

M I N U T E S
of the
FIRST OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION
of

FREEWILL BAPTISTS

1962

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE
65th ANNUAL SESSION

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Convened At
FREEWILL BAPTIST CAMPGROUND
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. Albert Collier.....4220 S.E. 41st St.
Okla. City, Okla.

ASSISTANT MODERATOR

Rev. Jack Cravens.....Rt 2, Lexington, Okla.

CLERK

Mrs. Helen Chaffin.....1503 N. Eureka
Seminole, Okla.

ASSISTANT CLERK

Mrs. Mildred Cash.....536 N. Douglas
Shawnee, Okla.

EXECUTIVE TREASURER

Rev. E.M. Kennedy.....3716 N. Barr
Okla. City, Okla.

First Quarterly Meeting.....November 16-17, 1962

Auxiliary Meeting.....Nov. 15th, Central Ave.

Second Quarterly Meeting.....Feb. 15-16, 1963

Auxiliary Meeting.....Feb. 14th Straight St.,
Norman, Okla.

Third Quarterly Meeting.....May 17-18, 1963

Auxiliary Meeting..May 16, Spencer Rd, Okla. City

Annual Association Meeting...Aug. 15-16-17, 1963

Annual Auxiliary Meeting..Aug. 15, SW, Okla. City

Youth Encampment Date.....Aug. 7-9, 1963

Registration.....Aug. 4, 1963

Evangelist.....Rev. Roma Stewart

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Ralph Hampton, 1111 E. 11th, Shawnee...1961-66
L. A. Yandell, 1904 S. Central Ave., Okla. City
(Ch'mn) 1960-65
Dennis O'Donnell, 1420 S. Okfuskee, Wewoka....
1959-64
Roma Stewart, 108 S. Rangline, Tecumseh.....
1962-63
Lawton Hurst, Rt. 3, Norman, Okla.....1962-67

PLANNING BOARD

Charley Furgeson, 1620 SW 52, Okla. City.....
1961-66
Floyd Cash, 536 N. Douglas, Shawnee....1960-65
H. L. Parker, Norman (Chairman).....1959-64
John Williams, Box 2, 111 1st St.,.....
Tecumseh.....1958-63
Clifford Davis, 527 SW 49, Okla. City...1962-67

CREDENTIAL BOARD

Gerald Mangham, 628 SE 22, Okla. City....1961-64
Robert Duncan, 8517 NE 25, Okla. City....1962-63
L. A. Yandell, 1904 S. Central, City...1962-65

LEAGUE BOARD

Kermit Argo, Box 22, El Reno, Okla.....1962-66
Bob Followwill, Norman.....1960-65
Floyd Vulgamore, Box 841, Seminole....1959-64
Albert Collier, 4220 SE 41, Okla. City..1958-63
Loy Shivers, Norman.....1962-67

MISSION BOARD

Albert Collier, 4220 SE 41, Okla., City.1961-66
E.M. Kennedy, 3716 N Barr, Okla. City...1962-65
Dennis O'Donnell, 1240 S. Okfuskee
Wewoka, Okla....1959-64
John Williams, Box 2 111 1st. St.
Tecumseh, Okla.1959-63
M.B. Lunsford, 425 W Main, Purcell.....1962-67

STATE GENERAL BOARD MEMBER

Rev. Ralph Hampton, 1111 E. 11th, Shawnee, Okla

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

Bill Bratcher, Rt 3, Box 31B, Shawnee...1962-66
Lester Maynard, Okla. City.....1962-65
Ed Warner, 936 SW 2, Moore, Okla.....1959-64
L. A. Yandell, 1904 S. Central Ave.City.1959-63
Jack Cravens, Rt 2, Lexington, Okla.....1962-67

STATE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Rev. N.R. Smith, 4801 S. Walker, Oklahoma, City

LEAGUE OFFICERS

Sponsors.....Rev. and Mrs. Bob Duncan
President.....Ricky Duncan
Vice-President.....Danny Yandell
Recording Secretary.....Judy Borden
Corresponding Secretary.....Connie Clanton
Song Leader.....Charlotte Gabler
Pianist.....Carol Ann Davis
Camp Ground Director.....Rev. Barney Mangham
Assistant Director.....Rev. Albert Collier
Music Director.....Bob Followwill
Evangelist.....Rev. Roma Stewart

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President...Edna Davoult, 2713 SW 33, Okla.City
Vice-Pres...Mildred Cash, 526 N Douglas, Shawnee
Program Prayer.....Cora Bruce, 1413 Hollywood
Norman, Okla.
Youth Chairman.....Hallie Lewis, Okla. City
Study Course.....Helen Chaffin, 1503 N. Eureka
Recording Sec.....Melba Spears, 3121 SE 21
Oklahoma City
Personal Service.....Ruth Hawkins, 2927 SW 54
Oklahoma City
Corres. Secretary.....Drucilla Cox, 3140 SW 21
Oklahoma City
Treasurer.....Peggy Hampton, 126 N Shawnee
Shawnee, Oklahoma
Pianist..Fern Duncan, 8517 NE 25, Oklahoma City
Song Leader..Orela Kennedy, 2716 N Barr, OklaCity

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Albert Collier--Ed Warner-----Marvin Hawkins
Lawton Hurst

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Moderator.....Albert Collier
Chairman of Executive Board.....L. A. Yandell
Executive Treasurer.....Danny Parker

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Clifford Davis.....Lonnie DaVoult..L. C. Webber

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Maudean Caskey.....Anna Akin...,..Ruth Hawkins

DIVINE SERVICE

Duane Wilson...Wilburn Testerman..Lawton Hurst

AUDITING

Floyd Vulgamore...Lester Maynard....Bill Lewis

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Wade Jernigan...Marvin Hawkins..Albert Collier
Ed Warner...Gerald Mangham

STATE DELEGATES

Pleasant Hill - Donna Cartwright.....Tecumseh-
John Williams.....Spencer Road - Fern Duncan
Straight St.- Juanita Parker.....Shawnee First
Mildred Cash..Sunnylane - Sis. Albert Collier
N.W. Okla.City - Orela Kennedy.....Seminole -
Mae Goodman.....Norman First - Bob Followwill
El Reno - Helen Chaffin.....N.E. Shawnee-
Lizzie Patton.....Capitol Hill - Kathryn Smith
Central Ave. - Tommie Davis....S.W. Okla. City
Ruth Hawkins.....Spring Hill - Glenn Rawlank
Purcell - Evalena Ballard...Wolf - Agnes Kiker
Moore - Eunice Rice.

LOCAL DELEGATES TO DISTRICT MEETING

Capitol Hill....Lois Owen, Thomas Pexton, Mrs.
Thomas Pexton
Central Ave.....Willie Hall, Joe Welch, Don
Huffstuttler
El Reno....Mae Davis, Vinnie Kinsey, Virginia
Peterman
Minneha..Claude Baldwin, Ella Baldwin, Gladys
Sparks

LOCAL DELEGATES CONT'D

Moore....Bonnie Murphy, Sharon Wooten, Eunice Rice
 Norman First...James Wilson, Joe Grizzle, Loy Shivers
 N. E. Shawnee.....Harold Haas, Cladie Johnson Mary Williams
 N.W. Okla. City.Orela Kennedy, Goldie Sanders Hobert Sturgill
 Pleasant Hill.....Donna Cartwright, Martha Williams, Helen Armstrong
 Purcell...Donald Smith, Eunice Lunsford, Alvin Ballard
 Seminole.....Mae Goodman, Roy Nicholson, L.G. Goodman
 Shawnee First...Sue Reeves, Mildred Cash, Pearl Sikes
 SW Okla. City.....Jane Underwood, Joe Smith, Bonnie Hawkins
 Spencer Road.....Fern Duncan, Geneva Hoover, Betty Ragland
 Spring Hill.....Lizzie Van Winkle, Pearl Fry, Gerty Petty
 Straight Street.Doris Garner, Juanita Parker, Faye Hawkins
 Sunnelane..Maude Akin, Sis. Albert Collier Charles Testerman
 Tecumseh.Lizzie Boyd, Anna Akin, Willie Isaacs
 Wolf.Myrtle Kiker, Betty O'Donnell, Fern Holick

CHURCH CLERKS

Capitol Hill-Jerry Vanover, 1013 SW 32, City
 Central Ave-Tommie Davis, 527 SW 49, Okla. City
 El Reno- Helen Chaffin, El Reno, Oklahoma
 Minneha-Ella Baldwin, Gen. Del., McCloud, Okla
 Moore - Mary Craig, 717 SW 33, Moore, Oklahoma
 Norman 1st-Maratha Miller, 527 E. Rich, Norman
 N.E. Shawnee-Bea Haas, 516 N. Elm, Shawnee
 N.W. Okla. City-----Mrs. Doyl Dickson, 4032 N Libby, Okla. City
 Pleasant Hill-Georgia Hurst, Rte # 3, Norman
 Purcell - Linnie Smith, 530 W. Adams, Purcell
 Seminole -- Veta Choate, Gen. Del., Seminole
 Shawnee 1st-Lorene Wilkins, 4009 Blaine Road Shawnee

CHURCH CLERKS

SW OKLA. City-Ruth Hawkins, 2927 SW 54, City
Spencer Rd-Sandra Hawkins, 3521 Willow Creek
Dr., Midwest City, Okla
Springhill - Dorothy Murnan, R#2, Lexington
Straight St-Marjorie Williams, 125 S Dallas,
Moore, Okla.
Sunnylane- Mildred Lobdell, 2103 S. Missouri
Okla. City
Tecumseh - Vivian Williams, Box 2, 111 1st St
Tecumseh, Okla.
Wolf - Oriee McDonald, Rt. 2, Maud, Okla.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING Thursday, August 16, 1962 8:00 P.M.

Services were opened by singing "Rescue The Perishing" and "At the Cross" led by Rev. Gary Myers, with Eunice Lunsford at the Piano. Welcome by our moderator, Bro DeVault, prayer by Harold Haas. Congregational hymns "Send the Light", and "Trust and Obey".

Recognition of new pastors in our Association Rev. Roma Stewart, Tecumseh, formerly of Non Church, and Rev. M.B. Lunsford, Pauls Valley Church now at Purcell. The Lunsford family sang "Dear, Jesus Abide with Me."

Rev. Ralph Hampton brought the introductory message to our annual Association. His Scripture Nehemiah 4:14. A very inspiring message challenging us to "Awake out of sleep, watch, and forget ourselves and save others".

Dismissed in prayer by Larry Hampton.

Brother Payne visiting from Enid Church.

August 16, 1962

9:30 A.M.

The Sixty-fifth Annual Session of the First Oklahoma Association of Freewill Baptists met at Campground West of Tecumseh. Opened by singing "Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus", pianist Judy Borden, Rev. E.M. Kennedy, song director. Prayer by Rev. Roma Stewart. Song "A Shelter

in the Time of Storms". Devotional Reading 1 Cor.2 by Rev. J.D. Williams, Pleasant Hill. Clerks Mildred Cash and Lois Owen appointed clerk Pro-tem. Conference declared in order by moderator. Churches reporting by letters were: Capitol Hill, Central Avenue, Sunnylane, Southwest, Northwest, Spencer Road, Spring Hill Pleasant Hill, Minneha, Moore, Norman First, Purcell, Seminole, Shawnee 1st, N.E. Shawnee, Tecumseh, El Reno. Letters read and accepted. Right hand of fellowship by moderator and assistant moderator to all delegates.

Election of Officers: Moderator- Albert Collier. Asst. Moderator - Jack Cravens.... Treasurer - Danny Parker. Assistant Clerk- Mildred Cash. Clerk - Helen Chaffin.

Motion made and seconded for a Standing vote of thanks to out going officers.

Norman Straight Street letter read and delegates seated.

Rules of order read by Assistant Moderator

Letters of information read from Southside Mission of Moore, motion to accept same.

Committee Appointments for this session: Business: Bill Bratcher, Sis. Hoover, Roy Nicholson to replace Berton Perry, Mildred Cash and Carl Sharp. Obituary: Maudean Caskey, Ruth Hawkins to replace Odessa Robinson and Lillian Wade. Auditing: E.M. Kennedy,, Ralph Hampton, to replace Lester Maynard and Bill Lewis. Credential: Danny Parker, Roma Stewart to replace those absent. Divine Service: Duane Wilson, Wilburn Testerman, and Lawton Hurst. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Lawton Hurst for recess. (See Page 4-Committees)

FRIDAY 11:00 A.M.

Worship hour began with singing, "At The Cross", led by Rev. E.M. Kennedy, With Judy Borden at the Piano. Rev. James Murray, visiting Minister from Henryetta, Okla., led in prayer. Bro. Joe Grizzle sang a solo, "Each Step I take". Rev. Wade Jernigan brought the morning message taken from 1 Peter 1:18

19, 23. Sister Hoover was appointed to take the place of Mildred Cash on the Business Committee. Benediction and blessing ask on the noon meal by Bro Curtis Hogue from Waleetka.

FRIDAY, 1:00 P.M.

Afternoon services began with the song "Jesus Saves". Led in Prayer by H.L. Parker. Unfinished business called for. Letter from the Wolf Church read and accepted and delegates seated, with Rev. Frank Young to be put on minutes as pastor. New business called for. Rev. Wade Jernigan submitted his resignation from the Mission Board. It was accepted.

Motion properly sustained that we accept the report of the Divine Service Committee. (See Committee Reports)

Introductory Speakers for Conferences of 1962-63 were elected as follows: Annual Conference: Introductory Message will be brought by Rev. E.M. Kennedy. Friday Morning speaker Roma Stewart. November speaker Rev. Joe Grizzle. February speaker Rev. J.R. Hall. May speaker - Rev. Bob Duncan.

League Board Report read by Rev. Berton Perry. It was accepted.

Campground authorities elected for the August 1963 session were: Rev. Barney Mangham, Director; Rev. Albert Collier, Assistant Director; Rev. Roma Stewart, Evangelist; and Bro. Bob Followwill, music Director.

Motion was properly sustained that we adopt the Business Report item by item. Motion was properly sustained that we adopt items 1, 2, 3 of the Credential Committee. (See Reports).

Motion was properly sustained that we accept the Obituary Report. (See Reports.) The Congregation then stood for a moment of silent prayer, then prayer voiced by Rev. Hampton.

The Report of the Mission Board was then given.

Rev. N.R. Smith gave a report from the Executive office of our State.

Motion was properly sustained that we ac-

cept item No. 4 of the Credential Committee Report. (See Reports.) Motion was properly sustained to adjourn until 9:00 A.M. Saturday Morning.. The meeting was dismissed in prayer by Duane Wilson.

FRIDAY NIGHT, 7:30 P.M.

Bro. Jack Cravens was in charge of the service. The service was opened by singing "Living by Faith". Rev. Lonnie DeVault led in prayer. Sis. Mildred directed "Come Unto Me" with Sis. Lunsford at the Piano. Bro. Wade Jer-nigan introduced a mission worker from Kansas Rev. Robert Sharry. Bro. Sharry and his wife sang "What A Day That Will Be". Bro. Sharry read a scripture from Matt 9:36. He spoke on the new work in Kansas.

A Duet from the NE Shawnee Church Sang "Just a Little Longer, Please, Jesus". The Lunsford family sang "Love is Why". A Quartet from Spring Hill Church Sang "Tell Me Who" and "Some Morning Out Yonder".

Rev. Floyd Vulgamore brought the Evening message. It was taken from 2 Kings 6:1-7. Rev. Jack Cravens voiced the closing prayer.

SATURDAY, 9:00 A.M.

The services were begun with the song "Power In the Blood" led by Sis. Mildred Cash, with Rev. E.M. Kennedy at the Piano. Bro. Dennis O'Donnell led in prayer. The congregation then sang "The Lily of the Valley". Rev. Lonnie DeVault brought the devotion from Acts 5:33.

A petitionary letter was read from the Liberty Freewill Baptist Church of Okla. City. Motion was properly sustained to accept them in to our Association. The delegates were then seated.

The Executive Board Report was called for. Rev. Ralph Hampton gave an oral report. Bro. Clifford Davis was appointed to serve on the Credential Committee to replace Danny Parker.

Report on the Oklahoma Bible College was then given by Rev. Wade Jernigan.

The Lunsford Family sang a special number "In Times Like These". The National Superannuation plan was explained by Rev. E.M. Kennedy.

Money received for the Palmer Mission fund was \$168.85. Dismissed for recess.

SATURDAY, 11:00 A.M.

The Worship Service began with singing "Where Could I Go", led by Rev. Lester Maynard with Sis. Maynard at the piano. Rev. Ralph Hampton led in prayer. The congregation then sang "I Would Not Be Denied". Rev. and Mrs. E.M. Kennedy sang a special number "A Child of the King". Rev. Albert Collier introduced our morning speaker, Rev. Roma Stewart. The text was taken from Romans 10:8 and Luke 17:6. The title was "Victory as Near Unto us as our Mouth and our Hearts". Rev. Dennis O'Donnell dismissed in prayer asking the blessing on the noonday meal.

SATURDAY 1:00 P.M.

The afternoon service began with the song "Walking in the Light". Prayer by Bro. George Haas. Rev. Don Payne then spoke for the Okla. Bible College. Treasurers Report was given. (See reports) Motion properly sustained that the First Okla. Association purchase the first acre of ground for the Bible College at \$1000. Carried.

Motion was properly sustained to accept items 5, 6, 7 of the Credential Committee report. (See reports.) The League Rally report was read and accepted. (See Reports.) The Woman's Auxiliary Report was read and accepted. (See reports.) Board officials were elected as follows: Rev. Ralph Hampton to serve at State Meeting. Business Committee: Clifford Davis, Lonnie DeVault and L.C. Webber. Auditing Committee report read and accepted. (See Reports.) Motion properly sustained that we accept items 8 and 9 of the Credential Committee report. (See Report)

Motion to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by
Rev. Albert Collier.

Rev. Albert Collier, Moderator
Mrs. Helen Chaffin, Clerk.

PETITIONARY LETTER

The Liberty Freewill Baptist Church, 5420
S. Santa Fee, Oklahoma City, Okla., wishes to
petition the First Okla. Assoc. for membership.

We are nine months old, and have set a re-
cord as far as God's work is concerned. We
organized with 45 charter members. We had
services in the Okla. County Club House for
five months. During this period we bought
property and built a 40 x 90 foot brick build-
ing which includes our auditorium plus seven
class rooms and two rest rooms.

The 2nd Sunday in May was our first ser-
vice in our new building. We had 81 in Sun-
day School that day. During July we had an
average of 70 in Sunday School. During the
three months that we have been in our new
building, we have had 18 new additions to our
church with 10 conversions. Most all of these
are new blood for Freewill Baptists and have
come from the community where our church is
located. Our church membership is now 63 with
3 ordained deacons. We have 74 on roll in
our Sunday School. Our Church property is
valued at \$25,000.00.

For everything that we have accomplished
was done through the leadership of God. We are
thankful that we answered his call once again
when he said unto us "start a new work." By
your prayers and your words of encouragement,
we will be able to give the Devil a harder
fight and keep trying to lead lost people to
Christ.

Lester Maynard, Pastor
Juanita Wolfe, Clerk.

ASSOCIATIONAL TREASURER'S
YEARLY REPORT
AUG. 1, 1961 to JULY 31, 1962

RECEIPTS:

Central Ave.	2,534.09
Capitol Hill	5,660.51
Straight St.	192.67
Tecumseh	695.34
Spencer Rd.	282.33
Wolf	229.89
Purcell	639.25
Spring Hill	452.72
Seminole	182.74
Shawnee 1st	96.49
SW Okla. City	329.00
Pleasant Hill	372.62
Norman 1st	2,913.53
Minneha	23.63
NW Okla. City	770.01
Moore	588.00
NE Shawnee	238.95
Sunnylane	375.18
El Reno	89.07
Assoc. Mis. Bd.	75.00
Assoc. League	800.51
Woman's Aux.	65.00
Delegate Fees	340.16
El Reno Work	105.40
Miami Pews	123.00
Mis. Con.	380.41
Rent Campground	150.00
Youth Camp	1,127.66
G.L. Hurst	50.00
L.L. Bates	10.00
Carl D. Sharp	36.00
Seminole Pot. Co.	20.00
Okla. Elec. Coop	15.63
Misc. Receipts	123.76

TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$19,493.55

Balance on Hand

DISBURSEMENTS:

To State Office	
Coop Program	6,085.01
Missions	6,323.11
College Funds	788.49
Nat'l College	33.00
Nat'l League	16.70
Hdq. Bldg.	84.00
State Dele. Fee	75.00
TOTAL	\$13,405.31

CAMPGROUND UPKEEP

Meissner Salary	1,200.00
Insurance Camp	414.74
Butane	93.60
Okla. Elec. Coop	130.00
Tractor Gas.	58.66
Repair & Sup.	163.70
TOTAL	2,059.70

OTHER EXPENSES:

Youth Camp	992.17
League Rallies	46.82
Mis. Bod. Exp.	42.07
El Reno Church	199.37
Mileage	22.00
Dele. Lunch	292.80
Ariz-Mex. Mis.	152.38
Printing Minutes	
& Mis. Con.	155.26
Misc. Expenses	31.19
TOTAL	1,934.06

TOTAL PAIDOUT \$17,399.07

Bal. Fwd, Aug 1 47.28

Total Receipts 19,493.55

TOTAL AVAIL. \$19,540.83

LESS PAIDOUT 17,399.07

2,141.76

Cor. On Book 6.31

Aug. 1, 1962 \$ 2,135.45

MINUTE MONEY AND DELEGATES FEES

Central Ave.....\$	20.00	Spencer Rd.....\$	20.00
El Reno.....	20.00	Moore.....	20.00
Seminole.....	20.00	Sunnylane.....	20.00
Straight St....	20.00	Shawnee First..	20.00
Norman Frist...	20.00	N.E. Shawnee...	20.00
Spring Hill....	20.00	Tecumseh.....	20.00
Wolf.....	20.00	Capitol Hill...	20.00
N.W. Okla. City.	20.00	Purcell.....	20.00
S.W. Okla. City,	20.00	Minneha	5.00
Pleasant Hill..	20.00		
TOTAL TURNED TO ASSOC. TREASURER			<u>\$365.00</u>
Mrs. Helen Chaffin, Clerk			

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Item 1 - Be it resolved that our Association make up the difference between the offering received in youth encampment for the vehicle for the Palmer's which is \$500.00. Be it further resolved that a special offering be received Saturday to help raise amount.

Item 2 - Be it resolved that the election and installation of the Associational Officers be postponed until Saturday and that the order of business as listed in minutes be changed

CREDENTIAL BOARD

Item 1 - We recommend Bro. L. D. Yandell, to be ordained to preach the gospel.

Item 2 - We recommend Bro. J.D. Williams to be ordained to preach the Gospel of Christ.

Item 3 - We recommend Bro. L.G. Goodman be ordained as a deacon to serve at the pleasure of the church.

Item 4 - We recommend Bro. Kenneth Siekman to be licensed to preach the gospel for 1 year

Item 5 - We recommend Br. Harley Jackson be ordained as deacon to serve at the pleasure of the church.

Item 6 - We recommend Bro. Kenneth Donald Smith be ordained to preach the Gospel.

Item 7.- We recommend Bro. Frank Young to be ordained to preach the Gospel.

Item 8 - We recommend Bro. Charles Kirtley be licensed for one year to preach the gospel.

Item 9 - We recommend Bro. Clarence Allen Bruce be licensed to preach the gospel for one year.

DIVINE SERVICE COMMITTEE

We the Divine Service Committee recommend Rev. Floyd Vulgamore to bring the Friday evening message, and Rev. Roma Stewart to bring the Saturday morning message.

AUDITING COMMITTEE

We the Auditing Committee find the treasurer's books of the First Oklahoma Association in order.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, the Obituary Committee are sad to report 16 deaths in our Association. Seminole Church: Bro. Don Harrington; Tecumseh Church: Bro. Clay Bowlan, Bro. Steve Willis, Sis. Orpha Whitall, Sis. Rosanah Karr, Sis. Esta Trice, Sis. Georgia Lemons. Southwest Church: Bro. R.C. Tucker Spring Hill Church: Bro. Fred Whisehunt. Norman First Church: Bro. Gay; Pleasant Hill Church Bro. W.D. Hodam; Central Ave.-Sis. Mary Ann Spears. Let the congregation stand in a moment of silent prayer in remembrance of these our Brothers and Sisters in Christ. Rev. Ralph Hampton then led in prayer.

LEAGUE RALLY REPORT

The First Okla. Association League Rally convened at the campground, August 10, 1962. We wish to report an enrollment of about 145 in our Youth Encampment, August 5-10. Each Camp service brought blessings from Heaven, with souls being saved and both boys and girls being called to special service for Christ.

At the League Rally proper, a motion and second carried that we, the young people raise \$150.00 toward the Lonnie Palmer Vehicle Fund to be above the Association goal of \$500.00.

The following officers for the coming year were elected: Sponsors - Rev. and Mrs. Bob Duncan. President - Ricky Duncan. Vice-President - Danny Yandell. Recording Sec. - Judy Borden. Corres. Secretary - Connie Clanton. Song Leader - Charlotte Gabler. Pianist - Carol Ann Davis.

Ricky Duncan, President
Judy Broden, Secretary.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY MINUTES

The First Okla. District Woman's Auxiliary convened August 16, 1962 at the Capitol Hill Church. The theme for the program was "Thy Word is Truth". Meeting was called to order by the President, Sis. Edna DeVault. Services opened by singing "Wonderful Words of Life" and "Deeper, Deeper" let by Bro. Prichard with Fern Duncan at the Piano and Katheryn Layton at the organ. Followed in prayer by Sis. Orela Kennedy. The president read scripture from I Peter. Devotion by Sis. Peggy Hampton, John 17:11 and Psalm 119:105. The first topic "The Importance of Sound Doctrine" by Sis. Kennedy.

Appointment of committees as Follows: Resolution Committee: Orela Kennedy, Fern Duncan, Lucille Hampton. Finance Committee: Sis. Juanita Parker, Cora Bruce, Coleena Huffstutlar. Obituary Committee: Lorene Wilkins Melba Spears, Leta Wilson. Divine Ser. Committee: Ruth Hawkins, Sue Reeves, Ann Dickson. Appreciation Committee: Doris Vulgamore, Ruth Womack, Nettie Jernigan.

Dismissed for recess by Sis. Doris Vulgamore.

11:00 o'clock service opened by singing "I Know Whom I have Believed", "The Gloryland Way", and "I Know My Name is There". Special song by Sis. Mildred Cash "Heaven's Window". The morning message by Rev. Floyd Vulgamore.

Scripture from Psalms 119:105. Song "I Surrender all". Followed by altar of prayer. Rev. Kennedy dismissed and asked the blessing on the noon meal.

The afternoon service began by singing, "I Am Thine, Oh Lord", "Standing on the Promises" Prayer by Rev. L. A. Yandell. Bro. Don Payne gave a talk on Christian Education. Special song, "How Great Thou Art" by Bro. Prichard.

Topic #2 "The Present Truth" by Joy Yandell. Sis Fern Duncan gave highlights of our National Convention. Offering received, Prayer by Rev. Danny Parker. Treasurers report by Mildred Cash. Report accepted as read.

Committees reports were given as follows; Resolution - 1. Be it resolved that we have a District Workshop and that the time and place be left to the Study Course Committee. Motion made and carried that the officers make up the Study Course Committee. 2. Be it resolved that our next years project be the Oklahoma Bible College Library. Motion Carried and report adopted.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: 1. We recommend that we discontinue the support of the Student at the Ariz-Mexico Mission. 2. We urge each Auxiliary to turn in their money (\$3.00) for the State project by Sept. 15 so the quota can be met, and the puzzle can be completed. 3. We urge each Auxiliary to continue to collect books for our Bible College here in Oklahoma. Report adopted.

OBITUARY: The Obituary Committee reports no deaths among our membership. We thank and praise the Lord for his goodness and Mercy toward us during the past year. However, three of our National Workers have passed on to their reward: Sis. Alice Lupton, Sis. Leah Waddell, Sis. Gladys Elliston. Report accepted.

DIVINE SERVICE:- We recommend that Rev. J.R. Hall bring the 11:00 o'clock message at the First District Meeting, in November. Rev. L.A. Yandell as alternate.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE: We thank the hostess Church for lapels, their fine hospitality,

and food, and beautiful air conditioned sanctuary. Also we enjoyed the inspiring message. Report accepted.

Motion made and accepted that the Following Churches entertain the Auxiliary Convention for the coming year: November - Central Ave. February - Straight Street Norman. May - Spencer Road. August - Southwest Oklahoma City.

Motion to send sympathy cards to Bro. Epperson and Bro. Lemon on the loss of their loved one.

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows:

President - Edna DeVault, Capitol Hill
V. Pres. - Mildred Cash, Shawnee First
Youth Chrm - Hallie Lewis, Southwest
Study Course - Juanita Parker, Norman
Rec. Sec. - Melba Spears, Central Ave.
Corres. Sec. - Drucilla Cox, Central Ave.
Treasurer - Peggy Hampton, Shawnee First
Program Prayer - Cora Bruce, Norman
Pianist - Fern Duncan, Spencer Road
Song Leader - Orela Kennedy, Northwest

Motion made to install new officers at the next meeting in November. Prayer of dedication for new officers was voiced by Sis. Fern Duncan. Dismissed in prayer after singing "Amazing Grace" by Br. DeVault.

Edna DeVault, President
Melba Spears, Rec. Sec.

MINUTES OF FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

Minutes of the First Okla. Assoc, of Free-will Baptist, First Quarterly Meeting when convened at the Campgrounds, November 18, 1961.

Services were opened by singing, "He Lives" led by Rev. Darl Sharp. Led in prayer by Rev. Gerald Mangham. Congregational hymn, "Living in Sunlight". Devotion led by Don Cox, using Eph. 6:10-17 as scripture.

The association was called into conference by the moderator. A portion of the minutes pertaining to the reading of the letters was read by the Moderator. Letters were called for. Motion carried we accept the letters and seat the delegates and refer the recommendations to the ordaining Committee. Right hand of fellowship was given to the delegates. The letter from the Straight Street Church of Norman was read and accepted. Churches reporting by letter were: Wolf, Seminole, Norman First, Pleasant Hill, Purcell, Northeast Shawnee, Tecumseh, Straight St. Norman, Central Ave., Minneha, Shawnee First, Southwest Okla. City, First Church Moore; Sunnylane, Northwest Okla. City, Capitol Hill, Spencer Road, and Spring Hill.

Committees appointed were: Business (temporary) Bro. Marvin Hawkins. Obituary: (temporary) Donald Smith, Kenneth Scatterwhite, and Rev. Charles Moyer.

Reading of rules of order by the Moderator Rev. Lonnie DeVault. Business Committee report from annual minutes was read by Moderator. Unfinished business was called for. Item 6 of the Business Committee "Be it resolved that we use the Building funds to erect two shower rooms with rest rooms for boys, and in shower rooms, hot water tanks in boys and girls shower rooms". Motion carried we postpone this item until February Meeting. Associational Treasurer's report given by Rev. Jim Cearley. Motion carried we accept the report and give Bro. Cearley a standing vote of thanks.

Recessed until 11:00 1'clock. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Lonnie DeVault.

11:00 0'clock

Services opened with congregation singing "Kneel at the Cross" and "Rescue the Perishing" led by Rev. Carl Sharp. Sis. Juanita Varner at the piano. Devotional by Rev. Lonnie DeVault, His scripture, Psalms 133. A solo by Rev. Sharp "Constantly Abiding", accompanied by Sis. Borden at the piano. Prayer by Bro. Lawton Hurst. Morning message by Rev. Kenneth Wilcox. Scripture Romans 6. His text, "The Wages of Sin is Death Dismissal prayer and blessing on noon-day meal by Bro. Darrell Goodman.

1:00 P.M.

Services were opened by singing "Higher Ground". Devotion by Rev. Berton Perry reading Col. 3:1-2. Solo by Sister Mildred Cash, "Each Step I Take". Motion carried we accept letter from the Spring Hill Church and seat the delegates. The request for Bro. Milburn Wilson from Spencer Road Church, to be examined as deacon was accepted and referred to the Credential Board.

A report from the Sunday School Commission was given by Bro. Ed Varner. He used scripture from II Cor. 3:4. Report of the League Board was read and motion carried that all League Moneys go to the District Treasurer and every thing be paid out of District. The Mission Board report was given by Rev. Carl Sharp. Motion carried we take offering for the work at El Reno Okla, Church located at the corner of London & Williams St, This afternoon. One-Hundred (\$100.00) dollars was received.

Credential Board Report: Item 1. We recommend that Bro. Fred J. Guidry's license to preach be extended for one year. Motion carried we accept recommendation.

Item 2. We recommend that Bro. Harold E. Owens' Jr. License to preach the gospel be extended for one year. Recommendation accepted.

Item 3 - We recommend Bro. Don Cox's license to preach the Gospel be extended for one year. Motion carried to accept recommendation.

Item 4 - We recommend Bro. Derall Goodmans License to preach the Gospel be extended for one year. Motion carried we accept recommendation.

Item 5- We recommend Bro. Milburn Wilson be ordained as a Deacon. Motion Carried we accept recommendation.

Item 6. We recommend that Bro. Cecil Parker be licensed to preach the Gospel for one year. Motion carried to accept recommendation.

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Item 1-Be it resolved that we return to a practice of former years, that is, each ordained and licensed preacher give a written report of his years ministry at the Annual Association. Those refusing to confirm will be required to show causes why no report was given. Motion carried we accept recommendation. Motion carried that this Annual report from the licensed and ordained ministers be given to the Credential Board for processing and the report be given to the association. Motion carried that a standardized form be formulated by the Credential Board and be given to each Minister.

Item 2. Be it resolved that the First Okla. Association adopt the following report of Temperance for each of us to diligently strive to attain: "In noting the ever increasing scenes of intemperance among church people of moral character, in the appearance of dress, habits, time, activities and service; we recommend the following items be taught, preached, and practiced as well as be dealt with to a greater degree by our local churches and pastors in the receiving of members and the various fields of service or auxiliaries within our church. In as much as we are taught to "let your light so shine before men" that they may see our good works and glorify our

Father which is in Heaven". ARTICLE 1. We recommend the temperate use of all things good, and the total abstinence from all things harmful. ARTICLE 2. That our churches cooperate with the Sooner Alcohol and narcotic Education Inc. ARTICLE 3. The total abstinence from the use of alcoholic beverages. ARTICLE 4. That our association recognize and uphold the Standard which has been passed by the State and National Conventions of Freewill Baptist. (That we go on record as being opposed to the use of tobacco in any form among Christians everywhere.) ARTICLE 5. That a more modest dress be observed by both women and men. ARTICLE 6. That we be more temperate in our outside activities, especially during spare time and more so, the appointed time of Worship. That we may live, walk, and be led in and by the Holy Spirit and not to satisfy the lust of the Flesh.

That we may devote more earnest time to the word of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ In as much as we as Christians should be lovers of God more than lovers of pleasure. I Cor.6:19 again teaches us that our bodies are the temple of the Holy Ghost. Let us remember we are our brothers keeper and if we be blind, both shall fall in the ditch." Motion carried we accept item 2 of the Business Committee and all Articles included.

REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE: Those deceased were Bro. Dan Herrick, Sis. Orpha Whittall, and Sis. Maggie Furr. The congregation stood for a moment of silent prayer. Memorial prayer by Rev. Lonnie DeVault.

Motion carried that we try to make the Missions Offering of \$84.15 up to \$100. Bro. Darrell Goodman Spoke to us on the Oklahoma Freewill Baptist Bible College. Motion carried we adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Ralph Hampton. Turned to Associational Treasurer \$126.73.

Moderator, Rev. Lonnie DeVault
Assistant Clerk, Juanita Warner

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING

Minutes of the Second Quarterly Meeting when convened at the Campground, February 7, 1962.

Services were opened by singing "He Keeps Me Singing" led by Bro. Charley Ferguson. Pianist, Juanita Warner. Led in prayer by Rev. Albert Collier. Congregational hymn, "I am Resolved". Devotional reading from Eph. 4 by Bro. Kenneth Wilcox.

The Quarterly meeting was called into conference by our Moderator, Rev. Lonnie DeVault. Letters were called for, read, and motion carried we accept letters and seat delegates.

Churches reporting by letter: Wolf, Norman First; Tecumseh; Northeast Shawnee; Sunnyslane; Pleasant Hill; Southwest Okla. City; Shawnee 1st Capitol Hill; Purcell; Seminole; N.W. Okla City Central Avenue; Moore; Spring Hill; Straight Street Norman; Spencer Road; and Minneha. Petitionary letters were called for and the El Reno Church letter was read. Motion carried we accept letter and seat their delegates.

Reading of rules of order by our Moderator. Visiting Ministers recognized were: Rev. J. Reford Wilson, Rev. Delbert Akin, Rev. Leonard Bean, Rev. Clyde Cain and Rev. Waldo Young.

Committees appointed are: Rev. Danny Parker to the Credential Board in the absence of Bro. Gerald Mangham.

Our State Ministers Quartet Composed of Rev. E.M. Kennedy, Rev. Delbert Akin, Rev. Waldo Young, and Rev. Clyde Cain, sang for us and each spoke to us on the different phases of our state work. They sang "Bread Sent From Heaven", "Love is Why", "O, The Glory Did Roll", "Peace Like a River", and "What A Day That Will Be".

Dismissed for recess in prayer by Rev. J. Reford Wilson.

11:00 A.M.

Services were opened by Singing "Send The Light" led by Bro. Charley Ferguson. Sis. Jean Wilson, pianist. Led in prayer by Bro. Ray.

Rev. J. Reford Wilson, Director of our National Foreign Missions Board, spoke to us on "A Great Door and Effectual is Open Unto Me". Urging us to send our sons and daughters, as well as our money to Missions. Congregational hymn, "Come Unto Me". Rev. Jack Cravens brought the morning message using as his text "A Preacher's Choice". His scripture taken from Gal. 1:10. Dismissed in prayer and blessing on noonday meal by Rev. Danny Parker.

1:30 P.M.

Services were opened by singing, "He Lives" led by Bro. Ferguson; Sis. Jean Wilson, pianist. Led in prayer by Rev. Floyd Vulgamore. Rev. Wade Jernigan spoke to us on Home Missions. Rev. J. Reford Wilson, National Director of Missions, spoke to us on Home Missions. The Mission board recommended that this body receive an offering and send it for the work in Miami, Florida, for church pews. Motion carried we accept recommendation, and an offering of One-Hundred and Twenty-three dollars was received. Offeratory prayer by Rev. Carl Sharp, who has dedicated himself to the call of missions.

Unfinished business was called for: Motion carried we take Article 6 of the Business Committee from table and act upon it at this time. Item 6: Be it resolved that we use the building funds to erect two shower rooms, with rest rooms for boys and in shower rooms, hot water tanks in boys and girls shower rooms". Motion carried that the three man committee appointed look into the expense of building and proceed with the planning board and then set forth to raise the money. Committee: Rev. L. A. Yandell, Rev. Lonnie DeVault and Bro. H. L. Parker.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

BUSINESS COMMITTEE: Item 1-Be it resolved that we empower the Executive Board to inves-

tigate the necessity of roofing the tabernacle and if they deem it advisable, give them the authority to have the job done". Motion carried we accept the recommendation.

CREDENTIAL BOARD: Item 1-We recommend that the license to preach the Gospel be extended to Bro. J. D. Williams for one Year. Motion carried we accept the recommendation.

Item 2-We recommend that Bro. W.M. Bryon be ordained as deacon. Motion carried we accept recommendation.

Item 3-We recommend that Joe Grizzle be licensed to preach the Gospel for one year. Motion carried we accept recommendation.

Bro. Dude Wilson spoke to us about his trip to Old Mexico in regard to missions. The Treasurer's report was given by Rev. Jim Cearley. Motion carried we accept report.

CREDENTIAL BOARD REPORT: Item 4-We recommend Bro. Louis J. Wickam to be licensed to preach the Gospel for one Year. Motion carried we adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Lowell Bates. Turned to Associational treasurer by Clerk for delegates fee, Cooperative and Campground upkeep, \$180.54.

Moderator, Rev. Lonnie DeVault
Clerk, Mrs. George Haas

PETITIONARY LETTER

We, the First Freewill Baptist Church of El Reno, Oklahoma, which was organized Dec. 14, 1961 with 13 members by the First Okla. Association Board and the State Mission Board, petition the First Okla. Association for membership. We are sending delegates as follows: Nick, Kinsey, Vin-nir Kinsey, and Virginia Feterman. Alternates: Mae Davis, Hilda Thompson, Walter Thompson.

The Pastor is Rev. Orville Carpenter, Rte. 4, Norman, Okla. The Clerk is Helen Chaffin, 1017 W. Hays, El Reno, Oklahoma. We are enclosing a Five Dollar Check for delegates fee.

Yours in Christ

The El Reno Freewill Baptist Church

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING

Minutes of the Third Quarterly meeting when convened at the Campground, May 19, 1962.

Services were opened with Singing "When We All Get to Heaven". Rev. E.M. Kennedy, Pianist, Bro. Joe Grizzle, directing. Led in prayer by Rev. Jack Cravens. Mildred Cash and Jacqueline Peters were appointed clerk-protem and assistant in the absence of clerk and Assistant. Devotional: 2 Timothy 2, by Bro. Clifford Davis, Central Ave.

Church letters were read, accepted and delegates seated. Churches reporting by letter: Northeast Shawnee; Wolf; Northwest Okla. City; Seminole; Southwest Okla. City; Spencer Road; Purcell; Pleasant Hill; Moore First; Capitol Hill; Tecumseh; El Reno First; Sunnyslane; Central Avenue; Spring Hill; Shawnee First, Norman First and Straight Street Norman.

Visiting brethren were recognized as follows; Rev. Ode Robinson, Rev. Don Payne, and Rev. Everett Buchanan. Rev. E.M. Kennedy talked on our State Work. Also, told of his resignation to State Work since he has taken pastorate of the Northwest Okla. City Church. Reading of rules of Order by our Moderator. Appointment to fill vacancies on committees: Business Committee: Bro Marvin Hawkins to replace Rev. Carl Sharp for this session. Auditing Committee: Rev. Danny Parker and Bro. Clifford Davis for this session.

LEAGUE REPORT: Sword Drill Winners were: Junior, Pleasant Hill; Intermediates, Central Ave; Seniors, Shawnee First.

Mission Board reported they were making plans for the Missionary Conference in November. Motion carried that this Association grant each church the authority to select and send it's delegate to the National Association. Dismissed for recess by Rev. Jack Mangham.

11:00 O'clock

Services were opened by singing "Jesus Saves"

Joe Grizzle, leader; Marie Davis, Pianist. Congregational hymn, "I Must Tell Jesus". Rev. Gary Myers led devotional, reading 1 Cor. 2. Prayer by Rev. Don Payne. Congregational hymn, "Sunlight, Sunlight". Solo "Hide Thou me" by Joe Grizzle. The Moderator introduced the speaker of the hour, Rev. Gerald Mangham. Scripture reading, St. Luke 14:12-35, using for his text "Impartiality, Excuses and Obedience." Benediction and blessing on noonday meal by Rev. Young.

1:00 P.M.

Congregational Hymn, "I Know Whom I Have Believed", Marie Davis, pianist; Joe Grizzle, leading. Prayer by Bro. Earl Runyan. Hymn, "There is Power in the Blood". Devotion read from 1 Peter 4:6-9 by Rev. Charles Moyers. Rev. Don Payne, President of the Oklahoma Freewill Baptist College, spoke to us about our College. An offering was taken for our Bible College. Amount received was \$67.16. (Young Married People's Class, Moore Church, pledged \$10.00). Sister Edna DeVault urged each of us to donate books to our college Library.

Rev. Berton Perry presented the program for our State League Convention to be held at Robber's Case State Park, Wilburton, Okla., June 18-21. The treasurer's report was read and accepted and Motion carried we give Rev. Cearley a standing vote of thanks for serving as our treasurer. Reading of Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved with correction of \$123.00 for Miami Missions instead of \$125 as reported.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT: Item 1-We recommend that the Association buy a 40 gallon automatic hot water tank for the Kitchen. Motion carried we accept recommendation.

AUDITING COMMITTEE: We, the Auditing Committee, of the First Okla. Association of Freewill Baptist, have audited the books and Financial records of the Associational Treasurer and find them to be in order. This audit was

not complete in every detail and consisted only in checking total income each month plus total disbursements each month and varifying month end totals. The check book was also checked to insure that no unauthorized disbursements had been made. Respectfully submitted, Rev. Floyd Vulgamore, Clifford Davis, and Rev. Daniel W. Parker. Motion carried we accept report of the Auditing Committee.

Rev. Jim Cearley resigned as Associational Treasurer, Member of Executive Board and of Credential Board. Motion carried we accept resignations and fill vacancies. Rev. Daniel Parker was elected to fill vacancy. Rev. Parkers address is 1709 Dakota, Norman, Oklahoma.

Saturday, June 30th, was set for work day on concession stand. Suggested that we come down on Friday night before and have fellowship meeting. Clerk to notify each church just before June 30th, and each bring their own food.

Motion carried to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Jim Cearley.

Turned to Associational Treasurer by Clerk \$85.00 delegates fee, \$5.00 Campground up-keep and \$67.16 for Oklahoma Bible College. Total turned to treasurer, \$157.16.

Rev. Lonnie DeVault, Moderator
Mildred Cash, Clerk Pro-tem

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE: From Long experience we, the members of the Freewill 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 1

NAME: This Association shall be known as the First Oklahoma Association of Freewill Baptist of the State of Oklahoma.

Article II

MEMBERSHIP: This association shall be composed of Freewill 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 meeting or Associations is to meet is not able to care for the meetings, 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 Okla. Association. The Board shall have power to fill vacancies that may occur in its own body.

To this executive board is further delegated power to collect funds and employ and superintend such work for the field as may seem best, and the means on hand may warrant. They shall have power to convey or mortgage any real estate or associational property. This Executive Board shall keep a record of all work done, money raised, meetings held, and make a full and complete report to the next regular meeting of the Association and shall further receive, hold, manage, use, control, and convey any property entrusted to said Association for any purpose in accordance with the purpose of the donor or donors and in no case divert it from its original object.

The Chairman and Treasurer of said Executive Board shall sign all deeds and bonds, notes, etc., and any other papers by which First Oklahoma is to become legally held. It shall be the duty of this Executive board to meet at each regular or adjourned session and as often as may be necessary, and any member absenting himself from meetings three times may be dropped from the board and his successor elected. No meeting of the Executive Board 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 become 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 satisfactorily to the approval of the board, they will not be licensed or ordained:

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR MINISTERS TO BE ORDAINED

- Name _____ Date _____
AGE _____
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 Freewill Baptist Church? _____
 11. How long have you been a Christian? _____
 12. How long have you been a Freewill 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. How 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 Freewill 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 _____

Article IX

FEEES: Each church in Association is to Send \$10.00 Minute Fee, \$5.00 State Delegate Fee, annually; \$5.00 Local Delegates fee, quarterly.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe the scripture of the Old and New Testament are the infallible Word of God, and the only safe rule of faith and practice. 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 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; 1 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, perservere in holiness to the end of life, have the promise of eternal salvation. Mark 13:13; Rev. 2:10.

7. 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 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. Lords Supper: Mark 14:17; Matt. 26:34; 1 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; 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. 4:16.

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 21:21, 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. 1 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 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 this church property to protect the welfare of the denomination.

15. The voting body of the First Oklahoma Association of Freewill Baptists, shall be ordained ministers, ordained deacons, members of all standing boards, officers and sponsors 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 Freewill Baptist Church of Said Association in good standing.

FREEWILL 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 education 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. Petitionary Letters called for.
6. Reading Rules of Order.
7. Invite visiting brethren to seats in council.
8. Appointments of Committees.
9. Unfinished Business.
10. New Business.
11. Reports of Committees.
12. Miscellaneous Business.
13. Election of Officers.

CHURCH STATISTICS

Churches, Pastors, Addresses	Members Received	Members Dismissed	Total Member- ship	Paid Out For Denomina- tional Work	Property Value
Capitol Hill Rev. Lonnie DaVoult 2713 SW 33rd Oklahoma City, Okla.	41	27	407	\$6,248.55	\$162,500.
Central Ave. Rev. L. A. Yandell 1904 S. Central Ave. Oklahoma City, Okla.	24	11	387	2,895.74	60,000.
El Reno Rev. Kermit Argo Box 22 El Reno, Okla.	2	2	14	150.00	10,000.
Shawnee First Rev. R. C. Hampton 1111 E. 11th St. Shawnee, Okla.	18	3	68	1,392.01	35,000.
Seminole Rev. Floyd Vulgamore Box 841 Seminole, Okla.	18	8	79	156.74	18,300.
Purcell Rev. M. B. Lunsford 425 W. Main Purcell, Okla.	4	1	79	510.75	12,000.
Pleasant Hill Rev. J. D. Williams Rte. # 3 Norman, Okla.		5	69	378.47	6,000.

N.W. Okla. City 10 12 89 1,609.26 55,000.
 Rev. E.M. Kennedy
 3716 N. Barr
 Oklahoma City, Okla.

N.E. Shawnee 10 8 90 207.35 22,005.
 Rev. Bill Bratcher
 Rte. 3, Box 31 B
 Shawnee, Okla.

Norman First 34 16 234 2,550.09 65,000.
 Rev. Wade Jernigan
 321 W. Mesier
 Norman, Okla.

Moore 29 22 59 668.83 15,000.
 Rev. Joe Blair

Sunnylane 15 9 166 365.68
 Rev. Albert Collier
 4220 S.E. 41st
 Oklahoma City, Okla.

Straight Street 10 3 59 255.50 23,000
 Rev. Orville Carpenter
 Rte. 4
 Norman, Oklahoma

Spring Hill 6 3 78 422.19 10,000.
 Rev. Jack Cravens
 Rte. 2
 Lexington, Okla.

Spencer Road 14 4 38 360.00 35,000.
 Rev. Robert Duncan
 8517 N.E. 25th St.
 Okla. City, Okla.

Liberty 63 0 63 25,000.
 Rev. Lester Maynard
 5420 S. Santa Fe
 Okla. City, Okla.

S. W. Okla. City 72 41 118 396.00 45,000.
Rev. J. R. Hall
Box 147
Lexington, Okla.

Minneha 3 0 18 38.38 3,000.
Rev. Leon Koonce
3517 S. Woodward
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Wolf 0 3 45 249.89 9,600.
Rev. Frank Young

Tecumseh 12 14 232 600.79 34,000.
Rev. Roma Stewart
108 S. Range Line
Tecumseh, Okla.

