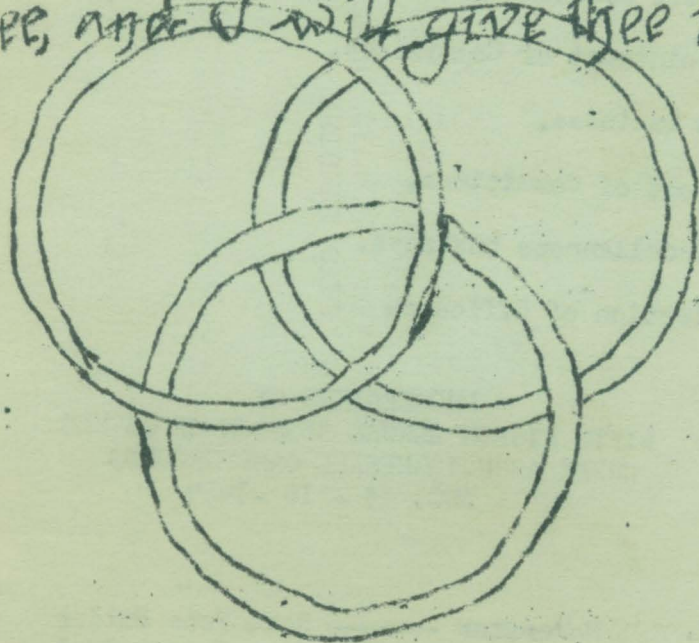


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My presence shall go with
thee and I will give thee rest.



1969

MINUTES

OF
GAINES CREEK ASSN.

FREEWILL BAPTISTS

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. House called to order.
2. Letters called for and adopted.
3. Right hand of fellowship.
4. Reading of Rules of Order.
5. ~~Petitionary~~ Letters.
6. Invite visiting brethren to sit in council.
7. Appointment of Committees.
8. New business.
9. Report of Committees.
10. Miscellaneous business.
- II. Election of Officers.

PROCEEDINGS OF
FIFTY EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION OF GAINES
CREEK ASSN. TANNEHILL CAMP GROUNDS
AUG. 15 - 16 - 1969

Moderator ----- Rev. Pete Butler
Asst. Mod. ----- Bro. Barney Pool
Clerk-Treasurer - Sis. Judy Botts
Asst. Clerk ----- Sis. Arta Smalley

The nex't Annual Association will be
Aug. 15 - 16 - 1970

State Del.
Lela White
Arta Smalley

RULES OF ORDER

1. At every sitting business shall be opened and concluded by prayer by the Moderator or whoever he may request.

2. That all ministers, ministers wives, deacons, deacons wives, clerks and ass't clerks be as standing delegates.

3. Those who speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Personal reflections shall be avoided in all debates.

4. No motion shall be discussed without being seconded.

5. When a motion has been made and seconded and a member opposes it's discussion, the Moderator shall put the question "Shall it be discussed?" If negative the question shall be dismissed.

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

7. Motion made and lost shall not be recorded.

8. No one shall speak more than twice on any subject without special leave of the Mod.

9. All questions shall be decided by a majority of the delegates voting.

10. No member shall absent himself without special leave of the Moderator.

11. Minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected before the close of the Association if necessary.

12. In the future meetings of the Association, arrangement shall be made to insure two or more sermons each day or other equivalent devotional exercises.

13. The Rules of Order shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after the organization of the Association.

14. Alterations may be made in these rules at any regular session of the Association.

Association Delegates

New Hope

Sis. M. L. Bogan, Bro. James Prince, Sis. Francis Eldridge

Stuart

Sis. Blasengame, Sis. Arta Lee Smalley, Bro. Bill Lee

Fellowship

Sis. Gail Bussey, Sis. Pam Bussey, Bro. Bob Smith

Eufaula

Bro. Harmon Davis, Bro. G. W. Gawf, Sis. Paullette Thomason

Crowder

Sis. Lula Dazzler, Sis. Allie Mae Davidson, Sis. Jenny McClellan

Tannehill

Sis. Lela Bernhardt, Sis. Mossie Miller, Sis. Sorrells

Lone Grove

Bro. Charlie Clifton, Sis. Mildred Clifton, Sis. Ruth Lee

McAlester First

Sis. Genell Christian, Bro. Cecil Lawson, Bro. Walter Mantooth

Lone Oak

Bro. Jerry Myers, Bro. Craig Myers, Sis. Sophia Lewis

North McAlester

Bro. Kenneth Crawley, Bro. Tommy Fletcher, Bro. Eddie Jarrett

State Delegates

Sis. Arta Smalley

Sis. Nancy Butler

Sis. Judy Botts

Thursday Night Services

The Ministers-Deacons meeting was called to order at 7:30p.m. at the McAlester First church by Bro. Bill McClellan as Chrmm. The singing was led by Bro. Wayne Clagg and the Devotion was presented by Bro. Charlie Christian. Motion was made, seconded to replace clerk and Vice-Chairman who are leaving the Assn. Motion was carried and officers elected were: Bro. Albert Jarrett Vice-Chairman, Bro. Milton Ford, clerk. Bro. Bill McClella to retain same office for another year as was late in getting started. Church rolls were called and there were 8 of 12 churches represented with 20 attending as shown below. Discussion of purpose of Ministers-Deacon meeting and ways suggested to increase attendance of Deacons. Motion made, seconded, carried to recommend to Assn. meeting (Annual) to attempt week-end camp during winter. Bill McClellan reported on donation to H&H mission about minutes of Assn. concerning tithes going to Assn. for lots. Motion made, seconded, carried that this group recommend to Annual Assn. that separate Building Fund be set up for Hartshorne so that gifts for purchase of land could be accepted and ear-marked for that special purpose. Meeting adjourned.

Roll Call

Crowder	4	North McAlester	3
Eufaula	0	McAlester First	5
Fellowship	0	New Hope	3
Hartshorne	1	Stuart	0
Lone Grove	1	Tannehill	2
Lone Oak	1	Wilburton	0

Friday Night Services

Moderator in charge of services. Opening song "Power in the Blood" Prayer by Bro. Gary Smith. Songs #16 and 49. Special singing by Assn. churches young people, songs "Hills of Home" and "Rich Man am I" North McAlester Quartet sang "Now I Have Everything". Prayer by Bro. Bill McClellan. Speaker for evening was Bro. Jess Henso. Scriptural reading was, from 2nd. Tim. 3:1-5. Theme was "The Old Path". Alter call made but no response. Service returned to Moderator. 8 ministers present, with 75 in attendance. Dismissed by Bro. Harrison.

Saturday Morning

Services started by Bro. Cliff Myers with opening song "When The Roll is Called Up Yonder" being led by Sis. Lorene Stacy. Prayer by Bro. Charlie Clifton. Scriptural reading by Bro. Ernest Harrison, from 1st. Tim. 6:19.

Services turned to Moderator Bro. Pete Butler, who called the 58th Annual Conference of Gaines Creek Assn. to order.

Church letters called for and read. 9 churches and the H and H Mission responding.

Letters adopted and delegates seated.

Right hand of fellowship extended to delegates by the Moderator and Asst. Moderator.

Moderators admonition given at this time.

Petitionary letters called for. There were none.

Visiting ministers recognized, invited to sit with us.

Motion and 2nd: To give power to Moderator and Asst. to appoint Committees and replacements. Carried.

Obituary Comm. Bros. Kenneth Crawley, Jerry Myers, Leroy Davenport.

C. T. S. Sis. Paulette Thompson, Lela White, Melva Davenport
Temperance: Bro. Bill Slover

S. S. Sis. Mable Miller, Lela Bernhardt

Res. Bros. Harold Bernhardt, Cecil Lawson

Pulpit: Bros. Dickerson, Charlie Clifton, Sis. Margie Higgins

Motion and 2nd: To replace Bro. Dale Smith on Examining Board temporarily with Bro. Odis Robinson.

Amendment to above motion: To replace Bro. Dale Smith with Bro. Robinson for 4 years. Carried. Motion passed. Bro. Harrison resigned from Examining Board, was replaced by Bro. Leroy Davenport.

Bro. George Christian elected to Examining Board for 5 years.

Bro. Milton Ford was elected to Executive Board for 5 years.

Pulpit Committee dismissed for deliberations.

New business called for.

Motion and 2nd: That the Assn. purchase Filing cabinet for storage of Assn. records. Motion passed.

Amendment: For Sis. Smalley and Sis. Botts to purchase Filing cabinet. Passed.
Motion and 2nd: For Gaines Creek Assn. to rent Safety Deposit box for all legal papers. Passed.
Report of Pulpit Comm: Bro. Leonard Bean to bring Devotion, Bro. Harrison the 11:00 o'clock message.
Late letter read and accepted from Fellowship church and their delegates welcomed by Moderator.
Motion and 2nd: To replace delegate from New Hope church. M. L. Bogan placed.
Floor given Bro. Jerry Myers for discussion on Youth revival.
Motion and 2nd: The young people to have a revival (3) nights in conjunction with Youth Fellowship meeting at the Crowder church, to be held Aug. 21-23. Carried
Bro. Richard Rust to be evangelist.
Motion and 2nd: To take offering at revival to help pay cost of revival. Carried.
Motion and 2nd: To adjourn business till 1:00 p.m.
Dismissed with Prayer by Bro. Charlie Christian.
5 minute recess.

11:00 o'clock Service

Services opened with congregation singing songs #22-51
Singing was led by Sis. Irene Jarrett. Prayer by Bro. Dixon. Song #154 "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms".
Bro. Bean took his devotion from John 16:9-11. Theme was "Jesus, Our Friend"
Special singing by Sis. Jarrett entitled "Till We Know The Love Of God"
Bro. Harrison's scriptural reading was from Eph. 1:4-20
Theme of his message was "God is Great in Creation"
Services returned to Moderator.
Dismissed and blessings asked on noon meal by Bro. Pete Higgins.

1:00 o'clock Services

Afternoon services were resumed with singing song #38 "Love Lifted Me".
Devotion by Bro. Harold Bernhardt. His scripture read

ing was from Heb.4:9-16.

Prayer by Bro. Kenneth Crawley.

Moderator declares Conference back in session.

Report of Committees: See pages 8-9

Temperance Report: Motion to accept: Carried

S.S. " " " " "

C.T.S. " " " " "

Resolution " #1 Lost

#2 "

#3 Carried

#4 "

#5 Lost

#6 Carried

Youth Camp officials elected.

Bro. Fred Clifton, Camp Director

Bro. Charlie Clifton, Asst. Camp Director

Bro. Pete Higgins, Treasurer

Financial report called for from Youth camp treasurer.

Bro. Higgins to bring report to first Quarterly meeting

Obituary Committee report: Motion to accept: Carried

Memorial of silent prayer, concluded by Bro. Jarrett.

Examining Committee report read and accepted. Page 9

Ministers-Deacons report read and accepted. Part #1

open for discussion. (See Page 9)

Motion and 2nd: Camp Director to see if we can get the camp ground for Youth Retreat. Also when school teachers long week-end meetings are scheduled, when it will be best time to hold retreat. Motion carried.

Motion and 2nd: to accept part #2 (See page #9)

Motion to amend above motion: To read: This fund to be set aside, or above tithes and offerings. Amendment is passed. Motion is passed.

Floor given to Bro. O'Donnell, who brought us greeting from O.B.C.

Next order of business: Motion and 2nd: To give Sis. Botts permission to use the equipment for printing first minutes of Canadian Assn. Motion passed.

Executive Board report read and accepted.

Discussion of paying higher Insurance Premium on Tabernacle. Motion and 2nd: To pay higher premium. Carried.

Quarterly meetings placed at this time. (See page#9)
Introductory speaker at first Quarterly Meeting, Bro.
Albert Jarrett, Alt. Bro. Odis Robinson
Introductory speaker at Annual Assn. in 1970, Bro. Pete
Butler, Alt. Bro. Leroy Davenport.
Evangelist for Annual Assn. revival nominated at this
time.
Date of revival. Motion and 2nd: For it to be the same
as last year.
Amendment to read: Last Monday in July for Ten (10) "
nights". Carried. (Namely July 27-Aug. 5-1970)
Motion and 2nd: Assn. to pay evangelist \$150.00 for a
ten night revival. Motion carried.
Election of General Board member for 1970. Bro. Charlie
Christian elected.
Motion and 2nd: To receive printed Assn. treasurers
report. (See pages #14-15-16)
Report on Youth Camp called for. Oral report given by
Bro. Pete Higgins.
Minutes of Quarterly meeting read and accepted.
Motion and 2nd: To dismiss all committees with except-
ion of Credentials and Executive Committees. Passed.
Motion and 2nd: To let Executive board look into Bell
property for Camp. Passed.
Motion and 2nd: For Assn. to set aside \$100.00 to be
put into Hartshorne - Hailleyville Building Fund. So
carried.
Election of officers:
Motion and 2nd: For second high to be the Asst. Passed.
Moderator: Bro. Charlie Christian
Asst. Moderator: Bro. Cliff Myers
Clerk - Treasurer: Sis. Judy Botts
Asst. Clerk Sis. Arta Lee Smalley
Motion and 2nd: To adjourn
Announcements called for
Benediction by Bro. Cliff Myers
Meeting of Gaines Creek Association stands adjourned.

Committee Reports

Obituary

We report as follows: We sorrow over the loss of our brothers and sisters in Christ. We feel our loss is heavens gain.

Sis. Nancy Young ---- Lone Grove Church
Bro. James Billins --- Crowder Church
Sis. Myrtle Clark --- Crowder Church
Sis. Rosa Hays ----- McAlester First Church
Sis. Dianne Bernhardt - McAlester First Church
Bro. Grover Dials --- McAlester First Church
Bro. Jerry Myers, Chrnm.

Sunday School

We recommend all Sunday School teachers to urge adult to bring their children to S.S. and church. And to continue attendance pins.

Sis. Jenny McClellan, Chrnm.

Temperance

We would like for each Christian that knows the worth of prayer to have this a standing request: For God to lead the minds of his people in the issue of liquor by the drink. We appreciate the letter from Rep. Bill Skeith and the stand he took on this issue. We also request that we be temperate in all things.

Bro. Charles Christian, Chrnm.

C.T.S.

We believe our C.T.S. is on the increase in attendance also spiritually. We as adults must continue to support our youth and their programs. Maybe more social activities and contests would encourage those who are out to come in.

Sis. Sophia Lewis, Chrnm.

Resolutions

- #1 --- Lost
- #2 --- Lost
- #3 --- Recommended: That we give the H & H Mission Committee the authority to purchase land for a

Comm. report (con't)

new church at Hartshorne as the opportunity presents itself.

#4 Be it resolved we elect our Camp Director at the Annual Assn.

#5 Lost

#6 Be it resolved that we elect all committees with exception of Examining and Executive Committees at each sitting of the Assn. meetings.

Bro. Harold Bernhardt, Chrmn.

Examining Committee

#1. Bro. Jerry Myers, License to preach --Passed

#2. Bro. Leroy Davenport, Ordain to preach --Passed

#3. Bro. Harmon Davis, Ordain as Deacon --- Passed

Rev. Cliff Myers, Chrmn.

Ministers - Deacons Report

Part #1. Recommend to investigate feasibility of conducting a week-end Youth Camp sometime during winter, (Feb - Mar.) at place of 1969 Summer Camp.

Part #2. Recommend that separate Building Fund be set up for Hartshorne work, so that gifts for that purpose can be ear-marked. Available land has been located and the local intrest there needs to be maintained.

Rev. Curtis (Pete) Butler, Chrmn.

Quarterly Meetings 1969 - 1970

#1. Lone Grove Church	Nov. 14 - 15 - 1969
#2. Lone Oak	Feb. 13 - 14 - 1970
#3. New Hope	May 15 - 16 - 1970

Minutes of Quarterly Meetings

Nov. 15-15-1968 at Tannehill Church

9 churches represented at Fri. night services. Attendance of 75, with 8 ministers present. Moderators call for letters was answered by 10 churches. Study feasibility of starting church in Hartshorne area. Set aside \$150.00 for work in Hartshorne. To write letters to Ministers and Deacons not attending church for period of 1 year to report the reasons to Examining Comm., or be dismissed from ordained position.

Ministers - Deacons meeting be re-instated prior to Quarterly meetings.

\$100.00 set aside for Youth Camp activities.

Gave O.B.C. \$100.00. Also took up collection for O.B.C. Amount of collection was \$ 41.54

Feb. 15 - 16 - 1969 at McAlester First Church

Moderator presiding, letters called for 9 churches present. Visiting ministers welcomed, Bro. Danny Farmer, Bro. Homer Young, Bro. Fred McCoy.

Report on H & H efforts, Bro. Bill McClellan to pastor the Mission.

Vote to send Bro. McCoy \$25.00 per month for period of three years.

Letters of protest written concerning liquor by the drink.

Set aside additional \$100.00 for H & H Mission.

May 17 - 1969 at North McAlester Church

10 churches represented. 12 ministers present. O.B.C. promotional Director, Bro. Lynn Wood visited us. Bro. Pete Higgins was licensed for 1 year.

To write letters to proper authorities to help re-instate prayer in the schools.

Additional \$50.00 put in H & H account.

Vote to give O.B.C. \$100.00

Standing Boards

Examining

Bro. George Christian	-----	5 Years
Bro. Odis Robinson	-----	4 " 3
Bro. Cliff Myers	-----	3 " 2
Bro. Loyd Higgins	-----	2 " 1
Bro. Leroy Davenport	-----	1 Year

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Executive

Bro. Milton Ford	-----	5 Years
Bro. Albert Jarrett	-----	4 " 1
Bro. Charles Christian	-----	3 " 2
Bro. Loyd Higgins	-----	2 " 1
Bro. Cliff Myers	-----	1 Year

Bro. Butler *5/1/71*

Visiting Ministers

Bro. J. D. O'Donnell	-----	Oklahoma City, Okla.
Bro. Leonard Bean	-----	Wetumka, Okla.

Gaines Creek Assn. Revival

Tannehill Campgrounds

July 27-Aug. 5 1970

Resolutions

- I. Be it resolved that no Moderator succeed himself in office.
2. Be it resolved that all resolutions be recorded minutes year after year.
3. Be it resolved that the delegate to the General Board be paid the sum of \$25.00 for expenses.
4. Be it resolved that resolutions that are not read in the minutes be abolished.
5. Be it resolved that all churches of the Association pay 10 % to the Co-Op.
6. That each church in the Assn. send in last (May) letter to Quarterly meeting, \$10.00 for Ass. rev.
7. Moderator to have charge of revival.
8. That we put in the minutes as a rule that each church send \$15.00 for State minutes and Del. fr.
9. That we take the qualifications given in the Holy Bible (1st Tim. 3rd. Ch.) into serious consideration before ordaining men into the ministry or deacon.
10. Be it resolved we give our evangelist the money that was voted by our Association.
- II. Be it resolved that we adopt the Lords' Supper, tism, and Feetwashing as set forth in Natl. Treas. for our Association.
12. Be it resolved we change our Association from day night until Friday night, and start business session Saturday morning at 9: a.m., which will us plenty of time to conduct our business.
13. Be it resolved that we elect our Camp Director the Annual Association.
14. Be it resolved that we elect all committees with exception of Examining and Executive committee each sitting of the Association meetings.

CHURCH & PASTOR

CLERKS

McAlester First - Rev. Ernest Harrison	Neil Christian, 2001 N. B. McAlester, Okla.
Fellowship - Rev. J. M. Snower	Oleta Lott, 2606 N 4th, McAlester, Okla.
Lone Oak - Rev. Cliff Myers	Judy Botts, Rt. I, Indianola, Okla.
New Hope - Rev. Leroy Davenport	Edith Young, Rt. I, Crowder, Okla.
Stuart -	Glenda Blevins Rt. 6, McAlester, Okla.
Wilburton - Rev. C. R. Fassio	
Crowder - Rev. Curtis Butler	Lela White, Box 171, Crowder, Okla.
Lone Grove - Rev. Odie Robinson	Betty Steidley, Star Rt. Haywood, Okla.
N. McAlester - Rev. Albert Jarrett	Lola Fletcher, 524 e. Lincoln, McAlester, Ok.
Eufaula - Rev. T. H. Dixon	Eulene Davis, Rt. I, Eufaula, Okla.
Tannehill - Rev. Joe Zummer	Lillian Slover, Rt. I, McAlester, Okla.

Financial Report Gaines Creek Assn.

8/1/68 -- 8/1/69

Bal. Forward	\$ 334.73
Deposited	5,043.59
Total	5,378.32
Disbursements	5,027.69
Working Balance in Bank	350.63
Hartshorne - Haileyville Acct.	414.51
Total on Deposit in Bank	765.14

Minutes of 1968 -- Revival of 1969

Tannehill	\$ 25.00
McIst.	25.00
Eufaula	10.00
Wilburton	0
Stuart	25.00
Lone Oak	25.00
No. Mc.	25.00
Lone Grove	25.00
New Hope	20.00
Crowder	15.00
Fellowship	25.00
H & H Mission	10.00

Total \$215.00

Cooperative Plan

Mc. Ist.	\$ 661.39
Stuart	381.90
Lone Grove	293.71
Crowder	348.16
No. Mc.	509.44
New Hope	60.00
Lone Oak	58.89
Tannehill	82.99
H & H Mission	60.88

Total \$ 2,457.37

Missions

McAlester First	
McLain -----	\$ 72.75
Gage -----	96.19
Bill Jones -----	60.75
Deeds -----	24.50
Haas -----	95.00
Hawaii Land -----	57.25
Sparks -----	56.75
Combs -----	51.75
McCoy -----	273.76
Mary Ellen Rice -----	5.00

Crowder	
Jones - Tyson -----	5.00
Gen. Fund Foreign Mission --	25.01
Eddie Payne -----	30.00

Crowder Junior S.S. Class	
H & H Mission -----	10.00

North McAlester	
Foreign Mission(Aguierre) --	45.00
Home Mission -----	18.75

North McAlester Master Men	
H & H Mission -----	10.00

Lone Oak Junior S.S. Class	
Haas -----	5.70

Gaines Creek Association	
H & H Mission -----	300.00
Jones - Tyson -----	175.00
Fred McCoy -----	125.00

Total \$ 1,247.26

O.B.C.

Gaines Creek Assn. -----	\$ 441.54
McAlester First -----	494.42
Stuart(including Special offering)-	119.10
Bro. and Sis. C.G. Myers -----	100.00
Lone Oak -----	94.50

Total \$ 1,249.56

State and Natl. Ex. Dept.

McAlester First

State Ex. Dept. -----	\$	170.62
Natl. Dept. -----		162.36
Total	\$	332.98

Disbursements

O.B.C. -----	\$	1,249.56
Co-op -----		1,228.68
Missions -----		1,247.26
Capital Hill Bank(Bond Payments) --		354.00
Bulletin - Minute Supplies -----		56.31
Insurance on Tabernacle -----		65.00
Kiamichi Electric -----		36.00
Church Letter Forms -----		5.40
Sis. Botts(Printing the Minutes) --		20.00
Delegates - Minutes(State) -----		30.00
Bill Thompson(Typewriter Repair) --		2.50
Hartshorne - Hailleyville Mission -		300.00
Youth Camp -----		100.00
State and Natl. Dept.(Ex.) -----		332.98
Total	\$	5,027.69

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 sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conference, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel; nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, 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 bonds of peace, To be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, to seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

By-Laws

1. The clerk or assistant clerk, or in their absence the senior minister in years shall call the Association into conference, and if a quorum is present the Moderator, or in his absence the assistant Moderator shall take charge; and if neither of them is present, the Senior minister in years shall act as Moderator.

2. It shall be the duty of the clerk to enroll the delegates to the Association, who shall present themselves with proper evidence of their rights to seats therein. In the case of questionable representation, however, the cases under question shall be referred to the Credentials Committee.

3. It shall be the duty of every church belonging to this Association to send a letter to every Annual session of this Association, reporting in the same its spiritual condition, benevolent work, and its statistics. Any church belonging to this Association, which shall fail to report itself for two successive sessions may be dismissed from the Association by a two-thirds vote of all members present.

4. Each meeting shall be opened by reading a portion of the Bible and with prayer, and it shall be closed with prayer.

5. By a two-thirds vote of all members present a ruling of the Moderator can be over-ruled.

6. This Association may correspond by delegate or otherwise with other religious bodies.

7. This Association shall sit with open doors except when it shall go into a committee of the whole.

8. Any person not a member of this Association may be allowed to take part in its discussions by obtaining permission from the Mod.

9. It shall be the duty of all the members of the Association to be present at the time appointed for each meeting, and anyone wishing to retire shall first obtain leave of the Moderator.

10.No member shall absent himself from the Association during it's meetings without first obtaining permission from the Moderator.

11.No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee,provided the person nominated be elected.

12.The Moderator shall not allow discussions when not carried on in a christian spirit,or when he thinks it will cause discord or division.

13.Any one desiring to speak shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator by the appellation"Brother Moderator",but shall not speak further until recognized by the Moderator.

14.The "Yeas"and"Nays"may be counted on any question by request of one of the members present.

15.No member of this Association shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes on the same subject without permission of the Mod.

16.It shall be the duty of the Moderator to seat delegates in a body in a designated section of the assembly room at the beginning of each business session.

17.These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular session of this Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

Articles of Faith

1.We believe in one true and living God,Father,Son and Holy Ghost and these three are one in divine essence,power and glory.Rom.1:20. John 1:17,17-21.

2.We believe that the scripture of the old and new Testament is the word of God and the only infallable rule of faith and practice. 2nd Tim.3:16,Matt. 5:18

3.We believe that God created man good and gave him Holy Commandments whereby he should

live, but man, voluntarily disobeyed the commandments of God, transgressed the Law and fell under just condemnation of the same, whereby all mankind are sinners, not by constraint but by choice, being partakers of the sinful nature attained by the fall, and that man is unable to save himself with his own power, but we see Jesus for the suffering of death crowned with glory, that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man. Gen. 3:17 Heb. 2:9

4. We believe Christ by His death, suffering and resurrection purchased our pardon and offered it freely to all mankind upon principles of repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He now commands all men everywhere to repent, therefore He sayeth "Look unto Me and be saved, all ends of the earth for I am God and there is none else. Matt. 4:17, Isa. 45:22, Acts 20:20-21

5. We believe adult persons must be regenerated and born of the spirit of God. Jonah 4:11, Mark 10-14, Deut. 1:39

6. We believe all christians must persevere in grace and be faithful to the end if they inherit eternal life, for blessed are they that do His commandments that they may have the right to the tree of life and enter thru the gates into the city, Rev. 22:14, Matt. 24:13

7. We believe that baptism by immersion is the apostolic mode, even the burial of a believer in water, and that Christ who is our life, showed His humble example to His children and bids us walk therein. John 3:22, Romans 6:34, Matt. 28:19-20, Matt. 3:16

8. We believe God in His goodness displays His power of grace in great degree in calling and qualifying His servants by the teaching of the Holy Ghost and by the instruction of His word to go forth and proclaim life and salvation without price. He bids us freely come and nothing prevents the salvation of any but

their stubborn rebellion and sinful refusal to come. 1st Cor. 12:13, Eph. 3:7, Rev. 22:17

9. We believe that Baptism, the Lord's Supper and Washing the Saints Feet are divine ordinances and should be observed by all His children. Mark 24:22-23, John 13:4-14, Matt. 28:19-20
1st Tim. 5:10

10. We believe that none have a right to baptism, only those who have a living home in the Lord Jesus Christ. And none have the right to administer the same only those who have come under the hands of the presbytery of elders.

11. Each church ought to have a pastor, deacons and clerks chosen by the church, to hold office during the good pleasure of same.

12. In dealing with disorderly members:

(a) Reference should be had to the 16th ch. of Matt. and other scriptures relative to deal with disorderly members.

(b) In all cases a majority shall rule.

(c) Except in receiving members, and then it must be unanimous. Titus 1:5, Acts 14:23, 2nd Cor 6:6.

13. We believe it is the duty of each church to assemble themselves together once a month and that it is the duty of the pastor of the church when setting forth the Lord's Supper and Washing the Saints Feet to let a man "examine himself and so let him eat" 1st. Cor. 11:28, John 13:14

14. We believe that the sanctification and holiness is a Bible doctrine, that immortality is God's dwelling in the light, so when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption and this mortal shall have put on immortality the shall it be brought to pass the saying that is written "Death swallowed up in victory" 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 be singly engaged to promote the honor and glory of God Gal. 5:10, 1st John, 2:9

15. We believe in the resurrection of the dead of both the just and the unjust, the resurrection of the just to glory and immortality in the presence of God, the unjust to the everlasting shame and banishment from the presence of God. Matt. 25:31, 1st Cor. 15:42-45, Thess. 1:10 Rev. 20:12-13

Gaines Creek Association Constitution

PREAMBLE: From experience, we the members of the churches of God and Christ, commonly known as Free Will Baptists, realize the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among us as a group which desires to promote every phase of our state and national enterprise, do hereby ordain this constitution for our progress and to perpetuate better associational government.

ARTICLE I

NAME: This organization shall be known as the Gaines Creek Association of Free Will Baptists in Oklahoma.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Association shall be to bring into a union such churches in southeastern Oklahoma as desires to promote the enterprise of the State and National Assn. Section 2: It shall not be the purpose of this Association to usurp authority over the churches but to recommend such measures as would promote unity of action among the churches to harmonize the efforts of individual churches among each other in their effort to accomplish good and make each other more proficient in their undertakings to advance the cause of Christ.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP: This Association shall be composed of churches commonly known as Free Will Baptists, who maintain gospel order and shall subscribe to the Constitution and By-Laws and Articles of Faith as adopted by this said Association.

Section 2: All duly constituted churches may be received in this Association by their presenting a petitionary letter from their respective churches if they shall be found orderly and orthodox. Such a reception shall be manifested by the Moderator or his assistant giving the right hand as a token of fellowship.

ARTICLE IV

REPRESENTATION: The members of this Association shall be the church clerks, ordained ministers and ministers wives, deacons and deacons wives in good standing belonging to any church of this Association; also three delegates from each local church, chosen during church conference and bearing credentials from said church to this body.

ARTICLE V

FINANCE: Each church shall send the sum of not less than \$15.00 annually. All expenses above the stated amount shall be at the direction of the body.

ARTICLE VI

DISCIPLINE: This Association shall have the right to settle any question of discipline, doctrine or practice that may properly come before it from any of the churches: or act upon any appeal that may be made at any of its meetings.

ARTICLE VII

PARLIMENTARY PROCEEDURE: The questions of del-

iberations shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order.

ARTICLE VIII

OFFICERS: The officers of this Association shall be moderator, ass't. moderator, clerk-treasurer and ass't. clerk, each of which will be elected at the close of the yearly meeting. Section 2. Committees or boards shall be appointed by the moderator unless otherwise provided for, and shall hold office until their work is completed or until their successors are elected.

Section 3. There shall be a Credential board elected by the Association, to inquire into, and examine each applicant for ordination of license to preach the gospel of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and make recommendations to the Association concerning the same. The council shall be composed of three ministers and two deacons.

Section 4. The duties of boards and committees shall be such as are common among Free Will Baptists when not in conflict with the State and National Associations.

ARTICLE IX

ALTERATIONS AND REMISSIONS: This Constitution may be amended at any yearly session by two-thirds vote of members present, provided the proposed amendment or alteration be presented to the body in writing to read one day in advance.

ARTICLE X

CHURCH COVENANT AND BY-LAWS: The church covenant and by-laws are prescribed by the Treatise of the Faith and Practices of National Association of the Free Will Baptists as adopted in 1950.

Ordinances of the Gospel

#1. CHRISTIAN BAPTISM: This is the immersion of believers in water, in the name of the Father, son and the Holy Spirit, (2) in which are represented the burial and resurrection of Christ, the death of Christians to the world, the washing of their souls from the pollution of sin, their rising to newness of life, their engagement to serve God, and their resurrection at the last day. (1)

(2) Matt. 28:19, Baptising (Greek, Immersing) them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Col. 2:12, Buried with Him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with Him. Acts 8:36-39, Matt. 3:16, Mark 1:5, Gal. 3:27, 1st Cor. 15:29.

#2. THE LORD'S SUPPER: This is a commemoration of the death of Christ for our sins, in the use of bread which He made the emblem of His broken body, and the cup, the emblem of His shed blood, (2) and by it the believer expresses his love for Christ, his faith and hope in Him, and pledges to Him perpetual fidelity.

(3) It is the privilege and duty of all who have spiritual union with Christ to commemorate His death, and no man has a right to forbid these tokens to the least of His disciples. (1)

(2) 1st Cor. 11:23-26, For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you That the Lord Jesus the same night in which He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He brake it, and said "Take, eat, this is my body, which is broken for you, this do in remembrance of me." After the same manner also He took the cup, when He had supped, saying "This cup is the new Testament in my blood, this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. for as often as ye eat

this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come. Matt. 26:26-28.

(1) Romans 6:4, Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death; like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. Col. 3:3, 2:12, Titus 3:5, Gal. 3:27, 1st Cor. 15:29.

(3) 1st Cor. 10:16, The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? 1st Cor. 10:12, 11:27-29.

(1) 1st Cor. 10:17, For we being many are one bread and one body, for we are all partakers of that one bread, Matt. 26-27. Drink ye all of it. Rom. 14:1-10, 1st Cor. 12, 12-27, Acts 2:42, 20-7.

#3 WASHING THE SAINTS FEET: This is a sacred ordinance, which teaches humility, and reminds the believer of the necessity of a daily cleansing from all sin. It was instituted by the Lord Jesus Christ, and called an "example" on the night of His betrayal, and in connection with the institution of the Lord's Supper. It is the duty and happy prerogative of every believer to observe this sacred ordinance.

(2) St. John 13:4-8, 1st Tim. 5:1-10

Bro. Gunn - Shawnee. Ok. (Visitor) in ch. acts
message. Sat. 5-7

quarterly meetings

speaker - 1st Larkay Davidson
att. Cliff Myers

1st Enola

nov.

2nd McAlester 1st

Feb.

Intro speaker for assem.

3rd Crowder

may

Bro. Pete Higgins

att. Leo Shelton

Date annual revival

1971 Evangelist for the revival

Bro. Lynn Wood

Gen. Board Member - 1971

Bro. Biggs

1976 & 1971

Officers for the assem.

Mod. Bro. Butler

assist " " Biggs

Clk & Treas. Bro. Ford

Assist clk. Sis. Smalley