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ASSOCIATION

of

**Free Will Baptists**

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**1953**

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Proceedings of the  
Third Annual Session

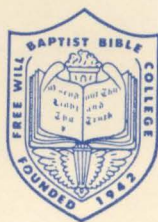
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Convened at

**COLLINSVILLE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

North 12th street, Collinsville, Oklahoma

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FREE WILL BAPTIST  
BIBLE COLLEGE

*Presented By*

Mr. Jim Haas

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# Northeast Oklahoma Association of

## FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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### OFFICERS

|                             |                     |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Rev. Raymond McMillen       | Moderator           |
| Route one, Talala, Oklahoma |                     |
| Rev. W. L. Vickers          | Assistant Moderator |
| Vera, Oklahoma              |                     |
| Sister Elsie McMillen       | Clerk               |
| Route one, Talala, Oklahoma |                     |
| Sister Lottie Plumer        | Assistant Clerk     |
| Route one, Talala, Oklahoma |                     |

The next session of the Northeast Oklahoma Association will be held at Zion Hill Free Will Baptist church on Thursday night before the second Sunday in August, 1954.

The First Quarterly Conference will meet November 5, 1953 at Claremore, Oklahoma.

The Youth meeting will begin on Tuesday morning, July 27, 1954, at 9 A. M.

First Quarterly Conference convened at the Zion Hill Free Will Baptist church on November 6, 1952.

Brother Clyde Shade brought the introductory message.

Second Quarterly Conference convened at the Claremore Free Will Baptist church on February 5, 1953. Brother Richard Shade and Brother Clyde Shade brought the introductory messages.

Third Quarterly Conference convened at the Zion Hill Free Will Baptist church on May 7, 1953. Brother Lester McDonald and Brother Bob Maxwell brought the introductory messages.

### CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

|                      |                                         |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Rev. Lester McDonald | 1517 West Main St., Collinsville, Okla. |
| Rev. A. B. Talbert   | 119 South Florence, Claremore, Okla.    |
| Rev. C. S. Pate      | Claremore, Okla.                        |
| Rev. Clyde Shade     | Talala, Okla.                           |
| Rev. Johnnie Brown   | Vera, Okla.                             |

## PULPIT COMMITTEE

|                             |                     |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Sister Lorene Vickers ----- | Vera, Okla.         |
| Sister Rosa Brazeal -----   | Collinsville, Okla. |
| Sister Ruby Vann -----      | Claremore, Okla.    |
| Sister Gladys Mendell ----- | Talala, Okla.       |

## OBITUARY COMMITTEE

|                            |                     |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Sister Avo Young -----     | Collinsville, Okla. |
| Sister Lucille Brown ----- | Vera, Okla.         |
| Sister Bill Little -----   | Claremore, Okla.    |

## RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

|                            |              |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Rev. Clyde Shade -----     | Talala       |
| Rev. A. B. Talbert -----   | Claremore    |
| Rev. Johnnie Brown -----   | Vera         |
| Rev. C. S. Pate -----      | Claremore    |
| Rev. Lester McDonald ----- | Collinsville |

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

|                           |                     |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Bro. Peace -----          | Vera Church         |
| Bro. Ed Clark -----       | Collinsville Church |
| Bro. Emery Jenkins -----  | Zion Hill Church    |
| Bro. Leard Thomason ----- | Zion Hill Church    |

## MISSION COMMITTEE

|                              |              |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| Sister Pearl Welder -----    | Zion Hill    |
| Sister Darlene Jenkins ----- | Zion Hill    |
| Sister Mary Stanbridge ----- | Claremore    |
| Sister Marie Carpenter ----- | Vera         |
| Sister Avo Young -----       | Collinsville |

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

|                                          |          |
|------------------------------------------|----------|
| Rev. A. B. Talbert -----                 | Chairman |
| 119 South Florence St., Claremore        |          |
| Rev. Edward Jenkins -----                | Clerk    |
| Oologah, Oklahoma                        |          |
| Rev. Clyde Shade -----                   | Member   |
| Talala, Oklahoma                         |          |
| Rev. Raymond McMillan -----              | Member   |
| Talala, Oklahoma                         |          |
| Rev. Lester McDonald -----               | Member   |
| 1517 Main street, Collinsville, Oklahoma |          |

## YOUTH MEETING



The Youth meeting of the Northeast Oklahoma Association began on the 3rd of August, 1953, 9:00 A. M. at Collinsville Free Will Baptist church. The youth were taught music and singing for two hours each morning and afternoon. Brother Talbert and Brother Leard Thomason were the teachers. Much interest was shown and all who took part received a lot of good! Lunch was served each day by the Collinsville Mission ladies and was enjoyed and appreciated by all.

The 68 who attended are:

Jimmie Hill  
Ralph Dotson  
Linda Dotson  
Eva L. McMillen  
Geomi Vanderpool  
Jackie Mann  
Shirley Mann  
Avalene Penner  
Elsie McMillen

Mrs. Duncan  
Billie Clark  
Lucille Brown  
Johnnie C. Brown  
Dennis Winton  
Gary Winton  
Ben Pope  
Elmer Pope  
Wanda Stout

Leoma Jenkins  
Mandy Sue Hill  
Darlene Jenkins  
Freddie Boyd  
James Boyd  
Bobby Boyd  
Dannie Boyd  
Monroe McMillen  
Virginia Wilson  
Paul Winton  
Billy Dicks  
Mary A. Fields  
Karen Lynch  
Sharon Hargis  
Judith Worley  
Thelma Dicks  
May Moss  
Peggy Lynch  
Barbara S. Young  
Buster Young  
Winona Branen  
Emma D. Lynch  
Mary E. Young  
Mrs. Avo Young

Eva Heaton  
Sue Caler  
Jean Stout  
Carolyn Dicks  
Anne E. Winton  
Wanda M. Brown  
Jerry Akins  
Jerry McMillen  
Walley Glance  
Judy Penner  
J. W. McAlvain  
John H. Brown  
Marion Clark  
Ona Hill  
Nova Brazeal  
Etta Matthis  
Roza Brazeal  
Ethel McDonald  
Norman Brazeal  
Effie McAlvain  
Kenneth Baker  
Mary Searen  
Beverly Bluejacket  
A. B. Talbert  
Leard Thomason

Brother Edward Jenkins conducted services each evening for the youth.

## ASSOCIATIONAL PROCEEDINGS

August 6, 1953

Thursday Evenings Services, Rev. Raymond McMillen takes charge.

Services opened with singing under direction of Brother Leard Thomason with Sister Sissie Branen at the piano.

Invocation by Rev. Lester McDonald.

Specials in song:

Duet: Bro. Leon Timberman and Bro. Bill Little singing—"The Great Speckled Bird", and "A Mansion Over The Hill Top".

Quartet: Donald Thomason, Finis and Mandy Sue Hill, Sissie Branen, singing "Yes, I'm One of His Own".

Quartet: The Juniors, singing "Way Down Deep in My Soul".

Rev. Raymond McMillen took the stand, using for his text Psalms 15 verse 1; followed by Rev. Lester McDonald, using the same subject.

Benediction by W. L. Vickers.

## FRIDAY MORNING BUSINESS SESSION

Opened the conference singing, directed by Bro. Thomason, with Sister Lorene Vickers at the piano.

Scripture reading by the Moderator, Rev. Lester McDonald reading the second chapter of Phillipians.

Prayer led by Rev. Clyde Shade.

The third session of the Northeast Oklahoma Association was declared in conference by the moderator.

By-laws were read by moderator.

Letters were called for and read.

Motion carried to receive all the letters as read.

Delegates were seated and Christian hand of fellowship extended.

Election of officers for coming year.

Rev. Raymond McMillen elected moderator. Rev. W. L. Vickers was elected assistant moderator. Motion carried to give moderator and assistant authority to appoint all committees.

Sister Elsie McMillen elected clerk and Sister Lottie Plumer, assistant clerk.

Report of Divine Committee for Friday morning service.

Rev. W. L. Vickers and Rev. Raymond McMillen.

Motion carried to adjourn until 1 o'clock.

Closing prayer by Sister Kate Shade.

## ELEVEN o'CLOCK SERVICE

Singing, conducted by Sister Ona Hill with Sister Lorene Vickers at the piano.

Prayer lead by Bro. Talbert.

Brother Vickers took the stand, using as his text, "The Blood". After prayer he read the 7th verse of the 1st Chapter of 1st John. Brother Raymond McMillen followed, using the same text. Both were inspiring messages and enjoyed by all.

Prayer by Sister Kate Shade.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION

Song service led by Sister Ona Hill. Sister Winona Branen at the piano.

Prayer lead by Brother Clyde Shade.

Scripture reading by Sister Avo Young, the 12th chapter of Romans.

Moderator called Brother Talbert and Brother Leard Thomason to the front of the church.

In behalf of the youth of the Youth Meeting, and each was presented a small gift by Eva McMillen and Mary Young, as a token of appreciation of the good work they had done in teaching the young folk.

Rev. Talbert gave a tribute of thanks for both and encouraged the churches to keep on working with the young folk.

Report of Resolution.

(See Reports)

Motion made and carried that we give the ladies of the Collinsville church a vote of thanks for the work they did, preparing and serving the lunches for the children.

Motion made and carried that each church give \$5.00 to be divided between Bro. Talbert, Bro. Thomason and Bro. Jenkins as a love gift to them for their untiring efforts in the Youth Meeting.

Minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting read and approved.

Report of Resolution Committee.

(see report)

The preachers selected to bring the introductory message for the Quarterly conference are Rev. Clyde Shade and Rev. Bill Little.

Quartet number by four of the youth: Monroe and Eva McMillen, Mary and Sue Young—"Hand in Hand with Jesus."

Rev. Worley, from Skiatook, led testimony services.

Motion made and properly sustained, that Brother Leard Thomason conduct the singing school, assisted by Rev. Talbert.

Report of missions were read from Vera, Zion Hill and Collinsville and an oral report from Claremore.

They were all good reports.

Motion made and carried that the reports be accepted as read.

Motion made and properly sustained that we adjourn.

Dismissed in prayer by Sister Rosa Brazeal.

## FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Conference called into session by Moderator Rev. R. H. McMillen.

Service opened by singing, "I'll Sing for Christ", Sister Rosa Brazeal leading with Brother Ernie Brazeal as pianist.

Invocation by Brother Russell Heaton. Song, "God is Real".

Prayer by Rev. T. C. Phipps, pastor of The Nazarene church. Song, "Glory To His Name".

Prayer of thanks for the offering by Brother Ed Clark.

A special number by Brother Phillips, "Lord Lead Me On".

Motion made and properly sustained that we give Rev. Jenkins, Rev. Talbert and Brother Thomason \$10.00 each, out of the association treasury for their expenses in conducting the youth school.

Special song, "I Need The Prayers", by Rev. and Sister McMillen.

Brother Shirley Stout preached then was followed by Sister Ollie Heaton.

Dismissed in prayer by Brother Russel Heaton.

## REPORTS

We, the Obituary Committee, find that God, in his loving kindness has called from us our beloved Sister Martha Ann Vineyard, of Nowata, Oklahoma.

Sister Rosa Thomas, of Claremore, Okla.

Sister Pane, of Claremore, Okla.

Brother Cooper, of Claremore, Okla.

## CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

We, the Credential Committee, recommend that Brother Shirley Stout be licensed to preach the gospel for one year.

We, the Credential Committee, recommend that Brother Bill Little be licensed to preach the gospel for one year.

## RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

We, the Resolution Committee, recommend that the association meet at Zion Hill in August, 1954, and hope to make that a permanent place for the Association Meeting.

We, the Resolution Committee, recommend that we conduct the Youth School again in 1954.

We, the Resolution Committee, recommend that we have a ten days Youth School, including singing and Bible lessons.

Financial report in treasury 1.5747.

## SPECIAL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Board called together by Rev. A. B. Talbert, chairman, October 4, 1953 at Claremore. Those present were: Rev. A. B. Talbert, chairman; Rev. Ed Jenkins, clerk; Rev. McMillen, Rev. Shade, Rev. McDonald, members; Sister Elsie McMillen, associational clerk.

Purpose of the meeting was to talk over the matter of the Claremore church and to try and help any way we can to keep them from losing their building and help them hold their church together.

Rev. Jackson resigned as pastor.

Rev. Talbert is in charge of the Claremore church at present. The board voted to pay the associational clerk \$10.00 for getting the minutes ready for printing.

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Clyde Shade.

### Ordained ministers belonging to our association:

|                                                   |                                                |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Rev. A.B. Talbert, 119 S Flor-<br>ence, Claremore | Rev. Lester McDonald, Collins-<br>ville, Okla. |
| Rev. Ed Jenkins ---- Oologah                      | Rev. Johnny Brown ---- Vera                    |
| Rev. C. S. Pate, Claremore, Ok.                   | Rev. Retes Hunsucker-- Armed<br>Service        |
| Rev. Raymond McMillen, Talala                     |                                                |
| Rev. Clyde Shade ----- Talala                     | Rev. Shirley Stout ----- Vera                  |
| Rev. Ollie Heaton --Collinsville                  | Rev. Reed ----- Claremore                      |
| Rev. W.L. Vickers ----- Vera                      |                                                |

### Deacons belonging to our association:

|                                |                                   |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Bro. Fred Hudson -- Claremore  | Bro. Carson Mendell -- Talala     |
| Bro. T. J. Bentley --Claremore | Bro. Leard Thomason -- Talala     |
| Bro. Cecil Bowen -- Claremore  | Bro. Emery Jenkins - Oologah      |
| Bro. Jimmy Sweeney -- Vera     | Bro. Ed Clark ---- Collinsville   |
| Bro. Peace ----- Vera          | Bro. Russell Heaton, Collinsville |

## REPORT OF CHURCHES

### Collinsville—

Condition of church: good; condition of Sunday school: good; young people's meeting: fair; prayer meeting: good; members received this year: 8; died: 1; total active members: 39; paid pastor: \$250.00; paid evangelist: \$143.00; building finance: \$741.87; \$3.00 for minutes; \$5.00 for delegates.

Moderator, Rev. Lester McDonald                      Clerk, Sister Avo Young

### Claremore—

Members received this year, 15; value of church property, \$8,000.00; condition of Sunday school: good; condition of mission work: good; \$10.00 for delegates and minutes; paid pastor \$940.

Moderator, Rev. J. D. Jackson                      Clerk, Sister Ruby Vann

### Vera—

State of religion: good; new members, 8; number baptized, 2; total membership, 42; condition of prayer meeting: fair; Sunday school: fair; average number of pupils, 33; Number of officers, 3; Number of teachers, 4; paid pastor, \$129.27; paid evangelist, \$139.72; paid on building and repair, \$461.12; education, \$13; utilities, \$60. \$5.00 for minutes.

Moderator, Rev. Vickers                      Clerk, Lorene Vickers

### Zion Hill—

State of religion: good; members received, 5; died, 1; members granted letters, 2; condition of prayer meeting, good; Sunday school, excellent; average number of pupils, 65; number of officers, 3; number of teachers, 5; number baptized, 5; paid evangelist, \$110.00; paid pastor, \$430.07; building and finance, \$352.64; \$5.00 for delegates; \$2.00 for minutes.

Moderator, Rev. McMillen                      Clerk, Brother W. Platt

## CONSTITUTION

From long experience we are convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches to perpetuate our union and to maintain a correspondence among our churches.

Therefore, we have adopted the following constitution and by-laws for our government:

1. This association shall be called the Northeast Oklahoma Association.

2. This association shall be composed of such well regulated Free Will Baptist Churches maintaining Gospel order, agreeing with the denomination in doctrine and practices, favoring the enterprises that have been endorsed by this association.

3. The acting members of this association shall be the Ministers and their wives. Deacons and Church Clerks belonging to any church composing this body, also three delegates from each church chosen by the members of their respective churches.

4. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, a Clerk and Assistant Clerk, and an Executive Board of five members. They shall be elected by and subject to the Association; they shall act as a committee to promote peace and harmony among the Ministers and Churches belonging to this Association; they shall also act between session of the Association to carry out the program of the Association. Also a Board of Trustees, consisting of five members. The Trustees shall be elected by and be subject to the Association. They shall act as custodians of all property belonging to the Association, and shall sign all legal papers when authorized by the Association to do so. All officers shall hold office until their successors are elected.

5. The property of any church in this Association that should go down until they cannot transact business because they are disorganized, shall become the property of this Association.

6. This Association shall meet annually at such time and place as shall be decided upon by the Association, also meet in regular quarterly meetings and at such quarterly meetings, shall have power to transact all business of the Association except to change the Constitution.

7. The Association may be called together by the Moderator, by giving the churches ten days notice of such meeting.

8. This Constitution may be changed at any yearly meeting by a two-thirds majority of members voting.

## BY-LAWS

1. The Moderator or Assistant Moderator, or in their absence, the oldest minister present, shall call Asso. into conference.

2. Each session shall be opened and closed with prayer.

3. Five members from two or more churches shall constitute a quorum. A less number may adjourn until such quorum is present.

4. Visiting brethren are invited to seat as advisory members.
5. Those who speak shall arise and address the Moderator. Personal reflections shall be avoided in all debates.
6. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and a vote taken.
7. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded.
8. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the Moderator.
9. The Moderator shall not allow discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit.
10. The ruling of the Moderator may be over-ruled by a two-thirds majority of the members voting.
11. No question from any church shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it has first been discussed in its own church.
12. At each Association session, arrangements shall be made to insure two or more sermons or their equivalent devotional exercises each day.

### LETTER TO ASSOCIATION

To the \_\_\_\_\_ of Free Will Baptists when  
 convened with the \_\_\_\_\_ Church at \_\_\_\_\_  
 19\_\_\_\_\_. We send as delegates our beloved brethren:

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 who we pray you to receive to sit with you in your deliberations.

State of religion, \_\_\_\_\_; members received this year,  
 \_\_\_\_\_; No. baptized \_\_\_\_\_; No. dismissed \_\_\_\_\_;  
 No. died \_\_\_\_\_; Total membership, \_\_\_\_\_; condition of  
 prayer meeting, \_\_\_\_\_; condition of Sunday School \_\_\_\_\_;  
 Average No. of pupils, \_\_\_\_\_; No. of officers, \_\_\_\_\_; No.  
 of teachers, \_\_\_\_\_; paid pastor, \$\_\_\_\_\_; paid evangelist,  
 \$\_\_\_\_\_; Mission: Foreign, \$\_\_\_\_\_; building and repair,  
 \$\_\_\_\_\_; For education, \$\_\_\_\_\_; publication, \$\_\_\_\_\_;  
 amount enclosed for minutes, \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Pastor's name and address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Names and addresses of ministers belonging to our church:  
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Done by order of \_\_\_\_\_ Church assembled  
 in conference this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.  
 Moderator \_\_\_\_\_  
 Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

