

MINUTES
of the
FIRST OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
1956



**Proceedings of The
59th Annual Session**



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(On Highway 9)**

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Rev. Jack Dodson, 1815 S. Central, Okla. City.....Moderator

Rev. Vard Wood, Oklahoma City.....Asst. Moderator

Mrs. Fern Duncan, 716 Tiffin Ave., Norman, Okla.....Clerk

Mrs. Mildred Cash, 325 W. Coe Dr., Midwest City....Asst. Clerk

First Quarterly Meeting, November 16-17, 1956

Second Quarterly Meeting, February 15-16, 1957

Third Quarterly Meeting, May 17-18, 1957

• Annual Association, August 16-17, 1957

Auxiliary Day, August 15, 1957

Youth Encampment Date, August 4-9, 1957

Registration, August 4; Evangelist, Rev. Reford Wilson

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Executive Board

Rev. Bob Duncan, Tiffin Ave., Norman, Okla.....	1953-58
Rev. Vard Wood, Oklahoma City, Okla.,	1953-57
Rev. Grady Hudson, Box 841, Seminole, Okla.	1956-61
Rev. Weldon Wood, 2713 S.W. 33rd, Oklahoma City	1955-59
Rev. Jack Dodson, 1815 S. Central, Oklahoma City.....	1955-60

League Board

Rev. Clyde Argo, R-1, Moore, Okla.	1955-56
E. C. Ketchum, 1342 E. Whittaker, Shawnee, Okla.	1955-60
Barney Mangham, 628 S.E. 22nd, Oklahoma City	1953-57
Rev. Jerry Rhodes, Tecumseh, Okla., Box 233	1954-59
Rev. Clyde Cain, Shawnee, Okla.	1954-58

League Officers

Mr. and Mrs. John Grizzle, Norman, Okla.....	General Sponsors
Rev. Roger Harwell, Norman, Okla.	President
Shirley Hoy, Norman, Okla.	Recording Secretary
Bill Cosby, Oklahoma City, Okla.	Vice-President
Barbara Harwell, Norman, Okla.	Corresponding Secretary
Hazel Munkus, Norman, Okla.	Pianist
Fern Duncan, Norman, Okla.	Treasurer
Rev. Gerald Mangham, Oklahoma City.....	Chorister
Barney Mangham, Oklahoma City	Campground Director
Orin Doss, Oklahoma City	Asst. Campground Director

Dormitory Sponsors

Senior Boys—Rev. Jerry Rhodes and Rev. Bob Duncan ..
Junior Boys—Rev. Grady Hudson and Rev. Billy Ray Wood ..
Senior Girls—Alice Woods and Trula Thompson ..
Junior Girls—Alice Holliday and Viva Mangham ..

Auxiliary Officers

President, Nancy Snow, Seminole, Okla.
Vice-President, Irma Dodson, Central Avenue.
Secretary-Treasurer, Bea Haas, Shawnee, Okla.
Asst. Secretary-Treasurer, Edna Lou Vaughn, Shawnee.
Program Chairman, Cora Bruce, Seminole.
Study Course Chairman, Alice Wood, Capitol Hill
Youth Chairman, Floretta Rhodes.
Benevolence Chairman, Gorda Price, Norman.

Credentials Committee

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

Business Committee

Rev. Delbert Henderson, Capitol Hill
Nancy Snow, Seminole
Leta Cain, First, Shawnee

Obituary Committee

Brother Mason, Tecumseh
Sister Cartwright, Pleasant Hill
Sister Lula Cox, Minneha

Divine Service Committee

Brother Major Followwill, Pleasant Hill
Sister Dessie Scott, Spring Hill
Sister W. W. Hunt, Sunnyslane

Auditing Committee

Brother Clyde Cain, First, Shawnee
Brother Clyde Argo, Pleasant Hill
Sister Opal Hamar, Minneha

State Delegates for 1956

Earl Haas, N. E. Shawnee
Nancy Snow, Seminole
Donia Cartwright, Pleasant Hill
Mildred Cash, Central Avenue
Luther Scott, Spring Hill
Oriece McDonald, Prague
Willie Gilliland, Wolfe
Opal Hamar, Minneha
Fern Duncan, Norman
Vivian Ketchum, First, Shawnee
Stacy Ward, Capitol Hill
Jessie Hall, Sunnyslane
Sister Isaacs, Tecumseh

Church Delegates to Annual Session

Seminole—J. W. Baker, Delbert Morrison, Nancy Snow.
Pleasant Hill—Hubert Parker, Major Followwill, Norma Williams.

Central Avenue—Ray Martin, Jerry Matheson, Olen Johnson.
Spring Hill—Dessie Scott, Modena Caskey, Lois Thompson.
N. E. Shawnee—Minnie Perniska, John Joe Young, and Don Wolfe.

Sunnylane—Eunice Lunsford, Adaline Williams, Herman Hall.
Tecumseh—Gene McCown, Bro. Macy, and Sister Bowlan.
First, Shawnee—Rachael Walters, Leta Cain, Vivian Ketchum.
Minneha—Lula Cox, Opal Hamar, and Ella Baldwin.
Capitol Hill—Delbert Henderson, Grace Fergusson, and Fred Norman—Fern Duncan, Ada Lee Reed, Beatrice Cargill.

Guidry.

Prague—Agnes Sturman, Sarah Robinson, Oriece McDonald.
Wolfe—Willie Gilliland, Barbara Ann Barlow, Pansy Denny.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT:

(1) Be it resolved that newly elected officers take charge effective at the close of the session of the Association.

(2) Be it resolved that kitchen duties be assigned as follows for next year's session of meetings.

For November session, Tecumseh, Norman, and Sunnylane will serve in kitchen. February, Prague, Capitol Hill and Pleasant Hill. May, N. E., Shawnee, Central Avenue, and Spring Hill. August, First, Shawnee, Seminole and Wolfe.

(3) Be it resolved that the First Oklahoma Association send Rev. Lonnie and Anita Sparks \$100.00 to help with their expenses on the mission field.

(4) Be it resolved that we recommend to the State Association that the State Executive Secretary be hired for two-year term with provision that a 90-day notice be given by either party of discontinuation of services.

(5) Be it resolved that we recommend to the state that the children's home be sold.

(6) Be it resolved that we discontinue a full-time campground caretaker Jan. 1, 1957, and that we get someone to live on the grounds and furnish the house and utilities.

(7) Be it resolved that we send a letter of appreciation to Sister Richter of Norman, Okla., for the equipment that she contributed to the campground.

LEAGUE BOARD REPORT:

(1) We recommend that Shawnee First Church, and Tecumseh Church, provide one girls and one boys dormitory for Saturday night before our first rally, to be held November 18, 1956.

Presenting programs are Capitol Hill, Minneha, Wolfe and Seminole. Serving in kitchen are N. E. Shawnee, Sunnylane, and Spring Hill.

(2) We recommend that Minneha Church, and Central Avenue Church provide dormitory sponsors for Saturday night before our second rally to be held February 24, 1957.

Presenting programs are Norman, Spring Hill, Pleasant Hill and Prague. Serving in kitchen are Seminole, Wolfe and Seminole.

(3) We recommend that Seminole Church and Capitol Hill Church provide dormitory sponsors for Saturday night before our third rally on May 19, 1957.

Those presenting program are Central Avenue, Shawnee First, Tecumseh, Shawnee N. E., and Sunnyside Church.

Those serving in kitchen are Norman, Prague, Pleasant Hill, and First Shawnee.

(4) At first rally, Major Followill to be followed by Jerry Rhodes, will bring the Saturday night messages; Sunday morning message by Orvil Carpenter.

(5) Registration fee for the 1957 Youth Encampment shall be \$6.00.

(6) We recommend that any Association wishing to participate in our Youth Camp, must petition the League Board at least 60 days before date of encampment.

PROCEEDINGS

The 59th Annual Session of First Oklahoma Association of Free Will Baptists, convened August 24, 1956, at Associational Campgrounds.

FRIDAY MORNING

Opened by singing "I'm Going That Way," led by Trula Thompson, with Leta Cain as pianist. Rev. Clyde Cain read II Tim. 4:1-7 for the devotional. Rev. John Bean led in prayer.

Motion made to accept program made out for this meeting, leaving time element flexible.

Letters called for, and those reporting were Seminole, Pleasant Hill, Central Avenue, Spring Hill, Minneha, First Shawnee, Capitol Hill, Sunnyside, and Tecumseh. Letters read and accepted and delegates seated. Right hand of fellowship was extended to delegates. Song, "Just Over in the Glory Land."

Election of officers for the year are Rev. Jack Dodson, Moderator; Rev. Vard Wood, Assistant Moderator; Fern Duncan, Clerk; and Mildred Cash, Assistant Clerk.

Moderator and Assistant Moderator appointed committees. (See Committees.)

Motion to adjourn until 1:30 p.m. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Grady Hudson.

FRIDAY—11:00 A. M. SERVICES

Song, "Some Glad Day," led by Rev. Weldon Wood; Sister Clyde Cain, pianist. Prayer by Rev. Will Bean. Songs, "All Hail the Name of Jesus," and "Oh, How I Love Jesus." Special number, "Stand by Me," by Mildred Cash.

Message by Rev. Wade Jernigan, reading from Acts 17th chapter, 6th verse. Inspirational message on "What we could do for the world through Christianity; and the gospel of Christ."

Song, "Amazing Grace," hand and fellowship for Bro. Wade Jernigan. Dismissed in prayer and blessing on noon-day meal by Sister Maxwell of Tecumseh.

FRIDAY—1:30 P. M.—BUSINESS

Song, "Wonderful Words of Life," led by Rev. Weldon Wood; Sister Clyde Cain, pianist. Prayer by Sister Fern Duncan. Special number by Ricky Duncan, "I Need No Mansion Here Below." Devotional given by Rev. Delbert Henderson reading from Heb. 11:8.

Talk on "Authority of the Bible," given by John Bean. Treasurer's report given and accepted. League report read and accepted; Obituary Committee read and a moment of silent prayer by Brother Epperson.

Credentials Committee recommends that Brother Major Followwill be licensed to preach the gospel for one year. Recommends that Bro. Delbert Henderson be ordained to preach the gospel. Auxiliary report accepted. (See Reports.)

Song, "We'll Understand It Better By and By," led by Mildred Cash. Letter of information from Alabama State Association concerning Rev. Grady Hudson and family, recommending them as members in good standing. Right hand of fellowship and welcome by Asst. Moderator Rev. V. Wood. Song, "Tell Me the Story of Jesus," by Sister Gill of Norman. Class song, "Some Day," led by Mildred Cash. Prayer by Rev. Jack Dodson. Speaker, Rev. Jerry Rhodes, using for text "Contending For the Faith Through Teaching." Matt. 5:1-12. Motion to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Cora Bruce.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 9:30 A. M.

Song, "Footsteps of Jesus," led by Ray Martin; Fern Duncan, pianist. Prayer by Rev. Ode Robinson. Brother Ray Martin read Heb. 12:12. Treasurer's report and League report read and accepted. (See Reports.) Prague and Wolfe letters received and accepted.

State Executive Secretary report, by Rev. E. M. Kennedy. Letter from N. E. Shawnee accepted and delegates

seated. Divine Service Committee reports Rev. E. M. Kennedy for speaker.

Partial report of League Board Items 4-5, carried. (See Reports.) Item 6 returned to board for amendment. Rev. John Bean gave his original poem of "Paul and Stephen." Item of League Board carried. Dismissed for recess, prayer by Billy Ray Wood.

WORSHIP SERVICE—Saturday, 11:00 A. M.

Song, "Love Lifted Me," led by Ray Martin; Mrs. Clyde Cain, pianist. Song, "Blessed Assurance." Prayer by Sister Kennedy. Special number by Rev. and Mrs. Bob Duncan, "Walking the Sea." Special Trio given by Bro. Hudson, Brother and Sister Kennedy, "I'll Make It My Home."

Rev. Kennedy's message was II Cor. 10:12; Gal. 6:4 text, "Let Every Man Prove His Work." A challenging message to the church. Dismissed for noon meal in prayer by Jerry Rhodes.

BUSINESS—Saturday, 1:30 P. M.

Song, "Leaning On the Everlasting Arm," led by Bro. Ray Martin, Leta Cain, pianist. Prayer by Sister Leta Cain. Psalms 15th chapter, read by Billy Ray Wood. Trio, "I Want to Be Where Jesus Is," by Ronnie, Donnie and dRicky Duncan.

Credentials Committee's report read and accepted. See Reports.) Business Committee's report read and accepted. (See Reports.) Auditing Committee's report read and accepted. (See Reports.) Col. 2:6-18, read by Fern Duncan for devotional. Prayer by Bro. Major Followwill. League treasurer's report read and accepted.

A very instructive message from II Tim. 2:15, "Contending for the Faith through Christian Education," by Rev. E. M. Kennedy.

Introductory message to be brought by Bro. Grady Hudson, alternate, Bro. Weldon Wood. Billy Ray Wood speaker for first quarterly meeting, alternate, Bro. Clyde Hamer.

Motion that we wait until First Quarterly Meeting to adopt budget for First Oklahoma Association. Brother Hudson expressed his appreciation for being in our Association.

Motion to adjourn until next quarterly meeting. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. E. C. Ketchum.

REV. JACK DODSON, Moderator

FERN DUNCAN, Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE FIRST OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION — AUGUST 15, 1955—AUGUST 23, 1956

Balance brought forward\$163.94

RECEIPTS:

Minute Money	\$164.00
League Minutes	10.00
Norman Church	577.44
Minneha Church	83.86
Wolfe Church	133.20
Tecumseh Church	776.37
Sprinhil Church	160.00
Northside Prague	226.22
Central Avenue, Oklahoma City	520.78
Seminole Church	355.11
Capitol Hill Church, Oklahoma City	853.00
Pleasant Hill Church	160.00
Prague Church	21.00
N. E. Shawnee Church	47.07
Sunnylane Church	30.00
Lem Douglas	10.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$4324.09

REPORT OF TREASURER FROM JUNE 18, 1956 TO AUG- UST 24, 1956:

This is the Treasurer's Report since I became treasurer. Books were audited the day I took the books:

Checks received from Rev. Moore totaling	\$ 75.17
Federal National Bank, Shawnee, Transfer	402.54
Tecumseh Church	134.08
Capitol Hill Church, Oklahoma City	222.00
Pleasant Hill Church	30.00
Norman Church	60.60
Received Check No. 427 back	5.17
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$971.78

PAID OUT SINCE JUNE 18, 1956:

A. L. Douglas, salary	\$200.00
E. M. Kennedy, cooperative plan	350.00
Capitol Hill State Bank, for checks	4.44
Beasley's Service Station	5.17
Costner Garage, repair on lawn mower	19.66
W. V. Wood, phone bill	1.41
Beacon Printing Company, for programs	31.75
TOTAL PAID OUT	\$612.43
Received	\$971.78
Paid Out	612.43
BALANCE IN TREASURY	\$359.35

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT OF THE FIRST OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION

On October 6, 1955, the executive board met with all five members present. At this meeting the board voted to sell the New Bethlehem Church Building to the Spring Hill Church for \$100.00, less the seats. Rev. Bob Duncan was elected to fill the vacancy on the Executive Board created by Rev. Odis Robinson, of Prague.

Motion that the one acre of land surface rights only, on which the new Bethlehem church is located be sold for \$35.00 to the man who owns the farm.

At the Executive Board meeting of Jan. 11, 1956, the Board voted to build a cabinet in the caretaker's home and buy paper to redecorate.

The Executive Board met with the Capitol Hill Church April 26, 1956, to make arrangements for the program for the third quarterly meeting. At this meeting a motion carried to buy water hose for the campgrounds.

At the meeting of June 18, 1956, the Board met at the Sunnyside Church and appointed Rev. Weldon Wood as clerk of the Board and Treasurer of the Association. Send your money for the Association to WELDON WOOD, 2713 S. W. 33rd, Oklahoma City, Okla.

This is a very incomplete report of the Executive Board, but I have only been the clerk for two months and this is all the data that I could get.

The Executive Board

LEAGUE TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance brought forward	\$308.83
Registration fees	820.29
Profit, Offering, Additional Fees	407.73
Campground Upkeep, Tithes	138.08
Progressive Association	50.00
Barney Mangham	56.30
TOTAL	\$1,781.23

DISBURSEMENTS:

Cooks	225.00
Evangelist	100.00
Truck Expense	50.00
Tenderette Steak Co.	105.66
Scrivner Stevens	89.74
Rhodes Grocery	55.04
Karr's Grocery	88.79
Swell's Produce	50.75

Mendonca Dairy	78.00
Bond Bread	67.86
Pop	173.38
Gum and Candy	78.25
Ice	25.12
Davidson & Case Lbr. Co.	19.24
Piano Tuning	15.00
Misc. Rent on Deep Freeze, Gas, Dishes, Phone Calls	20.25
New Pump	450.00
TOTAL	\$1,692.08
BALANCE	\$89.15

MINUTES OF THE YEARLY BUSINESS MEETING WHEN CONVENED AT OUR CAMPGROUND ON AUG. 18, 1956

Meeting was opened by singnig "Joy Unspeakable," led by Rev. Weldon Woods with Hazel Munkus playing on the piano.

Rev. Vard Wood led in prayer.

Brother Bill Cosby appointed the following as a Business Committee: Rev. Weldon Woods, Rev. Gerald Mangham, Bill Hall, Jerry Rhodes, Bobby Williams.

The following letters were read and accepted:

Evangelist

League	Attendance	Campground Upkeep	Tithe
Norman	46	\$15.00	\$ 1.80
Spring Hill	35	10.50	4.00
Capitol Hill	54	15.00	5.25
Pleasant Hill —		15.00	2.00
Central Ave. .	65	15.00	6.49

The minutes of the previous League Rally were read and accepted.

The officers for the coming year were elected. They are as follows:

President, Roger Harwell; Vice-President, Bill Cosby; Recording Secretary, Shirley Hoy; Corresponding Secretary, Barbara Harwell; Song Director, Gerald Mangham; Pianist, Hazel Munkus; Treasurer, Fern Duncan; Evangelist, Rev. Reford Wilson; Sponsors for Senior Girls' Dormitory, Alice Woods and Trula Thompson; Sponsors for Junior Girls' Dormitory, Alice Holliday and Viva Mangham; Sponsors for Senior Boys' Dormitory, Rev. Jerry Rhodes and Rev. Bob Duncan; Sponsors for Junior Boys' Dormitory, Rev. Hudson and Rev. Billy Ray Wood.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Motion carried to adjourn for the 11 o'clock service.

Rev. Clyde Argo dismissed in prayer.

Eleven O'Clock Service

Brother Gerald Mangham led the congregation in singing "Heavenly Sunlight" with Hazel Munkus at the piano.

Brother Borden led in prayer.

Rev. Roger Harwell brought the message from Romans 8:37. His subject was "Conquerors Through Christ."

"Almost Persuaded" was led by Gerald Mangham as an invitational hymn with Hazel Munkus at the piano.

Announcements were made.

Gerald Mangham dismissed in prayer.

One O'Clock Service

Rev. Weldon Woods led "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" with Hazel Munkus at the piano.

Brother Ketchum led in prayer.

Brother Barney Mangham was elected as Camp Ground Director. The Assistant Camp Ground Director elected was Brother Oris Doss.

Brother and Sister Grizzle were elected General Sponsors.

Motion carried that we accept the following League Board recommendations:

I. Be it resolved that the piano be granted to the League with the highest percentage of enrollment at Youth Camp with the past three months' average attendance as per letter.

II. Be it resolved that the League Board and Director be given authority to install a speaker in the kitchen for the cooks.

III. Be it resolved that the Camp Ground Director be given authority to hire all personnel needed for the kitchen.

IV. Be it resolved that the League Board plan the next League program for the coming year.

V. Be it resolved that all but \$10.00 of the surplus league funds be paid on the new water pump.

The Norman League was awarded the Piano.

VI. Motion carried that Youth Encampment begin on the first Sunday afternoon in August of 1957, which includes registration and cooks, and will close Saturday which is Business Day.

Motion carried that the fee for next year's Youth Encampment be left up to the League Board.

Motion carried that we have the Saturday night services and authorize the League Board to notify the churches concerning sponsors for Saturday nights.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Brother Clyde Argo dismissed in prayer.

Rev. Roger Harwell—President

Shirley Hoy—Recording Secretary

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

First Oklahoma Association Women's Auxiliary met August 23, 1956 at campground, using as a theme "The Need Of The Hour."

Services opened by singing "Love Took It Away," directed by Sister Fern Duncan, pianist, Sister Leta Cain. Prayer by Rev. Bob Duncan.

Song: "Lord Send Me"

Devotional by Sister Floretta Rhodes; Scripture Hebrews 12:1-14. Prayer by Sister O. F. Harrington.

Topic "Developing Christian Attitudes," by Sister Fern Duncan; Scripture Phip. 2:1-5.

Recognition of Auxiliaries by President, Erma Dodson. Churches represented were Norman, Wolf, Capitol Hill, Seminole, Shawnee First, North East Shawnee, Central Avenue.

Committees elected were by President:

Finance—Helen Chaffin, Vivian Ketchem, Peggy Blackburn.

Obituary—Nadine Haley, Orlena Wilkerson, and Eupha Owens.

Resolution—Alice Wood, Mildred Cash and Fern Duncan.

Auditing—Marcelene Thompson, Nancy Snow and Bea Haas.

Special Song: "I Need No Mansion Here Below," by Ricky Duncan.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Jerry Rhodes.

11 O'Clock Service

Hymn, "Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us."

Special Quartet: Luna Bowers, Fern Duncan, Weldon Wood, and Grady Hudson singing "One of His Own."

Solo by Mildred Cash, "God Leads Us Alone."

Message by Rev. Weldon Wood; Scripture St. John 8-12. Text: "The Need of the Hour; One Single Life." Dismissed in prayer by Sister Lucille Stark.

1:00 O'Clock

Afternoon Services opened with singing "'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus." "When We All Get To Heaven," and "Kneel At The Cross." Prayer by Sister Peggy Blackburn.

Offering \$11.44. Prayer by Sister Marcellen Thompson.

Quartet: Vivian Ketchem, Mildred Cash, Luna Bowers, and Leta Cain, singing "Take My Life."

Topic "Fully Consecrated," given by Sister Lucille Stark.

Topic "Christian Views of Leadership," by Sister Alice Wood.

Special Song: "There's a Bridge Over the River," by Floretta Rhodes and Fern Duncan.

Seminole Church was awarded the Attendance Banner with 22 present.

Report of Committees:

Obituary: Reports Sister Lillian Argo, Pleasant Hill. A moment of silent prayer and led in prayer by Rev. Grady Hudson.

Finance: report \$98.69 balance. Motion carried we receive report.

Auditing: report given and accepted.

Resolution Committee:

I. Be it resolved to give \$10.00 to National Home Missions Department for purchase of tent. Carried.

II. Be it resolved that we give Rev. and Sister Lonnie Sparks \$10.00 for their Missionary Expenses. Carried.

III. Be it resolved that each church make their own posters for topics. Carried.

IV. Be it resolved that the President of each auxiliary send Program Chairman the names of members that can serve on program, within two weeks of district meetings. Carried.

V. Be it resolved that we give Capitol Hill standing vote of thanks for dining room decorations.

VI. Be it resolved that we give Rev. Weldon Wood \$5.00. Carried.

VII. Be it resolved that we give N. E. Shawnee a standing vote of thanks for Posters and Lapels. Carried.

Central Avenue is to make Lapels for next meeting.

Seminole is in charge of kitchen.

Topic: "Be Ye Stedfast," by Helen Chaffin.

Seminole won the Standard of Achievement Award.

Barbara Howell, Capitol Hill, was our Declaration contestant. An award was given her.

Sister Mildred Cash took charge of meeting in place of Sister Irma Dodson.

Nomination for President Sister Nancy Snow, by acclamation.

Vice President Sister Irma Dodson by acclamation.

Secretary and Treasurer: Sister Bea Haas.

Asst. Secretary and Treasurer: Sister Edna Vaughn.

Program Chairman: Sister Cora Bruce.

Study Course Chairman: Sister Alice Wood.

Youth Chairman: Sister Floretta Rhodes.

Benovelance Chairman: Sister Gorda Price.

Installation of officers was given by Sister Mildred Cash.

Auxiliary Treasurer's Report

Literature for Cherry Fipps	\$ 9.40
Co. Labor	42.50
Orphanage	6.00
For Speaker, Rev. Bob Duncan	5.00
Rev. Melvin Bingdon, Workshop Speaker	5.00
Flowers for Workshop	5.10
Postage, Cards, Coffee	2.00
Attendance Banner	2.25
Program	5.00
Chapels for Cuba	13.77
Foreign Mission	2.00
Convention Dues for 102 Members	30.60
To Be Paid to State	20.40

Rev. Grady Hudson is our speaker for next meeting: Alternate Rev. Jerry Rhodes.

Delegates to our State Meeting are Nancy Snow, Floretta Rhodes, Vivian Ketchum, Mae Walker and Bea Haas.

A standing vote of thanks was given our out-going officers for their faithful work.

Registration Committee reports 76 present. Dismissed in prayer by Sister Peggy Blackburn.

President—Mrs. Jack Dodson

Secretary—Mrs. Edna Lou Vaughn

MINUTES OF FIRST QUARTERLY MEETINGS OF FIRST OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION WHEN CONVENED AT CAMPGROUNDS ON NOVEMBER 19, 1955

Songs: "To The Work" and "When I See the Blood."

Leader: Rev. Delbert Akins

Pianist: Fern Duncan

Devotional and prayer led by Rev. J. R. Hall reading Psalms 15.

Letters called for and read from the following churches: Seminole, Sunnyslane, Capitol Hill, N. E. Shawnee, First Shawnee. Motion to receive letters and seat the delegates. Right hand of fellowship given.

Reading of Roberts Rules of Order by Moderator. Visiting brethren invited to seat in council as advisory members. Recognized were Rev. Jake Armstrong and Rev. Ernest Kennedy.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Divine Service Committee: Sister Georgia Hurst, Pleas-

ant Hill; Sister Tom Fry, Spring Hill; and Sister Munkus, Norman.

Credentials Committee: Rev. Vard Wood, Rev. Clyde Argo, and Rev. Delbert Akins.

Business Committee: Rev. Dennis O'Donnell, Prague; W. W. Hunt; Sunnyslane, H. E. Duncan; Capitol Hill, Rev. Roy Hearon, Shawnee; O. Doss, Central Avenue.

Talk by Rev. Ernest Kennety, State Executive Secretary, as to raising state quota.

Letters from Norman and Wolf read and accepted.

11:00 A. M.

Song Service: Mildred Cash leader and Retha Webb, pianist.

Songs: "Hold To God's Unchanging Hand" and "Some Day."

Prayer by Bro. Jake Armstrong.

Special Song: "I'll Meet You In The Morning," by Rev. Clyde Cain, Rev. Delbert Akins, Rev. Waldo Young and Brother Kiker.

Prayer: led by Sister Fern Duncan. Message by Rev. Dennis O'Donnell reading Matt. 6:33, using for a text, "Majors and Minors of Life." Dismissed in prayer and blessing on noon day meal by Rev. Jake Armstrong.

1:30 P. M.

Services opened by singing "Tell It To Jesus." led by Delbert Akin with Sister Cora Bruce as pianist. Rev. Bob Bob Duncan read Philippians 2:14,22 for devotional.

Partial report of Credential Committee recommends Bro. Kenneth Jones for Ordination as deacon and Bro. Waldo Young ordained to preach the gospel.

Motion that steps be taken to build lake on Association's property, Carried.

Business Committee report read and accepted as follows:

Item I. That a special meeting be held Dec. 17, 1955 for purpose of organizing a Sunday School Convention of First Okla. Assn. Moderator in charge of meeting.

Item II. Be it resolved that the Assn. reorganize preachers and deacons conference, to meet every three months.

Item III. That same meeting be on Thursday night before quarterly conference.

Item IV. The board recommends that front of campgrounds be fenced with arch way in front of tabernacle. Those serving on committee were Rev. Gene Womack, Rev. Dennis O'Donnell, and Bro. Irvan Tate.

Motion for a standing vote of thanks to Bro. and Sister Boland.

Solo: by Rev. Clyde Cain, "When I Make My Last Move."

Credential Committee report read and accepted as follows:

Item I. Paul Don Stark to be ordained to preach the gospel.

Item II. Wesley Stark to be licensed to preach the gospel for one year.

Item III. Loyal Foster to be licensed to preach the gospel for one year.

Item IV. Bro. R. J. Griner for Ordination as deacon.

Motion that each church send their church letter to association Clerk at least five days preceeding any quarterly conference, with minute money before each Annual Session.

A standing vote of thanks for ladies that served in the kitchen.

Treasurer's report read and accepted. Resolved that we adopt \$8,100 to be disbursed as follows 80 percent to State Coop. Plan; 20 percent to First Oklahoma Association. A minimum of \$150.00 per month to be retained by association. This represents \$6.00 per member. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. E. E. Morris.

Re: E. E. Morris, Moderator
Mildred Cash, Clerk.

**MINUTES OF SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING OF FIRST
OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION WHEN CONVENED AT
CAMPGROUND ON FEBRUARY 18, 1956**

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

Songs: "I Just Steal Away and Pray," and "Watching You," led by Rev. Delbert Akins, Rev. Ernest Kennedy, pianist. Prayer by Bro. Hunt.

Devotional: Fern Duncan, Scripture Eph. 4:1-8.

Letters received from the following churches: Minneha, Prague, Spring Hill, First Shawnee, Central Ave. Capitol Hill, N. E. Shawnee, Sunnyslane, Pleasant Hill, Norman, Wolf, Tecumseh and Seminole, approved and delegates seated.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Pulpit Committee: Bro. Davis, Bro. Jarwell and Bro. Owens.

Business Committee: Rev. Allen Moore, Rev. Bob Duncan, Rev. Roy Heron, Rev. Clyde Cain, Rev. Clyde Hamer and Rev. Eual Gorman.

Visiting brethren invited to seat in council as advisory members. Recognition of visitors, Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Nashville, Tenn., Sister Anderson, Coyle, Oklahoma, and Bro. and Sister Kennedy, Oklahoma City.

Recognition of Bro. and Sister Douglas as new Care-takers of our Campgrounds.

Report of Executive Board by Delbert Akin. Carried. Recognition of visiting ministers, Rev. Swanson, Ira Smithie, I. W. Yandell, and Rev. Alexander of Dibble Association.

Credential Committee: Rev. Vard Wood, Rev. E. P. Ep-person and Bro. Peterson.

Report of Divine Committee: Rev. W. S. Mooneyham as speaker for 11:00 o'clock service. Unfinished business: Motion made that the disposal of property at Wanette be left in hands of Executive Board to investigate further. Carried.

Report given of State Executive Secretary by Rev. Ernest Kennedy.

Motion made to adjourn until 11:00 o'clock. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Swanson.

11:00 A. M.

Song Service: Bob Followwill leader and Nadine Follow-will, pianist.

Songs: "Sunshine In My Soul" and "Love Lifted Me."

Speaker: Rev. W. S. Mooneyham showed color slides and gave an interesting talk of work being carried on through Free Will Baptist, of our buildings in Nashville, College work and of its support. Motion made to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. E. E. Morris.

1:00 P. M.

Songs: "Where He Leads I'll Follow," and "The Old, Old Story."

Devotional given by Sister Barbara Barlow, Scripture Psalms 1.

League report given by Bro. Barney Mangham. Prayer by Rev. Ed Morris.

Special Songs: "I Bowed on My Knees and Cried Holy," by Spring Hill quartet. "As You Travel Alone," by Bro. and Sister Bob Followwill, and "I Found That Rock," by Bro. and Sister Kennedy.

Report of Church and Sunday School by Bro. Ed Warner of Central Avenue.

Report of Resolution Committee: Be it resolved that the program committee integrate within their program speakers on various subjects, such as would encourage wider knowl-

edge on how to reach the lost through the Auxiliary branches of our Denomination. Such subjects as to be decided and approved by Program Committee. Carried.

Credential Committee report: Ordination of F. B. Cosby for deacon. Rev. F. H. Valgamore for ordination to preach the gospel.

Motion that the same program committee take care of our programs in the future. Carried. Motion that Rev. Dennis O'Donnell be speaker for next quarterly conference. Bro. Floyd Vulgamore alternate. Carried. Motion to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Kennedy.

Moderator, Rev. Ed Morris
Asst. Clerk, Cora Bruce

**MINUTES OF THE THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING OF
FIRST OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION WHEN CONVENED
AT CAMP GROUND ON MAY 19, 1956**

SATURDAY MORNING

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

Song Service: "I Am Bound for the Promised Land," and "Footsteps of Jesus," led by Rev. Delbert Akin; pianist, Fern Duncan. Prayer by Bro. Bean.

Devotional by Rev. Roy Heron reading Psalms 1.

Motion made to seat the delegates. Carried. Right hand of fellowship given visiting brethren, Rev. Grady Hudson, and Bro. Willie Hudson of Alabama. Rev. Weldon Wood of Capitol Hill by Rev. Bob Duncan.

Appointment of committees as follows:

Business Committee: Sister Gorda Price, Brother Borden, Brother Kiker, Rev. Jack Dodson, Rev. Allen Moore, Rev. Roy Heron and Rev. Eual Gorman.

Credentital Committee: Bro. De Weber, serve in absence of Rev. E. P. Epperson.

Report of Executive Board given by Rev. Delbert Akin, accepted.

Report of State Executive Secretary, Rev. Ernest Kennedy.

11:00 A. M.

Song Service led by Ernest Kennedy singing "A Soul Winner For Jesus," and "Praise Him, Praise Him." Cora Bruce pianist. Prayer by Brother Argo.

Quartet by Delbert Akin, Ernest Kennedy, Homer Young and Weldon Wood, singing "Keys To The Kingdom."

Speaker, Rev. Weldon Wood using Isaiah 54:1-2. Subject, "Enlarging Our Tent."

Song "Onward Christian Soldiers." Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Vard Wood.

1:15 P. M.

Leader: Rev. Weldon Wood

Pianist: Fern Duncan

Song: "At The Cross."

Devotional by Cora Bruce reading Ecclesiastes 3:1-7.

Motion made to elect Rev. Vard Wood as Moderator, and Rev. Jack Dodson Assistant Moderator. Carried. Resignation of Rev. Delbert Akin as member of Executive Board as Treasurer. Accepted. Rev. Allen Moore elected in his place.

Credential Committee report was read and accepted as follows:

I. Bro. Bob Chaffin for ordination as deacon.

II. Bro. Allen Hunt for ordination as deacon.
Resolution Committee.

I. Be it resolved that the Executive Board be given authority to borrow enough money to place solid foundation under dormitories. Carried.

II. Be it resolved that we write Progressive Association to combine youth camps with our association for this summer, or if they prefer invite them to use our campgrounds for their youth encampment. Carried.

III. Be it resolved that any one who is not in good standing with their church be not allowed to hold office in the association, that the church notify the Association of their standing. Carried.

IV. Be it resolved that Saturday, June 30th, be set aside as work day at the campgrounds with all churches participating. Carried.

League Board report: We recommend that there be given a hamburger fry for First Oklahoma Association Leaguers on Friday night July 20th, sponsored by League Treasurer. Carried.

Special song by Rev. and Sister Bob Duncan singing "When I Thank Him for What He Has Done."

Speakers for evening services were Rev. Allen Moore, "Lengthening Our Cords," and Rev. Jack Dodson using "Strengthening Our Stakes." Scripture readings Isaiah 54:2, Numbers 20.

CHURCH STATISTICS

	Received	Dismissed	Total Membership	Paid Out For Denominational Work	Property Value
Central Avenue, O.C.45	7	232	\$1,224.81	\$45,000.00	
Rev. Jack Dodson, 1522 S. Central, O. C., Pastor					
Northeast, Shawnee 8	7	69	47.07	15,000.00	
Rev. Leroy Bowers, 129 S. Draper, Shawnee					
Seminole23	11	92	352.80	15,000.00	
Rev. Grady Hudson, 841, Seminole, Okla.					
Capitol Hill31	13	278	853.00	40,000.00	
2713 S. W. 33, O.C., Rev. Weldon Wood					
Pleasant Hill ¹13	1	46	160.00	3,500.00	
Rev. Clyde Argo Rt. 2, Moore, Okla.					
Wolf 6	2	42	133.20	5,000.00	
Rev. Dennis O'Donnell Tecumseh, Okla.					
Spring Hill 4	4	63	160.00	5,400.00	
Rev. Billy Ray Wood Rt. 2, Lexington, Okla.					
Tecumseh21	13	204	776.36	30,000.00	
Rev. Jerry Rhoades 292, Tecumseh, Okla.					
Minneha			83.86		
Rev. Clyde Hamar Oklahoma City, Okla.					
Norman 9	0	165	577.14	37,250.00	
Rev. Bob Duncan 716 Tiffin					
Shawnee First15	14	86		15,500.00	
Rev. Clyde Cain 1111 E. 11th					
Sunnylane			30.00	27,500.00	
Rev. Vard Wood Oklahoma City, Okla.					
Northside Prague 6	8	33	68.07	7,000.00	
Rev. Odis Robinson Prague, Okla.					

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 this 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.

b. 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 and to singly engage to promote the honor of God. John 13:35; Gal. 6:10.

11. We believe that Jesus Christ, by the grace of God, tasted death for every man; yet none can partake of His divine benefit only by his repentance towards God and faith in

the Lord Jesus Christ, infants and idiots excepted. Acts 20:21; Tim. 2:5-6; John 3:14-16; I Peter 3:21.

12. We believe that the Lord's people are one in Him, and therefore should be one at His table. I Cor. 1:1-11; 27-28; John 17:11.

BY-LAWS

1. The moderator or assistant moderator, or in their absence, the oldest minister present, shall call the Association into conference.

2. Each session shall be opened and closed with prayer.

3. Five members from two or more churches shall constitute a quorum. A less number may adjourn until such quorum is present.

4. Visiting brethren are invited to seats as advisory members.

5. Those who speak shall arise and address the moderator. Personal reflections shall be avoided in all debates.

6. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and a vote taken separately.

7. Motion made and lost shall not be recorded.

8. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the moderator.

9. The moderator shall now 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 Wo-

men'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 the "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.

