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## GENERAL OFFICERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR 1952-53

Moderator.....	Rev. E. E. Morris
	2528 S. W. 33rd, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Assistant Moderator.....	Rev. Joseph G. Ange
	1212 East Main, Durham, North Carolina
Clerk.....	Rev. Paul J. Ketteman
	Pamplico, South Carolina
Assistant Clerk.....	Rev. George W. Waggoner
	Okawville, Illinois
Promotional Secretary-Treasurer.....	Rev. Damon C. Dodd
	433 East Bend Drive, Nashville, Tennessee

## CHAIRMEN AND SECRETARIES OF BOARDS

### GENERAL

Rev. Seldon Bullard, *chairman*.....331 Syracuse, Darlington, S. Carolina

### FOREIGN MISSIONS

Rev. Raymond Riggs, *Secretary*.....206 California St., Highland Park, Mich.

### HOME MISSIONS

Rev. J. B. Bloss, *chairman*.....Columbia, Tennessee

### FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE

Rev. C. F. Bowen, *secretary*.....518 Woodland St., Nashville, Tenn.

### SUPERANNUATION

Rev. Joe O. Fort, *secretary*.....Lake Butler, Florida

### PUBLICATIONS AND LITERATURE

Rev. J. C. Griffin, *chairman*.....New Bern, North Carolina

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Rev. William Mishler, *chairman*.....3523 Cadillac Blvd., Detroit 14, Mich.

### COLLEGE TRUSTEES

Rev. John L. Welch, *chairman*.....1604 Tenth Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

## Your Moderator



REV. E. E. MORRIS

Our moderator was born in 1897 at Stafford, Arkansas. He moved to Oklahoma in 1916 after having completed his High School work at Belleville, Arkansas. In 1919, after having served three years with the 39th Division, 164th Brigade of the Field Artillery of the United States Army, he returned to Oklahoma to marry Miss Audra Dawson the following year.

Brother Morris' conversion dates back to 1923. He united with the Sugar Loaf Free Will Baptist Church near Munroe, Oklahoma. He was licensed to preach the same year and was ordained in 1928. In 1928 he united with the Iron Chapel Church at Blanchard, Oklahoma, and began pastoral care of his first church. From then until 1937 he pastored four local churches most of the time. In 1939 he organized and built the Central Avenue Church in Oklahoma City, where the 1940 session of the National Association met. For 18 months he worked faithfully at Ada, Oklahoma, finishing the church and erecting a parsonage for the church while he was there.

During the war years our moderator served as Superintendent of an Air Gunners School and as Chaplain of the Base at Ada. During this time in Ada he was also Chaplain of the American Legion Post there. Resigning these positions, he accepted and pastored the Earlsboro, Oklahoma, Church. Nine months later he returned to the Ada church where he worked another 18 months.

California Free Will Baptists feel close to Brother Morris since he has had a real part in the work of the State of California. For some time he pastored the Free Will Baptist Church at Turlock, California. During his stay in Turlock the church built an educational building. Upon his resignation from the Turlock church he returned to Oklahoma City to the Capitol Hill church where he has been pastoring for the past five years. In these five years he has seen the Church School grow from an attendance of 27 to a record attendance of 337; the church building has been enlarged twice; a parsonage and lot adjoining the church have

been purchased along with some other property, and at present, plans are being made for a new church in the near future.

Besides all of the pastorates he has served, Brother Morris has been State Moderator of the Oklahoma Convention a number of times and has served on the State Executive Board for a larger part of the past 24 years. He organized the first league work and held the first rallies in the State of Oklahoma. He was instrumental in bringing about the merger of the Eastern and Western Cooperative Conferences into the National Association which we now have. He served too, as representative from Oklahoma on the revision of the Treatise in 1935 when the National Association was organized.

In telling of the way God used him and in recounting these experiences, Brother Morris says "Whatever we are and whatever good we might have accomplished has been because the grace of God has led us and given us victory through Jesus Christ."

## BOARDS

Boards with members' term of office in order as written, the General Boards excepted in which case all eastern members' terms expire at the next session of the Association.

*General Board*—Rev. A. J. Lambert, Alabama; J. E. Frazier, Tennessee; Rev. W. T. Newsome, Michigan; Rev. John Henson, West Virginia; Rev. George Waggoner, Illinois; Rev. Russell Milam, Ohio; Rev. Willard Wilcox, Kentucky; Rev. S. A. Smith, North Carolina; Rev. C. L. Kilgore, Virginia; Rev. E. C. Morris, Georgia; W. G. Prude, Mississippi; Rev. Seldon Bullard, South Carolina; W. E. Holley, Florida; Rev. Wade Jernigan, Oklahoma; Noah Cole, Texas; Rev. Ralph Hampton, California; O. T. Dixon, Arkansas; Rev. Ben Scott, Missouri.

*Foreign Missions*—Rev. J. W. Alford, North Carolina (1953); Rev. Raymond Riggs, Michigan (1954); Rev. Mark Lewis, Missouri (1955); Rev. Reford Wilson, Arkansas (1956); Rolla Smith, 1957).

*Home Missions*—Rev. James A. Evans, North Carolina (1953); Rev. Willard Day, Missouri (1954); Rev. Homer E. Willis, Kentucky (1955); Rev. J. B. Bloss, Tennessee (1956); Rev. Harry E. Staires, Oklahoma (1957).

*Free Will Baptist League Board*—Mrs. L. E. Ballard, North Carolina (1953); Rev. Henry Melvin, North Carolina (1954); Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Oklahoma (1955); Rev. C. F. Bowen, Tennessee (1956); Rev. Robert Crawford, Texas (1957).

*Superannuation*—Rev. Joe O. Fort, Florida (1953); Rev. F. A. Rivenbark, North Carolina (1954); Rev. F. C. Zinn, Missouri (1955); Rev. C. A. Huckaby, Florida (1956); Rev. D. W. Hansley, North Carolina (1957).

*Publication and Literature*—Rev. J. C. Griffin, North Carolina (1953); Dr. L. C. Johnson, Tennessee (1954); L. E. Duncan, Mississippi (1955); Rev. Charles Thigpen, Tennessee (1956); Rev. Rufus Hyman, Florida (1957).

*Sunday School*—Rev. John West, Oklahoma (1953); Rev. William Mishler, Michigan (1954); Rev. Charles Sapp, Tennessee (1955); Rev. Laverne Miley, Tennessee (1956); Earl Smith, Arkansas (1957).

*Trustees of the Bible College*—Rev. Ralph Lightsey, Tennessee; Rev. K. V. Shutes, Georgia; Rev. Fred Powers, South Carolina (terms expiring July 15, 1954); Rev. Melvin Bingham, Oklahoma; Rev. James F. Miller, Texas; Rev. J. R. Davidson, North Carolina (terms expiring July 15, 1956); Rev. Luther Gibson, Mississippi; Rev. F. B. Cherry, North Carolina; Rev. J. L. Welch, Tennessee (terms expiring July 15, 1958).

*Radio-TV*—Rev. Harry Beatty, Missouri (1953); Rev. Ralph Staten, Oklahoma (1945); Rev. Louis H. Moulton, Virginia (1955); Rev. M. L. Johnson (1956); Rev. W. A. Hales, Virginia (1957).

*Trustees for Headquarters Building*—E. B. McDonald (1953); I. L. Stanley, Tennessee (1954); J. B. Reding, Tennessee (1955); Rev. Lester Jones, Alabama (1956); Garner Caldwell (1957).

## MINISTERS WHO REGISTERED

### Alabama—

Rev. Rufus Hyman, Slocomb.  
Lester C. Jones, Cordova.  
H. J. Kelly, 1004 12th Avenue, Phenix City.  
H. L. Knighton, 1911 2nd Ave., Phenix City.

### California—

O. H. Doss, P. O. Box 61, Kerman.  
Winston Lawless, Selma.  
Guy H. McGuire, Bakersfield.  
Joe Mooneyham, Tulare.  
Dean Moore, Richmond.

### Florida—

Elton D. Coleman, 2613 Lowell Ave., Jacksonville.  
J. O. Fort, Lake Butler.  
Chester A. Huckaby, Chipley.

### Georgia—

E. C. Morris, Tifton.  
Adam Scott, 507 Highland Ave., Albany.

### Illinois—

Claude Childers, Johnston City.  
Opal Hiltabidal, Walnut Hill.  
C. J. Kettelman, Ewing.  
George W. Waggoner, Okawville.

### Kentucky—

Homer E. Willis, Paintsville.

### Michigan—

Rev. N. P. Gates, Detroit.  
Bill Mishler, Detroit.  
Raymond Riggs, 206 California, Highland Park.

### Mississippi—

O. L. Fields, Columbus.  
Luther Gibson, Box 324, East Tupelo.  
M. L. Hollis, Armory.  
Paul Long, Box 121, East Tupelo.  
J. D. O'Donnell, Columbus.

### Missouri—

Cecil H. Campbell, 313 Lincoln Street, Monett.  
Willard Day, Mountain Grove.  
C. B. Dees, Flat River.  
Harvey E. Hill, 120 E. Loretta, St. Louis.

James F. Miller, Route 3, Farmington.  
Roger C. Reeds, Richwoods.  
Benjamin R. Scott, 2612 Minnesota, St. Louis.  
Kenneth Turner, Monett.  
W. K. Weston, Monett.

*North Carolina—*

W. H. Calvert, Belmont.  
F. B. Cherry, Ayden.  
Ronald Creech, Kenly.  
L. R. Ennis, Goldsboro.  
J. C. Griffin, New Bern.  
David W. Hansley, Ayden.  
R. H. Jackson, Davis.  
Roy Pikard, Cramerton.  
Fred A. Rivenbark, 109 Spring Rd., Durham.  
Wayne W. Smith, Swannanoa.  
L. E. Styron, 619 W. Market St., Washington.

*Ohio—*

Forrest L. Chamberlain, Route 2, Lucasville.

*Oklahoma—*

Delbert Akin, Tecumseh.  
Clyde Argo, Route 2, Mavre.  
Melvin Bingham, 1922 N. Lewis, Tulsa.  
Lonnie Devault, Shawnee.  
Mattie Epperson, Tecumseh.  
Earl J. Gruim, 414 N. Fenn, Shawnee.  
Roy Hearon, 219-10 North East, Ardmore.  
B. T. Kirby, Oklahoma City.  
H. C. Lamb, Meeker.  
Wade Jernigan, 716 Tiffin St., Norman.  
L. E. Macy, 904 West Park, Tecumseh.  
Dale Munkus, Norman.  
Hattie Newman, Oilton.  
E. A. O'Donnell, Stonewall.  
Paul Pursell, Bristow.  
Clay Richey, Post Office Box 97, Blanchard.  
B. P. Richey, Route 1, Box 212A, Drumright.  
Harry E. Staires, Oilton.  
Lewis Sparks, Jr., Shawnee.  
Ralph Staten, Wewoka.  
J. O. Stepp, Bixby.  
Roy Waddle, Noble.  
Weldon Wood, Ada.  
Homer Young, Tecumseh.

*South Carolina—*

Seldon Bullard, 331 Syracuse, Darlington.  
L. S. Gray, 680 Saxon Ave., Spartanburg.  
Walter Jernigan, Route 3, Timmonsville.  
Paul J. Ketteman, Pamplico.  
A. F. Lawter, Lockhart.

*Tennessee—*

J. B. Bloss, Columbia.  
Damon Dodd, Nashville.  
E. M. French, Greenville.  
C. E. Lowe, Greenville.  
Henry Melvin, Nashville.  
Charles Sapp, 390 Normandy Circle, Nashville.  
Charles A. Thigpen, 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville.  
R. U. Waysater, Kingsport.  
J. L. Welch, 1604 10th Ave., N., Nashville.  
Paul Woolsey, Greenville (Missionary to India).

*Texas—*

Robert B. Crawford, Bryan.  
J. M. Goode, Laird Hill, Box 212.  
H. M. McAdams, Huntsville.  
Lizzie McAdams, Huntsville.  
Bert F. Rogers, Houston.  
C. B. Thompson, 2003 Prairie Avenue, Fort Worth.

*Virginia—*

W. A. Hales, Norfolk.

*West Virginia—*

Wayne Brown, Bradley.  
R. H. Doan, Bradley.  
John M. Henson, Box 131, Hurricane.  
Elden Pauley, Bradley.

THOSE FROM FOREIGN LANDS

*Cuba—*

Barbara Willey, Pinar Del Rio.  
Tommie Willey, Pinar Del Dio.

*India—*

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Woolsey, Purnea District.

DELEGATES WHO REGISTERED

*Alabama—*D. J. O'Donnell.  
*Arkansas—*Raymond McNutt, Mrs. Will S. White.

*California*—Pete Connor, Mrs. Orbin Doss, Mrs. Clara Humphrey, Mrs. Allyne Lawless, Mrs. Joe Mooneyham, Delmer Priest.

*Florida*—W. E. Holley.

*Georgia*—B. B. Edwards, G. W. Cloud, Mrs. G. W. Cloud, Mrs. Bessie Edwards, Mrs. Joe Fort, Mrs. Adam Scott.

*Kentucky*—Ira Bentley, Mrs. Ira Bentley, Mrs. Homer Willis.

*Michigan*—Gordon A. Brown, Mrs. Bill Mishler.

*Mississippi*—L. E. Duncan.

*Missouri*—Mrs. Jewell Campbell, Mrs. Willard Day, Mrs. C. B. Dees, Mrs. James F. Miller, J. K. Stephens.

*North Carolina*—Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Mrs. W. H. Calvert, Mrs. F. B. Cherry, Mrs. J. C. Griffin, Mrs. Roy Rikard, Mrs. Wayne Smith.

*Ohio*—Mrs. Zella Jacobs.

*Oklahoma*—Mrs. B. B. Bailes, W. A. De Hart, W. H. Da Vault, Mrs. W. S. Mooneyham, Mrs. Ralph Staires.

*South Carolina*—Mrs. Willa Bullard, Mrs. Walter Jernigan, Mrs. Helen Kettman, Mrs. Olive Vause, Miss Winnie Vause, Miss Ellen Truluck, Miss Nellie Turnage, Jamie Young.

*Tennessee*—Mrs. A. G. Caldwell, Mrs. Fannie Polston, J. B. Reding, I. L. Stanley, Mrs. I. L. Stanley.

*Texas*—J. R. Adams, Mrs. H. Ray Berry, Mrs. Dorie Brineberry, Mrs. N. C. Cole, N. C. Cole, Mrs. Clyde Goen, Mrs. J. M. Goode, Mrs. Huey Gower, Mrs. Bert F. Rogers, Mrs. C. B. Thompson.

*Virginia*—Mrs. M. C. Foran, Mrs. R. N. Waycaster.

*West Virginia*—Mr. Ray Perry.

#### STATISTICAL REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONS BY STATES

*Alabama*—Associations 9; Churches, 144; Membership, 13,556; Ordained Ministers, 205; Licensed Ministers, 33; Sunday Schools, 125; Sunday School Enrollment, 5,364; Free Will Baptist Leagues, 30; League enrollment, 1,536; Woman's Auxiliaries, 28; Total amount raised for all purposes, \$107,192.31; Value of church property, \$514,260.00; Value of parsonage property included in church property; Value of Denominational property, \$75,000.00; Name of denominational property, "Alabama Children's Home."

*Arkansas*—Associations, 11; Churches, 151; Membership, 9,791; Ordained Ministers, 198; Licensed Ministers.....; Sunday Schools, 125; Sunday School enrollment, 5,468; Free Will Baptist Leagues, 45; League enrollment, 2,000; Woman's Auxiliaries, 5; Total amount raised for all purposes, \$75,824.00; Value of church and parsonage property, \$227,300.00; Value of denominational property, \$3,500.00; Name of Denominational property, "Arkansas State League Encampment," Conway, Arkansas.

*California*—Associations, 4; Churches, 36; Membership, 2,285; Ordained Ministers, 89; Licensed Ministers, 19; Sunday Schools, 36; Sunday School enrollment, 2,089; Free Will Baptist Leagues, 23; League enrollment, 380; Woman's Auxiliaries,

7; Total amount raised for all purposes, \$71,915.49; Value of church property, \$294,608.36; Value of parsonage property, \$57,000.00.

*Florida*—Associations, 7; Churches, 71; Membership, 6,109; Ordained Ministers, 48; Licensed Ministers, 10; Sunday Schools, 47; Sunday School enrollment, 2,000; Free Will Baptist Leagues, 19; League enrollment, \_\_\_\_\_; Woman's Auxiliaries, 15; Total amount raised for all purposes \$.....; Value of Church property, \$300,000.00; Value of Parsonage property, \$6,000.00; Value of Denominational property, \$10,000.00; Name of denominational property, "Florida Training Camp," a memorial to Rev. J. C. Eldridge.

*Georgia*—Associations, 7; Churches, 124; Membership, 9,856; Ordained Ministers, 112; Licensed Ministers, 21; Sunday Schools, 93; Sunday School enrollment, 4,619; Free Will Baptist Leagues, 39; League enrollment, 1,980; Woman's Auxiliaries, 37; Total amount raised for all purposes, \$116,488.16; Value of church property, \$441,375.00; Value of parsonage property, \$24,500.00; Value of denominational property, \$18,000.00; Name of denominational property, "Camp Mt. Bethel."

*Illinois*—Associations, 1; Churches, 39; Membership, 2,994; Ordained Ministers, 67; Licensed Ministers, 15; Sunday Schools, 39; Sunday School enrollment, 1,993; Free Will Baptist League enrollment, 149; Woman's Auxiliaries, 11; Total amount raised for all purposes, \$23,145.95; Value of church property, \$386,000.00; Value of denominational property, \$50,000.00; Name of denominational property, "Sunday School Alliance Tabernacle."

*Kentucky*—Associations, 1; Churches, 107; Membership, 8,790; Ordained Ministers, 179; Licensed Ministers, 14; Sunday Schools, 38; Sunday School enrollment, 3,912; Free Will Baptist Leagues, 17; League enrollment, 840; Woman's Auxiliaries, 3; Total amount raised for all purposes, \$29,812.00; Value of church property, \$252,306.12; Value of denominational property, \$75,000.00; Name of denominational property, "Free Will Baptist Orphan's Home of Kentucky."

*Michigan*—Associations, 1; Churches, 8; Membership, 833; Ordained Ministers, 12; Licensed Ministers, 2; Sunday Schools, 8; Sunday School enrollment, 736; Free Will Baptist Leagues, 4; League enrollment, 168; Woman's Auxiliaries, 4; Total amount raised for all purposes, \$31,529.15; Value of church property, \$132,500.00; Value of parsonage property, \$8,000.00.

*Mississippi*—Associations, 1; Churches, 23; Membership, 2,669; Ordained Ministers, 12; Licensed Ministers, \_\_\_\_\_; Sunday Schools, 20; Sunday School enrollment, 1,430; Free Will Baptist Leagues, 9; League enrollment, 382; Woman's Auxiliaries, 7; Total amount raised for all purposes, \$44,118.36; Value of church property, \$147,623.00; Value of parsonage property, \$23,000.00; Value of denominational property, \$2,000.00; Name of denominational property, "Morganwood Youth Camp."

*Missouri*—Associations, 11; Churches, 123; Membership, 9,114; Ordained Ministers, 165; Licensed Ministers, 5; Sunday Schools, 110; Sunday School enrollment, 6,140; Free Will Baptist Leagues, 39; League enrollment, 1,408; Woman's Auxiliaries, 19; Total amount raised for all purposes, \$125,289.39; Value of church property, \$323,900.00; Values of parsonage property (not known); Value of de-

nominal property, \$19,000.00; Name of denominational property, "Free Will Baptist Gem Office," "Youth Camp, Tabernacle, Cottage and Cabins."

**North Carolina**—District Associations 11; Churches, 353; Membership, 46,156; Ordained Ministers, 346; Licensed Ministers, 69; Sunday Schools, 295; Sunday School enrollment, 36,857; Woman's Auxiliaries, 219; Free Will Baptist Leagues, 105; League enrollment, 3,990; Total amount raised for all purposes, \$852,141.72; Value of Church property and parsonage property, \$2,758,186.04; Value of denominational property, \$340,000.00; Names of denominational property, "Cragmont Assemblies, Inc.," "Free Will Baptist Orphanage," Middlesex, N. C., "Free Will Baptist Press," Ayden, North Carolina.

**Ohio**—Associations, 2; Churches 56; Membership, 3,137; Ordained Ministers, 104; Sunday Schools, 54; Sunday School enrollment, 2,991; Free Will Baptist Leagues, 12; Woman's Auxiliaries, 2.

**Oklahoma**—Associations, 12; Churches, 172; Membership, 12,500; Ordained Ministers, 285; Licensed Ministers, 40; Value of Church property, \$800,000.00; Value of parsonage property, \$300,000.00; Value of denominational property, \$80,000.00; Names of denominational property, "District Campgrounds," and "State Free Will Baptist Children's Home."

**South Carolina**—Associations, 4; Churches, 48; Membership, 4,751; Ordained Ministers, 49; Licensed Ministers, 14; Sunday Schools, 48; Free Will Baptist League enrollment, 5,500; Woman's Auxiliaries, 23; Total amount raised for all purposes, \$75,796.08; Value of church property, \$160,850.00; Value of parsonage property, \$20,500.00; Value of denominational property, \$50,000.00; Name of denominational property, "Free Will Baptist Children's Home of South Carolina."

**Tennessee**—Associations, 2; Churches, 103; Membership, 10,051; Ordained Ministers, 105; Licensed Ministers, 5; Sunday Schools, 95; Sunday School enrollment, 8,840; Free Will Baptist Leagues, 47; League enrollment, 1,816; Woman's Auxiliaries, 40; Total amount raised for all purposes, \$215,771.42; Value of church property, \$735,723.00; Value of denominational property, \$200,000.00; Name of denominational property, "Free Will Baptist Home for Children."

**Texas**—Associations, 5; Churches, 50; Membership, 3,101; Ordained Ministers, 95; Licensed Ministers, 9; Sunday Schools, 30; Sunday School enrollment, 1,860; Free Will Baptist Leagues, 29; League enrollment, 376; Woman's Auxiliaries, 17; Total amount raised for all purposes, \$71,826.32; Value of church property, \$255,115.00; Value of parsonage property, \$35,000.00.

**Virginia**—Associations, 4; Churches, 130; Membership, 5,181; Ordained Ministers, 158; Licensed Ministers, 23; Sunday Schools, 81; Woman's Auxiliaries, 18; Value of church property, \$204,800.00.

**West Virginia**—Associations, 14; Churches, 130; Membership, 5,386; Ordained Ministers, 224; Licensed Ministers, 18; Sunday Schools, 98; Sunday School enrollment, 5,875; Free Will Baptist Leagues, 15; League enrollment, 431; Woman's Auxiliaries, 19; Total amount raised for all purposes, \$31,758.69; Value of church property, \$439,565.00; Value of parsonage property, \$10,000.00; Value of denominational property, \$20,000.00; Name of denominational property, "West Virginia Cottage at Free Will Baptist Home for Children in Greenville, Tennessee."

STATISTICAL TABLE OF CHURCH REPORTS RECEIVED  
At 1952 Session of National Association of Original Free Will Baptists

STATE	Associations	Churches	Membership	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Sunday Schools	Sunday School Enrollment	F. W. Baptist Leagues	F. W. Baptist League Enrollment	Auxiliaries	Amount Raised For All Purposes	Value of Church Property	Value of Parsonage Property	Value of All Denominational Property	Fee
Alabama	10	144	13,556	205	33	125	5,364	30	1,536	28	\$107,192.31	\$514,260.00	\$57,000.00	\$75,000.00	60.00
Arkansas	11	151	9,791	198	19	125	5,468	45	2,000	5	75,824.00	227,300.00	57,000.00	8,500.00	65.00
California	4	36	2,285	89	10	36	2,089	23	380	7	71,915.49	294,608.36	6,000.00	30.00	30.00
Florida	7	71	6,109	48	10	47	2,000	19	1,980	15	116,488.16	441,375.00	6,000.00	10,000.00	45.00
Georgia	7	124	9,856	112	21	93	4,169	39	1,980	37	23,145.95	386,000.00	24,500.00	18,000.00	45.00
Illinois	1	39	2,994	67	15	39	1,993	17	149	11	29,812.00	252,306.12	50,000.00	50,000.00	10.00
Kentucky	1	107	8,790	179	14	38	3,912	17	840	3	31,529.15	132,500.00	8,000.00	75,000.00	10.00
Michigan	1	8	833	12	2	8	736	4	168	4	44,118.36	147,623.00	23,000.00	2,000.00	5.00
Mississippi	1	23	2,669	12	5	20	1,430	6	382	7	44,118.36	147,623.00	23,000.00	19,000.00	5.00
Missouri	11	123	9,114	165	5	110	6,140	39	1,408	19	125,289.39	323,900.00	340,000.00	340,000.00	65.00
North Carolina	11	353	46,156	346	69	295	36,857	105	3,990	219	852,141.72	2,758,186.04	340,000.00	200,000.00	20.00
Ohio	2	56	3,137	104	40	54	2,991	12	500	2		800,000.00	300,000.00	80,000.00	70.00
Oklahoma	12	172	12,500	285	14	48	8,840	47	5,500	23	75,796.08	160,850.00	20,500.00	50,000.00	30.00
South Carolina	4	48	4,751	49	5	95	8,840	40	1,816	40	215,772.42	735,723.00	35,000.00	200,000.00	20.00
Tennessee	2	103	10,051	105	5	30	1,860	29	376	17	71,826.32	255,115.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	35.00
Texas	5	50	3,101	65	9	81	1,860	15	431	18	31,758.69	204,800.00	10,000.00	20,000.00	30.00
Virginia	4	130	5,181	158	23	98	5,875	15	431	19	439,565.00	439,565.00	10,000.00	20,000.00	80.00
West Virginia	14	130	5,386	224	18	98	89,724	433	20,956	47	\$1,872,610.04	\$8,374,111.52	\$484,000.00	\$942,500.00	\$690.00
Total	108	1,868	156,260	2,423	297	1,342	89,724	433	20,956	47	\$1,872,610.04	\$8,374,111.52	\$484,000.00	\$942,500.00	\$690.00

\* Most of these figures are incomplete due to failure of churches to make complete or accurate reports to Associations.

# PROCEEDINGS

## TUESDAY EVENING

A vast congregation joined with Mr. I. L. Stanley, Tennessee, associational music director, in singing "All Hail The Power of Jesus Name" as the opening hymn of the 1952 session. Rev. Damon C. Dodd, Promotional Secretary of the Association, led the congregation in prayer after which we sang the hymn, "Jesus Saves." A short devotional, consisting of the reading of Heb. 11:1-10 and prayer, was conducted by Rev. H. E. Willis, Assistant Moderator, Kentucky.

The convention was called to order and the moderator, Rev. E. E. Morris, Oklahoma, was introduced by the clerk of the Association. The moderator delivered a brief message to the convention. The Association sang the hymn "He Keeps Me Singing."

The Promotional Secretary of the Association read some changes in the program previously prepared by the Executive Committee, and offered the program to the convention, as changed, for adoption. A motion was made to adopt it. The motion carried.

The clerk read the names of those appointed by the moderator to act on the Committee on Committees and the Credentials Committee. These committees may be found in the Committee section of the minutes.

The Honorable Ralph Graves, mayor of Shawnee, Oklahoma, gave the Association a cordial welcome to the city of Shawnee, assuring the Association that every effort would be made to make the stay in Shawnee a pleasant one.

We sang the chorus, "He Lives."

The Moderator introduced the keynote speaker of the Association, Rev. J. R. Davidson, North Carolina. Brother Davidson brought a message on the subject "Exalting Christ, the Major Emphasis for a Truly Biblical Program of Our Denomination." The outline of the message was:

### I. HIS EXALTATION THROUGH DEITY'S DECREE.

1. *A name to which no one else can attain.*
2. *To angels superior in inheritance.*
3. *Not aside from His personal merits.*
4. *His name of such moment as to decree all of heaven's blessing with Sonship to be determined thereby.*

### II. HIS EXALTATION THROUGH HUMAN ACCLAIM.

1. *Through our confession.*
2. *Through our possession.*
3. *Through our expression.*

The Rev. Bert Rogers, Texas, dismissed the congregation after the singing of "There Is A Fountain" as a closing hymn.

## WEDNESDAY MORNING

The hymns, "Wonderful Words of Life" and "The Great Physician," were led by Mr. Stanley. The Rev. Harry Beatty, Missouri, read Rev. 3:1-5 and called on the Rev. Damon Dodd to lead in the opening prayer for the day's session.

A partial report of the Credentials Committee was given by the Rev. W. A. Hales, Virginia, chairman of the committee. Motion was made to receive the partial report and seat the delegates named in the partial report. Motion carried. See report elsewhere.

The report of the Committee on Committees was read and adopted. See report elsewhere in the minutes.

The report of the General Board was made by the secretary of the General Board, Rev. E. C. Morris, Georgia. Motion was made to accept the report for consideration. Motion carried.

Motion was made to adopt the report of the General Board Item by Item. The report can be seen in the report section of the minutes.

Motion to adopt Item No. 1. Sustained.

Motion to adopt Item No. 2. Motion to amend Item No. 2 to read "a committee of seven". Motion was adopted as amended.

Motion to adopt Item No. 3. Sustained.

At this time business was temporarily recessed to recognize the General Baptist representatives to the Association. The Rev. Ollie Latch, Popular Bluff, Missouri, and the Rev. W. N. Gibson, Evansville, Indiana. A rising vote of appreciation was given these ministers for the interest shown by the General Baptists in the work of our denomination as demonstrated by their representation with us.

Business was continued with a motion to adopt Item No. 4. Motion to refer Article No. 4 to the Resolutions Committee. Motion to postpone the discussion on Article No. 4. Sustained.

The Moderator called for another interruption of the business proceedings in order to introduce the Rev. R. G. Hunt, who extended a cordial welcome to the Association from the Shawnee Ministerial Alliance.

Another partial report of the Credentials Committee was read. Motion was made and sustained that the remainder of the delegates be seated.

The report of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention was read by the President, Mrs. Hubert Sloan, Michigan. Motion was made to receive the report as information. Sustained. This report is included in the report section of the minutes.

Upon motion the report of the Board of Trustees of the Bible College was deferred until the time allotted for business in the afternoon session, with the understanding that it was to take precedence over other business; this allowed the Association to continue with business until 11:00 o'clock Wednesday morning.

The postponed discussion on Article No. 4 of the report of the General Board was continued. Article No. 4 was referred to the Resolutions Committee by vote of the body.

The completed report of the Credentials Committee was read; and upon motion, it was adopted.

Motion was made and sustained to adopt section 1 of Article No. 5 of the report of the General Board. Motion that a special committee be appointed to draft section 2 of Article No. 5 into a constitutional amendment. The motion was sustained.

Upon motion the partial report of the Radio Commission was referred to the same committee to be drafted into a constitutional change. This partial report was read to the body by the Rev. W. A. Hales, Virginia.

The business of the convention was recessed until the afternoon session.

The Rev. C. J. Kettman, Illinois, used I Peter 5:1-11 and John 17:15-23 as a devotional reading, and lead the congregation in prayer.

The Rev. Wayne Smith, pastor of the Swannanoa Church, Swannanoa, North Carolina, brought the morning message on the theme designated in the program, "Exalting Christ In The Church." The Rev. Smith used Ephesians 5:24-32 as a text for his soul-stirring message.

#### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The hymn "Standing on the Promises" was led by Rev. O. M. Fields, Mississippi. The Rev. Lester Jones, Alabama, used a part of Heb. 4:, and Roms. 1:16 as a basis for his devotional thoughts. The moderator, Rev. E. E. Morris, led in prayer.

Rev. Damon C. Dodd, Promotional Secretary-Treasurer made his report to the Association. Upon motion it was received.

The report of the Board of Trustees of the Bible College was made jointly by the chairman of the Board, Rev. J. L. Welch, and the President of the school, Dr. L. C. Johnson, both of Nashville, Tennessee. Upon motion the report was adopted. Following the report, the chairman of the Board received pledges from the churches and individuals amounting to \$2,000.00 toward the purchase price of \$65,000.00 needed to pay off the indebtedness on the property recently acquired by the Board for the College.

The report of the Radio Commission and a partial report of the committee on constitutional changes was read by the chairman of the Radio Committee, Rev. W. A. Hales, Virginia. Motion was made to receive the report of the Radio Commission. Motion carried. Upon motion the partial report of the committee on Constitutional changes was received and placed on the table until the Thursday session.

Motion was made to adopt the remainder of the report of the General Board through Item No. 16. Motion carried.

Upon motion Item No. 17 was adopted.

Motion and second that we adopt Item No. 18. Motion carried. The following changes were inserted in the letter "No. of Parsonages" and "No. of Associations," with a footnote relative to request.

Upon motion the remainder of the report of the General Board was adopted.

The Nominating Committee made a partial report, presenting its nominations for the vacancies on the General Board, Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board, Free Will Baptist League Board, Board of Superannuation, Board of Publications and Literature, and Sunday School Board. These were made at this time that the Boards might meet and organize prior to the adjournment of the National Association. Each of the individuals nominated by the nominating committee were elected by acclamation to serve on the various Boards after sufficient time had been given for other nominations from the floor. In every instance a motion was made to elect by acclamation and the motion carried.

The report of the Board of Publications and Literature was made by Rev. J. C. Griffin, North Carolina, Chairman of the Board. Upon motion and second the report was adopted.

A moment of recess was declared by the Moderator and the congregation was led in singing "What A Friend We Have in Jesus" by Brother Stanley.

Rev. Harry E. Staires, Secretary of the Home Mission Board, made the report of the Board. Upon motion the report was adopted as read.

The report of the Foreign Mission Board was read by the Secretary-Treasurer of the Board, Rev. Raymond Riggs, Michigan. Upon motion the report was adopted as read.

Motion was made and carried to adjourn.

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING

The evening session began with the singing of the hymn, "I Am Bound for the Promised Land," conducted by Mr. I. L. Stanley, with Mrs. Stanley at the piano, and Rev. Henry Melvin, North Carolina, at the organ. We also sang, "Jesus Is A Wonderful Saviour," and "Love Lifted Me."

Mr. Forest Chamberlain, Ohio, sang "Let Me Lose Myself and Find It Lord in Thee." After the solo, Rev. Clarence Bowen, Tennessee, led the congregation in prayer.

Motion was made to rescind the action and expunge from the records the action taken with regards to the Board of Trustees of the Bible College.

Dr. R. L. Decker, Executive Director of the National Association of Evangelicals, was introduced to the congregation by the Moderator of the Association. Dr. Decker spoke briefly concerning the relationship of the Free Will Baptists with the National Association of Evangelicals, and of the advantages offered by the National Association of Evangelicals to its affiliated denominations.

The choir under the direction of Brother Stanley sang the hymn "Wonderful Grace of Jesus."

Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Oklahoma, introduced the principal speaker of the evening, the Honorable Mike Moroney, United States Senator from Oklahoma. The senator spoke to the congregation concerning the church and its relationship to the affairs of the nation.

A closing hymn, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," was sung, and the benediction was spoken by our moderator.

#### THURSDAY MORNING

Mr. I. L. Stanley led the hymn "Revive Us Again." Rev. Dean Moore, California, used Ephesians 5:1-16 as a devotional text and led the congregation in prayer.

Minutes were read and upon motion they were approved as read.

The report of the committee on Constitutional Changes was removed from the table and upon motion was adopted.

The Constitutional Change, concerning Article VIII, Section 2, was received and motion was made to lay it on the table until the 1953 session. Motion carried.

The report of the Free Will Baptist League Board was read by the chairman of the Board, Rev. Henry Melvin, North Carolina. The report was adopted.

Motion was made that the two members which were added at the time the Board of Trustees of the Bible College was increased to 11 (eleven) members, be eliminated. Motion carried. (These two members were Revs. Luther Gibson, Mississippi, and M. L. Johnson, North Carolina.)

Rev. Joe O. Fort, Florida, treasurer of the Superannuation Board, gave the reports of the Board. The report was adopted with its recommendations.

The report of the Sunday School Board was made by its chairman, Rev. William Mishler, Michigan. The report was adopted with its recommendations.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was read and received for consideration. Each resolution was considered separately.

Resolution No. 1 was read and adopted.

Resolution No. 2 was read and adopted.

Resolution No. 3 was read. Motion to amend Resolution No. 3 to give vote of thanks to moderator and general officers of the National Association, also.

Motion was made to increase the number of the minutes of the National Association's proceedings from 3,000 to 5,000. Motion carried.

The report of the Temperance Committee was read by the Chairman, Rev. Clarence Bowen, Tennessee. The report was adopted.

Rev. H. L. Knighton, Georgia, conducted the devotional before the morning message.

The Rev. Raymond Riggs brought the morning message on the subject "Exalting Christ in Government."

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The hymn "At the Cross" was sung as an opening number. The devotional was conducted by Rev. J. M. Henson, West Virginia, who used Psalms 27:1-3 for his text.

Rev. Paul Woolsey, returned missionary from India, gave his report of the India Mission Work. Motion was made to receive the report and give a rising vote of thanks to Rev. and Mrs. Woolsey for the services rendered in India and during the session of the Association. Motion carried.

The minutes of the morning session were read and adopted.

The Nominating Committee gave another partial report which was accepted for consideration by the body. The trustees of the Headquarters Building were elected by acclamation. The trustees to the Bible College were elected by acclamation. The Radio-TV Board members were elected by acclamation. The Comity Committee was elected by acclamation.

The report of the Placement Committee for the 1953 session was made by the chairman of the committee, Rev. Robert Crawford, Texas. Upon motion, the committee's report was received. A vote was taken on the two places offered; namely, Beckley, West, Virginia, and Benton, Illinois. A majority vote gave the decision to Benton, Illinois, as a meeting place for the 1953 session.

Rev. Henry Melvin made a verbal report of the work of the Ensignia Committee. Motion was made to receive the report. A substitute motion was offered that the report be tabled until next year. Motion carried.

The motion was made to extend the time beyond that of the program in order to complete the business. Motion carried.

The Report of the Treasurer of the National Association was read by the treasurer, Rev. Damon C. Dodd, Tennessee. Motion to adopt the report was duly sustained.

A motion which called for appointment of a committee to select the meeting place for the 1954 session was carried. The following committee was appointed:

Rev. Clarence Bowen, Chairman

Promotional Secretary for the coming year

The Moderator for the coming year.

Motion was made that the month of October be designated as National Educational Month. Motion carried.

The resignation of Miss Gertrude Bowe from the Sunday School Board was read, and upon motion, accepted. The Nominating Committee thereupon offered the name of Rev. John West, Oklahoma, to complete the unexpired term of Miss Bowe. Mr. West was elected by acclamation.

The Nominating Committee made its final report. The report was accepted by the body for consideration. Rev. E. E. Morris was unanimously re-elected as Moderator. Rev. Joseph Ange, North Carolina, was elected Assistant Moderator by acclamation. Rev. Paul Kettelman was re-elected Clerk by acclamation. The name of Rev. J. D. O'Donnell, Alabama, was offered by the Nominating Committee for the office of Assistant Clerk. Rev. George Waggoner, Illinois, was nominated from the floor for the same office. Rev. Waggoner was elected by a majority vote. Rev. Damon C. Dodd was re-elected to the office of Promotional Secretary-Treasurer by acclamation.

Upon motion, a rising vote of thanks was extended to all outgoing officers.

The following motion was made: "Whereas, the Insignia Committee expressed a reluctance to serve next year; and, whereas, the Home Mission Board seems desirous to further this project—therefore, be it resolved that the motion Re the tabling of the Insignia matter be rescinded and the prepared Insignia be presented to the Home Mission Board for study and they recommend official Insignia for adoption at next session; and furthermore, the Home Mission Board be charged with the distribution of the same." Motion carried.

Motion was made to adjourn until the next session. Motion carried. The congregation sang "Blest Be The Tie" as a closing hymn.

#### COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR

##### *Committee on Committees:*

Rev. Raymond Riggs, Michigan, Chairman  
 Rev. Melvin Bingham, Oklahoma  
 Rev. Chester Huckaby, Florida  
 Rev. Ralph Hampton, California  
 Mr. Earl Smith, Arkansas

##### *Credentials Committee:*

Rev. W. A. Hales, Virginia, Chairman  
 Rev. George W. Waggoner, Illinois  
 Rev. C. B. Dees, Missouri  
 Rev. F. A. Rivenbark, North Carolina  
 Rev. John M. Henson, West Virginia

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

##### *Resolutions Committee:*

Rev. Ralph Staten, Chairman  
 Rev. Floyd Cherry  
 Rev. Charles Thigpen

Rev. O. T. Alred  
 Rev. Jack Kettelman

##### *Temperance Committee:*

Rev. Clarence Bowen, Chairman  
 Rev. L. R. Ennis  
 Rev. H. L. Knighton  
 Rev. B. F. Rogers  
 Rev. Reford Wilson

##### *Nominating Committee:*

Rev. Henry Melvin, Chairman  
 Rev. Charles Sapp  
 Rev. O. H. Doss  
 Rev. William Mishler  
 Rev. James Miller

##### *Committee on Placement of National Association for 1953:*

Rev. Robert Crawford, Chairman  
 Rev. Clay Richie  
 Rev. Rufus Hyman

##### *Program Committee for 1953 Session:*

We recommend that the general officers of the National Association and the Chairman of each of the standing Boards constitute the Program Committee for the 1953 session, with the Promotional Secretary serving as Chairman.

#### COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

#### REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The Credentials Committee for the 1952 session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists submits the following report:

The following states have submitted their statistical reports with lists of delegates and the required fees. We recommend that this body seat the delegates as listed:

State	No. Delegates	No. Ass'ns	Paid
California	9	4	\$ 30.00
Florida	1	7	45.00
Georgia	9	7	45.00
Illinois (So. Ill. Yearly Meet.)	1	1	10.00
Michigan (Wolverine Ass'n)	1	1	5.00
Mississippi (Northeast Ass'n)	1	1	5.00
Missouri	16	11	65.00
North Carolina	8	11	65.00
Ohio	5	2	20.00
Oklahoma	13	12	70.00
South Carolina	9	4	30.00
Tennessee	5	2	20.00
Texas	9	5	35.00
Virginia	4	4	30.00

West Virginia .....	10	14	80.00
Arkansas .....	5	11	65.00
Kentucky .....	5	1	10.00
Alabama .....	7	10	60.00
Total 18 States .....	118	108	\$690.00

We would like also that each state keep in mind that delegates are to be appointed from the laity.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Resolution 1:

WHEREAS, It is the trend of our era to violate the principles of democracy through the ruthless extension of totalitarian government in many parts of the world; and

WHEREAS, We believe that the conscience of the individual informed and inspired by the Word of God is the final authority in determining conduct (Acts 5:29), and sincerity is one of the essential virtues of good citizenship, and

WHEREAS, The Scriptures instruct every soul to be subjected under the higher powers (Romans 13:1-3).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that under this Christian principle we recognize the individual right to serve or not to serve in the armed forces in the time of peace: and that we as a Denomination stand diametrically and unalterably opposed to any Congressional Legislation that would destroy such freedom.

Acts 5:29 "Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men."

Resolution 2:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Association empower the General Board to act as or appoint a Credentials Committee to receive and act upon all letters relative to the seating of delegates in their regular session just before the convening of the National Association.

Be IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That all said letters be forwarded to the Clerk in ample time for this transaction.

Resolution 3:

Inasmuch as all the assemblies in this 1952 session of the National Organization have enjoyed the highest degree of cordiality and warm hospitality;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:

First. That we extend a rising vote of thanks to the Oklahoma State Associa-

tion and its Executive Secretary, the Reverend W. S. Mooneyham, for the publicity and provisions and entertainment for our convenience during the meeting of our National Association.

Second. That we extend the thanks of this body to our program committee and to each one who has taken a part, for the splendid program of this Association.

Third. That the thanks of this body be tendered to the *Shawnee News Star* for their fine coverage of our meetings and in particular to Mr. Truman Richardson for his feature article of Sunday, July 13.

Fourth. That the clerk of this Association be instructed to prepare suitable appreciation to the City of Shawnee, its Chamber of Commerce, and its Mayor.

Fifth. That the clerk of this Association be further instructed to prepare expression of appreciation to the Ayden Press for supplying the programs for this meeting.

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

Desiring to submit a positive instead of a negative report at the 1952 session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, we your Temperance Committee, make the following commendations:

1. We commend these of our people who live soberly and temperately in their daily lives.

2. We commend the thousands of our people who consistently refuse to patronize places of business which sell or handle intoxicating beverages including eating establishments and grocery stores.

3. We commend the many hundreds of our people who are careful to vote for candidates for public office who are opposed to the manufacture and sale of beer, wine, and whiskey.

4. We commend the ministers who are fearless in denouncing from their pulpits the evils of intemperate and un-Christ-like living.

5. We commend the constituency of our church who are loyal in observing the portion of our church covenant which reads as follows:

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."

THE TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

REPORT OF PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

Your Committee on locating the 1953 session of the National Association report their findings. We have two invitations for the Association, Beckley, West Virginia, and Benton, Illinois. We are asking this body to vote as to which invitation we accept.

THE PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

## REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AMENDING CONSTITUTION

We, your Committee, submit the following report:

*Article VIII, Section 1*, is hereby amended to read: Boards—All standing Boards shall be composed of five members, exclusive of the General Board and the Board of Trustees of the Free Will Baptist Bible College. Standing Boards include the General Board, the Board of Trustees of the Bible College, the Foreign Mission Board, the Home Mission Board, the Free Will Baptist League Board, the Board of Superannuation, the Board of Publication and Literature, the Sunday School Board, the Board of Radio and TV, and a Board of Trustees who shall be legal custodians of all property belonging to the National Association except in the case of those boards of the Association which are now incorporated. The personnel of each of the foregoing, exclusive of the General Board and the Board of Trustees of the Bible College, shall be elected as follows: the first named for a term of one year, the second for a term of two years, the third for a term of three years, the fourth for a term of four years, and the fifth for a term of five years. Succession to office thereafter shall be determined as order requires.

### *A Partial Report of the Special Committee on Constitutional Changes\**

The following is a proposed Constitutional Amendment:

That *Article VIII Board Section 2*, last sentence which reads: "The President of the W. N. A. C. and the President of the National Sunday School Convention shall be ex-officio members of the Board." be amended to read: The President of the W. N. A. C. shall be an ex-officio member.

Also that *Article XI Auxiliaries*: which reads: "The W. N. A. C. and the National Sunday School Convention shall be recognized as subordinate organizations to the National Association." be amended to read as follows: The W. N. A. C. shall be recognized as a subordinate organization to the National Association.

\* This proposed constitutional Amendment was tabled until the 1953 session.

## REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

### *General Board:*

Arkansas—O. T. Dixon  
California—Ralph Hampton  
Missouri—Ben Scott  
Oklahoma—Wade Jernigan  
Texas—Noah Cole

### *Foreign Mission Board:*

1957—Rolla Smith

### *Home Mission Board:*

1955—Homer E. Willis—Kentucky  
1957—Harry E. Staires—Oklahoma

### *Free Will Baptist League Board:*

1957—Robert B. Crawford—Texas

### *Superannuation Board:*

1957—David W. Hansley—North Carolina

### *Publication and Literature Board:*

1957—Rufus Hyman, Alabama

### *Sunday School Board:*

1953—John H. West, Oklahoma  
1957—Earl Smith—Arkansas

### *Free Will Baptist Bible College Board:*

1958—Luther Gibson, Mississippi  
Floyd B. Cherry, North Carolina  
John L. Welch, Tennessee

### *Radio-TV Board:*

1953—Harry Beatty, Missouri  
1954—Ralph Staten, Oklahoma  
1955—Louis Moulton, Virginia  
1956—M. L. Johnson, North Carolina  
1957—W. A. Hales, Virginia

### *Trustees for Headquarters Building:*

1953—E. B. McDonald, Tennessee  
1954—I. L. Stanley, Tennessee  
1955—J. B. Reding, Tennessee  
1956—Lester Jones, Alabama  
1957—Garner Caldwell

### *Comity Committee to General Baptist Convention:*

F. B. Cherry, North Carolina  
Raymond Riggs, Michigan  
L. C. Johnson, Tennessee

### *General Officers:*

Moderator.....Rev. E. E. Morris—Oklahoma  
Assistant Moderator.....Rev. Joseph Ange, North Carolina  
Clerk.....Rev. Paul J. Ketteman, South Carolina  
Assistant Clerk.....Rev. J. D. O'Donnell, Alabama  
Promotional Secretary-Treasurer.....Rev. Damon C. Dodd, Tenn.

## RESIGNATIONS

### *Resignation from the Sunday School Board:*

To the National Association of Free Will Baptists in session at Shawnee, Oklahoma, July 17, 1952.

As a member of the Sunday School Board of the National Association, I do hereby tender my resignation as of this date.

Respectfully,  
GERTRUDE BOWE

## REPORTS OF NATIONAL BOARDS

### REPORT OF GENERAL BOARD

The General Board convened in session July 14, 1952, and was called to order by the Assistant Chairman, Rev. Seldon Bullard, after which prayer was offered by Rev. George Waggoner. A quorum was found present and business proceeded.

A Committee on Comity was introduced from the General Baptist Association and their names recorded. Revs. W. N. Gibson and Ollie Latch being the committee were welcomed and by motion were seated with all usual privileges.

The Report of the Promotional Secretary was made and considered item by item.

1. Motion, that a committee composed of seven members be elected to attend the General Baptist Association in Clay, Kentucky, on October 21-23, 1952, and that this committee also contact the Churches of God of North America for further exploration of mutual relationship with each other.

2. Motion, we approve the resolution relative to the Ambassador to the Vatican which follows: Whereas, We, the National Association of Free Will Baptists, believe in American Democracy, and, whereas, we hold to the Constitution of the United States of America and freedom granted us under the Bill of Rights as our individual heritage, and, whereas, we believe firmly in the separation of Church and State, and, whereas, we feel that these rights and privileges will be endangered by the appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican, inasmuch as history contains a record of the aspirations and ambitions of the Catholic hierarchy in matters politic, Therefore, be it resolved, that we, the National Association of Free Will Baptists, in annual session in Shawnee, Oklahoma, July 15-17, 1952, go on record as being definitely and unalterably opposed to the appointment by President Harry S. Truman, or any other president, of an ambassador to the Vatican State in Rome, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to President Truman and each United States Senator.

3. Motion, the Commission on Chaplaincy was designated as the agency through which Free Will Baptist Ministers could appeal for assistance in matters pertaining to their draft status. The Commission is also designated as the Board of Ministerial Training.

4. Motion, we recommend that the National Association adopt the following resolution as its expression on Universal Military Training: "Whereas, we believe that militarism is contrary to the teaching of Christ, and whereas, from the standpoint of humanitarian principle, it is indefensible, Therefore, be it resolved, that

the National Association of Free Will Baptists express its opposition to the program of Universal Military Training."

5. Motion, We recommend that the ceiling price for the National Headquarters Building be eliminated.

Secondly, we recommend that a Board of Trustees, consisting of five (5) members, be elected by this National Association of Free Will Baptists. Said Board shall be empowered to execute and hold title to all property for the National Headquarters purchased by the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Thirdly, we further recommend that the Promotional Secretary be instructed to launch a campaign to raise funds necessary to close deal for suitable property for the Denominational Headquarters in Nashville, Tennessee.

Finally, we recommend that the Promotional Secretary, the above mentioned Board of Trustees, and one member of each Board or agency which will be housed in the National Headquarters Building be named as the Purchasing Committee. It is to be understood that the Headquarters Building is to be used solely as business offices for the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

6. Motion, that the Christian Workers Institute be turned over to the Bible College.

7. Motion, a committee composed of the Clerk, the Moderator and the Promotional Secretary was appointed to draft a suitable letter-form for representation from the various bodies.

8. Report of the Foreign Mission Board was made and the same was approved for adoption.

9. Motion, that the Financial Year be changed to end on June 15, instead of June 30.

10. Motion, all Boards pay necessary expenses of members attending all meetings except while attending the National Association.

11. Motion, all Board Members be allowed 6 cents per mile for traveling to and from board meetings.

12. Free Will Baptist League Board made report and same was approved for adoption.

13. Sunday School Board made report and same approved for adoption with amendment.

14. Board of Publications and Literature reported and same approved for adoption.

15. Report of Home Mission Board was made and the same approved for adoption.

16. Report of Board of Trustees of Bible College made and the same approved for adoption.

17. Motion, the Sunday School and League Boards be empowered to set a time and place separate and apart from the National Association for their meetings.

18. Letter-Blank Committee reported and same approved for adoption.

19. Radio Commission reported and same approved for adoption.

20. The Board of Trustees of the Bible College offered the following resolution which was approved for adoption:

"That the number of trustee members be reduced to nine."

REV. E. C. MORRIS,  
*Clerk of General Board*

#### REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

Greetings, in the name of the Lord.

Another year has gone by, and the Lord has delayed His coming, thus enabling us to extend our borders and bring the message of salvation to countless numbers who never knew that the Son of God came to seek and to save that which was lost. Possibly our greatest advance this year has been made in—

##### *North India*

Just south of the Nepal border in Kishanganj Sub-Division. Rev. and Mrs. Paul Woolsey returned from this spring where they claim there is approximately three to four thousand villages with a half million population. No other resident Protestant is there other than Free Will Baptists. Only one other small group, about 12, of Protestant Christians. The Sub-Division is about 70 miles long and 40 miles wide at the longest and widest areas. During the past three years God has given Free Will Baptists Christians in more than 15 villages over this entire section. It would take at least 10 couples to actually man this field as it should be. Through the leadership of Brother Paul Woolsey in this section, one and one-half acres of land was purchased and a mission compound established.

Rev. and Mrs. Dan Cronk are laboring in this section and doing a wonderful job for the Master. A new jeep was recently purchased for this area and it has certainly multiplied the services of the missionaries.

##### *South India*

The work in South India continues to advance as Miss Barnard and Miss Wilson minister in and around Kotagiri. Since the purchase of property in Kotagiri, our missionaries have better living quarters and also better accommodations for services and school work. Also the arrival of the Chevrolet car has lessened their travel strain and increased their contacts for the Lord. A Free Will Baptist Church was recently organized in Kotagiri with 14 members.

Some how we feel that India offers the greatest challenge to our Church today of any other foreign country. We are in a position to send Missionaries there without difficulty. Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna expect to sail for India some time this fall. Pray that others may follow soon.

##### *Cuba*

In spite of Government "shake up" and pressure groups, the Lord is still blessing the Free Will Baptist work in Cuba. Another class of graduates have gone out from the Bible School to carry the Message of Everlasting Life. Also, the Association of Free Will Baptist Churches in Cuba continues to grow under the ministry of our fine Native Pastors.

Bro. Willey writes in letter dated May 15th, "We closed Sunday night the most wonderful convention we have had thus far. In spite of a continuous rain, the people came. Cars were able to come in and go out constantly. We had two International Youth for Christ workers on the program. They came in their private plane. They were a tremendous help, especially with the music. A very fine Methodist Cuban minister gave the graduation sermon. Sunday afternoon, Dr. Verdecia, professor in Havana University, brought a message on Mother's Day. Sunday night we showed the picture "A Letter to Melitino," and the YFC group showed one on the "Power of the Blood." The Lord richly blessed throughout the services and all the business meetings."

Unfortunately, Miss Bessie Yeley was forced to return to the states because of her health. She expects to undergo an operation and then if able, and the Lord wills, return to Cuba. Please remember her in prayer.

At their own personal request, Rev. and Mrs. Robert Wilfong have been released from their duties in Cuba to return to the states for further training. This leaves an opening for some one to take their places there on the field. Please pray the Lord to send the right couple. In the words of Mrs. Willey, "this is a desperate need."

##### *Africa*

Mrs. Harold Stevens continues to serve in Africa under the South Africa General Mission. According to reports she is doing a wonderful work for the Lord and we are grateful for those who support her through our board.

##### *Japan*

An affiliation has just been consummated with the Far Eastern Gospel Crusade, and Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery, accepted candidates for Japan, expect to sail sometime in January, 1953. They will serve their first term under the supervision of the F.E.G.C.

An investigation is also being made of the General Baptist Foreign Mission Board regarding the correlation of the work of our Foreign Mission Board with theirs.

#### ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

The Annual meeting of the Foreign Mission Board was held this year in Nashville, Tennessee, on March 25th and 26th. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Chairman ..... Rashie Kennedy

Vice-Chairman ..... Mark Lewis  
 Recording Secretary ..... J. W. Alford  
 Promotional Secretary-Treasurer ..... Raymond Riggs

This meeting was a very harmonious session and the Spirit of the Lord was certainly in our midst. Following are excerpts from the minutes of this meeting.

1. The Board agreed that we should begin to consider a retirement plan for our missionaries, determining the length of period of service, age of retirement, etc.
2. Motion carried authorizing the treasurer to accept the proposal of Plante and Moran, or some other concern to audit Treasurer's books, and that the Board instruct any successors to the Treasurer's office to have an annual audit made of the Treasurer's books by a Certified public accountant.
3. Motion carried that the Board of Foreign Missions prepare a letter and send to the Moderator of the National Association, Promotional Secretary, and the General Board, urging the establishing of National Headquarters and that a suitable building be secured as soon as possible to house the various departments of our denomination and that the National Association appoint the Chairman of the Foreign Mission Board on the committee to investigate and decide upon appropriate building.
4. Motion carried that we make inquiry to the General Board about some way of putting the Promotional Secretary's job of the National Association more on a paying basis.
5. Motion carried to authorize Bro. Riggs to use an additional \$75.00 per month, if necessary, for the operation of his office of Promotional Secretary-Treasurer beginning April 1st.
6. Motion carried that the treasurer be bonded in the amount of \$20,000.00.
7. Motion carried that the Chairman and Promotional Secretary arrange for a Missionary Conference this year, selecting a date to the best advantage.
8. Motion carried that the Chairman of the Board and Bros. Hanna and Calvery attend the Annual session of the E. F. M. A. Convention April 14-18 in Chicago.
9. Motion carried that Rev. Reford Wilson be authorized to assist in arranging itinerary for Tommy and Barbara Willey in the Southwestern states.
10. Motion carried that the matter of employing a full time Promotional Secretary be tabled.
11. Motion carried that the following budget and suggested quotas be approved for the church year of 1952-1953:

#### FIELD OF OPERATIONS

Field	Per Month	Per Year
India .....	\$1,600.00	\$19,200.00
Cuba .....	2,500.00	30,000.00
Africa .....	75.00	900.00

Japan .....	250.00	3,000.00
		<u>\$53,100.00</u>

#### PROMOTIONAL BUDGET

Salaries of Office Force (\$200.00) .....	\$ 2,400.00
Printing .....	1,000.00
Postage .....	350.00
Telephone Calls & Cablegrams .....	125.00
Travel Expense and Field Work Expense (Including travel expense of Board Members) .....	1,800.00
Office Supplies .....	100.00
Miscellaneous .....	2,000.00
Repatriation and Reserve .....	4,125.00
Total .....	<u>\$11,900.00</u>
Total Proposed Budget .....	<u>\$65,000.00</u>

#### SUGGESTED QUOTAS - 1952-1953

Alabama .....	\$ 1,500.00
Arkansas .....	1,000.00
California .....	500.00
Florida .....	900.00
Georgia .....	2,100.00
Illinois .....	3,200.00
Kentucky .....	1,500.00
Michigan .....	7,000.00
Mississippi .....	850.00
Missouri .....	9,000.00
North Carolina .....	13,000.00
Ohio .....	2,000.00
Oklahoma .....	5,000.00
South Carolina .....	3,500.00
Tennessee .....	6,000.00
Texas .....	3,000.00
Virginia .....	1,500.00
West Virginia .....	2,000.00
Miscellaneous .....	1,450.00
Total .....	<u>\$65,000.00</u>

#### THE FIFTH NATIONWIDE LEAGUE CONFERENCE IN REVIEW

The F. W. B. L. Board has rendered another year of service to the youth of the denomination. It has functioned chiefly through two main avenues, first by maintaining a national office, given over largely to promotional work, under the direction of our secretary-treasurer C. F. Bowen. Hundreds of pieces of literature and letters were handled through this office as well as the launching of a monthly league paper which has met with instant favor among our leagues. Two new manuals for study courses will soon be off the press.

In the second field of service we sponsored the Fifth Nationwide League Conference held in Shawnee, Oklahoma, July 8-10, 1952, at which 19 states were represented with some 800 persons registered. The theme of the conference was

"Christ Our Authority." Inspirational and instructive as it was, the conference sent leaguers back home to a better job for Christ.

One of the outstanding things revealed during the conference was the depth of interest manifested by the youth in their concern to really "go all out for Christ."

In prospect, the future is bright and your board plans several things which will make for a decided advance among our youth.

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE BOARD

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE BOARD

July 1, 1951 - July 1, 1952

Balance Brought Forward July 1, 1951 .....\$ 234.99

RECEIPTS

Regular Offerings .....	\$1,046.99	
Fourth Nationwide League Conference Offering .....	200.40	
Sale of League Pins .....	162.48	
Study Course Certificates and Seals .....	2.75	
Subscription to FWBL Monthly .....	17.00	
Miscellaneous Sales .....	1.20	
Royalties on Senior League Manual .....	19.90	
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$1,450.72</b>	<b>1,450.72</b>
Total Receipts Plus Balance .....		<b>1,685.71</b>

DISBURSEMENTS

Bank Service .....	\$ 12.00	
National Program .....	15.00	
Postage and Mailing .....	55.46	
Equipment .....	85.00	
Printing .....	100.00	
Secretarial Services .....	353.40	
Promotional Services .....	600.00	
Supplies .....	38.99	
College Building Fund .....	100.00	
League Conference Supplies .....	47.74	
Material for Intermediate Manual .....	9.45	
League Pins and Conference Badges .....	225.00	
Miscellaneous .....	18.32	
Lost by Theft .....	4.00	
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$1,667.36</b>	
Receipts Plus Balance Brought Forward .....		<b>\$1,685.71</b>
Less Disbursements .....		<b>1,664.36</b>
Balance in League Board Treasury July 1, 1952 .....		<b>\$ 21.35</b>

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR F. W. B. L. BOARD

July 1, 1952 - July 1, 1953

Estimated Income for the Year .....	\$1,500.00
Proposed Expenditures for the Year:	
National Program .....	\$ 60.00

Postage and Mailing .....	100.00	
Supplies .....	50.00	
Traveling Expenses .....	100.00	
Materials for League Conference .....	200.00	
Free Literature .....	100.00	
Promotional Services .....	600.00	
Secretarial Service .....	250.00	
Miscellaneous .....	40.00	
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>

HENRY MELVIN, *Chairman*  
C. F. BOWEN, *Secretary-Treasurer*

1952 CONVENTION REPORT

STATISTICS OF WORK DONE BY WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION,  
AUXILIARY TO THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

July 1, 1951 to July 1, 1952

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Number of Woman's Auxiliary Organizations .....	399
Number of Members July 1, 1951 .....	7,106
Number of New Members .....	992
Total Loss of Members .....	94
Total Membership July 1, 1952 .....	8,844
Total Increase in Membership for this Year .....	898

FINANCIAL REPORT

Offerings Received:

Co-Laborer Band Offering .....	\$2,085.07
Convention Per Capita Dues .....	709.85
W. N. A. C. Literature Sales .....	4,973.05
Designated Offerings .....	649.82
<b>Total Received</b> .....	<b>\$8,417.79</b>

Special Offerings:

(These offerings reported by local Auxiliary treasurers as having been contributed by W. N. A. C. members.)

Orphanages .....	\$ 1,551.16
Student Loan Fund .....	704.37
Foreign Missions .....	1,898.20
Home Missions .....	375.85
F. W. B. Bible College .....	405.46
Ministerial Relief .....	22.30
Local Church Work .....	3,942.31
Balance on Hand July 1, 1951 .....	2,706.96
<b>Grand Total Received for the Year</b> .....	<b>\$11,124.75</b>

Disbursements:

(1) Paid to National Association Boards .....	\$ 2,131.47
(2) Paid for Printing W. N. A. C. Literature (12 books, charts, report forms, leaflets, etc.) .....	4,404.26
(3) W. N. A. C. Expenses (annual meetings, secretarial help, printed programs, etc.) .....	168.07

(4) Miscellaneous Expenses .....	2,494.71
Total Disbursements for Year .....	\$ 9,198.51
Total Offerings for Year .....	\$11,124.75
Total Disbursements for Year .....	9,198.51
Balance in W. N. A. C. Treasury July 1, 1952 .....	\$ 1,926.24

### MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY REPORT

1. *Study Classes Conducted:* Stewardship, 129; Mission, 95; Prayer, 12; Evangelism, 61; "Manual of Methods," 16; Total Number Study Classes Conducted, 313.

2. *Seasons of Prayer Observed:* Week preceding Thanksgiving 45; Week preceding Easter, 284; Nine O'Clock Hour for Missionaries, 35.

3. *Youth Auxiliaries Sponsored:* Young Peoples (YPA) 128; Go-Tells (GTA) 163; Boys' Auxiliaries (BA) 29; Total Youth Auxiliaries sponsored, 329.

4. Number of Tithers, 1437; Number of New Tithers this year, 400.

5. Number W. N. A. C. Auxiliaries engaged in Directed Personal Work, 24; Number of Auxiliaries using monthly Calendar of Activities, 20; Number of Soul-winning efforts made, 1,245; Number of souls won as result of directed work, 424.

6. Standard "A-1" Auxiliaries (8 States).

7. Stewardship Declamation Contests Held (States-2) California, Oklahoma.

This report was made possible by the following cooperating states: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, West Virginia, and Florida.

Respectfully Submitted,

MRS. H. B. SLOAN, *President*

### REPORT OF THE NATIONAL HOME MISSION BOARD

Meeting at Shawnee, Oklahoma, July 15, 1952

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Rev. J. B. Bloss, prayer by Rev. W. A. Hales.

The Members of the Board present for the meeting were Rev. J. B. Bloss, Rev. Willard Day, Rev. Harry E. Staires, and Rev. R. H. Jackson who was sent as proxy for Rev. James Evans.

The State National Home Mission Directors present were Rev. Harvey Hill, Missouri; Rev. E. C. Morris, Georgia; Rev. Seldon Bullard, South Carolina; Rev. W. A. Hales, Virginia; Rev. Homer Willis, Michigan; Rev. Paul Pursell, Oklahoma; W. E. Holly, Florida.

A letter of resignation from Rev. George McLain of Kerman, California, was read and accepted.

A letter was read from Rev. Virgil Florence of Buhal, Idaho, whom the

National Home Mission Board had sent to Springfield, Oregon, to organize a Free Will Baptist Church. A church was organized with 20 charter members. Motion was carried to accept report and grant Rev. Florence \$50 for his expenses.

Motion was carried that the National Home Mission Board cooperate with the State Board of Georgia in the establishing of a Free Will Baptist Church at Thomson, Georgia.

The following National Home Mission Directors were elected: Mr. Earl Smith, Arkansas; Rev. Arthur Barker, Alabama; Rev. Art Hicks, Arizona; Rev. J. L. Waltman, California; Rev. Chester Huckaby, Florida; Rev. E. C. Morris, Georgia; Rev. George Waggoner, Illinois; Rev. Virgil Florence, Idaho; Rev. Walter Hooper, Kentucky; Rev. J. D. Odonnell, Mississippi; Rev. Harvey Hill, Missouri; Rev. William Mishler, Michigan; Rev. R. H. Jackson, North Carolina; Rev. Seldon Bullard, South Carolina; Rev. Paul Pursell, Oklahoma; I. J. Stanley, Tennessee; Rev. Robert Crawford, Texas; Rev. W. A. Hales, Virginia; Rev. R. H. Doan, West Virginia.

Motion was carried that the National Home Mission Budget be set at \$15,000 and that the quota for the states be as follows:

Alabama .....	\$ 800.00
Arkansas .....	400.00
Arizona .....	100.00
California .....	600.00
Kentucky .....	600.00
Missouri .....	1,500.00
Florida .....	500.00
Georgia .....	750.00
Illinois .....	1,000.00
Michigan .....	1,000.00
Mississippi .....	400.00
New Mexico .....	150.00
North Carolina .....	1,500.00
Oklahoma .....	1,500.00
South Carolina .....	750.00
Tennessee .....	1,250.00
Texas .....	400.00
Virginia .....	1,000.00
West Virginia .....	700.00
Ohio .....	100.00
Louisiana .....	100.00
Idaho .....	50.00
Oregon .....	50.00
Total .....	\$15,000.00

Motion carried to accept and print a book on the study course for Home Missions. This book was compiled by Rev. Damon C. Dodd.

We are making plans to purchase a tent and to place a Home Mission evangelist on the field.

Motion carried to have the month of April as our "Simultaneous Revival Month," and that we begin on March 24, 1953, with a day of prayer.

Motion carried that all state directors report all new churches organized in

their state and their reports be in the hands of the National Home Mission Secretary by June 30, 1953.

Motion carried that the National Home Mission Board and all State Directors meet at the Free Will Baptist Church in Paintsville, Kentucky, on December 2, 1952.

Motion carried that the National Home Mission Board's Chairman, Rev. J. B. Bloss, go before the Nominating Committee and ask that Rev. H. E. Staires be placed back on the National Home Mission Board and that Rev. Homer Willis be placed on the board to fill the vacancy of Rev. George McLain who resigned.

Motion carried to adjourn. Rev. R. H. Jackson dismissed with prayer.

#### REPORT OF BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS AND LITERATURE

Greetings:

As usual our report is short, but we have done our best with what we have to do: We have had a reprint of the Treatise to the amount of 4,000 copies which are being sold by the Free Will Baptist Gem and the Free Will Baptist Press at the retail price of 35c per copy and at \$25.00 per hundred.

We have manuscript prepared for publication of the following books, or booklets: "The Quack Doctor" by Rev. Paul Woolsey; a manuscript by Rev. Floyd B. Cherry which is a study course in Evangelism. This work can be used effectively in institute classes, and for general use. This is a masterpiece of literature according to our judgment. We, also, have a manuscript ready for "A Manual for Special Events" by use of a former work with additions in keeping with the Faith and Practices of the Free Will Baptist Church.

Rev. G. W. Million, who was employed two years ago by the Board of Publications and Literature, is making progress in the History, which is a compilation of former works together with historical facts as obtained by Brother Million. He works patiently and is trying to give such facts as would be true in every part. It takes time to do such work. We recommend to our people everywhere Rev. G. W. Million and ask that if you have any information that can be used in this history that you submit it to Brother Million or to some member of the Board of Publications and Literature. If he should see fit to visit your church or Association or District Meetings, assist him in the work.

As to our "Six Point Record System" published by your Board and printed at the Gem Press in Monett, Mo., which has been a slow seller due perhaps to a part of our negligence and for the lack of sufficient funds to properly advertise, we are glad to say that the state of North Carolina endorsed this system in its 1952 session of the State Sunday School Convention. You can order the System from either the Free Will Baptist Gem, Monett, Mo., or the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, North Carolina. We urge that you write for prices and get acquainted with this system if you are not using it. The Six Point Record System of Records is owned and published by your Board thus it is denominational property. May I urge you again to use our own.

I have urged better and more efficient literature and periodicals ever since I have been in the work. We have made great strides in this line in the last half century.

We have two publishing houses which are Free Will Baptist property and for the time that I have been officially serving the National Association, I have found that both of these institutions are always willing and ready to cooperate with your Board for the betterment of our cause.

We urge that our people rally to the support of these institutions and help to make them better and more efficient in supplying that which is needed for our denomination.

We recommend:

1. That we endorse the Free Will Baptist Gem, as a National Monthly Magazine of our church.
2. That we endorse the Free Will Baptist, printed at Ayden, North Carolina as our Weekly Church Magazine, as now published.
3. That when we desire certain books, we purchase these books from or through our own publishers as far as is possible. If these do not have the book or books, since they are in touch with all the leading publishers and are authorized to sell at the publisher's price, they will gladly get the book or books for you and at the same time the cost will be no more to you and will help your own publishing houses.

And in conclusion if you do not know the contents of the books it is desired that you ask for information of the Editors of these publishing houses concerning the work or take the matter up with your Board of Publications and Literature. There are many books on the market that are not sound in fundamental doctrines as believed by the majority of the Free Will Baptists.

Humbly submitted by your Board.

J. C. GRIFFIN, *Chairman*

#### REPORT OF TREASURER OF BOARD OF PUBLICATION & LITERATURE

##### RECEIPTS

Brought Forward .....	\$740.39
From Sale of Books (Book Store) .....	67.30
From Gem Press for Six Point Record System .....	10.21
From Gem Press for Personal Soul Winning .....	4.68
From Free Will Baptist Press Royalty on "Treatise" .....	240.00
<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>\$1,062.58</b>

##### EXPENSES

To Promotional Department .....	\$ 75.00
Postage .....	4.53
Letterheads and Envelopes (500 each) .....	10.71
Board Members for Travel .....	36.00
Moody Press (Books) .....	60.11

REPORT OF TREASURER OF NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

July 1, 1951 to June 30, 1952

Zondervan Publishing House (Books) .....	82.97
Free Will Baptist Gem (30 copies of P.S.W.) .....	4.50
Bank Exchange .....	.40
<b>Total Expenses</b> .....	<b>\$ 274.22</b>
<b>Balance June 30, 1952</b> .....	<b>\$ 788.36</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Six-Point Record Plates .....	\$ 200.00
Value of Books on Hand .....	609.05
Interest in Six-Point Records and P. S. Winning .....	
<b>Total Assets</b> .....	<b>\$1,597.41</b>

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

Greetings in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ:

Herewith is a report of the Free Will Baptist National Sunday School Board for the last year including the Tenth Annual Sunday School Convention which convened here in Shawnee Friday and Saturday of last week.

The report from this Tenth Annual Convention was an inspiring one. Judging from numerous expressions from those in attendance, it is without doubt the best we have ever had. We are encouraged in the hope that Free Will Baptists are really awakening to the importance of the ministry of the Sunday School in their church programs.

Thirty-four Sunday Schools reported, but the registration cards show over 400 to have been in attendance. This is almost double last year's attendance.

The guest speaker for this convention came to us through the courtesy of Scripture Press, interdenominational Sunday School publishers, of Chicago.

Your Sunday School Board met once during the past year on March 28, 1952, at Nashville, Tennessee, to plan the program for this recent convention.

You will find our financial report attached.

We feel that the future ministry of our Free Will Baptist Sunday Schools is brighter than it has ever been before. In view of this fact, your National Board wishes to make the following recommendation:

That the National Association of Free Will Baptists empower the National Sunday School Board to regulate and control all literature pertaining to the Sunday School program in the denomination.

The following amendment suggested by the General Board of the National Association: That the National Sunday School Board also regulate and control the DVBS literature.

As your Board, we earnestly covet your prayers as we enter into another year that we may accomplish more than we ever have.

Respectfully submitted,  
 REV. WILLIAM MISHLER, *Chairman*  
 GERTRUDE BOWE, *Sec'y-Treas.*

<b>RECEIPTS</b>	
Balance in Third National Bank, Nashville, Tenn., July 1, 1951 .....	\$248.91
To Be Deposited July 1, 1951 .....	36.00
Petty Cash July 1, 1951 .....	3.10
Received at 1951 Convention .....	97.00
Offering at 1951 Convention .....	65.36
Sunday Schools with Late 1951 Dues .....	24.00
With Reports to 1952 Convention .....	365.00
Offering at 1952 Convention .....	40.08
<b>Total Receipts</b> .....	<b>\$879.45</b>

<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>	
Film Rental for 1951 Convention .....	\$ 8.00
Convention Expenses 1951 .....	26.00
Printing Programs .....	39.26
Traveling Expenses to Board Meeting, Postage, Stationary .....	108.00
<b>Total Disbursements</b> .....	<b>\$181.26</b>
<b>Balance July 1, 1952</b> .....	<b>\$6.98.19</b>
Third Nat'l Bank, Nashville, Tenn. ....	\$410.22
To Be Deposited .....	287.97
	<b>\$698.19</b>

REPORT OF NATIONAL SUPERANNUATION BOARD

July 1, 1951 through June 30, 1952

Brought Forward July 1, 1951 .....	\$5,511.44
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<b>RECEIPTS</b>	
Premiums and Applications .....	\$877.99
State of Alabama .....	35.58
State of California .....	6.00
State of Florida .....	16.90
State of Georgia .....	218.04
State of Mississippi .....	76.13
State of Missouri .....	233.30
State of Michigan .....	63.46
State of North Carolina .....	433.00
State of Tennessee .....	47.94
State of Virginia .....	25.00
Woman's National Auxiliary Convention .....	22.52
<b>Total Receipts</b> .....	<b>\$2,055.86</b>
<b>Total Receipts Plus Balance</b> .....	<b>\$7,567.30</b>

<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>	
Ministers' Life and Casualty Union for Premiums and Applications .....	\$1,746.97
Chester A. Huckaby, Board Member, For Promotional Work .....	26.82
Rev. Damon C. Dodd, Promotional Work .....	250.00

F. C. Zinn, Board Member, For Promotional Work .....	125.00
Secretarial Service .....	136.50
Printing Press for Advertising Material .....	20.00
Supplies .....	3.00
National Foreign Mission Board	
For Rev. Daniel Cronk's Premium .....	28.11
Travel Expense for Five Members to Board Meeting .....	298.00
 Total Disbursements .....	 \$2,634.40
 Total Receipts Less Disbursements .....	 \$4,932.90
 On Hand June 30, 1952 .....	 \$4,932.90

J. O. FORT, *Treasurer*

The following motion was adopted in connection with the report of the Treasurer of the National Superannuation Board:

The Board recommends its budget to be \$5,500.00 for the fiscal year beginning in 1952 and ending in 1953, and that amount of insurance allowed to each minister and Christian worker be raised to \$3,000.00 provided that on January 1, 1953, a substantial amount of this budget shall have been raised and reasonable assurance shall be given that the remainder of the budget will be raised during the year.

#### REPORT OF FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Budget 1952-1953

##### SALARIES

Administrative and Teaching .....	\$24,060.00
Office .....	5,575.00
Kitchen .....	6,200.00
Janitorial .....	1,500.00
Library .....	2,300.00
 Total Salaries .....	 \$39,635.00

##### OPERATING EXPENSES

Travel Expense .....	\$2,500.00
Maintenance and Repairs .....	6,000.00
School Supplies .....	200.00
Heat, Light, Water, Laundry .....	2,500.00
Kitchen and Household Supplies .....	700.00
Printing (Catalog, Adv., etc.) .....	1,000.00
Office Expense (Postage, Sta.) .....	1,200.00
Library (Equipment and Books) .....	1,000.00
Equipment .....	3,000.00
Honorarium .....	400.00
Telephone Expense .....	600.00
Retirement on Indebtedness .....	2,375.00
Miscellaneous Expenses .....	1,500.00
Board of Trustees' Expense .....	400.00
Social Security Taxes .....	200.00
Insurance .....	800.00
Unified Program .....	1,280.00
 Total Operating Expenses .....	 \$25,655.00
 Total Proposed Budget (Excluding Groceries) .....	 \$65,290.00

As a supplement to this budget the Board of Trustees has voted an additional \$10,000.00 as a contingency fund to be used in the event the proposed budget is not sufficient.

# Constitution of the National Association

AS REVISED BY THE 1952 SESSION AT SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA

From experience we, the members of the Free Will Baptist denomination being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Jesus Christ and revealing the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among us as a church; and to preserve and maintain correspondence and coordination with us, do therefore ordain this Constitution for our better denominational government.

## ARTICLE I

*Name*—This organization shall be known as the National Association of Free Will Baptists of the United States of America.

## ARTICLE II

*Purpose*—The object and purpose of this organization shall be to unify the work of the various bodies composing the National 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 be hereafter represented therein.

## ARTICLE III

*Composition*—This National Association shall be composed of its general officers, the members of all standing boards, or committees, the duly appointed delegates of Free Will Baptist organizations which actively promote and support the work of the Association and all ordained ministers and missionaries who belong to general bodies which are affiliated with this National Association.

## ARTICLE IV

*Representation*—Representation in the National Association is to be by states. Each state association shall be entitled to five delegates to be elected from the laity, regardless of the number of district associations in the state; but in addition to the five delegates, each state shall be entitled to one delegate for each district association within the bounds of District Association. Districts in the state which have no state association, and those whose state organizations may not be affiliated with this body, shall elect and send their delegates directly to the National Association.

## ARTICLE V

*Finance*—Each State Association representing in this body shall send the sum of \$10.00 with \$5.00 extra for each District Association composing the said State Association or Convention. The district or subordinate associations representing directly shall send the sum of \$5.00 with their reports.

Section 2. The Moderator and Clerk shall receive an honorarium of \$50.00 annually plus 5c per mile travel expense to and from sessions of the National Association. Assistant Moderator and Assistant Clerk shall receive the same benefits as Moderator or Clerk in the absence of either the Moderator or the Clerk.

## ARTICLE VI

*Discipline*—This National Association shall have the right to settle any question

of discipline, doctrine or practice that may properly come before it from any of the bodies composing said organization of the National Association of the Free Will Baptist Church, or act upon any appeal that may be made by any body belonging to the National Association. Said appeal shall have been written and properly signed by the constituent body or bodies, and its decision shall be final. Such appeals are to come before the National Association, after having been appealed from the lower to the next higher body.

Section 2. All appeals coming before the National Association may be settled in either of the following ways: (1) By the National Association when sitting in a committee as a whole. (2) By a special committee whose report shall be voted on without discussion.

#### ARTICLE VII

*Officers*—The Officers of this National Association shall consist of a Moderator, an assistant moderator, a clerk, an assistant clerk, promotional secretary who shall serve as treasurer, each of whom shall be elected at the close of each regular session.

Section 2. Committees, as necessary, shall be appointed by the Chairman unless otherwise provided for, and shall hold office until their work is completed, or until their successors are elected.

#### ARTICLE VIII

*Boards*—All standing Boards shall be composed of five members, exclusive of the General Board and the Board of Trustees of the Free Will Baptist Bible College. Standing Boards include the General Board, the Board of Trustees of the Bible College, the Foreign Mission Board, the Home Mission Board, the Free Will Baptist League Board, the Board of Superannuation, the Board of Publication and Literature, the Sunday School Board, the Board of Radio and TV, and a Board of Trustees who shall be legal custodians of all property belonging to the National Association except in the case of those Boards of the Association which are now incorporated. The personnel of each of the foregone, exclusive of the General Board and the Board of Trustees of the Bible College, shall be elected as follows: the first named for a term of one year, the second for a term of two years, the third for a term of three years, the fourth for a term of four years, and the fifth for a term of five years. Succession to office thereafter shall be determined as order requires.

Section 2. The personnel of the General Board shall be composed of the general officers of the National Association and the chairman of each of the following Boards: The Foreign Mission Board, the Home Mission Board, the Free Will Baptist League Board, the Sunday School Board, the Board of Superannuation, and the Board of Literature and Publications. There shall also be elected by the National Body one member from each affiliated State Association and one member from each affiliated association comprising one or more than one state. The President of the National Woman's Auxiliary Convention and the President of the National Sunday School Convention shall be ex-officio members of the Board.

The term of office of those chosen within given State Associations shall be two years; and so constituted that the expiration of the term of office of those residing east of the Mississippi River shall alternate with those residing west of the Mississippi.

Section 3. The General Board shall have power to act in behalf of, and for the National Association from one regular session to another, and shall also have power to elect such officers as may be necessary for its own government, and to carry out the plans and undertakings of the National Association.

Section 4. The General Board shall have power to fill irregular vacancies that may occur in its own body, and shall also have power to fill and irregular vacancies that may occur in any department of the work between sessions of the National Association. It shall be the duty of this Board to make written reports of all its work to each annual session of the Association.

Section 5. The General Board shall organize at its own discretion for the promotion of the work set forth in sections three and four of this article. It is understood that an Executive Committee consisting of seven members shall be elected by the General Board from among its membership, whose duty it shall be to act on all matters coming within the scope of the work of the Board when said General Board is not in session.

Section 6. The duties of the various standing Boards shall be to plan a program and supervise its operation in their respective fields. They shall organize themselves and regulate their work as may become necessary, and as may be found in harmony with the principles and tenets of the National Association.

Each standing board shall prepare a budget of its proposed financial expenditures at the beginning of each fiscal year, and present same for approval of the National Association before any expenditures are made for the year.

Section 7. No person shall fill more than one office at the same time, or any office and a place on any standing board, except as he may become a member of the General Board by virtue of his office. No person shall serve on more than one standing board at the same time, except as he may become a member of the General Board by virtue of being chairman of the board of which he is an elected member.

#### ARTICLE IX

A Board of Trustees of not less than nine members nor more than fifteen shall be elected by the National Association and charged with the responsibility of establishing, organizing, controlling, and operating a Free Will Baptist Bible College in the city of Nashville, of the state of Tennessee. It is provided, however, that the first Board of Trustees shall be composed of nine members, who shall be classified and elected in groups of 3's as follows: The terms of office of the first three named shall expire July 15, 1946; the terms of office of the second three named shall expire July 15, 1948; and the terms of office of the last three named shall expire July 15, 1950. Successors in office thereafter shall be elected biennially in groups of 3's, each for a term of six years, and they shall continue in service until their successors have been chosen. Any trustee may be re-elected to office at the option of the National Association.

In addition to the original nine trustees prescribed for the Bible College, the National Association may, at its option, elect six others to membership on the Board; but they shall be elected, two biennially, until six members have been added to the board. These elections shall coincide with the respective biennial elections of the

original groups of 3's, and shall, in actual practice, effect or result in a reclassification and biennial election of all trustees in groups of 5's. Under this option, if elected, trustees shall be chosen by the National Association biennially in groups of 5's, each for a term of six years.

The trustees of the Bible College shall have power to apply for and receive a charter of incorporation under the name and style of FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. It is provided, however, that the charter of incorporation, as proposed, shall be approved and authorized by the National Association previous to its submission for registration, and that no revision or amendment thereafter shall be sought without the specific direction of the National Association.

The Board of Trustees of the Bible College shall also have power to organize at will and to create such by-laws as may be deemed essential for their government and for the control, administration, and promotion of the college, consistent with the provisions of its charter of incorporation and the constitution and regulations of the National Association.

#### ARTICLE X

The National Association shall hold its regular meetings annually, at the time and place announced by the committee appointed by the Association while in session.

#### ARTICLE XI

*Auxiliaries*—The National Woman's Auxiliary Convention and the National Sunday School Convention shall be recognized as subordinate organizations to the National Association. They shall organize at their own discretion, and have power to create and adopt their respective constitution and by-laws, and maintain complete management of the work for which they are constituted. The scope and character of the work of these organizations shall conform to the general program and promotional plans of the Association. They shall report their accomplishments annually to the National Association.

#### ARTICLE XII

Should necessity arise, from war, or pestilence, or any cause which prevents a regular meeting whether such a condition is of a local or general condition, then the General Board shall be privileged to call and act with full authority in all matters pertaining to the general welfare of the National Association and the Church as a whole, providing whatever transactions passed shall be by a two-third vote, of the full membership of the said General Board, providing that such transactions shall not conflict with the purpose, and edicts of the Constitution as set forth in the preceding articles.

#### ARTICLE XIII

This Constitution may be amended or altered at any regular session of the National Association by a two-thirds vote of members present, provided proposed amendment or alteration be presented in writing to the body one day in advance.