

**The
Oklahoma State
Association
of
Free Will Baptist**

1944

**Proceedings of the
36th. Annual Session**

**Convened at
Wewoka Church**

MINUTES
OF THE
THIRTY SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
OKLAHOMA STATE ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST

HELD WITH

Wewoka Church, Wewoka, Oklahoma
October 17-20, 1944

OFFICERS

Moderator, Rev. E. E. Morris, Ada, Oklahoma.
Ass't. Moderator Rev. Melvin Bingham, Tulsa, Okla.
Clerk, Rev. Bert F. Rogers, Drumright, Oklahoma.
Ass't. Clerk, Rev. Cleo Pursell, Wirt, Oklahoma

The next annual session of this Association will be held with Central Avenue Free Will Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The State Woman's Auxiliary Convention convenes Monday night and the Association convenes Tuesday night before the Fourth Sunday in October, 1945.

Free Will Baptist Gem, 211 Bond St. Monett, Missouri

PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the Thirty-sixth Annual Session of the Oklahoma State Association of Free Will Baptist held with the Wewoka Church, Wewoka, Oklahoma. October 17-20, 1944.

TUESDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Singing directed by Brother B. A. Smith. Invocation, Rev. J. A. Davidson. Devotional, Rev. T. H. Dixon. Rev. Melvin Bingham, of Tulsa, Oklahoma delivered the introductory sermon on the subject, "There was a Man" John 1-6. Benediction, Rev. W. H. Carter.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Singing directed by Rev. Arthur Herron. Invocation, Rev. H. E. Staires. Devotional by Moderator Rev. T. H. Dixon using 2nd Tim. 1:1-8. Letters were called for from the different Associations. Those responding are as follows: Old Eureka, First Oklahoma, Center, South Eastern, Hopewell No. 2, First Mission, Canadian, Grand River, Roberts-McGee, and Hopewell. Letters were read and delegates seated. A song was sung and the right hand of Christian fellowship was extended to each of the delegates.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moderator, Rev. E. E. Morris Ada, Oklahoma
Ass't. Mod. Rev. Melvin Bingham Tulsa, Okla.
Clerk, Rev. Bert F. Rogers Drumright Okla.
Ass't. Clerk, Rev. Cleo Pursell Wirt, Okla.

Rules of order were read by the Moderator Rev. E. E. Morris. Motion carried that Clerks of subordinate Associations be given a seat in council of the State Association. Welcome address was given by Rev. Harold L. Stine, Pastor of the First Christian Church. Response by Rev. E. E. Morris. Tom Priest, E. C. Ketchum, T. O. Dunn, C. C. Chism and John West were appointed as a committee on Divine Service by the Moderator. Petitionary letters were called for. Motion carried that Moderator appoint a committee on committees, the following were appointed: Rev. T. H. Dixon, Rev. W. H. Carter, Rev. H. E. Staires, Rev. W. E. Wilson and Rev. Paul Pursell.

COMMITTEE ON DIVINE SERVICE—Reports that Rev. H. E. Staires will deliver the eleven o'clock message. Motion carried to adjourn until 1:30 P.M.. Benediction by Rev. F. A. McCage.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Singing directed by W. W. Evans. Invocation, Rev. Will Bean. A special number in song was arranged by W. W. Evans after which the local pastor Rev. John H. West introduced the speaker of the hour, Rev. H. E. Staires of Oklahoma City. The Minister used as his Text Job 13:4. 'Physicians of no value'. Benediction Rev. E. E. Morris.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

After the noon hour of recreation and refreshments, the Association came together at the appointed time, with the devotions being conducted by the Rev. W. V. Woods using Psalms 24. Invocation, H. O. Turner. The following committees were appointed by the committee on committees:

RESOLUTIONS—Rev. Orbin Doss, Rev. M. M. McKee, C. C. Chism, Rev. T. H. Dixon and Rev. B. T. Kirby.

BUSINESS—Rev. D. B. Hellard, Rev. H. E. Staires, Rev. W. V. Wood, Rev. F. A. McCage and Rev. Paul Pursell.

PUBLICATION—Rev. John West, Hattie Newman, Maudie Sharp, Scott Jones and H. O. Turner.

EDUCATION—Melvin Bingham, E. C. Ketchum, Cleo Pursell, Ora Arnold, and Louis Barker.

TEMPERANCE—Luther Vail, Haskell Deighton, Will Bean, J. A. Davidson and Guy McGuire.

MISSION—Bessie West, Flora Carter, Odessa Robinson, Opal Bingham and Thelma Scantlin.

OBITUARY—Sadie Fincher, Ruby Brown, Mrs. Fred Barker, R. G. Lane and W. E. Dearmore.

FINANCE—B. C. Monkus, A. B. Epperson, Orvel Thurman, H. C. Thompson and Redford Wilson.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—W. H. Carter, Faye Bookout, Mignon Wood, Lewis Barker and Opal Herron.

MUSIC—Arthur Herron, Edna De Hart, H. H. Flor-

ence, Dovie Lafoie and W. E. Wilson.

LEAGUE—E. C. Ketchem, Buddy Garland, Thelma Scantlin, Leota Vance, Charles Sapp.

COMMITTEE ON DIVINE SERVICE—John H. West Tom Priest, T. O. Dunn, E. C. Ketchem and C. C. Chism.

LEAGUE WORK

Letters were read from State League Rally and delegates seated. The President, Rev. Paul Pursell takes charge and ask for the reading of the minutes, they were read and approved. Motion carried to accept the report of the Treasurer. A special number in song was rendered by Mignon Wood and Pearl Finch. Several interesting talks were given by leaguers on their work, Redford Wilson, Thelma Scantlin of Eureka Association and Claud Rush, which led to an altar of prayer and one soul was reclaimed. The League Program was closed by a duet sung by Mignon Wood and Pearl Finch. Committee on Divine Service reports that Rev. E. E. Morris will deliver the evening message and Rev. R. B. Crawford will deliver the eleven o'clock message Thursday. Motion carried to adjourn until nine o'clock Thursday Morning. Benediction by Rev. B. T. Kirby.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Singing was directed by Rev. Arthur Herron. Invocation, Rev. W. E. Dearmore. A special prayer was prayed for the Boys in the service led by Rev. D. B. Hellard. A special number in song was arranged by W. W. Evans the Quartett was composed of W. W. Evans and wife, Bert F. Rogers and Arthur Herron. The Assistant Moderator presented the speaker of the hour Rev. E. E. Morris. He used for his text Proverbs 10:11. "Wells of living water". Two souls came to an altar of prayer one was saved. Benediction, Rev. Will Bean.

THURSDAY MORNING

At the appointed time the Association reassembled. Devotions were conducted by Rev. W. E. Dearmore. Invocation, Rev. W. E. Dearmore. Sister Ether Armstrong gave her report as Treasurer of the Orphanage, it was accepted. (see report). Motion carried that we retain Sister Armstrong as Treasurer of the Orphanage. A

report was given on Foreign Missions by Bert F. Rogers. Motion carried to accept the report of Statistician. (see report). Motion carried to retain Sister Hattie Newman as Statistician for another year. Motion carried to accept Clerk's report. (see report) Rev. T. H. Dixon was elected to deliver introductory message next year. Rev. F. A. McCage, alternate. The next session of the Association will convene with the Central Avenue Church, Oklahoma City, Okla. Motion carried to adjourn until 1:30 P.M. Benediction, Rev. W. H. Carter.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Singing directed by W. W. Evans. Invocation, Bert F. Rogers. Special singing by a Quartett composed of W. W. Evans, John West, Japer Clark and Arthur Heron. The Moderator Rev. E. E. Morris presented the speaker of the hour, Rev. R. B. Crawford, Executive Secretary of the National Conference of Nashville, Tenn. Rev. Crawford gave first a summary of our work in the National Conference bringing greetings from different officers in the conference. His message "Come take up the Cross and follow Me". Benediction by Rev. B. T. Kirby.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Singing directed by Japer Clark. Devotions, Rev. Sadie Fincher. Invocation, Rev. B. C. Monkus. Motion carried to accept the report of Executive Board. (see report). Rev. H. E. Staires was re-elected as a member of the State Executive Board. Rev. F. A. McCage was elected to fill the unexpired time of Jack Hopkins on the Board. The board is as follows: F. A. McCage (1 year), B. F. Rogers (2 years), John West (3 years), J. Bynum (4 years), H. E. Staires (5 years). The reports of the following committees were accepted: Publication, Finance, Music, Temperance, Sunday School, Obituary, League, Executive Board, Business, Education, (see reports).

Committee on Divine Service reports that Rev. T. H. Dixon will deliver the message at the evening service. Motion carried that resolutions number 2, 3 and 4 be accepted (see Resolutions). The following were elected as a board of Superannuation: H. O. Turner (1 year) H. E. Staires (2 years), B. F. Rogers (3 years), E. E.

Morris (4 years), F. A. McCage (5 years). Rev. W. H. Carter was elected general Superintendant of Sunday Schools for the State Association. The following delegates were elected to represent the Association in the National Conference which convenes in North Carolina. Mary Rogers, Bessie West, Sister E. E. Morris, Sister Orbin Doss and Sister H. E. Staires. Alternates, Sister Fred Barker, Sister Ethel Armstrong, Hattie Newman, Sister Vard Wood and Sister Flora Carter. Motion carried that Executive Board will be the Program Committee for the next year.

The Association was called to prayer for a little child which was poisoned, the prayer was led by Rev. H. E. Staires. An offering was taken for the expense of the Association. Rev. A. B. Epperson ask the blessing over the offering which was \$53.10. Motion carried to give a standing vote of thanks to the Wewoka Church for hospitality shown during the session of the Association. Motion carried to adjourn until next session of the Association.

Benediction, Orvel Thurman.

THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Singing directed by W. W. Evans. Devotional, Rev. W. E. Wilson. Special singing by Quartett. Special offering for Orphanage Fund, \$53.87 was received. The speaker of the hour was presented by the pastor of the church, Rev. John H. West; Rev. T. H. Dixon delivered an inspiring message which was enjoyed by all. Benediction, John H. West.

MINUTES OF THE FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE WOMAN'S STATE AUXILIARY CONVENTION OCTOBER 16-17, 1944

The fourth annual session of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention of Oklahoma convened with the Wewoka Church, Wewoka, Oklahoma.

MONDAY NIGHT

Singing directed by W. W. Evans. Invocation. Rev. M. M. McKee. Special song by Quartett. A welcome was extended by Rev. John H. West the pastor of the church, after which devotions were conducted by Rev.

C. C. Hood. The speaker of the hour was presented, Rev. Paul Pursell using as his text 1 Cor. 15-58. "Be ye stedfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." Benediction, Rev. Orbin Doss.

TUESDAY MORNING

Singing directed by Bert F. Rogers. Devotional, Rev. Faye Bookout, using Psalms 46. Invocation, Rev. E. E. Morris. Letters were read and accepted from the different convention, and delegates given the hand of fellowship.

Election of Officers

President—Cleo Pursell, Wirt, Oklahoma.
First Vice Pres.—Bessie West, Wewoka, Okla.
Second Vice Pres.—Opal Bingham, Tulsa, Okla.
Third Vice Pres.—Hattie Newman, Jennings, Okla.
Fourth Vice Pres.—Earlene Paris, Shawnee, Okla.
Fifth Vice Pres.—Mrs. E. E. Morris, Ada, Okla.
Recording Sec.—Odessa Robinson, Wirt, Okla.
Cor. Sec.—Ethel Armstrong, Drumright, Okla.
Treas.—Mary Rogers, Drumright, Okla.
Field Worker—Faye Bookout, Drumright, Okla.
Motion carried to adjourn for eleven o'clock service.
Benediction, Sister Ruby Brown.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Singing directed by Bert F. Rogers. Invocation, Sister Fred Barker. Devotions conducted by Sister E. E. Morris. The speaker of the hour was presented, Rev. Orbin Doss using for his subject "Faith". The message was enjoyed by all. Benediction, Rev. R. B. Crawford.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Singing directed by Pearl Finch. Welcome address by Bessie West. Response, Hattie Newman. Reports were given by the different Vice Presidents. Treasurers report was read and accepted. Reports of State Auxiliary work was read and accepted. A talk was given by Sister Opal Bingham on Young Peoples' Auxiliary. A talk was given by Rev. R. B. Crawford on the new phase of the work the 50,000 Band.

A talk was given by Bert F. Rogers on the \$40,00 goal of Foreign Mission. Motion carried to accept Resolution Number 1. Resolved that no person be elected to an Associational or State Office in our Auxiliary unless she be an active member of her own local Auxiliary. A program on Stewardship given by the Center Association was enjoyed by all. Motion carried that Sister Pursell be given power to appoint the delegates to represent our National Conference. The following were appointed: Mary Rogers, Bessie West, Sister E. E. Morris, Sister Orbin Doss and Sister H. E. Staires. Alternates, Sister Fred Barker, Ethel Armstrong; Hattie Newman, Flora Carter and Sister Vard Wood. Rev. Vard Wood was elected to deliver the introductory message at the next Convention; John West, alternate. A song was directed by Bert F. Rogers while the offering was taken for Auxiliary work. Motion carried to adjourn until next Convention. Benediction, Rev. Melvin Bingham.

MINUTES OF STATE LEAGUE RALLY

Singing directed by Austin Dejarnett. Invocation, Redford Wilson. Devotional, Cpl. Carl Hutson. A Quartett composed of Wanda Hill, Patty Reese, Wanda Hester and Austin Dejarnett, sang "I guess I'm just a little old fashioned". A second number in song was given by a Quartett composed of Eula Mae Ewing, Joyce McMullen, Billie Marie Williams and Wanda Hester. The speaker of the hour was presented, Rev. Orbin Doss using as his text Matt. 24-14. Subject "Afraid". Motion carried to adjourn until 1:30 P.M. Benediction, Bert F. Rogers.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Singing directed by Bonnie Bond. Invocation, Eula Mae Ewing. Devotional, Charles Sapp using Psalms 28. Invocation, Hattie Newman. Rev. Paul Pursell took charge for election of officers. Letters were received from the following Leagues: First Mission, First Oklahoma, Center, Gains Creek and Hopewell No. 2; oral reports were accepted. Delegates were seated and hand of fellowship extended to each of them.

OFFICERS

Sponsor—H. E. Staires, Oklahoma City, Okla.

President—Paul Pursell, Wirt, Okla.

Vice President—Charles Smith, Drumright, Okla.

Recording Sec.—Wanda Hester, Drumright, Okla.

Cor. Sec.—Gladys Campbell, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Treas.—Redford Wilson, Shawnee, Okla.

Treasurer's report was read and approved. There was a balance of \$9.26 in treasury. Motion carried that Chairman appoint Committee on Divine Service. Those appointed were Maydelle Stewart, Lucille Price, Thelma Nelms, Faye Pierce and Cpl. Carl Hutson. Motion carried for Chairman to appoint Business Committee. Those appointed were Delbert Akins, Bonnie Bond, Wanda Hill, Patty Reese and Austin Dejarnett. The following League Board was elected: Strauther Yokum, Orbin Doss, Sister Fred Barker, Cleo Pursell and Ed Morris. Minutes of 1943 were read and accepted. Sister Mignon Wood was elected to deliver introductory message. Rev. Paul Pursell, alternate.

Special singing by Rev. B. F. Rogers, "After the Shadows" followed by a special number from Brother Yokum, "Stand by Me". Rev. H. E. Staires arranged a quartett consisting of B. F. Rogers, Japer Clark, Sister Yokum and Wanda Hester. Invitation was given for lost souls and three were saved. Committee on Divine Service reports that Rev. Bert F. Rogers will deliver the message at the night service followed by Rev. E. E. Morris. Friday at eleven o'clock Rev. Cleo Pursell followed by Mignon Wood. The report of the Business Committee was accepted. Motion carried to adjourn. Benediction, Rev. Will Bean.

THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Singing directed by Japer Clark. Devotions were conducted by Redford Wilson. A special prayer was offered for Boys in service. A quartett consisting of B. F. Rogers, Dovie Brown, Japer Clark and Wanda Hester sang "I know somebody's listening". The Rally considered it a great privilege to have in the service, Cpl. Carl Hutson, Jack Rowland, U. S. Navy; Second Lt. Edith Smith. The speaker of the hour was presented Rev. Bert F. Rogers using "Running from the presence of the Lord" followed by E. E. Morris using "Let every Soul be subject to higher powers" both were soul inspiring messages. Two souls came to an altar of pray-

er. There were 48 girls and 24 boys registered Thursday. Benediction, Cpl. Carl Hutson.

FRIDAY MORNING

Singing directed by Japer Clark. Devotional, Faye Gates using 23rd. Psalm. Invocation, Delbert Akins. Minutes were read and accepted.

The following Resolutions were adopted:

No. 1—That each League shall pay to the State League Treasury fifty cents for general expense.

No. 2—That we shall pay the owner \$5.00 for use of piano.

No. 3—That each Rally put on a program at the State Rally and that program shall be 25 minutes or less.

No. 4—That each one coming to the Rally shall be subject to the Sponsors and that they must be obedient to rules which will be posted in the dormitory. Violators of these rules will be brought before Board.

No. 5—That we use bills to promote interest in the League Rally, to be prepared by the Board and officers of the Rally, one after this session and to be followed at three month intervals. Bills are to be sent to each church in the state.

The offering taken for the League was \$35.57. A five minute recess was given to reconvene for the eleven o'clock service.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Singing directed by Eula Mae Ewing. Invocation, Jimmie Lee Williams. Devotional, Joyce McMullen. The speaker of the hour was presented, Mignon Wood using as her text, 1st. John 2-15, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world" followed by Cleo Pursell using Matt. 6-33, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God". Benediction, Eugene Lander.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Singing directed by Wayne Wheeler. Devotional, Jimmie Lee Williams, using John 3-16. Two came to an altar and were saved. Motion carried that our State Rally begin Wednesday at 10 A.M. before the fourth Sunday in June, 1945. Motion carried that instructors be elected to teach Free Will Baptist Doctrine, subjects

and hours of teaching to be arranged by the officers and Board at the next League Rally. Rev. I. W. Yandell and E. E. Morris were elected by acclamation to teach the doctrine in the State Rally. Motion carried to extend our appreciation to the Mission Association for use of Camp Ground and Buildings during this Rally, also Silver City Church for their service at the Cafe. Motion carried to adjourn until next rally, Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in June 1945.
Benediction, H. E. Staires.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RESOLUTION NO. 2—That a program committee be elected to arrange a program for the next session of the Association.

NO. 3—Resolved, that after the committee on committees have performed their duty through this session of the Association, that we hereafter use the custom of previous years, of either election, or empowering the Moderator with the aid of the Ass't. and Clerk to appoint all Committees.

NO. 4—Whereas the National Association has a working plan of Superannuation. We hereby resolve to adopt this plan and set up a Board of five members as a State Board of Superannuation to work in co-operation with the National Board of Superannuation.

NO. 4 (Copied from 1941 minute) Be it resolved, that each Association pay \$10.00 to the State each year for minutes and other expenses.

BUSINESS—We the Business Committee have met with the officers and delegates of the Ladies Auxiliary work and they desire clarification as to whether the State work shall be called Ladies Auxiliary or Mission. Therefore we request this body to designate their State organization as The Ladies Auxiliary. We also recommend that the Association sell the Printing Press to the Wewoka Church for the sum of \$1.00 as the State has no use for it.

PUBLICATION—We recommend that every Free Will Baptist in the State subscribe to our church papers, and all use Free Will Baptist literature. We also recommend that 1000 minutes of this session be printed and that our publishing houses be patronized.

EDUCATION—Whereas Free Will Baptist have a Bible College in Nashville., and the history of its work has been good and the blessings of the Lord have been great, We hereby endorse our Bible College and pledge support in every way the Lord leads. We ask that every District Association have a Bible Institute, and that all ministers and Christian workers attend. We endorse the endowment Check Book plan proposed by the Board of Education, also the offerings and the Unified Program as the means of financial support of the Bible College.

TEMPERANCE—We believe that majority of crimes are caused by the sale of intoxicating drinks. We believe it is detrimental to the cause of Christianity. We recommend that we adhere to our church covenant regarding the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, also that our Ministers preach at least one sermon quarterly on Temperance.

OBITUARY—We, your committee, wish to report that God in His infinite wisdom has called from our midst the following:

First Oklahoma 12, First Mission 8, Eureka 25, Hopewell No. 2, 7; Center 6, Canadian 3, South Eastern 7, Robert McGee 1. We recommend that this body recognize their loss and offer their sympathy to the bereaved.

FINANCE—We have a report of \$95.00 which has been received from the different Associations. We ask that each Association pay \$10.00 for minutes and other expenses there were some who did not pay the full amount.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—We see the need of more Sunday School and recommend that each use Free Will Baptist literature, and that all teachers and officers be Free Will Baptist. We suggest that our Sunday Schools have Rallies that they might grow and prosper and souls would be saved. We recommend that we work together for a better attendance. Seeing our work is so great and some churches do not have a Sunday School. We feel that we need a General Superintendant to represent the State.

MUSIC—We recommend that a Choir Director be appointed by the Moderator at each session of the Asso-

ciation who will have charge of the choir in each service. We further recommend that we work together to encourage congregational singing in all our church services. We also recommend that our different churches encourage the singing of good old time hymns, and select a Choir Director that is a Christian, and a member of our denomination.

LEAGUE—We find that some of our Leagues are doing a very nice work and souls are being saved through their efforts. We are glad to report that many of our Leagues practice tithing. Through this method the young people have been able to assist greatly in the financial upkeep of the church. We recommend the pastors of the various Associations introduce and organize Free Will Baptist Leagues, and use Free Will Baptist League literature.

EXECUTIVE BOARD—We have had five meetings as follows: Ada, Drumright, Shawnee, Bristow and the Camp Ground. We have traveled 1800 miles in our work for the State. For lack of funds the Field Worker had to be discontinued, some finance came in, but he resigned to go in to the News-Paper business April 1944. We feel sure there are greater things in store for the State Association.

TREASURER'S REPORT of Executive Board—Received from Center Association \$75.00; First Mission \$54.00; First Oklahoma \$46.00; Canadian \$30.00; received this year \$205.00; carried over from last year \$140.00 Total receipts \$345.00. Total disbursements for salaries, boards expense, phone calls and postage \$204.00. Balance on hand \$141.00.

John H. West, Treas.

We the Executive Board have met and organized with Rev. F. A. McCage as chairman. We have audited the books of the State Orphanage Fund and find them in excellent shape.

CLERK'S REPORT—\$117.50 was paid in for minutes plus a balance of \$23.37 made a total of \$140.87; \$65.00 paid for printing of minutes; \$10.00 for Clerks service; \$5.00 for Moderator; \$20.00 for National Minutes; \$2.45 for paper and postage and mailing expense. Balance in treasury \$38.42.

Winnie McLain, Clerk

STATISTICIAN—Number of churches 149; members 10,188; ordained ministers 208; Sunday Schools 52; Leagues 29; Auxiliaries 15; paid pastors \$23,116.32; evangelist \$2,882.56; value of church property \$135,819.70. This report is incomplete as some Associations were not represented and some did not give the statistics.

REPORT of Orphanage Treasurer—Wirt Church \$6.25 Shawnee Woman's Auxiliary \$5.00; Wirt Church \$10.75; Central Avenue Church \$52.00; Wirt Church \$6.00; Rev. and Mrs. Everett Brown \$100.00; Wirt Church \$8.50; Mrs. P. R. Armstrong \$10.00; First Mission Association \$111.21; Wirt Church \$3.90; Tulsa Ladies Auxiliary \$25.00; Drumright Ladies Auxiliary \$10.00; Ladies Auxiliary of First Mission Association \$18.72; Wirt Church \$4.55; Vance Chappel Church \$10.00; Wirt Ladies Auxiliary \$6.00; Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Sweet \$3.00; Mrs. P. R. Armstrong \$6.12; Mr. Dick Sellers \$3.00; Wirt Church and Auxiliary \$8.45; Total \$408.45.

Ethel Armstrong, Treas.

REPORT of League Treasurer—Carried forward \$9.26 tithes and collections \$24.83; Donation \$44.57; Total \$78.66; disbursements; utility bills \$1.50; picture cuts \$6.00; printing of bills \$23.65; misc. 40c; total \$31.55; balance on hand \$47.11.

Redford Wilson, Treas.

ENROLLMENT OF MINISTERS

John H. West, Box 558, Wewoka, Okla.
Melvin Bingham, 833 N. Utica St., Tulsa, Okla.
C. C. Hood, Rt. 9, Box 498, Tulsa, Okla.
W. V. Wood, 1302 W. 13th., Sulphur, Okla.
Paul Pursell, Box 283, Wirt, Okla.
Cleo Pursell, Box 283, Wirt, Okla.
M. M. McKee, Soper, Okla.
R. L. Oliver, Wewoka, Okla.
M. L. Caton, Wewoka, Okla.
Orbin Doss, 403½ N. Penn, Shawnee, Okla.
Guy McGuire, 521 E. Ada, Shawnee, Okla.
Mrs. R. L. Oliver, Wewoka, Okla.
W. E. Wilson, Holdenville, Okla.
E. E. Morris, 420 S. Ash, Ada, Okla.
Faye Bookout, Drumright, Okla. Rt. 1.
Bert F. Rogers, Drumright, Okla.
Hattie Newman, Rt. 2, Jennings, Okla.
Robert B. Crawford, Nashville, Tenn.

W. M. Easton, Cameron, Okla.
J. A. Davidson, Antlers, Okla.
W. H. Carter, 708 S. Walnut, Bristow, Okla.
Luther Vail, Rt. 2, Box 96A, Bristow, Okla.
D. B. Hellard, Rt. 1, Sapulpa, Okla.
O. Stalcup, Box 957, Oklahoma City, Okla.
Scott W. Jones, Rt. 3, Ada, Okla.
Will Bean, 741 E. Walnut, Cushing, Okla.
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H. O. Turner, Stigler, Okla.
R. G. Lane, Bristow, Okla.
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Harry Staires, 328 SE 21, Oklahoma City, Okla.
B. C. Monkus, Rt. 3, Box 105, Norman, Okla.
W. E. Dearmore, Box 283, Wanett, Okla.

DEACONS AND DELEGATES

Mrs. W. V. Wood, Sulphur, Okla.
Mrs. Geneva Williams, Sulphur, Okla.
Mrs. R. B. Ribinson, Wirt, Okla.
Ruby Brown, McMan, Okla.
Ethel Armstrong, Drumright, Okla.
Mary Rogers, Drumright, Okla.
Maye Speck, Drumright, Okla.
Opal Bingham, Tulsa, Okla.
Bertha Barker, Ada, Okla.
Anna Hunt, Ada, Okla.
Flora Carter, Ada, Okla.
Mrs. W. M. Easton, Cameron, Okla.
T. A. Priest, Non, Okla.
Claude Chism, Non, Okla.
Ed. Phillips, Stigler, Okla.
Hewes Baker, Francis, Okla.
Mignon Wood, Ada, Okla.
Mary Lee Rush, Oklahoma City, Okla.
Charles Sapp, Oklahoma City, Okla.
Mrs. D. B. Hellard, Sapulpa, Okla.
Opal Hearn, Oklahoma City, Okla.

C. C. Garland, Stigler, Okla.
E. C. Ketchem, Shawnee, Okla.
Dovie La Fave, Stigler, Okla.
Thelma Scantlin, Stigler, Okla.
H. C. Thompson, Oklahoma City, Okla.
Mrs. Jack Arnold, Holdenville, Okla.
Maudie Sharp, Wewoka, Okla.
T. O. Dunn, Oklahoma City, Okla.
H. M. Dighton, Ada, Okla.
Dora Johnson, Howe, Okla.
Redford Wilson, Stillwater, Okla.
L. S. Speaks, Coleman, Okla.

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 of delegates.
5. Election of officers.
6. Reading of Rules of Order.
7. Petitionary letters called for.
8. Invite visiting brethren to seats in council.
9. Appointment of committees.
10. Unfinished business.
11. New business.
12. Report of committees.
13. Miscellaneous business.

RULES OF ORDER

1. At every sitting of the Association, business shall be opened and concluded by prayer by the Moderator or whomsoever he may request.
2. Ministers and deacons present are invited to seats, allowed to take part in debates on all subjects, and to vote.
3. Those who speak shall arise and address the Moderator. Personal reflections shall be avoided in all debates.
4. No motion shall be discussed without a second.
5. When a motion has made and seconded, and a member opposes its discussion, the Moderator shall put the question "Shall it be discussed?" If negative, the question shall be dismissed.
6. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any mem-

ber, and the vote taken separately.

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. All questions shall be decided by a majority vote of all members present.

10. No member shall absent himself without special leave of the Moderator.

11. Minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected if necessary before the close of the Association.

12. At all future sessions of the Association, arrangements shall be made to insure two sermons, or other devotional exercises equivalent thereto, during each day of the session, and the chair shall announce just before adjournment who shall.

13. These Rules of Order shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after organization of the Association.

14. Alternations may be made in these rules at any regular session of the Association.

FREE WILL BAPTIST ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. THE BIBLE.—The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

2 Timothy 3:16.

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 the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore and obey.

1 Cor. 8:6; Matt. 28:19.

3. CHRIST.—Christ is God manifest 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 Savior and Lord.

St. John 1:1-12.

4. THE HOLY SPIRIT.—The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. He is the Reprover, Comforter, Guide and Sanctifier of men.

St. John 16:7-8; Acts 2:4; Eph. 4:46.

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 of grace, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires.

Psalm 22:28; 97:2.

6. **THE SINFULNESS OF MAN.**—Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherited a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin, and become guilty before God.

Gen. 2:17; 3:19.

7. **THE WORK OF CHRIST.**—The Son of God, by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death and resurrection affected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith.

1 John 2:2.

8. **THE TERMS OF SALVATION.**—The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and the hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Savior and Lord, with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise 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.

2 Cor. 7:10; Pro. 28:13.

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.

1 Tim. 2:4.

10. **FREEDOM OF WILL.**—The human will is free and self controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit and live, or to resist them and perish.

Joshua 24:15.

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.

Rev. 22:17.

12. **PERSEVERANCE.**—All believers in Christ, who through grace, persevere in holiness to the end of life, have the promise of eternal salvation.

St. John 15:6; 2 Peter 2:20-22.

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 administered to all true believers.

Mark 16:15; 2 Cor. 4:5; St. John 13:14.

14. **TITHING.** God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament: Jesus Christ indorsed it in the Gospel (Matt. 23:23) and the apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him" 1 Cor. 16:2.

15. THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH. The divine law 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.

Gen. 2:3; Exod. 20:8-11.

16. RESURRECTION. JUDGEMENT, AND FINAL RETRIBUTION— The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at 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 shall "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

John 5:29; Matt. 25:46.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Associations	Number of Members	Number of Churches	Number of Ministers	Value of Property	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist
First Mission	1935	24	53	\$50,017.20	\$14,503.89	\$2,126.81
Hopewell No.2	537		9	4,050.00		
Center	781	10	34	15,000.00	1,770.25	105.75
Canadian	671	12	18	4,752.50		
First Oklahoma	900	9	20	30,000.00	6,284.10	797.50
Grand River	804		16			
Roberts McGee	556	12	14			
Southeastern	250	8	8	3,000.00	247.78	200.00
Eureka	2100	24	41	28,000.00	4,100.00	
Hopewell	254	5	13	2,600.00		130.00

