

Minutes
of the
47th Annual Meeting
HOPEWELL
NO. 2 ASSOCIATION
FREE WILL BAPTIST
CHURCHES
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ELECTION OF BOARDS

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Ralph Mullins, Sr.	5 years
Noah Smith	4 years
Cleo Chism	3 years
Harold Boerstler	2 years
J. T. McClanahan	1 year

CREDENTIAL BOARD

Mike Richardson	5 years
Paul Wood	4 years
W. L. Lowe	3 years
Jess Gillaspy	2 years
Beryl Blair	1 year

MISSION BOARD

Noah Smith	5 years
Jess Gillaspy	4 years
Harold Robinson	3 years
Beryl Blair	2 years
Ed Staggs	1 year

CHURCH EDUCATION BOARD

Ray Bryant	5 years
J. T. McClanahan	4 years
Charley Jones	3 years
Othel Kyle	2 years
Cleo Chism	1 year

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

November 10-11, 1979

The Friday night service of the First Quarterly Meeting of the Hopewell No. 2 Association, when meeting with the Duncan East Side Church. Four churches were represented: Lawton, Duncan East Side, Country-side, and Countyline.

Called to order by our moderator, Bro. Beryl Blair. Bro. Charley Jones led the singing with Sis. Judy Jones at the piano. The songs were: "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone," "When the Roll is Called up Yonder," "Tell Me the Story of Jesus," and "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus." Prayer by Bro. Paul Wood. Special singing by the Mullins, "A Soul Winner for Jesus"; the McClanahan Family, "How Great Thou Art"; Sis. Reba Boerstler, "Had it Not Been"; Sis. Judy Jones and Sis. Mary Jones, "Sorry I Never Knew You"; and Bro. Beryl Blair and Bro. Charley Jones, "I Need No Mansion Here Below". The congregation sang "I'll Live in Glory." Prayer by Bro. Harvey White.

Bro. Beryl Blair brought the message using Numbers 13:30,31 as his text.

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Ralph Mullins.

Saturday Morning: Meeting opened by our moderator, Bro. Beryl Blair. Prayer by Bro. W. C. Hamilton. With Sis. Teresa McClanahan at the piano, Bro. Charley Jones led the congregation in "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone."

Bro. Beryl Blair asked Bro. W. C. Hamilton to act as his assistant for the day.

Letters were read and accepted.

Requests were read from the following churches:

Countyline--We request our deacons elect to be examined for ordination. Those to be examined are Bro. Ed Staggs, Bro. Sam Staggs, and Bro. J. T. McClanahan.

Midway--The Midway church requests that Bro. Robert Wright be examined for license to preach the Gospel.

Countryside--We would ask you to accept our pastor, Bro. Paul Wood, as an ordained Free Will Baptist minister into the Hopewell No. 2 Association.

Motion made, seconded, and carried that we accept the letters.

Delegates were given the right hand of fellowship while Bro. Charley Jones led the song, "At the Cross."

The minutes were read and accepted.

Committees appointed:

Divine Service Committee--Sis. Maxine Balthrop, Sis. Karen Wright, and Sis. Geneva Hughes.

Resolution Committee--Bro. J. T. McClanahan, Sis. Carol Higgins, and Sis. Minnie Barnhill.

Obituary Committee--Sis. Karen Wright, Sis. Nora Truitt, and Bro. Ed Staggs.

The Executive Board report, given by Bro. Noah Smith, was read and accepted. (See REPORTS)

The Campground report, given by Sis. Bobbie Staggs, was read and accepted. (See REPORTS)

The Treasurer's report, given by Sis. Vivian Lewis, was read and accepted. (See REPORTS)

Motion made, seconded, and carried to adjourn business until 1:00 p.m. Prayer by Bro. Noah Smith.

Morning worship opened with Sis. Judy Jones at the piano and Bro. Charley Jones leading singing of "Tell it to Jesus." Prayer by Bro. Robert Wright. Other songs were "We'll Work Til Jesus Comes" and "Victory in Jesus."

A testimony service was led by Bro. Jess Gillaspy. Altar of prayer led by Bro. Ed Staggs.

Special singing by Bro. Charley Jones, "I'm a Child of the King" and by Sis. Reba Boerstler, "I Saw the Face of Jesus."

Bro. Paul Wood brought the message from Ephesians 2:12-22.

Bro. J. T. McClanahan dismissed in prayer and asked the blessing on the noon meal.

Afternoon services opened by Bro. Beryl Blair, with Sis. Judy Jones at the piano and Bro. Charley Jones leading the singing of "Amazing Grace." Prayer by Bro. W. C. Hamilton.

Credential Board report was read and accepted. (See REPORTS)

Resolution Committee reports was read and accepted. (See REPORTS)

Obituary Committee report was read and accepted. (See REPORTS) Following the Obituary Committee report came a time of silent prayer concluded by Bro. Paul Wood.

Motion made, seconded, and carried that the committees be released.

Motion made, seconded, and carried that each church contribute what they can to put a new roof on the tabernacle at the Youth Camp and set a date to work. (Each church would need to contribute about \$100)

Read and received a letter from Dr. Robert Picirilli of Nashville asking that a copy of the associational minutes be sent to the Historical Collection for preservation. One copy to be sent each year.

Motion made, seconded, and carried to give the host church a standing vote of thanks for the fine meal.

Devotion given by Bro. W. C. Hamilton on Luke 11:1-9.

The next quarterly meeting will be held at the Countyline Church on February 9-10, 1979. Bro. W. L. Lowe will be the speaker.

Motion made, seconded, and carried to adjourn until the next quarterly meeting.

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Charley Jones.

Moderator--Bro. Beryl Blair

Clerk--Sis. Naoma Mullins

REPORTS

CAMPGROUND FUND REPORT First Quarter

Total balance left in fund last quarter	\$978.24
Income this quarter:	
Countyline	62.83
Interest earned on savings account	2.71
Total income this quarter	<u>\$ 65.54</u>
Expenses this quarter:	
OTASCO--2 push mowers	249.50
TG&Y--paper supplies for kitchen	9.85
Ardmore Adventist Hospital	25.00
Rat poison for buildings	4.67
Campground insurance	<u>450.00</u>
Total expenses paid out this quarter	<u>\$739.02</u>
Transferred from savings to checking	300.00
Balance left in checking this quarter	85.21
Balance left in savings this quarter	<u>219.55</u>
Total balance left in fund	<u>\$304.76</u>

/s/ Building Committee & Treasurer

GIVING BY CHURCHES - FIRST QUARTER

CHURCH	HILLS-					GEN.		
	COOP	F.M.	PJ-5	DALE	L.M.	CTS	C.G.	FUND TOTAL
Countyline	28.95			5.79	14.48	2.91	5.80	56.56 114.49
Countryside	27.50			5.50	2.76	2.74	5.50	56.00 100.00
Duncan	30.41			6.09	3.03	3.05	6.10	57.16 105.83
Lawton	100.75			20.15	10.07	10.08	20.15	85.30 246.50
Midway		20.00	370.00	370.00				45.00 805.00
Stobtown		135.00			57.11			65.00 257.11
TOTALS	187.61	155.00	370.00	407.53	87.45	18.76	37.55	365.03 1,628.93

TREASURER'S REPORT
First Quarter

Balance carried forward	\$ 730.33
Received from Churches	<u>1,628.93</u>
Working Balance	\$2,359.26

Expences:

Bro. & Sis. Staggs	33.00
State Delegates	120.00
Water Department	21.00
OG&E	18.06
District Minutes	145.00
State Giving	<u>1,125.13</u>

Total Expenses	<u>\$1,462.13</u>
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Bank Balance:

Local Missions	404.27
Church Training Ser.	156.60
General Fund	305.17
Campground Fund	<u>31.02</u>

End of quarter balance	<u>\$ 897.06</u>
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EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT - FIRST QUARTER

The Executive Board met at East Side FWB Church to discuss the audit of the Associational Treasurer's Books. Those present were: Bro. Noah Smith, Bro. M. H. Boerstler, Bro. Cleo Chism, and Bro. J. T. McClanahan. Bro. Smith was elected as chairman of the board. September 11 was set as the date to audit books at 7:00p.m. Motion made, seconded, and carried to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Boerstler.

September 2, 1978--We the Executive Board have examined the Books of the Hopewell Association #2 Coop and find no deficiencies and the account and the books of this account are in proper order.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT - FIRST QUARTER

Sister Fannie Averitt from the Countyline FWB Church.

CREDENTIAL BOARD REPORT - FIRST QUARTER

We, the Credential Board have examined Bro. Bob Wright and found him true and faithful and recommend that he be licensed for one year.

We, the Credential Board have examined Bro. Paul Wood and recommend that he be accepted into Hopewell No. 2 Association.

We, the Credential Board have met with Bro. Ed Staggs, Bro. J. T. McClanahan, and Bro. Sam Staggs and found them sound and worthy to be ordained as deacons. /s/ W.C. Hamilton, J.L. Gillaspy, Beryl Blair.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT - FIRST QUARTER

Each Christian should strive harder to be at all church services; especially Sunday and Wednesday night services, praying to God that only sickness or emergencies keep them away.

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING

February 9-10, 1979

Friday night service of the Second Quarterly Meeting of the Hopewell No. 2 Association, when meeting with the Countyline Church. Five churches were present: Stobtown, Midway, Countyline, Countryside, and Lawton.

Called to order by our moderator, Bro. Beryl Blair. With Sis. Burneze Mullins at the piano, Bro. J. T. McClanahan led the singing. The songs were: "To God Be The Glory," "My Wonderful Lord," and "Wherever He Leads I'll Go." Short testimony service. Special singing by Bro. and Sis. Harold Robinson, "He's The Man I'm Looking For." All the ordained deacons sang, "Let's Just Praise the Lord." All the ministers sang, "The Family of God." Bro. Ed's Group sang, "Mansions over the Hilltop." While the congregation sang "Victory in Jesus," the right hand of fellowship was enjoyed by all. Bro. W. C. Hamilton led in prayer. Bro. W. L. Lowe and Bro. Robert Wright brought the message from Jeremiah 23:1-8. Altar of prayer, followed by announcements. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Don Jones.

Saturday morning session called to order by our moderator, Bro. Beryl Blair. With Sis. Burneze Mullins at the piano, Bro. J. T. McClanahan led the singing of "When I See the Blood." Bro. Royce McClendon led in prayer, followed by singing "When We all Get to Heaven."

Letters were read by Sis. Teresa McClanahan. The congregation then sang "The Old Account Was Settled" and "How Great Thou Art."

Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept the letters as read and seat the delegates. While giving the delegates the right hand of fellowship, the people sang "There Shall be Showers of Blessings."

The minutes of the last quarterly meeting were read by Sis. Naoma Mullins and accepted by the body.

A petitionary letter from the Stobtown Church, requesting that Bro. David Gardner and Bro. Royce McClendon be examined for ordination to preach the Gospel, was read.

Committees appointed:

Divine Service Committee--Bro. Harold Robinson, Sis. Ora Posey, and Sis. Nora Truitt. Committee dismissed to select the minister to bring the morning message.

Resolution Committee--Bro. J. T. McClanahan, Bro. David Gardner, and Sis. Burneze Mullins.

Obituary Committee--Sis. Barbra Jones, Sis. Emma Combast, and Sis. Beverly McClanahan.

Assistant moderator, Bro. Harvey White, read the rules of order.

The Divine Service Committee selected Bro. W. C. Hamilton to bring the morning message.

Campground report, given by Sis. Bobbie Staggs, was accepted.

Unfinished business called for. Work day at the campground to put new roof on the tabernacle was set for the last Saturday in March by a motion made, seconded, and carried.

Announcement: Waurika will have a Free Will Baptist Church. Bro. Hershel Lewis will be the pastor.

Executive Board report called for. No business to report.

Motion made, seconded, and carried that the Christian Education Board make the plans for the Youth Camp and

bring back the plans to the quarterly meeting in May.

Motion made, seconded, and carried to elect the Director for our next Youth Camp. Motion made, seconded, and carried that Bro. W. C. Hamilton will be the Youth Camp director.

Motion made, seconded, and carried that Bro. Paul Wood will be Bro. Hamilton's assistant.

We need signatures from parents to take the children to the doctor if necessary. It is recommended that each church send one sponsor each for boys and girls. Motion made, seconded, and carried to adopt this recommendation. Bro. W. C. Hamilton wants everyone that can work at the campground to let him know.

Motion made, seconded, and carried to recess for 15 minutes and come back at 11:00 for a worship service. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Harvey White.

Morning worship service called to order by Bro. Harvey White. With Sis. Burneze Mullins at the piano, Bro. J. T. McClanahan led "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," "God Leads us Along," "Does Jesus Care," and "Joy Unspeakable."

Bro. W. L. Lowe led in prayer. Special song by the Mullins Family, "There is a River." Short testimony service followed by a special by Sis. Reba Boerstler and Bro. Beryl Blair, "What a Day."

Services turned to Bro. W. C. Hamilton for the message. Prayer by Bro. David Gardner. Bro. Hamilton preached from II Kings 7:9, 13:14.

Altar of prayer was followed by singing "Amazing Grace" and "What a Friend." Bro. Don Jones dismissed the service in prayer and asked the blessing on the noon meal.

Afternoon session called to order by the moderator, Bro. Beryl Blair. With Sis. Burneze Mullins at the piano, Bro. J. T. McClanahan led "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story." Bro. Ralph Mullins gave a devotion from I Corinthians 13. Prayer by Bro. Noah Smith.

Treasurer's report given by Sis. Vivian Lewis was accepted.

The Credential Board report was read and accepted.

The Resolution Committee report was read and accepted.

The Obituary Committee reported the death of Ruby Eulala Walker from the First Free Will Baptist Church in Lawton. A time of silent prayer on behalf of the family of Mrs. Walker was concluded by Bro. Ed Staggs.

Motion made, seconded, and carried that we release the committees for the day.

General discussion of a Young Couple's retreat at the campground on the next Friday and Saturday.

Miscellaneous business was called for.

Motion made, seconded, and carried that we give the Countyline ladies a standing vote of thanks for the fine meal.

Announcement of the next quarterly meeting to be held at Lawton, May 11-12. The speaker selected for the next meeting is Bro. David Gardner.

Motion made, seconded, and carried that the entirety of all the church letters be read at each meeting.

Minutes of this meeting were read by Sis. Naoma Mullins.

Motion made, seconded, and carried to adjourn. Dismissed by giving Bro. & Sis. Harvey White and Family the right hand of fellowship while singing "My Wonderful Lord." (The White family will be moving soon.)

Moderator--Bro. Beryl Blair

Clerk--Sis. Naoma Mullins

REPORTS

CAMPGROUND REPORT - SECOND QUARTER

The Campground Board met at Duncan East Side on November 17, 1978, to discuss repairs needed on the campground tabernacle.

It was agreed that each church pay \$100 into the fund to cover the costs. Second shingles will be put over the old ones and first materials are to be purchased by Bro. Staggs as the money comes in.

Each church is to donate the labor at a time convenient for each one and as weather permits. All materials will be stored in a building on the campground.

Total balance left in fund last quarter	\$304.76
Income this quarter:	
Countyline	60.89
Interest earned on savings	<u>2.74</u>
Total income this quarter	63.63
Expenses this quarter:	
Preferred Risk Insurance	61.00
Desk check blank books	<u>8.39</u>
Total expenses paid out	69.39
Balance left in checking this quarter	73.18
Balance left in savings this quarter	<u>222.29</u>
TOTAL BALANCE LEFT IN FUND	\$295.47
/s/ Building Committee & Treasurer	

TREASURER'S REPORT - SECOND QUARTER

Carried forward	\$ 897.06
Received from Churches	<u>1,137.08</u>
Working Balance	2,034.14
Expenses:	
State Coop	849.96
Water Department	21.00
OG&E	<u>10.05</u>
Total Expenses	<u>881.01</u>
Balance	<u><u>1,153.13</u></u>
Bank Balance:	
General Fund	418.14
Local Missions	504.69
Christian Education	181.10
Campground	<u>49.22</u>
Total	(2¢) <u><u>\$1,153.15</u></u>

CREDENTIAL BOARD REPORT - SECOND QUARTER

We, the Credential Board have examined Bro. David Gardner and find him sound in doctrine and recommend that he be ordained.

We, the Credential Board have examined Bro. Royce McClendon and find him sound in doctrine and recommend him for ordination. /s/ W.C. Hamilton, Beryl Blair, Jesse L. Gillaspay, Hershell J. Lewis, Harvey White.

GIVING BY CHURCHES - SECOND QUARTER

CHURCH	HILLS-					GEN.		
	COOP	F.M.	PJ-5	DALE	L.M.	CTS	C.G.	FUND TOTAL
Countyline	30.78			6.15	9.08	3.09	6.17	12.30 67.57
Countryside	41.25			8.25	4.15	4.10	8.25	16.50 82.50
Duncan	60.17			12.07	13.87	6.04	12.08	26.11 130.34
Lawton	112.46			22.50	11.23	11.24	22.50	45.00 224.93
Midway		5.00	208.00	208.00				
Stobtown		135.00			60.74			15.00 210.74
TOTALS	244.66	140.00	208.00	256.97	99.07	24.47	49.00	114.91 1,137.08

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT - SECOND QUARTER

Be it resolved that we recommend that each church of the association promote all associational activities and encourage all members to attend. /s/ Burneze Mullins, J. T. McClanahan, D. G. Gardner.

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING May 11-12, 1979

Friday night service of the Third Quarterly Meeting of the Hopewell No. 2 Association, when meeting with the Lawton First Free Will Baptist Church.

Called to order by our moderator, Bro. Beryl Blair. Opened with singing "Everybody Will Be Happy Over There." Prayer by Bro. Myrl Kellet. With Sis. Vesta Roberts at the piano, Sis. Audrey Roberson led "Love Lifted Me" and "I'd Rather Be An Old-Time Christian." Altar of prayer led by Bro. Harold Boerstler. Special singing by Sis. Audrey Roberson and Sis. Vesta Roberts "I Just Heard from Heaven," Bro. Beryl Blair, Sis. Reba Boerstler, and Sis. Ruth Franklin "I Need No Mansion Here," Bro. and Sis. David Gardner "The Third Man." Bro. David Gardner brought the message from Ezekiel 33:1-6. Following the message, the congregation sang "Cleanse Me." Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Chism.

Saturday morning session called to order by our moderator, Bro. Beryl Blair. With Sis. Vesta Roberts at the piano, Bro. J. T. McClanahan led "He Keeps Me Singing." Prayer by Bro. W. C. Hamilton, followed by singing "Amazing Grace."

Reading of the letters by Sis. Teresa McClanahan. Motion made, seconded and carried to receive the letters and seat the delegates. With Sis. Teresa McClanahan at the piano, Bro. J. T. McClanahan led "Love Lifted Me" while giving the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

Nominations for assistant moderator were Bro. W. L. Lowe and Bro. W. C. Hamilton. Bro. Hamilton was elected.

Minutes read by Sis. Naoma Mullins. Accepted.

Two petitionary letters were read:

Lawton First--We of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Lawton request that you accept Rev. Myrl Kellet into the Hopewell No. 2 Association.

Stobtown--We of the Stobtown Church request that Bro. Marshall Mitchell be examined for ordination for deacon.

Rules of order read by Bro. W. C. Hamilton. Anyone who makes or seconds a motion is to stand to his feet.

Visitors welcomed by our moderator, Bro. Beryl Blair.

Appointment of committees:

Divine Service Committee-- Sis. Emma Combast, Sis. Audry Roberson, Sis. Cornelia Ivey. Committee dismissed to select the speaker for the 11:00 service.

Resolution Committee--Sis. Pattie Mitchell, Bro. J. T. McClanahan, and Bro. Bill Roberts.

Obituary Committee--Bro. Marshall Mitchell, Sis. Juhree McClain, Bro. Ed Staggs.

Bro. Hamilton was selected to bring the morning message.

Unfinished business. The Christian Education Board reported on Youth Camp this summer. An oral report was given by Bro. J. T. McClanahan and Bro. W. C. Hamilton. They had met to make plans and set the Youth Camp for June 24-29. Each teacher is to teach out of the Bible. The theme--"Christian Living."

New business called for. The Executive Board report was given by Bro. Noah Smith. No business had come up, so the board didn't meet during the quarter.

Motion made, seconded, and carried that a committee, comprised of a man from each church, be selected to meet with the Campground Board to see what needs to be done and to look over and take care of the grounds.

Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept the \$18,805.40--money on the insurance from the storm damage at the campgrounds.

Motion made, seconded, and carried to recess for 5 minutes and allow the delegates from each church to get together and choose a man for the Campground Committee. Those selected are: Bro. Leonard Robinson-Stobtown, Bro. Paul Wood-Countryside, Bro. W. L. Lowe-Midway, Bro. Bill Roberts-Lawton First, Bro. Sam Staggs-Countyline, and Bro. Harold Boerstler-Duncan East Side.

Motion made, seconded, and carried to elect Bro. Paul Wood as chairman of the Campground Committee.

Motion made, seconded, and carried to adjourn until 11:15. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Myrl Kellet.

Called back together by our moderator, Bro. Beryl Blair. With Sis. Vesta Roberts at the piano, Sis. Audry Roberson sang "We Have Come into This House to Worship Him." Prayer by Bro. Watie Buttram. We sang "O I Want To See Him" and "I'll Live in Glory." Special singing by Sis. Mary Hamilton, "I Found a Better Way," Sis. Audry Roberson and Sis. Vesta Roberts "No Measure of Time." Services turned to Bro. W. C. Hamilton. Congregation sang "Learning to Lean." Bro. W. C. Hamilton used Luke 12:54-57 as his text for the morning sermon. With Sis. Mary Hamilton at the piano, Sis. Shirley McClendon led "He is Lord."

Committees are to meet during lunch hour. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. James Bishop.

Afternoon services opened with Sis. Vesta Roberts at the piano and Sis. Audry Roberson leading "The Redeemed are Gathering In." Devotion by Bro. Myrl Kellet from James 2:17-18.

Bro. Ed Staggs and the Campground Board were given the authority to go ahead and clean up the damages from the storm. Board will meet this evening at 6:30 at the campground with the Committee from the churches.

Campground Treasurer's report given by Sis. Bobbie Staggs. Accepted.

Motion made, seconded, and carried to receive the Credential Board report on Bro. Myrl Kellet and receive a letter from his former association.

Motion made, seconded, and carried to receive the Credential Board report on Bro. Marshall Mitchell to be ordained.

Obituary Committee reported that Bro. James L. McDaniel, from Duncan East Side and Sister Ollie Hurst, from Countryside have gone to be with the Lord. A few moments of silent prayer for their families was concluded by Bro. Paul Wood.

Resolution Committee reported no resolutions.

Treasurer's report given by Sis. Ruth Franklin. Accepted.

Motion made, seconded, and carried to give Bro. Marshall Mitchell authority to get liability insurance for up-coming youth camp.

Miscellaneous business: Motion made, seconded, and carried to receive reports and dismiss the committees of the day.

Motion made, seconded, and carried to give host church a standing vote of thanks for the fine meal.

The minutes of this meeting were read by Sis. Naoma Mullins. Accepted.

An altar of prayer was called in order to pray about the youth camp.

Motion made, seconded, and carried to leave the date for youth camp as earlier set, and if necessary, the committee can change this date. Pray for the committee as they meet tonight that the right decisions will be made.

The clerks were given a hand of appreciation. Motion made, seconded, and carried to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. W. L. Lowe.

Moderator--Bro. Beryl Blair

Clerk--Sis. Naoma Mullins

REPORTS

CAMPGROUND FUND REPORT - THIRD QUARTER

Total balance left in fund last quarter	\$ 295.47
Income this quarter:	
Countyline	176.39
Stobtown	100.00
Midway	100.00
Lawton	100.00
Waurika	100.00
Countryside	100.00
Duncan East Side	50.00
Interest earned on savings	2.77
Refunded to checking account	13.00
Insurance claim settlement	<u>18,805.40</u>
Total income this quarter	19,843.03

Expenses this quarter:

Fox Lumber Co. - Shingles	461.40
Del State Bank - cash for gas (\$7 spent)	20.00
Fox Lumber co. - Extra shingles	32.55
Gordan White Lumber - Roof nails	15.75
Wooldridge Gro. - Gas	14.79
Total expenses paid out this quarter	<u>544.49</u>
Balance left in checking this quarter	19,298.54
Balance left in savings this quarter	225.06
TOTAL Balance left in Fund	<u>\$19,523.60</u>

TREASURER'S REPORT - THIRD QUARTER

Balance Carried Forward	\$1,153.15
Received from Churches	<u>1,087.95</u>
Working Balance	<u>\$2,241.10</u>
Expenses:	
OG&E	15.04
Cr. Co. Water	28.00
Stamps	15.00
Copies	9.00
Checks printed	10.05
Camp Ground (final)	108.34
FWB Book Store	1.80
State Association	<u>622.04</u>
Total Expenses	809.27
Bank Balance:	
General Fund	386.65
Local Missions	587.13
CTS	205.73
Camp Ground	<u>81.91</u>
Total Bank Balance	1,261.42
Check for State	<u>170.44</u>
BALANCE TOTAL	<u>\$1,431.86</u>

CREDENTIAL BOARD REPORT - THIRD QUARTER

The Credential Board has examined Bro. Kellet and found him in accordance with the Doctrine of Free Will Baptists and the rules of this association, and accept him into the association.

The Credential Board has examined Bro. Marshall Mitchell to re-ordain him as a deacon and found him sound in doctrine and recommend ordination.

GIVING BY CHURCHES -- THIRD QUARTER

CHURCH	COOP	F.M.	HILLS--			L.M.	CTS	C.G.	GEN.	
			PJ-5	DALE					FUND	TOTAL
Countyline	28.71			5.73		20.21	2.17	5.75	11.48	74.75
Countryside	41.25			8.25		4.11	4.14	8.25	16.50	82.50
Duncan	53.14			10.63		5.30	5.32	10.64	21.15	106.28
Lawton	123.13			24.45		12.23	12.23	24.46	48.92	244.60
Midway			180.00	180.00						360.00
Stobtown		135.00				69.82			15.00	219.82
TOTALS	246.23	135.00	180.00	229.06		111.65	23.86	49.10	113.05	1,087.95

THE 47th ANNUAL ASSOCIATION OF
Hopewell No. 2
Conveined at the Campground
August 10-11, 1979

Called into session by our moderator, Bro. Beryl Blair. With Sis. Teresa McClanahan at the piano, Bro. Mike Richardson led the singing "Take My Hand Precious Lord." Prayer by Bro. W. L. Lowe, followed by "When The Roll is Called," "Joy Unspeakable," and "Standing on the Promises." Prayer by Bro. Paul Wood. Testimony service led by Bro. J. T. McClanahan. While singing "The Unclouded Day," we shook hands with one another. Special singing by Bro. & Sis. Mike Richardson "He's Coming Back Again," Bro. & Sis. Ralph Mullins and Bro. & Sis. Ed Staggs and Bro. & Sis. J. T. McClanahan "Let's Just Praise the Lord," Bro. & Sis. Harold Robinson "Treasures Unseen." Services turned to Bro. & Sis. Royce McClendon and their two daughters, Belinda and Tracy to sing "Just Any Day Now." Altar of Prayer. Bro. Royce McClendon preached from Nahum 1:2-7. Altar service. With Sis. Teresa McClanahan at the piano, Bro. Mike Richardson led "Softly & Tenderly." Services turned to our moderator. All six churches represented. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Mike Richardson.

Saturday morning session opened by our moderator, Bro. Blair. With Sis. Vala Robinson at the piano, Bro. J. T. McClanahan led "When We all Get to Heaven." Bro. Royce McClendon led in prayer. Vistors welcomed.

Letters read and accepted. While giving the delegates the right hand of fellowship, we sang "Standing on the Promises."

Minutes read and accepted. Petitionary letters called for. Petitionary letter from Countyline (See report) Bro. Paul Wood read the Rules of Order. Hopewell No. 1 Association needs a letter of recommendation for Bro. Harvey White. Accepted. Letter of recommendation read for Bro. Myrl Kellet. Accepted.

Bro. Blair and Bro. Wood selected the committees:
Resolution Committee--Bro. Ed Staggs, Bro. Harold Boerstler, Bro. Bob Wright.

Obituary Committee--Sis. Nora Truitt, Bro. Royce McClendon, Sis. Vera Hammers.

Temperance Committee--Bro. J. T. McClanahan, Sis. Louise Heath, Bro. J. T. Dover.

Education Board report called for--none.

Motion made, seconded, and carried to record the starting time of our quarterly and annual meetings, Day service 9:30, Night service 7:30.

Bro. Lonnie DaVoult gave us a talk on all the work that is going on in Oklahoma. Very good report!

Bro. Wesley Hamilton moved away--need to replace him on the Credential Board, 3-year man. Bro. W. L. Lowe was elected.

The Credential Board is excused at this time to examine Bro. Mike Richardson to come into our association. Bro. J. T. McClanahan led "Unclouded Day." Prayer by Bro. Noah Smith.

Other new business called for. Board reports.

Campground Treasurer's report given by Sis. Bobbie Staggs. Accepted.

Credential Board report--see reports. Sis. Juanita Lowe gave a report on Woman's Auxiliary.

Motion made, seconded, and carried to adjourn until 11:00 worship service.

Our moderator, Bro. Blair, called us back together with Sis. Teresa McClanahan at the piano and Bro. Mike Richardson leading "O I Want To See Him." Prayer by Bro. Noah Smith. "I Feel Like Traveling On," "Tell Me The Story of Jesus," and "The Glory Land Way" were sung by the congregation. Special singing by Sis. Reba Boerstler "In Times Like These," Bro. & Sis. Harold Robinson "A Rose Among the Thorns," Bro. & Sis. Ed Staggs, Sis. Maxine Balthrop, and Sis. Naoma Mullins "One Day at a Time," Bro. & Sis. Mike Richardson "Consider the Lilies." The congregation stood while the names of those who had gone to be with the Lord were read, followed by a time of silent prayer concluded by Bro. W. L. Lowe. Bro. Beryl Blair brought the Memorial message. Bro. Mike Richardson prayed the dismissal prayer and asked the blessing on the noon meal.

Afternoon session was called to order by the moderator, Bro. Blair. With Sis. Vala Robinson at the piano, Bro. J. T. McClanahan led "I'll Live On."

The moderator asked Bro. W. L. Lowe to act as assistant moderator. Bro. Mike Richardson brought the devotion from Ephesians 2:7-10. Prayer by Bro. J. T. McClanahan.

The Executive Board report was given by Bro. Noah Smith. Accepted. The Education Board report was given by Bro. J. T. McClanahan. Accepted. Campground Board report given by Bro. Ed Staggs. Accepted. Sis. Bobbie Staggs thanked the ladies for the fine clean-up job at the camp and also gave the names of those who gave special offerings. General discussion about building a new girls' dorm--plans to be made and brought to next meeting.

Committee reports called for.

Obituary report read (See reports). Resolution Committee report read (see reports).

Motion made, seconded, and carried to start at Stobtown. Motion made, seconded, and carried that the Fellowship Meetings be put into the minutes. Starting September 1, at Stobtown; October 6, at Midway; November 3, Lawton; December 1, Duncan East Side; January 5, Countryside; February 2, Countyline.

Association Treasurer's report given by Bro. Hershel Lewis. Accepted. (See report)

Quarterly Meeting Dates and Friday Night Speakers:
November 9-10, 1979; Stobtown, Bro. Mike Richardson
February 8-9, 1980; Duncan East, Bro. W. L. Lowe
May 9-10, 1980; Countyline, Bro. Mryl Kellet
August 8-9, 1980; Campground, Bro. Paul Wood,
alt. Bro. Blair; Sat. morn. Memorial, Bro.
Bob Wright, atl. Bro. Noah Smith. (Annual Meet.)

General Board Member for 1980--Bro. Noah Smith.

100 copies of the minutes are to be printed.

Election of officers:

Moderator - Bro. W. L. Lowe
Assistant Moderator - Bro. Beryl Blair
Clerk - Sis. Naoma Mullins
Assistant Clerk - Sis. Shirley McClendon
Association Treasurer - Bro. Bob Wright
Assistant Treasurer - Sis. Juanita Lowe
Reporter - Sis. Shirley McClendon

Election of Board Members:

5-year man, Executive Board - Bro. Ralph Mullins
5-year man, Credential Board - Bro. M. Richardson
4-year man, Credential Board - Bro. Paul Wood
5-year man, Mission Board - Bro. Noah Smith

5-year man, Church Ed. Board - Bro. Ray Bryant

Motion made, seconded, and carried to send \$100 to Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College.

Motion made, seconded, and carried to give Bro. & Sis. Ed Staggs a standing vote of thanks for the fine job they did on the campground and to take a love offering for them.

With Sis. Vala Robinson at the piano, Bro. McClanahan led "I Am Thine O Lord." Love offering was \$45.98.

Motion made, seconded, and carried to give Bro. & Sis. Ed Staggs \$200 for vacation for the work they did at camp--A Job Well Done.

Motion made, seconded, and carried to have two weeks of Youth Camp in 1980.

Motion made, seconded, and carried to adjourn until the next quarterly or called meeting.

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Lonnie DaVoult.

Moderator--Bro. Beryl Blair

Clerk--Sis. Naoma Mullins

CREDENTIAL BOARD REPORT

We, the Credential Board, have examined Bro. Mike Richardson and find him sound in doctrine and recommend that he be accepted into this association.

/s/ Beryl Blair, Hershell Lewis, W.L. Lowe

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

These have gone on to meet the Lord--Sis.

Georgie McKee and Bro. Watie Buttram, Lawton First FWB Church; Bro. J. L. McDaniel, Duncan East Side; Sis. Ollie Hurst, Countryside; Sis. Sadie Evans, Stobtown; Sis. Fannie Averitt, Countyline
/s/ Royce McClendon, Lenora Truitt, Vera Hammers.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Start the fellowship meetings again, having it the first Saturday night of the month, beginning in September. The host church to get the program and conduct the service. /s/ M. H. Boerstler, Robert Wright, Ed Staggs.

CAMPGROUND FUND ANNUAL REPORT
August 1978 Thru July 1979

Balance on hand August 1, 1978	\$ 461.40
Deposits for the year	20,894.22
Expenditures for the year	<u>13,971.62</u>
Total on hand in checking account	7,384.00
Total on hand in savings account	<u>10,269.53</u>
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	<u><u>\$17,653.53</u></u>

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

Balance carried forward	\$1,261.42
Income:	
Countyline	344.65
Countryside	347.50
Duncan	445.24
Lawton	962.10
Midway	1,586.00
Stobtown	<u>909.55</u>
Total income	<u>4,595.04</u>
Working Balance	\$5,856.46
Expenses:	
State Office	3,660.93
Final Insurance	108.34
Dist. Minutes	145.00
State Delegates	120.00
Carter Co. Water	113.52
OG&E	127.65
Love Offering	33.00
FWB Book Store	1.80
Miscellaneous	34.05
Printing	<u>3.00</u>
Total expenses	<u>4,347.29</u>
Bank Balance	<u><u>\$1,512.17</u></u>

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT - continued

Working Balance

Local Missions	709.66
CTS	232.89
Campgrounds	61.80
General Fund	<u>507.80</u>

Total Working Balance

(2c) \$1,512.15

GIVING BY CHURCHES - FOURTH QUARTER

CHURCH	COOP	HILLS-				GEN.			TOTAL
		F.M.	PJ-5	DALE	L.M.	CTS	C.G.	FUND	
Countyline	37.44			7.50	18.70	3.75	7.49	14.96	89.84
Countryside	41.25			8.25	4.14	4.11	8.25	16.50	82.50
Duncan	56.19			11.23	5.63	5.62	11.24	22.48	112.37
Lawton	123.03			24.60	12.30	12.30	24.60	49.22	246.05
Midway									
Stobtown		135.00			71.88			15.00	221.88
TOTALS	257.91	135.00		51.58	112.64	25.78	51.58	118.15	752.64

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK
Midway FWB Route 1 Healdton, OK 73438 Ph. 673-2599	W. L. Lowe Route 1 Healdton, OK 73438 Ph. 673-2599	Frances Lewellen Box 201 Graham, OK 73437 Ph. 673-2315
Countyline FWB P.O. Box 236 Countyline, OK 73025 Ph.	Mike Richardson P.O. Box 202 Ardmore, OK 73401 Ph. 226-5859	Amelia McClanahan Route 3, Box 88 Duncan, OK 73533 Ph. 444-2355
Countryside FWB 1½ M. east of Velma, OK 73091 Ph. 444-3520	Paul Wood P.O. Box 907 Velma, OK 73091 Ph. 444-3530	Nina Benge P.O. Box 363 Velma, OK 73091 Ph. 444-2166
Duncan Eastside 703 N. 13th Duncan, OK 73533 Ph.	Noah Smith Rt. 2, Box 232 Elmore City, OK 73035 Ph. 788-4161	Ruth Franklin 313 11-A St. Duncan, OK 73533 Ph. 255-0777
Lawton First 10 S. 24th St. Lawton, OK 73505 Ph.	Myrl Kellet 2603 A Ave. Lawton, OK 73505 Ph. 355-4668	Vala Robinson 409 S. 23rd Place Lawton, OK 73505 Ph. 355-1757
Stobtown FWB Route 3 Ardmore, OK 73401 Ph. 657-6295		Shirley McClendon Hoxbar Rt. Box 342A Ardmore, OK 73401 Ph. 226-5013

OTHER ORDAINED MINISTERS

J. O. Hudson	Route 1 Healdton, OK 73438	673-2529
Hershel Lewis	803 N. Elm St. Waurika, OK 73573	228-3420

OTHER ORDAINED MINISTERS - continued

Royce McClendon	Hoxbar Rt, Box 342A Ardmore, OK 73401	226-5013
Howard Walker	2816 San Saba Ft. Worth, TX 76114	817-625-4706

ORDAINED DEACONS

Troy Morris	Route 3 Ardmore, OK 73401	657-4513
Leonard Robinson	Star Route Lone Grove, OK	657-4742
Othel Kyle	Route 3, Box 41 Ardmore, OK 73401	657-6420
Marshall Mitchell	Route 3 Ardmore, OK 73401	657-4252
James Adams	Route 3, Box 169 Ardmore, OK 73401	657-4280
Troy Lewellen	Box 201 Graham, OK 73437	673-2315
Joel Harmon	Fox, OK 73435	673-2312
Richard Watkins	Fox, OK 73435	673-2798
Ralph Mullins, Sr	Route 1, Box 1 Ratliff City, OK 73081	856-3038
Jess Gillaspay	Box 3 Countyline, OK 73025	856-3462
Sam Staggs	Box 126 Countyline, OK 73025	
Ed Staggs	Box 44 Countyline, OK 73025	856-3695

ORDAINED DEACONS - continued

J. T. McClanahan	Route 3, Box 88 Duncan, OK 73533	444-2355
Forest Cox	Route 1, Box 46 Ratliff City, OK 73081	444-2584
Loray Spurgin	P.O. Box 842 Velma, OK 73091	444-2527
James Benge	P.O. Box 363 Velma, OK 73091	444-2166
Edmond Franklin	313 North A Duncan, OK 73533	255-0777
Harold Boerstler	721 North 8th Duncan, OK 73533	255-7015
Charley Jones	103 West Oak Duncan, OK 73533	
Tommy Lewis	Waurika, OK	
Cleo Chism	508 South 13th St. Lawton, OK 73501	353-8482
Z. E. Chaudoin	Box 4 Alma, OK 73003	444-2583

RULES OF ORDER

1. At every setting of the Association, business shall be opened and closed with prayer by the Moderator or whosoever he may request.
2. All standing delegates and elected delegates present are invited to seats, allowed to take part in debates on all subjects and to vote.
3. Those who speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Personal reflections shall be avoided in all debates.
4. The Moderator shall not allow discussion when not carried on in a Christian spirit.
5. No motion shall be discussed without a second.
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 answer is given from the voting delegation the question shall be dismissed.
7. A ruling of the Moderator may be overruled by a two-thirds vote of the members present.
8. No question from any church shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it has been first discussed in its own church.
9. 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.
10. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded.
11. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the Moderator.
12. All questions shall be decided by a majority vote of all members present.
13. No member shall absent himself without special leave of the Moderator.
14. Minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected before the close of the Association.
15. At all future sessions of the Association, arrangements shall be made to assure two sermons or other devotional exercises equivalent thereto, and the chair shall announce, just before adjournment, who shall fill the stand at the next meeting.
16. The Rules of Order shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after organization.
17. Alterations may be made in these rules at any regular session of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory Sermon
2. House called to order by the Moderator
3. Letters called for and read and received
4. Right hand of fellowship and seating of the delegates
5. Reading of Minutes
6. Petitionary letters called for
7. Reading Rules of Order
8. Invite visitors to seats in council
9. Appointment of Committees
10. Unfinished Business
11. New Business
12. Reports of Boards
13. Reports of Committees
14. Miscellaneous Business
15. Election of Officers

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.

CONSTITUTION OF HOPEWELL NO. 2 ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

PREAMBLE

From long experience, we, the members of the Free Will Baptist denomination, realizing the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among us as a group of churches, do hereby ordain this Constitution for our progress and do perpetuate better associational government.

NAME

This Association shall be known as the Hopewell No. 2 Association of Free Will Baptist of the State of Oklahoma. It shall meet four times each year with August session designated as the Annual Session. Each quarterly conference shall possess the same authority as the Annual Session except for the election of Officers and Board Members.

PURPOSE

The object and purpose of this organization shall be to unify the work of the various bodies composing this District Association and to devise and execute measures for the extension of the Kingdom of God in connection with the various bodies in the Association, or that may hereafter be represented therein.

MEMBERSHIP

This Association shall be composed of Free Will Baptist Churches which maintain Gospel order and agree with denominational doctrine and practices; and favor the enterprises that have been endorsed by the Association. Voting representation, at any session, shall be as described in Article Four (4) of the By-Laws.

NEW CHURCHES

Any regular organized Free Will Baptist Church desiring to unite with this Association may do so by presenting a petitionary letter and being examined by the Executive Board of the Association. A majority vote of this Association is necessary for the acceptance of any church into the association.

DISCIPLINE

This Association shall have the right to settle any question of discipline, doctrine or practices that may properly come before it from any of the bodies composing said organization. Furthermore, if there be any question of discipline, doctrine or practices on the part of an affiliated church, delegates of that church shall not be seated until these questions have been settled to the satisfaction of the Credential Board.

Section 2: Decisions of the Credential Board may be appealed in this manner. All appeals shall come before the body of the Hopewell No. 2 Association.

OFFICERS

The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk and Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, all whom shall be elected at the annual session.

Section 2: In the event of a vacancy occurring between sessions, the Executive Board shall fill the vacancy until the next session.

BOARDS

The following standing Boards shall be elected in the Annual Session: Executive Board, Credential Board, Church Training Board, Christian Education Board, Mission Board. Each Board shall consist of five members as to have one member retiring each year.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

This Board shall be composed of five members who are members of an affiliated church, in good standing with their church and faithful in attendance and support. They shall be elected at the discretion of this Association. It shall be the duty of this Board to act in behalf of the Association when it is not in session. It shall be bound to carry out the directions of the Association and shall hold itself bound by every consideration of morality and honor to carry out the wishes of this Association and to act under its instructions in whatever technical rights, civil laws and the decisions of courts may give it in certain emergencies. It shall be the duty of this board to sign their signatures to any and all papers concerning properties, indebtedness, bonds, or other legal documents pertaining to the execution of the will of the Association. No member of the

Executive Board shall delegate authority to any other member of said Board to cast his vote for him in any matter. The Executive Board shall have the power to call the Association into conference by notifying each church, ten days prior to the conference; and, they shall have the authority to change quarterly meetings or the annual meeting if the place where said meeting is to be held is unable to care for the meeting. No meeting of the Executive Board shall be held unless there is a quorum present of three members. This Board shall make a full report in writing of its activities at each session.

CREDENTIAL BOARD

The Credential Board shall be composed of five ordained members of this Association who are members of an affiliated church, in good standing with their church and faithful in attendance and support. The credential board shall examine minister for license and ordination. It shall be the duty of this Board to examine all ordained ministers who wish to unite with this association. It shall also be the responsibility of this Board to examine candidates for the office of Deacon who are sent from their churches before this Association. In cases of discipline this board shall have the authority to labor with the ordained of this association.

CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE BOARD

- This Board shall be composed of five members who are members of an affiliated church, in good standing with their church and faithful in attendance and support. The duties of this Board shall be to plan and assist in organizing and sustaining a strong Church Training Service in every Church in the Association. This Board shall plan, co-ordinate and conduct the Youth Camp program of this Association, they shall have full power to employ the needed staff for such a camp. This board shall keep an accurate record of all meetings, decisions, work done, funds received and disbursed and shall make a report in writing at each Annual Session of the Association. All records shall be available to this Association at its request.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

This Board shall be composed of five members who are members of an affiliated church, in good standing with their church and faithful in attendance and support. The duties of the board shall be to promote Teacher Training in every Church of the association by clinics, seminars, institutes and conventions, on local and district levels. This board shall keep an accurate record of all meetings, decisions, work done, funds received and disbursed and shall make a report in writing at each annual session of the Association. All records shall be available to this Association at its request.

MISSION BOARD

This board shall be composed of five members who are members of an affiliated church, in good standing with their church and faithful in attendance and support. It shall be the duty of this board to labor to further the Gospel of Jesus Christ into the uttermost part of the Earth. In accomplishing this, they are to endeavor to establish missions and churches in communities within the bounds of this Association with whatever moral and financial assistance that may be theirs. In cases of all churches failing to function, whatever assistance deemed appropriate shall be rendered to maintain the effective witness of that church by direct labor with the church. The promotion of Missionary endeavors from a local, state or national level shall come within the scope of endeavor of this board. This board shall assist in maintaining prayer and financial support of missionary enterprises through whatever channels are available.

PROPERTY AND REAL ESTATE

Any church that is a member of the Hopewell No. 2 Association that shall become extinct, or that has or shall cease to function and use its property, shall be taken charge of by this Association, in accordance with the laws of the State of Oklahoma. Every endeavor shall be made by this Association to keep any church from becoming extinct.

VACANCIES

Vacancies shall occur when a member moves from the territorial bounds of this Association or by death, by resignation or by removal from office by this Association. In the event of disciplinary action where charges concerning misconduct, doctrine or practice shall have been lodged against a member of any Board, or officer, his office shall be held in abeyance until such charges shall be concluded or as determined by this Association. All boards shall have power to fill vacancies arising between sessions of this Association. Such appointment shall terminate at the next session of the Association and shall be filled by this Association.

SPECIAL SESSIONS

Elected delegates to the last session of the Association shall be retained as standing delegates for special called sessions.

DISSOLUTION

Should this Association cease to function, all properties and holdings shall go to the Oklahoma State Association of Free Will Baptist after all creditors are satisfied and indebtedness cleared.

AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended or altered at any regular session of the Association by a two-thirds majority vote of members present in writing to the body one day in advance.

BY-LAWS OF THE HOPEWELL NO. 2 ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

1. The Moderator or Assistant Moderator shall call the Association into conference. In their absence the senior minister, in years, shall call the Association into conference and the body shall elect a moderator to serve for that session.

2. The Clerk of the Association shall have the duty of enrolling the delegates from the churches in this Association, who shall present themselves with proper evidence of their rights to seats therein.

3. It shall be the duty of every church belonging to this Association to send a letter to every session of this Association reporting in the same the spiritual condition of the church and the list of delegates. Any church belonging to this Association which shall fail to report itself for one year may be dismissed from the Association by a two-thirds vote of all members present.

4. The voting body of this Association shall consist of all ordained ministers and their wives, all ordained deacons and their wives, local church clerks, and three elected delegates from each church affiliated with this Association.

5. Any standing or elected delegate to this Association who is opposed to the doctrine of the National Association of Free Will Baptist, as set forth in the Treatise, will not be entitled to a seat in conference.

6. A majority of the Churches of this Association shall constitute a quorum, a lesser number shall adjourn until such a quorum is present.

7. Visiting brethren are invited to seats as advisory members, but may not vote on any question.

8. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member to a Board or Committee, provided the person nominated be elected.

9. All Boards and Committees of this Association shall be paid for travel to and from meetings at the rate of ten cents (10¢) per mile.

10. All Officers and Board Members of this Association must be faithful in attendance and support to their local church. Failure to comply will result in dismissal from their office.

11. A fee of \$45.00 is to be sent to the Annual Session of this Association. (\$15.00 for Printing of the minutes and \$20.00 for State Delegate fee, \$10.00 State Association expenses.)

12. The Treasurer of this Association shall be bonded in the amount of \$2,500.00. He is to submit a written report at each session. If a written report is not given a new treasurer will be elected.

13. It shall be the duty of all boards to meet as often as may be necessary and any member absenting himself for three successive meetings may be dropped from the Board and his successor elected.

14. These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular session of this Association by a two-thirds vote of members present.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. THE BIBLE - The Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by the inspiration of God, and are infallible rules of faith and practice.

2. GOD - There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver and Righteous Governor of the Universe, and in the Scriptures as the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore and obey.

3. CHRIST - Christ is God manifest in the flesh: in His divine nature truly God, in His Human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified. He is now risen and glorified is our ever-present Saviour and Lord.

4. THE HOLY SPIRIT - The Scriptures assigns to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. He is the Reprover, Comforter, Guide and Sanctifier of all men.

5. THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD - God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining this 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 of faith.

8. THE WORK OF SALVATION - The conditions of salvation are:

1. The Repentance of sincere sorrow for sin and the hearty renunciation.

2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord, with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit: freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God.

3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

9. ELECTION - God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ, men become His elect.

10. FREEDOM OF WILL - The Human will is free and self controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit and live, or to resist them and perish.

11. SALVATION FREE - God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.

12. PERSEVERANCE - All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have the promise of eternal salvation.

13. BACKSLIDING AND APOSTASY - A person who has been regenerated or born again and is living in unconfessed, unforgiven sin, is rebellious to the principles of the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and therefore is a backslider in a lost condition who must repent and be restored to the right relationship with God or be eternally lost.

We recognize, according to Hebrews 6:4-6, that it is possible for a person to get in the condition that he could never return to Christ. This, we believe, is Apostasy; however, we also recognize that a regenerate person can fall into sin, be in a lost condition and still not be an apostate. This person, through repentance, can be reconciled to God.

14. GOSPEL ORDINANCES - Baptism, or the immersion of believers in water, and the Lord's Supper, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel: Feet Washing, an ordinance teaching humility, of universal obligation, and to be administered to all true believers.

15. TITHING - God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament: Jesus Christ endorsed in the Gospel (Matt. 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 has prospered him." 1. Cor. 16:2.

16. THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH - The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from the secular employment and amusements for rest, worship, holy works and activities, and for personal communion with God.

17. RESURRECTION, JUDGMENT, AND FINAL RETRIBUTION - The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation: then the wicked shall "Go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Jesus 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 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 forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

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

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

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

**NATIONAL
GUIDELINE
OF ORDINATION**

ORDINATION TO THE MINISTRY IN THE FREE WILL BAPTIST DENOMINATION

PREFACE

This little booklet has been prepared by the Executive Committee of the General Board of the National Association, and has been approved by the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

It must be clearly understood that this booklet is intended to be descriptive and not legislative. Nobody can set ordination requirements for the denomination as a whole; such ordaining body across the denomination has full liberty to follow whatever practices it chooses.

From time to time, however, various persons engaged in exercising ordaining responsibilities are desirous of knowing what is being practiced abroad in the denomination. For that reason this booklet has been prepared. The Executive Committee trusts that the suggestions and descriptions will be helpful for those who wish help.

PART 1: GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

THE AUTHORITY TO ORDAIN

Free Will Baptist, committed to doctrine of congregational church government, understand that the authority to ordain ministers lies in the local church. In practice, however, some local Free Will Churches work together in the matter of ordination by delegating the authority of ordination to the association of churches in which the local church holds membership. The true source of this authority should never be lost sight of.

THE PROCEDURE FOR ORDINATION

In some areas of the denomination, ordination follows a procedure at least similar to the following outline.

1. The individual, acknowledging his call from God, makes known his calling and desire for ordination to the local church of which he is a member.
2. The local church, led by the Holy Spirit to recognize that the individual does, indeed, appear to possess the gift, proceeds to have the candidate "licensed."
 - a. In many areas, the local church grants this "license" directly.
 - b. In other areas, the local church files a petition with the association that this "license" be granted.

Generally, there is no formal examination of a candidate involved for licensing. The request or action of the local church is all that is necessary at this stage. (For this reason, local churches should "license" or request license only after being firmly convinced the candidate has been called by God.)

3. The license issued in the preceding step is in force for a period of one year, and may be annually renewed if the licentiate is not ready for ordination. This renewal must be made by action or request of the local church.
4. Near the end of the licensing year, if the candidate feels he is ready for ordination, he again approaches his local church and signifies this. The local church, if it also feels that the candidate may be ready, now files a petition with the association that the candidate be examined for ordination.

5. Having received petition from the local church, the association's ordaining committee proceeds to "examine" the candidate. In reference to this step in the procedure, it should be noted that the details of the practice differ considerably from one place to another. But the basic practice is the same — Each association has some level of organization (a presbytery, ordination council or committee, etc.) which conducts the examination, and many groups require that a candidate fill out a formal "application" at this stage. This application should cover basic information on the candidate. The national bookstore has application forms for sale.
6. The ordination committee reports the results of its examination to the association as a whole, and makes recommendations to be acted upon by the association as a body. If a recommendation is made and approved that the candidate be ordained the actual service of ordination soon follows. (In some cases, the committee for examination will recommend some further studies for the candidate before he should be ordained, in which case his license will be renewed until the suggestions are followed and another examination made, or, in some cases, the committee should recommend that the candidate completely withdraw for consideration as an ordained minister, in which case his license should not continue to be renewed.)

It should be noted here that in at least one or two areas, a recommendation for ordination does not have to be approved by the associational body as a whole. Such a practice tends to forget that ordination, after all, is done by the churches, not the ministry.

7. The procedure for setting up the ordination service varies considerably.
 - a. In many associations the same committee that made the examination arranges and conducts the ordination service.
 - b. In some areas, the associational recommendation is directed back to the local church and the local church arranges and conducts the ordination service.
 - c. In some areas, the candidate is permitted to choose some or all of a committee of ministers to arrange and conduct the ordination service.

In all areas, the service is conducted by ministers as the ordained representatives of the churches, and includes the "laying on of hands" as signifying the candidate's to the gospel ministry.

The Meaning of Ordination

There are some groups that do not practice any kind of official "ordination." Free Will Baptist are not among these, but it should not be inferred that Free Will Baptists believe the "church" gives a man authority to preach. The authority for a man to preach lies solely with God. Free Will Baptist believe in a divinely-called ministry.

Yet the visible church always finds itself called on to pass judgment on the exercise of ALL spiritual gifts, the ministry included. The injunction of the Bible is everywhere "Try the spirits." It is not sufficient that a man gain hearing simply because he says he is called by God and is bringing God's message.

Ordination then, is simply the church's official recognition that a man does indeed possess the gift and calling of God to the ministry and is therefore entitled to be heard as such. As indicated in the previous discussion of ordination procedure, there are really two levels of direct

responsibility in ordination; the local church, primary, the associational ordination apparatus, secondary. Both levels should be thoroughly convinced, based on the evidence seen in life, ministry and knowledge, that the candidate has the required gift. And the general public should always be able to rely upon the fact of ordination as a clear sign that many Christians of mature judgment have recognized that the one ordained is gifted and capable to minister.

No group responsible for ordination would presume to imply that it is infallible. Candidates genuinely possessing the gift may on occasion be rejected, but although this is true the ordaining councils must not simply decide to ordain anyone just because he desires it.

The Responsibilities of Ordination.

The Candidate who has been ordained continues to have certain responsibilities relating to those who have ordained him, in addition to his obvious responsibilities to the Lord who has called him.

First, he should report regularly to the body with which he holds ordination.

Second, he should submit to any call issued by the body for disciplinary purposes. If he shows himself, by conduct or doctrine, to be unworthy or continuing as ordained, he should willingly relinquish his ordination certificate to those who have the authority and having followed the correct procedures — request it.

The Transfer of Ordination

Moving about from one place to another in the denomination often involves transferring ordination from one association to another. A minister in good standing in one association is usually granted confirmation of his ordained status in another association with a minimum of procedural requirements. But caution should be followed so that two definite responsibilities are observed.

- (1) The association from which a minister is transferring has the shared responsibilities to inform the new association if there were any questions at all about the minister's standing; conduct, or doctrine.
- (2) The association to which the minister is transferring should make sure by whatever means are necessary, that the minister has left his former association in good standing, and is worthy by conduct and doctrine, of ordination.

PART II: STANDARDS FOR ORDINATION

Obviously, there is considerable variety within the Free Will Baptist denomination in reference to requirements for ordination. The following outline will deal with the areas generally agreed to be most important.

1. General Qualifications Of Character And Conduct

The earlier portion of this booklet has made clear that the primary requirements is that the evidence given in the candidate's life be such as to convince those who observe — both in the candidate's local church and in a broader area that he possesses the gift and calling of God.

More specifically, the character and conduct of the candidate should be above reproach. To begin with, the Bible itself furnishes a list of standards in this area, and this list should be carefully checked. (1 Tim. 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9.) All persons responsible for examining candidates should make sure, either by their own personal knowledge, or by interviewing enough persons with direct knowledge, that the candidate meets the standards of these Biblical passages.

Obviously, the official recommendation of the local church should not be given to a candidate unless that recommendation can be fully relied on to mean that the candidate, by sufficient length of time, has given full assurance to the members of the church that he meets the standards of these Biblical lists.

2. The Candidate's Business Relationships

One of Paul's specific requirements is that the ministers "have a good report on them which are without," (1 Tim. 3:7). In reference to this, a matter of great importance is the candidate's financial reputation. The "Ministry" has been blighted by men who do not pay their bills. Every effort should be made to make sure the candidate is scrupulously careful to keep his finances in order.

To aid in achieving this assurance, several Free Will Baptist ordaining groups are now requiring the candidate to submit several credit references, and then perhaps even the credit bureaus are closely checked.

3. The candidate's Ministerial Activities

There have been far too many Free Will Baptist persons ordained as "preachers" who almost never preach or perform any real ministry for which ordination is required. Every effort should be made to be sure the candidate is actually going to be involved in ministerial duties. Indeed, he should already be manifesting ministerial abilities in some degree.

This need has brought more and more of our ordaining groups to follow his practice of only renewing license and not actually ordaining until a candidate actually gets involved in a specific "ministry" like pastoring, regular evangelistic work, missionary labor, or other types of church employment needing ordination. Perhaps this reflects Paul's requirement that the individual to be ordained not be a "novice" — neither immature as a Christian nor in Christian Service.

4. The Candidate's Marital Status

Perhaps one of the touchiest areas in connection with ordination requirements concerns divorce and remarriage. Paul says "the husband of one wife." Most groups do not take this to mean a single man cannot be ordained, but only that if he is married, he must not be a polygamist.

In a few areas, a person divorced and remarried might be ordained, although this is not true in most places. Whether this is right and good is a matter that needs a great deal of careful study across the whole denomination.

5. The Candidate's Sex

Throughout the years, a few women have been ordained to the ministry in the denomination and a very few are currently active. The general trend however, has been in the opposite direction; and most areas will not now ordain women.

6. The Candidate's Education

To our knowledge there are no specific educational requirements connected with ordination that are generally followed across the denomination, and probably there never should be. In order to raise the level of Biblical knowledge (see the next section), however, there are a few areas now requiring the completion of certain Bible correspondence courses as a minimum before ordination.

The Candidate's Biblical Knowledge

It is absolutely necessary that a minister have a good general knowledge of the word. Therefore, procedures are always in order among ordaining councils that will help them determine the level of Biblical knowledge possessed by the candidate. This is, indeed, one of the main purposes of the examination. When administered well, oral examinations along this line can certainly be sufficient, but the trend now in many areas is to go to some type of written examination covering Biblical knowledge. Such examinations, whether written or oral, should cover (1) knowledge of general Biblical facts and (2) ability to explain basic Biblical concepts. In order to cover these matters well, such examinations have to be carefully planned. And the ordainers should have recommendations about specific studies the candidate can get involved in to prepare him for these examinations — both before his first examination, and in preparation for a second examination if he fails to satisfy them the first time.

Please note that there has been included an Appendix 1 of this booklet, a sample examination covering this area (and the next). This examination is much like one in actual use by one ordaining group in the Free Will Baptist denomination.

The Candidate's Doctrinal Position

Closely related to the previous are (Biblical knowledge) is the matter of the candidate's doctrinal position and understanding. By actual examination (again, either orally or, perhaps better, in writing) the ordainers should be completely satisfied on these counts:

- (1) that the candidate is doctrinally sound and holds a clear-cut position in agreement with basic fundamentals of Christianity;
- (2) that the candidate is denominationally sound and holds a clear-cut position in agreement with the distinctive doctrines of the Free Will Baptist denomination;
- (3) that the candidate not only knows the right words, but understands and can satisfactorily explain the doctrines involved in the two areas just mentioned.

Again, please note that Appendix 1 of this booklet contains a simple examination covering this area and the previous one. The examination is much like the one in actual use by one ordaining group in the denomination.

