

Minutes

*Hopewell
No.2 Association*

**FREE WILL BAPTIST
CHURCHES**

**63rd Annual Meeting
1995**

**MINUTES OF THE 63RD ANNUAL MEETING
HOPEWELL NO. 2 ASSOCIATION
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES
1994**

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EXECUTIVE BOARD

MYRL KELLETT - - - - -	5 YEARS
DALE HOWELL - - - - -	4 YEARS
DAVID GARDNER - - - - -	3 YEARS
TROY LEWELLEN - - - - -	2 YEARS
LORAY SPURGIN - - - - -	1 YEAR

CREDENTIAL BOARD

CARROLL MILNER - - - - -	5 YEARS
DAVID GARDNER - - - - -	4 YEARS
DON ZICKEFOOSE - - - - -	3 YEARS
MYRL KELLETT - - - - -	2 YEARS
J. W. CRAFT - - - - -	1 YEAR

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YOUTH CAMP GROUND BOARD RULES

1. This Board shall be composed of five (5) members, who are members of local churches and are in good standing with the church and the association. They shall be elected at the discretion of the association.
2. It is the duty of this Board that they "shall be available to assist" the elected Youth Camp Directors in planning, coordinating and conducting the yearly Youth Camp.
3. This Board shall prepare a Standing Order of Rules for the campers of the Youth Camp, to be approved by the association in February. These rules, being subject to change with a yearly re-evaluation, shall be approved by the association.
4. This Board, with the Youth Camp Directors, will prepare a schedule for Youth Camp, to be approved by the association in February. This schedule, being subject to change with a yearly re-evaluation, shall be approved by the association.
5. This Board, along with the Youth Camp Directors, will oversee the purchasing of food and supplies for the Youth Camp. The Head Cook should be consulted, making a list of necessary items, and invited to assist in the purchasing.
6. If at any time a Youth Camp Evangelist, for any reason, is not available, this Board and the Youth Camp Directors, shall have the authority to replace him.
7. This Board should re-assess the Youth Camp fees yearly and advise the association of necessary changes.
8. This Board will instruct the association yearly of necessary standards to meet the State Health inspection.
9. This Board will select their own officers, such as Chairman (if One Year Man is not present), Treasurer, etc., and will act as caretaker of the Camp Grounds, responsible for turning on and off utilities, etc. (The Board is to be notified of intended use of grounds at any time.)
10. This Board will oversee the upkeep of the Hopewell No. 2 Camp Ground, advising the association of necessary repairs, promoting financial support and labor for said enterprises.
11. This Board shall keep an accurate record of all meetings, decisions, work done and funds received and disbursed and shall make a written report at each meeting of the association. All records shall be available to the association at it's request.

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

November 11 - 12, 1994

On Friday, November 11, 1994, the Hopewell No. 2 Association met at 7:30 PM at the Lone Grove Free Will Baptist Church for evening worship.

Bro. Myrl Kellett opened the meeting. Bro. David Gardner led the congregational singing: "This World Is Not My Home", "I'll Fly Away", "I Want To Know More About My Lord" and "When We All Get To Heaven". Sis. Vala Robinson played the piano.

Bro. Bill Holder let in prayer.

Special singing: Bro. & Sis. Harold Robinson - "I Hold A Clear Title", Sis. Imogene Woodall - "I'm Bound For The Kingdom" and Sis. Shelia Rooker - "Until You've Known The Love Of God".

Another congregational song, "There Is Power In The Blood" with Bro. L. T. Woodall concluding in prayer.

Bro. Beryl Blair brought the message from Luke 16 : 19 - 31, Isaiah 65 : 17, I Kings 8 : 30, Hebrews 12 : 22 - 23, Psalms 139 : 7 - 9 and Matthew 25 : 14 entitled "Reasons I Want To Go To Heaven".

The invitational song, "Jesus Is Calling", was led by Bro. David Gardner with Sis. Vala Robinson at the piano. Bro. Dale Howell dismissed in prayer.

On Saturday, November 12, 1994, Bro. Beryl Blair called the business into session at 9:30 AM.

Bro. Terry Pierson led the singing, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" with Sis. Vala Robinson at the piano. Bro. David Gardner led in prayer. The congregation sang "Standing on The Promises" while fellowshiping. Bro. Beryl Blair admonished the association with the scripture John 9 : 3 - 5.

Motion carried to receive the letters from seven churches and seat the delegates while singing, "When We All Get To Heaven".

Motion carried to receive the minutes as read.

Motion carried to receive the letters of resignation from Marshall Robinson as Camp Ground Board Member, Executive Board Member, Asst. Youth Camp Director and Association Song Director and from Charlene Robinson as Association Clerk.

Motion carried that Sis. Shelia Rooker be elected as Asst. Clerk and that Sis. Wanda Kellett be the Clerk.

Bro. Myrl Kellett read the rules of order. Visitors were invited to be seated in council.

Motion carried that Bro. David Gardner bring the 11:00 AM message.

Appointment of committees were as follows:

RESOLUTION: 1) Bro. L. T. Woodall, 2) Sis. Alice Spurgin, 3) Bro. Todd Trollinger.

TEMPERANCE: 1) Bro. Dale Combs, 2) Sis. Nadine Nix, 3) Bro. Ronnie Inmon.

OBITUARY: 1) Bro. Gilbert Gardner, 2) Bro. Dale Howell, 3) Sis. Naomi Mullins.

Motion carried to receive the Treasurer's report given by Bro. Loray Spurgin with a balance on hand of \$2,215.60. (CORR \$1,615.25 2-10-95)

Motion carried to receive the Camp Ground Treasurer's report given by Bro. Terry Pierson with a balance on hand of \$2,072.05.

Motion carried to adjourn until 10:50 AM for worship service and resume business at 1:00 PM.

Morning worship was opened by Bro. Beryl Blair. Bro. Terry Pierson led the singing with Sis. Vala Robinson at the piano. The songs were: "Stand Up For Jesus", "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder", "I Love To Walk With Jesus" and "I Love To Tell The Story".

Bro. Myrl Kellett led in prayer. Special songs were: "I'm Not Ashamed" by Bro. Todd Trollinger and "Then Suddenly Jesus" by Bro. Darryl and Sis. Kim Robinson and Sis. Tammy Trollinger.

Bro. David Gardner brought the message from Matthew 14 : 24 - 33 entitled "Don't Rock The Boat". Bro. L. T. Woodall dismissed in prayer.

Business resumed at 1:00 PM with singing "Victory In Jesus" led by Bro. Terry Pierson with Sis. Vala Robinson at the piano. Bro. Myrl Kellett brought the devotion from Revelations 19 : 7 - 10, concluding in prayer.

Unfinished business: Sis. Mary Head was elected Asst. Treasurer.

Motion carried to have the Association Revival on August 7 - 11, 1995 at the Countryside Free Will Baptist Church.

Motion carried for Bro. Mark Barnes to be the revival evangelist.

Motion carried that the annual association meeting be held at the Countryside Free Will Baptist Church on August 12, 1995.

Sis. Imogene Woodall gave a wonderful report on the State Women's Auxiliary meeting.

Motion carried to receive Bro. L. T. Woodall's State General Board Member report from the State Meeting.

Motion carried to receive the Resolution Committee report and adopt the business as follows: That in the future, the Association and District meetings carry on business from 9:30 AM until 10:45 AM, then take a 15 minute break, resuming a 11:00 AM to finish business, have worship service, and then adjourn for lunch or go home.

Motion carried to accept the Temperance Committee report as follows: Hebrews 10 : 22 - 26 - We need to put God first in our lives and to teach our children and grandchildren. We, as teachers, preachers and leaders of the church, need to instill this into our members. We must let new converts know we are willing to help them to grow in God's word at any time.

Motion carried to receive the Obituary Committee report that the following people were deceased: Dent Norton - Countryside, Pearlea Lewellen - Healdton and Rev. A. L. McAffrey - Madill. There was a moment of silent prayer with Bro. David Gardner concluding in prayer.

Election of officers and board members were as follows:

Song Director:	Bro. Terry Pierson
Asst. Song Director:	Bro. Darryl Robinson
Campground Board, 4 Year:	Bro. Todd Trollinger
Asst. Youth Camp Director:	Bro. Todd Trollinger
Executive Board, 5 Year:	Bro. Dale Howell
Credential Board, 5 Year:	Bro. David Gardner
Reporter:	Sis. Becky Hatton
Asst. Pianist:	Sis. Imogene Woodall
Youth Camp Evangelist:	Bro. Jimmy Holbrook
Alternate Youth Camp Evangelist:	Bro. Brad Utley

NOTE: Bro. Loray Spurgin will contact the evangelist for both the association revival and youth camp.

Announcements: November 22, 1994 - Grace Free Will Baptist Church will have a community Thanksgiving service.

County Line Free Will Baptist Church has a singing at 7:00 PM on the third Friday of every month.

State Auxiliary Prayer Retreat will be held at Fountain Head Resort on May 5 - 6, 1995.

Motion carried to adjourn at 2:35 PM. Bro. Terry Pierson dismissed in prayer.

Bro. Beryl Blair, Moderator
Sis. Wanda Kellett, Clerk

HOPEWELL NO. 2 ASSOCIATION
FIRST QUARTER, 1994
AUGUST / SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER
TREASURER'S REPORT

CHURCH	TOTAL RECEIVED	STATE CO-OP	F + S + H MISSIONS	REP FEE	HILLSDALE	CAMP GROUND	GENERAL FUND
COUNTYLINE	\$262.07	\$73.24	\$0.00	\$140.00	\$0.00	\$24.42	\$24.41
COUNTRYSIDE	\$125.00	\$45.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
HEAVEN BOUND	\$325.78	\$156.46	\$65.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$52.16	\$52.16
GRACE	\$474.23	\$200.53	\$0.00	\$140.00	\$0.00	\$66.85	\$66.85
LAWTON	\$918.00	\$550.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$183.60	\$183.60
LONE GROVE	\$446.64	\$183.38	\$0.00	\$140.00	\$0.00	\$61.63	\$61.63
MIDWAY	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
STOBTOWN	\$153.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$63.00	\$15.00
TOTALS	\$2,794.72	\$1,209.41	\$65.00	\$635.00	\$0.00	\$466.66	\$418.65

BEGINNING BALANCE ON HAND - JULY 31, 1994

\$1,816.45

INCOME FROM CHURCHES

\$2,794.72

EXPENSES:

STATE CO-OP \$1,279.41
STATE REP FEE \$400.00
ASSOCIATION MINUTES \$250.00
CAMP GROUND \$466.16

LESS EXPENSES

\$2,395.57

ENDING BALANCE ON HAND - OCTOBER 31, 1994

\$2,215.60

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING

February 10 - 11, 1995

On Friday, February 10, 1995 at 7:30 PM, the Hopewell No. 2 Association met for evening worship at the Midway Free Will Baptist Church.

Bro. Beryl Blair opened the meeting. Bro. Don Zickefoose led all of the congregational singing with Sis. Vala Robinson at the piano. The songs were: "How Great Thou Art", "Amazing Grace" and "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings". Bro. L. T. Woodall led a testimony service followed by an altar of prayer for the sick, bereaved, lost and the churches.

Special singing by: Sis. Diann Pierson - "Thou Art Worthy" and Sis. Barbara Davis - "I'll Rise Again". Bro. Troy Lewellen led in prayer. A time of fellowship was enjoyed by all while singing "Heaven's Jubilee".

Bro. David Gardner brought the message from Mark 1 : 1 - 3 entitled "Prepare Ye The Way". The invitational song was "Have Thine Own Way".

An announcement was made of the death of Sis. Mary Alice Bridgman, President of the Oklahoma State Women's Auxiliary on February 10, 1995.

There was a circle chain of prayer led by Bro. Beryl Blair. The dismissal prayer was led by Bro. Loray Spurgin.

On Saturday, February 11, 1995 at 9:30 AM, Bro. Myrl Kellett called the business into session. All congregational songs were led by Bro. Don Zickefoose with Sis. Vala Robinson at the piano. The opening song was "When I See The Blood". Bro. Bill Holder led in prayer.

Bro. L. T. Woodall gave a devotion from John 8 : 34 - 36 and 45 - 47, concluding in prayer.

Bro. L. T. Woodall was asked to assist Bro. Myrl Kellett as assistant moderator until Bro. Beryl Blair arrived at 10:00 AM.

Motion carried to receive the letters from eight churches and seat the delegates. The right hand of fellowship was given while singing "O, How I Love Jesus".

Motion carried to receive the minutes as read with correction made to the Treasurer's ending balance.

Motion carried to receive the petitionary letter from the Countryside Church requesting Bro. Carroll Milner be received into the fellowship of Hopewell No. 2 Association, according to the rules of going before the Credential Board for examination and then being received by the Executive Board or waiting until the May session for the Association to vote.

The County Line Church requested special prayer for Bro. Sam and Sis. Geraldine Staggs, Sis. Tommie Darity, Bro. Jim Coombs, Bro. Dugan McDonald, Sis. Patsy Blair and for the church.

Letters were read from the Foreign Missions Department asking the churches to support the Foreign Missions new "Together Way" plan of giving during the month of April, and a letter from Bro. George Harvey, Home Missionary in Phoenix, Arizona.

Motion carried to take up an offering for the George Harvey - Home Missionary Account. The offering was \$68.91. "Heavenly Sunlight" was sung while the offering was collected.

Rules of order were read by Bro. L. T. Woodall and visitors were invited to be seated in council.

Appointment of committees were as follows:

DIVINE: 1) Bro. Ronnie Inmon, 2) Bro. Kenneth Glenn, 3) Bro. Dale Howell

RESOLUTION: 1) Sis. Barbara Davis, 2) Bro. Don Zickefoose, 3) Sis.

Rhonda Addington.

TEMPERANCE: 1) Sis. Nancy Blair, 2) Sis Joyce Coombs, 3) Sis. Sandra Barks.

OBITUARY: 1) Sis. Audra Francis, 2) Sis Imogene Woodall, 3) Sis. Fern Harris.

Bro. Danny Barks was selected as speaker for the morning worship.

Bro. Beryl Blair handed in a letter of resignation from all of his offices in the Hopewell No. 2 Association - Moderator, Executive Board and Camp Ground Board.

Bro. L. T. Woodall was elected as Moderator.

Motion carried to give a right hand of fellowship to Bro. and Sis. Beryl Blair in honor of their many years of service in the association. The congregation sang "Amazing Grace".

Motion carried to receive the Treasurer's report with a balance on hand of \$1,706.69 as given by Bro. Loray Spurgin.

Motion carried to receive the Camp Ground Treasurer's report read by Sis. Shelia Rooker with a balance on hand of \$2,340.81.

Motion carried to break and resume business at 11:15 AM.

Business resumed at 11:15 AM with everyone singing "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be". There were no reports from the Credential Board or the Executive Board.

Motion carried to receive the Resolution Committee report and adopt business item by item. 1) Motion carried to have more compassion for the poor and needy among our church members. 2) Motion carried to have a committee appointed to review rules and order of business changes for the association.

Motion carried that the Executive Board serve as this committee and bring recommendations to the next business session.

Motion carried that any changes of order or rules of order be tabled for three months so that each church may have an opportunity to discuss it in each of their own churches.

Motion carried to receive the Temperance Committee report: We, as Christians, need to remember that our bodies are temples of the Holy Ghost. In that respect, we need to encourage the "old fashion" morals of abstinence, as well as family values, to further witness for the Lord. We need to stand up for the right to pray in schools and take every opportunity to vote or show our support. Our support will show the youth that they can make a difference.

Motion carried to receive the Obituary report of no deaths in the Hopewell No. 2 Association, but to remember the family of Sis. Mary Alice Bridgman, our State Woman's Auxiliary President.

Miscellaneous Business: Motion carried to purchase a brief case for the District Clerk. (The clerks will purchase the case.)

Motion carried to elect a Parliamentarian. This is automatically tabled to be voted on at the next business session.

The election of officers were as follows:

Executive Board, 4 Year:

Bro. David Gardner

Camp Ground Board:

Bro. Danny Barks

Motion carried to adjourn business and go into the worship service.

The worship service was opened by Bro. L. T. Woodall with everyone singing "Deeper, Deeper".

Special singing by: Bro. & Sis. Harold Robinson - "Thanks To Him", Sis. Kathy & Bro. Casey Little - "O For A Thousand Tongues", Sis. Sandra Barks - "Evergreen" and Sis. Cecil Adams - "I'm Not Ashamed".

Bro. Danny Barks brought the message from Genesis 22 : 1 - 14. It was entitled "Four Steps to Success".

Bro. L. T. Woodall gave an invitation for the lost and those who needed prayer. The altar of prayer was led by Bro. Beryl Blair. The dismissal prayer was led by Bro. Milo Miller.

The meeting concluded and was adjourned at 12:45 PM for lunch.

Bro. LT.. Woodall, Moderator

Sis. Wanda Kellett, Clerk

HOPEWELL NO. 2 ASSOCIATION
SECOND QUARTER, 1994 - 1995
NOVEMBER / DECEMBER / JANUARY
TREASURER'S REPORT

CHURCH	TOTAL RECEIVED	STATE CO-OP	F + S + H MISSIONS	REP FEE	HILLSDALE	CAMP GROUND	GENERAL FUND
COUNTYLINE	\$144.00	\$86.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$28.80	\$28.80
COUNTRYSIDE	\$140.00	\$45.00	\$65.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
HEAVEN BOUND	\$490.71	\$222.42	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$74.15	\$74.14
GRACE	\$297.73	\$178.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$59.55	\$59.55
LAWTON	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
LONE GROVE	\$83.63	\$50.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16.73	\$16.73
MIDWAY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
STOBTOWN	\$91.06	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$76.06	\$15.00
TOTALS	\$1,247.13	\$582.62	\$185.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$270.29	\$209.22

BEGINNING BALANCE ON HAND - OCTOBER 31, 1994

\$1,615.25

INCOME FROM CHURCHES

\$1,247.13

EXPENSES:

STATE CO-OP
CAMP GROUND

\$885.94
\$269.75

LESS EXPENSES

\$1,155.69

ENDING BALANCE ON HAND - JANUARY 31, 1995

\$1,706.69

CAMP GROUND TREASURER'S REPORT
NOVEMBER, 1994 - JANUARY, 1995

BALANCE FORWARD		\$2,072.05
INCOME		
DEPOSITS	\$408.05	
SUB-TOTAL		\$2,480.10
EXPENSES		
O G & E	\$109.29	
WATER	\$30.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$139.29	
ENDING BALANCE	2-10-95	\$2,340.81
PREPARED BY:	TERRY PIERSON	

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING

May 12 - 13, 1995

On Friday, May 12, 1995 at 7:30 PM, the Hopewell No. 2 Association met for evening worship at the Stobtown Free Will Baptist Church.

The services were opened by Bro. Myrl Kellett and prayer was led by Bro. Harold Robinson. The congregational singing was led by Bro. David Gardner with Sis. Vala Robinson at the piano. The songs were: "I'll Fly Away", "Mansion Over The Hilltop", "Just Over In Gloryland" and "O How I Love Jesus". An altar of prayer was led by Bro. David Gardner.

Special singing by the Hatton Brothers - "I Shall Not Be Moved", Sis. Imogene Woodall - "Will You Be Among The Missing?", Bro. & Sis. Harold Robinson - "A Child Of The King", Sis. Shelia Rooker - "Consider The Lilies" and Bro. David Gardner - "I'm A Father, Too".

Bro. L. T. Woodall brought the message from Exodus 40 : 33 - 38. It was entitled "Home Place For The Holy Ghost". The message was concluded in prayer. The service was dismissed in prayer by Bro. David Gardner.

On Saturday, May 13, 1995 at 9:30 AM, Bro. L. T. Woodall opened the business into session. All congregational songs were led by Bro. Don Zickefoose with Sis. Vala Robinson at the piano. The opening songs were "When We All Get To Heaven" and "Victory In Jesus".

Bro. Beryl Blair led in prayer. Bro. David Gardner brought a devotional from I Corinthians 13 : 11 - 13.

Letters were read and received from 8 churches. The right hand of fellowship was given to the delegates, while singing "When I See The Blood".

Motion carried to receive the minutes.

Motion carried to receive the petitionary letter from the Countyline Church to examine Bro. Ronnie Inmon to be ordained as a deacon.

Motion carried to receive the petitionary letter from the Countryside Church to examine Bro. Carroll Milner to come into fellowship of the association. (Bro. Milner was unable to attend the meeting due to sickness.)

Motion carried to receive the letter from Todd Trollinger and accept his resignation from the Camp Ground Board and as Assistant Youth Camp Director.

Motion carried to receive the letter from Bro. Gary Newnum and accept his ordination papers and place them on file.

Motion carried to receive the letter from Bro. Jack Richey thanking the association for their contributions to the Oklahoma City Bombing Relief Fund. There was a moment of silent prayer for the victims and was concluded by Bro. Bill Holder.

Rules of order were read by Bro. Myrl Kellett.

Appointment of committees were as follows:

DIVINE: 1) Sis. Nadine Nix, 2) Sis. Audra Francis, 3) Bro. Cecil Janz

RESOLUTION: 1) Sis. Rhonda Addington, 2) Bro. Bill Holder, 3) Sis.

Donna Gothard

TEMPERANCE: 1) Sis. Amanda Teafatiller, 2) Bro. Von Colvin, 3) Sis.

Alice Spurgin

OBITUARY: 1) Sis. Barbara Davis, 2) Bro. Loray Spurgin, 3) Bro.

Johnnie Hamilton

The speaker chosen for the morning worship was Bro. Bill Holder.

Motion carried to receive the Treasurer's report given by Bro. Loray Spurgin with a balance on hand of \$2,087.68.

No Camp Ground Treasurer's Report.

Motion carried to receive the Camp Ground Board and Executive Board report done on April 27, 1995, and to receive it item by item.

Motion carried to receive the letter of resignation from Bro. Darryl Robinson as Youth Camp Director.

Motion carried that the Camp Ground Policy # 14 (No smoking of cigarettes or use of tobacco is permitted on the Camp Ground) be brought to the floor next association meeting on May 13 to emphasize to all churches that this rule applies to everyone - children and adults alike.

Motion carried that the Youth Camp Dress Code also apply to everyone.

Motion carried to recommend that the association carry on business as voted on at the first quarterly meeting as given by the Resolution Committee.

Bro. Jimmy Holbrook can not be the Youth Camp Evangelist. The alternate, Bro. Brad Utley, will be the evangelist.

Bro. Tom Stanley led in prayer for the 15 minute break at 10:45 AM.

Business resumed at 11:05 AM with singing "Take My Hand Precious Lord". Prayer was led by Bro. Troy Lewellen.

Motion carried to elect Bro. Jimmy & Sis. Janetta Tate as Youth Camp Directors with Bro. Craig & Sis. Cecile Adams as Assistants.

Motion carried to untangle the Parliamentary election. Sis. Wanda Kellett was elected until the August annual meeting.

Bro. Dale Howell was asked to serve on the Credential Board for this session in place of Bro. L. T. Woodall. Bro. Ronnie Inmon was examined and found sound in doctrine and was recommended for ordination as deacon. This recommendation was signed by Bro. Myrl Kellett, Bro. Don Zickefoose, Bro. Dale Howell and Bro. David Gardner.

Motion carried to receive the Resolution Committee report to conduct ourselves in a Christian manner, wherever we may be, knowing no one lives or no one dies to himself; to encourage our children in public schools to stand for Christ and to pray for our children who are growing up in very difficult times.

Motion carried to receive the Temperance Committee recommendation that the churches have a sincere consciousness about Sunday School attendance and to have a prayerful contact with our Lord, giving thanks always for His blessings, praying for our pastors and being a faithful witness. Scripture given was Hebrews 10 : 25.

Motion carried to receive the Obituary Committee report of these deaths: Sis. Patsy Blair - Grace, Fontella Nail, Stobtown, R. L. Woods - County Line and Dorothy Yoder - Lawton. A moment of silent prayer was concluded by Bro. Loray Spurgin.

Reminder: That the May, 1996 meeting be set so it will not fall on Mother's Day weekend.

The election of officers were as follows:

Camp Ground Board, 3 Year:

Bro. Jimmy Tate

Camp Ground Board, 4 Year:

Bro. David Gardner

Bro. Cecil Janz dismissed in prayer from the business session.

The worship service began at 11:55 AM with Bro. L. T. Woodall leading the services.

Congregational songs were: "O What A Savior" and "When The Saints Go Marching In". Bro. Sam Staggs led in prayer.

Special songs were: Sis. Anna Janz - "If I Could Hear My Mother Pray Again", Sis. Rhonda Addington - "A Rich Man Am I" and Sis. Cecile Adams - "Not Too Far From Here".

Bro. Bill Holder brought the message from I Corinthians 1 : 18, Romans 12 : 1 - 2, Hebrews 12 : 1 - 2 and Galations 2 : 20.

Sis. Frances Lewellen led in prayer. The message was entitled "The Preaching of the Cross".

Bro. David Gardner led in an altar of prayer for the dismissal.

Motion carried to adjourn. Lunch was served and a time of fellowship.

Bro. LT.. Woodall, Moderator

Sis. Wanda Kellett, Clerk

HOPEWELL NO. 2 ASSOCIATION
THIRD QUARTER, 1995
FEBRUARY / MARCH / APRIL
TREASURER'S REPORT

CHURCH	TOTAL RECEIVED	STATE CO-OP	F + S + H MISSIONS	RED CROSS	HILLSDALE	CAMP GROUND	GENERAL FUND
COUNTYLINE	\$260.45	\$156.27	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$52.09	\$52.09
COUNTRYSIDE	\$261.40	\$50.64	\$30.00	\$47.00	\$100.00	\$16.88	\$16.88
HEAVEN BOUND	\$326.95	\$142.17	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$47.39	\$47.39
GRACE	\$476.04	\$285.62	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$95.21	\$95.21
LAWTON	\$777.10	\$174.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$212.10	\$183.00	\$108.00
LONE GROVE	\$206.73	\$136.03	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35.35	\$35.35
MIDWAY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
STOBTOWN	\$86.61	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$71.61	\$15.00
TOTALS	\$2,395.28	\$944.73	\$220.00	\$47.00	\$312.10	\$501.53	\$369.92

NOTE: QUARTERLY MEETING OFFERING - \$68.91 TO GEORGE HARVEY

BEGINNING BALANCE ON HAND - JANUARY 31, 1995

\$1,706.69

INCOME FROM CHURCHES

\$2,395.28

EXPENSES:

STATE CO-OP	\$1,579.34
CAMP GROUND	\$386.47
CLERK BRIEFCASE	\$48.48

LESS EXPENSES

\$2,014.29

ENDING BALANCE ON HAND APRIL 30, 1995

\$2,087.68

63RD ANNUAL ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING

August 11 - 12, 1995

Countryside

The Associational Revival began August 7 with Rev. Mark Barnes as the Evangelist. The theme for the revival was "New Wine In New Vessels", taken from Mark 2 : 21 - 22. On Monday night, four churches were represented with a total of 34 in attendance. On Tuesday, there were seven churches with 48 in attendance. A love offering of \$98.41 was collected. On Wednesday, there were four churches with 35 in attendance. On Thursday, there were five churches with 48 in attendance. The message "New Wine In The Church" was preached from Mark 2 : 21, Matthew 16 : 13 - 19, Ephesians 1 : 15 - 23, Matthew 21 : 12 - 17 and Acts 12 : 5 - 10. One young man, Shane Miller, was Born Again. There was a wonderful spirit during the services. A love offering of \$54.97 was collected. Total love offerings were \$153.38. The Association gave \$400.00, bringing the total given to Bro. Barnes of \$553.38.

On Friday, August 11 at 7:30 PM, the yearly Association opened with Bro. L. T. Woodall leading the services. Sis. Cleo Spurgin began the congregational singing with "I Will Serve Thee", "Heavenly Sunlight" and "Blessed Assurance", with Sis. Vala Robinson at the piano. Prayer was led by Bro. Myrl Kellett. The congregation singing concluded with "He Hideth My Soul".

Bro. Carroll Milner led in prayer.

Special singing by Bro. Don Zickefoose - "Heavenly Father, We Appreciate You", Sis. Becky McClanahan - "He's God's Only Son", Sis. Rhonda Addington - "He'll Come As No Surprise" and Sis. Imogene Woodall - "I Bowed On My Knees And Cried Holy". Bro. Rob Rooker led in prayer.

The Revival services continued with Bro. Mark Barnes, bringing the message titled "How To Have A Victorious Church" - (1) Exalt the Savior - Revelations 4 : 1 - 11, (2) Equip the Saints - Ephesians 4 : 11 - 14, (3) Evangelize the Lost - John 10 : 10 and (4) Expect the Second Coming - Titus 2 : 11 - 15. The service was concluded with an altar of prayer for all of the Association Pastors and for each church.

The dismissal prayer was led by Bro. Loray Spurgin. There was a fellowship with refreshments following the service. Six churches were represented with a total of 36 in attendance.

On Saturday, August 12, business was opened at 9:30 AM by Bro. L. T. Woodall. Bro. Myrl Kellett led in prayer. The congregation sang "Where Could I Go", led by Bro. Don Zickefoose with Sis. Vala Robinson at the piano and Sis. Diann Pierson at the organ.

Bro. Jack Richey brought a devotion from Matthew 16 : 18. He also gave a report on the State work and Hillsdale. He announced the State Meeting is to be held in Norman in October, 1995 and the 1996 State Meeting is to be held at Fountainhead.

Motion carried to receive the letters from seven churches and to seat the delegates. A right hand of fellowship was given to the delegates by the Asst. Moderator, Bro. Myrl Kellett.

Motion carried to receive the Minutes as read.

A Petitionary letter was received from Midway informing the Association that Bro. Kenneth Glenn was being set aside as a Deacon, to be on trial for one year, ending in May, 1996.

A prayer request was made by the Countyline Church for all Churches to have a marvelous, fruitful harvest in winning souls for the Kingdom of God, in the coming year.

Bro. Myrl Kellett read the Rules of Order.

Visitors were invited to be seated in council. Bro. Chuck Newell, the new pastor of Midway, was given a special welcome.

Appointment of committees were as follows:

OBITUARY: 1) Sis. Nadine Nix, 2) Bro. Von Colvin, 3) Bro. Cecil Janz

RESOLUTION: 1) Sis. Elsie Garrett, 2) Sis. Alice Spurgin, 3) Bro. Rob Rooker

TEMPERANCE: 1) Bro. Darryl Robinson, 2) Sis. Diann Pierson, 3) Bro. Gilbert Gardner.

Motion carried to receive the Treasurer's Report with a balance on hand of \$2,455.75, given by Bro. Loray Spurgin.

Motion carried to receive the Camp Ground Treasurer's report with a balance on hand of \$2,270.16, given by Bro. Terry Pierson.

Motion carried to receive the Youth Camp Board report of the Youth Retreat to be held on August 18 - 19 at the Youth Camp. A good report was given on the June, 1995, Youth Camp, with 64 campers, in addition to the workers. Many young people were saved and some surrendered to preach the Gospel.

New business was as follows:

Motion carried to accept Sis. Vala Robinson's resignation as the Association Pianist.

Motion carried to pay all future Youth Camp Evangelists \$400.00, beginning in 1996.

Motion carried that all monies paid to the different projects and funds of the Denomination and Association go through the Association Treasurer, such as Camp Ground, Evangelist, etc.

Motion carried to pay \$100.00 to Countryside for the utility bill expense during the revival.

Motion carried to have a 15 minute break, beginning at 10:45 am, for the committees to meet. Bro. Carroll Milner led in prayer.

Business resumed at 11:00 AM with Bro. Don Zickefoose leading the song "Heavenly Sunlight" with Sis. Vala Robinson at the piano. Prayer was led by Bro. Rob Rooker.

Motion carried to receive the Resolution Committee report and to adopt it, item by item.

1) With the beginning of the new school year, the Churches of Hopewell No. 2, should equip their young people in the proper moral standards and conduct, as a Child of the King. Each one remembering that we are Ambassadors to a lost world.

2) That each church make an effort to elect Sunday School Teachers, who are qualified and who exhibit a desire to teach Sunday School.

Motion carried to receive the Temperance Committee report as follows: Encourage the churches to be more involved in the Association work (revivals, camp, etc.), State work and National work. Free Will Baptists are a great and huge family. We should be determined to be a bigger part of it.

Motion carried to receive the Obituary Committee report of these deaths: Myrtle Norton and Dent Norton - Countryside and Ivy Pruitt - Countyline.

Motion carried to receive the Credential Broad's recommendation that they found Bro. Carroll Milner sound in faith and doctrine and that he be received into the Hopewell No. 2 Association, with a letter of recommendation from his current Association. Signed: Bro. Myrl Kellett, Bro. Don Zickefoose and Bro. L. T. Woodall.

Motion carried not to elect an Association Pianist.

Announcement was made by the Woman's Auxiliary President, Sis. Shelia Rooker, that all dues must be in by September 1, 1995, to Sis. Frances Lewellen.

Quarterly Meetings (Dates and Speakers)

November 10 - 11, 1995	Countyline	Bro. Milo Miller
February 9 - 10, 1996	Grace	Bro. Bill Holder
May 17 - 18, 1996	Heavenbound	Bro. Myrl Kellett
August 9 - 10, 1996	Countryside	Bro. Carroll Milner
(Bro. Milner is the Saturday Memorial speaker.)		
August 5 - 9, 1996	Countryside	

Motion carried to table the election of the Evangelist for the Association Revival until the November, 1995, meeting.

Let it be noted that all of these nightly meetings begin at 7:30 PM.

Youth Camp will be held June 23 - 28, 1996.

Director: Bro. Rob Rooker, 2512 SW "A" Avenue, Lawton, OK 73505
Phone: (405) 357-8755

Assistant Director: Bro. L. T. Woodall

Youth Camp Evangelist:

Bro. Jimmy Holbrook

Alternate Youth Camp Evangelist:

Bro. Mark Barnes

General Board Member to the State Meeting, 1996 will be Bro. Carroll Milner.

The election of officers were as follows:

Moderator:	Bro. L. T. Woodall
Asst. Moderator:	Bro. Myrl Kellett
Clerk:	Sis. Wanda Kellett
Asst. Clerk:	Sis. Shelia Rooker
Treasurer:	Bro. Loray Spurgin
Asst. Treasurer:	Sis. Mary Head
Reporter:	Sis. Becky Hatton
Parliamentarian:	Bro. Bill Holder
Executive Board, 5 Year:	Bro. Myrl Kellett
Credential Board, 5 Year:	Bro. Carroll Milner
Camp Ground Board, 5 Year:	Bro. J. T. McClanahan

NOTE: Each board elects their own treasurer. The 1 year man of each board is the Chairman.

Motion carried to dismiss business at 12:00 PM and go into the Worship Service. Bro. Bill Holder led the dismissal prayer.

The worship service began with singing, "Standing On The Promises", led by Bro. Terry Pierson with Sis. Vala Robinson at the piano and Sis. Diann Pierson at the organ. Bro. Chuck Newell led in prayer.

Singing was continued with "Love Lifted Me", followed by a moment of silent prayer in honor of those deceased and was concluded by Bro. Jack Richey.

Special singing was by Sis. Cathy Little - "O For A Thousand Tongues" and Sis. Imogene Woodall - "The End Of Time Is Near".

Bro. Don Zickefoose brought the message, titled "The Promise of Eternal Life", taken from John 3 : 16, I Thessalonians 4 : 13 - 18, 5 : 1 - 6 and II Peter 3 : 9.

We adjourned at 12:45 PM, with Bro. Troy Lewellen praying the benediction.

Bro. L. T. Woodall, Moderator
Sis. Wanda Kellett, Clerk

HOPEWELL NO. 2 ASSOCIATION
FOURTH QUARTER, 1995
MAY / JUNE / JULY
TREASURER'S REPORT

CHURCH	TOTAL RECEIVED	STATE CO-OP	F + S + H MISSIONS	OTHER	HILLSDALE	CAMP GROUND	GENERAL FUND
COUNTYLINE	\$415.50	\$90.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$155.10	\$170.10
COUNTRYSIDE	\$325.20	\$36.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$137.00	\$152.00
HEAVEN BOUND	\$318.95	\$92.37	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$155.79	\$30.79
GRACE	\$354.78	\$212.86	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$70.96	\$70.96
LAWTON	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
LONE GROVE	\$242.64	\$70.58	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$148.53	\$23.53
MIDWAY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
STOBTOWN	\$87.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$72.97	\$15.00
TOTALS	\$1,745.04	\$502.31	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$740.35	\$462.38

BEGINNING BALANCE ON HAND - APRIL 30, 1995

\$2,087.68

INCOME FROM CHURCHES

\$1,745.04

EXPENSES:

STATE CO-OP
CAMP GROUND

\$519.99
\$856.98

LESS EXPENSES

\$1,376.97

ENDING BALANCE ON HAND APRIL 30, 1995

\$2,455.75

CAMP GROUND TREASURER'S REPORT
FEBRUARY, 1995 - JULY, 1995

BALANCE FORWARD		\$2,340.81
INCOME		
DEPOSITS	\$2,262.88	
SUB-TOTAL		\$4,603.69
EXPENSES		
O G & E	\$369.95	
WATER	\$103.75	
G. WHITE - LUMBER	\$13.47	
BRAD UTLEY - EVANG.	\$300.00	
ANDY'S LP GAS	\$83.75	
FOOD & SUPPLIES	\$1,251.37	
PA SYSTEM	\$150.00	
ICE	\$61.24	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,333.53	
ENDING BALANCE	8-12-95	\$2,270.16
PREPARED BY:	TERRY PIERSON	

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 debated 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 have first been discussed in its own church.
9. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two (2) 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 members 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 (2) 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 distinctly be 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, read and received
4. Right hand of fellowship and seating of the delegates
5. Reading of the Minutes
6. Petitionary letters called for
7. Reading of the 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 related 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 THE 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 know as the Hopewell No. 2 Association of Free Will Baptist of the State of Oklahoma. It shall meet four times each year with the 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 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, Treasurer and 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 and 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 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 (3) 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 ministers 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.

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 Baptists 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 the 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 Associational Officers and Board Members, all ordained ministers and their wives, all ordained deacons and their wives, local church clerks and three (3) 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 questions.
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 fifteen (15) cents 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 \$90.00 is to be sent to the Annual Session of this Association. (\$40.00 for printing of the minutes, \$25.00 for the State Delegate fee and \$25.00 for 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 (3) 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 is glorified as our ever-present Savior 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 WORKS OF SALVATION - The conditions of salvation are:
 - A. The Repentance of sincere sorrow for sin and the hearty renunciation.
 - B. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Savior 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.
 - C. 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 IS 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 (Matthew 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." - I Corinthians 16 : 2.

16. THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH - The divine law requires that one day in seven (7) 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 Savior 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 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 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 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 Baptists, 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 renewed annually 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. 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 make 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 that "laying on of hands" as signifying the candidate's call to the Gospel ministry.

THE MEANING OF ORDINATION

There are some groups that do not practice any kind of official "ordination". Free Will Baptists 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 Baptists 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 the ordination procedure, there are really two levels of direct responsibility in ordination: the local church - primary, and 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. 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. 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 himself 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 to 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. Caution should be followed so that two definite responsibilities are observed.

- A. 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.
- B. 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 2:

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.

GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS OF CHARACTER AND CONDUCT

The earlier portion of this booklet has made clear that the primary requirement 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 possess the gift and calling of God.

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.

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 Timothy 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.

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 this 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.

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 can not 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.

THE CANDIDATE'S SEX

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

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 be sufficient, but the trend now in many areas is to go to some type of written examination covering Biblical concepts.

Such examinations, whether written or oral, should cover:

- A. Knowledge of general Biblical facts
- B. Ability to explain basic Biblical concepts.

In order to cover these matters well, such examinations have to be carefully planned. The ordainers should have recommendations about specific studies the candidate can get involved in to prepare him for the 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 one these counts:

- A. That the candidate is doctrinally sound and holds a clear-cut position in agreement with basic fundamentals of Christianity.
- B. That the candidate is denominationally sound and holds a clear-cut position in agreement with the distinctive doctrines of the Free Will Baptist denomination.
- C. That the candidate not only know the right words, but understands and can satisfactorily explain the doctrines involved in the two areas just mentioned.

