# **Minutes**

First Oklahoma
District Association
of
Free Will Baptists

Proceedings of the One Hundred and Second Annual Session

1998-99

Convened at the
Trinity
Free Will Baptist Church
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

March 13, 1999

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# **OFFICERS**

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1998	STATE GENERAL BOARD MEMBER
	BOARDS
1999-2004 1998-2003 1997-2002 1996-2001 1995-2000	EXECUTIVE BOARD  Joel Greeson, 16900 120th St., Lexington 73051
	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD
1999-2004 1998-2003 1997-2002 1996-2001 1995-2000	Kevin Harper       -         Craig Shaw, 8515 NE 25th, Spencer 73084       769-1039         Kenny Myers, 3816 S. Telephone Rd., Moore 73160       912-9083         Dick Terry, 1419 Sequoyah, Moore 73160       794-9992         Jimmy Holbrook, 9220 NE 63rd, Spencer 73084       771-5461
1999-2004 1998-2003 1997-2002 1997-2001 1995-2000	CREDENTIALS BOARD  Shelby Greeson, 5308 S. Monte Pl., 73119
1999-2004 1998-2003 1997-2002 1996-2001 1995-2000	MISSIONS BOARD  Delbert Akin, 8801 Oakridge, Midwest City 73110

### WNAC OFFICERS

President	
Vice President	Shelly Paulk, 148 Silver Meadow Dr., Midwest City 73110
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Action	

### PLACEMENT OF MEETINGS

September 11, 1999—Newcastle
March 12, 2000— Annual Meeting—Spencer Road

### **PROCEEDINGS**

Semi-Annual Meeting September 12, 1998

The First Oklahoma District Association of Free Will Baptists met at the Clear Springs Free Will Baptist Church, Mustang, Saturday, September 12, 1998. The moderator Mike Wade called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Jana Gossman, from the Clear Springs FWB Church in Mustang, led the congregation in singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms."

Host church pastor Jim Harris brought greetings, then proceeded to bring devotional thought from II Corinthians 9:12-15 and led us in prayer.

The election of a clerk and assistant clerk was held. A motion was carried to elect Ron Brown as Clerk and Jim Harris as Assistant Clerk.

Clerk Ron Brown read the letters from the churches. Those churches representing by letter and/or delegates include: Calvary of Norman, Choctaw First United, Clear Springs of Mustang, First of El Reno, First of Blackwell, First of Lexington, First of Moore, First of OKC, First of Yukon, Harrah, Heartland of Norman, Kingsview of OKC, Newcastle, Northwest of OKC, Pleasant Hill, Skyridge of Noble, Southern Oaks of OKC, Spencer Road, Springhill, Sunnylane, Tecumseh First, Trinity of OKC, Westgate of Shawnee, Windwood of Midwest City. A motion carried to accept the letters, seat the delegates and refer requests to the proper board or committee.

Ron Brown read the Executive Board report. A motion was carried to accept the report.

Moderator Mike Wade gave the rest of the Executive Board Report, which included giving \$3,000.00 to Hillsdale as information.

The Treasurer's report was distributed and given by Tim Eaton, treasurer. A motion carried to accept.

The Mission Board's report was given by Chairman Frank Wiley. A motion carried to accept the report. Dennis Cariker, from the Heartland Church and Brad Hanna, missionary to Edmond shared the progress and blessings of their work.

The CE. Board did not give a report, instead it will be given at the annual meeting in March.

Toby Youngblood, Director of Student Recruitment, gave an oral report from Hillsdale FWB College. He emphasized the need for students and financial support.

The Credential Board report was given by Dan Farmer. A motion carried each item.

Item 1. The Northeast Shawnee Free Will Baptist Church requested the ordination of their new pastor, Charles E. Smith, Jr. He had worked at Skyridge Church and recently at Christ Chapel, Blanchard. Motion and second that we recommend Charles Smith for ordination after proper notification of members of the executive Board to see if there were any objections. None were received,

Item 2. We met with Jeff Wilson, of Capitol Hill Church, Oklahoma City, and recommend we extend his license. Motion, second and carried.

Richard Terry, Tom Drake and Shelby Greeson were appointed as business, budget and audit committee for the next meeting in March.

A motion carried to allow Mike Wade our moderator to appoint two delegates to our state meeting in October.

The moderator dismissed us for a 20 minute break.

Jana Grossman led the congregation in singing "Jesus Lives."

Then Randy Hill from Kingsview FWB church shared information about H.I.S.

The report from the Business Committee was read by the clerk recommending that Amber Cariker and Lori White each receive a scholarship to Hillsdale in the amount of \$200.00 each and that the loan principle of \$1,095.21 be paid off immediately and that the treasurer accelerate the payoff of the other loan #1 at his discretion. Their final recommendation was that a Christmas offering for Hillsdale be given in the amount of \$500.00. The report was adopted.

A motion carried to adjourn the business meeting. Roger Ballard led us in prayer.

Jana Grossman from the Clear Springs FWB Church presented special music to open the worship service. Craig Shaw, pastor of the Spencer Road FWB Church read II Chronicles 7:14, and brought a message on "Myths of the War."

At the conclusion of the message announcements were made and Dan Farmer led us in closing prayer.

### MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board of the First Oklahoma Association of FWB met with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Lexington, Oklahoma April 22, 1998. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Mike Wade, representing First Oklahoma Association, brought greetings and information to the First Church of Lexington. Questions were answered. Information was exchanged.

Pastor Cary Rowland brought thought on the Relationship between

God the Father and God the Son. He read Psalms 90:1-2, Isaiah 9:6, Hebrews 1:3, and I John 4:8.

Those present for the meeting included Mike Wade, Walso Young, Dan Harper, Stan Konopinski, Dan Farmer, Ron Brown, and Tim Eaton. Ten people from the church were also present.

After the service was concluded, members of the Executive Board and members of the Credentials Board met with the pastor and two deacons, the ordained members of the church. Again, information was exchanged, questions were answered and comments made.

A motion to recommend to the association that we accept the First Free Will Baptist Church of Lexington, Oklahoma, as a member church of the First Oklahoma Association, upon receiving proper letters from the Dibble Association where the church presently is a member. (Note: Letter of recommendation received from Dibble Association dated June 22, 1998).

The three ordained men from the church are Cary Rowland, Glen Rowland, and Floyd Laney.

After the joint meeting ended, the Executive Board met for a short resession.

Since the locations of the semi-annual meetings of the association were not determined, the board set those meeting places. The Association will meet September 12, 1998 with the Clear Springs Church of Mustang. The next annual meeting will be at the Trinity FWB Church March 13, 1999.

One applicant, Phillip Scowden of the Southern Oaks Church, made application for a Wilfred Lee Scholarship. A motion carried to give him a \$200.00 scholarship.

A motion carried that when officers or board members travel in behalf of the association for meetings or digning legal papers, etc., that mileage be paid at the current rate the Internal Revenue Service allows.

The meeting adjourned.

# Waldo Young, Clerk

## First Oklahoma District Association of Free Will Baptists 1998 Semi-Annual Treasurer's Report

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Balance Forward 1/1/98	\$2,773.24
Income from Churches\$20	8,965.45
Minus Total Expenditures(\$208	3,505.94)
Net Increase for January through June 1998	\$ 459.51
Ralance Forwars 6/30/98	\$3 232 75

### SUPPORTING THE WORK OF CHRIST:

First Oklahoma received over \$63,000 into the Cooperative Plan, over \$33,000 was forwarded to the State Coop Plan. Hillsdale benefitted with over \$68,000. Over \$100,000 was distributed to Missions through June with \$43,951.86 being distributed to Foreign Missions, \$11,072.04 to National Home Missions, \$25,806.81 to State Missions, and the District Mission Board received \$19,290.92.

### LOAN STATUS:

In June of 1998 the District Treasury paid the twenty-seventh of thirty-six payments on two loans secured in 1996. The proceeds totaling \$10,000 were forwarded to Hillsdale. The loans at 6% interest are currently in repayment. The principle for Loan One is \$1,642.77 and for Loan Two is \$1,095.21. The combined amount is \$2.737.98.

### BUSINESS ITEMS:

- Delegate Fees for the State Association (\$1,500) will be paid in September.
- Approximately \$2,000 is available for disbursement at the direction of the delegates.

### PROCEEDINGS March 13, 1999

Bro. Delbert Akin opened us with the congregation singing "I Am Resolved." Greg Conners led in prayer. Pastor Stan Konopinski gave the welcome from Trinity Church and brought a devotion from II John 1-6.

Asst. Clerk Jim Harris read the church letters. MSC. All delegates recognized.

Bro. Ray Marvin Sanders, pastor of Capitol Hill was elected Associational Clerk. Bro. Jim Harris was elected Asst. Clerk.

The annual report from the treasurer was given by Bro. Tim Eaton. (MSC) The auditory committee report was given by Bro. Roger Ballard. Approved items: (1) Co-op distributions to be approved—no change from last year. (2) Co-op/Retirement program to equal that as approved by the state.

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

No report was given. Elections were as follows: Five year (1999-2004)—Kevin Harper; Three year (1999-2002)—Kenny Myers; Two year (1999-2001)—Dick Terry; One year (1999-2000)—Jimmy Holbrook (Jim Harris resigned).

### MISSION BOARD

Report given by Bro. Frank Wiley. (MSC). He announced that the Wednesday April 7th Mission Conference would be at Sunnylane FWBC and Bro. James Forlines will be speaking. Bro. Bill Jones gave a report of the information for Oklahoma State Missions. Beo. Dennis Cariker reported on the state mission work: Heartland FWB mission in Norman. Bro. Brad Hannon reported on the state mission work at Oak Hills FWB mission in Edmond. Bro. Randy Hill reported on Helping International Students, known as (H.I.S.) ministry. Bro. Thomas Marberry reported on the upcoming Hillsdale mission trip to Cuba. Bro. Delbert Akin was elected to the district mission board.

### HILLSDALE

Hillsdale information reports were given by Bro. Toby Youngblood and Bro. Wade Jernigan.

Bro. Ernest Harrison Jr. gave a report from the Oklahoma State Association.

The meeting was recessed for a break at 10:35 a.m.

Evecutive Board elections: Five year (1999-2004)-Joel Greeson; Three Year (1999-2002)—Jim Puckett; One Year (1999-2000)—Mike Wade.

### CREDENTIAL BOARD

Credential Board report was given by Bro. Dan Farmer. (MSC). Credential Baord elections: Five year (1999-2004)—Shelby Greeson; Four year (1999-2003)—Tom Drake.

Business committee expenditures: \$3,500—Have-A-Heart to Hillsdale; \$500—Dr. Marberry's trip to Cuba. (MSC).

Business committee appointees: Craig Shaw, James Murray, Dennis Cariker.

Meeting sites chosen: (September) Newcastle FWBC; (March) Spencer Road FWBC.

Officers elected: Treasurer—Tim Eaton; Asst. Treasurer—Richard Terry; Moderator—David Sutton; Asst. Moderator—Dr. Marberry.

MSC to adjourn.

Bro. Delbert Akin led the hymn, "Love Lifted Me." Bro. David Sutton, pastor of Southern Oaks, brought the message on "Moral Earthquakes." Bro. Delbert Akin led in closing prayer.

The meeting was dismissed at 12:00.

# FIRST OKLAHOMA DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS 1998 TREASURER'S REPORT

CHECKING ACCOUNT	
Balance Forward 1/1/98	\$ 2,773.24
Income from Churches	\$407,553.10
Total Funds Available	\$410,326.34
Total Expenditures	407,893.92
Balance Forward 12/31/1998	

### LOAN STATUS:

During the 1996 reporting year the District authorized the officers to secure a loan of \$10,000. The proceeds were to be forwarded to Hillsdale and the loans were paid in monthly installments. Both loans were repaid in 1998, which was seven months early.

### **GIFT INCOME:**

Categories	1996	1997	1998
Coop Giving	\$112,923.41	\$111,672.50	\$119,378.06
Hillsdale	87,271.69	93,450.26	118,526.78
Foreign Missions	118,909.98	127,884.18	77,077.83
Natl. Home Missio	ns 27,722.30	32,277.76	20,612.49
State Missions & 7	rsp 13,160.04	4,037.33	66,753.03
District Missions (	des.) 4,960.17	3,231.15	6,174.37
Other Ministries	2,014.08	2,864.95	2,892.59
Dues	1,710.00	1,890.00	2,070.00
ANNUAL TOTAL	S\$368,671.67	\$377,308.13	\$407,553.10
Increase over last	year 2.63%	2.34%	8.02%
Missions Summar	v \$164.752.49	\$167,430,42	\$170.617.72

### ITEMS OF INFORMATION:

- 1998 Annual Dues were not recorded for:
  - 1. Blackwell
  - 2. Capitol Hill
  - 3. Edmond
  - 4. Newcastle (notified)
  - 5. OKC First
  - 6. Shawnee Northeast
  - 7. Skyridge, Noble
- · Mission churches reporting gifts
  - 1. Clear Springs, Mustang
  - 2. Heartland, Moore-Norman
  - 3. Victory, Moore
- El Reno reported joining the Dibble Association
- 1999 Oak Hill, Edmond has reported gifts.

### CHURCH GIVING REPORT FORM:

Cash Flow Report 1/1/98 Through 12/31/98

# Category Description

### **INFLOWS**

Blackwell	10,674.42
Calvary	26,261.83
Capitol Hill	
Choctaw	

# DUES:

Calvary	90.00	
Choctaw	90.00	
Grace		
Harrah		
Kingsview		
Lakeside		
Lexington		
Moore	. 90.00	
NE Shawnee		
Norman First		
Northwest		
Pleasant Hill	. 90.00	
Southern Oaks	. 90.00	
Southwest		
Spencer Road	90.00	
Spring Hill	90.00	
Sunnylane	90.00	
Tecumseh	90.00	
Trinity		
Westgate		
Windwood		
Yukon		
TOTAL DUES	30.00	070.00
Edmond		540.00
El Reno		
Harrah		
Grace		
Harrah		
Heartland	10	,615.00
Kingsview		,994.50
Lakeside		,613.54
Lexington	•••••	200.00
Moore	9	,662.69
Mustang, Cl.Sp		.689.48
NE Shawnee	2	.856.06
Newcastle		
Norman First	57	413.99
Northwest OKC	10	088 42
OKC First	0	900.00
Pleasant Hill		
Reimbursement		077 05
Shawnee NE		501 17
Skyridge	ے 10	222.17
Southern Oaks		940 1 Q
Southern Oaks	۱۲	520 05
Southwest OKC	23	600 61
Spencer Road		010.01
Spring Hill	د	,017.88
Sunnylane		024.10
Tecumseh		,928.97
Trinity	2	,213.85
Victory	•••••	300.00

Westgate Windwood Yukon TOTAL INFLOWS	6,461.00 3,732.39
OUTFLOWS	
Asst. Clerk	50.00
Asst. Moderator	50.00
Asst. Treasurer	50.00
Bank Charge	22.00
CE Board	1,221.94
Clerk	200.00
Coop	66,737.39
Dist. Mission Board	41,987.78
Foreign Missions:	
Lynn Midgett1,000.00	
For. Missions-other76,077.83	
Total Foreign Missions	\$ 77,077.83
Hillsdale:	
Christmas Offering	
Church Match	
Computer Tech	
Coop Share	
Gen. Fund	
Have A Heart	
New Life	
President Club	
Scholarship	_
Special	
Total Hillsdale	118,526.78
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Home Missions	
Lee Scholarship	
Loan One	
Loan Two	•
Moderator	
Office SuppliesOK State Dues	
Other Ministries	
Printing	
Returned Check	1,971.93

State Missions:  TSP	900.00 . 407,893.92
FREE WILL BAPTIST MISSION BOARD 1998-YEAR END REPORT	
DEPOSITS:	
Co-op/District	
Jubilee	
District Missions	
Oklahoma State Association10.00	
Mustang	#40 CO1 DO
TOTAL DEPOSITS:	\$48,691.88
DISBURSEMENTS: Jim Harris:	
Salary, Expenses, Benefits 29,385.06	
Bookkeeping300.00	
Heartland	
Brotherhood Insurance278.00	
David Crow, Expenses660.00	
Heartland (Bible Conf. Banner) 150.00	
Wade Jernigan (Conf. Speaker)250.00	
Hillsdale (Van)	
Board Expenses 274.00	
Clear Springs 100.00	
Heartland Advance10,450.00	
Hillsdale (Christmas) 500.00	
Land Fund 13,000.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	\$64,887.06
DECD BUILD DATABLET	£21 202 £4
BEGINNING BALANCE:	-
TOTAL DEPOSITS:	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	\$04,887.06
ENDING BALANCE:	. \$ 5,007.36

# Annual Tally of the First Oklahoma Association Counties: Oklahoma—8; Canadian—2; Cleveland—6; Pottawatomie—2

A. Church Characteristics

1) Location City/Town 19 Rural 01

2) Pastor Full Time 14 Part Time 06

- B. Membership
  Baptisms—111; Added—144; Lost—78; Total—1,652
  20 Churches=83 members average
- C. Church Budget? Yes—14; No—4; Total Support—\$1,303,106 20 Churches=\$65,155.30 average per church \$65,155.30 divided by 83 average members=\$785.00 average giving per member.
- D. Building
  Parsonage Yes—03; No—15; Total Value—\$5,631,000
- E. General Information
   Ordained Ministers—35; Licensed Ministers—04;
   Ordained Deacons—34; Day Care—01; Kindergarten; School;
   Bible Institute; College; SS—18; Total Enrollment—1213;
   CTS—03; Woman's Auxiliary—06; Total Enrollment—61;
   Master's Men—02; Total Enrollment—52

In His Service, Ray Sanders

### CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE: From long experience, we, the members of the Free Will Baptist denomination, 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 association government.

### **ARTICLE I**

NAME: This Association shall be known as the First Oklahoma District Association of Free Will Baptists of the State of Oklahoma.

### ARTICLE II

OBJECT: The purpose of this Association shall be to coordinate and unify the works of the member churches, to devise and execute measures for the extension of the Kingdom of God, and examine for license and ordination prospective ministers and deacons.

### ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP: Section 1—This Association shall be composed of area Free Will Baptist Churches that adopt the constitution and are accepted by the body.

Section 2—The voting body shall consist of: a) standing delegates composed of officers of the Association, ordained ministers, deacons actively serving on the deacon board of the local church, and ordained ministers and deacons actively serving in district mission works members of all standing boards, church clerks, full-time associates of churches serving as pastoral assistants and b) no more than three lay delegates selected by each local church who shall be seated upon presentation of proper credentials.

Section 3—Any area church wishing to unite with this Association upon presentation of a petitionary letter and examination by the Executive and Credential Board shall be accepted by a majority vote of this body. Churches coming from other Associations are expected to present a letter of recommendation.

Section 4—Each of the Association is to send \$90.00 to the annual session of this association. This will be divided in this manner: \$25.00 for the District Association, \$30.00 for the State Association, \$15.00 for the National Association, and \$20.00 for the Wilford Lee Scholarship Fund.

Section 5—To be considered an active member of First Oklahoma District Association, a church must send in their annual dues and annual report to the annual meeting of the association on the second Saturday in March. A church that fails to do so would be considered inactive, but state and national dues would still be paid by the association.

After the second consecutive year of inactivity, the district will not pay the national and state dues for the church and will place the church on a non-participating basis.

A church is automatically placed on the roster of active churches in the association upon receipt of the annual dues and the annual report.

### ARTICLE IV

NEW CHURCHES: Any group of believers desiring to be organized, may present a petitionary letter and upon majority vote of the association, the Executive Board shall be instructed to examine for organization. Upon examination by the Executive Board, and a two-thirds majority vote of said board, a group may be organized into a local Free Will Baptist church. This church may then become affiliated with the First Oklahoma District Association by petitionary letter and majority vote of the body.

### ARTICLE V

OFFICERS: The officers of this Association shall be a moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, assistant clerk, treasurer, and an assistant treasurer, all of whom shall be elected at the annual session.

Moderator, shall preside at all sessions of the Association and shall have power to appoint special committees.

Assistant Moderator, shall preside in the moderator's absence or at his request. Clerk, shall keep careful records of all business sessions and handle other

correspondence as directed.

Assistant Clerk, functions at the discretion of the clerk or in his absence shall do the work of the clerk.

Treasurer, shall receive, and record all monies and distribute and make regular financial reports of such. The Association books are to be closed on the 15th of each month.

The terms of the officers shall begin at the close of the annual session.

### ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS: This Association shall meet four times yearly, the second Saturday of February, May, August, and November. The February metting will be the Annual Session.

### ARTICLE VII

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Section 1—Composition: The Executive Board of this Association shall be five members, elected to terms of 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 years with one term expiring each year, plus the Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer of the Association.

Section 2—Duties: The Executive Board shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Association between sessions. The Board shall be subject to the recommendations of the Association and none of its acts shall conflict with the action taken by this Association.

Section 3—Meetings: Meetings of the Board can be called by the Moderator who serves as its chairman. The Board shall have the power to collect funds as the means on hand my warrant. It shall as directed by this association have power to convey or mortgage any real estate or Associational property. This Executive Board shall keep a record of all work done, monies raised, meetings held, and make a full report to the next regular meeting of this Association and shall further receive, hold, manage, use, control, and convey any property en-

trusted to said Association for the purpose in accordance with the purpose of the donors, and in no case divert from its original object.

Section 4—Powers: The Chairman and Clerk of said Executive Board shall sign all deeds and bonds, notes, etc.; and any other papers by which the First Oklahoma District Association is to become legally responsible. It shall be the duty of this Board to meet as often as may be necessary. 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 Executive Board shall have the power to call the Association into conference by notifying each church ten (10) days prior to the conference; and, they shall have the authority to change quarterly meetings or association if the place where said quarterly meetings or association 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. No meeting of the Executive Board shall be legal unless at least five members are present.

### ARTICLE VIII

BOARDS: The following standing boards shall be elected at the annual session. Each board shall consist of five (5) members, elected as to have one member retiring each year. Vacancies may be filled at any regular meeting.

Credentials Board: It shall be the duty of the Credentials Board to examine the church letters and recommend the seating of such delegates as are properly certified; to examine for license and ordination prospective deacons and ministers at the request of their respective churches and make recommendations to the Association; to examine deacons and ministers coming into this body from other associations and make appropriate recommendations to this body.

Church Training Service: The Church Training Service Board shall plan Church Training Rallies and youth activities of the Association. This Board shall also plan the annual Youth Encampment with the authority to appoint and employ necessary personnel. This Board shall provide the churches of the district updated information regarding trends and materials in Christian education, to sponsor training sessions for the district, to assist individual churches in their training programs, and to seek ways to evaluate and enhance the educational ministries of the various churches of the district.

Mission Board: The Mission Board shall be empowered to assist any worthy mission work within the bounds of the Association and supervise missionary activities of the Association.

COMMITTEES: Section 1—Finance Committee: A finance committee composed of the treasurer and two other members shall be appointed by the moderator. It shall be the duty of this committee to prepare a budget for the calendar year and submit it to the Association at its regular annual meeting. The Finance Committee can from time to time submit supplements to the budget for the current calendar year.

Section 2—Audit Committee: An audit committee of three members shall

be selected by the Association at the regular annual meeting whose duty is shall be to audit the treasurer's account at the close of the calendar year and to report to the annual meeting.

### **ARTICLE IX**

PARLIAMENTARY: The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with this constitution and any special rules of order the Association may adopt.

### ARTICLE X

AMENDMENTS: This constitution can be amended at any regular meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the body, provided the amendment is presented in writing and laid on the table from the first session until the second session.

### ARTICLE XI

DISSOLUTION: Should this Association cease to function, all properties and holdings shall go to the Oklahoma State Association of Free Will Baptists after all creditors are satisfied and indebtedness cleared.

### **BY-LAWS**

- 1. The moderator or assistant, or in their absence, the oldest minister present shall call the association into conference.
- 2. Each session shall be opened and closed with prayer.
- 3. A majority of the churches shall constitute a quorum.
- 4. Visiting brethren are invited to seat as advisory members without voting privileges.
- 5. Those who speak, shall rise and address the moderator. Personal reflections shall be avoided in all debates.
- 6. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and a vote taken separately.
- 7. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the moderator, or more than ten minutes at a time.
- 8. The moderator shall not allow discussion when not carried on in a Christian spirit.
- 9. No question from any church shall come under the consideration of the association unless it has been first discussed in its own church.
- 10. These by-laws may be amended at any meeting of the association by a two-thirds vote of the body.

### SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1. Introductory Service
- 2. Letters given to Credential Board and petitionary letters called for
- 3. House called to order by Moderator
- 4. Seating of Delegates
- 5. Recognition of visitors
- 6. Appt. of committees
- 7. Unfinished business
- 8. New business
- 9. Report of committees
- 10. Miscellaneous business
- 11. Election of officers

### ARTICLES OF FAITH

- 1. The Scriptures are the Old and the New Testaments, inspired by the Holy Spirit and are the only infallible rule of faith and practice.
  - 2. There is only one true and living Triune God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, three in one personality, one in essence.
  - 3. Man is a fallen creature and cannot save himself.
  - 4. Jesus Christ, by the grace of God, tasted death for every man and all who repent and trust Christ as Savior will be saved.
  - 5. All believers in Christ, who through grace, persevere in holiness to the end of life, have the promise of eternal salvation.
  - 6. It is the duty of every Christian to unite with a visible church where through association with others he may share in the observances of the ordinances and the perpetuation of the gospel. The Lord's day is the first day of the week, commemorating the resurrection of Christ and should be spent in public and private worship and rest from secular activities. Upon this day Christians should bring their tithes and offerings into the Lord's house.
  - 7. The Gospel Ordinances: Baptism is the immersion of believers in water by an ordained minister, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; the Lord's Supper is a commemoration of the death of Christ and is open to all believers and should be observed at night; feet washing, which teaches humility, follows the Lord's Supper and is the duty and happy prerogative of every believer.
  - 8. There will be the resurrection both of the just and the unjust, every one in his own order, "they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." The Lord Jesus, who ascended on high, sits at the right hand of God and will come again to close the gospel dispensation, glorify His saints and judge the world. Then the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment but the righteous into life eternal.

- 9. The definition and condition of the backslider:
  - A backslider is a regenerated person who has degenerated to a state of living in unconfessed an unforgiven sin. Such a person is rebellious to the principles of the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and cannot enter into sinless Heaven in such a backslidden condition. The following scriptures explain: Jeremiah 2:21; Jeremiah 2:32; II Peter 1:9; James 1:13-16; James 5:19-20; Romans 6:12; Matthew 6:24; Hebrews 10:38-39; Hebrews 3:12-14; Ezekial 18:24; I John 1:9: Revelation 21:27.
    - (a) We believe that salvation is a present possession by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior and that a person's eternal destiny depends on whether he has this possession. This we hold in distinction from those who teach that salvation depends on human works or merit.
    - (b) We believe that a saved individual may, in freedom of will, cease to trust Christ for salvation and once again be lost. This we hold in distinction from those who teach that a believer may not again be lost.
    - (c) We believe that any regenerated person who has sinned (again, whether he be called "backslider" or "sinner"), must be judged by that evidence to be lost should he so die in his sins. this we hold in distinction from those who suggest the pernicious doctrine that man may live in sin as he pleases and still claim heaven as his eternal home.
    - (d) We believe that any regenerated person who has sinned (again, whether he be called "backslider" or "sinner"), and in whose heart a desire arises to repent, may do so and be restored to favor and fellowship with God. This we hold in distinction from those whoteach that when a Christian sins he cannot repent and be restored to favor and fellowship with God.

"Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that be these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fail." II Peter 1:4-10.

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