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82nd
Annual Session
of the
Gaines Creek Association
of
Free Will Baptists

AUGUST 13 & 14, 1993

TANNEHILL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

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1	1994	Bob Smith, Rt. 7 Box 602, McAlester	(918)423-3947
2	1995	Pete Mitchell, Rt. 1, McAlester	(918)423-4838
3	1996	JR Smith, Rt. 2 Box 55, Stuart	(918)546-2590
4	1997	Kenny Cundiff, 803 E. Gilmore, Allen	(405)857-2522
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1	1994	Bill Kirk, 612 Short Stonewall, McAlester	(918)423-5051
2	1995	Lem Hodges, 2111 Northgate, McAlester	(918)423-8768
3	1996	Robert Bowen, Rt. 1 Box 368, Kiowa	(918)432-5617
4	1997	Leroy Weeks, 513 S. 9th, McAlester	(918)423-3986
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1	1994	Donna Lenox, Rt. 2 Box 130B, Indianola	(918)823-4659
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5	1998	Donna Tatum, HC 61 Box 190, Calvin	(405)892-3574

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. House called to order.
2. Letters called for, read, and delegates seated.
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 of plan for next meeting.
10. Adjourn.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

QUARTERLY MEETINGS:

November 19-20, 1993	Pittsburgh
February 18-19, 1994	Bethel
May 20-21, 1994	Tannehill

ANNUAL MEETING:

August 19-20, 1994	Fellowship
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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 take charge.
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 Examining (Credential) Board.
3. Each sitting of the Association meetings shall be opened by Scripture reading and prayer. 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 no 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 present to overrule 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. Further, an official delegate shall state the reason they are requesting permission of the Moderator to absent himself from the meeting and if meetings are missed continually, be brought before body.
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 \$100 plus 22¢ 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 and defray expenses of lodging and meals for the Evangelist. \$100 will be allowed to assist and defray expenses of lodging and meals for the Evangelist and if staying with an individual, payment will be made to Host person or, actual Motel expense.

RULES OF ORDER OF BY-LAWS CONTINUED:

15. Alterations may be made in these rules and by-laws at any annual session of the Association.
16. The Moderator shall not allow discussion 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 \$200 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. 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 ordination.
5. Be it resolved that any person shall not serve in more than one official position at a time in the Association; officer and/or board member, etc..
6. Be it resolved that all ministers and deacons coming into the Gaines Creek Association must submit their Credentials and themselves for examination by the Examining (Credential) Board; also that ministers must be members of the church that they pastor and must join the Gaines Creek Association of Ministers.
7. Be it resolved that we elect or appoint a program committee for the Friday night services.
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 adopt and support the State Association Resolution that each Association be required to pay \$25 per member church per year as State expenses. This money to accompany Association Letter to the State Association.
10. Be it resolved that we write a letter to the Free Will Baptist of the State of Oklahoma that we are opposed to the ordaining and commissioning of any one other than the Bible to prescribe Preacher or Deacon.
11. Be it resolved that we increase the Scholarships to students attending Free Will Baptist College to \$300 per semester.
12. Be it resolved to seat all delegates in the area designated by the Moderator.
13. Be it resolved that all special meetings held to discuss Association business requiring the presence of the Executive Board (since they have the authority to act on any business between meetings), be within the Spirit and intent of duties described for the Executive Board by Article V of our Constitution.

RESOLUTIONS CONTINUED:

14. Be it resolved that we dismiss business until the Annual Meeting and have worship services only at the quarterly meeting.
15. Be it resolved that the Executive Board audit the Association finances and report their findings to the Annual Association Meeting.
16. Be it resolved that we have a Youth rally on Friday night before each quarterly meeting and encourage our youth to take part.
17. Be it resolved that the Association recommend (5) Evangelists for the Christian Education Board to choose from, for, Youth camp. These to be presented to the Christian Education Board at the November quarterly meeting.
18. Be it resolved that the Association create the office for a Corresponding Secretary. Hers or His responsibilities would be to collect news from each church in the Association, write and send a Bi-monthly newsletter to each church in the Association. The Association will pay for all expenses.
19. Be it resolved that \$500 be set aside for Youth National Competition each year. If more than one church goes, divide the money equally between churches. Motion made to take from the general fund. Carried.
20. Be it resolved that the Associations old piano be given to New Hope Church for disposition.
21. Be it resolved that we change the regular quarterly May meeting to the third Friday and Saturday before the fourth Sunday of the month to accomodate Churches participating in State Competition.
22. Be it resolved that the Executive board be authorized to dispose of the Association property located near Indianola at fair market value. Further, that the monies gained from the sale be put in a CD (Certificate of Deposit), with best interest available, until such time the Association can adopt a plan for obtaining an official meeting facility or other use as determined at an Annual Association Meeting. Will not involve any expense to the assoc. and to give purchaser a quick claim deed only.

CONSTITUTION OF GAINES CREEK ASSOCIATION

PREAMBLE: We, the members of the Gaines Creek Association being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Jesus Christ, and realizing the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among us as a church; and to us, do therefore ordain the 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 I

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

ARTICLE II

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

ARTICLE III

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; church clerks belonging to any church composing this Association and all officers and board members of the 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 be represented by letter, with or without delegates. Such reports should meet the requirements of the Association using the forms provided by the Association.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS AND DUTIES: The officers of this Association shall consist of a Moderator, and Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, an Assistant Clerk, a Treasurer, and an Assistant Treasurer. These shall be elected by the body at the close of the Annual Meeting. The Moderator shall be in charge of each session of the Association and shall moderate the service at the Annual Revival Meetings. The Moderator shall be an ex-official 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 by delegated responsibility and will serve in the absence of the officer as regulated by the Association.

ARTICLE V

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 five (5) members elected to serve terms of 5,4,3,2,1 years. It shall be the duty of this board to act on behalf of the Association when it is not. It shall have the authority to elect such officers as might be necessary for its own government, and to carry out the plan 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, ind btness, bonds or other legal documents pertaining to e execution of will of this Association. This board shall not incur indebtedness

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. 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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD: This Association shall have a oard of hristian Education consisting of five (5) members elected to serve terms of 5,4,3,2,1 years. It shall be the duty of this Board to promote christian education in every church of this Association. Every available 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 function.

EXAMINING CREDENTIALS BOARD: This Association shall have an Examining oard consisting of five (5) ordained men elected to serve terms of 5,4,3,2,1 years. It shall be the duty of this board to meet with all M nisters and Deacons desiring either ordination, license or membership into the Association; request having been de 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.

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE VI

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 from the Examining Board.

ARTICLE VII

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

ARTICLE VIII

FINANCE: This association operations shall be financed through the Cooperative plan. In addition, each local church shall send \$20 to the May Quarterly meeting for the Associational Revival Fund and local minutes. At the Annual meeting \$25 is due for state expenses and \$10 for National. A total of \$55 for each local church.

ARTICLE IX

TIME: The regular annual meeting of this Association shall be on Friday night and Saturday before the third Sunday of November, February, and May. Amendment 1; The annual meeting shall begin at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday and the quarterly meetings shall also begin at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday.

ARTICLE X

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 the board committees, or individual members.

ARTICLE XI

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

ARTICLE XII

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

ARTICLE XIII

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 practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in the 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 denial, faith, and good works, endeavor to grow in grace and 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 ordinance of the Gospel: nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and 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 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 or 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 present 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 and is our ever-present Saviour and Lord.

4. **THE HOLY SPIRIT:** The scriptures assigns 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 inreserved 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 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 the water of life freely.
12. **PERSISTENCE:** 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, 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 immersion of believers in water, and the Lord's Supper, are ordinances 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 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."

**QUARTERLY MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 1992 -- PITTSBURG**

10:00 Session: Bro. Earl Scroggins opened the meeting with Scripture reading from Romans 14:11 then had prayer. He welcomed our guest, Bro. Lonnie Palmer from the Ivory Coast. Bro. Bob Smith led "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder" with Sis. Patsy Sparks accompanying at the piano. Letters were called for, read and motion was made and seconded to accept. Carried. The delegates were asked to stand and be seated by the right hand of Christian fellowship. Moderator called for the selection of Speaker committee for 11:00 service, and devotion. Those selected are Roger Gray (Chairman), Larry Haynes and James Prince. Motion made and seconded to accept the minutes the the following correction noted on page #16 (in the 81st annual book) Carried.

Treasurers report was called for, read and accepted. Motion made and seconded to receive report. Carried. Christian Education Board report was called for: Donna Lenox stated that 32 were in attendance on Youth nite Nov. 13. She requests that any Host church get in contact with the CEB if any help is needed with a speaker or refreshments. Motion made and seconded to receive report. Carried. Executive Board report: Bro. Bob Smith report on the Stuart Church and was counseled as to "how to help them". Question, the Trustee Board of the Stuart Church deeded the property to the Association without proper authorization they will try to gather more information. Meeting was held September 3. Also, the Executive Board met with the Examining (Credential) Board to discuss Gary Shipley. A written report was given to recede the Ordination papers and licensing of Gary Shipley. Motion made and seconded to accept the report regarding Stuart Church. Carried. Motion made and seconded to accept the combined Executive and Examining Boards report regarding Gary Shipley. Carried. Examining (Credential) Board report: 2 (two) positions were to be filled in order to examine Bro. Terry Plunkett. Those called for were Danny McDougal and Albert Jarrett. Speaker selection committee appointed Bro. Bill Kirk to bring sermon for the afternoon service. Bro. Lonnie Palmer was asked to speak about his ministry in the Ivory Coast. He is in the process of translating the Old Testament into the language of the "Colongo" language. He stated that he lacks 8-10 books of the Old Testament, yet to be translated. He expects to be finished soon. He has started a newsletter in the Colongo language. Expressed hope to return in May of '93. The New Testament has been translated, but need revision.

New Business: Motion made and seconded that when the Association gets ready to dispose of the Lone Oak property that New Hope Church be allowed to buy the tables from the Association. Carried. Motion made and seconded to let the Executive Board take complete control of the disposal of Lone Oak property. Carried. Motion made and seconded that Association commit \$100 to Bro. Lonnie Palmer monthly thru June of 1995. Starting in Nov. of '92. Carried.

Motion made and seconded to change the May 14-15 meeting at New Hope to May 21-22 at New Hope to accommodate the State Competition this year. Carried. Examining (Credential) Board reported they recommend that Bro. Terry Plunkett be ordained into Gaines Creek Association. Motion made and seconded to accept this recommendation. Carried. Motion made and seconded to adjourn with prayer. Carried.

**QUARTERLY MEETING
FEBRUARY 20, 1993 -- BETHEL**

Bro. Earl Scroggins opened with a prayer and welcomed everyone there. Bro. Robert led "Footsteps of Jesus", Sis. Scroggins accompanying at the piano. Bro. Earl read scripture from Psalms 36:7. Motion made and seconded to receive letters as read. Carried. The delegates were seated by the right hand of Christian fellowship. Speaker Committee appointed Bro. Wingo, Bro. Bowen and Bro. Jack Gray. Motion made and seconded to receive the reading of the minutes. Carried. Speaker selected: Bro. Anthony Sparks to bring message at the 11:00 service. Treasurers report was called for, read and accepted. Motion made and seconded to receive report. Carried. Christian Education Board report was called for. Sis. Lenox reported to cost of camp has gone up from \$50 to \$225. Bro. Cariker will be the Evangelist. Southeast Assoc. is coming to join us again this year, they will be helping on the cost. The camp will be held June 14-18. Motion made and seconded to receive report, Carried. Executive Board report was called for and given by Bro. Bob Smith. He reported on Lone Oak property pews were given to Quinton First Free Will Baptist Church. A thank you letter was read from them. All Utilities have been turned off, so we are incurring no expense. We are to meet with the County Commissioners to dispose of property. Motion made and seconded to receive report. Carried. Old Business: None. New Business: Bro Cariker encourages to send in church count for roll call Sunday March 28. Announcements: National Meeting July 18-22. In Louisville, Kentucky. Benefit singing for the youth April 2. State Competition May 15. Youth camp June 14-18. Motion made and seconded to adjourn for the 11:00 service. Carried. 11:00 service: Bro. Terry Plunkett recognized Bro. and Sis. Bowen for many years of faithful service, by giving them a plaque. Bro. Robert led in song "Oh How I Love Jesus" and "Heavens Jubilee" with Sis. Scroggins at the piano. Bro. Scroggins presented Bro. Anthony Sparks to the congregation for the message. It was brought from Psalms 137. Motion was made and seconded to adjourn with prayer. Carried.

**QUARTERLY MEETING
MAY 22, 1993 -- NEW HOPE**

10:00: Bro. Earl Scroggins called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Opening prayer was led by Bro. JR Smith. Bro. Bob Smith led "What A Friend We Have In Jesus", with

with Bro. Prince accompanying at the piano. Bro. Scroggins read scripture from Psalms 37:5-11. Key verse #7. Motion made to receive letters as read. Seconded. Carried. The delegates were asked to stand and be seated with the right hand of Christian fellowship. Speaker committee appointed Bro. Wingo Chairman, Bro. Bowen and Bro. JR Smith. Motion made and seconded to receive the reading of the minutes. Carried. Treasurers report was read. Motion made and seconded to receive report. Carried. Christian Education Board was called for. Bro. Hammonds reported Camp date of June 14-18. Bro. Connie Cariker would be the Evangelist. Director, Bro. Wayne Wingo, pre-enrollment forms are to be given back to Sis. Donna Lenox by June 1. Motion made and seconded to receive report. Carried. Executive Board report was called for. Bro. Bob Smith reported Lone Oak property was just about closed out. We received a \$500 check from A.C. Lewis purchasing the building. The building is worth more, however, the expense of trying to sell or move would be much more. The County Commissioners are handling the legal papers of building and land. The land has been deeded to M/M A.C. Lewis. Motion made and seconded to receive report. Carried. Speaker selection committee chose Bro. Burton Perry to bring 11:00 message. Bro. Scroggins reported that Gary Shipley's Ordination Certificate was void and is recorded at the Pittsburg County Court House, in the Clerks office on May 6, 1993 in book 3 page 551. Motion made and seconded to receive report. Carried. Motion made and seconded to help Pittsburg Church financially for the Air Conditioning unit to be installed. The complete cost was \$1030. It was agreed to pay the balance of around \$750 to Pittsburg Church. Carried. Sis. Lenox reported on the State Comp. held in Shawnee. Bro. Burton Perry gave a State Missions report. He stated if any monies are allotted they should be sent to Bro. Lonnie Sparks or Bro. Riggs, not to Nashville. He reported there were several growing churches. Motion made and seconded to adjourn until the 11:00 service. Closed with prayer. Carried. 11:00 service, Bro. Smith led "There Is A Name" with Sis. Linda Jarrett accompanying at the piano. Specials were sung by Bro. Jack and Sis. Oletha Gray. Message was read from Exodus 33:9-11. Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Closed with prayer. Carried.

ANNUAL MEETING
AUGUST 14, 1993 -- TANNEHILL

10:00: Bro. Earl Scroggins opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. Bro. James Prince led "Victory In Jesus" with Sis. Jarrett accompanying at the piano. Bro. Earl brought a devotion thought from ICorinthians 3:4-6. Speaker Committee appointed are Bro. JR Smith Chairman, Bro. Terry Plunkett and Bro. Dale for 11:00 service. Reading of the letters from Tannehill, Fellowship, New Hope, Pittsburg and Bethel were read. Motion made and seconded to receive letters as read. The delegates were seated with the right hand of Christian fellowship. Appointed to the Examining (Confidential) Board were Bro. Jarrett and Bro. Roger Gray. Motion

made to hear the reading of the minutes. Seconded. Carried. Obituary Committee appointed: Sis. Patsy Sparks, Sis. Oletha Gray and Sis. Griffin. Resolution Committee appointed Bro. Robert Hammond, Bro. Anthony Sparks and Bro. Dexter. Treasurers report was called for. Motion made and seconded to receive report. Carried. Christian Education Board report was called for and read. Motion made to receive report. Seconded. Carried. Executive Board report given by Bro. Bob Smith, he stated Lone Oak Property was taken care of and is closed out. Motion made and seconded to receive report. Carried. Special guest, Bro. Connie Cariker. He reported he enjoyed Youth camp and thanked the Association for what it is doing for Christ. State Missions doing well also the income is doing well. Bro. Cariker asks for \$3 per member. 11:00 service. Bro. Smith led "At Calvary" and "When All of Gods Singers Get Home" with Sis. Linda Jarrett accompanying at the piano. Special music by Bro. Smith, Bro. Hammond, Bro. Prince, Bro. Wood, Bro. Cariker, singing "He Set Me Free". Sis. Lenox and Sis. Jarrett sang "Theres Coming A Day". Bro. Lynn Wood brought the message from JOHN 14:3. Prayer was led by Bro. Wood. Blessing on the meal was given by Bro. Anthony Sparks. Meeting adjourned until 1:00. 1:00 service: Bro. Cariker brought a devotion from Titus 2:11-15. Obituary report given as follows: Sisters and Brothers from Fellowship; Opal Robinson, Emma Parkerson, Velma Sturn, Bertha Brown, Kenneth Crawley Carl Cathey and Rev. Bill McClellan. New Hope: Pansey Holman. Tannehill: Ida gann Painter. Motion made and seconded to receive written report from Examining (Credential) Board report read as follows; The Examining (Credential) Board approved the recommendation of the Tannehill Free Will Baptist Church has agreed to the ordination of the following: Bro. Phil Joyce, Bro. Jim Thomason and Bro. Bill Kos. signed Bro. Albert Jarrett, Chairman. We the Examining (Credential) Board have examined Bro. Bill Kirk from Poteau River Valley Assoc. and find him sound in faith and doctrine and recommend that he be received with all privileges of an Ordained Minister as a member of the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church. Signed Bro. Albert Jarrett. Carried. Motion made and seconded to receive Executive Boards written report as follows: Be it resolved that the Executive Board be authorized to dispose of the Associations property located near Indianola at fair market value. Further, that the monies gained from the sale be put in a CD (Certificate of Deposit), with best interest available, until such time the Association can adopt a plan for obtaining an official meeting facility or other use as determined at an Annual Association Meeting. Motion made and seconded to have Executive Board look into the selling of Indianola property and report back to the Association in November. Information on deed, cost of abstract, cost of warranty deed, surface land only?. Carried. Resolution committee: Amendment to the Examining Boards report; will not involve any expense to the Assoc. and to give purchaser a quick claim deed only. Motion made and seconded to table item until meeting in November. Carried. Motion made and seconded to have a Special Prayer Committee. Sis. Harriett Wingo will serve as Chairman. Carried. Elections: Nominations for Evangelist for Youth Camp 1994: Bro. Cariker, Bro. Will Harman of Pine Bluff,

Ark., Bro. Dale Smith, Bro. Buddy Drake of Mustang Mission and Bro. danny Ledbetter. Motion made and seconded to submit these five (5) to camp board. Carried. Motion made and seconded to meet at said places as our meeting sites. November Pittsburgh, February-Bethel, May-Tannehill and August-Fellowship Carried. Nomination for Evangelist at revival are Bro. Wade Jernigan, Bro. Jack Richey, Bro. Lonnie Burks and Bro. JR Hall. Nominations cease and proceed to elect. Bro. Jack Richey and Bro. wade Jernigan as alternate were elected. Carried. Rules of Order and By-Laws amends item #4 to add; if staying with an individual payment will be made to Host person or actual Motel expense. Motion made and seconded to add amendment. Carried. Resolution #15 amends to read; and report their findings to Annual Association meeting Motion made and seconded to add this amendment to item #15. Carried. Bro. Lynn Wood brought greetings from Nat'l Home Missions Board. He is asking pastors to receive an offering for Benjamin Randall Day for Nat'l Home Missions on November 21, 1993. Executive Board: Nominations for 5 year member 1) Jack Gray 2)James Prince (declined). Proceed to elect Bro. Jack Gray by acclimation. Carried. Examining (Confidential) Board: Bro. Albert Jarrett was elected by acclimation for 5 year member. Carried. Nominations for 1 year member 1)Dale Long 2)Bill Kirk 3)Terry Plunkett. Nominations cease and proceed to elect. Bro. Bill Kirk was elected. Carried. Christian Education Board: Sis. Donna Tatum was elected by acclimation for 5 year position. Carried. General Officers: General Board Member for 1994. Motion made and seconded to have Bro. Earl Scroggins and Bro. Bill Kirk as alternate. Carried. Corresponding Secretary: Rebekah F. Smith was elected by acclimation. Carried. Assistant Treasurer: Vertilla Hammonds was elected by acclimation. Carried. Treasurer: Danny McDougal was elected by acclimation. Carried. Assistant Clerk: Nominations were 1)Harriett Wingo 2)Nancy Kos. Nominations cease and proceed to elect. Sis. Harriett Wingo was elected. Carried. Clerk: Nancy Kos was elected by acclimation. Carried. Assistant Moderator: Nominations are Anthony Sparks, Roger Gray. Nominations cease and proceed to elect. Rev. Anthony Sparks was elected. Carried. Moderator: Nominations are Earl Scroggins and Roger Gray. Nominations cease and proceed to elect. Rev. Earl Scroggins was elected. Carried. Motion made and seconded to adjourn with prayer. Carried. Bro. Weeks dismissed with prayer. Carried.

MINISTER'S ROLL

NAME/ADDRESS	CHURCH	PHONE NUMBER
Don Conn Rt. 1 Box 86 McAlester, Ok. 74501	Tannehill	918-426-3102
Cecil Fassio 104 Oak Hartshorne, Ok. 74547	Fellowship	918-297-7116
Roger Gray 26 W. Walker McAlester, Ok. 74501	New Hope	918-423-6056
Lem Hodges 2111 Northgate McAlester, Ok. 74501	Tannehill	918-423-8768
Albert Jarrett 603 W. Taylor McAlester. Ok. 74501	Fellowship	918-423-1269
Bill Kirk 612 Short Stonewall McAlester, Ok. 74501	Fellowship	918-423-5051
Hugh McDonald 325 E. Comanche McAlester, Ok. 74501	Fellowship	918-423-3390
Terry Plunkett P.O. Box 684 Krebs, Ok. 74554	Pittsburg	918-423-8315
Earl Scroggins Box 23 Francis, Ok. 74840	Bethel	405-436-3500
Anthony Sparks 301 W. Ottawa McAlester, Ok. 74501	Tannehill	918-423-0788

CHURCH ROLL

CHURCH	PASTORS NAME	CLERK
Bethel P.O. Box 412 Allen, 74825	Earl Scroggins	Donna Tatum Star Rt. Box 168 Calvin, 74531 405-892-3574
Fellowship 500 E. Lincoln McAlester, 74501	Albert Jarrett	Oleta Lott 2613 N. 4th McAlester, 74501 918-426-1028
New Hope Rt. 2 McAlester, 74501	Roger Gray	Edith Young Rt. 2, Box 153 McAlester, 74501 918-823-4351
Pittsburgh P.O. Box 88 Pittsburgh, 74560	Terry Plunkett	Pat Plunkett P.O. Box 684 Krebs, 74554 918-423-8315
Tannehill Rt. 1 Box 88 McAlester, 74501	Anthony Sparks	Dawn Sparks 305 E. Creek McAlester, 74501 918-426-0461

All the above churches and clerks reside in the state of Oklahoma.

GAINES CREEK ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES
Financial Statement

	3-Months Ending 6-30-93	Year to Date 7-1-92 to 6-30-93
<u>Receipts</u>		
Church Coop		
Bethel	\$ 1113.00	\$ 4415.00
Fellowship	1125.00	4300.00
New Hope	193.19	1447.20
Pittsburg	158.34	600.72
Tannehill	<u>317.00</u>	<u>1465.15</u>
Total Coop	\$ 2906.53	\$ 12228.07
Interest	37.61	144.85
Royalty	26.39	168.84
Annual Church Dues	-0-	280.00
Sale of Lone Oak Ch Bldg	500.00	500.00
Miscellaneous	<u>-0-</u>	<u>40.60</u>
Total Receipts	<u>3470.53</u>	<u>13362.36</u>
<u>Disbursements</u>		
Gaines Creek Coop		
Hillsdale 20%	581.30	2445.60
State Assn 20%	581.30	2445.60
Christian Ed Fd 35%	<u>1017.28</u>	<u>4279.81</u>
Total Coop	2179.88	9171.01
Lone Oak Church Exp	-0-	342.26
Annual Dues & Delegate Fees	-0-	475.00
Lonnie Palmer-Missionary	300.00	800.00
Annual Revival	-0-	928.14
Printing Annual Minutes	-0-	255.00
Pittsburg Ch-Install A/C	750.00	750.00
Miscellaneous-Safety Box Rent	<u>-0-</u>	<u>16.00</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>3229.88</u>	<u>12737.41</u>
Excess Receipts over Disbursements	240.65	624.95
Excess Disbursements over Receipts	-0-	-0-
Cash Balance-Beg of Period	<u>4263.61</u>	<u>3879.31</u>
Cash Balance-End of Period	\$ <u><u>4504.26</u></u>	\$ <u><u>4504.26</u></u>
<u>BALANCE SHEET</u>		
<u>6-30-93</u>		
Cash		\$ <u>4504.26</u>
Reserve For Building Fund		500.00
Fund Balance		\$ <u>4004.26</u>

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD
GAINES CREEK ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

August 14, 1993 ANNUAL MEETING
Tannehill Free Will Baptist Church

BALANCE on 5-22-93	\$8,173.38
Deposit 5-21-93	612.41
Deposit 6-23-93	1,736.25
Deposit 6-30-93	404.87
	\$10,926.91

EXPENSES:

Camp Rental	\$1,556.50
Swimming	374.00
Evangelist	500.00
Insurance	122.40
Camp Supplies & Food	2,763.64
	\$5,316.54

BALANCE on 8-14-93	<u><u>\$5,610.37</u></u>
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GAINES CREEK ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

YOUTH CAMP SCHEDULE FOR 1993

BREAKFAST.....	7:00	AM
DEVOTION.....	8:30-9:00	AM
MORNING ACTIVITIES.....	9:00-11:00	AM
CLASS.....	11:00-12:00	PM
LUNCH.....	12:00-1:00	PM
SWIMMING.....	1:30-4:15	PM
DINNER.....	5:00-6:00	PM
GROVE SERVICE.....	6:45-7:00	PM
EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE.....	7:00-?	PM
AFTER SERVICE ACTIVITIES.....	?-11:00	PM
IN CABIN.....	11:00	PM
LIGHTS OUT.....	TO BE DETERMINED BY SPONSORS	

CAMP THEME: The Seriousness of Serving God

We will try to stay as close to these time frames as possible. This schedule will be posted at each cabin and in the cafeteria for all campers to see. Please be patient with us, we are trying to be a good Christian Education Board.

1993 GAINES CREEK ASSOCIATION YOUTH CAMP MENUS

MONDAY

BREAKFAST

NONE

LUNCH

Chopped Ham/Cheese
Sandwiches
Potato Chips
Cookies
Tea/Kool-Aid

DINNER

Chicken Stips
Corn
Green Beans
French Fries
Salad
Brown & Serve Rolls
Strawberry Shortcake
Chocolate Pudding
Tea/Kool-Aid

TUESDAY

BREAKFAST

Sausage/Bacon
Biscuits/Gravy
Scrambled Eggs
Cereal
Juice/Milk/Coffee

LUNCH

Hot Dogs/Chili
Chili Pie
Chips/Cheese Sticks
Vegetables/Dip
Fruit/Dip
Cookies
Tea/Kool-Aid

DINNER

Spaghetti/Meat Sauce
Meatloaf
Mashed Potatoes
Corn
Salad
Garlic Bread
Watermelon/Cantaloupe
Chocolate Cake
Tea/Kool-Aid

WEDNESDAY

BREAKFAST

Sausage/Bacon
Biscuits/Gravy
Pancakes
Chocolate Gravy
Juice/Milk/Coffee

LUNCH

Hamburgers/Cheese
Pickles/Tomatoes/Lettuce
Chips
BLT's
Brownies
Pudding
Tea/Kool-Aid

DINNER

Tacos
Taco Casserole
Refried Beans
Salad
Chips/Sauce
Banana Pudding
Jello
Tea/Kool-Aid

THURSDAY

BREAKFAST

Bacon/Sausage
Biscuits
Scrambled Eggs
French Toast
Cereal
Juice/Milk/Coffee

LUNCH

Sloppy Joes
Chips
Pickles
Cheese Sticks
Cookies/Brownies
Tea/Kool-Aid

DINNER

Barbecue or Plain
Chicken
Baked Beans
Potato Salad
Corn
3 Layer Pudding Cake
Ice Cream Bars
Tea/Kool-Aid

FRIDAY

BREAKFAST

LEFTOVERS

LUNCH

LEFTOVERS

CAMP RULES

- 1) For every 5 campers of the same gender, we must have a sponsor of that gender, i.e. 5 girls requires 1 woman sponsor.
 - 2) Morning cabin inspection will be at 9:00 A.M. by the Director and whoever he chooses to assist. For the cabin that is the most unclean, that cabin will be assigned bathroom duty.
 - 3) No radios or stereos.
 - 4) No skateboards.
 - 5) No boys will be allowed to go to the girls side of the camp, nor girls on the boys side, except for organized activities.
 - 6) Sponsors must be at least 18 years of age and a member in good standing of a church in our association.
 - 7) No fireworks are allowed in the camp.
 - 8) No tobacco products allowed on campground.
 - 9) No campers shall leave campground without permission of the Director.
 - 10) No tank tops, spaghetti straps, shorts, or miniskirt will be allowed.
 - 11) Girls may wear jeans or slacks to the morning devotion and classes, but dresses or skirts must be worn to the evening service.
 - 12) Boys will wear jeans or slacks to the evening service.
 - 13) Jams may be worn by both girls and boys, but they must be no more than two (2) inches above the knees. If this length is not met, you will not be allowed out of the cabin until you have changed into something suitable.
 - 14) All campers are expected to attend morning devotion, class, grove service and evening worship service.
 - 15) Activities will be planned for everyone.
 - 16) Campers should be 9 years to 18 years of age. Younger campers require a sponsor.
- I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE CAMPER RULES. IF I DO NOT BEHAVE IN A CHRISTIAN-LIKE MANNER, OR IF I FAIL TO OBEY THE RULES, I UNDERSTAND THAT MY PARENTS WILL BE NOTIFIED TO TAKE ME HOME.

SIGNATURE OF CAMPER

PERMISSION SLIP

I, _____, give my permission to let my child
_____, attend the Youth Camp of the Gaines
Creek Association, to be held at the Arrowhead Campground at
Canadian, Oklahoma. In case of emergency, I can be reached at
_____. My child is/is not allergic to the
following foods or drugs: _____

_____.

I understand that if my child is not behaving in a Christian-like
manner that I will be asked to come to the camp and either take
him/her home or straighten out matters with the Director.

YOUTH CAMP GUIDELINES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

DIRECTOR

- 1) Source of information and contact for all camp personnel.
- 2) Able to override camp rules when flexibility is needed.
- 3) Permission to leave camp grounds must be given by Director.
- 4) Enforces dress code, camp rules and scheduled activities,
i.e: Assures that transitional events between scheduled
activities are taken care of in a timely manner.
- 5) Delegates authority to Assistant when needed.
- 6) Camp inspection is performed with camp personnel before and
after camp.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

- 1) Assists Director in all areas.
- 2) Assists Director and will take over duties of Director when
needed, i.e. If Director must leave camp, he will then assign
his duties to the Assistant Director.

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TEACHERS

- 1) Lesson plans will be individually prepared according to the general theme of the camp.
- 2) Changes should be expected according to class need and size.
- 3) Materials should be assembled before camp.
- 4) If printed materials or lesson plans are needed, contact any member of the Christian Education Board.

SPONSORS

- 1) Provide an updated list of all campers in cabin to be turned in DAILY to Director (for head count).
- 2) Responsible for one (1) Grove Service.
- 3) Nightly devotion in cabin.
- 4) Must accompany campers to bathroom after lights out.
- 5) Secure cabin at night.
- 6) Women Sponsors will be furnished a whistle for security reasons.
- 7) The sponsor should see that all their campers are in attendance to all services, etc.

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HEAD COOK

- 1) Prepare menus with the recommendation of light lunch, i.e., salads, cold cuts, hamburgers, hot dogs, puddings, etc.
- 2) Supervise grocery purchases by providing a list of needed items.
- 3) Any food left over when camp is through is to be divided by the head cook to her other helpers.
- 4) Responsible for kitchen pre and post inventories.

ACTIVITY DIRECTOR

- 1) Responsible for organizing free time activities.
- 2) Will furnish any awards or recognition.
- 3) Kangaroo Court activities for Thursday Night will be directed by Activity Director.
- 4) Organizing teams.
- 5) Will choose one female assistant and 1 male assistant to help with the campers activities.

CAMP SECURITY

- 1) Need to have two (2) on duty each night to patrol campgrounds until about 2:00 a.m. or until quiet control.

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 Christians? _____
 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. _____

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR MINISTERS TO BE ORDAINED

NAME _____ DATE _____
 ADDRESS _____ AGE _____
 MEMBER OF _____ CHURCH _____

1. Do you have a license? _____
2. If you have a 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 other denominations, 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 Christians? _____
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, with 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. _____

