

MINUTES
of the
SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION
of the
NORTHWEST BRAZOS ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTIST
Convened With The
NORTH AMARILLO CHURCH
of
AMARILLO, TEXAS
on
MAY 14-15, 1971

Next session will convene with the North Amarillo
Free Will Baptist Church, Amarillo, Texas, on Sat-
urday, February 19, 1972, at 9:00 A. M.

Officers elected for this year:

MODERATOR - - - - - REV. ALTON HICKEY
ASSISTANT MODERATOR - - - - - REV. MACK HUMBLER
PARLIAMENTARIAN - - - - - REV. M. L. CROSBY
CLERK-TREASURER - - - - - SIS. MAE ROGERS
ASSISTANT CLERK - - - - - SIS. ONETA BRANDON

ASSOCIATIONAL STATISTICS

No. of Churches - - - - -	3
No. of Parsonages - - - - -	1
No. of Sunday Schools - - - - -	3
No. of Church Training Services - - - - -	3
No. of Women's Auxiliary- - - - -	3
No. of Prayer Meetings- - - - -	3

Total Church Membership - - - - -	204
Church members received this year - - - - -	40
Church members dismissed this year- - - - -	6
Church members died this year - - - - -	3

Total Sunday School enrollment this year- - - -	149
Sunday School Yearly Average Attendance - - - -	87
Total No. of Sunday School Officers - - - - -	6
Total No. of Sunday School Teachers - - - - -	16
Prayer Meeting Average Attendance - - - - -	65
Church Training Service Enrollment- - - - -	59
C. T. S. Average Attendance - - - - -	50
Women's Auxiliary Enrollment- - - - -	18
Auxiliary Average Attendance- - - - -	13

No. of Ordained Ministers in this Association- -	7
No. of Ordained Ministers Pastoring Churches - -	3
No. of Licensed Ministers in this Association- -	0
No. of Ordained Deacons in this Association- - -	7

Association Mission Chairman- - -	Rev. M. L. Crosby
Association Reporter- - -	Sis. Dorothy Chambers
Association C.T.S. Sponsor- - -	Sis. Oneta Brandon
Minutes Printing Committee- - -	Rev. M. L. Crosby

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS ARE:

Rev. Kenneth Brandon- - - - 3 Years
Rev. Mack Humbles- - - - 2 Years
Rev. Alton Hickey - - - - 1 Year

Assn. Delegates to STATE ASSOCIATION at AMARILLO:
Sis. Oneta Brandon and Sis. Mae Rogers

Association members who died this year:

Bro. Roy Pierce - - - - - - - - - - Crowell
Bro. Ernest A. Boren- - - - - - - - - - Crowell
Sis. Lula Cox - - - - - - - - - - Vernon

Church Names & Addresses

Crowell First - - - - - Ave. D. Crowell
North Amarillo- - - - - 2502 N. Mirror, Amarillo
Vernon First- - - - - 800 Mansard, Vernon

No. of Minutes requested by churches, 51.
Crowell, 24; North Amarillo, 15; Vernon, 12.

NOTE: THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION will meet in Fort Worth, Texas in 1972. To help allay expense of said Meeting, they asked donations from each District Assn., according to membership. Our share is \$60.00.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

PULPIT & FINANCE: Sisters Agnes Doose, Dorothy Chambers and Peggy Nava
HOME & FOREIGN MISSIONS & SUNDAY SCHOOL: Reverends Kenneth Brandon, M. L. Crosby & Alton Hickey
OBITUARY & C.T.S.: Sisters Ollie Perry, Lue Blackwood, Mae Rogers and Jo Wanda Hickey
TEMPERANCE: Bros. Bob Kilman, Dick Perry and Lawrence Doose

ORDAINED MINISTERS
Belonging To This Association

BRANDON, REV. KENNETH - - - - 2209 S.Grand, Lot 505
Amarillo, Texas 79103

CROSBY, REV. M. L. - - - - - P.O. Box 224
Crowell, Texas 79227

GARRETT, REV. G.G.,SR.- - - - - 1300 Gordon St.
Vernon, Texas 76384

HASTON, REV. H. H. - - - - - Guthrie Rt. Box 48
Paducah, Texas 79248

HICKEY, REV. ALTON- - - - - 2320 Violet St.
Vernon, Texas 76384

HUMBLES, REV. MACK- - - - - Bt.2,Box 83
Amarillo, Texas 79105

WITT, REV. ROBERT W.- - - - -Plainview, Texas 79072

ORDAINED DEACONS
Belonging To This Association

BEESINGER, Clarence- - - - - Crowell, Texas

COLLIN, Kelly- - - - - Crowell, Texas

DUNN, Billy Ray- - - - - Crowell, Texas

HICKEY, O. B. - - - - - Vernon, Texas

KILMAN, Robert - - - - - Amarillo, Texas

PERRY, O. L. "Dick"- - - - - Amarillo, Texas

WITT, Kenneth- - - - - Amarillo, Texas

FINANCE REPORT

Total Income received by churches- - -	\$10,324.21
Total Paid Out by churches - - - - -	\$ 9,738.04
Total Amount in Sunday Schools (1) - -	\$ 345.89
Amount in Building Funds (1) - - - - -	\$ 85.90
Value of Church Properties - - - - -	\$55,000.00
Value of Church Parsonages (1) - - - -	\$ 5,000.00

Spent for LOCAL Causes:

Pastor's Salaries- - - - -	\$ 4,083.00
Evangelistic Work- - - - -	\$ 291.59
Building & Repairs - - - - -	\$ 2,978.38
Literature - - - - -	\$ 653.43
Other- - - - -	\$ 804.77
Utilities- - - - -	\$ 1,240.30
Flowers - - - - -	<u>\$ 87.75</u>
Total- - - -	\$10,139.22

Spent on OUTSIDE Causes:

Co-operative Plan- - - - -	\$ 211.71
Foreign Missions - - - - -	\$ 132.92
National Home Missions - - - - -	\$ 10.00
Oklahoma Bible College - - - - -	<u>\$ 78.49</u>
Total- - - -	\$ 612.02
	+ <u>\$10,139.22</u>

TOTAL EXPENDITURES - - \$10,751.24

NOTES: Bible College, State Home Missions & Foreign Missions are contributed to through our Co-op sent to the State Office. We specify the percentages.

The amounts for Foreign Missions & College (O.B.C.) listed above were designated gifts, forwarded, after deposit. (Confusing?? To me, too! In short, some checks were not made out to the proper person or organization; forcing me to deposit same, and write another.)

ASSOCIATIONAL TREASURY REPORT

Jan. 1, 1970 to Jan. 1, 1971

Balance in Treasury (1-1-70)- - - - -	\$	657.78
Received from churches for Co-op- - - - -	\$	929.92
Associational Offerings (3) - - - - -	\$	45.96
Returned by State Delegates (to Bryan)- - -	\$	60.57
Received for 1969 Minutes (Pampa) - - - -	\$	5.00
Received for 1970 Minutes (N. Amarillo) -	\$	<u>5.00</u>
Total for 1970- - - - -	\$	1,704.23

PAID OUT OR EXPENDITURES:

To State Association for Co-op- - - - -	\$	464.40
Clerk's Supplies - - - - -	\$	16.14
Clerk's Travel Expense- - - - -	\$	60.00
State Delegate's Letter Fee - - - - -	\$	10.00
State Secretary's Travel Expense- - - - -	\$	4.00
Executive Board Travel Expense- - - - -	\$	73.98
Missions Chairman's Travel Expense- - - -	\$	13.92
State Delegates' Travel Expense (3) - - -	\$	149.40
Robert's Rules of Order Book-v- - - - -	\$	5.95
Loan to North Amarillo Church - - - - -	\$	300.00
Paid to Mission Chairman - - - - -	\$	<u>515.00</u>
Total Paid Out - - - - -	\$	1,612.79

BAIANCE ON HAND (1-1-1971)- - - - -	\$	91.44
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NOTE: Bible College, Foreign Missions and State Home Missions are paid into through our State Co-op, Our Association sends to State - - 50%.

We designate them to send - - -

60% to State Office

20% to Foreign Missions

10% to State Home Missions

10% to Hillsdale Bible College (O.B.C.)

Forwarded through this office to Foreign Missions:
\$50.94.

ASSOCIATION MINUTES

Members of the Northwest Brazos Association of Free Will Baptist convened with the North Amarillo Church, 2502 North Mirror St., Amarillo, Texas, for their sixty-first Annual Association, on May 14-15, 1971.

Friday Night, May 14, 1971, 7:30 P.M.

Conference opened with congregational singing, led by Sis. Dorothy Chambers. The pianist was Sis. Scott.

Opening prayer led by Bro. Robert Kilman.

Moderator, Rev. Mack Humbles, presiding.

The Moderator read the "Rules of Order".

Prayer led by Bro. O.L. "Dick" Perry.

Announcements about the Association were made.

Alter of prayer was led by Rev. Kenneth Brandon.

Congregational song, "'Tis So Sweet to Trust In Jesus".

Duet, "I'll Go Where He Sendeth Me", by Sis. Chambers and Sis. Scott.

Testimony Service was conducted and followed by a message by Rev. Kenneth Brandon. Scripture used was St. John 6:54. Theme "Staying With Jesus".

Dismissed in prayer, led by Rev. Mack Humbles, to meet back at 9:00 A. M. Saturday.

Saturday, May 15, 1971. 9:00 A.M.

Conference opened with prayer, led by Rev. Alton Hickey.

Moderator, Rev. Mack Humbles, presiding.

Moderator read the "Rules of Order".

Congregational singing, led by Rev. Kenneth Brandon, with Sis. Mae Rogers as pianist.

Church letters were read from three churches. Each church read their own letter, to help out the Clerk. Crowell Letter was read. Motion carried to receive it

as read. No delegates.

Vernon church letter was read. Motion carried to receive it as read and seat the delegates.

North Amarillo church letter was read. Motion carried to receive it as read and seat the delegates.

Minutes requested by churches: Crowell, 24. North Amarillo, 15. Vernon, 12. Total of 51.

The Moderator appointed the following Committees: Pulpit, Finance, Home & Foreign Missions, Sunday School, C.T.S., Obituary, Temperance. For names of Committee members, see Statistics.

Minutes of last Annual Association were read by the Clerk. Motion carried to receive them as read.

Dismissed for 10 minute intermission by Bro. "Dick" Perry.

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Conference resumed with prayer, led by Bro. Bob Kilman.

Nominations for Moderator, Rev. Mack Humbles & Rev. Alton Hickey. Motion carried that nominations cease and proceed to elect. Rev. Alton Hickey was elected as Moderator.

Nominations for Assistant Moderator, Rev. Mack Humbles. Motion carried that nominations cease and proceed to elect by acclamation. Rev. Mack Humbles elected for Assistant Moderator.

Nominations for Clerk-Treasurer, Sis. Mae Rogers and Sis. Oneta Brandon. Motion carried that nominations cease and proceed to elect. Sis. Mae Rogers was elected for Clerk-Treasurer.

Nominations for Assistant Clerk, Sis. Oneta Brandon. Motion carried that nominations cease and proceed to elect by acclamation. Sis. Oneta Brandon elected for Assistant Clerk.

Nominations for Parliamentarian, Rev. M.L. Crosby. Motion carried that nominations cease and proceed to elect by acclamation. Rev. M.L. Crosby was elected for Parliamentarian.

Nominations for 3 year Executive Board Member was Rev. Kenneth Brandon. Motion carried that nomination

cease and proceed to elect by acclamation. Rev. Kenneth Brandon elected as 3 year Board Member.

Nominations for 1 year Executive Board Member were Rev. M. L. Crosby and Rev. Alton Hickey. Motion carried that nomination cease and proceed to elect. Rev. Alton Hickey elected for 1 year Board Member.

(For list of Executive Board Members, see Page #2).

Nominations for Missions Chairman, Rev. M. L. Crosby. Motion carried that nomination cease and proceed to elect by acclamation. Rev. M. L. Crosby elected as Mission Chairman.

Nomination for District C.T.S. Sponsor: Sis. Oneta Brandon. Motion carried that nomination cease and proceed to elect by acclamation. Sis. Oneta Brandon was elected for C.T.S. Sponsor. No Assistant elected.

Nominations for Association Reporter, Sis. Dorothy Chambers. Motion carried that nominations cease and proceed to elect by acclamation. Sis. Dorothy Chambers elected for Association Reporter.

Nominations for Printing Committee, Rev. M. L. Crosby. Motion carried that nominations cease and proceed to elect by acclamation.

Pulpit Committee Report was read as follows:

11:00 A. M. ---Rev. Bobby Ferguson

2:00 P. M. ---Rev. Alton Hickey

Motion carried to accept the Pulpit Report and dismiss the committee.

Dismissed for a 5 minute intermission, by Rev. Kenneth Brandon.

Conference resumed with congregational songs, "What A Friend" and "More About Jesus". Prayer was led by Rev. M. L. Crosby.

Associational offering was taken in the amount of \$12.08 and prayer on it by Rev. Mack Humbles.

Our State Executive Secretary, Rev. Bobby Ferguson, brought the morning message. Scripture; 1 Thess. 1:1-3; 1:5. Theme: "Effective Living and Preaching for Christ". Prayer led by Rev. Bobby Ferguson.

Didmissed for lunch and blessing asked on the food,
by Bro. Dick Perry, to meet back at 1:30 P. M.

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Saturday May 15, 1971 1:30 P. M.

Conference resumed Business Session.

Temperance Committee Report given as follows:
"That we practice temperance in general". Motion
carried to receive the report and dismiss the
Committee.

Obituary Committee Report was read. Motion carried
to receive the report as read and dismiss the Commit-
tee. A moment of silent prayer for those deceased,
then led in prayer by Rev. M. L. Crosby.

C. T. S. Committee Report was read. Motion carried
to receive the report as read and dismiss the Commit-
tee.

Sunday School Committee Report was read. Motion
carried to receive the report as read and dismiss the
Committee.

Home & Foreign Mission Committee Report was read.
Motion carried to receive the report as read and dis-
miss the Committee.

Finance Committee Report was read. Motion carried
to receive the report as read and dismiss the Commit-
tee.

The REVISED NEW CONSTITUTION was read. Motion
carried to place it on the TABLE until our next
Quarterly Meeting.

The Associational Treasury Report was read. Mot-
ion carried that the Treasurer give Rev. M. L. Crosby
a check for printing our 1970 Minutes. Cost to Rev.
Crosby was \$17.82. (Check was given for same at
intermission).

Missions Chairman'S Report was given. Motion
carried to accept as read.

Motion carried to let the Executive Committee

make up a new Annual Report Blank, for Future use.

Motion carried to change the CONSTITUTION Ammendment in Article 4, "to switch the words Febnuary and May". Reverse them the article will now read, "The Association shall meet four (4) times a year; with one Annual Meeting on Saturday before the third (3rd) Sunday in February, and three Quarterly sessions on Saturday before the third (3rd) Sunday in May, August and November.

Motion carried to encourage our local church people, for each family to try to send \$3.00 for refreshment treats expense at the State Association at Amarillo in July. (Our Association Treasury can't afford it).

No 2:00 P.M. message by Rev. Alton Hickey. Just a good Testimony Service, led by Rev. Hickey.

Announcements: District Youth Rally, June 12th, at the North Amarillo church. National Association and Youth Rally, at Nashville, July 11-15. State Association at Amarillo, July 27-29.

Motion carried to adjourn, to meet August 13-14, 1971 at Vernon.

Benediction by Bro. Robert Kilman. Prayerfully in order and for the furtherance of God's Kingdom.

MODERATOR _____

(Rev. Mack Humbles)

CLERK _____

(Mrs. Mae Rogers)

NOTE: We forgot to elect District Delegates to the State, Assn., at our Annual Maeting, as we should. At the Youth Rally on June 12, the Executive Board got together and appointed Sis. Oneta Brandon and Sis. Mae Rogers as District Delegates to the State Assn. on July 27-29, 1971, in Amarillo, Texas, at the Quality Motel.

RULES OF ORDER

1. Every session shall be opened and closed with prayer.
 2. Those who speak shall rise and address the moderator. Personal reflections shall be avoided in all debates.
 3. No motion shall be discussed without a second.
 4. When a motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be separated by vote on request of any member.
 5. Motions lost shall not be recorded.
 6. No one shall speak more than twice on any subject, or more than ten minutes without permission from the Moderator.
 7. All questions shall be decided by majority vote of the members present or subject to conditions of Constitution.
 8. No one shall leave the Association without permission of the Moderator.
 9. Arrangements shall be made for two or more sermons each day of the Association, or other equivalent services.
 10. The Rules of Order shall be read by the Moderator immediately following each convening of the Association.
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ARTICLES OF FAITH

WE BELIEVE IN:

1. The Bible. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God and are infallible rules of faith and practice.
2. God. There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver and Righteous Governor of the Universe; and in the Scriptures as Father, Son and Holy Ghost, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore and obey.

3.Christ. Christ is God manifested in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The Mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified and is our ever present Saviour and Lord.

4.The Holy Spirit. The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God.

5.The Government of God. God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of men requires.

6.The Sinfulness of Man. Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who comes to years of accountability sin and become guilty before God.

7.The Work Of Christ. The Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith.

8.The Terms of Salvation. The conditions of salvation are:(1) Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. (2) Faith or the reserved comital of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercising of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. (3) Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

9.Election. God determined from the beginning, to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence, by faith in Christ, men become His elect.

10.Freedom of the Will. The human race is free and is self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish.

11.Salvation Free. God desires the salvation of

all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all and whosoever will, may come and take of the water of life freely.

12. Perseverance. All believers in Christ, who through Grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.

13. Gospel Ordinances. Baptism, or the immersion of believers in water and the Lord's Supper are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel; Feet washing, an ordinance teaching humility, of universal obligation and to be ministered to all true believers.

14. Tithing. God commanded Tithes and offerings in the old Testament; Jesus Christ endorsed it in the Gospel (Matthew 23:23), and the Apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week, let everyone of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him". (1 Cor. 16:2).

15. The Christian Sabbath. The divine God requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works and activities and for personal communion with God.

16. Resurrection, Judgment and Final Retribution. The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men on the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life".

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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 forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel; nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and 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 toiling and praying that the kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

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

REVISED CONSTITUTION
(Adopted in May 1971)

Preamble:

From a long experience, we, the members of the church of God, denominated Free Will Baptist, being regularly baptized upon profession of our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and being convinced of the expedience of an association of churches to better perpetuate our union, and to preserve and maintain correspondance with each other, do therefore adopt this constitution for our better government.

Article 1 - - Name

The name of this organization shall be, "The Northwest Brazos Association of Free Will Baptist".

Article 2 - - Membership

1. This Association shall be composed of delegates duly elected, or appointed, by and from the membership of the various churches which have entered into, and which shall hereafter enter into, the agreements set forth in this constitution, together with all regularly ordained ministers and their wives, and all regularly ordained deacons and their wives, who are members in good standing of the churches of this association and have meet the conditions set forth in item No. 11.

2. Each church shall have equal representation of elected delegates, the number not to exceed four.

3. Each delegation shall be qualified upon presenting to the association, an authorized letter signed by the pastor, (or Moderator) and church clerk. Failure to present the proper credentials shall disqualify the delegation.

4. Letters from the different churches shall express their number of membership, number received by experience, letter of recommendation, dismissed,

excluded, restored, names of delegates, ministers and deacons, condition of church, Sunday School and prayer meeting and the names of those who have died since our last Association meeting. Also, a fee of \$10.00 with each letter which goes to the host church to help pay the expense for hosting the association.

5. Each church shall have the right to refrain from participation in any part of the association program which it deems detrimental to its work and welfare.

6. Each church shall have the right to withdraw its membership from the association but shall not have the right to re-enter the association without examination, nor shall it be considered dismissed from the association until it has notified the association of its intentions to withdraw, and proper action has been taken by the association.

7. The association shall have the right to discipline any church holding membership in it for unsound doctrine or disorderly conduct; and may, when reasoning and persuasion fails, withdraw the hand of fellowship, but in no case shall it have the right to reverse the decision of any church.

8. No question of dispute from any church shall be considered in the association unless it has been first discussed in its own church and requested by that church to the association and then thoroughly considered by the Executive Board.

9. The Association shall have the power, for good cause, to revoke the license or credentials of any minister, or deacon, licensed or ordained by any church within its association, and to exclude the delegated from its session when they, or church, becomes disorderly or fail to abide in sound doctrine.

10. Newly constituted churches wishing to unite with the association, shall petition by letter and delegates, and if upon examination, they be found to be sound in doctrine and orderly, they may be received into the association, the body extending the hand of fellowship.

11. All license and ordained ministers entering this Association from another denomination, state or association, shall be examined by the Executive Board, and if upon examination, they be found to be sound in the Free Will Baptist Doctrine, and have met the conditions set forth in Chapter 2 of the Treatise of the Practices of Free Will Baptist entitled "The Minister", they may be received into the association and given voting rights.

12. Upon adoption of the church letters, the moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship in the name of the association to the delegates, and new and honorary members, and invite them to sit with us.

Article 3 - - Officers

The officers of the Association shall be: Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer, Assistant Clerk, Parliamentarian, Executive Board and Mission Chairman.

1. Moderator - It shall be the duty of the moderator to call the association in to order and to preside over all sessions thereof. In the absence of the moderator, the assistant moderator shall preside, or in his absence, the clerk, or the senior minister shall preside until the election of a moderator pro-tempore.

2. Assistant Moderator - It shall be the duty of the assistant moderator to assist the moderator in maintaining order and preside over the association in his absence, or at his request.

3. Clerk-Treasurer - It shall be the duty of the clerk-treasurer to make and keep accurate records of all sessions of the association, to have copies of the minutes printed and distribute to the churches comprising this association. Every oral motion, seconded, shall come under the consideration of the association, except it be withdrawn by the members who made it, and be recorded in the minutes only when adopted. The minutes of the association shall be read and corrected, if needed, and signed by the

Moderator and Clerk, before the close of the association. Also, to receive all funds paid or donated to the association and to make duly authorized disbursements; to make and keep a good and accurate record of all funds received and disbursed and to report the same to the association at each session.

4. Parliamentarian - It shall be the duty of the Parliamentarian to familiarize himself with the parliamentary law recognized by the association, and be ready to stand at any point of order that may be referred to him.

5. Executive Board - It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to act for and in behalf of the association between sessions in matters of business that cannot be held over till the next regular session and report to the association the business that was transacted. The executive board shall examine all candidates for license or ordination, new petitioning churches and questions from member churches. Other duties may be added by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present. This board shall be composed of three (3) members, each ordained, each serving for three (3) years, with one being elected each year.

6. Mission Chairman - It shall be the duty of the Mission Chairman to receive money for the purpose of starting new churches or assisting churches in need. He is to keep a record of all income and expense and report to the association at each session. He shall help promote missions in the association and encourage the need of missions. Also, he shall assist the executive board in making financial arrangements with churches in need. All money that he may spend in assisting churches, shall be repaid as agreed upon by the church and the executive board.

7. The officers of the association shall be elected annually by vote of the body at the beginning of the Saturday morning meeting of each annual session and shall assume office at the close of the session at which they were elected.

Article 4 - - Meetings

The association shall meet four (4) times a year; with one annual meeting on Saturday before the third (3rd) Sunday in February, and three quarterly sessions on Saturday before the third (3rd) Sunday in May, August, and November.

Article 4 - - Committees

1. The committees of the annual session of the association shall be: Temperance, Obituary, Home and Foreign Missions, Sunday School, and C.T.S.. Other committees may be added by a majority vote of the members present.

2. The Presbytery is composed of all ordained authorities in the association which are in good standing with their respected church and association, Any three members of the Presbytery may ordain a minister to preach the Gospel, subject to Article 3 paragraph no. 5.

Article 6 - - Fianance

Each church within the association should pay according to their ability to the Co-operative Plan. Co-operative money received by the association is to be divided in the following manner: 50% is to be sent to the Texas State Association and 50% kept in this association. This association shall then divide its share of Co-operative money in the following manner: 10% to the association office (Clerk-Treasurer) and 90% to the Mission Chairman to be used in starting new churches or assisting any church in need. All money going to start new churches or assisting any church in need, shall be paid back as agreed upon by the church and the Executive Board. Also, a free will offering is to be taken at each session of the association for the association office.

Article 7 - - Parliamentary Authority

Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, shall serve as parliamentary authority for this association unless ordered by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of all members present. The Parliamentarian shall be furnished with a copy of the work which he shall hold as property of the association.

Article 8 - - Amendments and Revisions

This constitution may be amended or revised at any regular session by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote, provided that the proposed amendment or revisions has been put in writing and placed on the table at the last previous session.

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH



"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go
into the house of the Lord." Psalms 122:1