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69th

Annual Session

of the

Gaines Creek Association

of

Free Will Baptists

AUGUST 15-16, 1980

AT THE

FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

McALESTER, OKLAHOMA

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GAINES CREEK ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

OFFICERS

Moderator	Norman Cathey Route 1, Indianola	426-0454
Assistant Moderator	Mike Fields 108 E. Caddo, Wilburton	465-5220
Clerk	Milton Ford 122 Jensen, Wilburton	465-3403
Assistant Clerk	Sue Anderson 38½ E. Taylor, McAlester	423-8440
Treasurer	Judy Botts Route 1, Indianola	823-4449
Assistant Treasurer	Eddie Jarrett 2018 N. 13, McAlester	423-5838
General Board Member	1981 Albert Jarrett	423-1269

EXECUTIVE BOARD

1	1981	Bill Kirk, 4½ Short Stonewall, McAlester	423-5048
2	1982	Don Prescott, Indianola	823-4278
3	1983	Larry Bernhardt, 607 E. Ada, Wilburton	465-2095
4	1984	Bob Smith, R. 5, McAlester	423-3947
5	1985	Leroy Weeks, 513 So. 9th, McAlester	423-3986

EXAMINING (CREDENTIALS) BOARD

1	1981	W.D. Prescott, Indianola	823-
2	1982	Norman Cathey, Indianola	426-0454
3	1983	Cliff Myers, Star Route, Haywood	826-4691
4	1984	Earl Jensen, Indianola	823-4443
5	1985	Mike Fields, Wilburton	465-5220

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

1	1981	Jack Mouser, 206 N.E. 5th, Wilburton	465-3094
2	1982	Joe Roberson, 208 S. Central, Wilburton	465-3785
3	1983	Harvey Aguirrie, Eufaula	
4	1984	James Wood, Indianola	823-
5	1985	Randy Durant, Wilburton	465-3096

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. House called to order.
2. Letters called for, read, and seating of delegates.
3. Petitionary letters called for.
4. Invite visiting brethren to sit in council.
5. Appointment of committees.
6. Reading of minutes of previous meeting.
7. Treasurer's report.
8. Report of Committees.
9. A. Old or unfinished business.
B. New business.
(1) Election of officers or plan for next meeting.
10. Adjourn.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

QUARTERLY MEETINGS:

November 14-15	1980	Lone Oak
February 13-14	1981	Pittsburg
May 15-16	1981	Tannehill

ANNUAL MEETING—REVIVAL:

August 10-15	1981	Fellowship Church
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YOUTH CAMP:

July 20-24	1981	Robbers Cave Park
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STATE ASSOCIATION:

October	1982	
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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION:

July 19-23	1981	Louisville, Kentucky
July 18-22	1982	Fort Worth, Texas
July 17-21	1983	Columbus, Ohio

RULES OF ORDER AND BY-LAWS

1. The clerk or assistant clerk, or in their absence, the senior minister in years shall call the Association into conference. 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 be seated therein. In the case of questionable representation, however, the cases under question shall be referred to the Credentials (Examining) Board.
It shall be the privilege of the Moderator to seat delegates in a body in a designated section of the assembly room at the beginning of each business session as deemed necessary by the Moderator.
3. Each sitting of the Associational meetings shall be opened by Scripture reading and prayer. And it shall be closed with prayer.
4. Those who speak shall rise, address and be recognized by the Moderator. Personal reflections shall be avoided in all debates.
5. No motion shall be discussed without being seconded.
6. When a motion has been made and seconded and a member opposes its discussion, the Moderator shall put the question, "Shall it be discussed?" If negative, the question shall be dismissed.
7. 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.
8. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded.
9. No one shall speak more than twice on any subject without special permission of the Moderator, nor more than 10 minutes.
10. All questions shall be decided by a majority of the delegates voting, except it shall take a two-thirds vote of all delegates present to over-rule a ruling of the Moderator.
11. The "Yeas" and "Nays" may be counted on any question by request of any delegate present.
12. No member shall absent himself without special permission of the Moderator.
13. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee, provided the person nominated be elected.
14. The evangelist for the Annual Revival shall be elected at the yearly meeting and the evangelist shall be allowed two weeks for a reply after notification of selection. A nightly allowance of \$50.00 plus 17¢ a mile for one round trip will be set aside for the Revival and the offering taken will be placed in the general fund to assist in the Revival expenses. Also \$50.00 will be allowed to assist to defray expenses of lodging and meals for Evangelist.
15. Alterations may be made in these rules and by-laws at any annual session of the Association.
16. The Moderator shall not allow discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit; or when he thinks it will cause discord or division.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Be it resolved that all resolutions be recorded in the minutes, year after year.
2. Be it resolved that the delegate to the General Board be paid the sum of \$75.00 for expenses.
3. Be it resolved that all churches of the Association pay 10% to the Cooperative Plan and it is due to the Association Clerk by the 10th of the following month.
4. Be it resolved that we take the qualifications given in the Holy Bible (I Tim. 3) into serious consideration before ordaining men into the ministry or deaconship; also that all new deacons designated by the local church be set aside for one year and ministers be licensed for one year prior to being ordained.
5. Be it resolved that a person shall not serve on more than one standing board at a time in the Association.
6. Be it resolved that each Board or Committee submit a written report to the Annual Association of their work for the past year.
7. Be it resolved that all ministers and deacons coming into the Gaines Creek Association must submit their credentials and themselves for examination by the Credentials (Examining) Board; also that ministers must be members of the church that they pastor and must join the Gaines Creek Association of Ministers.
8. Be it resolved that we stand opposed to the licensing or ordination of women as ministers or allowing women to preach in our Association.
9. Be it resolved that we elect or appoint a program committee for the Friday night services.
10. Be it resolved that we adopt and support the State Association Resolution that each Association be required to pay \$20 per member church per year as State Expenses. This money to accompany Association Letter (Report) to the State Association so that delegates may be seated at the State Association.

CONSTITUTION OF THE GAINES CREEK ASSOCIATION PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Gaines Creek Association, being regularly baptized upon a profession of faith in Jesus Christ, and realizing the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among us as a church; and to preserve and maintain correspondence and cooperation among us, do therefore ordain this constitution for our government, and general welfare. We do hereby adopt the Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the Free Will Baptists as revised in 1969 at the National Association.

ARTICLE 1—NAME: This yearly meeting or Association shall be called, "Gaines Creek Association of Free Will Baptists of Oklahoma."

ARTICLE 2—COMPOSITION: This Association shall be composed of such duly organized Free Will Baptist Churches agreeing to abide by this constitution.

ARTICLE 3—REPRESENTATION:

Section 1: The acting members or standing delegates of this body shall be: Ordained and Licensed Ministers and their wives, Deacons and their wives, and church clerks belonging to any church composing this Association.

Section 2: The regular meetings of this association shall also consist of three (3) delegates from each church chosen by the respective churches composing this body and properly seated by the standing delegates.

Section 3: Each church shall be expected to represent by letter, with or without delegates. Such reports should meet the requirements of the Association, using the forms provided by the Association.

ARTICLE 4—OFFICERS AND DUTIES: The officers of this Association shall consist of a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, an Assistant Clerk, a Treasurer, and an Assistant Treasurer. These shall be elected by the body at the close of each session.

The Moderator shall be in charge of each session of the Association and shall moderate the services at the Annual Revival Meetings. The Moderator shall be an ex-officio member of standing boards.

The Clerk shall keep minutes of each session of the Association. The Clerk shall enroll the delegates, correspond for the Association, keep records and make required reports for the Association.

The Treasurer shall receive and expend finances as directed by the Association. The Treasurer shall keep adequate records and make regular reports, as required by the Association.

The Assistant to each officer shall be delegated responsibility and will serve in the absence of the officer as regulated by the Association.

ARTICLE 5—BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES:

Section 1: Standing Boards—These shall consist of five (5) elected members.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: This Association shall have an Executive Board, consisting of 5 members elected to serve terms of 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1 years. It shall be the duty of this board to act in behalf of the Association when it is not in session.

It shall have authority to elect such officers as might be necessary for its own government and to carry out the plan and undertakings of the Association. It shall have authority to act on any business submitted by any other board or church between sessions of the Association.

It shall be the duty of this board to sign their signatures to any and all papers concerning properties, indebtedness, bonds, or other legal documents pertaining to the execution of the will of this association. This board shall not incur indebtedness, sell, or convey real property without the express direction of this association.

It shall be the duty of this board to establish and assist Missions and Churches within the bounds of this Association wherever needed, and responsibility for preparing for the Annual Revival, including grounds, building, piano, and provision for the evangelist.

This board shall keep a record of all work done, meetings held, and make a full and complete report to all regular meetings of this body.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: This Association shall have a Board of Christian Education, consisting of five members elected to serve terms of 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1 years.

It shall be the duty of this board to promote Christian education in every church of this Association. Every available means should be used to promote Sunday School Clinics, Seminars, and Institutes either on a Church or area basis. It shall assist in sustaining a strong Church Training Service in each church, and help plan and promote C.T.S. rallies in this Association.

when called upon. This Board shall also plan and conduct the annual Youth Camp. This planning will consist of arranging for director, teachers, and other workers as needed. It shall have the authority to elect such officers as necessary to carry out its functions.

EXAMINING BOARD: This Association shall have an Examining Board, consisting of five ordained men elected to serve terms of 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1 years. It shall be the duty of this board to meet with all Ministers and Deacons desiring either ordination, license, or membership into the Association; request having been made by the Church of which the candidate is a member. They shall examine all candidates by a set of questions approved by the Association, and if the examination proves satisfactory, recommendation is made to the body.

This board shall act on all matters of credentials pertaining to individuals or churches.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE: Elected annually with responsibility to bring before Association any reports or recommendations concerning known violations of temperate conduct.

Section 2. Non-Standing Committees (Boards)—These shall consist of three (3) members appointed as follows:

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE: Appointed at each meeting with responsibility to handle resolutions and make recommendations thereof to the afternoon business session.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE: Appointed annually with the responsibility to obtain a list of deceased members of the past year of Association Churches.

ARTICLE 6—MEMBERSHIP:

Section 1. Newly organized churches may petition for membership by letter and delegates. Upon examination, if they are found to be orthodox and orderly, they may be received in the Association by vote of the majority present. The Moderator may give the right hand of fellowship.

Section 2: Any Church coming from another Association or quarterly meeting, may upon examination and vote of this Association become a member, provided a letter of recommendation is furnished by the Association or quarterly meeting from which they come, or upon approval and recommendation of Examining Board.

ARTICLE 7—DISCIPLINE: This Association shall have the right to settle any question of discipline, doctrine or practice, that properly comes before it from any church of which it is composed, and to exclude them for disorderly conduct if labor proves unsuccessful; but in no case to reverse their decisions, nor to interfere with any of their internal regulations.

ARTICLE 8—FINANCE: The Association operations shall be financed through the Cooperative Plan. In addition, each local church shall send \$20.00 to the May Quarterly Meeting for the Associational Revival Fund and local minutes. At the August Annual Meeting another \$20.00 is due for state expenses.

ARTICLE 9—TIME: The regular annual meetings of this Association shall

be on Friday night and Saturday before the third Sunday in August each year. The quarterly meetings shall begin on Friday night before the third Sunday of November, February, and May. The annual begins at 9:00 a.m. Saturday and the Quarterly at 10:00 a.m. Saturday.

ARTICLE 10—BUSINESS: The business of the Association, while in session, shall include questions and topics as may be referred to it by the churches in their letters, resolutions and recommendations presented by its boards, committees, or individual members.

ARTICLE 11—PREROGATIVE: This yearly meeting or Association shall have power to adopt any regulations or by-laws not inconsistent with this constitution, which may be deemed essential to the further regulations of its sessions.

ARTICLE 12—PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE: The questions or deliberations shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE 13—AMENDMENTS: This constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present at any regular yearly meeting of this Association.

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 Saviour Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, 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, and 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 principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprise supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the kingdom of God may come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational 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.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. **THE BIBLE**—The Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by the inspiration of God, and are infallible rules of faith and practice.
2. **GOD**—There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver and Righteous Governor of the Universe, and in the Scriptures as the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore and obey.
3. **CHRIST**—Christ is God manifest in the flesh: in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified. He is now risen and glorified is our ever-present Saviour and Lord.
4. **THE HOLY SPIRIT**—The Scriptures assigns to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. He is the Reprover, Comforter, Guide and Sanctifier of all men.
5. **THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD**—God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of Grace, not otherwise provided for as highest welfare of man requires.
6. **THE SINFULNESS OF MAN**—Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore inherited a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability, sin and become guilty before God.
7. **THE WORK OF CHRIST**—The Son of God, by His incarnation, life, suffering, death, and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith.
8. **THE WORK OF SALVATION**—The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and the hearty renunciations of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord, with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit; freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.
9. **ELECTION**—God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ, men become His elect.
10. **FREEDOM OF WILL**—The Human will is free and self controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit and live, or to resist them and perish.
11. **SALVATION FREE**—God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.
12. **PERSEVERANCE**—All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have the promise of eternal salvation.
13. **BACKSLIDING AND APOSTASY**—A person who has been regenerated or born again and is living in unconfessed, unforgiven sin, is rebellious to the principles of the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and therefore is a backslider in a lost condition who must repent and be restored to the right relationship with God or be eternally lost. We recognize, according to Hebrews 6:4-6, that it is possible for a

- person to get in the condition that he could never return to Christ. This, we believe, is Apostasy; However, we also recognize that a regenerate person can fall into sin, be in a lost condition and still not be an Apostate. This person, through repentance, can be reconciled to God.
14. **GOSPEL ORDINANCES**—Baptism, or the immersion of believers in water, and the Lord's Supper, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel: Feet Washing, an ordinance teaching humility, of universal obligation, and to be administered to all true believers.
 15. **TITHING**—God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament: Jesus Christ endorsed it in the Gospel (Matt. 23:23), and the Apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him." I Cor. 16:2.
 16. **THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH**—The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from the secular employment and amusements for rest, worship, holy works and activities, and for personal communion with God.
 17. **RESURRECTION, JUDGMENT, AND FINAL RETRIBUTION**—The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation: then the wicked shall "Go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

GAINES CREEK ASSOCIATION

Quarterly Meeting, May 30 - 31, 1980

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION:

A group of 30 individuals met for the worship services which began at 7:00 P.M. at the Stuart Church. Moderator was Bill Kirk; the services were opened with prayer by Sister Holley of the Stuart Church. The devotion was given by Brother Cliff Myers, Pastor of the Tannehill Church, on the "Devotion of Self to Christ," based on Psalms 34. The message was delivered by Br. Bill Kirk, Pastor of the Pittsburg Church; the theme of his message was "Set Your Heart On Heaven," taken from Colossians 3:1-5.

SATURDAY, 10:00 A.M. SESSION:

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Bill Kirk; Judy Botts acted as Clerk in the absence of the Clerk and Sue Anderson served as Assistant Clerk.

Prayer was given by Art Cordell.

Letters were read from seven churches, with Stuart giving an oral report. Delegates were seated with the Right Hand of Fellowship extended.

There was no Petitionary Letters. Minutes of the February 15 & 16 Quarterly Meeting at Eufaula were read; motion made, seconded, and carried that the Minutes be accepted as read.

The Body of the Association gave the Moderator power to appoint as Assistant Moderator; Bob Smith was appointed.

Report was given by Association Treasurer and detailed explanation was given. Motion made, seconded, and carried, to receive the Report.

Motion was passed to discuss the following as necessary business;

1. Request for a letter of good standing for Reverend John R. Kruger. Motion was passed that a letter be granted.
 2. Request for letter of recommendation for Reverend Cecil Fassio, in light of his divorce and re-marriage. Motion was passed that the letter be written, stating that the divorce was definitely scriptural and that he was in the Will of the Lord.
 3. Letter of Recommendation received on Bro. Mike Fields. Motion passed that a reply be made stating that he has been accepted by this Association.
 4. Request for Letter of Recommendation for Bro. Bill McClellan. Motion passed that a letter from the Association be written.
 5. Letter from Hillsdale for a Continuing Advertisement in the Yearbook. Motion was passed for a full page, continuing ad at a cost of \$90.00. An opportunity is given to subscribers, each year, to up-date or cancel the ad.
 6. Bro. Mike Fields replaced Bro. Kruger as the General Board Member.
 7. Bro. Harvey Aquirrie replaced Bro. Bill McClellan as a Member of the Christian Education Board.
 8. Motion passed to continue business in the afternoon session session.
 9. Motion passed that the Examining (Credentials) Board examine Brothers Robertson, Holley, and Kathy, during the lunch hour.
- Bro. Aquirrie to serve on the Examining Board for this meeting only; motion was passed.

The morning session was adjourned at 11:00 A.M. with Dismissal Prayer by Joe Robertson.

SATURDAY, 1:00 P.M. SERVICE:

The afternoon session began with congregational singing; prayer by Bro. Norman Kathy.

The meeting was called back into the Business Session for the purpose of reports from the Examining Board.

Recommendation by the Examining Board on the following:

Bro. Norman Kathy be accepted into the Association for full fellowship. Motion was made and seconded to accept the recommendation; motion carried.

Bro. Joe Robertson be ordained as a deacon. Motion made, seconded, and carried.

Bro. Holley be accepted into the Association for full fellowship. Motion made, seconded, and carried.

Bro. Kathy replaced Bro. Kruger on the Examining Board, until 1982, by vote of acclamation.

General discussion concerning monetary needs for Youth Camp. Motion made, seconded, and carried that the amount of funds that could not be raised to take care of Youth Camp be paid out of the Association. Donations should be forwarded to Jack Mouser and earmarked for Youth Camp.

Song, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," with prayer by LeRoy Weeks, opened the Devotion Service. Bro. Earl Jensen brought the devotion from Colossians 3:1-4: "Putting God First."

Special singing was presented by the Stuart Church. Preaching Service: Bro. Holley of Stuart Church from Jeremiah 1, "God's Search For Man To Carry His Message."

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 P.M. with Dismissal Prayer by Bro. Mike Fields.

QUARTERLY MEETING, NOV. 9-10, 1979 Lone Oak Church

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION:

Session opened at 7:30 p.m. with representatives from six of eight churches represented (Stuart, Wilburton missing) and Asst. Moderator Bill Kirk in charge.

Congregational singing was led by Judy Botts, followed by testimony service led by Betty Cordell.

After some special songs, the evening message was delivered by Bill McClellan, using the theme, "Standing For What You Believe". He used Paul on the Road to Damascus as an example.

Dismissal prayer was by Harrison Botts.

SATURDAY MORNING - 10:00 A.M. SESSION:

Bill Kirk, Assistant Moderator, called session to order and opening Prayer was by Herb Baker of Eufaula.

Congregational singing was led by Judy Botts. There were about 35 persons present on a clear, cool and sunny morning.

Letters read from all eight (8) churches and motion passed to seat delegates.

Motion passed to refer Eufaula's request for examination of Pastor to Credential's Board.

There were no visitors or special guests.

Minutes of August 1979 Meeting read, discussed, and approved as read, discussed, and approved as read with some name corrections being made.

Report of Treasurer given, questions asked, and explanations made before motion passed to accept the report.

Report from John Kruger that Billy Joe Gentry is not available for the Annual Association Revival. W.D. Prescott reported that Dois McAlester was available and would conduct the Revival.

Bill Kirk reported on the Executive Board action on obtaining an abstract for the Camp Property.

Motion passed to adjourn for recess and dismissed in prayer by Bill Rose.

11:00 A.M. SESSION:

Opening prayer by Mabel Miller and a special song by the Kruger family from Stuart was followed by Devotion by W.D. Prescott, 1 King 2:39-40, "You Decide Your Own Fate".

Judy Botts sang a special song before Cliff Myers delivered message on "Now Is The Time To Prepare for the Future", using 2 Peter 3.

Dismissal prayer and blessing on noon meal was given by Art Cordell.

1:00 P.M. SESSION:

Bill Kirk opened session by expressing appreciation to Lone Oak Church for FACILITIES FOR THE Quarterly Meeting.

Opening prayer by Sis. Kruger, followed by congregational singing with Judy Botts and Irene Jarrett. The Devotion was by Roy Phipps from Ezek. 3: 17-21 on topic of "Who is To Blame? or What is Required?"

The evening message was by Rev. John Kruger from Acts 1:8 on theme of "Power Shortage",

Following announcements the dismissal prayer was given by W.H. Botts.

QUARTERLY MEETING, EUFAULA CHURCH

Feb. 15-16, 1980

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION:

Moderator Albert Jarrett called session to order at 7:30 p.m. with Special Music from New Hope and Eufaula Churches following prayer by Earl Jensen.

Devotion was given by Don Conn, from Gen. 1:1-3.

The message was brought by Harvey L. Aguirre, Pastor of the Eufaula Church from Judges 7:21.

There were approximately 50 present. Dismissal prayer by Bill Kirk.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION:

Moderator Albert Jarrett and Assistant Bill Kirk opened the session at 10:00 a.m. Congregational Singing was enjoyed by about 50-55 present on a cool, grey morning.

Opening Prayer was led by Jack Mouser.

Letters received and read from 7 of 8 churches (Stuart missing). Motion passed to seat delegates.

There were no petitionary letters.

Treasurer's Report given and questions answered. Motion passed to accept the report.

Special Music given by Fellowship Church.

Moderator ruled that Examining Board be allowed to select persons to fill vacancies for today only if Board needs to take action.

Chairman of Executive Board, Bill Kirk, gave a report concerning need to clean old camp ground and work day for new 20 acre site.

Dismissed in prayer by Joe Robertson.

11:00 A.M. SESSION:

Congregational Singing was followed by a Devotion given by Bro. Elkins, President of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College on 1 Corinth. 4:2, Stewardship in 5 areas of time, body, talent, opportunities, and means.

He remarked about observing handshaking and friendly fellowship taking place. He asked that we do three things: (1) Pray for the students-faculty, (2) Support with money, (3) Supply students.

The morning message was given by Mike Fields, Pastor Wilburton Free Will Baptist Church on "Promises of God and How To Be Received" from 2 Chronicles 7:12-15. He gave the challenge of - Where Are You In Relation To The Scriptures Discussed.

Following a handshake and song, the dismissal prayer and blessing on the noon meal was given by Milton Ford.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 1:15 P.M.

Following congregational singing, Special Music was given by New Hope Church.

Minutes of November meeting read and motion passed to accept.

Moderator recognized two new ministers in Gaines Creek Association; Rev. Henry Aguirre of Eufaula and Mike Fields of Wilburton.

Devotion by John Kruger from Luke 12: 41-48 on "The Need of Faithful and Wise Stewards".

Special Music from Eufaula Church, Fellowship, and New Hope.

Appreciation extended to the Eufaula Church and for those families bringing food to share.

Announcement was made that the last Saturday of every month is workday at the campground.

Dismissal prayer was given by Harmon Davis.

ANNUAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

August 15-16, 1980

Fellowship Church

FRIDAY, 7:30 P.M.

The Association Revival was in progress at the Fellowship Church with Dois McAlester of California as Evangelist.

SATURDAY, 9:00 A.M. SESSION

The session was called to order by Albert Jarrett, Moderator and Bill Kirk as Assistant Moderator, with approximately 50 present on a cloudy, muggy morning.

Congregational singing was led by Jack Mouser with Sue Bradley at the Piano. Opening prayer given by Steve Reeves, a visitor with Wilburton Pastor Mike Fields.

Letters with annual information was read from all eight (8) churches. Motion passed to accept letters and seat delegates. There were no petitionary letters.

Motion passed for the Moderator and Assistant to appoint the Annual Committees:

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE: Don Prescott, Bill Rose, Bill Lee, Grace Hull, Betty Martin, James Richards

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE: Liz Barron, Mable Miller, Leroy Weeks, David Grantham, Oleta Foster, Jack Mouser

OBITUARY COMMITTEE: Betty Weeks, Louie Barron, Dale Garrison, Bessie Newman, Frank Rogers, Karen Prescott.

Minutes of May 1980 meeting read, questions answered, and motion passed to receive as read.

Treasurer's Report given, questions answered, and motion passed to receive as read.

Minutes of meetings of Executive Board during interim read and motion passed to receive reports with comments of good work and appreciation.

Report of Christian Education Board on summer camp: A good attendance with 66 souls saved and detailed report on cost figures. Following activities scheduled are:

October 24th, 1980, Overnight Youth Retreat

February 1981, Youth Banquet;

1981 Youth Camp, July 20-24, 1981, Robbers Cave State Park.

Ministers-Deacons Quarterly Meeting not to be conducted to previous Association Meetings until more interest is shown.

Examining (Credentials) Board dismissed and Congregation dismissed for recess in prayer by Bill Lee.

10:50 A.M. PREACHING SESSION

Congregational Singing led by Helen Kirk and Sue Bradley at the piano. The Special Music was by Helen Kirk, the Fellowship Quartet, and Sue Bradley.

A Devotion from Matt. 5:13-16, was given by Norman Cathey on encouraging Christians to be the sale of the earth and light of the world.

The morning message by Dois McAlester was on the "church and pastor relationship" with emphasis on "Pastor's Call and Church Obligation" and "Authority of Church and Pastor". Some of the scriptures used were Eph. 4:11; Heb. 5:4; and 1 Tim. 5:17.

The dismissal prayer and blessing on noon meal was given by Frank Medart.

1:30 P.M. SESSION

Congregational singing led by Kenneth Crawley with Sue Bradley at the piano. Opening prayer was given by Thomas Carman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Credentials Board - Board recommends that Leroy Weeks be approved for Ordination as Deacon in the Fellowship Church. Motion passed.

Temperance Report: No report.

Resolution Report: Three items presented with only two receiving approval as:

(1) Change the May Quarterly meeting to weekend before 3rd Sunday to be like the other 3 meetings.

(2) Be it resolved that the Association reimburse the Fellowship Church for the electric bill during the revival.

Obituary Report: Names of 3 members deceased during the year was obtained:

Barney Poole, Tannehill; Paul Ketchum, Lone Oak; Lona Hearod, Eufaula.

Following a period of silent meditation in their memory, prayer was led by Norman Cathey.

There was no old or unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Time for questions and answers about campground progress. None at present time.

Motion passed to pay August electric bill of host church for Annual Association Revival and Meeting.

Quarterly Meetings for 1981 Church Year placed as follows:

November, Lone Oak; February, Pittsburg; May, Tannehill; August, Fellowship.

Motion was passed to table the selection of Annual Revival Evangelist until the November Quarterly Meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AS FOLLOWS:

Moderator	Norman Cathey	Treasurer	Judy Botts
Assistant Moderator	Mike Fields	Asst. Treasurer	Eddie Jarrett
Clerk	Milton Ford		
Assistant Clerk	Sue Anderson		

Genreal Board Member	1981	Albert Jarrett
Executive Board	1985	Leroy Weeks
Examining Board	1985	Mike Fields
Christian Education Board	1985	Randy Durant

Judy Botts was elected as publicity chairman and motion passed that host church arrange for the program at the Quarterly Meetings.

Dismissed at 2:50 p.m. with handshake and song, "Stroll Over Heaven".

QUESTIONS ON DOCTRINE

1. Do you believe that the Scriptures of both the old and the new Testaments are the infallible word of God, and the only safe rule of faith and practice? _____
2. Do you believe that there are three persons in the God Head? _____
3. Name the God Head _____
4. Is salvation obtained only through the blood of Christ? _____
5. Name the conditions of salvation _____
6. Do you believe in a second work of Grace or Baptism of the Holy Ghost, separate and a part of regeneration? _____
7. Do you believe in the doctrine of the unknown tongue as is taught and practiced today? _____
8. What composes the body of Christ? _____
9. Does the Bible teach that God has an organized church on this earth? _____
10. Do you believe that baptism is a Gospel ordinance? _____
11. Who are the proper subjects for baptism? _____
12. What is the Bible mode of baptism? _____
13. Do you believe that the Lord's Supper and Feet Washing are Gospel ordinances and should be observed perpetually? _____
14. Do you teach and practice these ordinances? _____
15. Do you believe that a believer could so apostatize that he would be lost? _____
16. Do you believe in the resurrection of the bodies of all men? _____
17. Do you believe that there will be a judgment when time and man's probation will close forever and then all men will be judged according to their works? _____
18. Do you believe that immediately after the judgment the righteous will enter into eternal life, and the wicked into a state of endless punishment? _____
19. Do you believe that Christ at His second coming will close the Gospel dispensation, glorify His saints, and judge the world? _____
20. I pledge myself to preach and defend the Free Will Baptist Doctrine to the best of my ability. If at any future time I preach or teach any doctrine contrary to the Free Will Baptist Articles of Faith, I will surrender by credentials to the Quarterly Conference of which I am a member.

Signed _____

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR MINISTERS TO BE LICENSED

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ Age _____

Member of _____ Church

1. How long have you been a Christian? _____
2. How long have you been a Free Will Baptist? _____
3. Is your wife a Christian? _____
4. Is your wife a member of the church? _____
5. How many times married? _____
6. How many times has your wife been married? _____
7. Do you or your wife have former companions living? _____
8. Is your wife willing that you be ordained as a minister? _____
9. How many children do you have? _____
10. If your children have reached the age of accountability, are they Christian? _____
11. Are your children members of the church? _____
12. Do you use tobacco? _____
13. How long have you been serving as a minister? _____
14. What is God's plan for financing the work? _____
15. Do you tithe? _____
16. What is tithing? _____
17. If you are licensed, will you teach tithing? _____
18. Do you believe that your church should support the overall denominational program? _____
19. What are the Bible qualifications for a minister? _____
20. Do you feel that you are qualified for the office of minister? _____
21. Are you satisfied with the provision concerning the office of a minister according to the Treatise, page 42, Section 2? _____
22. Name some of the duties of a minister _____

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR MINISTERS TO BE ORDAINED

Name _____ Date _____
Address _____ Age _____
Member of _____ Church _____

1. Do you have license? _____
2. If you have license, how long have you carried them? _____
3. By what Association were they issued? _____
4. How many sermons have you preached? _____
5. Where are you preaching now? _____
6. Why do you want to be ordained? _____
7. Are you married? _____ How many times? _____
8. If you have been married more than once, is a former companion living? _____
9. How many children do you have? _____
10. Is your wife a member of the Free Will Baptist Church? _____
11. How long have you been a Christian? _____
12. How long have you been a Free Will Baptist? _____
13. Is your wife willing that you be ordained? _____
14. Do you or your wife have any habits that would hinder your ministry? _____
15. If you have belonged to another denomination, give name of each and length of time with each. _____
16. In your opinion, what is God's plan for financing his work? _____
17. Do you tithe to the church you are a member of? _____
18. Are you willing to make any sacrifice that may be involved in this ministry? _____
19. Are you willing to abstain from any indulgences that might hinder your effective influence in the ministry? _____
20. Will your financial circumstances hinder you in taking the pastoral care of a church? _____
21. How much education do you have? _____
22. Have you had any special training in doctrinal and pastoral theology? _____
23. Have you had any courses in Homiletics? _____
24. Do you have plans to better qualify yourself for the ministry? _____
25. If so, what are your plans? _____
26. Are you resolved to devote yourself wholly to the ministry? _____
27. Would you be willing to continue preaching under license if this committee felt that it was best? _____
28. Have you completed the Ministers' Preparation Course? _____

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR DEACONS TO BE ORDAINED

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ Age _____

Member of _____ Church

1. How long have you been a Christian? _____
2. How long have you been a Free Will Baptist? _____
3. Is your wife a Christian? _____
4. Is your wife a member of the church? _____
5. How many times married? _____
6. How many times has your wife been married? _____
7. Do you or your wife have former companions living? _____
8. Is your wife willing that you be ordained as deacon? _____
9. How many children do you have? _____
10. If your children have reached the age of accountability, are they Christian? _____
11. Are your children members of the church? _____
12. Do you use tobacco? _____
13. Does your wife use tobacco? _____
14. How long have you been serving as a deacon? _____
15. What is God's plan for financing the work? _____
16. Do you tithe? _____
17. What is tithing? _____
18. If you are ordained, will you teach tithing? _____
19. Do you believe that your church should support the overall denominational program? _____
20. What are the Bible qualifications for a deacon? _____
21. Do you feel that you are qualified for the office of deacon? _____
22. Are you satisfied with the provision concerning the office of a deacon according to the Treatise, Page 42, Section 2? _____
23. Name some of the duties of a deacon _____

INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHURCHES

CHURCH NAME Address-Zip-Phone	PASTOR'S NAME Address-Zip-Phone	CHURCH CLERK'S NAME Address-Zip-Phone
Eufaula Eufaula, OK 74432	Harvey Aguire Muldrow, OK 74948	Elizabeth Ann Darrell Box 224 Indianola, OK 74442
Fellowship 500 E. Lincoln McAlester, OK 74501 918-423-1111	Albert Jarrett 603 W. Taylor McAlester, OK 74501 918-423-1269	Oleta Lott Rt. 1 Indianola, OK 74442 918-826-4642
Lone Oak Route 1 Indianola, OK 74442	Norman Cathey Route 1 Indianola, OK 74442 918-426-0454	Judy Botts Route 1 Indianola, OK 74442 918-823-4449
New Hope Route 1 Indianola, OK 74442	Earl Jenson Route 1 Indianola, OK 74442 918-823-4443	Edith Young Route 2 McAlester, OK 74501 918-823-4351
Pittsburg Pittsburg, OK 74560 Pittsburg, OK 74560	Bill Kirk 4½ Stonewall McAlester, OK 74501 918-423-5048	Helen Kirk 4½ Stonewall McAlester, OK 74501 918-423-5048
Stuart General Delivery Stuart, OK 74570		Glenda Blevins Star Route Haywood, OK 74548 918-389-4510
Tannehill Route 1 McAlester, Ok 74501	C.G. Myers Star Route Haywood, Ok 74548 918-826-4691	Dorothy L. Deery 30 W. Ashland McAlester, Ok 74501 918-423-2401
Wilburton First 208 W. Ash Wilburton, Ok 74578 918-465-2285	Mike Fields 108 E. Caddo Wilburton, Ok 74578 918-465-5220	Linda Hardcastle Route 3 Wilburton, Ok 74578 918-465-5026

INFORMATION FOR THE MINISTERS ROLL

Name, Address	Church	Telephone
Aguirrie, Harvey Muldrow, Ok 74948	Eufaula	
Bernhardt, Larry W. Blair Wilburton, Ok 74578	Wilburton	465-2095
Cathey, Norman Route 1 Indianola, Ok 74442	Lone Oak	426-0454
Fields, Mike 108 E. Caddo Wilburton, Ok 74578	Wilburton	465-5220
Hodge, Lem Jr. 510 E. Van Buren McAlester, Ok 74501	Fellowship	423-5322
Jarrett, Albert 603 W. Taylor McAlester, Ok 74501	Fellowship	423-1269
Jenson, Earl Route One Indianola, Ok 74442	New Hope	823-4443
Kirk, Bill D. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ Stonewall McAlester, Ok 74501	Pittsburg	423-5048
Medart, Frank 515 W. Monroe McAlester, Ok 74501	Tannehill	426-1870
Myers, Cliff Star Route Haywood, Ok 74548	Tannehill	826-4691

FINANCIAL REPORT

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RECORD OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS OF PAST YEARS

1972 Church Year

Nov. 1971—Fellowship
 Feb. 1972—Lone Oak
 May 1972—McAlester First
 Aug. 1972—Tabernacle

1973 Church Year

Nov. 1972—Eufaula
 Feb. 1973—Hilltop, Wewoka
 May 1973—Stuart
 Aug. 1973—Tabernacle

1974 Church Year

Nov. 1973—Tannehill
 Feb. 1974—Wilburton
 May 1974—Hoyt
 Aug. 1974—Tabernacle

1975 Church Year

Nov. 1974—Lone Oak
 Feb. 1975—North McAlester
 May 1975—New Hope
 Aug. 1975—Tabernacle

1976 Church Year

Nov. 1975—Wilburton
 Feb. 1976—McAlester First
 May 1976—Crowder
 Aug. 1976—Tabernacle

1977 Church Year

Nov. 1976—Fellowship
 Feb. 1977—Lone Oak
 May 1977—New Hope
 Aug. 1977—Fellowship

1978 Church Year

Nov. 1977—Tannehill
 Feb. 1978—New Hope
 May 1978—Lone Oak
 Aug. 1978—Fellowship

1979 Church Year

Nov. 1978—Pittsburg
 Feb. 1979—Eufaula
 May 1979—Tannehill
 Aug. 1979—Fellowship

1980 Church Year

Nov. 1979—Lone Oak
 Feb. 1980—Eufaula
 May 1980—Stuart
 Aug. 1980—Fellowship

1981 Church Year

Nov. 1980—Lone Oak
 Feb. 1981—Pittsburg
 May 1981—Tannehill
 Aug. 1981—Fellowship

Evangelists:

1960—Wade Jernigan
 1961—Leonard Crowder
 1962—Rupert Pixley
 1963—Gilbert Pixley
 1964—DeArthur Yandell
 1965—Lynn Wood
 1966—U. C. Purdom
 1967—Herchel Hickman
 1968—All Association Ministers
 1969—Bailey Thompson
 1970—Herchel Hickman
 1971—Lynn Wood
 1972—Billy Joe Gentry
 1973—Connie Cariker
 1974—Jack Richey
 1975—Tommy Brashears
 1976—None
 1977—None
 1978—None
 1979—J. R. Hall
 1980—Dois McAlester
 1981—
 1982—
 1983—

