

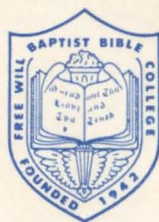
THE
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OF
Free Will Baptist



PROCEEDINGS OF THE 37TH
ANNUAL SESSION
1945



CONVENED AT OKLAHOMA CITY
CENTRAL AVENUE
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH



FREE WILL BAPTIST
BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented By

Rev. W. S. Isbell

MINUTES

OF THE

Thirty-Seventh Annual Session of The Oklahoma State Association

OF

Free Will Baptist

HELD WITH

CENTRAL AVENUE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

OCTOBER 23-27, 1945

OFFICERS

Moderator Eld. E. E. Morris _____ Ada, Okla.
Ass't Mod. Eld. J. H. West _____ Tulsa, Okla.
Clerk—Sister Dora Johnson _____ Howe, Okla.
Ass't Clerk Eld. Ralph Hampton _____ Shawnee, Okla.

The next annual session of this association will be held with The First Free Will Baptist Church in Tulsa, 835 North Utica St., Tulsa 6, Oklahoma. The State Woman's Auxiliary Convention Convenes Monday night and the Association convenes Tuesday night before the Fourth Sunday in October, 1946.

PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the Thirty-Seventh Annual Session of the Oklahoma State Association of Free Will Baptist held with the Central Avenue Free Will Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla., October 23-27, 1945.

Tuesday Night

Singing led by Bro. Author Finney. Prayer by Eld. J. R. Davis on Mod. Eld. E. E. Morris took charge. After a special number in song by a quartet, Eld. Clay Richey conducted a devotional service. Another song was rendered by a quartet.

Eld. T. H. Dixon took the stand and brought the introduction message. Subject: "The Workings of the Spirit." Text: 1 Cor.-11-12. A temporary Pulpit Committee was appointed composed of Rev. William, Bro. Speaks and Eld. H. E. Stairs. Dismissed in prayer by Eld. I. W. Yandell.

Wednesday Morning

Singing directed by Bro. Fred Barker. Scripture reading, Luke 17:20-30 by Rev. D. B. Hellard. Invocation by Rev. I. W. Yandell. Letters from 1st Oklahoma, Center, Canadian, Hopewell, First Mission, Hopewell No. 2, Dibble, Robert-McGee and Grand River Associations were read and accepted and delegates given the right hand of fellowship.

A letter from Southeastern Association was received and delegates seated.

Election of Officers

Moderator _____ Eld. E. E. Morris, Ada, Okla.
Assistant Moderator _____ Eld. John H. West, Tulsa, Okla.
Clerk _____ Sister Dora Johnson, Howe, Okla.
Assistant Clerk _____ Eld. Ralph Hampton, 129 So. Draper, Shawnee, Okla.

Committee on Divine Service

Committee on Divine Service reported Eld. Clay Richey to preach at 11 o'clock and Eld. Ralph Staten at the evening service. Rules of order were read by the Moderator Eld. E. E. Morris. Our moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to our visiting brethren from the various states. Eld. Ralph Staten, Arkansas; Eld. R. B. Crawford, Tennessee. Welcome address was given by Eld. B. T. Kerby, Oklahoma City, Okla. Response by Eld. Clay Richey of Blanchard, Okla. Motion carried that the moderator appoint all committees.

Resolutions: O. H. Ross, Paul Purrsell, D. B. Hellard, T. H. Dixon, A. B. Epperson.

Business: Clay Richie, Sadie Fincher, W. V. Wood, O. D. Wickham, F. A. McCage.

Publication: E. A. O'Donnel, Cleo Pursell, Laural Arnold, Lucille Hampton, Sister O. D. Wickham.

Education: B. T. Kerby, Ruby Brown, Hattie Newman, Jack Hopkins, Mrs. Fred Barker.

Divine Service: H. E. Stairs, Ed Chism, Fred Barker, Cash Roberts, George Reich.

Temperance: Will Bean, M. M. McKee, J. K. Davidson, R. G. Lane, D. C. Sharp.

Obituary: Margie Weatherman, Sister Carl Hood, M. L. Anderson, Grace Brandon, Daisy Pierce.

Finance: Claud Chism, Ethyl Armstrong, Leaona Mayfield, Mosie Beal, Sister F. A. McCage.

Sunday School: W. H. Carter, J. A. Wilson, Clyde Wilson, B. J. Peters, Maudie Sharp.

Music: Auther Hearron, E. S. O'Donnel, Cleo Pursell.

League: Paul Pursell, H. E. Stairs, E. C. Ketchem.

Motion carried that we adjourn until 1 p. m. Benediction, Eld. Will Bean of Cushing.

Eleven o'Clock Service

Singing directed by Eld. O'Donnel. Invocation, Bessie Stairs. A special number in song arranged by Eld. E. A. O'Donnel. Eld. E. E. Morris introduced the speaker of the hour, Eld. Clay Richey of Dibble Association. Text: Matthew 9:13. Benediction, W. H. Carter.

Wednesday Afternoon

After the noon hour of recreation and refreshments the association came together at the appointed time with the devotions being conducted by Eld. Orbin Doss using Phil. 2:1-16. Singing being directed by Sister Mildred Cash. Pianist Eld. Charles Sapp. Invocation, Eld. O. B. Benton.

League Work

Letters were read from State League Rally and delegates seated. The president, Eld. Paul Pursell, takes charge and asks for the reading of the minutes. They were read and approved. Motion carried to accept the report of minutes. A special number in song was given by Eld. B. T. Kirby's family. Some interesting talks were given by Leaguers on their work. A solo by Dollie Odom. A reading was given by Bessie Stairs. "In the Garden." A special song was arranged by Fern McCage which led to an altar of prayer and three souls were saved. After a letter from Eld. Everett Hellard from somewhere across the ocean was read. Another special solo, "Tomorrow May Mean Good-bye." Motion carried to adjourn until 9 o'clock Thursday. Benediction by Jack Hopkins.

Wednesday Night Service

Singing was directed by Eld. Arthur Herron. Invocation was a united prayer of the ministers led by Eld. John H. West. Devotional led by Eld. McFell. Several special numbers were given. The moderator presented the speaker of the hour, Eld. Ralph Statam. Text: Luke 14:12. Three souls came for prayer and were saved. Benediction, Eld. E. E. Morris.

Thursday Morning Session

At the appointed time the association reassembled. Devotions were conducted by Eld. Virgal Florence using 1st Psalms. Invocation, Eld. John H. West. Petitionary letters called for. None responded. Eld. Hattie Newman gave her report as state statistician. Motion carried to accept the report (see report). Eld. John H. West was elected as state statistician for the ensuing year. Motion carried that we grant Eld. W. A. Hearron a right to vote in our state meeting. The next session of the association will convene with the First Free Will Baptist Church in Tulsa. 835 North Utica St., Tulsa 6, Oklahoma.

Eld I. W. Yandell was elected to deliver the introductory message next year. Elder W. A. Herron, alternate. Motion carried to accept the Woman's Auxiliary minutes and to print them. Report of the national executive secretary was given by Eld. R. B. Crawford. Motion carried to table Resolution I. Discussion until next session of business. Committee on divine service reports that Eld. J. A. Davidson, Antlers, Oklahoma, will deliver the 11 o'clock message. Motion carried to adjourn until 1:30. Benediction by Bro. C. J. Hudson.

11 o'Clock Service

Singing directed by C. L. Hudson. Invocation, Virgil Bradford. The moderator, E. E. Morris, introduced the speaker of the hour, Eld. J. A. Davidson. Text, Matthew 12:30, "He that is not with you are against you." Prov. 6:9. Benediction, Bro. Lonnie Ward.

Thursday Afternoon

Singing directed by Arthur Hearron. Devotions by Eld. M. M. McKee. Text, Romans 12. Invocation by M. L. Caton. Motion carried that we adopt resolution No. 1 (see report). Motion carried that we accept the report of the State Executive Board (see report). Motion carried that we accept the report of the State Ministerial Conference. Motion carried that we accept the report of the Treasurer of State Executive Board (see report). Motion carried that we accept the report of Business Committee on the Rules and By-Laws Governing the State Executive Board. Motion carried that we accept the rules governing the Free Will Baptist State Orphanage. State Executive Board: Eld. Paul Pursell (1 year), John H. West (2 years), E. E. Morris (3 years), H. E. Stairs (4 years), F. A. McCage (5 years).

Sister Ethyl 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. And we gave her a standing vote of thanks for her work and we sent a card of thanks to Bro. Armstrong for assisting her. Motion carried to accept Resolutions Nos. 2, 3 and 4.

State Mission Board: D. B. Hellard, O. H. Doss, Clay Richey, E. A. O'Donnel and W. V. McPhail. Motion carried that the auxiliary and mission make separate reports in the state association. Motion carried to adjourn until 9 Friday. Benediction, Eld. B. C. Monkus. Committee on Divine Service. Reports that Eld. F. A. McCage bring the evening message.

Thursday Night Session

Singing directed by Arthur Finney. Devotional was taken up in special singing. Invocation, Eld. R. G. Lane. A special offering was taken for the expense of the association. Eld. E. E. Morris asked the blessing over the offering which was \$39.15. The moderator introduced the speaker of the hour, Eld. F. A. McCage, pastor of Bristol church. Text: St. John 7:46; Mark 4:38. Benediction, Grady Henley.

Friday Morning Session

Singing directed by Pvt. Clarence Hearron. Devotional B. T. Kerby, 23 Psalms. Invocation, Eld. Ralph Hampton. Motion carried that we accept the report on publication. Eld. O'Donnel was elected by acclamation to compile our manuscripts on the orphanage. Motion carried that we accept the report on Education (see report). Motion carried that we accept the report of the Obituary (see report). Motion carried to accept the report on Temperance. Sunday School Superintendent: Motion carried to accept the report. Music. Motion carried that we receive the report and discharge the committee. Motion carried that we have a program committee for the next session of our State Association. Motion carried that the moderator appoint the program committee. Program Committee: B. T. Kirley, E. C. Ketchen, and Arthur Herron. Motion carried to accept the Sunday School report. Motion carried to receive the report on finance. Motion carried that we have a Historian and W. A. Hearron was elected. Delegates for National Association E. C. Ketchen and wife, Claud Chism, Glenna Stairs, Ethel Armstrong and Sister Barnett, alternate. Divine Service Committee reports that Eld. R. B. Crawford, our national secretary, deliver the message. Benediction by Pfc. Pete Conard.

11 o'Clock Services

Singing directed by Eld. O. D. Wickham. Invocation, Will Hudson. A special testimony from Pfc. Pete Conard, who had just arrived from Germany. A special number in song was arranged by F. A. McCage after which the moderator, Eld. E. E. Morris, introduced the speaker of the hour, Eld. R. B. Crawford, National Secretary. Isaiah 6:1-8. Benediction; Bro. Willingham.

Friday Evening Session

Singing directed by Arthur Hearron. Devotional by Eld. W. A. Hearron, John 3:1-12. Invocation, Eld. O. D. Wickham. Motion carried that we repay Eld. John West for printing our program sheets, which was \$5.66. Motion carried to accept the report of Oklahoma Superannuation Board and elect (2) two new men. H. E. Stairs, B. F. Rogers, E. E. Morris, F. A. McCage, O. H. Doss and W. V. McPhail. Motion carried to give a standing vote of thanks to the Central Avenue Free Will Baptist Church for hospitality shown during the session of the association. Paid moderator \$5.00. Paid Association Clerk \$10.00. Motion carried that the Executive Board be trustees for the orphanage. Motion carried to adjourn until next session of the Association. Benediction, B. T. Kerby.

Committee Reports

Temperance Committee Report: We, your Temperance Committee recommend that all Christians abstain from all things that defile or weaken the body, as it is the temple of God. The world is judging us by the things we do, hence we should be careful. Gal. 6:8, "For he that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption, and he that soweth to the spirit, shall of the spirit reap life everlasting."

Signed: W. L. BEAN.

Publication: We feel that we as Free Will Baptists of the State Association, are not taking advantage of the opportunity afforded us for publicity.

We have several Free Will Baptist papers, all of them educational, informative, along the lines of denominational enterprise. We feel the need of these papers being placed in each Free Will Baptist home, in the State of Oklahoma. Therefore, we recommend that those who are subscribers be diligent in promoting to others the need of reading our denominational papers.

We further recommend: We publish a special edition covering our State Orphanage program, giving the history of the Home from the time purchased until dedicated.

We are informed that the editor of the Ringling Eagle has offered to publish this special edition for us. We feel that this should be investigated, and if he is willing to do this for us, we should take advantage of it.

E. A. O'DONNELL.

Committee Reports

Resolution No. 1: Be it resolved, that we discontinue all boundary lines in the Subordinate Associations.

No. 2: Whereas, the National Association has a working program for Missions both home and foreign, we resolve to elect a board of mission of five members to work in co-operation with the National Association in the evangelization of the world from the home to the uttermost part of the earth.

No. 3: Whereas, the National Association has a training program known as the Christian Workers Institute, We resolve that our State Association shall sponsor an institute, all details to be worked out through the State League Committee and State Executive Board.

No. 4: Be it resolved, that we have a historian, who shall collect and compile historical record of the Free Will Baptist of the State of Oklahoma.

No. 5: Be it resolved, that we give this church a standing vote of thanks for their good care and hospitality shown to this State Association Finance. We have a report of \$105.00 which has been received from the different associations, \$5 from the women's auxiliary, and \$5 from the league, a total of \$115.

Obituary Committee: We, your committee, wish to report that God in his infinite wisdom has called from our midst the following: First Mission 17, Dibble 1, Hopewell No. 2, 2; First Okla. 9.

Report of the Oklahoma Superannuation Board: The board met Oct. 26, 1944, and organized. Eld. Harry Staires elected chairman, Eld. F. A. McCage elected clerk and treasurer. Meeting adjourned until the board should be called together by chairman. The board was called together by the chairman Feb. 13, 1945, at Wewoka. Prayer by Eld. John H. West. A letter and material sent the board from Eld. J. O. Fort, National Secretary, was read and considered. It was voted to reserve our decision in regard to the insurance as offered by the National Program until some future date, but that we adopt the Benevolent Phase of Superannuation. Adjourned with prayer by Eld. B. F. Rogers.

Report of the Committee on Music: We, your Committee on Music recommend that a choir director be appointed by the moderator at each session of the association, who will have charge of the singing in each service. We also recommend that our young people be encouraged to render special numbers—duets, solos, or quartetts in our church services, as we feel that the music program of our church is essential to promoting the cause of Christ.

We further recommend that singing of the old time hymns be a part of each service, and encourage congregational singing; and, if possible, select a choir director who is a Christian and a member of our denomination.

Report of State Sunday School Superintendent: I beg leave to report. The first half of the year, because of ill health, I was not permitted to go and do the work I wanted to do. My health being improved, I visited some Sunday schools in different associations. Seeing the work was too great under conditions of tire and gas rationing, I confined my work to the First Mission Association. The Sunday schools work is a great work and we need a state Sunday school superintendent. The Sunday schools I visited have gained in attendance and I feel the Lord has blessed my efforts in this great work.

ELD. W. H. CARTER.

Sunday School: We see the need of more Sunday schools and recommend that each use Free Will Baptist literature, and that all teachers and officers be Free Will Baptists. We suggest that our Sub-Associations elect a general superintendent and that he arrange and supervise Sunday school rallies. We further recommend that each Sub-Association sponsor a training school for their teachers, making available the six-point Sunday school system. ELD. W. H. CARTER.

State Miss Board Report: The undersigned having been elected by the body as the State Mission Board for Home and Foreign Missions, we met and organized. Plans for operation and carrying out duties of this work discussed. Eld. O. H. Doss was elected as chairman and Eld. D. B. Hellard was elected Secretary-Treasurer. The board will meet Dec. 6 to draw up a constitution and by-laws for this board. Send all money for missions through proper channels and finally the State Secretary-Treasurer will send them to our national treasuries. You may send money direct to the State Treasurer or to the National Treasurer, but please keep records and receipts of money spent.

State Orphanage Treasurers Report: To the thirty-ninth session of the Oklahoma State Association of Free Will Baptist Churches, when convened at the Central Avenue Free Will Baptist Church at Oklahoma City, Okla., Oct. 22-26, 1945; I beg to report as follows: Balance brought forward from last year, \$408.45, amount received this year \$9,036.95, making a total received \$9,445.40. Amount paid out \$576.72 leaving a balance on hand of \$8,868.68. **ETHEL ARMSTRONG.**

Financial Report of Clerk

Balance carried forward from 1944	\$ 38.42
Minute money paid in	110.00
Printing press sold for	1.00
Total taken in	149.00

Disbursements

Paid out for minutes	\$ 70.00
Fee to National Conference for State	60.00
Clerk's fee	10.00
Moderator's fee	5.00
Postage for mailing of minutes, etc.	3.42
Total paid out	148.42
Balance in treasury	1.00

ELD. BERT FRANKLIN ROGERS, Treasurer.

Executive Board: We, the Oklahoma State Executive Board beg leave to report as follows: We do not have an accurate report of miles traveled, but we have held several meetings in different parts of the state. We have sponsored a state-wide ministers conference and have held two meetings: one at Shawnee and one at McAlester. Also, we have sponsored an orphanage program which we present to this body for approval. Eld. J. Bynum found it impossible to serve on the board, therefore, we placed Eld. E. E. Morris to serve on the board. We have not encountered any discord among our people, but have had wonderful co-operation for which we give thanks to the Lord.

JOHN H. WEST, Clerk.

Rules and By-Laws Governing the State Executive Board

This board shall be composed of five members to serve for five consecutive years, one member to retire at each sitting of the annual session of the State Association.

The board has power to act in behalf of the State Association during adjourned sessions from annual meeting to another; and shall have power to elect such officers as may be deemed necessary for its own government, or any other officers needed to carry out the plans of the State Program.

The chairman of the board shall preside over all meetings of the board, said meetings to be called by the clerk of the board. No meeting will be legal unless board members are notified in advance.

The board shall have power to fill all vacancies occurring in its own body.

The state executive board shall have power to collect funds for any project for the best interest of the state work. Also to employ and superintend work now in progress.

The board shall not have the power of conveyance of any real estate, or personal property held in trust by the state; unless authorized by the State Association at its regular annual session.

All expenses incurred by the officers of the State Association shall be submitted and passed on by the executive board before claim is paid.

The executive board shall keep a written record of all work done, money raised, meetings held, and make a full report at the ensuing session of State Association.

The executive board shall receive; held in trust, supervise, control and convey any property entrusted to said association; said property must not be diverted to any other purpose, other than the one for which it was donated.

The chairman and the clerk of the executive board shall sign all deeds, bonds, notes, mortgages, and any other legal papers for which the State Association may be held responsible.

Any member of the executive board who absents himself three times in succession from meetings of this body shall be dropped from the board and his place filled by electing another.

No meeting of the board shall be legal unless there is at least three members present, and all transactions of the board shall be by the majority vote of all members present.

No member of the executive board shall delegate authority for any other member to cast his vote for him for anything.

ELD. CLAY RICHEY.

Rules Governing the Free Will Baptist State Orphanage

Any child who is in need of a home may be admitted to the orphanage, if accepted by property authority.

The Orphanage Committees of the various associations will make investigation, and if the applicant is found in need of a home, they shall be recommended to the superintendent, who shall present the case to the state board. Their decision shall settle the matter.

All applicants must be examined by the physician in charge. If they are suffering from any physical or mental ailment, steps should be taken to correct the trouble before they are permitted to enter the home.

Children accepted shall become wards of the home, and will remain as such until they can be placed in a position to take care of themselves.

Children will not be permitted to leave the premises to visit friends or relatives; to remain overnight or to spend the week-end.

No child shall receive gifts from any source other than through the superintendent. All gifts must be made to the home, to insure that all share alike.

No parent of children adopted shall be eligible for employment at the orphanage.

Purebred stock will be kept on the farm and each boy or girl that is eligible for 4-H or F. F. A. farm programs shall be given a project.

The purchasing and selling of stock and equipment must be done through the Executive Board after being recommended by the superintendent.

A superintendent will be selected by the state board. He will supervise the home and farm and purchase food, clothing and other supplies necessary to keep the home in operation. He must keep a daily record of all receipts and expenditures (such as donations made to the home or produce sold from the farm) and make his report to the clerk of the Executive Board not later than the 10th of each month.

CLAY RICHEY.

Statistician Report

This report is incomplete as some associations were not represented and some did not give statistics.

Number of Churches	198	Paid Pastors	37,770.52
Number of Members	8,140	Paid Evangelist	4,458.36
Ordained Ministers	191	Value of Church	
Sunday Schools	75	Property	\$177,800.00
Leagues	34		
Auxiliaries	12		

HATTIE NEWMAN.

Statistical Report

ASSOCIATIONS	No. of Members	No. of Churches	No. of Ministers	Value of Property	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist
First Mission	2,215	23	—	\$90,250	\$21,330.25	\$1,612.82
Center	806	9	15	20,000	4,668.87	508.00
First Oklahoma	1,159	10	28	40,000	6,856.35	1,171.30
Robert-McGee	—	10	12	2,900	323.35	—
Hopewell	267	6	10	2,000	267.00	242.37
Hopewell No. 2	262	5	8	6,300	2,219.50	258.00
Canadian	500	8	12	2,001	600.00	200.00
Grand River	—	13	33	—	—	—
Southeastern	259	8	8	6,000	—	—
Dibble	272	6	12	5,250	1,505.20	465.87
Eureka	2,100	24	41	—	4,100.00	—

The Fifth Annual Session of the Women's State Auxiliary Convention convened with the Central Avenue Free Will Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla., October 22-23, 1945.

Monday night's services opened with singing directed by Rev. F. A. McCage. Prayer by Rev. John H. West.

Devotionals were led by Sister Margie Weatherman. Special number in song arranged by Rev. E. A. O'Donnell.

Reading by Sister Bessie Stairs.

Rev. Vard Woods was speaker for the evening services using II Kings 4-1 for lesson.

The power of God was manifested all during the service especially the altar service with one precious soul praying through to victory.

Tuesday Morning 9:30 a. m.

Services opened with singing led by Rev. O. D. Wickham. Devotionals led by Sister Leona Mayfield. Scripture lesson Luke 10:30. Prayer by Rev. R. B. Crawford. Welcome by Sister Glenara Stairs. Response by Sister Ida Belle Hamilton. Letters read and accepted and seated delegates.

Election of officers:

President, Sister Cleo Pursell.

1st Vice President, Sister Bessie West.

2nd Vice President, Sister Alma Gammon.

3rd Vice President, Sister Hattie Newman.

4th Vice President, Sister Glenara Stairs.

5th Vice President, Sister Leona Mayfield.

Recording Secretary, Sister Margie Weatherman.

Corresponding Secretary, Sister Grace Brandon.

Treasurer, Sister Ethel Armstrong.

Field Worker, Sister Mildred Cash.

Motion carried that each local auxiliary tithe into their district convention and from district convention to state convention.

Motion carried we have blanks printed for our reports.

Motion to adjourn until 1:30.

Rev. F. A. McCage was elected to preach the introductory sermon at the next annual women's meeting.

11:00 Services

Opened with singing led by Rev. E. A. O'Donnell.

Prayer by Rev. Paul Pursell. Special song arranged by Sister Hattie Newman.

Rev. E. E. Morris brought a wonderful message using the Scripture lesson Ruth 1-15-20.

Dismissed for lunch by Bro. Wilson.

1:00 services was opened with singing led by Sister Mildred Cash.

Prayer by Rev. Hattie Newman.

A beautiful installation service was held with Rev. John H. West in charge.

Wonderful reports of state presidents was given.

Shawnee church entertained us with a very impressive program.

A silent prayer in memory of our dear Sister Opal Bingham whom God saw fit to take on to her reward.

Offering of \$20.15 taken.

Benediction by Rev. Hattie Newman.

Oklahoma State League Rally of Free Will Baptists

The Oklahoma State League Rally of Free Will Baptists, met in their annual meeting June 21, 22, 23, 1945, at the First Mission Association camp grounds, near Drumright, Oklahoma.

Wednesday morning service was opened with singing. Song service directed by Gene Fry. Altar prayer led by Reeford Wilson. Special song "After the Shadows" by Laverda Green and Billie Williams; quartet from Bristow. Speaker of the hour introduced by Rev. Harry Staires. Sister Mignon Woods brought an inspiring message on the subject, "Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth," Ecc. 12:1. Remarks and altar call given by President Paul Pursell. One soul was saved. Benediction by Sister Ray Martin.

Wednesday Evening

Meeting called to order by sponsor, Rev. Harry Staires. Singing directed by Junior Henley. Devotional by Jerry Dudley using Acts 8:1-19. Invocation by Ray Martin. Special song "In the Shadow of the Cross." Welcome address given by Sister Helen Seaton; response by Jimmie Williams. Letters called for by president. Letters were presented from First Mission Association, First Oklahoma Association, Center Association, Hopewell Number 2 Association. Motion carried that we receive and accept letters as read. Verbal report given by the Eureka Association. Motion carried that we accept verbal report and seat those present as delegates. Given hand of fellowship by H. E. Staires.

Officers

Rev. Harry Staires, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	Sponsor
Rev. Paul Pursell, Wirt, Oklahoma	President
Rev. Reeford Wilson, Shawnee, Oklahoma	Vice-President
Bonnie Bonds, Ardmore, Oklahoma	Recording-Secretary
Eula Mae Ewing, McAlester, Oklahoma	Corresponding Secretary
Bro. Ray Martin, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	Treasurer

League Board

Rev. Ed Morris, Ada, Oklahoma	Chairman
Sister Cleo Pursell, Wirt, Oklahoma	Clerk
Bro. E. C. Ketchum, Shawnee, Oklahoma	Member
Bro. Japer Clark, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	Member
Bro. Ralph Brown, Tulsa, Oklahoma	Member

Treasurer's report read and approved: Motion carried that chairman appoint all committees. The following were appointed: Pulpit Committee, Lucille Price, Center; Sister Gladys Day, Eureka; Betty Franklin, First Okla.; David Davenport, Hopewell No. 2; Freddie Watkins, Mission.

Business Committee: Mae Del Stewart, Hopewell No. 2; Gene Fry, First Oklahoma; F. A. McCage, Mission; Sister Thelma Scantlin, Eureka; Bro. Yokum, Mission.

Resolution Committee: Wanda Cook, Wewoka; Faye Pierce, First Oklahoma; Alwonda Acree, Hopewell No. 2; Maxine Wallace, Eureka; Florine Morris, Center.

The service was turned to Sister Staires for installation of officers.

Unfinished business called for. Motion carried that we purchase a ledger and that minutes of all our meetings be recorded thereon.

Special songs by Drumright quartet, "Lord Lead Me On" and "I'll Understand It Bye and Bye," arranged by Rev. F. A. McCage.

Rules for conduct at league rally read and accepted. League board recommended that we accept rules of order used by State Association with a few minor changes, to-wit:

Rules of Order

1. At every sitting of the rally, business shall be opened and concluded by prayer by the president or whomever he may request.

2. Sponsors, all leaguers, and ministers 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 president. Personal reflections shall be avoided in all debates.

4. No motion shall be discussed without a second.

5. When a motion has been made and seconded, and a member opposes its discussion, the president 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 member, 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 president.

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 president.

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

12. At all future sessions of the State Rally 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 fill the stand.

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

14. Alterations may be made in these rules at any regular session of the rally.

President tabled all recommendations of Business Committee until next meeting. Dismissed by Bro. McGuire.

Wednesday Night

Song service directed by Joyce McMullen. Prayer led by Bro. McPhail. Special song "I'll Shout All Over Heaven." Inspiring devotional led by Sister Scantlin. Stirring prayer for all requests given. Special song, "I'll Settle Down in Glory," by Bristow quartet.

Bro. Reeford Wilson and Bro. F. A. McCage brought the message, text "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God," Matthew 6:24. Five precious souls were saved. Dismissed in prayer by Norman Ray.

Thursday 9:00 A. M.

Meeting called to order by president. Song "Lord, Send Me." Devotional by Claud Rush of Oklahoma City using 1st Psalms. Invocation by Gene Fry. Bro. E. E. Morris took charge of the service and brought a wonderful lesson on "Why Am I a Free Will Baptist?" Motion carried that we elect a state league evangelist. Meeting adjourned until 1:30. Dismissed by Bro. Carter.

Thursday 11:00

Singing directed by Mae Del Stewart; devotional Eileen Melton using Mal. 4; prayer by Bonnie Bonds, Jimmie Williams and Bro. Paul Pursell brought a great message using as their text "Put on the Whole Armour of God," found in Eph. 6:13-17. Two souls were saved. Dismissed by Bro. McPhail.

Thursday Evening

Service opened by singing. Devotional by Lawanda Ray using Psalms 13; prayer Sister Eula Mae Ewing. Programs by various associations were presented as follows: Hopewell No. 2 by Wirt church, "Dramatization of song, "Have Thine Own Way, Lord;" First Oklahoma, "Farmer Brown's Conversion to the Doctrines of Stewardship"; Center Association, "The Living Bible;" Mission Association song, "What Boundless Love," Fern McCage; "Christ In the Garden," Bessie Staires; "You've Gotta Walk That Lonesome Road," Drumright quartet; "Tatler's Wagon," Cliftview. The Center association was awarded State League Banner for outstanding program of the evening.

Business taken up. Reeford Wilson was elected State League Evangelist. Shawnee was selected for site of next state league rally. Bro. Charles Sapp was elected to preach the introductory message with Bro. Jimmy Williams as alternate. Meeting adjourned. Dismissed by Bro. Hampton.

Thursday Night

Singing directed by Fern McCage. Drumright quartet sang "Where You Gonna Hide?" Oklahoma City quartet sang "Old Daniel Prayed." Reading by Sister Bessie Staires. Devotional by Gene Fry using John 3:16. Altar call given and seven precious souls were saved. The spirit of God was manifest. Dismissed by Bro. Charles Sapp.

Friday 9:00 a. m.

Service opened by singing directed by Mary Lou Marchant, prayer by Bro. Reeford Wilson. Bro. Morris brought message on "Why Am I a Free Will Baptist?"

Business meeting called to order by Bro. Paul Pursell. The following sponsors were elected: girls: Sister Cleo Pursell and Sister Hattie Newman; boys: F. A. McCage and E. E. Morris. Motion carried that this league rally buy a cut of Bro. Reeford Wilson for use in his work. The following were elected as delegates to the state association: First Oklahoma, Gene Fry; Center, Lucille Price; Mission, Wanda Kellar; Hopewell No. 2, Kenneth Kern; Eureka, Sister Gladys Day, convening Tuesday before the fourth Sunday in October at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Treasurer given authority to pay utility bill. Resolutions adopted. Motion carried that each leaguer bring one new person to next rally. Motion carried that F. A. McCage bring doctrinal messages on subject "Baptism of Holy Ghost," same hours as previous year being used. Meeting adjourned.

Friday 11:00 a. m.

Service opened by singing "I Know Somebody's Listening." Prayer, Sister Mae Del Stewart, devotional, Claud Rush. Sister Joyce McMullen followed by Sister Thelma Scantlin using I Cor. 10:4, brought a great message using "The Rock" as their subject. Three souls were saved. Jimmie Williams was elected to give welcome address; Jerry Dudley for the response. Motion carried that we send \$5.00 with our letter to State Association for printing our league minutes with State Association minutes. Motion carried that each rally take up collection to send State Treasurer for general expense. Motion carried that we adjourn until Wednesday before the 4th Sunday in June, 1946. Dismissed by Sister Hattie Newman.

Total registration: Boys, 45; Girls, 120; Total, 165.

Resolved: That we extend our deepest appreciation to the Mission Association for the use of the camp ground and building during this rally. We also wish to thank the Cliftview church for its service at the cafe.

Treasurer's Report

Received	\$ 9.26
Collections and tithes	15.75
Donations	54.57
Total	\$79.58

Expense

Utility bill	\$ 1.50
Picture cuts	6.00
Printing of bills and mail, also money orders	28.49
Printing of minutes in State Association minutes	5.00
Printing of pamphlets	16.00
Stamps, envelopes, misc.	3.85
	\$60.84

Received	\$79.58
Payments	60.84
Balance	\$18.74

State League Rally Rules of Order on Camp Ground

You are welcome but are expected to abide by these rules; otherwise you become an unwelcome guest.

1. All are required to register and then be assigned to sponsors.
2. All must be present at each and every meeting unless excused by sponsor.
3. All conduct when on Camp Ground must be of such as to edify and glorify the cause of Christ.
4. All boys and girls must be in dormitories thirty minutes after services are dismissed at night.
5. All conversation must be stopped immediately after lights are turned out.
6. No one shall leave camp ground at any time without written permission from sponsor.
7. Sponsors are expected to enforce these rules and report any violations to League Board.

—LEAGUE BOARD.

Enrollment of Ministers

E. E. Morris, Ada., 4203 Ash St. Arthur Hearron, Oklahoma City.
John West, Tulsa, 6, 833 N. Utica. R. G. Lane, Bristow.
F. A. McCage, Bristow. J. E. Bean, Oklahoma City.

Paul Purcell, Wirt.	W. L. Bean, Oklahoma City.
Cleo Purcell, Wirt.	A. B. Eperson, Tecumseh.
Hattie Newman, Jennings.	L. N. Vail, Bristow.
Leona Mayfield, Dosson.	J. C. Hill, Bristow.
M. M. McKey, Sopor.	O. Thurnam, Cushing.
R. B. Crawford, Nashville (Tenn.).	C. C. Hood, Tulsa.
Vard Woods, Ada.	W. H. Carter, Bristow.
E. A. O'Donnel, Oklahoma City.	Mattie Eperson, Tecumseh.
J. A. Wilson, Poteau.	W. V. McPhail, Tulsa.
O. D. Wickham, Howe.	I. L. Florence, Turley.
Ralph Hampton, Shawnee.	Vergil Florence, Tulsa.
B. T. Kerby, Oklahoma City.	M. L. Caten, Wewoka.
O. H. Doss, Wewoka.	Vergil Bradford, Kellyville.
J. A. Davidson, Antlers.	J. O. Hudson, Climscoth.
Sadie E. Fincher, Drumright.	L. E. Ward, Blanchard.
C. D. Benton, Drumright.	A. A. Williams, Mt. View.
D. B. Hellard, Sulpa.	Dewey Williams, Mt. View.
W. E. Wilson, Holdenville.	W. C. Licknor, Earlsboro.
Reford Wilson, Lexington.	B. C. Munkus, Norman.
Clay Richey, Blanchard.	Wayne L. Eason, Oklahoma City.
Thomas Dixon, Checotah.	W. L. Waddle, Noble.
Clarence Hearron, U S. Army.	Oren White, Jones.
Will Hearron, Sulphur.	I. W. Smithey, Oklahoma City.
Charles Sapp, Oklahoma City.	Fay Bookout, Drumright.
Claude Rush, Oklahoma City.	M. L. Caton, Holdenville.
I. W. Yandell, Oklahoma City.	Harry Staires, Oklahoma City.
D. C. Sharp, Wewoka.	Donna Florence, Drumright.
Ralph Staten, Walnut Ridge, Ark.	

Deacons and Delegates

Rex Weatherman, Sulpa.	M. F. McCage, Bristow.
M. L. Anderson, Ada.	Mr. Peters, Jones.
Ruby Brown, Wirt.	A. R. Beal, Oklahoma City.
John Wood, Ada.	Mrs. A. R. Beal, Oklahoma City.
Mrs. Fletcher, Ada.	N. C. Blallew, Climscoth.
Ethel Armstrong, Drumright.	C. C. Hood, Tulsa.
Dora Johnson, Howe.	H. M. Lynn, Shawnee.
Mrs. O. D. Wickham, Howe.	Mrs. Jack Hopkins, Dibble.
Mrs. Ralph Hampton, Shawnee.	Jack Hopkins, Dibble.
Alma Gammon, Wewoka.	Helen Morris, Ada.
L. S. Speaks, Hopewell No. 1.	C. L. Hudson, Dibble.
Wanda Keller, Drumright.	I. L. Davis, Oklahoma City.
C. D. Denton, Drumright.	B. C. Wilson, Lexington.
O. B. Hellard, Sulpa.	T. O. Dunn, Purcell.
Eula Mae Yokum, Blue Bell.	E. B. Chisum, Non.
Laura Arnold, Paskell.	Claude Chisum, Non.
P. M. Voss, Grandriver.	Bill Rush, Oklahoma City.
Maudy Sharp, Wewoka.	Marvin Dixon, Oklahoma City.
Bertha Barker, Ada.	Pete, Conner, Frederick.
Cash Roberts, Blanchard.	

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 been 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 member, 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. Alterations 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.

Psalms 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.

I 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 16:6; 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, Judgment, 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.

