akin. \$10.00 Minute money.

AUXILIARY TREASURER'S REPORT

Camp Ground Fund	\$ 46.68
Ministers Gifts	20.00
Stewardship Declamation Contest Awards	3.75
W.N.A.C. Contestant Expense	1.00
Minute Money	10.00
State Convention Dues (1954)	21.00
State Convention Tithes	4.27
Co-Labor Fund	301.09
Orphanage	34.00
Literature	139.65
Ledger, Check Book, Stationery, postage and coffee	10.50
Programs	22.00
Sub. to Contact	11.00
Sub. to State Bulletin	28.25
Missions	58.70
Wanda Edwards, Missionary	25.00
Camp Ground Kitchen Improvement	25.00
W.N.A.C. Meet in Tulsa	30.00
Refunded	10.00
Total Disbursements	\$791.89
Years Total Receipts	\$864.54
Balance from July, 1954	70.15
Total	\$916.69
Less Total Disbursements	791.89
BALANCE ON HAND	\$124.80

MINUTES OF FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING OF FIRST OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION WHEN CONVENED AT CAMPGROUNDS ON NOVEMBER 18-19, 1954

THURSDAY NIGHT

Song: "Joy Unspeakable" and "Revive Ue Again"

Leader: Rev. Delbert Akin

Pianist: Rev. Cleo Pursell

Moderator, Rev. Bob Duncan in charge, called for an altar of prayer.

Song: "Rock of Ages"

Devotional and testimony service led by Bro. Waldo Young.

Special Song: "Invisible Hands" by Delbert Akin and Waldo Young.

Introductory message by Rev. Lonnie Sparks, pastor of

Wolf church. Brother Sparks brought an inspiring message on "Christianity or Communism." Adjourned until Friday morning.

FRIDAY MORNING

Song: "I'd Rather Have Jesus"

Leader: Louise Allen

Pianist: Rev. Cleo Pursell

Prayer: Bro. A. B. Epperson

Letters called for and read from the following churches: Northeast Shawnee, Pleasant Hill, Minneha, Springhill, Capitol Hill, Norman, Wolf, Sunnyslane, Tecumseh, Central Avenue, Shawnee First Church, Seminole.

Motion to receive letters and seat the delegates. Right hand of fellowship given while the congregation sang "Amazing Grace" led by Louise Allen.

Delegates seated and rules of order were read to body.

Visiting brethren invited to seat in council as advisory members. Recognized were Rev. L. A. Yandell and Rev. Dale Munkus.

Motion that Moderators appoint committees.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Business Committee—Rev. J. R. Hall, Sunnyslane; Rev. A. B. Epperson, Tecumseh; Sister W. I. Cluck, Shawnee First; Sister Luna Bowers, Northeast Shawnee; Sister Doris Vulgamore, Seminole.

Pulpit Committee—Sister Gorda Price, Norman; Sister Hearst, Pleasant Hill; Brother Christain.

Treasurers report was read and accepted.

Reading of Executive Board Report and received to be voted on Item by Item.

Motion to adjourn for 11:00 A. M. Service. Dismissed in prayer.

11:00 A. M. FRIDAY

Song Service: Rev. Dale Munkus leader and Sister Ann Munkus, pianist.

Songs: "Love Lifted Me" and "Standing on the Promises"

Prayer: Bro. W. A. Land

Song: "Rock of Ages"

Speaker, Bro. L. A. Yandell, introduced by Moderator. Bro. Yandell used 1 Peter 2:1-9 as a scripture lesson and took his text from verse 9. His theme was "A Royal Priesthood." He was followed by Rev. Dale Munkus of Tulsa who used Matthew 5:13 as a text. An instructive message on "Salt."

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. W. I. Cluck who asked blessing on noon meal.

1:00 A. M. BUSINESS

Song: "The Lily of the Valley" led by Luna Bowers
Pianist: Cleo Pursell

Devotional given by Bro. Don Stark. Scripture John 7th Chapter. Prayer by Bro. J. R. Hall.

Executive Board Report was re-read and a lengthy discussion concerning the Associational Budget was made. Items I, II, III concerning the Budget was voted and carried. The complete report was then adopted. See Report.

Business Committee report read and accepted as follows:

Item I—lost.

Item II.—We the Business committee recommend that our Moderator and Assistant Moderator appoint a committee to entertain our State Ministers Conference at the Campground on January 13, 1955. Committee appointed as follows: Revs. E. E. Morris, Lonnie Sparks and J. R. Hall.

Item II.—We the Business committee recommend that we send a letter of thanks to our County Commissioner for the splendid job he has done in graveling our driveway in front of the Campgrounds.

Motion to accept resignation of Rev. Delbert Akin as Associational Clerk.

Sister Luna Bowers was elected, by majority vote, to fill the vacancy.

A talk about State Work was given by Rev. Delbert Akin, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of State Association, asking for cooperation of Association and giving the budget plan of the State.

Introductory speaker for next Quarterly Meeting on February 17-18, 1955 is Rev. Delbert Akin with Rev. W. A. Land as alternate.

Motion that Moderator set a Saturday as work day at the Campgrounds. Saturday, November 27, was designated. Credential Report was read as follows and accepted.

Bro. Claude Baldwin to be ordained as a Deacon.

Bro. George Pettyjohn to be licensed to preach Gospel for one year.

Bro. Waldo Young to be licensed to preach Gospel for one year.

Bro. Paul Don Stark to be licensed to preach Gospel for one year.

Bro. Roy Thompson to be ordained as Deacon.

Motion made to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Sister Anita Sparks.

**MINUTES OF SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING OF FIRST
OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION WHEN CONVENED AT
CAMPGROUND ON FEBRUARY 17-18, 1955**

THURSDAY NIGHT

Song: "Standing On the Promises"

Leader: Rev. Waldo Young

Pianist: Sister Hazel Munkus

Prayer: Rev. Leroy Bowers

Special Song: "At Calvary" by Waldo Young and Luna Bowers

Introductory message by Rev. Land. Dismissed in prayer by Brother Kermit Argo. Adjourned until Friday morning.

FRIDAY MORNING

Song: "When We All Get To Heaven."

Leader: Luna Bowers

Pianist: Elvina Harmon

Devotional: Rev. Vard Wood, 13th chapter of I Cor.

Prayer: Rev. E. E. Morris

Letters called for and read from the different churches: Capitol Hill, Northeast Shawnee, Norman, Pleasant Hill, Minneha, Shawnee First Church, Spring Hill, Tecumseh, Sunny Lane, Central Avenue, Wolfe and Seminole.

Motion made to receive letters and seat the delegates. Right hand of fellowship given while the congregation sang, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." Delegates seated.

Rev. Edd Morris, elected Moderator, Rev. Vard Wood, Assistant Moderator.

Visiting brethren invited to seat in council as advisory members. Recognized were Rev. Carl Walters.

Petitionary letters called for. The Northside Free Will Baptist of Prague, newly organized, presented letter. Motion to accept church in full fellowship of Association. Motion carried and delegates were seated and right hand of fellowship given by Rev. Edd Morris.

Motion that Moderator appoint Committees.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Pulpit Committee: Sister Grace Kelly, Sister Gorda Price, Sister Daisy Pierce.

Business Committee: Rev. Roy Hearon, Rev. Ode Robinson and Rev. Gene Womack, Rev. Bill Land and Rev. Waldo Young.

Motion made to set our quarterly meetings up to Friday and Saturday. Carried.

Pulpit Committee report: Brother Roy Hearon to bring 11:00 o'clock message. Motion to replace Board Member, Rev. Bob Duncan. Motion to elect Rev. Ode Robinson by acclama-

tion, Introductory speaker for next quarterly meeting on May 13 and 14, 1955 is Rev. Ode Robinson, alternate, Rev. J. R. Hall.

Motion to adjourn for 11:00 o'clock service. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Jack Dodson.

11:00 A. M. FRIDAY

Song Service: Mildred Cash leader and Elvina Harmon, pianist.

Songs: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and "Lily of the Valley".

Speaker: Rev. Roy Hearon introduced by moderator.

Rev. Hearon used II Chronicles 2:4 as a scripture lesson. His theme: "Behold I build a house unto the Lord my God." A very spiritual message.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. J. R. Hall who asked blessing on noon meal.

1:00 P. M. FRIDAY

Song: "Watching You" led by Mildred Cash and Elvina Harmon, pianist.

Devotional given by Sister Anita Sparks, Scripture Hebrews 12. Prayer by Rev. Lonnie Sparks.

Business Committee Report read and accepted as follows: Item I. We the business committee recommend a box supper for the purpose of bringing the kitchen up to Public Health specifications and to have this box supper Friday, April 29, 1955, at Camp Grounds. Carried.

Item II. We the business Committee recommend that we buy piano for \$35.00. Carried and paid for.

Item III. We the business committee recommend a work day March 26, for sodding the Camp Ground. Carried.

Item IV. We the business committee recommend the disposal of the old piano. Carried.

Credentialed Committee report read and accepted as follows:

We recommend Brother Floyd Vulgamore to be licensed to preach the gospel for one year.

Brother David Johnson to be ordained as Deacon.

Brother Thomas Snow to be ordained as Deacon.

Brother M. B. Lunsford be ordained as Deacon.

Brother Floyd Sturman be ordained as Deacon.

Motion made to accept and approve the Board's action on the ordination of Gene Shaw. Carried.

Motion made that we rent our Camp Grounds to a group for a youth camp. Motion failed to carry.

Treasurer's report read and accepted.

Motion made to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Wood.

Luna Bowers, Clerk

**MINUTES OF THE THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING OF
FIRST OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION WHEN CONVENED
AT CAMP GROUNDS ON MAY 13-14, 1955**

FRIDAY NIGHT

Moderator Rev. E. E. Morris called the session to order.

Song: "When the Saints Go Marching In," Leader, Delbert Akin; pianist, Waldo Young.

Prayer: Brother Lowell Bates

Special Song: Delbert Akin "It Took A Miracle."

Duet: Hazel Munkus, Barbara Grizzel, "Near the Cross."

Song: Delbert Akin, Pat McDonald, Waldo Young, Leroy Bowers, "I'd Rather Have Jesus."

Introductory message by Rev. Ode Robinson, pastor of North Side Church, Prague. Scripture found in Proverbs 20: 9. "A Clean Heart."

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. E. E. Morris.

SATURDAY MORNING

Song: "Joy Unspeakable" led by Lester Maynard and Leilah Maynard, pianist. Prayer by Rev. J. E. Bean. Devotional by Rev. Gene Womack reading Collosians 3. Prayer by Sister Nancy Snow.

Letters called for and read from the following churches: Capitol Hill, Norman, Wolfe, Sunny Lane, Spring Hill, Tecumseh, North East Shawnee, Minneha, Seminole, North Side Prague and Central Avenue.

Motion to receive letters and seat delegates. Right hand of fellowship given while the congregation sang "Glory to His Name," led by Lester Maynard with Leta Cain as pianist.

Petitionary letters called for. (None) Visiting brethren invited to seat in council as advisory members.

Motion that Moderator appoint committees. Carried.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Business Committee: Rev. Roy Hearon, Rev. Gene Womack, Rev. Lonnie Sparks, Brother Jack Mangham and Rev. Lester Maynard.

Pulpit Committee: Brother Charley Ferguson, Brother W. A. Harrell and Brother Williams.

Motion carried to accept the resignation of Rev. Jack Dodson from the Credential Committee. Motion to appoint someone for this session to serve on Committee. Rev. John Bean and Lonnie Sparks to serve.

Letters called for that came in late. Central Avenue letter was read and accepted, delegates seated and right hand of fellowship given by Bro. Morris. Brother Delbert Akin was appointed as Assistant Moderator.

Pulpit Committee was excused to get speaker for 11:00

o'clock service. Pulpit Committee report given. Bro. Gene Womack to bring 11:00 a.m. message.

Motion that Moderator appoint delegates to National Association. Delegates appointed were: Sisters Gourda Price, Juanita Warner, Anita Sparks, and Eunice George. And Brother Hubert Hearon. Alternates are: Brother Jack Mangham, Sister Irma Dodson, Sister Clemmie Mouck, Brother Roger Harwell and Sister Sarah Robinson. Motion to adjourn until 11:00 o'clock. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Sparks.

11:00 A. M. SATURDAY

Song Service led by Lester Maynard singing "To The Work". Leta Cain, pianist. Prayer by Rev. J. R. Hall.

Special Song by Quartet, Delbert Akin, Luna Bowers, Juanita Wolf and Lester Maynard singing "Heavenly Love."

Quartet by Lydia Russell, Luna Bowers, Jane Underwood and Lester Maynard singing "At Calvary." A testimony service was enjoyed by all.

Speaker, Rev. Gene Womack used Jude verse 21. Theme, "Living in the Sunshine." A very inspiring message. Dismissed until 1:30. Dismissed by Brother Morris who also asked blessing on noon meal.

1:30 P. M. SATURDAY

Leader: Delbert Akin

Pianist: Leta Cain

Song: "Press Along to Glory."

Prayer: Rev. Leroy Bowers.

Solo: "Stay and Held Someone Today," by Lelian Maynard.

Credential Report was read as follows and accepted:

I. We the ordination committee recommend Bro. Kermit Argo for license to preach the gospel for one year.

II. We the ordination committee recommend Bro. W. C. Rupp for ordination to the ministry of Jesus Christ.

III. We the ordination committee recommend Bro. Sid Sterman for ordination as a Deacon in the work of the Lord.

Business Committee report read and accepted as follows:

I. We the Business Committee recommend that Bro. Delbert Akin request the County Commissioner to clear a ball diamond for girls, if not possible to report to executive board.

II. We the Business Committee recommend that each church send men weekly to complete work on Camp Ground, or send money to hire help.

Parital Report. Motion to place projects before the body. The different churches were given projects as follows:

Capitol Hill, Dormitory 1; Central Avenue, Dormitory 2; Seminole, Shawnee First, N. E. Shawnee, Boys Dormitory;

Tecumseh and Prague, Outside bath for boys; Norman, Kitchen; Sunny Lane, Ball Diamond; Minneha, Take Care of Drain; Wolfe, Make doors for kitchen cabinets.

Treasurer's report read and accepted.

Motion carried for the Executive Board to take action on New Bethlehem building to be moved to Camp Ground.

Motion that the matter concerning Lester Maynard and Wife working with our Youth program be referred to League Board. Motion that officers of our association be given authority to work out a program for our association. Carried.

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Charley Ferguson.

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 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 three must be 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.

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 1:4-9-19; 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 Thess. 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, an dto 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.

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.

