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MINUTES

of the

HOPEWELL ASSOCIATION

NO. 2

Church of God Denominated

FREE WILL BAPTIST

1958

PROCEEDINGS

of the

TWENTY-SIXTH SESSION

Convened at

Camp Ground

MINUTES OF THE
TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION
HOPEWELL NO. TWO ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

Held At The Association Camp Ground
Beginning Thursday Night August 21, 1958

OFFICERS

MODERATOR

Rev. Carl Shivers
Duncan, Okla., Rt. 3

ASSISTANT MODERATOR

Rev. Rex Weatherman
1713 Tower Dr. Ardmore

CLERK

Vivian Lewis
615 Douglas Blvd.

ASSISTANT CLERK

Valma McAffrey
Sulphur, Okla.

TREASURER

Wm. Hull
1008 Hickory
Duncan, Okla.

ASSISTANT TREASURER

Hardena Hull
Duncan, Okla.

The Twenty-Seventh Annual Session Will Convene
Thursday Night, August 13, 14 and 15, 1959

The Quarterly Meetings will convene at Duncan, Friday night and Saturday, Nov. 21 and 22, 1958. Second Meeting at Sulphur, Friday night and Saturday, February 20 and 21, 1959. Third meeting at Lawton on Friday night and Saturday, May 22 and 23, 1959.

DISTRICT OFFICERS

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Gilbert Pixley	1 Year
Marlan Bevens	2 Years
Othal Kyle	3 Years
A. L. McAffrey	4 Years
Julian Hawkins	5 Years

CREDENTIAL BOARD

Noah Smith	1 Year
Eual Gorman	2 Years
A. L. McAffrey	3 Years

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Carl Shivers	1 Year
Rex Weatherman	2 Years
E. J. Reid	3 Years

LEAGUE BOARD

Ward Fellabaum	1 Year
John Gilmore	2 Years
Herman Hood	3 Years
Bill Hull	4 Years
Marlin Bevens	5 Years

PROCEEDINGS

The 26th Annual Conference of the Hopewell No. 2 Association of Free Will Baptist when convened at the Campground beginning Thursday night August 21 through 22 and 23.

This session was opened with the congregation singing "Victory in Jesus" led by Bro. Eual Gorman and Velma McAffrey at the piano. Vivian Lewis gave the invocation on the services, the McAffrey sisters sang "I Need no Mansions here Below".

Rev. Carl Shivers brought a very timely message, inspiring all to a more consecrated work for the Lord, using the text "Woe to them that are ease in Zion" from Amos 6:1.

Benediction by Bro. Hampton.

FRIDAY 9:30

The opening song was "Victory in Jesus". Prayer was offered by Rev. Rex Weatherman, Bro John Woods brought the Devotional from the 12th chapter of Romans, leading the congregation in prayer was Rev. Noah Smith.

Letters called for and read from eight (8) churches motion carried to accept the letters as read and sent the Delegates, with the song "I'll Live On" a hand of fellowship was given the Delegates.

Motion carried to elect officers for the ensuing year; those elected were as follows:

Moderator	Carl Shivers
Assistant Moderator	Rex Weatherman
Clerk	Vivian Lewis
Assistant Clerk	Velma McAffrey
Treasurer	Bill Hull
Assistant Treasurer	Ardena Hull
Parliamentarian	Ward Fellabaum

The rules of order were read by the Assistant Moderator Rev. Rex Weatherman, motion carried that Moderator and Assistant Moderator appoint all committees for this session.

Visiting Ministers were introduced, Rev. Odie Robinson, Rev. Allen Moore and the newly elected pastor at Ardmore the Rev. J. W. Welch.

Elected to serve three years on the Credential Board was Rev. A. L. McAffrey, Rev. Gilbert Pixley was elected as a member of the State General Board.

Rev. E. M. Kennedy gave a brief report on the State work, explaining the advantage, of a State Book Store, should it be made possible.

Motion carried to adjourn business until afternoon.

Divine services was opened with Rev. Pixley leading the congregation in singing "The old ship of Zion" with Sister Pixley at the Piano.

Rev. and Mrs. Pixley sang a beautiful number "I'll Strole Over Heaven with You."

Rev. Odie Robinson brought the morning message using the Scripture from 121st. Psalms.

Benediction by Rev. J. W. Welch.

FRIDAY 1:30

Rev. Kennedy led the song "Worthy Art Thou" to begin the afternoon session, Devotional by Rev. J. R. Welch from the Fourth chapter of St. Luke.

The congregation enjoyed a quartet number arranged by Rev. Kennedy, Vivian Lewis sang a solo, Rev. and Mrs. Pixley sang "My Child Your Home At Last."

Elected to serve five (5) years on the executive board was Rev. Julian Hawkins, E. J. Reid to serve on the board of trustees for three (3) years and Rev. Rex Weatherman on the board of trustees for two (2) years.

Marlin Bevins was elected to the league board for a period of five (5) years and Bill Hull for four years on the same board.

Motion carried to strike resolution No. 8 (page 13) from the 1957 minutes.

Reports from the 1958 committees were read and adopted as follows: Sunday School, League, Temperance, Education and Obituary. (See Report) all ordained ministers and deacons had in alter of prayer in memory of the late Rev. G. W. Hawks.

Resolution No. 2 read and adopted. (see resolutions)

Motion carried that chairman of campground committee be treasurer for this fund.

Resolution No. 4 read and accepted. (see resolutions)

Motion carried to adopt resolution No. 5

Resolution No. 6 read and adopted. (see resolution)

Motion carried to adopt Resolution No. 7. (see resolutions)

Motion carried to accept Resolution No. 8.

Resolution No. 9 adopted (see resolutions) those elected to this office were A. L. McAffrey, Gilbert Pixley and L. T. Woodall.

The ministers and deacons report was read and accepted for printing in minutes.

The executive committee report was read and motion carried to lay on table.

Motion carried to adjourn.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Bro. Chaudoin led the singing with "I'll Just Steal Away and Pray" an old fashion song service was held with every one gathering around the piano, special singing was enjoyed with arrangements from three groups.

A testimony service was led by Claudis Mullens who, during this associational revival surrendered to preach the gospel.

Prayer was offered by Rev. McAffrey who also brought a very inspiring message from the 19th. Chapter of Exodus. The presence of the Lord was wonderful.

Dismissed by LoRay Spurgin.

SATURDAY 9:30 A.M.

"I Feel Like Traveling On" was the song used to open the morning session, after an alter of prayer, Rev. Weatherman gave the

devotional, prayer by Rev. Woodall.

Motion carried to seat the delegates, a hand of fellowship was given them by the assistant Moderator, Rev. Weatherman.

Bro. and Mrs. W. A. DeHart was elected by acclamation as 1959 youth camp directors.

Elected as associational evangelist for 1959 Rev. L. T. Woodall and Rev. Ward Fellobaum.

Motion carried to grant Sulphur the second quarterly meeting as ask for in their letter.

Motion carried that pastors act as alternates for interductory speakers at the quarterly meetings.

Rev. J. W. Welch was elected as the interductory speaker for the annual session in 1959, Rev. Weatherman as alternate.

Motion carried that Rev. McAffrey be payed fifteen (15) dollars for expences as camp ground director for this year.

SATURDAY MORNING

Memorial services opened with singing "I Must Tell Jesus" Rev. Pixley arranged a quartet number "I'll Meet You in the Morning."

A beautiful message on "The Home of the Soul" was delivered by Rev. J. O. Hudson.

Benediction by Rev. Noah Smith.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Marlin Bevins gave the Invocation on the afternoon services.

The motion carried to accept the treasurers report as read.

A report from the Camp Director was read and accepted.

Motion carried to take amount needed from the General fund to pay Associational Evangelist for 1958.

Motion carried to resend report from Executive Committee back for rewording.

The motion carried to print the League minutes in District minutes.

Resolution No. 10 adopted. (see resolutions)

Resolutions No. 11 accepted. (see resolutions)

Resolution No. 12 read and adopted. (see resolutions)

The report on the Possibilities of New Churches was read and adopted.

Motion carried to adopt Resolution No. 13 (see resolutions)

The request from the Clerk was granted, three proof readers was appointed, L. T. Woodall, Gilbert Pixley, and Dorris Beers.

Motion carried to have 500 (five hundred) minutes printed.

Motion carried that the profit from the Camp ground be put in to Camp ground fund.

Motion carried that we take insurance on the children next year.

Motion carried that the Womans Auxiliary report be printed in the District minutes.

Benediction by Walter Collins.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED IN QUARTERLY MEETINGS

We, your committee on resolutions in view of the fact that the State association is endeavoring to organize twenty (20) churches in the state this year, and that financial assistance is now available through the state home mission board, do recommend that a committee of three be appointed by this body to search for the possibilities of the organization of two (2) churches in our association and report their findings to the next quarterly meeting, be it further resolved that this committee be paid five (5) cents per mile for expenses by the associational treasurer.

Be it resolved that we extend a standing vote of thanks to the Ardmore church for their hospitality and good lunch during this session.

We recommend that tithes which are paid into the association be distributed 60% to the state and 40% remain in the local association, and that distributing be not changed for a period of one year.

We, the resolution committee wish to submit the following for the consideration of this body, be it resolved that whereas the need for the establishment of a Free Will Baptist church at or near the campground is felt by many and, whereas there is sufficient land at the camp site for a church, that this association when such a church be established give and deed said church one half (½) acre of ground for building site.

Be it resolved that the associational executive board investigate for camp site the Mountain Home school property that is to be sold, be it further resolved that we rent said property for youth camp in August if it can be done, in case we can not secure this property the executive board be empowered to decide the necessary equipment for our oncoming camp and arrange for same.

RESOLUTIONS IN ANNUAL SESSION

2. Be it resolved that we charge \$1.00 (one dollar) enrollment fee at the campground in addition to the \$5.00 (five dollars) already charged, and set the one dollar up in a special fund for maintenance of the facilities, and also be it enacted that any profit from the camp go into this same fund and be designated separate and apart from all other as maintenance.
4. Be it resolved that Peirce Butane of Ratliff City and O. L. Owens be thanked personally by Ward Fellobaum and Eual Gorman for goods and service, rendered to this Association.
5. Be it resolved that we the Hopewell No. 2 Association begin our Youth Encampment on the first Tuesday in August of 1959 to be followed by our association. (August 4th. to August 13)
6. Be it resolved that we print the address and phone numbers of all Ministers and Deacons.
7. Be it resolved that we send to the Frankoma Pottery Co. a card of thanks for the 100 (one hundred) plates they gave to the camp kitchen.
8. Be it resolved that each church in this Association be en-

- courage to organize a mens association or Brotherhood; and that the Association encourage them and assist them as much as possible.
9. Be it resolved that a Constitutional Committee be elected consisting of 3 (three) members to go over the Constitution, revising it into Articles under the heading, clearly setting forth the duties of all officers, committees and all other duties pertaining to the association in its business transactions, and setting forth in writing all by-laws which may be referred to in business procedure here in after carried on.
 10. Be it resolved that Hopewell No. 2 Association of Free Will Baptists recommend to the State Association that a book store be set up in conjunction with the State Promotional Secretary office.
 11. Be it resolved that the Executive Board investigate the Ministry problem existing at the Lone Grove Church and, take such action as they deem necessary.
 12. Be it resolve that the Trustee Board of the Camp grounds make plans for dormitories size 20 ft. by 40 ft. one each for boys and girls, that the cost be figured and reported at the next quarterly meeting, also find out of material can be bought on time payment or a loan be secured on same.
 13. Be it resolved that we print the League Minutes in Associational Minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sunday School. We the Committee on Sunday school wish to report an Average attendance in the district of 706 (seven hundred and six)

We recommend that all teachers be true Free Will Baptist. We also recommend that each church in our Association purchase their literature through the National Sunday School Board.

League. We the Hopewell No. 2 League are happy to report the good progress in 1958, we payed for the well and the girls shower house at camp ground.

We have had 4 (four) League Rallies with very good attendance, our youth Encampment was a blessing to the Leagues and Churches.

Temperence. We the Committee on Temperence recommend that all churches cooperate with all Law enforcement agencies and pastors preach the abstinence from all forms of intoxicating beverage and all worldly entertainment and to be temperent at all times.

Education. We the Committee on Education recommend the following: 1—Each church use literature from Nashville, Tenn. in their Sunday School. 2—That each church urge their Ministers to attend any and all schools held in the State of Oklahoma for the advancement of Free Will Baptist. 3—That all teachers be members of the Free Will Baptist Church. 4—We also recommend that each church endeavor to have at least 10 days training in Gospel music each year.

Obituary: We are sorry to report the passing of Brother Charlie Cooksey who was a Deacon in the Santa Fe church, Brother Will Rich a Deacon in the Ardmore church, Brother Leonard Moore a

Deacon in the Lone Grove church, Sister Helen Scaff a member of the Sulphur church, Brother Bernie McLain of the Clemscott church and Rev. G. W. Hanks pastor of the Lone Grove Church. He was a pioneer of this Association and a member of the Committee organize this Association.

New Churches. We your Committee on Possibilities of new churches do submit our report. We are glad to report that services are now being held in Comanche and Prospects of a church are good, we also have a man for the job. Also we are considering a work in Winniewood and have a man for that job. A work in Durant is being observed and it is very likely a work can be established there.

Executive. We your Executive Board have met at two different times this year, once at the session at Santa Fe concerning the Church property at Wilson, deeds of said property read "to the Free Will Baptist Church Deacons and their successors of Carter County". The second meeting was at the Mountain Home school to investigate the possibility of buying said property, we found it not possible to consider it further.

1958 Committees Appointed For This Session

Devine Service	Wanda Kellett
	Claudine Armstrong, Juree McLain
League	Dean Thompson
	LaVeta Cathey, Jewell Chaudoin
Resolutions	Ward Fellobaum
	Eual Gorman, Noah Smith
Education	John Woods
	A. L. McAffrey, Lamar Howell
Temperance	Henry Christian
	Hershell Lewis, Hope Foster
Sunday School	Violet Smith
	Alice Spurgin, Paul J. Anderson
Obituary	Naomi Mullens
	E. J. Reid, Ellen Denney

MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE REPORT

The Ministers and Deacon Conference of Hopewell Association No. 2 of Free Will Baptist met for their annual conference at Duncan First Free Will Baptist Church, Feb. 1, 1958, with 22 Ministers and Deacons present.

Bro. Gorman Presiding:

The Devotional was given by Bro. Fellabaum, reading from St. John Chapter 1.

Officers were elected for the coming year as follows:

Moderator	Bro. Carl Shivers
Assistant	Noah Smith
Secretary and Treasurer	Loray Spurgin
Examining Committee	Bros. Lemmings Fellabaum, Pallew

Pulpit Committee ----- Bros. Carroll, Hood,
Higgins, Beers, Bivins
We have held three (3) conferences this year.
Second at Healdton with 43 Ministers and Deacons present.
Third at Santa Fe 12 ministers and Deacons present.
Moderator ----- Carl D. Shivers
Secretary and Treasurer ----- LaRoy Spurgin

WOMANS AUXILIARY REPORT

The Womens Auxiliary of Hopewell No. 2 District met with the Stobtown church for the annual session July 11, 1958.

Opening song "Everybody will be Happy over There" directed by Connie Morris. Velma McAffrey was at the Piano, Opening prayer by Rev. McAffrey.

Devotion taken from the 12th Chapter of Romans was given by Vivian Lewis.

Due to the absence of the recording secretary, youth chairman and benevolence chairman the president was given authority to appoint chairman from the floor those appointed for the day were: Connie Morris, Recording Secretary, Marjory Carroll, Youth Chairman and Wanda Kellett as benevolence chairman.

Ardmore auxiliary presented their chart of achievement, after a congregational song the services were turned to Bro. McAffrey who brought the morning message using as his subject "Volenteers for God" scripture reading: Isiah 6-5-9.

Dismissed in prayer by Thelma Rice.

Afternoon session opened with Thelma Anderson diricting the singing.

Business session opened with the president presiding, minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, reports from the officers were read and accepted, the treasurers report was read and accepted.

The Sulphur auxiliary received a book for having the highest percentage present.

Annual election of officers were as follows:

President -----	Vivian Lewis 615 Douglas Blvd. Ardmore, Okla.
Vice President -----	Marjory Carroll Route 3, Box 221, Duncan, Okla.
Youth Chairman -----	Wanda Kellett 2604 "A" Ave. Lawton, Okla.
Study Course -----	Violet Smith 511 Pine, Duncan, Okla.
Personal Service -----	Velma McAffrey 1302 W. 13th., Sulphur, Okla.
Secretary -----	Gertie Long 506 Pine, Duncan, Okla.
Assistant -----	Mary Burch 304 Chestnut, Duncan, Okla.
Treasurer -----	Connie Morris Rt. 2, Box 414, Ardmore, Okla.

Assistant _____ Ruth Balthrop
 Stewardship Prayer _____ Melba Hunt
 Star Route, Lone Grove, Okla.
 Box 56, Healdton, Okla.

Motion carried that we dispense of program chairman and the executive board with the local program chairman prepare the program.

Delegates to the state meeting are: Valma McAffrey, Amy Chaudin, Mary Burch, Lelia Howell and Connie Morris.

Installation services were under the direction of Vivian Lewis.

ANNUAL REPORT

Number on roll beginning of year	83
Present Enrollment	60
Number New Members	10
Number Lost (revision of rolls)	33
Average Attendance	47
Number Youth Organizations	2
Total Youth Membership	25
Number Vacation Bible Schools	4
Number Librarians	3
Number Study Courses Held	37
Number Daily Bible Readers	10
Number Weeks of Prayer Held	7
Number Family Alters	17
Number Making Soul Winning Efforts	37
Number Souls Won	4
Number Active In Community Missions	53
Number Subscribers To F.W.B. Papers	44
Number Articles Written For Publication	41
Total Number Tithers	25

FINANCIAL REPORT

Paid Out	
Co. Labor	\$ 4.20
State dues	12.00
Evangelist	25.00
Literature	51.35
Missions	152.82
Tithes	5.68
Balance in Kitchen Fund	76.43
Balance in General Fund	51.11
Total	\$127.54

STATISTICS HOPEWELL NO. 2 1957-58

Churches Reporting	8
Resident Members	862
Ministers	16

Deacons	39
Paid Pastors	\$ 19,617.21
Paid Evangelist	\$ 1,408.70
Building and Repair	\$ 5,918.33
Publications and Literature	\$ 978.98
Cooperative Fund	\$ 1,406.87
Miscellaneous	\$ 4,321.94
Total Expenses	\$ 33,652.03
Value Of Church Property	\$146,000.00

TREASURERS REPORT

From August 22, 1957 to August 22, 1958

Balance Brought Forward in General Fund	\$120.78
Recieved to August 22, 1958	378.51
Total	499.29
Expenditures	181.43
Balance in General Fund	\$317.86

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD IN HOME MISSION

Fund	\$245.26
Received From August 22, 1957 to August 22, 1958	325.56
Balance	\$570.91
Camp Ground Fund Brought Forward	\$175.15
Received	792.77
Expenditures	490.99
Balance on Hand	477.48
Paid State Cooperative	409.44
Total Balance In Treasurer	\$1366.25

CHURCH REPORTS FROM DUNCAN CHURCH

To the Annual Associational meeting of the Free Will Baptist at the Associational Campgrounds on August 22, 1958

Delegates: Bill Hull, Violet Smith, LeVeta Cathey. Alternates: Millard Vaught and Charlene Vaught.

Address of the church: First Free Will Baptist Church, 1st. and Elm st., Duncan, Oklahoma.

Pastor's name and address: Rev. Gilbert Pixley, 301 South First st. Duncan, Oklahoma.

Clerks name and address: Dorris C. Beers, 413 N. 21st. Duncan, Oklahoma.

Name and address of ordained Minister: Rev. Willis Dunlap, retired.

Number of ordained Deacons: Seven

The church has the following Auxiliaries: Sunday School, League, Womans Auxiliary, G.T.A., Y.P.A., Masters Men and Prayer Meeting.

Statistics: Church membership: 212, members received the past year; 34, by baptism 17, by letter; 8, by statement of faith; 9, mem-

bers dismissed by letter 8, Sunday School enrolment; 167, League enrolment; 60, Woman's Auxiliary; 14.

Financial Report: Total offerings received \$10,108.70, General offerings; \$9,468.70; Building fund, \$640.00 Spent for local causes; Pastor's salary; \$3,940.00, Evangelistic work; \$328.00, Building payments; \$3,612.00, Literature; \$267.14, Advertising and radio programs; \$529.80, Miscellaneous; \$400.00, Church furniture; \$640.00 Total local Expenditures: \$9,716.94. Completed this year a \$26,000.00 expansion of church bid.

Spent for outside causes; Cooperative plan; \$243.20; value of Church property and parsonage, \$66,000.00; Amount enclosed with letter for State Delegates and Evangelist, \$15.00; We send as State Delegate; Opal Pixley.

Dorris C. Beers, Clerk.

ARDMORE CHURCH

To the annual associational meeting of Free Will Baptist meeting at the associational campgrounds on August 22, 1958.

Delegates: Hope Foster, Lelia Howell, Hershel Lewis, Alternates: Linda Green, Lettie Ellis and Aleta Gray.

Clerks name and address: Frank Calendar: 1614 Mt. Washington rd., Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Pastor's name and address: Rev. J. R. Welch, 810 W. Bdwy., Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Minister's belonging to the church: Rev. O. H. Foust, 108 Mill st., Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Number of ordained deacons: 6

The church has the following auxiliaries: Sunday School, League, Woman's Auxiliary, and Prayer meeting.

Statistics: Church membership: 136 members received this past year; , Dismissed, deceased; 1, Sunday School enrolment; 136, League enrolment 6, Woman's Auxiliary 17.

Financial Report: Total offerings received, \$6,442.61; General offerings, \$5,229.91; Building fund, \$813.76; Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary, \$2,980.76; Evangelist, \$244.80; Literature; \$126.05, Advertising, \$78.00; Cooperative plan, \$423.00

Value of Church Property, \$4,500.00.

Enclosed in letter, \$5.00 for State Delegate, \$5.00 for minutes, \$10.00 for Evangelist.

State Delegate, Vivian Lewis.

Frank Callender, Clerk.

LAWTON CHURCH

To the annual associational meeting at the associational campgrounds on August 22, 1958.

Delegates: Paul Anderson, Myrl Kellett, Alice Collins, Alternates: Billie Bailey, Wanda Kellett and Loy Buttram.

Church and address: 24th. and Cornell, Lawton, Oklahoma.

Pastor's name and address: Rev. L. T. Woodall, 317 N. "A" Duncan, Oklahoma.

Clerk's name and address; Donna Woodall, 317 N. "A", Lawton, Oklahoma.

Ordained ministers belonging to the church: Rev. Julian Hawkins, Lawton, Oklahoma.

Number of ordained Deacons: Two

This church has the following Auxiliaries: Sunday School, League, Womans Auxiliary, Prayer meeting.

Statistics: Church membership: 50, Members received this past year: 21, by Baptism, 11, by letter, 4, by statement, 6, members dismissed, 2 excluded, 2, Sunday School enrolment, 60, League Enrolment, 14, Womans Auxiliary, 17.

Financial report: Total offerings, \$3,139.09; Pastor's salary, \$1,462.00. Evangelistic work, \$98.85; Building repair, \$411.40; Literature, \$64.35; Bible School, \$27.00; Miscellaneous, \$186.55 Payments on property, \$602.72; Insurance, \$25.39; Total Expenditures, \$2,878.26; Spent for outside causes: Cooperative plan, \$22.50; Associational projects, \$17.50.

Value of Church Property, \$4,000.00.

Amount enclosed in this letter, \$18.00.

State Delegate: Wanda Kellett.

Donna Woodall, Clerk.

SANTA FE CHURCH

Letter from the Santa Fe Church denominated Free Will Baptist to the Hopewell No. 2 association of Free Will Baptist Meeting at the campgrounds on August 22, 1958.

Delegates: Jewel Chaudoin, Ollir Hurst, Alice Spurgin, Alternates: Linda Jo Cox, Ralph Hurdst and Carl Spurgin.

Church name and address: Santa Fe Free Will Baptist Church, route 3, Duncan, Oklahoma.

Pastor's name and address: Rev. Carl Shivers, route 3, Duncan, Oklahoma.

Clerk name and address: Marpory Carroll, route 3, Box 221, Duncan, Oklahoma.

Name and address of ordained minister belonging to the church: Rev. Ward Fellabaum, Box 63, Ratliff City, Oklahoma.

Number of ordained deacons: Five.

This church has the following auxiliaries: Sunday School, League, Woman's Auxiliary, Prayer meeting.

Statistics: Church membership, 58, members received this past year, 13, by baptism, 8, by letter, 2, by statement of faith, 3, members dismissed 5, by letter, 4, excluded, 1, deceased, 1. Deacons: Charlie Cooksey. Sunday School Enrolment, 45, League enrolment, 28, Woman's Auxiliary, 10.

Financial Report: Total offerings received, \$5,226.66; General offerings, \$2,326.60; Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary, \$2,081.00; Evangelist Work, \$200.00; Building fund and repair, \$37.86; Literature, \$73.96; Advertising (radio programs and etc.), \$229.99; Flowers, \$70.80; Total expenditures locally, \$2,793.61. Spent for outside causes: Associational projects: \$7.50, Associational revival, \$10.00 Other Associational expences, \$10.00; Value of church property, \$7000.00;

Value of parsonage, \$4,000.00; Amount enclosed with letter, \$10.00.
State Delegate: Marjory Carroll.
Clerk: Marjory Carroll.

SULPHUR CHURCH

To the Annual Association of Free Will Baptist: When convened at the campground on August 22, 1958.

Delegates: Emily Palmer, Emma Crowhorn, Grover Lemming, Alternates: Ella Mae Stout, Hershell Higgins, Dean Thompson.

Statistics: State of Religion, Good; Members Received this year 10; Baptised 14; Dismissed 1; Deceased 1; Total Membership 105; Condition of Prayer Meeting, Good; Condition of Sunday School, good Average of Pupils 100; No. of Officers 4; No. of Teachers 10.

Finances: Paid Pastor \$2,860.00; Paid Evangelist \$175.11; Mission \$69.80; Building and Repairs \$1,177.18; Publications and Literature \$283.49; Utilities \$473.10; Value of Church Property \$35,000.

Pastors name an address: Rev. A. L. McAffrey, 1301 W. 13th, Sulphur, Oklahoma.

Ministers belonging to the church: John Bullard (retired), Sulphur, Oklahoma.

Dean Thompson, (licensed) W-16 Broadway, Sulphur, Oklahoma.

Deacons: H. D. Wilson, A. L. Worstell, C. C. Higgins, C. L. Leming, G. O. Palmer.

We send \$10.00 for the campground Revival, and \$10.00 for the State Delegate.

We ask for the First Quarterly Meeting of 1959.

State Delegate: Valma McAffrey.

Clerk: Bulah Leming.

HEALDTON CHURCH

To the Hopewell No. 2 Associational of Free Will Baptist meeting at the Associational Campgrounds on August 22, 1958.

Delegates: Ada Drury, L. C. Pool, Claudine Armstrong. Alternates: Melba Hunt, Edna Siler, Wanda Ingram.

Address of the church: Free Will Baptist Church, 6th. and Carter, Healdton, Oklahoma.

Name and address of pastor: Rev. Eual Gorman, 219 S. 6th, Healdton, Oklahoma.

Clerk's name and address: Mrs. P. B. Truitt, Box 457, Healdton, Oklahoma.

Statistics: Church membership 109; Members Received this year 6; by letter 1; by statement of faith 5; dismissed by letter 1; Sunday School enrolment 58; League enrolment 28; Woman's Auxiliary 12.

Financial Report: Spent for local causes \$3,102.00; Evangelist \$125.00; Building and Repair \$29.95; Miscellaneous \$2,115.80; Total expenditures \$5,372.75; Value of Church Property \$15,000.00.

Deacons: Jay Crisp, Marlin Bevins, W. A. DeHart, N. C. Ballew, J. E. State.

Ministers Belonging to the Church: Rev. Bill Ritter, Ringling, Oklahoma.

State Delegate: Amy Chaudoin.
Clerk: Mrs. P. B. Truitt.

STOBTOWN CHURCH

To the Hopewell No. 2 Association of Free Will Baptist Meeting at the Youth camp on August 22, 1958.

Delegates: Sharley Christian, Norma Mullins, Alvis Christian. Alternates: Bro. and Sis. Ben Brewer and Sis. Bessie Talley.

Name and address of church; Stobtown Free Will Baptist Church, Stobtown, Oklahoma.

Pastor's name and address: Rev. Rex Weatherman, 1713 Tower Drive, Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Name and address of Clerk: Mrs. Guy Denney, star route, Lone Grove, Oklahoma.

Number of ordained Deacons: Seven.

Auxiliaries in the Church: Sunday School, League, Woman's Auxiliary and Prayer Meeting.

Statistics: Church membership 90; Members Received this year 17; by Baptism 15; by statement of faith 2; Members Dismissed by letter 2; Sunday Enrolment 85; League Enrolment 20; Woman's Auxiliary 11.

Financial Report: Total Offerings Received \$2,583.58; General offerings \$2,429.59; Building Fund \$153.09; Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary \$1,722.21; Evangelist \$135.79; Building and Repairs \$210.61; Literature \$63.69; Miscellaneous \$210.61; Value of Church Property \$3,000.00.

Amount enclosed with Letter: \$18.00.

Name of ordained Deacons: James Adam, Troy Morris, Joe Balthrop, Orbie Butler, Guy Denney, Henry Christian and other Kyle.

State Delegate: Margie Weatherman.

Clerk: Ellen Denney.

CLEMSCOT CHURCH

Letter from the Clemscot Church Denominated Free Will Baptist to the Hopewell No. 2 Association when convened at the Camp-ground on August 22, 1958.

We send as Delegates our beloved Sister Pearl Brown, Sister Ellen Williamson, Brother Fred Williamson, Alternates: Sister Juhree McLain, Sister Dean Harmon and Brother A. B. Brown, whom we pray you will receive to set with you and aid you in your Godly Deliberation.

Statistics: State of Religion, Good; Members Received none; Dismissed one; Deceased one; Resident members 50; non-resident 53; Total Membership 103; Condition of Prayer Meeting, good; Average Attendance in Sunday School 55; Officers and Teachers 6.

Finances: Paid Pastor, \$2,400.00; Evangelist \$100.00; Miscellaneous \$461.86; Literature \$83.35; Cooperative Plan \$135.00; Value of Church Property \$6,000.00; Building Repair \$196.61

Ministers belonging to our Church: Pastor: Rev. J. O. Hudson, Clemscot, Oklahoma.

Rev T. Maynard, Comanche, Oklahoma; Rev. Noah Smith,
Healdton, Oklahoma, Box 398.

Enclosed \$5.00.

State Delegate: Sister Noah Smith.

Done by the order of the Church Assembled in Conference
this 17th day of August 1958.

Moderator: Rev. Hudson.

Clerk: Mrs. John Woods

ROLL OF MINISTERS

W. W. Fellabaum	Box 63, Ratliff City, Ph. Pike 38J7
Noah R. Smith	Box 398, Healdton, Ph. Pike 7J15
Carl D. Shivers	Route 3, Duncan, Ph. 23K2
Eual Gorman	219 South 6th. Healdton, Ph. 397
L. T. Woodall	317 North "A" Duncan, Ph. 2958-R
Julian Hawkins,	2612 "B" st. Lawton, Ph. EL5-2328
Al L. McAffrey	1302 West 13th. Sulphur, Ph. 526-W
Gilbert Pixley,	305 South 1st. Duncan, Ph. 1789
J. O. Hudson,	Clemscot, Ph. Pike 18J4
O. H. Foust	108 Mill st., Ardmore, Ph. 1702
Bill Ritter,	Ringling, Ph. 212
J. R. Welch,	810 West Broadway, Ardmore, Ph. 5663
T. Maynad	Comanche (retired)
Willis Dunlap	Duncan, 307 Oak st. (retired)
John Bullard	Sulphur, (retired)
Dean Thompson	W-16 Broadway, Sulphur, (licensed)

ORDAINED DEACONS

Jay Crisp	Wirt, Ph. 752W2
Marlin Bevins	Wirt, Ph. 638
W. A. DeHart	Healdton, Ph. 256
N. C. Ballew	Ringling, Ph. 361
J. E. Slate,	Healdton, Ph. 1148-M
Guy Denney	Lone Grove, Star Route, Ph. Olive 7-4277
Joe Balthrop,	Lone Grove, Star Route, Ph. Oliver 7-4451
Henry Christian	Lone Grove, Star Route
James Adams,	Ardmore, Route 2, Ph. Olive 7-4280
Tory Morris	Ardmore, Route 2, Box 414, Ph. Olive 7-4513
Orbie Butler	Ardmore, Route 2, Box 95, Ph. Olive 7-4572
Othel Kyle	Ardmore, Route 2, Box 395, Ph. Olive 7-4224
Lional Cooksey,	Duncan, Route 4, Ph. 4833
Elmer Hickman,	Duncan, 1114 Jefferson st. Ph. 2259-R
E. J. Reid	Marlow, Route 1, Ph. 1109
H. C. Hood	Duncan, 303 Cedar, Ph. 2296-W
Howard Barber	Route 1, Comanche, Okla.
Dorris C. Beers	413 N. 21st., Duncan, Okla.
Bea Blaylock	105 Oak, Duncan, Ph. 971-R
G. O. Palmer	1324 W. 18th, Sulphur, Ph. 1095-R
A. L. Worstell	1411 W. Muskogee, Sulphur, Ph. 721-W
C. C. Higgins	1400 W. 18th. Sulphur, Ph. 301-M
H. B. Wilson	Sulphur

C. L. Leming	Route 1, Sulphur, Ph. 17F4
Roy Spurgin	Loco, Okla.
Floyd Carroll	Route 3, % Skelly Oil Co., Duncan, Ph. 4K15
Forest Cox,	Route 3, Duncan Ph. 4K25
Loray Spurgin	Route 3, Duncan, Ph. 56K71
E. L. Griffin	Ardmore, Route 1, Box 400
John Woods	Healdton, Box 398, Ph. 7J51
Buddy Anderson	Ardmore, Culberson and Myall, Ph. 7053
Mike McComber	909 10th. N. W., Ardmore, Ph. 1190-J
Hermon Green	1527 1st. S.W. Ardmore, Ph. 2753-W
Lamar Howell	Ardmore, 817 Wolerton, Ph. 5465
Wayne Howell	Ardmore, 615 15th. N.W., Ph. 7159
Jessie Justice	Ardmore, 912 Maxwell st., Ph. 3731
H. W. Welch	500 12th. S.E., Ardmore, Ph. 2005-M
Chester Bailey	Lawton, 1608 "E" Ave.
Walter Collins	1813 Smith, Lawton

Minutes of League Rally when convened at the Camp Grounds, August 17, 1958.

The meeting was opened by songs and prayer. Bill Ritter acted as president in absense of Buddy Bivens. Letters and minutes were read and accepted as read. The treasure's report was also read and accepted, reporting \$1,26 in the bank.

Specials were presented for there were no programs as camp had been going on for 10 days. Sharon McAffrey gave a report of the happenings of the State League Rally.

Brother Fellobam brought the message for Brother Dene Thompson who was sick.

The afternoon service was opened with songs and a devotional. Leaguers were appointed to decide on the next theme. It will be "The Lord Giveth Free Salvation."

New officers were elected and they are as follows:

President	Charles Lemmings
Vice president	Hershell Higgins
Secretary	Royce Hull
Assistant Secretary	Gaye Hull
Treasurer	Sharon McAffrey
Assistant Treasurer	Phylis Reid
Song Leader	Gaye Hull
Ushers	Carl Spurgin, Donald Day
Assistant Ushers	Hershell Higgins, Eddie Woodall
Sponsors	Brother and Sister Gorman

The motion was seconded and voted that the secretary notify each league telling them how much each church should pay according to their membership for the new project of a new water well for the Camp Ground.

The recommendation to raise the fee of camp from \$5.00 to \$10.00 will be taken before the board for approval.

\$41.45 was collected in a special offering for the camp.

Sulphur won first in the Junior Sword Drill and Santa Fe in the Senior. Sulphur also won the attendance banner with 22. There were 117 registered in all.

Duncan was selected as the place for the next League Rally.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and these are equal in Divine essence, power and glory—Romans 1:20, I John 1:7, John 17:21.

2. We believe that the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments are the written Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice—Matt. 5:8, II Tim. 3:16.

3. We believe that God created man good and gave him holy commandments whereby he should live holy, but man voluntarily disobeyed the commandments of God, transgressed the law and fell under the just condemnation of the same, whereby all mankind are sinners; not by constraint, but by choice; being partakers of the sinful nature attained by the fall, and that man is unable to save himself with his own power, but we see Jesus for the suffering of death, crowned with glory, that He, by Grace of God, should taste death for every man—Gen. 3:7-17; Heb. 2:9.

4. We believe that Christ, by His death, burial, and resurrection, purchased our pardon and offered it freely to all mankind upon the principles of repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He now commands all men everywhere to repent, therefore He saith: "Look unto me and be saved all ye ends of the earth, for I am God, and there is none else"—Matt. 4:17; Isaiah 45:22; Acts 20:2-21; Acts 17:30.

5. We believe that adult persons must be regenerated and born of the Spirit of God if they inherit eternal life—John 3:3.

6. We believe that infants are saved by the merits of the Son of God—John 4:11; Deut. 1:39; Mark 10:14; Luke 18:16.

7. We believe that all Christians should persevere in grace and be faithful to the end, if they inherit eternal life; for blessed are they that do His commandments that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates of the city—Matt. 24:13; Rev. 22:14.

8. We believe that Baptism by immersion is the Apostolic mode, even the burial of the believer in water; and that Christ, who is our life, showed this humble example to His children, and bids us walk therein—John 3:22; Matt. 3:16; 28:19-20; Romans 6:2-5.

9. We believe that God in His goodness displays His power of grace in a great degree in calling and qualifying His servants by the teaching of the Holy Ghost, and by the instructors of His blessed Word, to go forth and proclaim life and salvation. He bids us freely to come, and nothing prevents the salvation of any but their own stubborn rebellion and sinful refusal to come—I Cor. 12:13; Eph. 3:7; Rev. 22:17; Isa. 55:1.

10. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper and washing of the Saint's feet are Divine ordinances and should be observed by all His children—Mark 14:22; John 3:4-14; Matt. 28: 19-20; I Tim. 5:10.

11. We believe that none have a right to Baptism only those who have obtained a living hope in the Lord Jesus Christ, and none have the right to administer the same only those who are called of God and have come under the hands of the Presbytery of Elders; and each church ought to have a pastor, deacons, and clerk, chosen

by the church and continuing in office during the good pleasure of the same; and in dealing with disorderly members, reference should be had to the 18th chapter of Matthew, and other Scriptures relative to dealing with disorderly members. In all cases, a majority shall rule, except in receiving members, which shall be unanimous—Tit. 1:5; Acts 14:23; II Cor. 6:6.

12. We believe it to be the duty of each church to assemble themselves together once a month and that it is the duty of the pastor of the church when setting forth the Lord's Supper to "let a man examine himself, and so let him eat"—I Cor. 11:28; John 13:14; Heb. 10:25.

13. We believe that Sanctification and Holiness is a Bible doctrine, that immortality is God dwelling in the light so when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." That it is our duty to be tender and affectionate to one another, and to study the happiness of the people of God in general and to be singly engaged to promote the honor and glory of God—Gal 6:10; I John 2:9.

14. We believe in 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 the damnation, then the wicked will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

RULES OF ORDER

1. At every sitting of the Association, business shall be opened and closed with prayer by the Moderator or whosoever he may request.

2. Ministers and deacons present are invited to seats, allowed to take part in debates on all subjects, and to vote.

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

4. No motion shall be discussed without a second.

5. 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.

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

7. Motions made an lost shall not be recorded.

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

9. All questions shall be decided by a majority vote of all members present.

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

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

12. At all future sessions of the Association, arrangements shall be made to assure two sermons or other devotional exercises equivalent.

lent thereto, during each day of the session, and the chair shall announce, just before adjournment, who shall fill the stand at the next meeting.

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

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

GOVERNMENT OF THE CHURCHES

The local church is an independent body so far as relates to its own government, the transaction of its own business, the choice of its officers, and the discipline of its members.

Persons who give evidence of piety are received to membership by a vote of the church; and if not baptized, on condition of being baptized. If objections are made, they should be stated to the church; and if objections are judged valid, the candidate should not be received into fellowship. The right hand of fellowship is given all persons by the church.

Persons expelled from sister churches for any cause or for immorality, should not be received until first giving satisfaction.

Letters of dismissal and commendation are granted to members in good standing, by a vote of the church, on their removal from its limits. Ministers are received and dismissed by letter, as other members are, except when they come or go to other denominations, in which case a council of ministers should be called respecting the action.

It is the duty of the church to unite with some Association and represent itself regularly by delegates and letter.

No person shall be a delegate from a church, unless he or she is a member and appointed by the church he or she claims to represent.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory sermon.
2. House called to order by the Moderator.
3. Letters called for, read and received.
4. Right hand of fellowship and seating delegates.
5. Election of officers.
6. Petitionary letters called for.
7. Reading Rules of Order.
8. Invite visiting brethren to seats in council.
9. Appointment of committees.
10. Unfinished business.
11. New business.
12. Reports of committees
13. Miscellaneous business.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR CHURCH CONFERENCE

1. Called to order by the Moderator.
2. Called into conference, or vote to go into conference.
3. Call for peace of the church (All who are at peace with God and

- each other, hold up your right hand.)
4. Visiting brethren invited to seat in council (Visiting members from other Free Will Baptist churches allowed.)
 5. Reading of minutes of last church conference.
 6. Unfinished business.
 7. New business.
 8. Reports of delegates to Association or Quarterly Meeting.
 9. Are there any sick or in distress?
 10. Support of ministry and other expenses .
 11. Call for confession.
 12. Invitation for members.
 13. Adjournment.

CONSTITUTION

From long experience, we, the members of the Church of God (denominated Free Will Baptist), being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches to perpetuate a union among us, and to preserve and maintain correspondence with each other, do therefore ordain this Constitution for our better church government.

Art. I. MEMBERSHIP—This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches of our union, not exceeding three messengers from each church, and upon producing letters, they shall be entitled to seats. All ordained ministers and deacons of said union shall be regular members when present, by virtue of their office.

Art. 2 NAME—The members thus chosen and assembled with the ministers and deacons to be denominated the Hopewell Association of Free Will Baptists, being composed of the several churches of our union, the Association having no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor having any ecclesiastical power over the churches, reserving the right of withdrawing from any church becoming disorderly.

Art. 3 LETTERS—Letters from the different churches represented are to express their number in fellowship, including the names and addresses of ordained and licensed ministers, the number of members received upon profession of faith, by letter or recommendation, by restoration of denominational choice; the number dismissed by letter, excluded, and those having died since last Association. Churches, in sending their letters, may send obituaries of any who died during the year, that we may keep up the memorial of our dead.

Art. 4. OFFICERS—The Association to have a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, who are to be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 5 NEW CHURCHES—Newly constituted churches may be admitted to the Association, which are to petition by letter and delegates, and if, upon examination, they are found to be orthodox and orderly, they may be received into the Association, the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 6. **QUESTIONS**—No question from any church shall come under the consideration of the Association, unless it has first been considered in its own church.

Art. 7 **MOTIONS**—Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 8. **MINUTES**—The Association is to endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of the Association in the proportion to the amount paid by each church, the distribution to be at the discretion of the Association.

Art. 9. **CLERK**—It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a regular file of the minutes of the Association in a book to be kept by the Association for that purpose.

Art. 10—**SIGNATURES**—The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if needed, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the close of the Association.

Art. 11. **AMENDMENTS**—Amendments to this Constitution may be made, when necessary, by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular session.

AMENDMENT No. 1—Each ordained minister shall be a member of a church in the bounds of the Association, and if she should hold his letter for a period of three months, when opportunity affords him, he shall surrender his credentials to the quarterly meeting.

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 in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conference, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of spirit in the bonds of peace, to be careful for one another's happiness and reputation, and to seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel. We will

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

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

