

MINUTES

of the

First Oklahoma Association

of

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

1960



**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
63RD ANNUAL SESSION**



**Convened At
FREE WILL BAPTIST CAMP GROUND
9 Miles West Of Tecumseh
(On Highway 9)**

MINUTES
OF THE
FIRST OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

CONVENED AT CAMPGROUND
9 Miles West of Tecumseh On Highway 9

MODERATOR
Rev. Wade Jernigan 321 Mosier, Norman, Okla.

ASSISTANT MODERATOR
Rev. Lonnie DaVault 2713 S.W. 33rd, Oklahoma City

CLERK
Mrs. George Haas 516 N Elm, Shawnee, Okla.

ASSISTANT CLERK
Mrs. Ed Warner 1416 S. Lenora, Oklahoma City

EXECUTIVE TREASURER
Rev. Jim Cerley 4625 N. W. 36th., Oklahoma City

First Quarterly Meeting November 18, 19, 1960

Second Quarterly Meeting February 17, 18, 1961

Third Quarterly Meeting May 19, 20, 1961

Annual Associational Meeting August 17, 18, 19, 1961

Auxiliary Meeting August 17, 1961

Youth Encampment Date August 7-12, 1961

Registration August 6, 1961

Evangelist Rev. Lonnie Davault

Clerks, Names, addresses, and telephone Numbers

N. W. Oklahoma City Jacqueline Peters, 6005 NW. 56 WH 9-4234
Okla. City 12, Okla. (Sears Exchange 259)

Capitol Hill Lola Borden, 3404 S. Parkview, MU 5-1886
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Central Avenue Tommis Davis, 527 S.W. 49th

Moore First Mrs. Ed Warner, 1416 S. Lenora,
OR 7-1650, Oklahoma City, Okla.

S. W. Oklahoma City Ruth Hawkins, 1407 Dorchester, Norman
Oklahoma (Rev Maynard MU 5-5606)

CLERKS, NAMES ADDRESSES, & TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Sunnylane	Mildred Lobdell, 2103 S. Mo.	OR 7-5694
	Oklahoma Cit, Oklahoma	
Norman First	Martha Miller	Jefferson 4-3919
Straight Street	Doris Garner,	Jefferson 4-5344
Seminole	Thelma Oliver, 122 Oliver St.	2299
	Seminole, Okilahoma	
Springhill	Trula Thompson, Route 1	819 F 2
	Lexington, Oklahoma	
Pleasant Hill	Georgia Hurst, Route 3 (% Louise Allen	
	Jefferson 4-7953) Norman, Oklahoma	
Tecumseh	Vivian Williams, Box 2	197-W
	Tecumseh, Oklahoma	
Shawnee First	Mildred Cash, 536 N. Douglas	5004-W
	Shawnee, Oklahoma	
N. E. Shawnee	Mrs. George Haas, 516 N. Elm	1109-W
	Shawnee, Oklahoma	
Purcell	Mrs. Linnie Smith, 530 W. Adams	
	Purcell, Oklahoma	
Wolf	Oriece McDonald, Rte. 2 (Bowlegs	2909)
	Maud, Oklahoma	

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Executive Board

L. A. Yandell, 1815 S. Central Ave., Okla. City, Chairman	1960-65
Dennis ODonnell, 1420 S. Okfuskee St., Weworka, Okla.	1959-64
Jim Cearley, 4625 N. W. 36th., Okla. City (Clerk)	1959-64
Lawton Hurst, Norman, Okla. C. R.	1957-62
Ralph Hampton, 1111 E. 11th, Shawnee, Okla.	1956-61

Planning Board

Floyd Cash, 536 N. Douglas, Shawnee, Okla.	1960-65
H. L. Parker, Norman, Okla. R. R. (Chairman)	1959-64
John Williams, Box 2, 111 First St., Tecumseh, Okla.	1958-63
Luther Scott, Lexington, Okla.	1958-62
Lowell Bates, 804 Almeda, Norman, Okla.	1958-61

Credential Board

Jim Cearley, 4625 N. W. 36th., Okla. City (Chairman)	1960-63
L. A. Yandell, 1815 S. Central Ave., Oklhoma City,	1959-62
Lester Maynard, 3202 S.W. 27th, Oklahoma City,	1958-61

League Board

Bob Followwill, Norman, Okla.	1960-65
Joe Blair, 712 N. Stewart, Norman, Okla.	1959-64
Albert Collier, 4220 S.E. 41st, Oklahoma City, Okla.	1958-63
Clyde Argo, Rt. 1, Moore, Okla.	1957-62
Barney Mangham, 628 S.E. 22, Oklahoma City, Okla.	1956-61

Mission Board

Wade Jernigen, 321 Mosier, Norman, Okla. (Chairman)1960-65
 Dennis O'Donnell, 1240 S. Okfuskee, Wewoka, Okla.1959-64
 John S. Williams, Box 2, 111 First St. Tecumseh, Okla.1959-63
 Carl Sharp, 108 S. Rangline, Tecumseh, Okla. (Clerk-Treas.) 1959-62
 Albert Collier, 4220 S.E. 41st., Okla. City, (Vice-Chairman) 1959-61

Sunday School Board

Berton Perry, Rt. 3, Box 31B, Shawnee, Okla. (Clerk)1960-65
 Ed Warner, 1416 S. Lenora, Okla. City, (Chairman)1959-64
 L. A. Yandell, 1904 S. Central Ave., Oklahoma City, Okla.1959-63
 Jack Cravens, Rt. 2, Lexington, Okla.1959-62
 Ralph Hampton, 1111 E. 11th., Shawnee, Okla.1959-61
 L. A. Yandell State General Board Member

State Executive Secretary

Rev. E. M. Kennedy, P. O. Box 4365, 5520 S. Penn., Okla. City

League Officers

General Sponsors	Rev. and Mrs. Wade Jernigan
Camp Ground Director	Barney Mangham
Assistant Campground Director	L. A. Yandell
President	Joe Grizzle
Vice-President	Clarence Bruce
Recording Secretary	Coieta Madden
Corresponding Secretary	Glenda Lancaster
Treasurer	Phyllis Blair
Song Leader	Wayne Roberts
Pianist	Pat Garner
Evangelist	Rev. Ronnie DeVault

Dormitory Sponsors

Senior Girls	Nettie Jernigan, Phyllis Blair
Senior Boys	Wade Jernigan, L. A. Yandell
Junior Girls	Omalee Cearley, Irma Lee Ray
Junior Boys	Albert Collier, Joe Blair

Auxiliary Officers

President	Mildred Cash
Vice-President	Edna DeVault
Youth Chairman	Joy Yandell
Recording Secretary	Melba Spears
Corresponding Secretary	Netti Lou Jernigen
Treasurer	Bea Haas
Study Course Chairman	Helen Chaffin
Song Leader	Florence Howard
Pianist	Lellah Maynard
Program Chairman	Cora Bruce
Personal Service Chairman	Lucille Hampton

Finance Committee

Ed Warner Carl Sharp L. A. Yandell Clyde Argo
 Lonnie DaVault Wade Jernigan James Cearley

Business Committee

Carl Sharp H. L. Parker L. C. Webber

Obituary Committee

Helen Chaffin Anna Akin Ruth Turman

Divine Service Committee

Juanita Collier Lawton Hurst Nelma Young

Auditing Committee

Ralph Hampton Loyd Plunkett Clyde Argo

Refreshment Committee

W. J. Miessneer Lucille Hampton Betty ODonnell
 Hallie Lewis Lucille Cravens

STATE DELEGATES

Moore First Free Will Baptist	Edmond Warner
South West Oklahoma City	Leilah Maynard
Straight Street Norman	Louise Wiggins
Central Avenue, Oklahoma City	Wanda Barnett
Sunnylane, Oklahoma City	Juanita Collier
Tecumseh	John Williams
Seminole	Cora Bruce
Shawnee First	Lucille Hampton
North East Shawnee	Fred Whisenhunt
Northwest Oklahoma City	Viola Carlton
Norman First	Nettie Jernigan
Wolf	Mary Palmer
Capitol Hill	Lorene Borden

Local Delegates to District Meeting

Shawnee First	Odessa Robinson, Lucille Hampton, LaVonna Jones
Moore First	Ruby Jones, Marie Vaughan, Phyllis Moore
Sunnylane	Juanita Collier, Anna Akins, T. E. Green
Capitol Hill	Vestal Borden, Peggy Blackburn, Loyd Plunkett
Seminole	Marie Murray, Mona Ray Harrington, Helen Chaffin
Pleasant Hill	Bill Cartwright, Martha Williams, Norma Williams
Straight Street	Lou Glover, Ruth Turman, Laura Wilcox
South West Okla. City	Hallie Lewis, Bonnie Hawkins, W. F. Hunt
Spring Hill	Lizzie Vanwinkle, Gertie Petty, Lucille Cravens
Wolf	Barbara Barlow, Lessie Winfrey, Betty ODonnell
Purcell	Anna Baker, Norma Tucker, Lillian Huddleston
N.E. Shawnee	Nelma Young, Cladie Johnson, Lawrence Johnson
N. W. Okla. City	Marie Davis, Barbara Price, Ona Lee Cearey
Norman First	Mary Miller, Jerry Parker, Cecil Parker
Tecumseh	Vera Bowlan, Rosa Karr, Dorothy W. Hall
Central Avenue	Paul Cheshier, Jackie King, Laura Muse

PROCEEDINGS

The Sixty-third Annual Session of the First Oklahoma Association of Free Will Baptist convened August 18, 19, 20, 1960 at the Associational Camp Grounds.

Friday Morning

Services were opened with congregational hymn, "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms," led by Rev. Berton Perry, Cora Bruce, pianist.. Devotional and prayer by Rev. Carl Sharp. Scripture Phil. 4:5.

The Session was called into conference by Rev. Wade Jernigan, moderator. Letters were called for. Churches reporting by letter were: Wolf, North East Shawnee, Purcell, Spring Hill, Straight Street, Norman, Pleasant Hill, Norman First, Central Avenue, Seminole, Capitol Hill, South West Oklahoma City, North West Oklahoma City, Sunnylane, Tecumseh, and Shawnee First. Motion properly sustained that we receive letters and seat delegates. Reading of the by-laws of Association by the moderator. Congregational hymn, "What a Friend," as the right hand of fellowship was given.

Officers for new year are as follows:

Moderator, Rev. Wade Jernigan. Assistant Moderator, Rev. Lonnie DaVault. Clerk, Mrs. George Haas; Assistant Clerk, Mrs. Ed Warner. Executive Treasurer, Rev. Jim Cearley.

Petionary letters called for. Letter read from Moore Free Will Baptist Church and motion properly sustained that we receive letter and seat delegates. Right hand of fellowship was given by Rev. Lonnie DaVault. Visiting brethren were invited to seats in council. Recognized was Virgil Lemmons, Tecumseh, Oklahoma. New pastors recognized, Rev. Berton Perry, North East Shawnee. Reading of rules of order by moderator.

Motion carried that committees be appointed by Moderator. (See committees) Motion carried we adjourn business until 1:15 p.m. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Virgil Lemmons.

11:00 A.M.

"Love Lifted Me". Led in prayer by Rev. Arthur Downs. "Standing On the Promises," Florence Howard sang "He Hideth My Soul." Congregational hymn "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." Rev. Lester Maynard sang, "I Have My Hands In the Hand of the Lord." Rev. E. M. Kennedy, State Executive Secretary, was speaker of the hour. His scripture, St. Matt. 27:41-50. Led in prayer by Rev. Jim Cearley. Rev. Kennedy's Text, "He Saved Others, Himself He Cannot Save." Congregational hymn, "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow." Benediction and blessing on noonday meal by Rev. A. B. Epperson.

1:15 P.M.

"The Lily of the Valley," and "Victory in Jesus". Devotional and prayer by Rev. Albert Collier, reading Eph. 4:1-6.

Rev. L. A. Yandell and Rev. Jim Cearley were retained as committee to purchase chairs for platform. Motion properly sustained that moderator appoint members to fill vacancies in boards

for this meeting. Bro. Les Lemmons was appointed to Executive Board, Rev. Lester Maynard, Credential Board. The Executive Treasurer's report was given and motion properly sustained that we accept report. (See reports). Motion properly sustained that we accept report of auditing committee. (See reports) Solo, "Each Step I Take," by Mildred Cash. The Sunday School Board report (by Ed Warner,) was received as information. The obituary report was given and a moment of silent prayer, in remembrance of them, led in prayer by Rev. Ralph Hampton. (See reports) Solo by Florence Howard, "Follow Me." Report of Christian Education Board of State of Oklahoma by Rev. Ralph Hampton, received as information.

Motion properly sustained that we accept Item I of Credential Board report (See report). Report on State Missions given by Rev. Lonnie DaVault, received as information. Motion properly sustained that we accept report of Divine Service Committee. (See reports). Motion carried that we adjourn until 9:00 a.m. Saturday. Dismissed by Rev. Jack Cravens.

Friday 7:30 P.M.

"I Love to Tell the Story" and "Showers of Blessings." Led in prayer by Bro. Lawton Hurst. "Standing on the Promises." Association called back into conference by Assistant moderator, Rev. Lonnie DaVault. The constitutional change dealing with articles 6 and 7 of the Articles of Faith was introduced and laid on the table for action Saturday. A praise service was conducted by Rev. Lonnie DaVault. Bro. Virgil Lemmons, Tecumseh, brought the evening message using as his scripture, Gen. 6:5-11. Benediction by Rev. Joe Blair.

Saturday 9:00 A.M.

"When We All Get To Heaven." Led in prayer by Rev. Albert Collier. "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." Devotional and prayer by Bro. Leon Koonce. Scripture James 1.

League Business report was given and motion properly sustained that we accept report. (See reports) Motion properly sustained that we receive the League Business report and vote on recommendation one at a time. Motion properly sustained that we table item I until we have election of other board members. (See reports). Motion properly sustained that we accept item two of league business report. (See reports) Auxiliary report was given and motion properly sustained that we accept it as information. (See reports) Motion properly sustained that we accept item 1 of Business Committee report. (See reports) Moderator rules that \$100.00 will be given to League Board to carry on business for this year, clearing the fact that this was the intention of motion. Motion properly sustained that we accept item 2 of Business Committee report. (See reports) Ten minute recess. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Robert Sherry. Business reconvened. Motion properly sustained we elect by acclamation Rev. Arbury Nance speaker for our November meeting. Motion properly sustained we elect by acclamation Rev. Ralph Hampton as speaker for our February meeting. Motion properly sustained we elect by acclamation Rev. Joe Blair for our speaker at our May meeting.

Motion properly sustained we elect by acclamation, Rev. Albert Collier, Associational speaker for Friday Morning Service, August 18, 1961. Motion properly sustained we elect Rev. L. A. Yandell as General Board Member to State Association.

Motion properly sustained that we elect by acclamation Rev. L. A. Yandell five (5) year man on Executive Board. (See Boards and Committees.)

Motion properly sustained we elect by acclamation Floyd Cash as five (5) year man on Planning Board. (See Boards and Committees)

Motion properly sustained we elect by acclamation, Rev. Lester Maynard to fill unexpired term of Rev. Ode Robinson on Credential Board. (See Boards and Committees)

Motion properly sustained we elect Rev. Jim Cearley three (3) year man on Credential Board. (See Boards and Committees)

Motion properly sustained that take matter of League Business from table and vote. Motion carried we accept Item 1 of League Business report. (See reports)

Motion properly sustained we elect Rev. Carl Sharp to fill unexpired term of Rev. Ode Robinson on Mission Board. (See Boards and Committees) Motion properly sustained we elect by acclamation Rev. Wade Jernigen as five (5) year man on Mission Board. (See Boards and Committees)

Motion properly sustained we elect by acclamation Rev. Berton Perry as five (5) year man on Sunday School Board. (See Boards and Committees)

Motion properly sustained we accept Item II of Credential report. (See reports)

Motion properly sustained we adjourn until 1:00 p.m. Benediction by Rev. James Murray.

11:00 A.M.

"Heavenly Sunlight". Led in prayer by Bro. Shelby Greison. "At The Cross". Rev. Berton Perry was speaker of the hour. Scripture reading Dan. 5:22-28. Text "Thou Art Weighed In The Balances and Found Wanting". Invitational hymn, "Just As I Am." Alter prayer led by Rev. Ralph Hampton, concluded by Rev. Lonnie DaVault. Benediction and blessing on the noonday meal by Bro. Kenneth Wilcox.

Saturday 1:00 P.M.

"Draw Me Nearer" Led in prayer by Bro. Darrell Goodman. "Rock of Ages." Devotional and prayer by Rev. Orville Carpenter. Scripture, Isaiah 40:29-31.

Motion properly sustained we accept report of Executive Board. (See reports)

Motion properly sustained that we accept Items I, II, III, IV, V, and VI of Credential Board. (See reports)

Motion properly sustained that we take matter of Articles of Faith from table and vote on it at this time. Motion properly sustained that we accept report of committee and vote on it item by item. Motion properly sustained that we adopt item VI of report. (See reports) Motion properly sustained that adopt article VII.

(See reports) Motion properly sustained that we adopt article VII with amendments as part of our Articles of Faith.

A standing vote of thanks was given to Bro. and Sister W. J. Miessner as they furnished potatoes and tomatoes for our Association meeting and also for our youth encampment.

Motion properly sustained that we adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Fred Garner.

Rev. Wade Jernigan, Moderator

Mrs. George Haas, Clerk

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Yearly Report of the Executive Board

The Executive Board held thirteen meetings in the year from August 15, 1959 to August 1, 1960. The first meeting was held at the Camp Ground, August 15, 1959, following our yearly conference. Rev. L. A. Yandell was elected Chairman, James Cearley, Clerk. Motion made and sustained that the Executive and Missions Boards have a joint meeting August 31st, at the Northeast Church of Shawnee. At this meeting plans were discussed and approved to revive the work of the Northside Church of Prague.

The third meeting was held at the Central Avenue Church of Oklahoma City. (A special called meeting.) Rev. Weldon Wood terminated his office as treasurer of the Association. The treasurer's books were presented and an audit was made by the board. On Sept. 9, the Board had a special called meeting for the purpose of electing Associational Treasurer. James Cearley was elected. Motion made to have books audited by Mr. Ivan Layton, an uninterested party, and books were delivered to him by Rev. L. A. Yandell and Rev. James Cearley.

On September 12, the Executive Board, represented by Rev. L. A. Yandell, Rev. Charles Moyer, and Rev. James Cearley met with Rev. Albert Collier of the Missions Board at the Northside Church of Prague. A Church Census was taken of the Northside area of Prague. A meeting was made to conduct a revival effort at the Northside Church with Rev. Charles Moyer, the evangelist, beginning Sept. 20. On Sept. 26, the Board was invited to sit in conference with the Northside Church. At this meeting the Church desired to continue having services and to call them a pastor.

On November 4, the Board met at the Camp Ground to plan for the Quarterly Meeting. Sister W. J. Meissner was hired by the board to cook at Associational Meetings and was to hire her an assistant.

May 10., 1960, a meeting of the board was called at the Camp Ground. A motion was made that new steps be erected to the platform in tabernacle and that curtain be placed across platform.

On May 24, there was a special called meeting of all boards by the chairman of the Executive Board. Meeting held at Camp Ground. Motion made that we accept recommendation of Planning Board to re-roof the well house and erect horse shoe courts. A meeting date of June 3rd. was set with the Planning Board at Pleasant Hill Church for the purpose of discussing the building of a concession stand on Camp Ground. At this meeting a motion was made to build a concession stand, eight feet by twelve feet, open on three sides with cement floor in keeping with other buildings.

at the Camp Ground. Motion made that we accept Bro. Hurst's offer for blocks for the foundation.

On July 2, 1960, the Executive Board was called to Moore, Oklahoma, by the Associational Moderator. The purpose of this meeting was to organize a Free Will Baptist Church at the close of a very successful revival effort by Rev. Joe Blair and Rev. Wade Jernigan, Rev. Harry E. Staires brought the message. Rev. Ralph Hampton was in charge of the organization. Rev. Lonnie DaVault presented the Bible. Rev. James Cearley presented the Church Covenant. Rev. Joe Blair was elected Pastor. Sister Juanita Warner was elected clerk. Seventeen members were received into the fellowship of the Church as Charter Members.

July 29, 1960, the Executive Board was called into special conference with the Northside Free Will Baptist Church of Prague. Rev. L. A. Yandell and Rev. James Cearley acting for the Board. Letter of meeting will follow report.

The Executive Board traveled a total of 1335 miles at .05 per mile. Total expense, sixty-six dollars and seventy-five cents (\$66.75). We, the Board recommend that Rev. L. A. Yandell be re-elected to this board.

James Cearley, Clerk

LETTER OF NORTHSIDE PRAGUE CHURCH

To Who It May Concern:
Friday Night, July 29, 1960.

The Northside Free Will Baptist Church of Prague, Oklahoma was called into Special Conference with the Executive Board of the First Oklahoma Association of Free Will Baptist. Rev. L. A. Yandell and Rev. James Cearley acting for the Board.

Meeting called to order by Rev. L. A. Yandell. Scripture, I Cor. 3, was read by Rev. James Cearley. Rev. L. A. Yandell made the statement of purpose of this meeting. "The purpose of this meeting of all resident members interested and the Executive Board of the First Oklahoma Association of Free Will Baptist be to disband the organization of the Northside Free Will Baptist Church and to disburse with property of same."

Statement of information from Bro. M. F. Vaughan, Deacon of the Prague Free Will Baptist Church: "We, the Free Will Baptist Church of Prague have taken action in regular church conference to assume indebtedness of Northside Free Will Baptist Church by purchasing said property of same."

Motion made by Bro. Sid Sturman that, "We sell property to Free Will Baptist Church. Seconded by Sister Della Coleman. Carried.

Motion made and second that all non-resident members be notified and grant letters of good standing. Carried.

Motion made and second that we disband the organization known as the Northside Free Will Baptist Church of Prague, Oklahoma and all records of same be turned to the Executive Board of the First Oklahoma Association of Free Will Baptist. Carried.

General agreement that the Treasurer turn all finances to the Prague Free Will Baptist Church.

Done in Special Called Conference July 29, 1960.

Rev. L. A. Yandell, Moderator
Rev. James Cearley, Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

SEPT. 25, 1959—AUGUST 1, 1960

RECEIPTS

Central Ave. _____	\$ 1573.94
Capitol Hill _____	2124.03
Straight Street _____	210.33
Tecumseh _____	654.35
Wolf _____	285.49
Purcell _____	220.43
Spring Hill _____	49.56
Seminole _____	47.84
Shawnee First _____	25.00
S.W. Okla. City _____	5.00
Plesant Hill _____	138.41
Norman First _____	521.08
Minneha _____	88.05
N.W. Okla City _____	306.03
Moore _____	54.73
N.E. Shawnee _____	00.00
Sunny Lane _____	00.00
Assoc. League _____	592.28
Assoc. Woman's Aux. _____	10.00
Delegate Fee _____	162.15
Missionary Con. _____	23.88
Check 594 Stop Pay. _____	30.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS _____	\$ 7,122.58

Balance Forward _____	75.88
Cor. or Books, Sept. _____	170.90
TOTAL _____	\$ 7,869.36

PAID OUTS

STATE OFFICE

Cooperative Plan _____	\$ 3,895.44
Home Missions _____	55.05
Foreign Missions _____	491.89
State Missions _____	310.00
Printing Minutes _____	108.00
State Delegate Fee _____	55.00
Miscellaneous _____	29.56
TOTAL _____	\$ 4,944.94

CAMP GROUND UPKEEP

W. J. Meissner, Salary \$ _____	1,100.00
R. L. Epple Butane _____	109.15
Okla. Elec. Coop. _____	111.83
Insurance _____	95.90
Gasoline Tractor _____	93.57
Pipe for Water Well _____	264.10
Miscellaneous _____	189.95
TOTAL _____	\$ 1,964.50

OTHER EXPENSE

Mileage Board Mtgs. \$ _____	66.75
Tel. Bills Long Dist. _____	14.75
Lunch for Delegates _____	172.36
Miscellaneous _____	36.22
TOTAL _____	\$ 289.78

TOTAL PD. OUTS \$ 7,199.22

Total Receipts _____	\$ 7,869.36
Total Paid Out _____	7,199.22
Bal. in Treasury _____	\$ 670.14
Checks to be returned _____	87.73
Bank Statement, Aug. 1 _____	\$ 757.87

**BALANCE IN N.W. BANK,
OKLA CITY \$ 757.80**

Your Associational Treasurer

James Cearley
4625 N. W. 36th.
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Auditing Committee

"We have examined the records of the Treasurer and find them in order.
Signed, Committee."

Obituary Committee

"We report the following deaths in our Association: Tecumseh, Mrs. Maggie White and Mrs. Roxie Donohoo, Norman First, Mrs. Georgia Dillard and Mrs. Gorda Price. Wolf, Bro. Rob. Kiker. Sunnyslane, Dr. I. W. Yandell and Rev. W. A. Land. Spring Hill, Mrs. Lela Fisher. Seminole, Bro. W. E. Watson Realizing that the loss of these our brothers and sisters in Christ is heaven's gain, let us stand in a moment of silent prayer. Led by Rev. Hampton.
Signed Committee"

Divine Service Committee

"We have chosen Bro. Virgil Lemmons to preach in the night service and Rev. Berton Perry to preach in the morning service.
Signed Committee"

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

Item I—"Be it resolved that we retain \$100.00 in the League treasury and all above this flow automatically into the executive treasury."

Item II—"Be is resolved that the league board plan next years youth camp select teachers and hire the cooks.

Signed, Business Committee

Report on Articles of Faith

Article VI—"All Believers in Christ, who through grace persevere to the end of life, have the promise of eternal salvation. Mk. 13:13; Rev. 2:10. Article VII—"Baptism, the immersion of believers in water, and the Lord's Supper, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel; Feet Washing, an ordinance teaching humility of universal obligation and to be administered to all true believers. (Feet Washing to be observed with the Lord's Supper, at night.) Matt. 28:19; Acts 8:36-39; Col 2:12; I Cor. 11:23-34; John 13:4,5; John 13:12-15.

Amended to read "Baptism (the immersion of believers in water), the Lord's Supper, and feet washing are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel. The Lord's Supper, which is observed by all believers at night, is followed by the ordinance of feet washing, which teaches humility of universal obligation, to be practiced by all Believers. Baptism—Matt. 28:19; Acts 8:36, 39; Col. 2:12. Lord's Supper—Mark 14:17; Matt. 26-34; I Cor. 11:23,34; Feet Washing—John 13:4,5; John 13:12-13.

Credential Board

Item I—"We recommend Bro. T. J. Jones to be ordained as Deacon."

Item II—"We, upon examination of Virgil R. Lemmons, deem it necessary that he be licensed to preach the Gospel."

Item III—"We recommend Robert Sherry to be ordained to preach the Gospel."

Item IV—"We recommend Shelby Greeson to be ordained to preach the Gospel."

Item V—"We recommend that Kenneth Wilcox be granted license to preach the Gospel."

Item VI—"We recommend that Leon Koonce be ordained to preach the Gospel."

Signed, Credential Board."

Minute Money and Delegates Fees

Wolf	\$20.00	North East Sawnee	\$20.00
Purcell	20.00	Straight Street Norman	20.00
Seminole	20.00	Pleasant Hill	15.00
Moore	20.00	Norman First	20.00
Tecumseh	20.00	Central Avenue	20.00
Auxiliary	10.00	Shawnee First	15.00
Springhill	10.00	North West Okla. City	10.00
Sunnylane	20.00	Capitol Hill	20.00
		South West Okla. City	20.00

This is local delegates fees, state delegates fees and minute money. Turned the Associational Treasurer \$300.00. Mrs. George Haas, Clerk

Executive Board

Rev. L. A. Yandell is chairman of the Executive Board and Rev. Jim Cearley, Clerk.

Planning Board

H. L. Parker is chairman of Planning Board.

Sunday School Board

Ed Warner is chairman of Sunday School Board and Rev. Berton Perry, Clerk.

League Board

"To the First Oklahoma Association, when convened at the camp ground on August 19, 1960.

We, the League Board, wish to report during the past year we have met four times to make plans for our young peoples activity. We feel God has been very good to us the past year. We have made plans for four Youth for Christ meetings and three League Rallies and have just closed our Youth Camp with an enrollment of 132. We thank God for 18 souls who surrendered their lives to Christ. . . . The League Board wishes to thank the entire Association for their fine co-operation they have given us.

We would like to make the following recommendation for our next Youth Encampment. We recommend that certificates be issued to each of our young people that come to our Camp and attend all classes.

Yours in Christ,
League Board,
Barney Mangham, Clerk."

League Business Report

Minutes of the First Oklahoma Association League Rally when convened at the Camp Ground, August 12, 1960.

Letters from seven leagues were read and accepted. Committees were elected as follows: Resolution Committee; Clarence Bruce, Gloria Harmon, Coieta Madden, Joe Blair, and Lonnie DaVault. Auditing Committee; Normal Thompson, Sharon Ellis, Connie Clarton, Albert Collier and Barney Mangham.

Officers for the new year were elected as follows:

Camp Ground Director Barney Mangham

Assistant Director L. A. Yandell

General Sponsor Rev. and Mrs. Wade Jernigan

Dormitory Sponsors:

Senior Boys Wade Jernigan, L. A. Yandell

Senior Girls Nettie Jernigan, Phyllis Blair

Junior Boys Albert Collier, Joe Blair

Junior Girls Onalee Cealey, Irma Lee Ray

President Joe Grizzle

Vice President Clarence Bruce

Recording Secretary Coieta Madden

Corresponding Secretary Glenda Lancaster

Treasurer Phyllis Blair

Song Leader Wayne Roberts

Pianist Pat Garner

Evangelist Rev. Lonnie DaVault

The enrollment for this year at Camp was 140. Our Evangelist, Rev. Wade Jernigan brought inspiring messages each night, with 120 souls being saved and rededicated. Everyone enjoyed the blessings of the Lord through the week. May God continue to bless and save souls.

We would like to recommend the following items:

Item I—"Motion made and seconded we recommend two men to fill vacancies on the League Board. Joe Blair to fill vacancy of James Murray on League Board. Bob Followwill to fill other vacancy.

Item II—"Recommended that the Youth for Christ be discontinued and that we push for a strong League Rally."

President, Joe Grizzle
Secretary, Coieta Madden

District Auxiliary Report

The Women's Auxiliary of the First Oklahoma Association met August 18, 1960 for their annual District Convention. Eight auxiliaries were represented with fifty-two in attendance. The Theme of our Meeting was "God's Mighty Resources." President, Marie Murray was in charge of the meeting.

The meeting opened with group singing. Led in prayer by Rev. Berton Perry. Topics were given as follows: "Closed Channels" by Joy Yandell. "Channels of Wisdom" by Melba Spears. "Channels of Love" by Cladie Johnson. "Great Open Channels" by Edna DaVault. The Seminole Auxiliary presented a dialogue. Cora Bruce read a Poem. Solo by Mildred Cash, "Follow Me", and a solo by Florence Howard, "Let Me Be Worthy". A duet by Melba Spears and Joy Yandell, "Blessed Assurance." Edna DaVault gave a report on the National Meeting.

Rev. Wade Jernigan brought the morning message. His scripture and text, Psalms 8:14, 8:4, Heb. 2:6. "What is Man, and Why is God Mindful of Him?"

A petitionary letter was read from the South West Free Will Baptist Auxiliary and motion carried to accept them as members of the District.

The following committee were appointed by the president:

Auditing Committee _____ Joy Yandell, Wilda Earp, Mildred Cash
Divine Service _____ Hallie Lewis, Bea Haas, Odessa Robinson
Appreciation _____ Eunice George, Lucille Stark, Faye Peters
Business _____ Helen Chaffin, Vivian Williams, Melba Spears
Obituary _____ Leilah Maynard, Edna DaVault Lucille Hampton

Committee reports:

Divine Service: "We recommend Rec. Carl Sharp to bring the morning message at our next meeting. Rev. Lonnie DaVault as alternate." Motion carried we accept report.

Auditing: "We find a shortage of .16. Due to a shortage of time and no adding machine we could not properly locate the shortage. We know that the shortage is not the fault of the treasurer, so we consider the books in order." Motion carried we accept report.

Appreciation: "We wish to thank Tecumseh ladies for the lovely table arrangements and lapels; our program chairman, Helen Chaffin, for the nice program and poster; each person that had a part in making this day complete; the ladies who worked in the kitchen; Bro. Meissener for door in girl's dormitory; and Rev. Wade Jernigan for the inspiring message." Motion carried we accept recommendation.

The November meeting will be at the Central Avenue Church. The February meeting will be at the Southwest Oklahoma City Church.

The Nominating Committee submitted their report and the following officers were elected: President, Mildred Cash; Vice-President, Edna DaVault; Recording Secretary, Melba Spears; Corresponding Secretary, Nettie Jernigan; Treasurer, Bea Haas; Youth Chairman, Joy Yandell; Study Course Chairman, Helen Chaffin; Personal Service Chairman, Lucille Hampton; Program Chairman, Cora Bruce; Pianist, Leilah Maynard; Song Leader, Florence Howard."

Obituary Committee—"We are sorry to announce that two of our beloved Auxiliary helpers have passed on to the eternal reward that awaits each of us. Sister Maggie White, Tecumseh, January, 1960 and Sister Gorda Price, August 17, 1960." A moment of silent prayer with Rev. James Murray leading.

District delegates to State meeting are Helen Chaffin, Joy Yandell, Cladie Johnson, Vivian Williams and Jo Smith.

Edna DaVault gave the Installation to the new officers. Peggy Blackburn gave the installation prayer.

The meeting closed with a challenge from our President Mildred Cash, that we might go forth in a greater work this coming year and put God's Mighty Resources to work.

Melba Spears, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

November 14, 1959

Minutes of the First Quarterly Meeting of the First Oklahoma Association of Free Will Baptist when convened at the Camp Ground on November 13, 14, 1959.

Saturday, 9:30 A.M.

Services were opened by singing "He Abides," led by Rev. James Murray. Devotional by Dennis O'Donnell. Scripture 1:1-14. Led in Prayer by Rev. Lonnie DaVault.

The session was called to order by the clerk in the absence of the moderator and assistant. Nominations for moderator were called for. Motion carried we elect Rev. Dennis O'Donnell as moderator for the day.

Letters were called for. Churches reporting by letter were: South West Oklahoma City, Norman First, Straight Street Norman, Purcell, Pleasant Hill, Sunnyside, Capitol Hill, Tecumseh, Seminole, Central Avenue, Spring Hill, North East Shawnee, North West Oklahoma City, Wolf and Shawnee First.

Motion carried we accept letters and seat delegates. "Sunlight" was sung as the right hand of fellowship was given. Motion carried we elect Rev. Lonnie DaVault as assistant Moderator for this meeting. Visiting brethren invited seats in council. New pastors in Association were recognized. They were: Rev. Ralph Hampton; Rev. Carl Sharp; Rev. Lonnie DaVault and Rev. Clyde Hamer. Motion carried that moderator and assistant appoint pulpit committee. Committee appointed was: Ed Warner, Bro. Geidion, and Cora Bruce.

Pulpit Committee recommended that Rev. Ralph Hampton bring the morning message. The Executive Board and treasurer's reports were read and motion carried that we accept them. Motion carried that we appoint Ed Warner, Carl Sharp, and Lonnie DaVault as members of the Finance Committee. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. John Bean.

11:00 A.M.

Services were opened by singing "I Shall Not Be Moved." LaBeth Myers, pianist; James Murray, leader. Led in prayer by Rev. Carl Sharp. Congregational hymn, "Blessed Assurance." A poem, "Stevens and Paul", was read by Rev. John Bean. Solo, "When God Dips His Love In My Heart," by Rev. Lester Maynard. The morning message was brought by Rev. Ralph Hampton. His Scripture, I John 3:1-2. Benediction and blessing on noonday meal by Rev. Albert Collier.

1:15 P.M.

Services were opened by singing "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms," and "Amazing Grace." Devotional and prayer by Rev. Clyde Hamer. Scripture, Mal. 3:13. Bro. Ed Warner and Rev. Jack Cravens gave report on the Sunday School Commission. Motion carried we accept report and adopt recommendation of placement for nomination of Rev. Ralph Hampton to fill the vacancy of Rev. Bob Duck on the Sunday School Board for unexpired term of one year. Rev. Ralph Hampton was elected by acclamation on the Sunday School Board.

Business on the table called for. Motion carried that we adopt VII of the Credential Board report from last meeting. Moved and carried that we amend the motion to read "Be it resolved that those coming to this association for examination by the Credential

Board be examined according to the questioner recommended by the State Association." Motion carried that we adopt this item of the Credential Board.

Rev. Lonnie DaVault was elected to fill the unexpired term of Bro. Moyers as Assistant Moderator.

Board members elected were:

League Board: 2 year man Rev. Barney Mangam

Executive Board: 5 year man, Rev. Dennis ODonnell

2 year man, Rev. Ralph Hampton

Executive Treasurer: Rev. James Cearley

PARTIAL REPORT OF CREDENTIAL BOARD

Item 2—"We have examined Bro. Clarence Bruce and found him sound in doctrine and recommend him to be ordained as a Deacon."

Motion carried we accept Item one (1) of Credential Board.

Item 2—We, the Credential Committee recommend Bro. P. W. Webber to be ordained to preach the Gospel, wherever God in His providence shall call."

Motion carried we accept item two (2).

Item—3 "We the Committee, have examined Bro. Harold E. Owens Jr. and recommend that his licenses be extended for a period of one year."

Motion carried we accept recommendation of item three (3).

The Mission Board report was given and motion carried we accept report and vote on recommendation. Recommendation of Mission Board, "We introduce plan of \$5.00 and \$2.50 club membership fee for purpose of financing First Oklahoma Association Mission Work and that each member be assessed not more than twice a year for the amount his membership card calls for."

Motion carried we accept Financial Plan of the Mission Board for organizing new work of Board.

Item 4 of Credential Board report. "We recommend that Darrell Goodman's licenses be extended for one year as he continues his preparation for the ministry." Motion carried we accept item four of credential board report.

Item 5 "We recommend that Bro. Dave Palmer be licensed to preach for one year." Motion carried we accept Item five of credential board report.

Business from the floor called for:

Motion carried we adopt plan of each church sending delegates fee of five dollars (\$5.00) dollars to each meeting.

Report of Superannuation Board of State and State Sunday School Board report received as information. Given by Rev. Jim Cearley.

Motion carried we meet at Camp Ground for next meeting in February. Motion carried we adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Jim Cearley.

Rev. Dennis, ODonnell, Moderator
Mrs. George Haas, Clerk

MINUTES OF SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING

February 20, 1960

Minutes of the Second Quarterly Meeting of the First Oklahoma Association of Free Will Baptist when convened at the Camp Ground February 20, 1960.

9:30 A.M.

Services were opened by singing "At Calvary." Cora Bruce, pianist. Leroy Akin, leader. Church letters were called for and read. Churches reporting by letter were Norman First, Purcell, Shawnee First, North East Shawnee, Pleasant Hill North West Oklahoma City, Sunny Lane, Central Avenue, Tecumseh, Spring Hill, Minneha, Straight Street Norman, South West Oklahoma City, Wolf, Seminole and Capitol Hill. Delegates fee turned to Associational Treasurer, sixty (\$60.00) dollars. Motion carried that we accept letters and seat delegates. Congregational hymn, "When We All Get To Heaven." as the right hand of fellowship was given. Rev. E. M. Kennedy, pianist, Rev. James Murray, leader. Reading of the Rules of Order by the moderator. Motion carried that moderator appoint committees. Committees appointed were: Resolution Committee: Rev. Ralph Hampton, Rev. Clyde Hamer, Lawton Hurst, Fred Garner and Leroy Akin. Pulpit Committee: Starling Ingle, Bonnie Hawkins, Clayds Sparks, Willie Fry, and Preston McAlister.

Rev. E. M. Kennedy reported of State office and urged all to support the cooperative plan.

Report of Pulpit Committee: "We, the pulpit committee, recommend Rev. L. A. Yandell for the eleven o'clock services in the absence of Rev. Dennis O'Donnell."

Associational Treasurer's report by Rev. Jim Cearley and motion carried we accept the report. Rev. Carl Sharp gave the Devotional. His scripture Romans 12:9-16. Motion carried we adjourn business until 1:15 P.M. Dismissed in prayer by Lawton Hurst.

11:00 A.M.

Services were opened by singing "When I See The Blood." Prayer by Bro. Charles Hinsley. The Lunsford family sang "It Will Be Worth It All" and "Do You Know My Jesus." Bros. Charles Hinsley and Howard Gwartney, Tulsa sang "He'll Comfort You," and "The Mail Order Song." Rev. L. A. Yandell was speaker of the hour. His scripture, Dan. 5:27. His text, "Weighed, Wanted, and the Consequences of it." Benediction and blessing on the noon-day meal by Rev. Ode Robinson.

1:15 P.M.

Services were opened by singing "I Feel Like Traveling On." Devotional singing "I'm Too Far Upon My Journey" by Rev. Paul Inbody. The Lunsfords sang "He's Worth More Than The World To Me." Charles Hinsley and Howard Gwartney sang "Heaven." Rev. Paul Inbody, State Missionary, spoke to us on the Missionary work in our state.

The League Board report was given and motion carried that we accept same.

Bro. Charles Hinsley, President of the State Master's Men Organization, spoke to us on "What the Master's Men Organization is and the possibilities of organizing in our district."

Bro. Ed Warner reported on the Sunday School Commission. Rev. Albert Collier reported on the Missions Board.

Credential Board report:

Item I—"We have examined Bro. Floyd C. Harris and found him sound in Doctrine and recommend him to be licensed to preach the Gospel for one year." Motion carried we accept recommendation.

Item II—"We have examined Bro. Eugene Hawkins and found his sound in Doctrine and recommend him to be ordained as a deacon." Motion carried we accept recommendation.

Report of Resolution Committee:

Item I—"Be it resolved that the Youth for Christ Meeting be subject to the League Board and that the board exercise the same authority over it as over the Rally." Motion carried we accept resolution.

Motion carried that the League Board be responsible for program of Youth for Christ.

Item II—Part A—"Be it resolved, a study committee be elected to study article number seven (7) in the "Articles of Faith" dealing with ordinances, baptism, Lord's Supper, and Feet Washing. We feel it should be stressed that Feet Washing should be observed along with the Lord's Supper and observed at night."

Motion carried we accept resolution part A.

Part B—Article six (6). "Also "Articles" should be definite on our position on the Doctrine of Apostasy. Motion carried we accept resolution part B.

Item III—"Be it resolved we build new steps to platform, with some kind of hand rail before someone becomes injured." Motion carried we accept resolution.

Item IV—"Be it resolved our executive board look into the possibility of obtaining a Blanket Insurance to cover those attending meetings on the grounds." Motion carried we accept resolution.

Study Committee for the Articles of Faith are: Rev. Wade Jernigan, Ed Warner, Rev. L. A. Yandell, Rev. Ralph Hampton, and Rev. Lonnie DaVault.

Rev. Wade Jernigan spoke to us on Christian Education and Oklahoma Bible College.

Motion carried that this Association help underwrite the State Missionary's salary. Motion carried that we underwrite fifty (\$50.00) dollars a month to our State Missionary's salary.

Motion carried we adjourn. Congregational hymn, "I'm Bound for the Promised Land," led by our moderator. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Barney Mangham.

Rev. Wade Jernigan, Moderator
Mrs. George Haas, Clerk

MINUTES OF THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING

May 13, 14, 1960

The First Oklahoma Association of Free Will Baptist met May 13, 14, 1960 at the Camp Ground.

9:30 A.M.

Services were opened by singing "Blessed Assurance," led by Rev. James Murray. Francis Wilson pianist. Hymn, "Come Unto Me." Led in prayer by Rev. Albert Collier. Devotional by Drarrell Goodman. Altar prayer led by Rev. Arbury Nance.

Letters were called for. Churches reporting by letter were: Shawnee First, Capitol Hill, Spring Hill, Wolf, Purcell, Seminole, Straight Street Norman, South West Oklahoma City, North East Shawnee, Sunny Lane, Norman First, North West Oklahoma City, Central Avenue, Tecumseh, and Pleasant Hill. Motion carried we accept letters and seat delegates. Right hand of fellowship given by moderator.

Appointment of committees:

Resolution committee: Rev. Ralph Hampton, Rev. Dennis O'Donnell, Rev. James Murray, Lawton Hurst, T. D. Dunn.

Motion carried that chair appoint one to serve on Credential Board for today. Rec. Carl Sharp was appointed.

Reading of Rules of Order by moderator. Recognition of visiting brethren. Rev. Kenneth Wilcox California; Rev. Berton Perry, Canadian Association; W. E. Warner, First Mission Association; and Pete Conner, Golden Gate Ass'n., Oakland, California.

Rev. Paul Inbody, State Missionary, spoke to us on State Missions and the organization of new churches in the state. Executive Treasurer's report was given and motion carried that we receive report. Congregational hymn, "Higher Ground", led by Rev. Burnett Lunsford. Eunice Lunsford, pianist. Motion carried we adjourn business until one-fifteen p. m. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Kenneth Elledege.

11:00 A.M.

Services were opened by singing "He Keeps Me Singing." Led in prayer by Bro. Pete Conner. Congregational hymn, "Heavenly Sunlight." Solo, "Must Jesus Bear The Cross Alone," by Rev. Paul Inbody. Chorus, "My Lord Knows the Way." Solo, "Wren God Dips His Love In My Heart," by Rev. Lester Maynard. Rev. Leon Koonce was speaker of the hour. His text, "The Master's Business." Scripture Matt. 28:16-20. Hymn, "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms." Dismissal prayer and blessing on noon day meal by Rev. Charles Kirtley.

1:00 P.M.

Services were opened by singing "I Would Not Be Denied." Devotion and prayer by Rev. Carl Sharp. Scripture reading, Romans 5:1-11. Motion carried that we buy fertilizer and put it on Camp Ground.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Resolution Committee: "We recommend that the Association buy two chairs for the platform." Amendment to the resolution, "That we buy four chairs for the platform." Motion carried that we accept motion with the amendment.

Motion carried that Rev. Jim Cearley and Rev. L. A. Yandell purchase chairs.

CREDENTIAL BOARD REPORT:

Item I—"We, the Credential Board, have examined Bro. Burnett Lunsford and found him sound in Doctrine and recommend him to be ordained to preach the Gospel where ever God in His providence shall call him." Motion carried we accept recommendation of item one.

Item II—"We, the Credential Board, recommend Jack Kieffer to be ordained as deacon." Motion properly sustained we accept item two.

Item III—"We, the Credential Board, have examined Bro. Kenneth Elledge and found him sound in doctrine and recommend him to be ordained to preach the Gospel." Motion carried that we accept item three of report.

The League Board report was given and motion carried that we accept report and vote on recommendations.

Item I of League Board report—"That the League Board be given authority to purchase lumber for youth camp seats. Motion carried we accept item one.

Item II—"That an outside confectionary stand be built before youth camp." Motion carried we accept item two of league board report.

Rev. Dennis ODonnell gave a talk, "Tithing on Your Income." Rev. L. A. Yandell, "Tithes from your church to the Cooperative". Rev. Lonnie Davault explained the State Missionary's salary. The Sunday School Commission report was given by Bro. Ed Warner.

Motion carried that we meet at camp ground at seven-thirty (7:30 p.m. June 17th for organization of District Master's Men.

Motion carried that we adjourn. Congregational hymn, "On Jordan's Stormy Banks," led by Rev. Wade Jernigan. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Kenneth Wilcox. Seventy-five (\$75.00) dollars was received and turned to executive treasurer for delegates fees.

Rev. Wade Jernigan, Moderator
Mrs. George Haas, Clerk

CONSTITUTION

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 the 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 superintendent 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 meetings three times may be dropped from the board and his successor elected. No meeting of the executive board be legal unless at 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 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.

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR MINISTERS TO BE ORDAINED

NAME _____ Date _____ AGE _____
ADDRESS _____
MEMBER OF _____ CHURCH _____

1. Do you have license? _____
2. If you have license, how long have you carried them? _____
3. By what Association were they issued? _____
4. How many sermons have you preached? _____
5. Where are you preaching now? _____
6. Why do you want to be ordained? _____
7. Are you married? _____ How many times? _____
8. If you have been married more than once, is a former companion living? _____
9. How many children do you have? _____
10. Is your wife a member of the Free Will Baptist Church? _____
11. How long have you been a Christian? _____
12. How long have you been a Free Will Baptist? _____
13. Is your wife willing that you be ordained? _____
14. Do you or your wife have any habits that would hinder your ministry? _____
15. If you have belonged to other denominations, give name of each and length of time with each. _____
16. In your opinion, what is God's plan for financing his work? _____
17. Do you tithe to the church you are a member of? _____
18. Are you willing to make any sacrifice that may be involved in this ministry? _____

19. Are you willing to abstain from any indulgences that might hinder your effective influence in the ministry? _____
20. Will your financial circumstances hinder you in taking the pastoral care of a church? _____
21. Ho much education do you have? _____
22. Have you had any special training in doctrinal and pastoral theology? _____
23. Have you had any courses of study in Homiletics? _____
24. Do you have plans to better qualify yourself for the ministry? _____
25. If so what are your plans? _____
26. Are you resolved to devote yourself wholly to the ministry? _____
27. Would you be willing to continue preaching under license if this committee felt that it was best? _____
28. Have you completed the Minister's Preparation Course? _____

QUESTIONS ON DOCTRINE

1. Do you believe that the Scripture, the Old and New Testament, are the infallible Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice? _____
2. Do you believe in the trinity? _____
3. Name the God Head _____
4. Is salvation obtained through the Blood of Christ? _____
5. Name the condition of salvation _____
6. Do you believe that speaking in an unknown tongue is evidence of having received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost? _____
7. Do you believe in a second definite work of Grace or Baptism of the Holy Ghost, separate and apart from regeneration? _____
8. What composes the body of Christ? _____
9. Does the Bible teach that God has an organized visible Church on this earth? _____
10. Do you believe that Baptism is a Gospel Ordinance? _____
11. Who are the proper subjects for Baptism? _____
12. Do you believe that immersion is the proper methods of water Baptism? _____
13. Do you believe that the Lord's Supper and Feet Washing are divine ordinances and should be observed repeatedly? _____
14. A. Do you teach and practice these ordinances? _____
B. Do you practice the ordinances at night? _____
15. Do you believe in the possibility of apostasy? _____
16. Do you believe in the resurrection of the bodies of all men? _____
17. Do you believe that there will be a judgment when time and man's probation will close forever and then all will be judged according to their works? _____
18. Do you believe that immediately after the judgment the righteous will enter into eternal life, and the wicked into a state of endless punishment? _____
19. Do you believe that Christ at His second coming will close the gospel dispensation, glorify his saints, and judge the world? _____
20. I pledge myself to teach and defend the Free Will Baptist Doctrine to the best of my ability. If at any future time I preach or teach any doctrine contrary to the Free Will Baptist articles of faith, I will surrender my credentials to the Quarterly Conference of which I am a member.

Signed _____

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the infallible Word of God, and the only safe rule of faith and practice. II Tim.. 3:16-17; II Peter 1:20-21.

2. That there is but one true and living God and in the God Head of Divine Essence, Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Gen. 17:1, I John 5:7.

3. That we are fallen and depraved creatures and cannot extricate ourselves from our fallen situation by any ability we possess by nature. Eph. 5:1-19.

4. That salvation, regeneration, sanctification, justification and redemption are by life, death, resurrection, ascension and intercession of our Lord and Saviour, 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. All believers in Christ, who through grace, persevere in holiness to the end of life, have the promise of eternal salvation. Mk. 13:13, Rev. 2:10.

7. Baptism (the imersion of believers in water), the Lord's Supper, and Feet Washing are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel. The Lord's Supper, which is to be observed by all believers at night, is followed by the ordinance of feet washing, which teaches humility, of universal obligation, to be practiced by all Believers. Baptism: Matt. 28:19; Acts 8:36,39; Col. 2:12. Lord's Supper: Mark 14:17; Matt. 26:34; I Cor. 11:23, 34; Feet Washing; John 13: 4, 5; John 13: 12-13.

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 public worship of God, and that on it, we should abstain from our worldly concerns except in cases of necessity and mercy. Ex. 31:15; Deut. 5:12; Matt. 12:12.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the body, both the just and the unjust, but every one in his own order; those who have done evil to the resurrection of damnation, and that God has appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness by Jesus Christ. I Cor. 15:34; John 5:28; I Thes. 3:16.

10. That it is our duty to be tender and affectionate to one another, and to study the happiness of the people of God in general and to singly engage to promote the honor of God. John 13:35; Gal. 6:10.

11. We believe that Jesus Christ, by 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; I 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 in to 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 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 ministers, ordained deacons, members of all standing boards, officers and sponsors of the League Rally of 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 Church 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 avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanctions of use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligation in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotion, and social worship, and by self-denial, faith and good works endeavor to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ."

We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for

church conferences, public worship and the observance of the ordinance of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bond of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and to seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring and as far as we are able, to promote the success of the church and the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprise 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.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprise, the support of missions, the success of Sabbath 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. Letter 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. Appointments of Committees.
10. Unfinished Business.
11. New Business.
12. Reports of Committees.
13. Miscellaneous Business.

CHURCH STATISTICS

Churches, Pastors, Addresses	Members Received	Members Dismissed	Total Membership	Paid out for Denominational work	Property Value
Central Avenue Rev. L. A. Yandell 1904 S. Central Ave. Oklahoma City, Okla.	46	13	352	\$1,724.27	\$55,000.00
Capitol Hill Rev. Lonnie DaVault 2713 S. W. 33 Oklahoma City, Okla.	43	25	381	2,530.16	150,000.00
North West Okla. C. Rev. Jim Cearley 4625 N. W. 36th Oklahoma City, Okla.	15	6	69	306.00	55,000.00
Sunnylane Rev. Albert Collier 4220 S. E. 41st. Oklahoma City, Okla.	13	6	161		
Southwest Rev. Lester Maynard 302 S. W. 27th. Oklahoma City, Okla.	15		57	5.80	20,000.00
Moore, First Rev. Joe Blair 712 N. Stewart Norman, Oklahoma	30 Charter Members		30		
Norman, First Rev. Wade Jernigan 321 W. Mosier Norman, Oklahoma	34	5	194	1,161.07	48,000.00
Straight Street Rev. Orville Carpenter 722 Highland Norman, Oklahoma	18	9	58	510.34	22,000.00
Seminole Rev. James Murray 1035 Spurr Seminole, Okla.	6	50	67	132.04	21,000.00
Pleasant Hill Rev. Aubrey Nance Route 3 Norman, Oklahoma	6	1	61	204.09	6,000.00
Spring Hill Rev. Jack Cravens Lexington, Okla.	3	1	76	57.76	7,000.00
Tecumseh Rev. Carl Sharp 108 Rangline Tecumseh, Okla.	25	5	232	654.35	34,000.00

Shawnee, First Rev. Ralph Hampton 1111 E. 11th. Shawnee, Okla.	13	3	58	158.58	35,000.00
North East Shawnee Rev. Berton Perry Route 3, Box 31 B Shawnee, Okla.	13		86		21,005.00
Purcell Rev. Clyde Hamar 714 South Second Purcell, Okla.	16	3	59	305.42	12,000.00
Wolf Rev. D. H. ODonnell 1420 S. Okfuskee St. Wewoka, Okla.	2	14	50	365.05	7,500.00

