

MINUTES
of the
FIRST OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
1957

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Proceedings of The
60th Annual Session

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

27 April Camp ground

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Moderator.....Bob Duncan
716 Tiffin Ave. Norman, Okla.

Assistant Moderator.....Jerry Rhoades
1815 S. Central, Okla. City

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

Assistant Clerk.....Billy R. Wood
Rt. 2 Lexington, Okla.

First Quarterly Meeting.....November 15-16, 1957

Second Quarterly Meeting.....February 14-15, 1958

Third Quarterly Meeting.....May 16-17, 1958

Annual Association.....August 15-16, 1958

Auxiliary Day.....August 14, 1958

Youth Incampment Date.....August 3-9, 1958

Registration, August 3; Evangelist. Rev. Wade Jernigan

BOARD AND COMMITTEE

Executive Board

Bob Duncan, 716 Tiffin Ave, Norman, Okla.....	1953-58
Weldon Wood, 2713 S. W. 33 Oklahoma City, Okla.....	1955-59
Jack Dodson, 1815 S. Central, Oklahoma City, Okla.....	1955-60
Grady Hudson, Box 841, Seminole, Okla.....	1956-61
Billy R. Wood, Rt. 2 Lexington, Okla.....	1957-62

League Board

Clyde Argo, Rt. 1 Moore, Okla.....	1955-61
E. C. Ketchum, 1342 E. Whittaker, Shawnee, Okla.....	1955-60
Jerry Rhoades, Tecumseh, Okla. Box 233.....	1954-59
Clyde Cain ,Shawnee, Okla.....	1954-58
Major Followwill, 303 W. Commanche Purchell, Okla.....	1957-62

League Officers

General Sponsors.....	Bill and Hallie Lewis
President.....	Bill Crosby
Vice President.....	David Cranfield
Recording Secretary.....	Darlene Vaughn
Corresponding Secretary.....	Pat Gustin
Treasurer.....	Fern Duncan
Pianist.....	Odean Haley
Chorister.....	David Cranfield
Campground Director.....	Rev. Weldon Wood
Asst. Campground Director.....	Rev. Bob Duncan

Dormitory Sponsors

Senior Boys.....	Vard Wood and Jerry Rhoads
Junior Boys.....	Bob Duncan and Billy R. Wood
Senior Girls.....	Alice Wood and Trula Thompson
Junior Girls.....	Alice Holiday and Fern Duncan

Auxiliary Officers

President, Nancy Snow, Seminol, Oklahoma
Vice President, Mildren Cash, Shawnee, Oklahoma
Secretary-Treasurer, Bea Haas, Shawnee, Oklahoma
Asst. Secretary-Treasurer, Edna Vaughn, Shawnee Oklahoma
Program Chairman, Cora Bruce, Seminole, Oklahoma
Study Course Chairman, Alice Wood, Capitol Hill.
Youth Chairman, Irma Dodson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Benevolence Chairman, Leta Cain, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Credentials Committee

John Bean, Oklahoma City, Okla.
Authur Downs, Shawnee, Okla.
Clyde Argo, Moore, Okla.

Business Committee

W. A. Land, Oklahoma City, Okla.
Ben Tabor, Sunnyslane, Oklahoma City, Okla.
John Bean, Oklahoma City

Obituary Committee

Pearl Fry, Shawnee, Okla.
Corie O'Donnell, Oklahoma City, Okla.
Pat Scott, Lexington, Okla.

Divine Service Committee

Lena Wood, Oklahoma City, Okla.
Alice Holiday, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Auditing Committee

Bob Duncan, Norman, Okla. *Julsa*
Carl Spriggs, Oklahoma City, Okla.
Billy R. Wood, Lexington, Okla.

State Delegates for 1957

Lillian Murray, Purcell
Lizzie Patton, N. E. Shawnee
Cora Bruce, Seminole
Donia Cartwright, Pleasant Hill
Henry O'Donnell, Central Avenue
Luther Scott, Spring Hill
Oriece McDonald, Prague
Willie Gilliland, Wolfe
Fern Duncan, Norman
Hollie Lewis, Capitol Hill
Lena Wood, Sunnyslane
Daisy Davis, Tecumseh

Church Delegates to Annual Session

Seminole—Cora Bruce Ola Clagg, Thelma Oliver
Pleasant Hill—Doina Cartwright, Teresa Allen, Linda Williams
Purcell—Lillian Murry, Emma Mainard, Norma Tucker
Sunnyslane—Bertie Cosby, Jessie Hall, Lena Wood
Wolfe—Ida White, Willie Gilliland, Myrtle Kiker
Tecumseh—Daisy Davis, Sister Herd, Sister Hartoon

Spring Hill—Pearl Fry, Agnes Hinkle, Pat Scott
N. E. Shawnee—Donald Wolfe, Lizzie Patton, Bea Hass
Prague—Della Coleman, Minnie Mansker, Belle Leonard
Central Avenue—Lee Hoover, Melda Nicholson, Carrie O'Dennell

Capitol Hill—Lela Rose, Hallie Lewis, Zelma Ward
Norman—Ruby Jones, Nadine Followwill, Fern Duncan
Shawnee—Della Cluck, Alva Downs, Odessa Robinson
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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Motion accepted to grant the Credential Committee power to examine Johnny Baker for the office of deacon at the Purcell Church on Thursday night August 22, 1957.

Auditing Committee report accepted as follows; We the Auditing Committee have audited the Associational Treasurers books and found them in order.

For as much as there is money yet to be received and therefore the League Treasurers Books are incomplete. We recommend to the association that the League Board audit the League Treasurers Books.

Obituary Committee

We the obituary Committee report the following deaths in our association, Rev. Luther Waddle; Bonnie Lee, Jonce Garner, W. J. Price and Mrs. Joe McAlister of Norman. Pearl Daniels, J. D. Anderson of Spring Hill. Mrs. Grady Hudson of Seminole. We regret the loss of these our laborers in Christ, but our loss is Heaven's gain. "Precious is the sight of the Lord is the death of His Saints." Psalms 116:15. Prayer by Bro. W. V. Wood.

PROCEEDINGS

The 60th Annual Session of First Oklahoma Association of Free Will Baptists, convened August 16-17, 1957 at Associational Campgrounds.

FRIDAY MORNING

Services opened with the congregation singing "Showers of Blessings" and "Where He Leads I'll Follow," with Bro. Weldon Wood directing and Pat Scott as pianist. Prayer by Bro. John Bean. The devotional was given by A. B. Epperson, reading I John chapter 3.

2 Letters called for and those reporting were Seminole, Tecumseh, Norman, N. E. Shawnee, Purcell, North Side Prague, Sunnyslane, Capitol Hill, Pleasant Hill, Spring Hill, Wolfe, Central Avenue and Minneha. Letters read and accepted, del-

legates given right hand of fellowship while singing "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms."

The election of officers for the year are as follows, Moderator; Bob Duncan, Assistant Moderator; Jerry Rhoades, Clerk; Fern Duncan and Assistant Clerk; Billy R. Wood.

Appointing of committees. (See Committees Electing of board members, and State Delegates from our Association. Motion to adjourn until 1:30 p.m. Dismissed in prayer by Sister Cora Bruce.

FRIDAY—11:00 A. M.

The 11:00 O'clock service opened with congregation singing, "Down At The Cross," and "Blessed Assurance," Pat Scott at the piano and Weldon Wood directing. Led in prayer by Bro. W. A. Lane. Songs "The Joy of Heaven," and "My Lord Knows The Way Through The Wilderness."

Bro. E. E. Morris, Richmond, California, brought the morning message on "Partakers of The Divine Nature," reading I Peter chapter one. Dismissed in prayer and blessing asked on noon day meal by Bro. Billy R. Wood.

Friday—1:00 P. M.

The afternoon session was opened with congregation singing, "Is It Well With Your Soul?" Led in prayer by Bro. Ben Tabor. The following reports read and accepted; Executive Board, Treasurer of First Oklahoma Association, League Treasurer, Obituary and Auditing Committee. (See Reports)

Rev. John Bean gave a message on "The Bible and It's Authority." Motion to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Clyde Argo.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT OF THE FIRST OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION

The First Oklahoma Association Executive Board met at the home of Rev. W. V. Wood, April 2, 1957. Opened with prayer by Rev. N. R. Smith. Members present were W. V. Wood, Bob Duncan, Weldon Wood. The following items passed:

1. Motion accepted that we rent our Campgrounds to the Seventh Day Church of God of Tecumseh and that they pay us \$12.50 per day for its use. The First Oklahoma association would pay the utility bills and the Church of God was to pay any damages that occur.

2. Motion passed that we rent the Campground to the Church of God Holiness of Maud with the rental same as that of Seventh Day Church of God.

23 Feb, Pleasant Hill

The Executive Board met on Sunday Afternoon, July 7, 1957 at Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist church for the purpose of receiving a Petitionary Letter from the Purcell Church, for membership into the First Oklahoma Association. A letter was also received recommending Major Followwell to be examined for ordination. Motion received that the Executive Board act as examining committee to examine Major Followwell as to his proficiency to preach the Gospel.

Motion passed that we recommend Rev. Major Followwell to his ordaining council to be ordained to preach the Gospel.

TREASURER'S REPORT FROM AUGUST 25, 1956

TO AUGUST 15, 1957:

RECEIPTS:

Balance brought Forward.....	\$ 459.35
Received for minute money.....	127.00
Capitol Hill Church, (cooperative plan).....	1,4292.60
Capitol Hill Church, (foreign mission fund).....	93.40
Central Avenue Church, (cooperative plan).....	883.40
Central Avenue Church, (foreign mission fund).....	287.92
Received from League Treasurer (for new pump).....	450.00
Tecumseh Church, (cooperative plan).....	517.82
Norman Church, (cooperative Plan).....	302.46
Pleasant Hill Church (cooperative plan).....	230.24
Seminole Church, (cooperative plan).....	277.77
Wolf Church, (cooperative plan).....	177.86
North Side Prague Church, (cooperative plan).....	86.35
Minneha Church, (cooperative plan).....	78.50
Shawnee, First Church, (cooperative plan).....	33.50
A. L. Douglass, Tithes,.....	45.00
Spring Hill Church, (cooperative plan).....	58.42
Velma Potter, Cuban Mission Field.....	25.00
District Auxilliary Convention, (printing of programs)	5.00
Eunice George, Return of check given for coffee,.....	1.15
Mildred Cash, Tithes,.....	1.00
A. L. Douglass, Return of check no 468.....	15.00
State Youth Camp.....	33.62
Rental for the use of Campground to Church of God.....	161.50
TOTAL RECEIPTS.....	\$5,742.86

PAID OUTS

E. M. Kennedy (cooperative plan).....	\$3,283.39
E. M. Kennedy, (foreign mission).....	506.32
E. M. Kennedy, (insurance of Camp grounds).....	219.44
A. L. Douglas, (salary).....	500.00
A. L. Douglas, (bills and miscellaneous).....	105.58
J. R. Dodson, moderator fee.....	10.00
W. V. Wood, Moderator fee.....	10.00
Mildred Cash, clerk fee.....	10.00
Fern Duncan, clerk fee.....	10.00
R. L. Epple, Pump and repair, and butane gas bill.....	536.71
State Association delegate fee.....	70.00
Shawnee American, printing of minutes.....	74.52
Oklahoma Electric Cooperative, Electric Bill.....	143.59
Telephone bills, W. V. Wood and Weldon Wood.....	5.71
Cora Bruce, printing of programs.....	10.00
Jerry Rhoads, ad in paper.....	1.15
Bible Book store, Stamps.....	1.50
Eunice George, Coffee.....	1.15
Vera Riedel, cook for salary for State Youth Camp.....	40.00
H. O. Lloyd Lumber Company, bill.....	23.45
Shawnee, First Church, refund for Care Taker.....	13.50
TOTAL PAID OUT.....	\$5,585.74
BALANCE IN OKLAHOMA STATE BANK.....	\$ 167.47

LEAGUE REPORT

MINUTES OF THE YEARLY BUSINESS MINUTES WHEN CONVENED AT OUR CAMPGROUND ON AUGUST 9, 1957

Opened by singing "Praise Ye the Lord" and "Every Day With Jesus." Song leader: Weldon Wood. Pianist: Pat Scott. Prayer by Earline. Officers for the following year were elected: They are as follows:

President: Bill Cosby, Vice President: David Cranfield, Recording Secretary: Darlene Vaughn, Corresponding Secretary: Pat Gustin, Treasurer: Fern Duncan, Dormitory Sponsors: Junior Girls: Sis. Fern Duncan and Sis. Alice Holiday, Senior Girls: Sis. Alice Wood and Sis. Trula Thompson, Junior Boys: Rev. Bob Duncan and Rev. Billy Ray Wood, Senior Boys: Rev. Vard Wood and Rev. Jerry Rhodes, General Sponsors: Bill and Hallie Lewis, Campground Director: Rev. Weldon Wood, Assistant Campground Director: Rev. Bob Duncan, Pianist: Odean Haley, Song Leader: David Cranfield, Evangelist: Rev. Wade Journigan.

Motion made and carried that the League Board be given the permission to prepare the program, employ the cooks, secure the teachers and decide the enrollment fee for the next youth encampment.

Motion made and carried that the youth camp start the first Sunday in August of '58 and end the following Saturday afternoon with the business meeting on Friday afternoon.

Motion made and carried that we adjourn.

Dismissed in prayer by Jimmy Borden.

Bill Cosby-President

Darlene Vaughn-Secretary

LEAGUE TREASURER'S REPORT

August 1956 Youth Encampment Bal.....	\$ 89.15
November League Rally	
Capitol Hill.....	25.37
Tecumseh	16.17
Wolfe	6.00
Norman	4.50
Offering	16.57
TOTAL	\$157.76

DISBURSEMENTS:

Deepfreeze	12.50
Tithes to State.....	58.36
BALANCE	\$ 86.90

February League Rally

Pleasant Hill.....	17.00
Capitol Hill.....	8.58
Central Avenue.....	7.28
Wolfe	6.00
Sunnylane	2.50
Spring Hill.....	2.00
Shawnee First.....	1.50
Offering	19.35
TOTAL	\$151.11

DISBURSEMENTS:

Secretarie's Supplis.....	17.00
Ice-bags	12.50
BALANCE	\$121.61

May League Rally

Norman	51.60
Central Avenue.....	23.53
Sunnylane	2.50
Pleasant Hill.....	2.00
First Shawnee.....	1.50

Offering	16.03
TOTAL	\$218.77

DISBURSEMENTS

League Social.....	\$ 3.17
Programs	33.00
Repair on Mower.....	35.00
Mower repair.....	13.00
Rental on Mower.....	12.00
BALANCE	\$122.60

August 1957 Youth Encampment

Registration Fees.....	560.00
Offerings	263.47

Campground Upkeep and Tithes

Capitol Hill.....	24.26
Spring Hill.....	9.50
Norman	18.00
Profits	68.18
BALANCE	\$127.75

DISBURSEMENTS

Evangelist	150.00
Cooks	215.00
Shawnee Fruit Co.....	10.65
Groceries	70.00
Scrivner Stevens.....	35.36
O. K. Packing Co.....	46.08
Groceries	69.71
Bread	37.14
Milk	60.00
Gum and Candy.....	83.70
Pop and Ice.....	141.85
Wood and Co.....	4.00
Misc.	13.68
	\$938.26

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

The First Oklahoma Association District Women's Auxiliary met August 15, 1957 at the Campground.

Services were opened by singing "Rescue The Perishing" and "The Lily Of The Valley." Sister Irma Dodson took charge of the meeting. Led in prayer by Sister Alice Wood.

Devotional by Sister Ola Clagg. Scripture—St. John 15:1-8.

Solo by Sister Fern Ray, "Will It Do, Precious Lord."

Topic, "A Vision For Lost Soul's" by Sister Lucille Stark.

Elected by acclamation to serve on the nominating committee were Sisters Cora Bruce and Floretta Rhodes.

Obituary Committee: Sisters Lucille Stark, Ola Clagg, and sister Alice Holliday.

Finance and auditing committee: Sisters Faye Peters, Hallie Lewis, and Fern Ray.

Resolution and Appreciation Committee: Sisters Odessa Robertson, Vesta Sparks and Mae Ingle.

Pulpit Committee: Sisters Zelma Ward, Genevive Pierce, and Cora Bruce.

Dismissed in prayer by Sister Mildred Cash, for recess.

11:00 O'clock services were opened by singing "Where He Leads I'll Follow." Prayer by Sister Nancy Snow.

Solo by Sister Cash, "The Love of God."

Morning Message by Bro. Jerry Rhodes. Scriptures Mal. 3:10-12: Text, "Pouring out Blessings."

Benediction and blessing on the meal by Sister Alice Wood.

1:15 services opened by singing "There Shall Be Showers Of Blessings." Prayer by Bro. E. J. Guinn.^

Class song, "When The Redeemed Are Gathering In."

Topic, "The Great Commission" by Sister Odessa Robertson.

Solo, "Honest and Truly."

Class song, "Some Glad Day."

Playett, "The Old Violin," by the Capitol Auxiliary.

Committee Reports:

Auditing and Finance. "We the finance and auditing committee report books balanced." Motion carried we accept report.

Pulpit Committee: "We nominate Bro. Weldon Wood to bring the message at our next meeting." Motion made we elect by acclamation.

Resolution and Appreciation: Be it resolved——

I. "That we send Bro. Gradley Hudson and family a card and a \$5.00 check to help with expense of funeral.

II. "That we present to the association, the idea of buying new song books, offering our assistance.

III. "That each local auxiliary send name of two delegates to the state along with the name of the President with their reports.

IV. "That we give a standing vote of thanks to our Program Chairman, Cora Bruce, for our programs; to the Tecumseh Auxiliary for the lovely lapels and table decorations; and to the out going officers for their services the past year."

Motion carried we adopt resolutions.

Motion carried we table buying flags until provisions are made for a caretaker at our camp ground.

Obituary Committee:

"We report the passing away of Sister Oma Hudson. We request a moment of silent prayer." Led in prayer by Sister Helen Chaffin.

State Delegates are: Sisters Zelma Ward, Lorene Wilkins, Ola Clagg, Margarette West, and Mrs. G. W. Hurd

Registration Committee: 54 present. Central Avenue wins attendance banner with 18 present.

Norman Auxiliary will have charge of lapels and kitchen.

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New Officers are:

President: Nancy Snow

Vice-President: Mildred Cash

Recording Secretary

Treasurer: Edna Vaughn

Study Course:

Youth Chairman: Irma Dodson

Program-Prayer: Cora Bruce

Personal Service: Lucille Stark

Pianist: Leta Cain

Corresponding Secretary: Vesta Sparks

Installation of officers by Sister Margarette West. Keys to a richer and fuller lives of service were present each officer.

Installation Prayer by Bro. E. J. Guinn.

Treasurer's report read and accepted.

Dismissed in prayer by Sister Floretta Rhodes.

**MINUTES OF FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING OF FIRST
OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION WHEN CONVENED AT
CAMPGROUNDS ON NOVEMBER 17, 1956**

The First Quarterly Meeting of the First Oklahoma Association opened with singing "What a Fellowship." Ester Mae Price; pianist, with Weldon Wood director. Prayer by Rev. Jerry Rhoades. Congregation singing "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart." The Devotion was given by Rev. Auther Downs.

Weldon Wood was elected as clerk pro-tem. Letters from 13 churches read and accepted with seating of the delegates. A right hand of fellowship was given with congregation singing "Won't It Be Wonder There?" and "Amazing Grace."

The Moderator read the rules of Order. The appointing of committees were as follows:

Pulpit Committee were Ruby Munkus, Leta Cain, Earl Haas, Ben Tabor and Cora Bruce.

Resolution Committee were Dennis O'Donnell, Billy R. Wood, Charley Ferguson, Grady Hudson and eLroy Bowers.

Rev. E. M. Kennedy our State Executive Secretary, spoke to us about the Promotor and the selling of the children's home.

Motion made and accepted to accept Bro. W. V. Wood's resignation from the Credential Committee and replace with Bro. Odis Robinson.

Motion accepted to receive the report of the treasurer. Adjourned until 1:00 O'clock. Benediction by Sister Orela Kennedy.

11:00 A. M.

Rev. E. M. Kennedy directed the congregation in singing "At The Cross." with Leta Cain at the piano. Prayer by Clifford Davis. Quartet number by Bro. Wade Jernigan, E. M. Kennedy, Grady Hudson and Clyde Cain.

The Moderator introduced Rev. Major Followell to bring the message. Scripture reading in Psalms 51:1-13; Subject, "Have Mercy On Me O God." Rev. Leroy Bowers concluded the message using II Samuel 5:21-25. Subject, "Sound of the Going." Benediction by Bro. Wade Jernigan.

1:00 P. M.

"I'll Live On" was the hymn directed by Bro. Jerry Rhoades, Leta Cain Pianist. Prayer by Bro. Odis Robinson. A duet by Spring Hill Church, "Maybe Its You and Maybe Its Me."

Motion carried to accept the report of the Credential Committee as follows; We the Credential Committee have examined Bro. Carl Chishier and found him sound in faith and doctrine, therefore recommend him for ordination.

Rev. Wade Jernigan spoke to us using as his topic "Evangelism," St. Mark 16:15-18. A duet number by Cora Bruce and Luna Bowers "Here Am I Send Me."

Motion accepted to receive the Business Committee's report as follows:

Item I. Be it resolved that the Clerk of the association under the supervision of the Executive Board have associational and quarterly meeting letter forms printed that will include the needed information from the churches.

Item II. Be it resolved that each individual church be responsible for the financial support of its pastor to the educational institute to be held at Central Avenue Church in Oklahoma City and Tulsa.

Item III. Be it resolved that this, Business Committee be retained for duration of fiscal year; also here after be appointed or elected for terms of one year.

Sister Cora Bruce gave a topic "Streams In The Desert." Reading Proverbs 31:10-31. Rev. Arthur Downs, visiting from St. Louis, Missouri gave a message using St. Luke 2:4-9. "Wist Ye Not That I Must Be About My Father's Business?"

Bro. Edd Warner spoke to us on Evangelizing in the Sunday School. Motion to adjourn, (carried) Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Charley Ferguson.

Moderator, Jack Dodson
Clerk, Fern Duncan

**MINUTES OF SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING OF FIRST
OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION WHEN CONVENED AT
CAMPGROUND ON FEBRUARY 16, 1957.**

The Second Quarterly Meeting of First Oklahoma Association of Free Will Baptist convened at the campgrounds February 16, 1957. Services opened by singing, "I'll Fly Away." Led in prayer by Rev. Arlie Epperson. Congregation sang, "I'm Not Ashamed." directed by Louise Allen, Pianist Leta Cain. Devotional given by Bro. Billy R. Wood reading from Romans 13:11, 12.

Letters received from churches read and accepted. A right hand of fellowship was given with congregation singing "Lord Send Me," with seating of delegates.

Moderator expressed the need of giving to the Free Will Baptist College Building fund. Rev. Delbert Akin gave report of our State Home Mission Board, of the two churches recently organized at Guymon and Clinton. Motion to adjourn until 1:00 O'Clock, Prayer by Rev. John Bean.

11:00 A. M.

Opened with singing "When The Redeemed are Gathering In." Trula Thompson song leader, Leta Cain pianist. Prayer by Bro. Ode Robinson. Song, "Some Glad Day." Devotional services led by Bro. Vard Wood. Special song rendered by Ricky Duncan, "I Need No Mansion Here Below." Message by Bro. Grady Hudson "The Time Is Come For A Dedicated Life." Hebrew 12:1-4.

1:00 P. M.

Song, "The Great Redeemer." led by Bro. Leroy Akin.)
Prayer by Fern Duncan. A quartet composed of Bro. Leroy Akin, Delbert Akin, Weldon Wood and Dennis O'Donnel sang "Rock Of Ages." and "I'm A Millionaire." Devotional and prayer by Bro. Clyde Hamar, reading St. John 4:3,5.

Resolution Committee:

Be it resolved that the executive board be authorized to rent the campgrounds to the Seventh Day Church of God, of Tecumseh for a Youth camp this year if proper arrangements can be made. (accepted)

Be it resolved that the First Oklahoma Association pay \$100 into the State Executive Secretary's Office to help relieve the office indebtedness. (carried)

Credential Committee:

We the examining committee recommend Bro. Barney Mangham be licensed for the ministry. (accepted)

We the examining committee recommend Bro. Earl Allen to the association for license to the ministry. (accepted)

We the examining committee recommend Bro. Donald G. Wolf, to the association for ordination for deacon. (accepted)

Recess for five minutes.

League Board Report: made and accepted. Teachers for our youth camp this year are as follows. Ethics; Weldon Wood, Soul Winning; Jack Dodson, Stewardship; Bob Duncan, Missions; Reford Wilson. We voted to discontinue our Saturday night services for the rest of the year.

Bro. Bob Duncan gave report of the cooperative plan, also message on evangelism using St. Matthew 9:35 "Jesus Moved With Compassion, Organized Workers, and Commissioned the Twelve." Motion to adjourn; Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Vard Wood.

Moderator, Jack Dodson
Clerk, Fern Duncan

**MINUTES OF THE THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING OF
FIRST OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL
BAPTIST CONVENED AT CAMPGROUNDS MAY 18, 1957**

Song: "I'll Love to Tell The Story."

Leader: Bro. Weldon Wood.

Pianist: Bro. E. M. Kennedy.

Devotional and prayer led by Bro. Billy R. Wood, using Ephesian chapter 5.

Letters from nine churches read and seating of delegates. In absence of moderator Bro. Bob Duncan appointed by Asst. moderator to fill vacancy. Divine Service Committee, were as follows:

Modenia Caskey, Ed Williams and Starling Engle. Speakers for 11:00 o'clock services are Bro. Rudell Smith from Dibble Association followed by Billy R. Wood of Spring Hill..

Bro. Weldon Wood, Associational Treasurer's report read and accepted.

State Executive Secretary Bro. E. M. Kennedy gave us information concerning our state work.

Credential Committee to fill vacancy today in Bro. A. B. Epperson and Bro. Ode Robinson's place are Bro. W. E. Weber, and Bro. Grady Hudson.

Motion to adjourn until 11:00 o'clock services. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. E. M. Kennedy.

11:00 A. M.

Songs: "Victory In Jesus" and Praise Him Praise Him." Quartet number rendered by Bro. Dennis O'Donnell, Weldon Wood, Grady Hudson and E. M. Kennedy; singing "The Darkest Day."

Speaker Bro. Rudell Smith using Job 25th chapter 4th verse. "How Then Can Man Be Cleansed That Is Born Of Woman?" Stressing salvation through the blood of Christ. Followed by Bro. Billy R. Wood, Scripture reading James 1:22-23. Theme "Be Ye Doers of the Word and Not Hearers Only."

Song: "I'm a Millionaire." Hand shake and fellowship. Dismissed in prayer and blessing asked on noon day meal by Bro. Grady Hudson.

1:00 P. M.

Song: "A Soul Winner For Jesus."

Devotional and prayer by Bro. Major Followwill, reading St. Matthew chapter 7.

Bro. Bob Duncan gave information concerning Dr. I. W. Yandell's book on Free Will Baptist Doctrine.

Report of Credential Committee recommended the ordination of Hubert Parker for deacon and license Bro. L. B. Steele for one to preach the gospel. (accepted)

Report of Business Committee;

Item 1. Work day at campgrounds Saturday May 25, 1957.

Item 2. Motion made that our Executive Board be responsible for buying of supplies for our State League Rally June 19, 1957; Also to hire cooks and helpers. (carried) Motion to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Clyde Cain.

Asst. Moderator, W. V. Wood
Clerk, Fern Duncan

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.

tion, 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. Th 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 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, asistant 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 many 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, meeting held, and make a full and complete report to the next regular meeting of the Association and shall further recive, 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 th board and his succssor 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 suport 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. Primative state of man and fall.
4. Atonement.
5. Call to the ministry.

Question: How do you know the 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.

Feb 9, 1958

1400 hours

League Board

CHURCH STATISTICS

	Received	Dismissed	Total Membership	Paid Out For Denominational Work	Property Value
Central Avenue	37	13	256	\$1,397.13	\$55,000.00
Jack Dodson, Pastor 1522 S. Central, O. C.					
Northeast, Shawnee	8	8	66		15,000.00
Leroy Bowers, Pastor 129 S. Draper, Shawnee					
Seminole	21	9	118	277.77	
Grady Hudson, Pastor. 841 Seminole, Okla.					
Capitol Hill	40	12	317	1,492.60	40,000.00
Weldon Wood, Pastor 2713 S. W. 33, O. C.					
Pleasant Hill	4	2	46	230.24	3,500.00
Clyde Argo, Pastor Rt. 2, Moore, Okla.					
Wolfe	6	4	38	179.60	5,000.00
Dennis O'Donnell, Pastor Wewoka, Okla.					
Tecumseh	16	8	186	527.82	30,000.0
Jerry Rhoades, Pastor 292 Tecumseh, Okla.					
Spring Hill	4	7	58	83.42	5,400.00
Billy R. Wood, Pastor Rt. 2, Lexington, Okla.					
Norman	10		165	420.24	48,000.00
Bob Duncan, Pastor 716 Tiffin Avenue					
First Shawnee			91	15.50	15,500.00
Clyde Cain 1111 E. 11th					
Minneha				78.50	
Sunnylane					27,500.00
W. V. Wood, Pastor Oklahoma City, Okla.					
Northside Prague			27	86.35	7,000.00
Purcell	25		25		6,000.00
Major Followwill, Pastor Purcell, Okla.					

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 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 23:14.

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; Duet. 5:12; Matt. 12:12.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the body, both the just and the unjust, but every one in 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 done in Him, and therefore should be on 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 rise 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 the 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 the 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, now we 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 and afflict 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.

