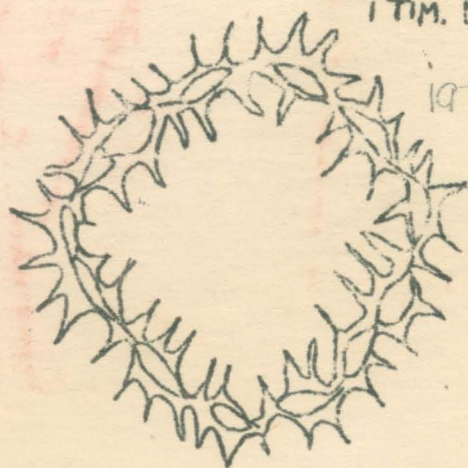


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This is a faithful saying
and worthy of all
acceptation that Christ
Jesus came into the world
to save sinners

1 TIM. 1:15

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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 call for.
6. Invite visiting brethern 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 NINTH ANNUAL SESSION OF GAINES CREEK ASSN. TANNEHILL CAMPGROUNDS AUG. 14 - 15 - 1970

Moderator Bro. Charles Christian
Asst. Mod. Bro. Cliff Myers
Clerk-Treasurer. Sis. Judy Botts
Asst. Clerk Sis. Arta Smalley

The next Annual Association will be
Aug. 13 - 14 - 1971

Gaines Creek Annual Assn. Revival

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 asst. clerks be standing delegate.

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 contain 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 Moderator.

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, arrangements shall be made to insure 2 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 Assn.

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

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

ASSOCIATIONAL DELEGATES

NORTH McALESTER

BROS.DANNY ZUMMER,KENNETH CRAWLEY,SIS.DORTHY CRAWLEY

NEW HOPE

SIS.JESSIE CATHEY,LOU CATHEY,WYOMA ELDRIDGE

TANNEHILL

SIS.SORRELLS,MARY McALESTER,LELA BERNHARDT

EUFULA

BROS.DAVID HIGGINS,ERNEST WEEKS,WALTER WEBSTER

FELLOWSHIP

SIS.JANE BUSSEY,GAIL BUSSEY,PAM.BUSSEY

CROWDER

SIS.LULA DASSLER,ALLIE MAE DAVIDSON,BRO.ALLEN
DAVIDSON

STUART

SIS.ARTA LEE SMALLEY,BRO.WILSON LEE

LONE GROVE

BROS.CHARLES CLIFTON,JOE KNIGHT,CARROLL CULVER

McALESTER FIRST

BROS.BILL KIRK,JESS SIMMERS,SIS.FERN REGAN

LONE OAK

BROS.W.C.RATLIDGE,JERRY MYERS,CGAIG MYERS

STATE DELEGATES

SIS.LELA WHITE
SIS.MOLLIE MYERS
SIS.LOUISE ZACHARY
SIS.DORTHY BIGGER

Thursday Night Services

The Ministers-Deacon meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the McAlester First Church by Bro. McClellan as chairman. Singing was led by Bro. Wayne Clagg and the devotional was presented by Bro. Charlie Christian. Motion was made, 2nd; to replace clerk and vice-chrmn. who are leaving the Association. Motion carried and officers elected were: Bro. Albert Jarrett, vicechairman, Bro. Milton Ford, clerk, Bro. Bill McClellan to retain same office for another year as was late getting started.

Church roll was called and there were 8 of the 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 2nd: carried to recommend to Annual Assn. meeting to attempt week-end camp during winter.

Bro. McClellan reported on donation to Hartshorne Mission about Minutes of Association concerning tithes going to Assn. for lots. Motion made 2nd: Carried that this group recommend to Annual Assn. that separate Building Fund be set up for Hartshorne so that gifts for the purchase of land could be accepted and ear-marked for that special purpose.

Roll Call

Crowder -----	4	McAlester First -----	5
Mufaula -----	0	New Hope -----	3
Fellowship ----	0	No. McAlester -----	3
Hartshorne ----	1	Stuart -----	0
Lone Grove ----	1	Tannehill -----	2
Lone Oak -----	1	Wilburton -----	0

Friday Night Services

Opening song #14. Prayer by Bro. Fred Clifton. Songs #23, 62, 177. With the Moderator in charge, an alter prayer was led by Bro. Bigger.

Special song by Bro. and Sis Davenport "Remind Me"

Song by Bro. Bigger "Master of Blue Galileo"

Bro. McClellan sang "Heaven Will Surely be Worth it All"

10 churches were represented with an attendance of 60

Speaker was Bro. Pete Butler.

Scripture reading was Exodus 16:2-8, Luke 7:31
Theme was "Mirroredings of the people"
Services returned to Moderator. 8 ministers were here.
Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Fassio.

Saturday Morning Services

Opening song #59 "Where could I Go"? Song #56.
Scripture reading by moderator, from Psalm 6.
Prayer led by Bro. Pete Higgins.
Motion and 2nd: Enter into conference. Carried
Letters called for and read.
Motion and 2nd: Receive letters and seat delegates.
Carried.
Right hand of fellowship given to delegates.
Rules of Order read by Assistant Moderator.
Moderators admonition given.
Petitionary letters called for at this time. None.
Motion and 2nd: To extend time 2 weeks for churches to
elect state delegates. Carried.
Visiting ministers extended right hand of fellowship.
Other visitors made welcome.
Motion and 2nd: Moderator and assistant Moderator to
appoint all needed committees Carried.
Examining Board replaces Bro. Robinson. Appointed temp-
orarily, Bro. Finas Hickman. Approved by assembly.
Pulpit committee appointed: Bros. Charles Clifton, Jess
Simmers, Bill Lee. Committee dismissed.
Sunday School Comm: Sis. Davenport, Sis. Davidson, Sis. Lula
Cathey, Sis. Pam Bussey, Bro. Danny Zummer.
Late letter from No. McAlester church. Motion and 2nd; To
accept letter and seat delegates. Carried. Right hand of
fellowship extended to them.
C. T. S: Sis. Dorothy Crawley, Sis. Smalley, Bro. Jack Mouser
Sis. Jane Bussey, Sis. Opal Hickman.
Resolution Comm: Bro. Bigger, Bro. Jerry Myers, Bro. Culver,
Sis. Lorene Stacy, Bro. Yenneth Crawley.
Temperance Comm: Bro. David Higgins, Sis. Lula dassler, Sis
Wyoma Eldridge, Bro. Leo Shelton, Bro. Jack Hance.
Obituary Comm: Bro. Joe Knight, Bro. W. C. Ratlidge, Sis.
Dorothy Cathey, Bro. Buster Stacy, Bro. Jess Henson.
Late letters from H&H Mission and Wilburton read and
accepted. New business called for.
Discussion on building our own Youth Camp.

Report of Pulpit comm: Devotion by Bro. Leo Shelton.
 Morning speaker, Bro. Earl Guinn of Shawnee, Okla.
 Motion and 2nd: We commend the Director and Assistant
 Director of Youth Camp for a good job.
 Motion and 2nd: Elect officers for Youth Camp for 1971.
 Carried. Bro. Jack Mouser, Director, Bro. Bigger, Asst. Dir-
 ector, Bro. Pete Higgins, Treasurer.
 Report to be given at next Quarterly meeting concern-
 ing Youth Camp.
 Motion and 2nd: Director to make written report of camp
 activities, to be given at Annual Assn. meeting. Carried.
 Motion and 2nd: Elect a committee of 5 to study and re-
 vise if necessary our By-laws, Constitution, Resolutions,
 Church Letters, and to bring report in one (1) year to
 our Annual Association. Carried.
 Comm: Bros. Biggers, Davenport, C. Christian, Ford, Shelton.
 Recommendations read from Ministers-deacons meeting.
 #1. Passed. #2. Passed. See Page #25. (Resolutions)
 Motion and 2nd: Dismiss until 1:15 p.m. With 10 minute
 break. Carried. Dismissed by Bro. Bigger.

II:00 o'clock Services

Services opened by singing song #49, led by Sis.
 Lorene Stacy. Prayer by Bro. Davenport.
 Speaker was Bro. Earl Guinn, from Shawnee, Okla.
 Scripture reading was Gal. 5:7
 Theme "What hindered your enthusiasm"?
 Services were returned to Moderator. There were 11 min-
 isters present, 11 churches and Mission represented.
 Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Harry Lee.

Saturday Afternoon Services

Opening song #27, led by Sis. Stacy.
 Devotion by Bro. Leo Shelton. Text was Philemon 1:25
 Theme "Once unprofitable, now profitable"
 Moderator declares business session.
 Committee reports read:
 Temperance read and accepted. See page # 8
 C.T.S. " " " " " "
 Sunday School " " " " "
 Obituary " " " " "
 Short prayer concluded by Bro. Bigger.

Ministers-Deacon report read and accepted.

Examining Comm. report read and accepted.

Resolution Comm. report read accepted and passed item by item. See page #9 - 25

#1. Passed

#2. Passed

#3. Passed

Motion and 2nd: Elect a committee of three to purchase equipment, Carried.

Comm: Bros. Bigger, Fred Clifton, Jack Hance.

Speaker for first quarterly meeting elected, Bro. Leroy Davenport, Bro. Cliff Myers as alternate speaker.

Quarterly meetings placed at this time. See page #9

Call for division of vote of Examining Committee.

#1. Passed

#2. Passed

Introductory speaker for Annual Assn. in 1971, Aug. 13-14

Bro. Pete Higgins. Alternate is Bro. Leo Shelton.

Motion and 2nd: To table setting date of Annual revival until first Quarterly meeting, Carried.

General Board member for 1971; Bro. Bigger.

Resignation of Bro. Pete Higgins from the Examining Board offered at this time.

Motion and 2nd: To accept his resignation, Carried.

Printed financial report presented and accepted.

Other financial report read and accepted.

Motion and 2nd: For money on deposit in Phoenix - Federal to be turned over to Bro. McClellan when he needs it, Carried.

Motion and 2nd: \$100.00 be set aside for Youth Camp for 1971, Carried.

Motion and 2nd: To have Mimeograph repaired, Carried.

Motion and 2nd: Sis. Botts be paid \$50.00 for printing Minutes, Carried.

Election of officers:

Moderator; Bro. Pete Butler

Assistant Moderator; Bro. Chas. Bigger

Clerk-Treasurer; Bro. Milton Ford

Assistant Clerk; Sis. Arta Smalley

Motion and 2nd: We elect evangelist for 1971 revival.

Bro. Lynn Wood elected.

Motion and 2nd: If unable to get Bro. Wood, to follow up

list of three other nominees. Carried.
 Motion and 2nd: To obtain services of Singing Ledbetter
 for week-end of revival. Carried.
 motion and 2nd: Appoint committee of three to obtain the
 services of Ledbetter. Carried.
 Committee: Bros. Biggers, Davenport, G. Christian.
 Motion and 2nd: To take offering at revival and give to
 the Ledbetter for week-end singing.
 Amendment to above: If offering isn't enough, to take add
 itional money from Gaines Creek treasury and add to the
 offering. Carried.
 Bro. Kenneth Crawley offered \$150.00 to help offset the
 deficit if any, to be paid the Ledbetter.
 Motion and 2nd: To suspend rules and not read minutes.
 Carried. Also to commend the Moderator for a job well
 done.
 Announcements called for.
 Motion and 2nd: For meeting to stand adjourned. Carried.
 Final adjournment.

STANDING BOARDS

Fred Clifton EXAMINING

Bro. Charles Bigger	4.5	Years
Bro. George Christian	3.4	Years
Bro. Leroy Davenport	2.3	Years
Bro. Cliff Myers	1.2	Years
Bro. Fred Clifton	1	Year

Lloyd Higgins EXECUTIVE

Bro. Pete Butler <i>Lloyd Higgins</i>	5	Years
Bro. Milton Ford	3.4	Years
Bro. Albert Jarrett	2.3	Years
Bro. Charles Christian	1.2	Years
Bro. Lloyd Higgins	1	year

Committee Reports

Obituary

We, the obituary comm. report the loss of our bro. and sis. in Christ;

Lone Oak - Bro. Cornelius Hall, Sis. Fannie McCracken

Mc. Ist. - Sis. Haynes, Sis. Ennes

Crowder - Bro. Tommie Young

Fellowship - Bro. James Long

Eufaula - I

Lone Grove - Sis. Claudia Myers

A memorial prayer offered silently concluded by Bro. Chas. Bigger.

Bro. Jess Henson, Chrmn.

Sunday School

We recommend all churches give attendance pins, and have their young people in Junior and Teen departments to teach other classes to help develop their own skill, and please encourage others to come to Sunday School.

Sis. Melva Davenport, Chrmn.

Temperance

That as Christians we would be prayerful and temperant in the discussions, and all phases of Gods' work, and to remember there is a recording session going on in heaven of all that we say and do.

Bro. Leo Shelton, Chrmn.

C.T.S.

We recommend that the committee that wrote the rules for Fellowship and C.T.S. Rallies send one to each church and we as adults take more interest in our youth and to encourage them in youth work.

Sis. Arta Smalley, Chrmn.

Examining

#1. Bro. Jerry Myers, ordination to ministry. Passed

#2. Bro. Charlie Eldridge, deaconship. Passed

Bro. Cliff Myers, Chrmn.

Ministers-Deacons meeting

Following report from Bro. Bill McClellan that the Hartshorne Mission is considering to organize as a church, a motion was carried to recommend to the Association that support be continued while the organizational proceedings are being accomplished.

Bro. Bill McClellan, Chrmn.

Resolution

#1. That no person shall serve on more than one (1) standing Board at a time in this Association.

#2. That every Committee or Board give a written report to the yearly Association of their years work.

#3. That all ministers working in Association churches must join Gaines Creek Association.

Amended: Ministers must be members of church they are pastoring.

#4. That all ministers and deacons coming into the Gaines Creek Association must submit their credentials for examination to Executive or Examining committee.

Bro. Chas. Bigger, Chrmn.

Quarterly Meetings 1970 - 1971

- #1. Eufaula Church _____ Nov. 13-14-1970
- #2. McAlester First _____ Feb. 19-20-1971
- #3. Crowder Church _____ May 14-15-1971

Visiting Ministers

Bro. Leonard Bean, Wetumka Okla.

Bro. Harry Lee, Haywood, Okla.

Bro. Earl Guinn, Shawnee, Okla.

Minutes of Quarterly Meetings

Ministers - Deacons Meeting, Nov. 13 - 1969

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Lone Grove church by Bro. Bill McClellan, chairman. There were 21 present with 8 of the 12 churches represented as shown below. The singing was led by Bro. James Johnson. Devotion by Bro. Chas. Bigger, Mark: 7, "Vain Worship". Special singing by McAlester quartet and James Johnson. Testimony led by Bro. Charlie Eldridge.

Motion made and 2nd: That Ministers-Deacons meeting be at McAlester churches to be more centralized; amended; seconded to be at McAlester First church. Carried.

Motion made 2nd: That C.T.S. Promotional Director visit be recommended to Quarterly meeting and for it to be held Dec. 6 at McAlester First church.

Bro. McClellan reported on Hartshorne work and building Fund with chance to buy land.

Discussion of church participation in Associational activities was helpful. Motion made 2nd: To mail each church a copy of minutes of this meeting to see if it might stimulate interest in those who are responsible. Announcements made as to Bible study at North McAlester, Dec. 1-5, led by Bro. Earl Jenson. Meeting adjourned.

Roll Call (Alphabetical)

Crowder	2	McAlester First	5
Eufaula	2	New Hope	4
Fellowship	0	No. McAlester	2
Hartshorne	1	Stuart	0
Lone Grove	4	Tannehill	0
Lone Oak	1	Wilburton	0
		Visitors	0

Friday Night Services

Services opened by Moderator. Song #22, led by Bro. Moore. Prayer by Bro. Harry Lee, followed by songs #56, 49, 14.

Prayer by Bro. Bigger. Visitors made welcome.

Special song by quartet composed of Bro. Lynn Wood, Sis.

Judy Botts, Bro. Eldred Moore, Bro. George Christian.

In absence of our elected speaker, Bro. Bill McClellan spoke to us. His scripture reading was taken from Heb. 12, 1:3. Theme of Bro. McClellan's message was "Lay aside the sin and weight that besets you". After call made.

Services returned to Moderator.
Introduction of Bro. Bigger and family to Assn.
Closing prayer by Bro. Lynn Wood.

Saturday Morning Services

Services opened by our Moderator. Bro. Gary Smith led the congregation in singing hymns #100 "Stand up For Jesus" and #102 "Near The Cross" Prayer by Bro. Robinson. Devotion by Bro. Higgins, reading Josh. 1:1-2. His theme was "What have we to look back on, and what do we have to look forward to?"

Quarterly conference called to order.

Church letters called for, read and accepted. 10 churches were represented. Absent delegates replaced at this time. Delegates given right hand of fellowship and seated. Authority given Moderator and Asst. Moderator to appoint all needed Committees.

Pulpit Comm. appointed: Bro. Fred Clifton, Bro. Carroll Culver, Sis. Lorene Stacy. Dismissed for deliberations.

Reading of "Rules of Order" by asst. Moderator.

Report of pulpit comm. received and read. Bro. Bigger to bring devotion and Bro. Wood, the 11:00 clock message.

Petitionary letters called for. None

Appointment of other Committees.

Resolution: Bros. Pete Higgins, Thomas Carmen, Albert Jarret, Joe Barlow, Finis Hickman.

Obituary: Sis. Mary Crandell, Lela Bernhardt, Gayla Christian, Bro. David Higgins, Sis. Sorrells.

S.S.: Sis. Debbie Prince, Mildred Clifton, Bros. Carroll Culver, Danny Zumner, James Johnson.

Temperance: Bros. Jerry Myers, Jess Simmers, James Prince, Sis. Juanita McClellan, Wyoma Eldridge.

C.T.S.: Bro. W.C. Ratlidge, Bro. Bigger, Pete Butler, Sis. Margie Higgins, Irene Jarrett.

Business recessed till 1:00 p.m.

11:00 o'clock service

Opening song #107 "Wonderful Words of Life" Prayer by Bro. Pete Butler.

Special singing by Bro. Homer Young, Bro. Lynn Wood, Bro. Danny Zumner, Sis. Irene Jarrett.

Bro. Bigger took his Devotional reading from Matt. 5:35-

38. Theme: "Teaching, Preaching and Healing the sick."
Bro. Lynn took his text from 1st. Peter, 4:13-16.
Theme of his message was "If you were on trial as a
Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you
Services returned to Moderator.
Prayer of dismissal and blessing asked on noon meal by
Bro. Leonard Bean.

1:00 o'Clock service

Afternoon service began with singing "Power in The
Blood" and "Living by Faith". Prayer by Bro. Ford.
Special singing by Bro. Bigger and Debbie.
Floor given to our Executive Secretary, Bro. Homer
Young.

Business session opened with call for new business.
Discussion to organize Thanksgiving service for all of
Gaines Creek Association churches on Wed. before Thank
sgiving. North McAlester wants first service, and are to
furnish speaker and refreshments. Made into motion, 2nd:
carried.

Amended: Next years place set at each Thanksgiving
service. Amendment carried. This service to be annual.
Motion and 2nd: To send offering to O.B.C. General Fund
in honor of Bro. O'Donnell. Carried.

Financial report read and approved.

Motion and 2nd: To give Sis. Botts \$50.00 for work print
ing the Minutes. Carried.

Motion and 2nd: To add \$100.00 from Gaines Creek Assn.
treasury to offering to be sent to O.B.C. Carried
Total amount of offering was \$260.92.

At this time the floor was given to Bro. Lynn Wood, our
Promotional Director from O.B.C.

Reading of Committee reports.

Obituary: We are glad to report no deaths have been
since the last quarterly meeting. report received with
prayer of thanksgiving.

Temperance: We urge each person here to go back to
their churches and request prayer concerning the fight
against liquor.

C.T.S.: #1. Gaines Creek Ministers - Deacons meeting, Nov.
13, 1969; Recommend to Quarterly meeting that the Gaines
Creek Assn. obtain service of Bro. Samuel Johnson,

National C.T.S. Director for Saturday night, Dec. 6

Signed, Bro. Bill McClellan

#2. We urge all C.T.S. directors to be at this meeting. We are still encourageing all churches to organize a C.T.S. Program in their churches. We do endorse and urge that the Ministers*Deacons recommendations be passed. Rider attached to above: To read "At McAlester First Church, 7:30 p.m." Report and rider accepted and passed. S.S. #1. Sunday School teachers to continue to urge all adults to bring children to services.

#2. For the continued use of Attendance Pins.

#3. Teachers of young adult classes to have class members to teach, and gain experience, as teachers of all future classes come from this age group. This would give them background and confidence when they are called upon. Report accepted.

Resolutions: See Resolutions on page # 25

Old business called for.

Committee unable to give report on Bell Property at this time, but promised report at next Quarterly meeting.

Report from Bro. Fred Clifton concerning Youth Camp retreat.

Tentative date for Youth Camp for 1970, Aug. 9. Move to accept report. Oral report given by Bro. Pete Higgins on Youth Camp finances. Approximately \$260.00 in account. Full report to be given at Fellowship meeting.

Report on Wilburton church. Motion and 2nd: To send a representation to the Wilburton church. Carried.

Amendment to above: Moderator to chose three (3) man committee to talk to pastor, to see what is the trouble. Bro. Bigger, Bro. Myers, Bro. Butler appointed.

Motion and 2nd: We give \$100.00 from Gaines Creek Assn. General Fund to Youth Camp to finish paying for film strips, and to put remainder in Youth Camp treasury.

Carried.

Motion and 2nd: To appoint committee to look into and study film strips. Carried. Comm: Bro. Milton Ford, Bro. Fred Clifton, Bro. Pete Higgins.

Speaker for next Quarterly meeting elected. Bro. Jarrett, Bro. Cliff Myers as alternate speaker.

Announcements made.

We had 10 Association Ministers and three visiting ministers. Motion and 2nd: To adjourn.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Leroy Davenport.

February 12, 1970

The Ministers*Deacon meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the McAlester First church by chairman, Bro. Bill McClellan.

There were 21 present with 7 of the churches represented, as shown below.

Minutes of last meeting were read and accepted.

The following business was conducted.

#1. Motion passed to continue sending minutes to each church.

#2. Motion passed for each church to send clerk (Bro. Ford) a list of all ministers and Deacons of their church.

#3. Motion passed to recommend to the Quarterly meeting to write a letter to each church who is not paying Co Op for explanation why.

#4. Report from Bro. McClellan on Hartshorne work.

Bro. Homer Young brought a wonderful message from Luke 7:19-24. Meeting adjourned.

Roll Call (Alphabetical)

Crowder	0	McAlester First	6
Eufaula	2	New Hope	2
Fellowship	1	North McAlester	5
Hartshorne	1	Stuart	0
Lone Grove	0	Tannehill	0
Lone Oak	2	Wilburton	0
		Visitors	2

2nd. Quarterly Meeting: Feb. 13 - 14 - 1970

Lone Oak Church

Friday Night Services

Services opened by Bro. Myers.

Bro. Lynn Wood led the congregation in singing song #18 "I Am Thine, O Lord".

Prayer by Bro. Kenneth Crawley, followed by songs

#21, 23, 40.

14

Special singing for tonight was a trio composed of Sis. Dorothy Crawley, Bro. Lynn Wood and Sis. Irene Jarrett. They sang "There's A Light Guiding Me".

Other special singing was a quartet made up of Bro. and Sis. Davenport, Sis. Margie Higgins and Bro. Lynn Wood. Their song was entitled "When We Sing Around The Throne Eternal".

Bro. and Sis. McClellan, Bro. Wood and Sis. Jarrett sang "Way Down". Sis. Jarrett led testimony service for the ladies.

Bro. Albert Jarrett was speaker for evening, reading from Isaiah 61:1-4. Theme: The soul of man, word of God. Services were returned to assistant moderator. 9 ministers were present with an attendance of 71. Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Bigger.

Saturday Morning Services

Bro. Wood led the singing of hymn #94

In absence of moderator, our asst. moderator, Bro. Cliff Myers took charge of service and extended a welcome to all visitors. Prayer by Bro. Whitey Wilson. Song #76, followed by scripture reading by Bro. Leonard Bean, from 1st. Peter, 4:10. Theme "Love Of God To Man"

Motion and 2nd: Moderator to appoint temporary asst. Mod. Carried. Bro. Jess Henson appointed.

Letters called for, read and accepted.

Delegates given the right hand of fellowship and seated. Replace absent delegates.

Motion and 2nd: Moderator and asst. be given power to appoint all needed committees. Carried.

Pulpit comm: Bro. Allen Davidson, Bro. Wilson Clifton, Bro. Buster Stacy. Committee dismissed.

Reading of "Rules of Order" by asst. moderator.

Moderators admonition given at this time.

Special singing by Bro. Woody Williamson and family "Jesus Is Coming Soon"

Report of pulpit comm: Bro. Pete Higgins, devotion, Bro. Lynn Wood, morning speaker. Other committees appointed.

Resolution comm: Sis. Lula Dassler, Bro. Bill Kirk, Sis.

Gail Bussey, Sis. Wyoma Eldridge, Bro. Arvil Hefley.

Obituary Comm: Bro. David Higgins, Sis. Sophia Lewis, Sis. Mildred Clifton, Sis. Allie Mae Davidson.

C.T.S. Comm: Sis. Helen Kirk, Bro. Danny Zummer, Bro. Jerry Myers, Sis. Arta Smalley.
Special song by Bro. Whitey Wilsons quarter from the Canadian Assn. singing "My Heavenly Home"
motion and 2nd: Dismiss till 1:00 o'clock.
Prayer by Bro. Leo Shelton.

11:00 o'clock Service

Services opened with song #37 "Joy Unspeakable" led by Sis. Margie Higgins. Prayer by Bro. Harrison Botts.
Song #39, "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes"
Special number sang by Sis. Margie Higgins and Sis. Irene Jarrett "Had It Not Been"
Bro. Whitey Wilsons group sang "Some Day We'll Know"
Devotion by Bro. Higgins, reading from Rev. 3:14-22.
Theme "How we die, we'll face judgement"
Bro. Woods' scripture reading was taken from Malachi 3:3-7. Theme "Things that don't change"
Services returned to Moderator.
Dismissed for lunch with prayer and blessing asked on noon meal by Bro. Pete Butler.

1:00 o'clock service

Afternoon service opened by singing #38, "It Wont Be Very Long". Prayer by Bro. Davenport.
Special song by Sis. Alene Pearce "Two Young Men"
Business called to floor.
Report of Committees.
Resolution. See page #24 - 25.
C.T.S. Comm: We want to encourage attendance of both old and young in each C.T.S. program. Invite those in your church to take an active interest if not already enrolled. We also want to encourage youth leadership in C.T.S. with adult guidance. Report accepted and passed.
Obituary Comm: We are happy to report no deaths in our Assn. since the last Quarterly meeting. Report received and passed.
Another song by Bro. Wilsons' group "When We Sing Around The Throne Eternal"
Prayer of Thanksgiving for no deaths in our Assn. led by Bro. Odie Robinson.
Report received concerning Bell Property.

Motion and 2nd: Clerk to write letter of apology to Bro. Bell, concerning matter of property. Carried.

Motion and 2nd: to receive letter of recommendation concerning Bro. Chas. Bigger. Carried

Motion and 2nd: To receive letter concerning interest on Bond coupon from O.B.C. Carried.

Motion and 2nd: Clerk to place coupon on interest till next year, or until we decide what we are going to do with it. Carried.

Song by Sis. Miller and Sis Poole, "He Paid It Tho Great Was The Cost"

Motion and 2nd: Appoint committee to see about selling surface rights on acre of land owned by the Gaines Creek Association. Carried.

Committee: Bro. Harold Bernhardt, Bro. Leo Shelton, Bro. Leroy Davenport.

Place set for Thanksgiving service, 1970. Lone Oak.

Another special song by the Williamson family, entitled "Remind Me Dear Lord"

Oral report by Bro. Pete Butler about the Wilburton church.

Oral report given concerning the H&H Mission.

Executive Board given permission to go ahead with the purchase of land. Also clerk given permission to write check for same when needed.

Motion and 2nd: To print all proceedings of all quarterly meetings in the Minutes, not just highlights. Carried.

Motion and 2nd: To print all reports in Minutes.

Amended to read "All reports to be made in writing. Amendment and motion both carried.

Motion and 2nd: For Association to pay \$50.00 monthly to the H&H Mission; for it to come out of the Gaines Creek Association treasury. Carried.

Floor given to Bro. Lynn Wood to speak on Christian Education. \$140.00 was given Bro. Wood to take back to O.B.C. These were private donations.

Introductory speaker for May Quarterly meeting is selected. Bro. Leo Shelton.

Minutes of last Quarterly meeting read and accepted.

Short discussion on Youth revival evangelist.

Motion and 2nd: Bro. Clifton to call Bro. Cariker in

regards to his availability, and Association to pay for this call. Carried.

9 churches were represented, 15 ministers were present, 19 visitors and total attendance was 91.

Announcements were made.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Fred Clifton.

May 14, 1970.

Ministers-Deacon meeting was called to order at the McAlester First church by Chairman, Bro. Bill McClellan. There were 18 present, representing 9 of the 12 churches as shown below:

Bro. Bob Miller led the group in singing "I Am Thine, O Lord". Bro. Buster Stacy led in prayer. Testimony service by Bro. Bill McClellan.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following business was conducted:

#1. To check into all Deacons and Ministers coming before the Credentials Board, that they be more closely examined about their tithing.

#2. Motion made to go by 1st. Tim. 3, strictly, and to check and re-vamp all Assn. Resolutions. Carried.

#3. Motion and 2nd: Secretary and treasurer be one office.

Bro. Bigger brought the message on "Water Baptising" from II Tim. 2:2

Roll Call

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

3rd. Quarterly Meeting at New Hope, May 14, 1970

Moderator, Bro. Charlie Christian was in charge of service
Opening song #40. Prayer by Bro. Pete Higgins, followed by
song #225. Prayer by Bro. Charles Bigger.

Special song by Bro. Bigger and daughter, Debbie "Master
Of Blue Galilee".

Danny, Van and Diane Davenport and Vicky Cathey sang
"Where Could I Go?"

Bro. John Smith sang his testimony "Will My Record Be
There?" Prayer by Bro. Cliff Myers.

Evening speaker was Bro. Leo Shelton. Scripture reading
27th Psalm. Theme "God's Safety For The Christian"

Alter call made but no response.

Welcome extended to the congregation by host pastor of
the New Hope Church, Bro. Leroy Davenport.

Closed with prayer by Sis. Judy Botts.

6 ministers were present. 9 churches and the Mission
were represented tonight.

Saturday Morning Services

Services were opened with hymns II - 14. Prayer by Bro
Harry Lee of the Calvin Church in the Canadian Assn.
Devotion by Bro. Geo. Christian. Psalm 112. Prayer by Bro.
Bigger.

Moderator would entertain a motion to enter into con-
ference. Motion and 2nd: To so enter. Carried.

Church letters called for and read.

Motion and 2nd: To receive letters and seat the delegat-
es. Carried. Alternate delegates placed at this time.

10 of the churches were represented, with 14 ministers
present.

Motion and 2nd: Moderator and Asst. Moderator be given
authority to appoint all needed Committees. Carried.

Pulpit Comm: Bro. Carroll Culver, Bro. Kenneth Crawley, Sis.
Debra Bigger. Comm. excused for deliberations.

Reading of "Rules of Order" by Asst. Moderator, Bro. Myers
Report of Pulpit comm: Bro. Doyle Cox, morning speaker,
Bro. Harry Lee, afternoon Devotion.

Remaining committees appointed at this time.

Obituary Comm: Sis. Knight, Sis. Lillian Lott, Sis. Lula Das-
sler, Sis. Martha carman, Sis. Lela Bernhardt.

S.S. Comm: Sis. Margie Higgins, Sis. Lou Cathey, Bro. Melvin
Bowen, Bro. Bob Smith, Sis. Gail Bussey.

Temperance Comm: Sis. Pam Bussey, Sis. Onal Hickman, Bro.
Bill Cathey, Bro. W.C. Ratlidge, Sis. Mary Cathey.

C.T.S. Comm: Sis. Shelton, Bro. Connie Lassler, Bro. Clark
Davis, Bro. David Higgins, Sis. Davenport.

Resolutions Com: Sis. Smalley, Bro. Milton Ford, Bro. Jim Prince, Sis. Jarrett, Sis. Eldredge.

Petitionary Letters called for.

Moderator extends welcome to all visitors.

We had 8 visitors. Bro. and Sis. Foster from the Canadian Assn. Bro. and Sis. Harry Lee and Leah Kay also from the Canadian Assn. Also Bro. Leonard Bean from Wetumka, Okla. This is also in Canadian Assn. Bro. Doyle Cox from Sulphur, Okla. and Bro. Lynn Wood, our promotional Director from O.B.C. was visiting with us.

They were invited to sit in council with us.

Motion and 2nd: To adjourn business till 1:00 o'clock.

Carried, Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Milton Ford.

11:00 o'Clock Service

"Somebody Loves Me" was the opening song. Prayer by Bro. Bean. Special song "Blessed Redeemer" by Sis. Clara Foster, Sis. Imogene Lee and Leah Kay.

Our speaker, Bro. Cox took his text from Romans 3:11-32 Theme "There is no difference, all have sinned".

Services returned to Moderator.

Host pastor welcomes Quarterly assembly to prepared lunch. Dismissed and blessing asked on lunch by Bro. Robinson.

1:00 o'Clock Service

Songs #60 "Living By Faith", and #225 "When Life Is Over" brought assembly back into session, followed by prayer by Bro. Pete Butler. Devotion by Bro. Lee, reading from Book of Jude, 3rd verse.

Moderator declares conference re-convened.

Special singing by Bro. Wood, Bro. Miller and Sis. Jarrett. Floor also given to Bro. Wood who gave a good report on graduation exercises at O.B.C.

New business called for.

Bro. Fred Clifton asked all pastors to send him a list of all eligible workers for Youth Camp.

Discussion on HCH mission obtaining the Singing Ledbetter family for upcoming revival, June 28. Discussion of financial payment for their services at revival.

Motion and 2nd: For Association churches thru donations to sponsor and finance the Ledbetter Quartet for the

for the revival at H&H Mission. Carried.

Floor discussion on validity of deed for H&H Mission property.

Motion and 2nd: Executive Board to take care and to investigate deed to H&H property. Carried.

Bro. Jarrett offered to do this.

Motion and 2nd: For clerk to place remaining H&H Building Fund money on Pass Book savings with Phoenix-Federal. Carried.

Motion and 2nd: That clerk write requesting that the H&H Mission represent itself at Quarterly Meetings, and Annual Association Meetings. Carried.

Oral report on Wilburton church received.

Floor discussion concerning trial times for Deacons.

Motion and 2nd: That all new deacons be placed on trial for one (1) year, and ministers be licensed for one (1) year prior to ordination. Carried.

Motion and 2nd: That we, as an Association if 11 churches go on record as being behind our sheriff 100% in his fight on dope traffic, and for our clerk to have a piece printed in the News*Capital in support of his fight on dope. Carried.

Motion and 2nd: For Association to give \$100.00 to O.B.C. for College Day 70. Carried.

Report of Comm:

C.T.S. Comm: We wish to report all C.T.S. classes are progressing, and our prayer is to see each church in Gaines Creek Assn. participating in C.T.S. programs. To encourage all youths, ages 9 thru 18 to attend Youth Camp, Aug. 9, 1970. We urge all churches to have more creative activities for our youth. Report Accepted.

S.S. Comm: We recommend all churches have some kind of training for their Sunday School teachers, and that each teacher stop and realize the importance of their job. Report accepted.

Temperance Comm: We wish to move that we adopt the old resolution. Report accepted.

Resolution Comm: We do not have, and did not have any suggestions presented to us for consideration by the Association. Report accepted.

Obituary Comm: See page #8

Examining Comma: #1. That Bro. Bobby Smith be recommended to church as acting deacon.
Amendment: For Bro. Smith be re-examined at end of trial time. Amendment to amendment: To read "For one (1) year.
Both amendments and main motion carried.
#2. Bro. Bob Miller be ordained as deacon. Carried.
#3. Bro. Loyd Higgins be ordained as minister. Carried.
Old business called for.
Report of clerk concerning letter written. Accepted.
Report on acre of land owned by Gaines Creek Assn. by Bro. Leo Shelton. He has a buyer for surface rights for amount of \$335.00.
Motion and 2nd: Executive Board have power of attny. to sign title and collect money from sale of same. Carried.
Date set for cleaning and mowing Campgrounds. The date is July 25th.
Motion and 2nd: To let Bro. Jonnie Bernhardt have hay off campground for mowing, or if he doesn't want it to see others about it. Carried.
Motion and 2nd: To have Campground Piano tuned and have needed repairs made on it before revival. Carried.
Sis. Jarrett will handle this matter.
Financial report read and accepted.
Motion and 2nd: Executive Board to check into deed for Campground. Carried.
No further business a motion and 2nd to adjourn.
Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Carroll Culver.

CHURCH AND PASTOR

LONE OAK, REV. CLIFF MEERS

STUART,

LONE GROVE, REV. HARRY LEE

HEB MISSION, REV. BILL MCCLILLAN

CROWDER, REV. PETE BUTLER

FELLOWSHIP, REV. LEO SHELTON

EUFULA,

TANNEHILL, REV. JOE ZUMER

NEW HOPE, REV. LEROY DAVENPORT

NO. McALESTER, REV. ALBERT JARRETT

WILBURTON, REV. C. R. FASSIO

McALESTER 1ST, REV. CHAS. BIGGER

CLERKS

JUDY BOTTS, RT. 1, INDIANOLA, OKLA.

GLINDA BLIVINS, RT. 6, BOX 187, McALESTER, OKLA.

MILDRED CLIFTON, 352 E VAN BUREN, McALESTER, OKLA

LOUISE ZACHARY, ALDERSON, OKLA.

LILA WHITE, CROWDER, OKLA.

OLETA LOTT, 2606 N. 4TH, McALESTER, OKLA.

EULENE DAVIS, RT. 1, EUFULA, OKLA.

LILLIAN SLOVER, RT. 1, McALESTER, OKLA.

EDITH YOUNG, RT. 2, McALESTER, OKLA.

LOLA FLETCHER, 524 E. LINCOLN, McALESTER, OKLA.

BARBARA MANLEY, RT. 1, BOX 72, WILBURTON, OKLA.

NEIL CHRISTIAN, 2001 N. "B", McALESTER, OKLA.

Resolutions

1. Be it resolved that no Moderator succeed himself in office.
2. Be it resolved that all resolutions be recorded in 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 recorded in 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 Association send in last (May) letter to Quarterly meeting, \$10.00 for Associational revival.
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 Delegate fees.
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 deaconship.
10. Be it resolved that we give our evangelist the money that was voted by our Association.
11. Be it resolved that we adopt the Lords Supper, Baptism, and Feetwashing as set forth in the National Treatise for our Association.
12. Be it resolved we change our Association from Thursday night to Friday night, and start business session Saturday morning at 9: a.m., which will give us enough time to conduct our business.
13. Be it resolved that we elect our Camp Director at the Annual Association.
14. Be it resolved that we elect all committees with exception of Examining and Executive committees at each sitting of the Association meetings.
15. Be it resolved that no person shall serve on more than one (1) standing board at a time in this Association.
16. Be it resolved that each Committee or Board give a written report to the yearly Association of their years work.
17. Be it resolved that we purchase a Public Address

system to be used in our Youth Camp, yearly revival, Annual Association and Quarterly meetings, C.T.S. Rallys or Fellowship meetings; and that the Moderator be responsible for the care and bring to the accivitie.

18. Amendment to amend "By Law" #12, and place it in "Rules of Order" as #15.

19. Set time limit on waiting for reply from evangelist in regard to holding revival.

20. All ministers working in Association churches must join Gaines Creek Association.

Amended: Ministers must be members of church they are pastoring.

21. That all ministers and deacons coming into Gaines Creek Association must submit their credentials for examination to Executive or Examining Committee.

22. All churches to send in their Co-Op by 1st. of Mon.

Financial Report Gaines Creek Assn.
8/1/69 — 8/1/70

Bal. Forward	\$ 350.63
Deposited	8,021.61
Disbursements	7,941.36
Working bal. in Bank	430.38
H&H Acct in Pheonix Federal	312.68
G.C. Assn. Passbook Savings (Bond)	60.00
Total dep. Bank and Savings	490.88

Minutes of 1969 — Revival of 1970

Tannehill	\$ 25.00
Crowder	25.00
McAlester Ist.	25.00
First of Eufaula	25.00
New Hope	25.00
Lone Oak	25.00
Stuart	25.00
No. McAlester	25.00
Lone Grove	25.00
Fellowship	25.00
H & H Mission	10.00
Wilburton	0

Total \$255.00

Missions

McAlester First

Deeds	\$ 20.50
Haas	55.00
Sparks	26.05
Combs	39.50
McCoy	468.44
Postlewaite	14.00
Hawaii Land	21.50
Gage	15.55
McLain	20.55
Foreign Mission	13.88
Home Mission	13.88
H & H Mission	20.00
Natl. Home Mission	13.50

Natl. Foreign Mission -----	\$	13.50
Special Mission offering -----		13.12

No. McAlester Womens Aux.		
Home Mission -----		11.06
McCoy -----		60.00

Stuart Junior S.S. Class		
McCoy -----		4.08

Stuart Primary Class		
Sanders -----		5.00

Stuart Womens Aux.		
Foreign Mission -----		45.00
Home Mission -----		15.00
Foreign Mission Call-A-Thon -----		23.25

Gaines Creek Association		
H & H Mission -----		400.00
McCoy -----		300.00

O.B.C.

Gaines Creek Association -----	460.92
McAlester First -----	732.73
Stuart -----	161.10
Long Oak -----	45.00
Crowder -----	42.23
Rev. and Mrs. C.G. Myers -----	100.00
Margie Higgins -----	25.00
Mrs. Ralph Smalley -----	440.00

State and National Dept.

McAlester First		
State Ex. Dept. -----		301.23
Natl. Ex. Dept. -----		301.22

Disbursements

Oklahoma Bible College -----	\$	1,981.38
Co-Op -----		1,632.34
Bulletin Supplies -----		41.03
Insurance on Tabernacle -----		128.00
Kiamichi Electric (Campground) -----		36.00

Sis. Botts (Printing Minutes) -----	\$ 50.00
Delegate fees and State Minutes -----	45.00
Thompson Typewriter Rental -----	6.50
Youth Camp -----	100.00
State and Natl. Ex. Dept. -----	602.45
W. N. Follard (Piano Repairs) -----	45.00
Rent on Safety Deposit Box -----	11.00
Filing Cabinet -----	31.00
Stamps and envelopes -----	7.25
Rev. Bill McClellan (H&H expenses) -----	300.00
H & H Building Fund -----	100.00
McAlester News-Capital -----	52.30
(Revival 69, Revival 70, In support of Sheriff)	
Rev. Bailey Thompson (69 Revival) -----	150.00
Rev. Richard Rust (Youth Fellowship Revival) -----	45.00
Oklahoma Book Store (Treatise, Letter forms) -----	5.12
James May (Drawing deed on property sale) -----	7.50
Rev. Pete Butler (Gen. Board member 1969) -----	25.00
Misheks (Mimeo paper and postage for Min) -----	14.40
William Barnhill (H&H property payment) -----	870.00
Phoenix Federal (Passbook Savings Acct.) -----	217.16

H&H Financial Report

8/4/69 — 8/1/70

Bal. Forward in chkg. acct. -----	\$ 414.51
9/3/69 Bro. McClellan -----	50.00
H&H Expenses Bal. -----	364.51
9/18/69 Rec. for Dep. -----	91.54
Tithes and Offerings Bal. -----	456.05
10/1/69 Bro. McClellan -----	50.00
H&H expenses Bal. -----	406.05
11/1/69 Bro. McClellan Expenses -----	50.00
H&H Expenses Bal. -----	356.05
11/3/69 Rec. for Dep. -----	110.28
Tithes and Offerings Bal. -----	466.33
12/7/69 Rec. for Dep. -----	57.75
Tithes and Offerings Bal. -----	524.08
12/8/69 Bro. McClellan -----	50.00
H&H Expenses Bal. -----	474.08
1.2/70 Bro. McClellan -----	50.00
H&H expenses Bal. -----	424.08
2/3/70 Bro. McClellan -----	50.00

2/3/70	Rec. for Dep. -----	\$	84.61
	Tithes and Offerings	Bal.	558.69
3/3/70	Rec. for Dep. -----		44.64
	Tithes and Offerings	Bal.	603.33
3/19/70	Account closed (Withdrawal) -----		603.33
	Part payment on property) ✓	Bal.	000.00

H & H Building Fund Report

8/15/69	Dep. by Gaines Creek Assn. -----	\$	100.00
9/18/69	Dep. by H&H Mission -----		180.00
		Bal.	280.00
12/28/69	Rec. for Dep. -----		25.00
	Donated by Bro. Bigger	Bal.	305.00
1/24/70	Rec. for Dep. -----		25.00
	Donated by Youth Fellowship	Bal.	330.00
2/3/70	Rec. for Dep. -----		13.70
	Offerings	Bal.	343.70
2/28/70	Rec. for Dep. -----		10.00
	McAlester Ist.	Bal.	353.70
3/19/70	Withdrawal to complete payment for H&H Property	Bal.	266.67 87.03
4/7/70	Rec. For Dep. -----		5.00
	McAlester Ist.	Bal.	92.03
4/7/70	Rec. for Dep. -----		63.23
	Tithes and offerings	Bal.	155.26
5/7/70	Rec. for Dep. -----		5.00
	McAlester Ist.	Bal.	160.26
5/14/70	Rec. for Dep. -----		56.90
	Tithes and offerings	Bal.	217.16
5/18/70	Withdrawal -----		217.16
	For Dep. in Pheoniz Federal	Bal.	000.00
5/18/70	Dep. -----		217.16
6/1/70	Rec. for Dep. -----		94.22
		Bal.	311.38
6/10/70	Quarterly earnings on savings -----		1.30
		Bal.	312.68
7/8/70	Rec. for Dep. -----		5.00
	McAlester Ist.	Bal.	317.68

Bro. McClellans church now handles this account.

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 all 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 ministers 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; 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 Credential 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 Moderator.
9. It shall be the duty of all of 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 its meeting 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 nomi-

inated be elected.

12. Anyone 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.

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

14. No member of this Association shall be allowed to speak more than ten (10) minutes on the same subject without permission of the Moderator.

15. 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.

16. 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. Roman I:20. John I:17, I7-21.

2. We believe that the scripture of the Old and New Testament is the word of God and the only infallible 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 of God 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 principals of repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He now commands all men everywhere to repent, therefore He saith "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 the 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, Rev. 22:17

9. We believe Baptism, the Lords 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 clerk chosen by the church, to hold office during the good pleasure of same.

12. In dealing with disorderly members:

(A) Reference should be made to the 16th chapter of Matt. and other scriptures relative to dealing 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 14:22, 2nd. Cor. 6:6.

13. We believe it is the duty of each church to assemble themselves once a month and that it is the duty of

the pastor or the church when setting forth the Lords Supper and Washing the Saints Feet to let a man "examine himself and so let him eat" 1st. Cor. II:28, John 13:14 14. we believe that the sanctification and holliness is a Bible doctrine, that immortality is Gods dwelling in the light, so when this corruptable shall have put on incorruption and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall it be brought to pass that is written "Death swallowed up in victory". That it is our duty to be tender and affectionate one to 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. 3:10, 1st. John 2:9.

15. We believe in the resurrection of the dead of both the just and 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. I:10, Rev. 20:12-13.

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 that 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 Association.

Section 2. It shall not be the purpose of this Assn.

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 efforts 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 (3) 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, and 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 meetings.

ARTICLE VII

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDURE:The questions of deliberations shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order.

ARTICLE VIII

OFFICERS:The officers of this Association shall be Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer, and Assistant 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 (1) 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 the resurrection of Christ, the death of Christians to the world, the washing of their souls from the pollution of sin, their rising to the newness of life, their engagement to serve God and their resurrection at the last day.

(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 LORDS' 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. 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 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 oft as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lords' death till He come. Matt. 26:26-28. Romans 6:4. Therefore we are buried with Him in baptism unto 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.

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. 10:16, 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, Romans 14:1, 10, 1st. Cor. 12:12-27, Acts 2:42,

#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 Lords' Supper. It is the duty and prerogative of every believer to observe this sacred ordinance. John 13:4-8, 1st. Tim. 5:1-10

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