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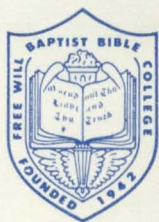
Proceedings of the
Sixth Annual Session



Convened at

ZION HILL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Oologah, Oklahoma



FREE WILL BAPTIST
BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented By

Mr. Jim Haas

Northeast Oklahoma Association

of

FREE WILL BAPTIST

August 9-11, 1956

OFFICERS

Rev. W. T. Roberts ----- Moderator
408 S. Normal, Claremore, Okla., phone 1291

Rev. E. E. Jenkins ----- Assistant Moderator
Oologah, Okla.

Sis. Odela Testerman ----- Clerk
Box 234, Vera, Okla.

Sis. Marie Roberts ----- Assistant Clerk
408 S. Normal, Claremore, Okla.

The Seventh Annual Session of the Northeast Oklahoma Association of Free Will Baptist will convene at the Zion Hill Free Will Baptist Church beginning Thursday night before the second Sunday in August, 1957.

The introductory messages for all quarterly and yearly meetings are to be doctrinal sermons delivered by ministers well versed in the Free Will Baptist Doctrine, to be chosen by the Moderator and Assistant Moderator.

The First Quarterly Conference will convene Nov. 9, 1956, at the North Side Turley Church, Turley, Oklahoma.

The Second Quarterly Conference will convene at the Barnsdall Free Will Baptist Church, beginning Friday night before the second Sunday in February, 1957.

The Third Quarterly Conference will convene at the Claremore Free Will Baptist Church, 1st and Normal, Claremore, Oklahoma, beginning Friday night before the second Sunday in May, 1957.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

BY-LAWS

1. The Moderator or Assistant Moderator, or in their absence, the oldest minister present, shall call Association 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. The Association may be called together by the Moderator, by giving the churches ten-days notice of such meeting.

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 in devotional exercises each day.

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 ses-

sions 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.

F. W. B. CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

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

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

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

CREDENTIAL BOARD

Rev. J. R. Shade, Clerk	Turley
Rev. W. T. Roberts, Chairman	Claremore
Rev. Joe Ragge	Bartlesville
Rev. Retes Hunsucker	Collinsville
Rev. S. F. Stout	Vera

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. B. A. Nichols, Chairman	Collinsville
Rev. Arnold Fanning, Clerk	Barnsdall
Rev. W. L. Vickers	Vera
Rev. Lester McDonald	Collinsville
Rev. Raymond McMillen	Zion Hill

MISSION BOARD

Sis. Lester McDonald	Collinsville
Sis. Mary McMillen	Vera
Sis. Marie Roberts	Claremore
Sis. Mendell	
Sis. Jewell Peck	Barnsdall

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Bro. Willard Peck	Barnsdall
Rev. Johnnie Brown	Vera
Rev. Charles Gann	Barnsdall
Bro. F. J. Testerman	Vera
Bro. C. E. Pope	Bartlesville

LEAGUE BOARD

Rev. B. A. Nichols	Collinsville
Bro. Gail Stevens	Collinsville
Bro. Raymond Wolf	Claremore
Rev. E. E. Jenkins	Zion Hill
Bro. Harrison Hemphill	Claremore

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

Bro. Willard Peck	Barnsdall
Bro. Clyde Huey	Turley
Bro. George Locust	Claremore

FIELD EVANGELIST

Rev. W. L. Vickers

MEMBER STATE GENERAL BOARD

Rev. J. R. Shade

PROCEEDINGS

The Sixth Annual Session of the Northeast Oklahoma Association of Free Will Baptists met at the Zion Hill Church, Thursday evening, August 9, 1956, for worship service.

Meeting called to order by Bro. Leard Thomason. Congregational singing with Sis. Louise Batson, pianist, and Bro. Charles Brazeal with his guitar. "Precious Jesus, Don't Forget". Prayer by Bro. Fred Jones Congregational song "Amazing Grace" Prayer by Rev. J. R. Shade Song

"When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder" Assistant Moderator Rev. W. T. Roberts gave the welcome address.

Special singing:

Charles Brazeal — piano solo

Duet: Bro. and Sis. Batson "The Blood That Stained The Old Rugged Cross"

Trio from Collinsville: "I'm Bound For The Kingdom"

Rev. Lester McDonald: "Just Waiting For The Sunset"

Zion Hill Quartet: "Where The Happy Millions Sing"

The first part of the evening service was delivered by Rev. Raymond McMillen, using as his text 1st Timothy 4:1-8. His subject, "Enduring Sound Doctrine" Rev. Retes Hunsucker continued the message, using the same subject, quoting also "By the grace of God I am what I am", and "My sheep hear my voice and another voice they will not follow." We were dismissed in prayer by Rev. J. R. Shade.

Friday, August 10, 1956

The Friday morning session opened with congregational singing "Just Over In The Gloryland." Prayer by Rev. Joe Ragge Song "Jesus Opened Up The Way" Welcome address by Rev. W. T. Roberts. Devotional by Rev. J. R. Shade, reading Proverbs 2:1-9.

The Association was properly declared in conference to transact business by Assistant Moderator Rev. W. T. Roberts Church letters called for Letters read from Barnsdall, Vera, North Side Turley, Zion Hill, Collinsville, Claremore, and New Hope churches. Letters accepted and delegates seated.

Placement of officers

Rev. W. T. Roberts, Moderator

Rev. E. E. Jenkins, Assistant Moderator

Sis. Odela Testerman, Clerk

Sis. Marie Roberts, Assistant Clerk

Petitionary letters called for Petitionary letter read from Bartlesville Church Motion properly sustained to accept the letter, receive the Bartlesville Free Will Baptist Church into full fellowship of the Northeast Oklahoma Association and seat the delegates in conference Amendment: That the pastor and deacons of the Bartlesville Church come before the Credential Board.

By-laws of Association read Visiting brethren invited to seat in council as advisory members Motion properly sustained that Moderator and Assistant appoint all temporary committees.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON DIVINE SERVICE

Sis. Pearl Jenkins	-----	Bartlesville
Bro. George White	-----	Barnsdall
Sis. Clara Miller	-----	Turley

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Sis. Pearl Welder	-----	Bartlesville
Sis. Eunice Isaacs	-----	Turley
Sis. Lillie Jackson	-----	Vera

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Rev. J. R. Shade -----	Turley
Sis. Bertha Locust -----	Claremore
Sis. Willa Dean Stevens -----	Collinsville
Sis. Pauline Lawrence -----	Vera
Sis. Ruby Bates -----	Bartlesville

Business session dismissed with prayer by Rev. S. F. Stout.

11:00 o'clock Worship Service

Congregation came together singing "Let Me Live Close To Thee" and "Jesus, Hold My Hand" Special singing: Sis. Pauline Lawrence, Sis. Nell Testerman "The Blood That Stained The Old Rugged Cross" Claremore Quartet, "Precious Jesus, Don't Forget" Bro. Leard Thomason, Bro. Willard Peck, Sis. McDonald, Sis. Brazeal, "He Bore It All". Rev. Mashburn began the message, using as his text Col. 1:13, his subject: The great power of the Kingdom Rev. J. R. Shade concluded with 2 Tim. 4:1-14 as his text Dismissal and blessing on food by Rev. Fred Jones.

Afternoon Business Session

Congregation came together singing "A Light At The River", "I Would Like To Go Back", and "I'm Thinking Of Heaven" Prayer by Bro. Willard Peck.

Reports of Committees

Resolution Committee (See reports)

Res. No. 1 Adopted

Res. No. 2 Adopted

Res. No. 3 Adopted

Res. No. 4 Adopted.

Report of Mission Board

Reports read from Barnsdall, Zion Hill, Collinsville, Turley, Claremore Missions Verbal report of Mission Board given by Sis. Marie Roberts Motion properly sustained to accept Mission Reports.

Sunday School reports

Claremore Sunday School report read and accepted.

League Board Report

Verbal report given by Sis. Roberts. Accepted.

Motion made and properly sustained to nominate from the floor a committee of five to act as League Board for this body. (See Boards).

Motion made and properly sustained to leave by-laws and business proceedings of this board to the board working in co-operation with the Executive Board.

Motion made and properly sustained to revive our Fifth Sunday meetings which have been neglected.

Motion properly sustained that clerk send notice to each church in Northeast Association prior to 5th Sunday Meeting.

Next 5th Sunday meeting to convene at Collinsville church September 29-30. Introductory message to be delivered by Rev. Arnold Fanning and Rev. Charles Gann.

Motion properly sustained that clerk send flowers to Rev. C. S. Pate during this Associational meeting. (Flowers sent Friday night, August 10. Cost \$4.00. Clerk.)

Motion made and properly sustained that each church hav-

ing no representative to State Association be given until following day to recommend a delegate from that church.

State delegates chosen to represent Northeast Association at State meeting, Oct. 23, 24, 25, 1956:

Sis. Tippy Shad

Sis. Marie Roberts

Sis. Jewell Peck

Sis. Odela Testerman

Bro. F. J. Testerman

Bro. George Locust

Sis. Bertha Locust

Credential Committee Report (See Reports)

Motion to adjourn.

Business session dismissed with prayer by Bro. Pope.

Evening Worship Service

Congregational singing United altar prayer

Singing "Precious Jesus, Don't Forget."

Special singing

Bro. and Sis. Batson, "We Should Never Doubt Him."

Trio from Collinsville, "The Gospel Ship", "Crown of Thorns".

Zion Hill Quartet, "You're Playing For Keeps."

Rev. Ed Jenkins began the message, using as his text 1st Cor. 2:2. His subject, "Wisdom of God". Rev. W. L. Vickers concluded the service, using as his text, Job 2:4. His subject "What Price Life". Moderator Rev. W. T. Roberts gave an altar call while the congregation sang "Lord, I'm Coming Home". Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Ralph Brown.

Saturday Morning, August 11, 1956

Came together with singing "Home Of The Soul", "Don't Forget Me Precious Jesus", "Way Up In Gloryland" Prayer by Rev. Brown.

Meeting called into conference by Assistant Moderator Rev. Ed Jenkins.

Devotional by Bro. Melvin Batson, Romans 5:1-7.

Report of Credential Board (See Reports)

League report read and accepted (See Reports)

Report from National Convention given by Rev. J. R. Shade. Accepted.

Report from State Association given by Bro. Leard Thomason, Rev. W. L. Vickers, and Sis. Marie Roberts. Accepted.

Motion to give \$6.50 taken in the revival at Owasso to Bro. Vickers as our Field Evangelist.

Congregational singing, "I'll Be Somewhere Listening", "Jesus Opened Up The Way", "I'll Be A Friend To Jesus" Testimony service led by Rev. M. O. Kendall.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Jimmy Haas.

Memorial Service

Congregational song "When I Walk Up The Streets Of Gold".

Claremore Quartet, "Looking For You."

Rev. W. T. Roberts delivered the memorial service message. His subject: "Blessed Are The Dead That Die In The Lord" Rev. 13:14. Text 1st Cor. 15:12-14, 42-45.

Dismissal and blessing on food by Rev. Retes Hunsucker.

Afternoon Service

Congregational singing, "Oh I Want To See Him"
Prayer by Bro. Fred Jones Song, "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms".

Standing vote of thanks given ladies of host church for the nice lunches served.

Motion properly sustained to empower Executive Board to fill vacancies in State Delegation.

Motion properly sustained to have Minister's and Deacon's Alliance in Northeast Association, granting membership to all ordained ministers and deacons, allowing licensed ministers to sit in council.

First meeting placed at Collinsville.

Time of meetings: Saturday night before the fourth Sunday preceding quarterly and yearly meetings.

Motion properly sustained that the Millennial Reign be subject for discussion at first Minister's and Deacon's meeting.

Motion properly sustained to elect committee on Divine Service for Minister's and Deacon's Alliance.

Committee: Rev. Retes Hunsucker, Rev. J. R. Shade, Rev. W. T. Roberts.

Motion properly sustained that all materials for keeping the minutes and carrying on the business of clerkship be purchased by clerk, using association funds.

Financial report read and accepted (See Reports).

Minutes read and accepted.

Motion properly sustained to pay clerk \$25.00 out of associational treasury.

Motion to adjourn Dismissed in prayer by Rev. W. L. Vickers.

Saturday Night, August 11, 1956

The Northeast Oklahoma Association met for the final service of the 1956 Associational meeting. The youth of the association had charge of the service.

The meeting was called to order by Associational League President Bro. Jimmy Testerman Congregational song "Jesus Opened Up The Way" Prayer by Rev. W. L. Vickers. Song, "Anywhere Is Home", and "I Know Somebody's Listening". Prayer by Bro. Brazeal.

Special singing

Claremore Quartet, "Belonging To God."

Special by Zion Hill Quartet.

Solo — Bro. Wayne Roberts, "The Stone Was Rolled Away."

Prayer by Rev. W. T. Roberts.

Solo — Bro. Raymond Allen; "Just A Closer Walk With Thee."

A very spiritual testimony service was led by Bro. Wayne Roberts. Rev. Ed Jenkins, who had been chosen for the evening message, brought a very spiritual message that was enjoyed by both young and old.

REPORTS

League Report

Our first League Rally was held March 2, 1956, at Turley church. We have been having good attendance and good services. Our average attendance at rallies is 127. A total of 18 cards have been sent out by the secretary.

Total amount of offering -----	\$53.06
Total expenditures -----	5.33
Balance in treasury -----	\$47.73

We had a league social August 7, 1956 at Zion Hill church
.... All had a wonderful time.

Louise Batson, secretary.

Resolution Committee report

We, the Resolution Committee beg to submit the following resolutions:

Resolution No. 1 — Be it resolved that we use only Free Will Baptists in the teaching program of our churches.

Resolution No. 2 — Be it resolved that the moderators and clerks and all standing boards of the Northeast Oklahoma Association be elected at the close of each yearly session to serve throughout the ensuing year, moderating all quarterly meetings as well.

Resolution No. 3 — Be it resolved that our quarterly meetings convene Friday night and Saturday before the second Sunday each quarter.

Resolution No. 4 — Be it resolved that the permanent legislation enacted during quarterly meetings be printed in the minutes.

Signed: Committee

Rev. Richard Shade, chairman
Sis. Bertha Locust
Sis. Willa Dean Stevens
Sis. Pauline Lawrence
Sis. Ruby Bates

Each of these four resolutions was brought before the house separately for discussion and was passed by a motion and second properly sustained.

Credential Board report

We, the Credential Board beg to submit the following reports:

1. We have examined Rev. Joe Ragge and recommend that he be received into the association in full fellowship, as an ordained minister and pastor of the Bartlesville church.

2. We have examined Bro. Gail Stevens, Collinsville and recommend he be ordained as deacon.

3. We have examined Bro. C. E. Pope, Bartlesville, and recommend he be accepted in full fellowship as a deacon in our association.

4. We have examined Bro. Kenneth Stevens, Collinsville, and recommend he be licensed for one year to preach the gospel.

5. We have examined Bro. Noel Jones, Barnsdall, and, having found him sound in faith and in Free Will Baptist doctrine, recommend he be ordained to preach the gospel.

6. We have examined Bro. Jim Haas, New Hope, and recommend that he be licensed to preach the gospel, for one year.

7. We have examined Bro. Leon Timmerman, New Hope, and recommend he be licensed to preach the gospel for one year.

Signed — Credential Board

Rev. W. T. Roberts, chairman

Rev. J. R. Shade, clerk

Each of these reports was brought separately before the house and was approved by the body with a motion and second properly sustained.

Obituary Committee report

We, the Obituary Committee wish to report the following deaths in the churches of this association during the past year:

Barnsdall — None.

Bartlesville — None.

Claremore — Bro. Charlie Petty; Sis. Mary Lethco.

Collinsville — Judge Wilson; Sis. Tapp.

New Hope — None.

Opportunity Heights — Unknown.

Skiatook — Bro. Edd Clark.

Turley — None.

Vera — None.

Zion Hill — Bro. Truelove.

Financial report

In treasury August 11, 1955	\$ 35.09
Paid in during meeting for delegates, minutes, and general fund	100.25
Paid Zion Hill for lunch expense	\$40.00
Flowers for Rev. Hastings	5.10
Paid out for State Delegates	20.00
Collinsville paid state delegate fee	5.00
In treasury November 10, 1955	\$ 75.24
Paid in during annual meeting for general fund and delegates	75.00
Claremore state delegate fee	5.00
Given host church for lunch exp.	\$40.00
Printing of minutes	46.80
Balance in Treasury	\$ 68.44

November 11, 1955

The Northeast Oklahoma Association of Free Will Baptists, while in conference at Collinsville, Oklahoma, Nov. 11, 1955, voted and passed the following:

That each church in the Northeast Association pay 10% of all offerings into associational treasury; that 60% of this fund be kept in the treasury for regular expenses, and to finance new churches; that 40% be sent to the State Executive Secretary for the co-operative plan.

April 28, 1956

The Northeast Oklahoma Association of Free Will Baptists, when convened with the Barnsdall Church, April 28, 1956, voted to reverse division of Co-operative funds, sending 60% to the State Executive secretary, keeping 40% for expenses in Northeast Association.

Co-operative Plan funds	
In Treasury Nov. 11, 1955 -----	\$ 68.44
Offering for Co-Op Plan -----	19.40
Rec'd from churches Nov. 11, 1955	
to Aug. 4, 1956 -----	431.98
Sent to State Executive Sec'y -----	\$230.60
Supplies -----	9.04
Minutes fees during yearly meeting -----	\$ 36.50
In Treasury August 4, 1956 -----	\$316.68

BUSINESS LEGISLATED IN NORTHEAST ASSOCIATION PRIOR TO AUGUST 9, 1956

Jan. 6, 1951

The churches of Northeast Oklahoma met at Zion Hill Church and voted to organize a new Association.

Feb. 16, 1951

The Vera, Oologah, and Zion Hill Churches met at Vera and adopted a constitution and by-laws.

Feb. 23, 1951

Met in conference at Oologah. The Vera, Oologah, Zion Hill, Claremore, and Prairie Grove churches were represented. An executive board, credential board and Board of Trustees were elected.

May 11, 1951

Motion carried we use a deacon from each church as trustee board.

Motion carried to take free will offering to take care of association expense.

August 10, 1951

Motion carried that our Association be called The Northeast Oklahoma Association.

Nov. 10, 1951

Collinsville church welcomed into the association.

Feb. 9, 1952

Motion carried that we do not take our 5th Sunday meetings out of the Northeast Oklahoma Association.

August 8, 1952

Motion carried that our preachers preach Free Will Baptist doctrine or be subject to examination by the Executive board.

Motion carried that we change our quarterly services from Friday night to Thursday night.

August 7, 1953

We the Resolution committee recommend that the Association meet at Zion Hill in 1954, and hope to make that a permanent place for Associational meetings.

Nov. 6, 1953

Motion made and carried that the mission from each

church have a written report at each quarterly meeting as well as at the yearly meetings.

Feb. 12, 1954

New church in Claremore welcomed to Association.

Motion made and carried that it be stated in church letter if that church wishes to entertain a quarterly meeting.

May 7, 1954

Opportunity Heights church welcomed to Association.

August 6, 1954

Barnsdall church received into the Association.

We, the Resolution Committee recommend that petitionary letter be sent to the State Association when it convenes at Stigler, Oklahoma, Oct. 18, 1954, asking to become a member of the State Association of Free Will Baptists. Motion made and carried to accept this resolution.

We, the Resolution Committee recommend that the Free Will Baptists of the Northeast Oklahoma Association engage only Free Will Baptist Evangelists to fill our pulpits in holding our revivals. Motion made and carried that we accept the resolution.

Feb. 11, 1955

New Hope church received into Northeast Association.

May 6, 1955

Skiatook church received into Northeast Association.

August 12, 1955

We, the Resolution Committee recommend the following resolutions to the body:

Res. No. 1 — Be it resolved: That we continue Associational services through Saturday evening, conducting a Memorial service Saturday morning, and giving the young people complete charge of the evening service.

Res. No. 2 — Be it resolved: That each church send as their representatives three delegates, to be replaced by alternates only in the absence of a delegate.

Res. No. 3 — Be it resolved: That we adopt the co-operative plan which has been adopted by the National and State Associations.

August 25, 1955

At a special meeting of the Executive Board in co-operation with the Moderator and Assistant, Clerk and Assistant, it was voted to instate missing legislation in minutes.

Motion carried that each church send \$5.00 for General Fund to associational and quarterly meetings, and dispense with taking up collections at said meetings.

Nov. 11, 1955

North Side Turley Church received into Northeast Association.

After an appeal from the State Executive Secretary, Rev. E. M. Kennedy, a free will offering was taken for the co-operative plan and turned to Bro. Kennedy. Offering, \$19.40.

Motion carried to empower Executive Committee to seek out prospective locations for new churches and find available ministers for evangelistic and pastoral work.

Amendment: That any individual finding good location for new church report said information to board for examination.

Resolution Committee report: We, the Resolution Committee wish to submit the following resolutions:

Res. No. 1 Be it resolved: That we consolidate the Quarterly and Fifth Sunday meetings, to begin Friday night before the Fifth Sundays for worship service, business meeting and worship service Saturday, with communion and feet washing Saturday night, and continue through the Fifth Sunday for all who wish to stay.

Res. No. 2. Be it resolved: That the churches of this association make a united effort to organize at least one new church each year.

Res. No. 3 Be it resolved: That the Executive Board meet and work out a plan for division of co-operative funds.

Each of these resolutions was brought separately before the house for discussion and passed by the body by a motion and second properly sustained.

Executive Board report: (See Financial Report)

Jan. 28, 1956

Resolution Committee report

Res. No. 1. Be it resolved: That the young people of each church of the association meet once a month for a youth rally.

Res. No. 2. Be it resolved: That the clerk be empowered to keep a supply of stamps, envelopes, and letter forms to quarterly and yearly conferences, mailing one to each church pastor or clerk, two weeks before the conference.

Res. No. 3. Be it resolved: That this association write a letter to the Free Will Baptist Press asking that the authorities change the art work on the covers of Sunday School and League literature to more scriptural subjects.

April 28, 1956

Credential Committee report: We, the Credential Committee recommend this body take some action concerning the question to ministers and deacons; shall we or shall we not ask the question "Do you have two living wives?"

Motion properly sustained that each church examine the ministers and deacons. If they are deemed worthy by the church, the church will recommend them to the committee and the question may not be asked.

Motion made and properly sustained to nominate a committee of five to take care of Youth Encampment. Motion made and properly sustained that Bro. Shade work with this committee as League president. Motion made and properly sustained to empower Youth Encampment Committee to find a spot suitable to build a permanent youth camp.

Resolution Committee report: We, the Resolution Committee, wish to submit the following:

Res. No. 1 Be it resolved: That the association elect an evangelist to visit each church once in each quarter. That each church take an offering for said evangelist.

Res. No. 2. Be it resolved that the Moderator and Assistant select an older minister well versed in Free Will Baptist doctrine to preach a Free Will Baptist Doctrinal message as the introductory message at all quarterly and yearly meetings of the Northeast Association. This minister does not have to be a member of the Northeast Association.

Both these resolutions were accepted by the body by a motion and second properly sustained.

Motion made and properly sustained to reverse the 40-60% division of the Co-Op funds, sending 60% to the State Executive Secretary, keeping 40% in the Association.

REPORTS OF CHURCHES TO YEARLY CONFERENCE

BARNSDALL—

State of religion: good; members received past 12 months: 5; Baptized: none; Dismissed: 15; Died: none; Total membership: 32; Condition of prayer meeting: fair; Condition of Sunday School good; Average number of pupils: 32; Number of officers: 2; Number of teachers: 4; Paid pastor: \$360; Paid Evangelist: \$127.00; Home Mission: \$39.28; Foreign Mission: \$2.82; Co-Op plan: \$142.54; Building and repairs: \$762.90; For education: \$36.49; Minutes: \$15; Ministers belonging to our church: Rev. Arnold Fanning; Rev. Noel Jones; Remarks: 13 members were dismissed to start a new church in Bartlesville; Bro. Charles Gann has been called to pastor the church this coming year. Clerk Martha J. Cook.

NEW HOPE—

State of religion: Wonderful; Members received: 18; Baptized: 16; Dismissed, none; Total membership: 49; Condition of prayer meeting: good; Condition of Sunday School: excellent; Average no. pupils: 53; No. of officers: 6; No. of teachers: 4; Paid pastor: \$66.00; Home mission: \$10.00; Building and repairs \$49.50; Enclosed for minutes: \$5.00; Ministers belonging to our church: Bro. Paul Carr; Bro. Leon Timmerman; Bro. Jimmy Haas; Bro. Roland Reed; Pastor's name: Marvin Otis Kendall, R. R. 3, Claremore, Okla. Clerk: Lavena Kendall, Claremore.

CLAREMORE—

State of religion: good; Members received: 3; Dismissed: 5; Baptized: 3; Died: 2; Total membership 123; Condition of prayer meeting: good; Condition of Sunday School: good; Average no. pupils: 73; No. officers: 6; No. teachers: 9; Paid pastor: \$7.80; Paid evangelist: \$12.00; Co-Op plan \$76.50; Education: \$43.20; Minutes: \$5.00; Ministers belong to our church: Rev. C. S. Pate; Rev. A. B. Talbert; Rev. Bill Little; Pastor: Rev. W. T. Roberts, 408 S. Normal, Claremore. Clerk: George E. Locust.

ZION HILL—

State of religion: good; Members received: 2; Died: 1; Total membership: 98; Condition of prayer meeting: good; Condition of Sunday School: good; Average attendance: 80; No. officers: 4; No. Teachers: 6; Paid pastor: \$2080.00; Paid evangelist: \$108.77; Orphanage: \$24.00; Building and repair: \$283.15; Education \$88.40; Minutes: \$5.00; Ministers belonging to our church: Rev. Clyde Shade; Rev. Ed Jenkins; Raymond Allen; Raymond McMillen, pastor; Pearl Jenkins, clerk.

NORTH SIDE TURLEY—

State of religion: good; Members received: 23; Baptized: 2; Total Membership: 58; Condition of prayer meeting: good; Condition of Sunday School: fair; Average no. pupils: 72; No. officers: 3; No. teachers: 7; Paid pastor: \$224.64; Building and repair: \$8772.64; Education: \$61.75; Publication: \$50.00; Minutes: \$2.00; Delegates: \$5.00; Ministers belonging to our church: Bro. Charles Gann, Jr.; Bro. Wayne McClure; Bro. F. M. Crouch; pastor, Rev. J. R. Shade. Clerk, Lawrence Miller.

COLLINSVILLE—

State of religion: good; Baptized: 3; Dismissed: 2, by letter; Died: 2; Total membership: 59; Condition of prayer meeting: good; Condition of Sunday School: good; Average attendance: 50; No. officers: 2; No. teachers: 6; Paid pastor \$740.36; Paid Evangelist: \$89.87; Co-op plan: \$96.03; Minutes: \$2.00; Delegates: \$5.00; Ministers belonging to our church: Bro. Kelly Mathis; Bro. Kenneth Stevens; Sis. Ollie Heaton; Bro. Lester McDonald; Bro. Abe Bing; Pastor, Rev. Retes Hunsucker, 822 E. 22nd Pl. No., Tulsa, Okla. Clerk, Sis. Ollie Heaton.

VERA—

State of religion: good; Members received: 4; Baptized: 1; Dismissed: 2; Total members: 48; Condition of prayer meeting: fair; Condition of Sunday School: fair; Average attendance: 33; No. officers: 2; No. teachers: 5; Paid pastor: \$247.34; Paid evangelist: \$25.00; Orphanage: \$92.25; Building and repair: \$611.98; Education: \$62.16; Minutes: \$5.00; Delegates: \$5.00; Ministers belonging to our church: Bro. W. L. Vickers; Bro. Johnny Brown; Bro. Burnis Nichols; Pastor Rev. S. F. Stout. Clerk, Pauline Lawrence.

PETITIONARY LETTER FROM BARTLESVILLE CHURCH

A group of 16 charter members met on July 14, 1956, and organized the First Free Will Baptist Church of Bartlesville. We are now petitioning the Northeast Association for membership as a regularly organized Free Will Baptist Church. We send as delegates Sis. Wanda Pope, Sis. Ruby Bates, and Sis. Pearl Jenkins, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your deliberations. We enclose \$5.00 delegate fee and \$2.50 for minutes. Pastor Rev. Joe Ragge, 2112 N. Atlantic Court, Tulsa, Okla. Clerk, Sis. Ruby Bates.

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