

MINUTES

70th

Annual Session

of the

Gaines Creek Association

of

Free Will Baptists

AUGUST 13-14, 1982

AT THE

FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

McALESTER, OKLAHOMA

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GAINES CREEK ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

OFFICERS

<u>Moderator</u>	Albert Jarrett 603 W. Taylor McAlester, Ok	423-1269
<u>Assistant Moderator</u>	Jerry Myers Stuart, Ok	546-2596
<u>Clerk</u>	James Prince Gen. Del. Indianola, Ok	823-4365
<u>Assistant Clerk</u>	Elmer L. (Roy) Phipps 342 W. Fillmore McAlester, Ok	426-1689
<u>Treasurer</u>	Judy Botts Gen. Del. Indianola, Ok	823-4449
<u>Assistant Treasurer</u>	Trudy Lowe Rt. 3 Eufaula, Ok	689-7084
<u>General Board Member</u>	1981-Albert Jarrett 1982-Bill Kirk	

EXECUTIVE BOARD

#	Expires		
1	1986	Ronnie Drake, Rt. 3, Eufaula	689-7504
2	1983	James Prince, Indianola	823-4365
3	1984	Bob Smith, R. 5, McAlester	423-3947
4	1985	Leroy Weeks, 513 So. 9th McAlester, Ok	423-3986
5	1987	Kenny Condifff, 803 E. Gilmore Allen, Qk	857-2522

EXAMINING (CREDENTIALS) BOARD

1	1986	Robert V. Bowen, Rt. 1, Kiowa	432-5617
2	1982	Norman Cathey, Rt. 1, Indianola	823-4459
3	1983	Cliff Myers, Star Rt., Haywood	826-4691
4	1984	Earl Jenson, Rt. 1, Indianola	823-4443
5	1985	Frank Medart, 515 W. Monroe, McAlester	426-1870

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

1	1986	Elaine Caldwell, 2503 N. Hickory McAlester	426-0560
2	1982	Celeste Rodden, Indianola	823-4597
3	1983	Helen Kirk, 4½ Stonewall, McAlester	423-5048
4	1984	Bill Kirk, 4½ Stonewall, McAlester	423-5048
5	1985	Eddie Jarrett, Rt. 2, McAlester	823-4414

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 19-20	1982
February 18-19	1983
May 13-14	1983

ANNUAL MEETING-REVIVAL:

August 19-20	1983
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YOUTH CAMP:

June	1983
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STATE ASSOCIATION:

October	1982
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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION:

July 18-22	1982
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July 17-21	1983
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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." 1 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."

FALL QUARTERLY MEETING

November 14-15, 1981
New Hope Church

Friday Night Session:

Approximately 25-30 present with 4 churches represented and 4 ministers present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Brother Earle Jensen; opening prayer was led by Brother Harrison Botts.

Congregational singing was led by Sister Judy Botts. Special singing by Sister Helen Kirk, James Prince and Don Prescott.

The evening message was brought by Brother Keith Bowen from Luke 15:11 "The Prodigal Son".

A testimony service was led by Brother Earle Jensen.

Services were dismissed in prayer by Roy Phipps.

Saturday Morning Session:

Session called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Moderator Brother Norman Cathey.

Brother Cliff Myers was nominated temporarily as an assistant moderator in absence of assistant.

Opening prayer was brought by Brother Cliff Myers.

Congregational singing was led by Brother Bob Smith with Sister Elaine Caldwell playing the piano.

No visitors were present.

Letters read and accepted from six (6) churches (Eufaula missing) and motion passed to seat delegates.

There were no petitionary letters

Minutes of previous quarterly meeting read and accepted.

Treasury rept read and accepted.

Motion passed to recess for 11:00 a.m. preaching services and dismissed in prayer by Brother Earle Jensen.

11:00 A.M. Services

Singing was led by Brother James Prince with Elaine Caldwell at the piano; prayer was led by Brother Bill Lee.

Devotion was brought by Brother Leroy Weeks from Hebrews 11:1, Subject: "Faith".

Special singing by Fellowship Church.

11:00 sermon by Brother Jerry Myers was taken from 2nd Corinthians 12:7-9 "God's Mark on His Own."

Motion made to adjourn until 1:15 p.m. session.

Dismissed in prayer by Sister Helen Kirk.

1:15 P.M. Session

Congregational singing led by Brother James Prince.

Opening prayer by Brother Harrison Botts.

Devotion by Brother Cliff Myers was brought from 1st John 1:1.

Committee Reports:

Executive Board - Brother Bob Smith was elected Chairman to replace vacancy; a special meeting was requested by Chairman of all preachers, deacons, Christian Educational Board and all interested parties to come together to discuss what is to be done with land purchased for campgrounds. Pastors will be contacted as to time and place of meeting, and it is requested that they inform all parties concerned.

Examination Board - Board met to examine Brother Jerry Myers; Chairman reported Brother Myers had been examined and found to be sound in doctrine. Motion made and seconded to accept motion passed.

Christian Educational Board - (Oral report) Churches outside of Gaines Creek Association sending children to youth camp will be contacted prior to next camp to inform them of cost, rather than raising cost to the child.

Old Business:

As agreed in minutes of previous meeting, nomination open to elect Evangelist for annual revival 1982.

Nominations in order: Gaines Creek Association Preacher Brother Collier.

Motion made and seconded for nominations to cease.

Preachers from Gaines Creek Association will conduct annual revival 1982.

New Business:

Motion was made and seconded to hold annual revival at one of the association's churches, rather than the camp ground; motion passed.

Motion passed to hold annual revival at Fellowship Church.

Motion passed to adjourn and dismissed with prayer by Roy Phipps.

February 19-20, 1982 Quarterly Meeting

Eufaula Church

Friday Night Session:

Approximately 35 present with four churches represented and four ministers present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Brother Albert Jarrett, Asst. Moderator in absence of Moderator Brother Norman Cathey.

Congregational singing was led by Brother Bob Smith with Bro. James Prince as pianist.

Prayer was brought by Bro. Bill Kirk, special singing followed Fellowship and Eufaula Churches.

The evening message was brought by Bro. Bill Kirk from Mark 2:1-6 "Carrying on the Lord's Work". Testimony service was led by Bro. Albert Jarrett and service was dismissed by congregational singing of "Stroll Over Heaven".

Saturday Morning Session:

Session called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Bro. Norman Cathey, Bro. Albert Jarrett led opening prayer.

Congregational singing was led by Bro. Bob Smith with Bro. James Prince at the piano.

Church letter read and accepted and delegates were seated.

A petitionary letter from Bethel FWB Church of Allen, Ok was read. They petitioned for acceptance into Gaines Creek Association, and for Bro. Tom Keylon to be examined by the credentials board.

The treasury report was read and accepted, session was dismissed for recess, prayer brought by Bro. Earl Jensen.

11:00 A.M. Services:

Meeting was called to order by Bro. Albert Jarrett.

Special singing was brought by Bro. Jerry Myers, Sis. Irene Jarrett, Bro. Bob Smith, Bro. James Prince and Sis. Judy Botts.

Brother Tom Keylon of the Bethel Church was elected to bring the message, the sermon was titled "Unity in Christ" from 1 Cor. 12-27.

Session was dismissed for lunch, prayer led by Bro. Kenny Condiff.

1:00 P.M. Session

The afternoon service was opened in prayer by Bro. Medart and congregational singing was led by Bro. Bob Smith.

Committee Reports:

Executive Board- A special report was read by Bro. Bob Smith concerning the granting of an easement to Arkla Gas across the south end of the camp ground land to lay a four inch line, payment would amount to \$780.00, the Board voted to grant the easement.

The Board voted to authorize payment (\$124.00) for propane to the Lone Oak Church.

Examination Board- Board met to examine Bro. Tom Keylon: Bro. Keylon had been examined and found to be sound in doctrine. Motion made and seconded to accept, motion passed.

The Board recommended accepting the Bethel F.W.B. Church into the Gaines Creek Association, motion passed.

Christian Education Board- The board reported that there were no set plans for an association youth camp and there was still an interest by association youth.

Motion was made and seconded to provide for association, the christian education board would have the responsibility, motion passed.

Resolution Committee- Resolved that the association receive a report from pastors concerning God's work for the past 12 months, for recording in the annual minutes.

Old Business- Motion was made to pay the utility bills (approximately \$20.00) at the Lone Oak Church, motion seconded and passed.

New Business- Motion was made and seconded to grant the moderator and assistant the authority to select a program committee, motion passed. Kenny Condiff, Paula Harrington and Hazel Lee were selected.

Motion made and seconded to promote an association youth program, motion passed, Bro. Jerry Myers elected as director. Motion made and seconded to adjourn, passed. Bro. Jerry Myers dismissed in prayer.

May 14-15, 1982 Quarterly Meeting

Tannehill Church

Friday Night Session:

Approximately 40 present, meeting was called to order by Bro. Norman Cathey, moderator.

Bro. Medart brought the opening prayer.

Congregational singing was led by Sis. Irene Jarrett accompanied by Sis. Denise Martin on the piano.

Special singing was brought by Bro. Eddie Printice and family of the Bethel Church.

Bro. Danny McDougal brought the evening message from the 15th chapter Gen. on the "Faith of Abraham" service was dismissed in prayer by Bro. Eddie Printice.

Saturday Morning Session:

Session was called to order by Moderator Bro. Norman Cathey. Opening prayer was brought by Bro. Bill Lee of the Stuart Church,

Approximately 60 were present with 6 churches represented.

Congregational singing was led by Bro. Bob Smith with Sis. Denise Martin playing piano.

Church letters were read and accepted and the delegates were seated. The New Hope Church sent Bro. James Prince to be examined to serve as Deacon.

Motion was made to give the Moderator authority to appoint a resolution committee, motion passed.

Minutes from the past quarterly meeting were read and accepted.

Treasury report was read by Sis. Judy Botts and accepted, dismissed for recess.

11:00 A.M. Services:

Meeting was called to order by the Moderator.

Congregational singing was led by Bro. Bob Smith.

Special singing was brought by the Fellowship Church and by Bro. Jerry Myers and family.

Bro. Albert Jarrett brought the morning message titled "Take Care" from Luke 10:30.

Session was dismissed for Lunch, dismissal prayer and the blessing on the noon meal was led by Bro. Jerry Myers.

1:00 P.M.:

Session was called to order by Bro. Norman Cathey.

Congregational singing was led by Bro. Bob Smith with Sis. Denise Martin assisting at the piano.

Committee Reports:

Executive Board- The Evangelist for the Annual Revival will be the pastors from the association, each pastor will have a night, with two sermons on Saturday.

A work day was set for the first Saturday in June to work at the camp ground, all men were encouraged to help out.

Examining Board- Bro. James Prince was examined to serve as Deacon, and was found to be sound.

A letter of recommendation for Bro. Harvey Aguirre was sent to the Zion Hope No. 2 Association.

Resolution Committee- Bro. Kenny Cundiff, Sis. Mary McAlester and Bro. James Prince, no report.

Christian Education Board- Youth camp has been set for June at Beaver Bend State Park.

Bro. Bob Smith was elected Youth camp director.

Evangelists would be two young preachers from Hillsdale college.

Motion was made to pay Evangelists \$50.00 each per night or \$400.00, passed.

Cost of Youth camp was discussed and compared to last year's youth camp, motion was made to give youth camp \$1000.00 with an ammendment to go to Executive board for more if needed, motion and ammendment passed.

Special Report- Bro. Tom Keylon spoke on the progress of the Bethel Church at Allen and appealed for help both physical and financial on the new church building now in progress, motion was made to give Bethel Church \$500.00 from association building fund, motion was amended to \$1000.00, motion and ammendment passed.

Old Business-None.

New Business- Motion was made to use Lone Oak Church for youth rallies starting 2nd Friday in June at 7:30, motion passed.

Session dismissed in prayer by Bro. Cliff Myers.

August 14, 1982 Annual Meeting
Fellowship Church

Saturday Morning Session:

Bro. Norman Cathey, Moderator, called meeting to order. Prayer was led by Bro. Earnest Harrison.

Congregational singing was led by Bro. Bob Smith.

Approximately 60 were in attendance with all churches represented.

Letters were read and accepted.

Minutes of previous meeting read and accepted.

Financial report read by Sis Judy Botts and accepted.

Committees were elected as follows-

Resolution Committee:

Sister Susan Zummer
Sis. Rushing
Bro. Kenny Cundiff

Temperance Committee:

Sister Lela Burnhart
Sis. Diann Reeder
Sis. Edith Cathey

Obituary Committee:

Sis. Myers
Sis. Bowen
Sis. Long
Sis. Marlene Myers
Bro. Kenneth Crawley
Bro. Botts
Sis. Baker

Bro. Cliff Myers brought the morning devotion from 34th Psalms.

Dismissed for recess.

11:00 A.M. Service:

Bro. Earnest Harrison of the Progressive Association presented a special report on the National Association and Retirement System for pastors.

Morning message was brought by Bro. Norman Cathey, "Speak the things that become sound doctrine" from Titus 2:1.

Dismissed for noon meal, prayer and the blessing was asked by Bro. Tom Keylon.

1:00 P.M. Session:

Meeting was called to order by Moderator, opening prayer by Bro. James Prince.

Devotion was brought by Bro. Jerry Myers from Acts 12:5 and Jame 1-12 "God's people are tried people".

Committee Reports:

Executive Board:- Passed business has been normal. There has been some discussion on the camp ground, a man has been contacted to do some dozer work.

All members need to look at the possibilities of the camp ground and the Lone Oak Church to help decide what can be accomplished.

If the executive board is needed let them know, they stand ready to help when needed. Report accepted.

Examination Board:- No report.

Temperance Committee-Recommends we study our church covenant, and abstain from the appearance of evil in all things.

Resolution Committee- The Lone Oak Church be declared headquarters of the Gaines Creek Association, and the sign changed to read as such, to be used for all association meetings.

Motion was made to have three quarterly meetings a year at Lone Oak- amended to read, two quarterly meetings and the annual will be held at Lone Oak, the May quarterly meeting will be held at the Bethel Church at Allen.

Obituary Committee-Names of three members of the Fellowship Church that deceased during the year was obtained.

Orville Johnson
Bill Butler
Laura Decker

Old Business-None

New Business- Motion made and passed to purchase a copying machine, Judy Botts will buy.

Motion was make to appoint a committee to inquire with State and Hillsdale College: Is the premillennial view being taught at

Hillsdale, if so why and report back to association. Motion passed.

Motion was made to give Christian Educaiton Board the authority to go ahead with plans for next youth camp.

Motion made to send a delegate from each church to the state association, delegates will be elected by the church and be funded by the association the same as general board member (\$75.00).

1981-82 Officers elected as follows:

Moderator- Albert Jarrett
Asst. Moderator- Jerry Myers
Clerk- James Prince
Asst. Clerk- Roy Phipps
Executive Board- Kenny Condiff

Delegates for state

Betty Hodges
Irene Jarrett
Bradley Prentice
Helen Kirk
Marlene Myers

General Board Member

1982- Bill Kirk
1983- Tom Keylon

Services dismissed.

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 _____

CHURCH NAME ADDRESS-ZIP-PHONE	PASTOR'S NAME ADDRESS-ZIP-PHONE	CHURCH CLERK'S NAME ADDRESS-ZIP-PHONE
Eufaula Eufaula, Ok 74432	Ronnie Drake Rt. 3, Box 15 Eufaula, Ok 74432 918-689-7504	Trudy Lowe Rt. 3, Box 124A Eufaula, Ok 74432 918-689-7084
Fellowship 500 E. Lincoln McAlester, Ok 74501	Albert Jarrett 603 W. Taylor McAlester, Ok 74501 918-423-1269	Oleta Lott 2613 N. 4th McAlester, Ok 74501 918-426-1028
New Hope Rt. 1 Indianola, Ok 74442	Earl Jensen Rt. 1 Indianola, Ok 918-823-4443	Edith Young Rt. 2 McAlester, Ok 74501 918-823-4351
Pittsburg Pittsburg, Ok 74560	Bill Kirk 4½ Stonewall McAlester, Ok 74501 918-423-5048	Helen Kirk 4½ Stonewall McAlester, Ok 74501 918-423-5048
Stuart Stuart, Ok 74570	Jerry Myers Stuart, Ok 74570 918-546-2596	Glenda Blevins Star Route, Bow 70 Haywood, Ok 74548 918-389-4510
Tannehill Rt. 1 McAlester, Ok 74501	Cliff Myers Star Rt. Haywood, Ok 74548 918-826-4691	Lillian Slover Rt. 1, Box 19 McAlester, Ok 74501 918-423-4426
Bethel Allen, Ok. 74825 918-857-2212	Tom Keyton Box 296 Allen, Ok. 74825 918-857-2926	Glenda Griffin Rt. 2, Box 184 Allen, Ok. 74825 918-857-2733

INFORMATION FOR THE MINISTERS ROLL

Name, Address	Church	Phone
Cathey, Norman Rt. 1 Indianola	Tannehill	823-4459
Drake, Ronnie Rt. 3, Box 15 Eufaula, 74432	Eufaula	689-7504
Jerry Myers Stuart, Ok 74570	Stuart	546-2596
Jarrett, Albert 603 W. Taylor McAlester	Fellowship	423-1269
Jenson, Earl Rt. 1 Indianola	New Hope	823-4443
Kirk, Bill D. 4½ Stonewall McAlester	Pittsburg	423-5048
Medart, Frank 404 W. Cherokee McAlester	Tannehill	426-1870
Myers, Cliff Star Route, Haywood	Tannehill	826-4691
Keylon, Tom Box 296 Allen, Ok 74825	Bethel	857-2926

FINANCIAL REPORT AUGUST 1, 1981 to July 31, 1982

	No Received	No Dismissed	Deceased	Membership	Total Offering	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Corporate Plan	Missions Home & Foreign	Literature & Education	Building Repair	Misc.	Value of Church Property
Eufaula	0	0	0	52	13,170.18	4,050.00	452.20	1,221.26	126.00	784.18	9,000.00	—	43,000.00
Fellowship	3	8	2	87	26,752.87	9,360.00	210.00	2,407.64	150.00	1,310.40	4,606.46	9,192.18	150,000.00
Bethel	44	0	0	44	32,478.54	4,350.00	0	1,353.00	—	149.25	35,150.69	10,965.18	125,000.00
New Hope	5	6	0	41	18,851.00	5,200.00	300.00	1885.00	—	523.62	193.66	3,756.00	140,000.00
Pittsburg	1	3	0	36	11,149.00	2,650.00	295.00	1,175.00	—	344.00	4,453.00	2,082.00	55,000.00
Stuart	8	4	0	49	8,933.00	3,675.00	650.00	983.34	—	521.07	1,872.41	1,787.04	17,000.00
Tannehill	9	1	0	53	6,214.36	151.00	0	621.43	—	287.91	0	690.35	26,100.00
Total	70	24	2	385	\$17,550.33	\$29,436.00	\$1,907.20	\$9,556.67	\$276.00	\$2916.43	\$55,747.25	\$26,432.00	\$568,100.00

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

1982 Church Year

Nov. 1981—New Hope
 Feb. 1982—Eufaula
 May 1982—Tannehill
 Aug. 1982—Campground

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—All Association Ministers
 1982—All Association Mini
 1983—
 1984—

