

MIDESSA DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

OF

FREE WILL BAPTIST

LUBBOCK

ABILENE

SEMINOLE

MIDLAND

ANDREWS

ODESSA BIBLE

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ODESSA FIRST

DIGEST

OF

REPORTS

SEPTEMBER 9, 1972-SEPTEMBER 8, 1973

"THE LAND WHITHER YE GO TO POSSESS IT IS
A LAND OF HILLS AND VALLEYS AND DRINKETH
WATER OF THE RAIN OF HEAVEN: A LAND
WHICH THE LORD THY GOD CARETH FOR: THE
EYES OF THE LORD ARE ALWAYS UPON IT, FROM
THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR EVEN UNTO THE
END OF THE YEAR." (DEUT. 11: 11,12.)



FREE WILL BAPTIST
BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented By

Rev. Thurmon Murphy

Midessa District Association
Of
Free Will Baptists
1973-1974
OFFICERS

Moderator-----	Lionel Cooksey
Assistant Moderator-----	Glen Hood
Clerk-----	Bettye Hobbs
Treasurer-----	Weldon Huston
Parliamentarian-----	Gene Mowery
Assistant Clerk-----	Gerrie Harmon

BOARDS

Executive Board	4 Years	Kenneth Edwards
	3 Years	David Sellers
	2 Years	Gene McCowan
	1 Year	W.H. Johnson
Credential Board	3 Years	Bill Harmon
	2 Years	Gene McCowan
	1 Year	Jim Qualls
Home Mission Board	3 Years	James Reddick
	2 Years	Glen Wood
	1 Year	Ted Nolte
Sunday School Board	3 Years	Dora Johnson
	2 Years	Ethel Sellers
	1 Year	Neva Woody
Church Training Service	3 Years	R.E. Lunsford
	2 Years	Bettye Hobbs
	1 Year	Greeta Cooksey
Board of Trustees		Boyd Phillips
		David Sellers
		Ray Wood
Auditing Committee	3 Years	W.H. Johnson
	2 Years	Keith Woody
	1 Year	Gene McCowan
Resolutions Committee	3 Years	Doris Archer
	2 Years	Nadine Hood
	1 Year	Ethel Sellers
C.T.S. Director		Pat Cates
Temperance Committee	3 Years	Marie Smart
	2 Years	Rayford Ziegler
	1 Year	Elizabeth McCowan
Obituary Committee	3 Years	Barbara Mizzles
	2 Years	Zanette Mowery
	1 Year	Ruby Stout

CHURCHES, PASTORS AND CLERKS

Abilene Free Will Baptist Mission
1717 Butternut Abilene, Texas-----

Missionary-Pastor Robert Scroggins
5397 S. Seventh St.-----692-8315

Clerk- Pat Scroggins
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Bible Free Will Baptist Church
4700 Bryan Road Odessa, Texas 79760-----366-6870

Pastor-Troy L. Dobbs
1419 N. Lauderdale Odessa, Texas 79763-----333-2289

Clerk-Doris Archer
Rt 2 Box 525 Odessa, Texas 79763-----381-0606

First Free Will Baptist Church
1015 West Campbell Kermit, Texas 79745-----586-2594

Pastor-James Reddick
1015 West Campbell Kermit, Texas 79745-----586-2594

Clerk-Lara Allen
230 N. Main Kermit, Texas 79745-----

Faith Free Will Baptist Church
409 S.E. Ave. C. Andrews, Texas 79714-----

Pastor-E.H. Roberts
709 Parker Andrews, Texas 79714-----

Clerk-Ethel Sellers
Box 1950 Andrews, Texas 79714-----523-2328

First Free Will Baptist Church
2203 W. 7th Odessa, Texas 79760-----332-4173

Pastor-Thurman Murphy
2513 Cambridge St. Odessa, Texas 79760-----362-7907

Clerk-Ruby Stout
2021 W. 8th Odessa, Texas-----3376002

Westside Free Will Baptist Church
4031 West Illinois Midland, Texas 79701-----697-1521

Pastor-Glen Hood
4726 Leisure Dr. Midland, Texas 79701-----694-0794

Clerk- Geraldine Harmon
#4 Keenland Midland, Texas 79701-----694-1002

First Free Will Baptist Church
504 N.V.Ave. F. Seminole, Texas 79360-----758-5690

Pastor-Ernie Hale
510 N.W.Ave.F. Seminole, Texas 79360-----

Clerk-Della Richie
Rt 4 Box 450 Seminole, Texas 79360-----

First Free Will Baptist Church
4424 35th St. Lubbock, Texas-----792-4006

Pastor-Keth Woody
4506 45th St. Lubbock, Texas 79414-----797-2556

Clerk-Billie Lee
1506 27th Lubbock, Texas-----

Address & Phone Numbers of Officers
& Chairmen

Rev. & Mrs Lionel Cooksey
1926 Anderson Abilene, Texas 79603-----673-9559

Rev. & Mrs Glen Hood
4726 Leisure Dr. Midland, Texas 79701-----697-1521

Rev. & Mrs Keith Woody
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Rev. James Reddick
1015 West Campbell Kermit, Texas 79745-----586-2594

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Bill & Dora Johnson
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David & Ethel Sellers
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Eugene & Elizabeth McCowan
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Bill & Geraldine Harmon
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Bettye Hobbs
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Rayford Ziegler
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Doris Archer
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Pat Cates
1215 West Montgomery Midland, Texas 79701-----632-4711

Marie Smart
904 East 25th St. Odessa, Texas 79760-----362-1565

Gene & Zanette Mowery
4606 47th Lubbock, Texas 79414-----792-2431

Ruby Stout
2021 West 8th Odessa, Texas 79760-----337-6002

Barbara Lizzles
3900 Cedar Springs Midland, Texas 79701-----694-7334

Ted Nolte
2420 38th St. Lubbock, Texas 79412-----799-6271

Rev. James Qualls
1909 E. 12th St. Odessa, Texas 79760-----332-6203

Kenneth Edwards
Kermit, Texas 79745-----

Deacons

Bible Church, Odessa- Wesley Bray, R.E. Ziegler, Cecil Qualls
Faith Church, Andrews- David Sellers
First Church, Kermit- E.A. Fielding, David Sumpter
First Church, Odessa- Glen Wood, Ray Wood, Boyd Phillips, Weldon Huston
First Church, Seminole- Eugene McCowan
First Church, Lubbock- Thayer Nolte, Gene Mowery, Ray Cox
Westside Church, Midland- Sherman North, Bill Johnson, Bill Harmon
Abilene Mission, Abilene- Paul Gillentine

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE
MIDESSA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

PREAMBLE

To the end that all things may be done decently and in order, and that we may more readily help each other in our Christian service as members of the Midessa Association of Free Will Baptists. We adopt the following Constitution and By-Laws as methods of our work.

ARTICLE I

NAME AND OBJECT

Section I Name-The Midessa Association of Free Will Baptists.

Section II-This Association, believing in the inspired Word of God, and as the sole rule of faith and practice, and acknowledging it's adherence to all the teachings of Christ, is organized for the purpose of the worship of God according to the teachings of His Word, to practice the precepts and examples of the church of our Lord Jesus Christ as set forth in the New Testament, to sustain the ordinances and doctrines, and to preach and propagate among all people of the earth the Gospel of God's salvation by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.

ARTICLE II

ASSOCIATIONAL AFFILIATION

Section II-This local body of Free Will Baptist shall be a member of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptist, and the National Association of Free Will Baptist, and shall report regularly by delegation and any necessary letters.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Section I-No church shall be accepted as a member of this Association in any manner without the will of the body duly expressed by its vote.

Section II-The geographical location of this Association, using Midland as the center, shall be; North to Lubbock, East to Sweetwater, Southeast to Sonora and San Angelo, South to Sheffield, Southwest to Ft. Stockton, West to Pecos and Northwest to the New Mexico State line.

Section III-Any church, doctrinally sound, approved by the Credentials Committee, within the above named locality, and complying with and endorsing this Constitution and By-Laws, and meeting the approval of the General Body when in session, may be accepted.

Section IV-Each Church may be represented by delegation according to the following basis:

Church-----2 delegates
Sunday School-----1 delegate
Church Training Service-----1 delegate

Womans Auxiliary-----1 Delegate
Masters Men or Brotherhood---1 Delegate
Total: 6 Delegates

No church shall exceed 6 Delegates.

Section V-All ordained personnel and all chairmen of boards, or their proxies, pastor's wives and deacon's wives in good standing with their local church and association, shall have a standing vote.

Section VI-Each delegation shall be qualified upon presenting to the Association, through the Credentials Committee, an authorized statistical letter signed by the pastor (or moderator) and church clerk, together with the stipulated associational dues. Failure to present the proper credentials shall disqualify delegation.

Section VII-New churches wishing to become members of this Association shall present such petitionary letters as shall be authorized by the body.

Section VIII-Upon the adoption of the report of the Credentials Committee, the delegates may be seated. Manner of seating the delegates shall be left to the discretion of the moderator.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

Section I-The officers of the Association shall be: Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, and Chairman of Standing Boards or their proxies.

Section II-It shall be the duty of the moderator to call the Association to order and to preside over all sessions thereof. In the absence of the moderator, the Assistant Moderator shall Preside, or in his absence, the Clerk or the senior minister shall preside until the election of a Moderator Pro tem. Between sessions, the Moderator is chairman of the Executive Committee.

Section III-It shall be the duty of the Assistant Moderator to assist the Moderator in maintaining order and preside over the Association in his Absence or at request.

Section IV-It shall be the duty of the Clerk to make and keep accurate records of all sessions of the Association, to have copies of the minutes printed and distributed to the churches comprising this Association to make and keep good and accurate records of all meetings of the Executive Committee, and to enter the same in the minutes of the next session of this Association. Between sessions, the clerk is secretary of the Executive Committee.

Section V-It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds paid or donated to the Association and to make duly authorized disbursements; to make and keep a good and accurate record of all funds received and disbursed, and to report the same to the Association at the annual session. Between sessions, he is a member of the Executive Committee.

Section VI-it shall be the duty of the Parliamentarian to familiarize himself with the Parliamentary Law recognized by the Association, and to be ready to dispose of any point of order that be referred to him.

Section VII-The Officers of the Association shall be elected at the beginning of each annual session and shall assume office at the close of the session at which they were elected.

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS

Section I-This Association shall have four meetings a year. They shall be as follows:

- 1.The Friday night and Saturday before the second Sunday in December.
- 2.The Friday night and Saturday before the second Sunday in March.
- 3.The Friday night and Saturday before the second Sunday in June.
- 4.The Friday night and Saturday before the second Sunday in September.

Section II-In December, March and June meetings, a quarterly report shall be given by all churches. In the September meeting, a quarterly report and an annual report shall be given by all churches.

Section III-The delegation from 50% of the membership churches shall constitute a quorum.

Section IV-The place of meeting shall be selected by majority vote of all members present; however, no invitation will be accepted by the Association unless it is written into the letter by authority of the church.

ARTICLE VI

FINANCE

Section I-Each church shall send \$10.00 in each regular meeting of this Association.

Section II-Each church must support the plan endorsed by the National Association of Free Will Baptists. The present plan being the Cooperative Plan which is 10% of the gross income of each church. This money shall be directed to this Association's Treasurer, and he in turn shall act according to the District Budget set at each annual meeting, or otherwise as directed by the District in the allocation of district monies.

Section III-Allocation of Associational monies:

- 1.Executive Committee.
- 2.Standing Boards and Committees.
- 3.Associational expense: Minutes, State and National dues, expense of district delegates to State Association, when not held in local district and any other need directed by this Association.

ARTICLE VII

STANDING COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Section I-Executive Board: This Board shall consist of nine members who shall be as follows: Five members shall be officers of the Association..They shall be Moderator, as chairman, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk and the Treasurer. The other four members shall be elected by the body. At least two of these from the laity. They shall be elected in such a way as to require one to be elected each year. To this Board is delegated power to act in behalf of and for this Association between regular sessions. This Board has the right to execute discipline in regards to any church that they may deem necessary. The Board shall have power to fill vacancies that may occur in its own body.

Section II-Board of Trustees: This Board shall consist of three members. They shall hold office at the will of this Association. They shall control any property entrusted to this Association.

Section III-Credential Board: There shall be three members elected from ordained personnel belonging to this Association. They shall examine all credentials and give any necessary examinations. This Board shall issue Minister's cards to those in good standing. They shall be elected in such a way as to require one to be elected each year.

Section IV-Church Training Service-This Board shall have three members. They shall be responsible for the Church Training Service Program of this Association. They shall be elected by the body in such a way as to require one member each year to be elected.

Section V-Sunday School Board: This Board shall have three members. They shall be responsible for the Sunday School Program of this Association. They shall be elected by the body in such a way as to require one member to be elected each year.

Section VI-Home Mission Board: This Board shall have three members. They shall be responsible for all Home Mission work of this Association. They shall be elected by the body in such a way as to require one member to be elected each year.

Section VII-The Standing Committees shall be: Resolutions, Obituary, Temperance and Auditing Committee. Each of these committees shall have three members who shall be elected on the same basis as the Standing Boards.

BY-LAWS

1. The Moderator or Assistant Moderator, or in their absence, the oldest minister present shall call the Association into conference.
2. Each session shall be opened and closed with prayer.
3. Visiting brethren are invited to sit as advisory members.
4. Those who speak shall arise and address the Moderator. Personal reflections shall be avoided in all debates.

5. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and a vote taken.
6. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded.
7. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the Moderator.
8. The Moderator shall not allow discussion when not carried on in a christian spirit.
9. The ruling of the Moderator may be over-ruled by a two-thirds majority of the members voting.
10. No questions from any church shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it has first been discussed in it's own church.
11. At each Association, arrangements shall be made to insure two or more sermons or their equivalent devotional exercises each day.
12. Any church leaving the District for any cause if said church owes the Midessa District Association any money, midessa District must first be paid in full before said church is released.
13. Any Minister or Deacon who becomes un-orthodox in the Free Will Baptist faith and practices, or in his conduct, shall be dealt with by the Executive Board of the Association, and if he is proven guilty, will turn his credentials over to the Executive Board until such a time that they may lawfully be redeemed.
14. Petitioning churches must read this Constitution and By-Laws to their respective churches before admission to this body.
15. This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of this Association, provided it carries a two-thirds majority of all voting members present. Proposed changes must be in writing, and submitted by three or more elected or standing delegates, and given to the Credentials Board, who shall present it along with church letters. The proposed change shall be tabled as the last item of business, thus allowing everyone time to think and discuss said proposed change.
16. Written examinations shall be required by any candidate for license or ordination in this Association, or any church belonging to this Association.
17. If any church has not complied with this Constitution in every way, they shall be subject to automatic dismissal from this Association and that the Executive Board with the Credential Board shall make their recommendation to the Association.
18. Each church must meet their financial obligations as nearly as possible on the first of each month.

19. Deacons must be on trial for a full six months. Ministers on trial for a full year.
20. No person shall be ordained who does not believe in and practice tithing.
21. Based on I Timothy 3:2,12 "A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach."
"Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well."
22. No ordained person shall officiate in this Association if he or his wife has two living companions.
23. Any Minister or Deacon in violation of By-Law 22 will forfeit his credentials with the exception of those presently ordained.

MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 9, 1972

The Midessa District Association Quarterly Meeting met in session September 9, 1972 at First Free Will Baptist Church in Lubbock, Texas.

The session began with congregational singing led by Brother Gary Tune with Sister Frances Taylor at the piano.

Special guests-Brother Alan Moore, State Moderator, Sister Alan Moore, Brother Bill Jones, Hillsdale Bible College President in Moore, Oklahoma and Brother and Sister Jim Cearley, were welcomed by the Moderator, Brother Lionel Cooksey.

Brother Alan Moore led our hearts in prayer.

Brother Lionel Cooksey welcomed the congregation and read scripture from Matthew 5:3-16. Brother Cooksey led the congregation in prayer.

Brother Glen Hood recognized the standing delegates.

Brother Bill Harmon gave a partial Credential Report.

6 Churches reported with \$60.00 in the church letters.

Motion carried to receive the partial report.

The accredited delegates were seated.

Brother Sherman North was appointed to serve on the Credential Board for this session.

Brother Bill Johnson gave the devotion, "Go and Teach." Scripture text was Matthew 28.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Brother Weldon Huston. Report accepted. Bank balance \$382.77 Youth Fund balance \$526.03
Savings Account balance \$4423.27.

The Executive Board Report was given by Sister North.

A recommendation was made to extend boundaries on the east to include Abilene. Motion carried to table this item of business until the close of this session.

The Sunday School Report was given by Sister Dora Johnson.

Enrollment 324 New Members 31 Dropped 29
Depts 15 Classes 41 Grade 72 Contacts 3,246
Offering \$3,362.49 Attendance 47

Submitted by,

Dora Johnson, Neva Woody, Ethel Sellers

Motion carried to receive it.

The C.T.S. Report was given by Sister Pat Cates.

Enrollment 188 No. of C.T.S. 24 Attendance 153
Offering \$486.22 Dropped 6 Grade 73

Submitted by,

Dutch Lunsford, Bettye Hobbs, Greeta Cooksey, Pat Cates

Motion carried to receive it.

Delegates reporting late from Westside Church were recognized and seated.

Auditing Committee reported books were audited and found in good order. Motion carried to receive it.

Resolutions Report was given by Sister Nadine Hood and voted on item by item.

1. Be it resolved that we have a Youth Camp for our district. Motion carried.
2. Be it resolved that the Moderator and Assistant Moderator of our district be instructed to locate a camp to rent and report back to the next quarterly meeting. Motion carried.
3. Be it resolved that Nadine Hood, Greeta Cooksey, Juanell Potter and Barbara Hamman serve on a committee to draw up rules and curriculum for the camp. Motion carried.
4. Be it resolved that we give Hillsdale Free Will Baptist Bible College \$150.00. Motion Carried.
5. Be it resolved that we give the Texas State Association \$80.00 to reimburse Brother Alan Moore's expenses to our district. Motion carried.
6. Be it resolved that we give Lubbock a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Ethel Sellers, Nadine Hood, Doris Archer

Motion carried to receive Home Mission Report given by Brother Dutch Lunsford.

An additional Credentials Report was given by Brother Harmon and voted on item by item.

1. The Westside Free Will Baptist Church in Midland, Texas requests that Tim Layman be examined for a minister's license, to be on trial for one year. Motion carried.
2. The Lubbock Free Will Baptist Church requests that Thayer

- Nolte and Gene Mowery be examined for the office of deacon. Motion carried.
3. The Bible Church of Odessa, Texas requests the next quarterly meeting. Motion carried.
 4. The Lubbock Church requests that Gary Tune be examined for deaconship to be on trial for six months. Motion carried.
 5. Thayer Nolte and Gene Mowery have been examined and we recommend them to their church to be ordained as deacons. Gary Tune has been examined for the six months trial as deacon. Motion carried. Submitted by,
Will C. Harmon, Cecil Qualls, Sherman North

Brother Alan Moore, Texas State Moderator, brought words of exhortation concerning the state work and admonishing each local church to make commitments concerning the State Executive Secretary's salary. Motion carried that the executive Board work out something concerning what we give toward this promotional work.

Brother Bill Jones enlightened the congregation on things concerning Hillsdale Bible College and the Ministerial Preparation Course.

Motion carried that the district pay .06¢ a mile car expense to the ministers who have been holding the revivals in this district.

Motion carried that we lift item from the table and vote on it.

Motion carried that we extend the boundaries of our district to include Abilene.

Motion to adjourn business.

After recess, Brother Gene Mowery led the congregation in singing. Brother David Sellers led in prayer.

Brother Keith Woody introduced the speaker of the hour, Brother Jim Cearley, Dean of Men, Hillsdale Bible College.

The ministers quartet sang "What a Day That Will Be."
The scripture text was taken from Exodus 10:8-11. "Let Us Go and Serve The Lord." This was a stirring message for each of us.

Brother Glen Hood asked the blessing on the food and the session was dismissed in prayer.

Clerk,
Ila North

MINUTES
DECEMBER 9, 1972

The Midessa District Association Quarterly Meeting convened with The Bible Free Will Baptist Church in Odessa, Texas on December 9, 1972.

The congregation was welcomed by the Moderator, Brother Lionel Cooksey. The scripture reading was from Psalms 80:8-12.

The session was opened in prayer by Brother Troy Dobbs.

Brother Gene Lowery led the congregational singing.

Brother Glen Hood, Assistant Moderator, recognized the standing delegates and seated the delegates from each church.

Brother Rayford Ziegler brought the devotion, "Communication of Man To God."

The minutes were read and approved. The Treasurer's Report was given by Sister North. It was received as read.

The Credentials Report was given by Brother Bill Harmon.

6 Churches reported. \$60.00 in the letters.

Motion carried to receive it and vote on it item by item.

Motion carried to go to Andrews Church for the next quarterly meeting.

The Westside Free Will Baptist Church asked that the minister's license of Danny Potter and Randy Hood be extended for one year. Motion carried.

The Home Mission Report was given by Brother Dutch Lunsford.

He recommended an itinerary for Rev. Norman Richards in this district. He listed the possible dates for him to be at the churches in the district. Motion carried to receive this report.

The Sunday School Report was given by Ethel Sellers.

Enrollment 386 New Members 30 Dropped 37
No. of Dept. 24 Classes 46 Grade 52 Contacts 2,034
Offering \$3904.01 Attendance 46
Report was received as read.

The C.T.S. Report was given by Sister Pat Cates.

Enrollment 186 No. C.T.S. 23 Attendance 156
Offering \$528.97 Dropped 23 Grade 74

Submitted by,

R.E. Lunsford, Greeta Cooksey

Bettye Hobbs, Pat Cates

Motion carried to receive it.

The Resolutions Committee Report was given by Madine Hood. Motion carried to receive the report and vote on it item by item.

1. Be it resolved that we pray for those attending Free Will Baptist Colleges from our district.

Motion carried.

2. Be it resolved that we encourage the youth of our churches to attend one of the Free Will Baptist Bible Colleges. Motion carried.

3. Be it resolved that we give Odessa Bible Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Motion carried.

The Obituary Report was given by Zanette Mowery. One death reported. Pete Wiggins from the Westside Church. The report was accepted and the congregation stood for a moment of silent prayer. Brother Glen Hood led in Prayer.

The Executive Board Report was given by Sister North. Motion carried to receive it and vote on it item by item.

1. To support the State Executive Secretary. \$1400.00 for one year. Motion carried.
2. To replace Brother H.D. Baker as 3 yr. Executive Board Member with Brother Gene McCowan. Motion carried.
3. To replace Brother H.D. Baker as 2 yr. Home Mission Board member with Brother Sherman North. Brother Ted Nolte was nominated from the floor. Brother Ted Nolte was elected.
4. To replace Sister Betty Baker as 3 yr. Temperance Committee member with Brother Ted Nolte. Brother Rayford Ziegler was nominated from the floor. Brother Ziegler was elected.
5. To recommend Brother Cooksey, Moderator, be placed on checking account at the bank along with the Treasurer and that he be allowed to write a check in case of emergency. Motion carried.
6. To recommend that the two checks written by Brother Cooksey during the Treasurer change over be authorized by the body. Motion carried.

An oral Youth Camp Report was given by Sister Nadine Hood. Motion carried to receive it.

Motion carried that we have a Youth Camp at Stanton.

Motion carried that funds left over from the Youth Fund to send our contestants to the National, be placed into the Youth Camp.

Business was adjourned.

Following recess, an additional Credential Report was given by Brother Bill Harmon.

We, the Credential Board have examined Brother Troy Dobbs and find him sound in faith and doctrine of the Free Will Baptist. Motion carried to receive him into the District.

Congregational singing was led by Brother Gene Mowery with Sister Betty Thompson at the piano.

Brother Troy Dobbs brought the message of the hour. The scripture text was taken from exodus 18:13. "God is Looking For A Man." A challenge was offered to be the Man that God is looking for. An invitation was given. The Dobbs family was asked to stand before the congregation so each one could meet them.

Brother Archie Archer asked the blessing on the food and dismissed the session in prayer.

Clerk,
ILA North

MINUTES
MARCH 10, 1973

The Midessa District Association Quarterly Meeting convened with the Faith Free Will Baptist Church March 10, 1973 in Andrews, Texas.

The meeting was opened with words of welcome by Brother Lionel Cooksey. Brother David Sellers led in prayer.

Brother Gene Mowery led the congregation in singing. Brother Cooksey read the scripture from Psalms 122.

The standing delegates were recognized by Brother Glen Hood and the elected delegates were seated.

Special music was presented by the Lubbock Church.

The devotion was presented by Brother Jack Markland. His text was taken from John 4:24.

An informative report was given by Brother Alan Moore about the state work. He discussed the State Executive Secretary position. The State meeting will convene in Dallas, Texas on June 6th, 7th and 8th. Leroy Welch will serve as youth director. Raymond Riggs from Michigan will lead a youth program. Fred Warner will be the Friday morning speaker and Lonnie DeVolt will speak Friday night.

The Sunday School Report was given by Dora Johnson.
Enrollment 385 Dropped 24 Depts 17 Classes 46
Grade 68 New Members 52 Contacts 2,309
Offerings \$3,558.53 Attendance 333
Report accepted as read.

The C.T.S. Report was given by Nadine Hood.
Enrollment 190 Attendance 144 Grade 70
Offering \$406.29
Report accepted as read.

Recommendations from the C.T.S. Committee were presented and voted on item by item.

1. Each college student be given \$50.00 when they enroll in a Free Will Baptist Bible College. Motion carried.
2. Midland will host the next C.T.S. Rally. Motion carried.
3. The Rally Date be changed to May 5th and begin at 10:00 a.m. The rally will last all day and lunch will be served. Motion carried.

The Credentials Report was given and motion carried to accept it and vote on it item by item.

1. We, the Credential Board have examined Brother Jack Markland and have found him of sound doctrine and practices and recommend him to our district. Motion carried.
2. We, the Credential Board have examined Brother James Reddick and have found him of sound doctrine and practices and recommend him to our district. Motion carried..

3. We, the Credential Board have examined Brother Gary Tune for deacon in the Lubbock Church and recommend him to the church for ordination. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Eugene McCowan, W.H. Johnson, Troy Dobbs

The right hand of fellowship was given to Brother Jack Markland, Brother James Reddick and Brother Gary Tune.

The Obituary Report was given by Zanette Mowery. There were no deaths in the Midessa District the 1st quarter of 1973. The report was accepted as read. Brother Bill Johnson led the congregation in prayer.

The Resolutions Report was given by Nadine Hood. The motion carried to accept the report and vote on it item by item.

1. Be it resolved that each church work together for the Youth Camp, which is scheduled for the 1st week in August. Motion carried.
2. Be it resolved to give Andrews a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. Motion carried.
3. Be it resolved to send the C.T.S. Director a get well card or some form of greeting. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Weldon Huston.

Received \$3351.14 Disbursed \$3415.63

Youth Fund \$933.51 Savings Account \$5671.47

The report was accepted as read.

Youth Camp plans were presented by Nadine Hood. Motion carried for each church to raise money for their own campers. The camp fee will be \$32.17 per person and the district is to underwrite the remaining balance. Money must be in by July 1st or a commitment of specific number of campers.

Motion carried to adopt rules set up by the Board for the Youth Camp.

Motion carried to accept faculty as recommended by the board.

Motion carried to accept expense account as planned by the board.

Motion carried to award trophies as planned by the Youth Camp Board.

Motion carried to have our next meeting at Odessa First Church.

Motion carried that in our district meetings and in the preaching and teaching in our Sunday Schools, that the King James version of the Bible be recognized as the authoritative Bible.

Motion carried to adjourn.

After a short recess, Brother Alan Moore preached the noon message.

Clerk,
Neva Woody

MINUTES
JUNE 2, 1973

The Odessa District Association Quarterly Meeting convened at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Odessa, Texas on June 2, 1973.

The session began with the congregation singing "Wonderful Peace."

The Moderator, Brother Lionel Cooksey, read from Psalms 126 and led the opening prayer.

There were 7 churches reporting with 31 delegates and \$70.00.

Brother Glen Hood, Assistant Moderator, recognized the standing delegates and seated the elected delegates.

Brother Cooksey appointed a Pulpit Committee. Ray, Brooks Potter, Kenneth Edwards, Gene Mowery, Elizabeth McCowan, Ethel Sellers and Brother Novac were appointed and excused to recommend a preacher for the morning message.

The Pulpit Committee Report

We, the Pulpit Committee recommend Brother Reddick for the 11:00 a.m. sermon.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Treasurer's Report was given and accepted as read.

Received \$2205.13 Disbursed \$1867.80
Youth Fund \$1180.69 Savings Account \$6039.85

The Credential Board Report was given and motion carried to receive the report and vote on it item by item.

The Westside Free Will Baptist Church in Midland, Texas requests the next quarterly meeting. Motion carried.

The First Free Will Baptist Church in Seminole, Texas would like to put Brother Clayton Cox on trial for deacon for six months. Motion carried.

Submitted by,
Will Harmon, Cecil Qualls

The Sunday School Report was given by Dora Johnson.

Enrollment 370 New Members 48 Dropped 22
No. Depts. 18 Classes 41 Grade 72

Contacts 3,312 Offering \$3794.47 Attendance 324

The report was accepted as read.

Brother Randy Hood brought the devotion. His text was taken from John 6:46-51.

The C.T.S. Report was given by Sister Pat Cates.

Enrollment 185 No. C.T.S. 19 Attendance 154
Offering \$420.24 Dropped 1 Grade 76

The report was accepted as read. The C.T.S. Rally will be held August 18, 1973 at the First Church, Odessa, Texas. The host church will be in charge of the program.

Motion carried for the district to pay the District C.t.S. Director's expenses to the state meeting. \$30.00 was the amount.

The Obituary Committee Report was read and accepted.

The Obituary Committee is sad to report 1 death in the Midessa District. The death of Ella Mae Hardman of the First Church, Odessa.

Submitted by,
Zanette Howery

Brother Cooksey led the congregation in prayer in Sister Hardman's memory.

Motion carried that the Midessa District begin a work in Abilene.

Motion carried that the district give the Executive Board the authority to solicit and find someone to begin the work in Abilene. An amendment to the previous motion, that the Home Mission Board help the Executive Board, carried.

Motion carried to support a man full time in Abilene for six months, with the assistance of the State and National.

Motion carried to rent a building in Abilene.

Each church should send 2 delegates, a statistical letter and a \$5.00 check to the State Meeting.

Motion carried as a district to go on record as being behind the Executive Committee's choice as to the man chosen for Executive Secretary, Brother Jim Williams.

Motion carried to pay .06¢ per mile to any pastor of any church in the district who drives to Abilene.

Motion carried to adjourn.

The morning message was delivered by Brother James Reddick of the First Church, Kermit.