

# MINUTES

of the

*38 Annual Session*

of the

Oklahoma State Association

of the

**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

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*October 22-24*

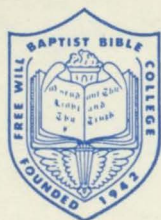
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835 N. Utica, Tulsa, Okla.



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*Presented By*

Rev. Ernest Harrison

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## TUESDAY NIGHT

Song service, conducted by Rev. E. A. O'Donnell, Ada, Okla., Assistant Moderator, Rev. John H. West, called the meeting to order, and called Rev. W. A. Hearron, Sulphur, Okla., to lead the Devotional service. A special song was sang by Sis. Barbara Arnold. A special quartet was arranged by Rev. Marvin P. Dalton, "All Upon the Altar."

Rev. I. W. Yandell, Oklahoma City, preached the Introductory Sermon, using as a text, Isa. 28:10. He brought a wonderful message from the standpoint of spiritual influence and power. Dismissal prayer, Rev. Willard Day.

## WEDNESDAY MORNING

Song service conducted by Rev. Arthur Hearron, Oklahoma City, Devotional service, Rev. W. E. Wilson, Holdenville, Okla. Invocation by Rev. W. H. Carter, Bristow, Okla. Letters from First Oklahoma, Center, Canadian, Hopewell No. 1, Hopewell No. 2, Eureka and Southeastern Associations were read and received. Motion carried to give seats to the delegates, and give them the right hand of fellowship.

## *Election of Officers*

Moderator-----	Rev. John H. West 833 N. Utica, Tulsa
Assistant Moderator-----	Rev. Melvin Bingham 1632 E. Jasper, Tulsa
Clerk-----	Rev. Arthur Hearn 4601 Melrose, Oklahoma City
Assistant Clerk-----	Bro. Fred Barker Rt. No. 5, Ada, Okla.

Right hand of fellowship was given visiting brethren and an invitation to seat in counsel with us. The following visitors gave greetings from their different associations: Rev. George Scott, Rev. Letterman, Rev. Long, Rev. Kurst, Missouri, Rev. Robt. Crawford, Tenn., Rev. Elza Yandell, Calif., Rev. W. M. Guinn and Rev. Delbert Davis, Ark.

Welcome address was given by Rev. Harry E. Staires, Tulsa, Okla., Response, Rev. Ralph Hampton, Shawnee, Okla.

Motion carried, the Moderator be empowered to appoint the Committee on Divine Services.

### *Committee on Divine Services*

Sis. Ruby Brown-----	Hopewell No. 2 Association
Bro. W. M. LaFave-----	Eureka Association
Sis. Bertha Barker-----	Center Association
Sis. Nettie Barnett-----	First Oklahoma Association
Rev. John H. West-----	First Mission Association

Pulpit Committee were excused to select the minister for the 11:00 o'clock Services. They report that Rev. Delbert Davis, Ark., will preach, followed by Rev. Geo. Scott, Mo. Rev. Robt. Crawford will preach at 7:30 P.M.

Motion carried to adjourn until 1:30 P.M. Dismissal prayer by Rev. Bradford.

### *11:00 O'clock Services*

Song service conducted by Rev. Marvin P. Dalton, Bristow, Okla. Songs used, "The Unclouded Day," and "O Happy Day."

Rev. Delbert Davis preached, using as a text Matt. 11:8-9, and brought a wonderful message. Rev. Geo. Scott followed him and the power of the Holy Spirit was felt by all present during the service of these two men of God.

A special song, "A City Four-square," was sang by Rev. Marvin P. Dalton. Dismissal and Thanksgiving prayer, by Rev. B. T. Kirby, Okla. City, Okla.

### *Wednesday Afternoon Session*

Song service conducted by Bro. Fred Barker, Ada, Okla. Songs used, "Wonderful Jesus," and "Some Glad Day."

Devotional, Rev. Rex Weatherman, Supt. of our State Orphanage, Ringling, Okla. Scripture used, Matt. 11:9. Prayer, Sis. Sadie Fincher.

Rules of Order read by the Moderator.

The following were appointed on the Resolution Committee:

#### *Resolution Committee*

Rev. W. A. Hearron	Chairman
Rev. E. A. O'Donnell	Member
Rev. M. M. McKee	Member
Rev. H. O. Turner	Member
Rev. Ralph Hampton	Member

The following were appointed on the Publication Committee:

#### *Publication Committee*

Rev. E. A. O'Donnell	Chairman
Rev. Vard M. Wood	Member
Rev. W. V. McPhail	Member
Rev. Paul Pursell	Member
Rev. Orban H. Doss	Member
Rev. W. E. Wilson	Member

Petitionary letters called for, and there were none.

Letters from the Dibble Association read. Motion carried to accept the letter and seat the delegates.

Letter from the Frist Mission Association was read. Motion carried to receive it and seat the delegates. Right hand of fellowship was given by Rev. Melvin E. Bingham, Assistant Moderator.

#### *State League Reports:*

The State League Sponsor, Rev. Paul Pursell, took charge, and a letter from Rev. Reford Wilson, State League President, was read. Rev. Reford is attending our Bible College at Nashville, Tenn., and couldn't be present.

State League minutes were read and received by the Association. Motion carried to print their minutes in our State Minutes.

Verbal report of the State League Rally was given by Sis. Eileen Melton. She reports a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit during the three days spent. Eleven souls were saved, and God richly blessed all who were privileged to attend.

Rev. Robt. B. Crawford, visiting minister from Nashville, Tenn., who was there at the League Rally reports that in all the different places he has visited our Okla. State Rally is one of the best. "Our young people are evangelistic, and on fire for God," says Rev. Crawford.

A fine reading was given by Sis. Bessie Staires, "Our Challenge Today," an inspiring message to all.

Special song, "Somebody Cares," by Robt. Crawford. This was a gospel message in song, and was very much appreciated by all present.

Rev. Harry E. Staires, State League Sponsor gave a short talk of encouragement to our young people. He insisted that each minister in our denomination do their best for the Youth of our Church. We have some marvelous talent among our Youth that needs encouragement.

All who could do so, gathered in the altar to offer special prayer for our young people who are attending the Bible College at Nashville, Tenn., and to pray God's blessing upon their work. Prayer was led by Sis. Eula Mae Yocum. Services were returned to our Moderator.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

#### *Sunday School Committee*

Rev. W. H. Carter	Chairman
Rev. V. Bradford	Member
Rev. B. T. Kirby	Member
Sis. Glenara Staires	Member
Sis. Essie Hearron	Member

#### *Christian Education Committee*

Rev. I. W. Yandell	Chairman
Rev. J. A. Davidson	Member
Bro. Jack Hopkins	Member
Sis. Cleo Pursell	Member
Sis. Verdun Bingham	Member

## *Obituary Committee*

Sis. Ida Dressler	Chairman
Bro. B. B. Bailes	Member
Sis. C. D. Benton	Member
Bro. Leonard Crowder	Member
Rev. B. C. Munkus	Member

## *Temperance Committee*

Sis. Hattie Newman	Chairman
Sis. Bessie Staires	Member
Sis. B. T. Kirby	Member
Bro. C. C. Garland	Member
Sis. Audrey Dalton	Member

## *Music Committee*

Rev. Marvin P. Dalton	Chairman
Rev. Vard M. Wood	Member
Sis. Leona Mayfield	Member
Bro. Delmar Scroggins	Member
Bro. Willard Day	Member

## *Business Committee*

Rev. Harry E. Staires	Chairman
Rev. Clay Richey	Member
Rev. B. T. Kirby	Member
Rev. Vard M. Wood	Member
Rev. H. O. Turner	Member

Letters from the Roberts-McGee Association were read and motion carried to receive them and seat the delegates. Right hand of fellowship was given by the Moderator, Rev. John H. West.

Motion carried to receive the report of the Executive Board, (report will be found on another page).

Resignation from the Executive Board of Rev. F. A. McCage, and Rev. E. E. Morris was read and accepted.

Motion carried to elect a new board. The following were elected:

### *Executive Board*

Rev. Harry E. Staires	5 Years
Rev. Clay Richey	4 Years
Rev. B. T. Kirby	3 Years
Rev. Vard M. Wood	2 Years
Rev. H. O. Turner	1 Year

Report of the State Mission Board was read and accepted; report was given by Rev. D. B. Hellard, (report will be found on another page).

Motion carried to retain Mission Board for another year.



Report of State Orphanage Treasurer was read. Motion carried to receive the report, and retain our Treasurer Sis. Ethel Armstrong.

Motion carried to elect an Auditing Committee of three to Audit our State Orphanage Treasurer's books.

### *Auditing Committee*

Rev. C. C. Wilson	Chairman
Rev. Ralph Hampton	Member
Rev. Willard Day	Member

Motion carried to adjourn until 9:00 o'clock Thursday morning. Prayer by Rev. M. M. McKee.

### *Wednesday Night Service*

Song service conducted by Rev. Arthur Hearron, Bro. Rufus Martin, Rev. E. A. O'Donnell, Rev. L. C. Crowder, Rev. B. T. Kirby, Rev. Guinn, and Bro. O. D. Wickham. We spent one hour in congregational singing. A fine male quartet, composed of Bros. Jasper Clark, Rufus Martin, Dink Russell, John Crosby, and Harvey Shelton, at the piano, rendered some very fine numbers.

Prayer, Rev. Elza Yandell. Rev. Melvin Bingham took an offering to help defray the expense of entertaining the Association. \$123.47 was given toward helping in this expense.

Rev. Robt. Crawford preached, using for his text, Matt. 11:11. Four souls were saved during this service, and there was shouting among those present. Dismissal prayer, Bro. J. Bynum.

### THURSDAY MORNING

Called to order by Moderator, Rev. John H. West. Song service conducted by Rev. W. E. Wilson. Songs used, "I'm In The Glory-land Way," and "When We All Get to Heaven."

Devotional, conducted by Rev. Leonard Crowder, scripture used, I Tim. 2:1-10. Prayer by Rev. Harry E. Staires.

Report of Orphanage Board received. Motion carried to accept the report (report on another page).



## Orphanage Committee

Rev. Harry E. Staires	Chairman
Rev. Orban H. Doss	Member
Rev. W. V. McPhail	Member
Sis. Ruby Brown	Member
Rev. Vard M. Wood	Member

Letter from Grand River Association was read—motion carried to receive the letter, and seat the delegates.

Report of the Super-annuation Board given by Rev. Harry E. Staires, was given, for Rev. F. A. McCage, who had moved out of the state.

Rev. F. A. McCage tendered his resignation; also Rev. E. E. Morris tendered his resignation as they have both gone to Calif. (Report on another page.)

Motion carried to accept the report, and resignation of these two men.

### *Super-Annuation Board Elected:*

Rev. W. A. Herron	5 Years
Rev. W. V. McPhail	4 Years
Rev. Orban H. Doss	3 Years
Rev. Leonard Crowder	2 Years
Rev. Vard M. Wood	1 Year

Motion carried to adopt the National Association Plan of Super-annuation.

Pulpit Committee reports; Rev. W. M. Guinn, and Rev. Marvin Bingham will preach at the 11 o'clock services.

Motion carried to adjourn until 1:30 o'clock P. M. Dismissal prayer by Rev. D. B. Hellard.

### *11 O'clock Services*

Song service conducted by Rev. Marvin P. Dalton, song, "I'm Not Ashamed."

Prayer, Rev. Stevenson.

Special song rendered by the Quartet composed of Jasper Clark, Rufus Martin, Dink Russell, and John Crosby, Harvey Shelton, pianist.

Rev. W. M. Guinn visiting minister from Ark. took the stand, using for his text, I Tim. 4:16. He preached

a wonderful sermon with the power and demonstration of the Holy Spirit. Dismissal prayer, Rev. W. E. Warner.

*Finance Committee, (Appointed)*

Rev. Ralph Brown	-----	Chairman
Rev. W. E. Warner	-----	Member
Rev. J. O. Hudson	-----	Member

*Thursday Afternoon*

Song service conducted by Bro. Harry Hopkins. Songs used, "I'd Like to Be Alone." Devotional, Rev. J. O. Hudson. Prayer, by Rev. Rex Weatherman.

Motion carried to receive Clerk's report for 1946, and a vote of appreciation be given her for services to our Association.

Clerk authorized to pay \$40.00 to Sis. Ethel Armstrong for our dues to the National Association for 1945, which she advanced to us.

Motion carried to accept the report of Music Committee, and release them. (report on another page)

Motion carried to accept the report of Sunday School Committee, and release them. (report on another page)

Motion carried to accept the report of Publication Committee, and release them. (report on another page)

Motion carried to accept the report of the Orphanage Committee, and release them. (report on another page)

Motion carried to accept the report of the Resolution Committee, and release them. (report on another page)

Report of the Auditing Committee accepted, and motion carried to release them. (report on another page)

Motion carried to accept the report of Rev. Robt. Crawford our National Field Worker. He said some good things about our response to the Missionary Program, both Home and Foreign Fields.

Motion carried to accept the report of our Statistician. Rev. John H. West was re-elected for that position by acclamation.

Motion carried to receive the report of Christian Education Committee, and release them. (report on another page)

Rev. Robert B. Crawford was given time to explain the Expansion program for our Bible College at Nashville, Tenn.

Pulpit Committee reports Rev. Harry Long will preach at the Night's services.

Motion carried, The Christian Education Committee work out date and place for our Christian Worker's Institute.

Motion carried to pay Rev. B. T. Kirky \$16.50 for printing our Associational Programs.

Verbal report was given by Rev. Rex Weatherman, as to conditions, and things of progress of our State Orphanage. (detailed report on another page)

Motion carried to accept the nominations of the Business Committee and elect the following on our State Orphanage Board.

#### *Orphanage Board*

Bro. P. R. Armstrong	5 Years
Bro. Jack Hopkins	4 Years
Bro. Fred Barker	3 Years
Bro. J. Crisp	2 Years
Bro. W. M. LaFave	1 Year

Motion carried to take an offering to help pay for printing of the State Minutes. \$36.20 was given. Offertory prayer by Rev. A. B. Talbert.

Motion carried to extend the usual time of adjournment until further so as to take care of the balance of business and not have to hold for another day.

Motion carried that Mar. 3-14 be the date for our Christian Worker's Institute, and that it be held at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Motion carried to accept the report of Temperance Committee, and release them. (report on another page)

Motion carried to accept the report of the Obituary Committee, and a moment of silent prayer was observed in memory of our deceased. Prayer was concluded by Rev. Virgil Florence. (report on another page)

Motion carried to pay First Free Will Baptist Church of Tulsa, Okla. for the ribbons used for badges during this session of our Association.

Program Committee was appointed to prepare Programs for our next Session of Oklahoma State Association.

Program Committee:—Rev. Marvin P. Dalton, Rev. Melvin Bingham, Rev. John H. West.

Wewoka Free Will Baptist Church, Wewoka, Okla., was selected for the thirty-ninth session of our Association, Tuesday night before 3rd Sunday in October, (Oct. 21-24, 1947).

Rev. Melvin Bingham was selected to preach the Introductory Sermon. Rev. J. O. Hudson was selected as Alternate.

Motion carried the Moderator appoint the delegates to the National Association, which meets at Detroit, Mich., next July, 1947.

### *Delegates to National Association*

Sis. Bessie Staires, Sis. Audrey Dalton, Sis. Nettie Barnet, Sis. B. T. Kirby, Sis. Bertha Barker, Bro. Fred Barker, Bro. R. L. Howell, Dr. King, Bro. Tilford Davis, Bro. William Hunt, and Sis. John H. West.

Motion carried to print the Ladies Auxiliary Minutes in our State Minutes. \$5.00 was given by them to help pay expense of printing.

Motion carried to retain Rev. W. A. Hearron, as Historian for another year.

Rev. A. B. Talbert gave an inspiring talk on Home Mission Work, and circumstances surrounding the founding of this work in our Denomination.

Minutes read, corrected, and approved. Motion carried to pay Sis. Ethel Armstrong \$25.00 from Orphanage Fund for her services as Treasurer.

Motion carried to adjourn until our next session of the Association at Wewoka, Okla., which meets on Tuesday Night before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1947. (October 21-24, 1947)

Benediction, by Rev. Kurt, Missouri.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### WE, YOUR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT:

Item No. 1. We do not only recommend, but urgently request that all of the young ministers, as far as possible, attend the Free Will Baptist Bible College, at Nashville, Tenn.

Item No. 2. We urge that our churches raise sufficient funds to send the young ministers that are not financially able to go, to our Bible College, so that it will be possible for them to receive the training necessary for them to succeed in ministry.

Item No. 3. We request that our State Association sponsor a Christian Worker's Institute at least once a year.

Item No. 4. We recommend that Oklahoma accept her appropriate part of the Expansion Program, and raise such money as is necessary just as soon as possible, and that time be given to Rev. Robt. Crawford, to explain this fully.

Item No. 5. We suggest that this body take action in some manner to send an offering, or greetings to the Oklahoma Students who are attending our Bible College.

Signed, I. W. Yandell, Chairman

#### WE, YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT:

We see the need of more Sunday Schools, and recommend that each of our churches sponsor a Sunday School, and use Free Will Baptist Literature, and that the officers, and teachers be member of our denomination. We further recommend that the District Associations each sponsor a training school for their teachers; teaching them the advanced six point system. And that the National Committee furnish us with the material for this course.

Signed, W. H. Carter, Chairman.

#### WE, THE COMMITTEE ON MUSIC REPORT:

We recommend that our ministers encourage the teaching of more music in our churches, and that they insist on the same type of man to teach that we require of our ministry. We further recommend that we encourage the singing of both old and new songs.

Signed, Marvin P. Dalton, Chairman.

#### WE, THE PUBLICATION COMMITTEE, REPORT:

After careful investigation of many of our pastors and laity on the subject of publications, we find them in favor of a State Paper. Therefore; we recommend that the State Association at this sitting formulate plans to publish a monthly paper. This paper is not to consist of less than a three column four page folder.

We further recommend that the Executive Board begin immediately to contact men who are competent and qualified to fill the position of editor and manager. Also, that the Board investigate any proposition that may be offered to purchase machinery to be used in the publishing of this paper.

We also recommend that if the Board deems it necessary in the promotion of the State Associational and State Orphanage work, that an editor be selected to prepare copy for a monthly paper, to be printed on any press he may choose.

Also we recommend, that a report be given in this paper of the number on roll at the State Orphanage. That a treasurer's report be given in connection with the Orphanage showing both receipts and expenditures.

Signed, E. A. O'Donnell, Chairman.

#### **WE, YOUR COMMITTEE OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORTS:**

We recommend that March 3, 1947 through March 14, 1947, be the time set for our Christian Worker's Institute, and that it be held in the First Free Will Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Signed, I. W. Yandell, Chairman.

#### **WE, YOUR OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT:**

We wish to report, that God in His Infinite Wisdom, called from us the following: First Mission Association, 93; Dibble Association, 3; Eureka Association, 25; Center Association, 6; Roberts-McGee Association, 2; Grand River Association, 1, and First Oklahoma Association, 2, making a total of 132. (With this amendment: that each association report the number deceased in their letter to the State Association.)

Signed, Sommittee.

#### **WE, YOUR TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:**

We, the 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 it is imperative that we be careful. Galatians, 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." We also recommend, that our churches sponsor programs on temperance.

Signed, Committee.

#### **WE, YOUR AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Through the examining of the books of the Orphanage Board, we find them to be correct, and in excellent condition.

Signed, Committee

#### **WE, YOUR COMMITTEE ON SUPER-ANNUATION BOARD REPORT:**

We met and elected the following officers: Rev. W. A. Hearron, Sulphur, Okla., Chairman; Rev. L. C. Crowder, Stigler, Okla., Clerk.

Signed, Committee.

## STATISTICAL REPORT:

No. of District Associations	14
No. of Churches in Okla.	147
No. of Parsonages	25
No. of Members	13,000
No. of Ministers	253
No. of Licensed Ministers	30
No. of Sunday Schools	134
No. of Pupils in Sunday Schools	6,000
No. of Leagues	33
No. of Women's Auxiliaries	24
Value of Church Property	\$205,000.00
Total paid for pastoral and Evangelist work	\$50,000.00
For Christian Education, Foreign Mission, Orphanage	\$1,000.00

Note: This is not an accurate report, as I failed to get the co-operation of the different clerks and statisticians of the different associations. I am begging that who ever is elected to this place for the coming year be given better assistance in this work.

Signed, John H. West.

## SUPER-ANNUATION BOARD REPORTS:

Shawnee, Okla., Sept. 1946.

The Super-annuation Board of Free Will Baptist of the State of Oklahoma, met in conference with Rev. Harry E. Staires, Chairman, in charge. Prayer, by Rev. M. V. McPhail, Tulsa, Okla.

Motion carried that this Board recommend to the State Association the adoption of The National Associational Association Plan of Super-annuation.

Motion carried that \$20.00 be given Rev. John Bean, to assist him in the care of his wife who is ill with cancer.

Motion carried to accept the resignation of Rev. E. E. Morris, from this Board.

Motion carried to adjourn. Dismissal prayer by Rev. E. E. Morris.

Rev. Harry E. Staires, Chairman.  
Rev. F. A. McCage, Clerk.

## LETTERS OF RESIGNATION

Since I am leaving the State, I hereby offer my resignation as a member of the Super-annuation Board.

Signed, E. E. Morris.

Since I am leaving the State, I hereby tender my resignation as a member, and clerk of the Super-annuation Board.

Signed, F. A. McCage.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Nov. 26, 1945—to Rev. W. E. Dearmore	\$15.00
Dec. 1, 1945—move funds to Oklahoma City	.25
Sept. 1, 1946—to Rev. John Bean	20.00



## WE, THE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT:

Be it resolved, that the Orphanage Board, serve independently and separately from the State Executive Board.

Be it resolved, that the Orphanage Committee make nominations for members to comprise this Board.

Be it resolved, that this body express our thanks and appreciation for the great and hospitable manner we have been entertained by our Churches in Tulsa, Okla., and may the Great Shepherd watch over, and keep them.

Signed, W. A. Hearron, Chairman.

## REPORT OF ORPHANAGE COMMITTEE:

We, the Orphanage Committee, place in nomination for the Orphanage Board, the following: P. R. Armstrong, Drumright, Okla., Jack Hopkins, Blanchard, Okla., Fred Barker, Ada, Okla., W. M. LaFave, Stigler, Okla., and J. Crisp, Wirt, Okla.

Signed, Committee.

## REPORT OF ORPHANAGE BOARD:

We, your Orphanage Board, beg to submit the following report: Our Orphanage is getting along fine, we are out of debt; and many improvements are being made at the Home.

We wish to further report that we are highly pleased with our Supt. and Matron of the Home.

Signed, Jack Hopkins, Chairman.

Fred Barker, Clerk.

## REPORT OF STATE ORPHANAGE TREASURER:

To the Thirty-eighth Annual session of the Oklahoma State Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla., I beg to report as follows:

Balance brought forward	\$ 7,445.40
Amount received	8,379.02

Total	\$15,824.42
Paid out	15,452.64

Balance in treasury	\$ 371.78
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Signed, Ethel Armstrong, Treasurer.

## REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE:

We, the Finance Committee recommend that this Association pay for the ribbons used as badges during this session of the body, since there has been no charge for registration.

We, the Finance Committee recommend that we pay Rev. B. T. Kirby, \$16.50, for the printing of the State Association Programs.

We further recommend that we take an offering to help in paying the expense of entertaining of the State Association.

Signed, Committee.

# REPORT OF CLERK FOR PRINTING MINUTES:

	Nat.	State
First Oklahoma Association -----	\$5.00	\$10.00
Southeastern Association -----		10.00
Eureka Association -----		10.00
Hopewell No. 1 Association -----	5.00	10.00
Hopewell No. 2 Association -----		10.00
Canadian Association -----	5.00	10.00
Center Association -----	5.00	10.00
Robert-McGee Association -----		10.00
First Mission Association -----		10.00
Dibble Association -----		10.00
Grand River Association -----		10.00

## REPORT OF THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER OF THE HOME AND FOREIGN MISSION BOARD, for the State of Oklahoma:

Beginning Oct. 28, 1945, Wewoka Church:

Oct. 28, 1945 -----	\$ 10.00
Nov. 20, 1945 -----	10.00
Dec. 4, 1945 -----	10.00
Jan. 10, 1946 -----	10.00
Feb. 11, 1946 -----	10.00
May 18, 1946 -----	20.00
June 24, 1946 -----	10.00
Aug. 13, 1946 -----	10.00

Total from Wewoka Church ----- \$ 90.00

First Church Tulsa:

Nov. 23, 1945, Sunbeam Class -----	3.50
Feb. 13, 1946 -----	10.00
Feb. 9, 1946 -----	10.00
Mar. 5, 1946 -----	10.00
April 8, 1946 -----	10.00
May 16, 1946 -----	10.00
June 10, 1946 -----	10.00
July 11, 1946 -----	10.00

Total from First Church Tulsa ----- \$ 73.50

Woman's Auxiliary from First Church, Tulsa:

Nov. 27, 1945 -----	5.00
April 24, 1946 -----	25.00

Total from Auxiliary from First Church Tulsa -- \$ 30.00

Vance Chapel Church:

Nov. 29, 1945 -----	8.09
Feb. 24, 1946 -----	7.35

Total from Vance Chapel Church ----- \$ 15.44

New Home Mission:

Jan. 11, 1946 -----	5.00
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Total from New Home Mission ----- \$ 5.00

Central Ave. Church, Oklahoma City:

Sept. 11, 1946 -----	21.00
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Total from Central Ave. Church ----- \$ 21.00

Woman's Auxiliary from Central Ave. Church:

Feb. 18, 1946	2.00
April 2, 1946	2.00
April 13, 1946	2.00
May 10, 1946	2.00
July 11, 1946	2.00
Aug. 2, 1946	4.00
Aug. 13, 1946	4.00
Oct. 2, 1946	2.00
Total from Woman's Auxiliary from Central Ave. Church	\$ 20.00

Jennings Church:

Feb. 21, 1946	9.03
Mar. 6, 1946	4.02
Total from Jennings Church	\$ 13.05

Woman's Auxiliary from Shawnee Church:

April 16, 1946	16.20
Total from Woman's Church from Shawn Total from Woman's Auxiliary from Shawnee Church	\$ 16.20

Blue Bell Church:

Aug. 2, 1946	2.50
Sept. 3, 1946	2.50
Oct. 4, 1946	2.50
Total from Blue Bell Church	\$ 7.50

Received from First Mission Association Treasurer:

Feb. 22, 1946	5.00
June 14, 1946	17.45
Aug. 9, 1946	2.00
Oct. 11, 1946	2.00
Total from First Mission Association Treasurer	\$ 26.45

Received from First Mission Association Clerk:

Aug. 20, 1946	18.15
Total from First Mission Association Clerk	\$ 18.15

Bristow Woman's Auxiliary:

Sept. 23, 1946	2.00
Total from Woman's Auxiliary of Bristow Church	\$ 2.00

Received from the missions for the Home Missions \_\_\_\_ 27.75

Total received for Foreign Missions	\$338.29
Oct. 23, 1946, Shawnee Church	27.53

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_ \$365.92

## ASSOCIATIONAL LETTERS

### GRAND RIVER ASSOCIATION:

To the Oklahoma State Association, we send as delegates, Sis. Arnold, Sis. Ozella Littlefield, Bro. H. L. Gurley, Sis. H. L. Gurley, Sis. Tillman Barnes, Bro. F. F. Mann, Sis. F. F. Mann, Sis. Dozeman, and Sis. Wilson, who we pray you to sit with you and aid you in your deliberations. Churches in our Association, 18, Ministers, 34, Newly ordained ministers, 3, Total membership, 1091.

Edward Sunday, Moderator,  
Ozella Littlefield, Clerk.

### FIRST OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION:

To the Oklahoma State Association, we send as delegates, Bro. W. W. Hunt, Bro. H. H. Easterwood, Sis. Lucille Hampton, Sis. Opal Kirby, Sis. Bobbie McCage; alternates, Bro. E. C. Ketchum, Sis. Nettie Barnett, Sis. Dorothy Kirby, Sis. Ruby Johnson, and Sis. Dorothy Hurst, who we pray you to sit with you and aid you in your deliberations. Our Association has made much progress in the past year. We have improved our Camp Ground at Sahwnee and property there \$6,000.00. Paid pastors, \$9144.90, Evangelist, \$889.00, No. of Ministers, 30, No. of Churches, 9, No. of members, 1,300, value of property, \$75,000.00. We are sending \$10.00 for printing state Minutes and \$5.00 for registration fee to the National Association. Our Moderator has moved to Calif.

Ralph Hampton, Ass't Moderator,  
Mildred Cash, Clerk.

### HOPEWELL NO. 1 ASSOCIATION:

To the Oklahoma State Association, we send as delegates Rev. A. D. Marchant, Sis. A. D. Marchant, whom we pray you to seat with you and aid you in your deliberations. Churches in our Association, 7, No. of members 306, No. of ministers, 10, Value of property, \$3,000.00, Paid pastors, \$394.50, paid evangelists, \$305.00. All our churches have Sunday Schools, with an average attendance of 30.

A young peoples League is being organized, and the first day of our next Association will be given to them, to transact their business on Wednesday night before the First Sunday in Sept. 1947.

J. W. Fulce, Moderator.  
Sis. Hattie Williams, Clerk.

### CENTER ASSOCIATION:

To the Oklahoma State Association, we send as delegates; Sis. W. A. Hearron, Sis. Merl Wilson, Sis. Fred Barker, Sis. E. E. Morris, and Sis. Dodson. And as alternates, Sis. Marjorie Worstell, Sis. Winnie Price, Bro. Garland Buckelew, Bro. Earl Collins, and Bro. Lonnie Wellington, who we pray you to receive to aid you in your Godly deliberations. No. of Churches, 9, Members, 764, No. received, 56, No. dismissed, 8, No. deceased, 6. Value of church property, \$18,500.00. We send \$10.00 for minutes, and \$5.00 for our fee to the National Association. We elected Sis. Bertha Barker as our delegate to the National Association, from our Association.

V. Hunt, Clerk.

## CANADIAN ASSOCIATION:

We send greetings to the Thirty-eighth Annual Session of the Oklahoma State Association to let you know of our fellowship, zeal, and love for the cause of Christ. We are sending as delegates the following: Br. Geo. Reich, Bro. Calvin Cody, and Sis. Era McKenzie, whom we pray you to receive to aid you in your Godly deliberations. No. of Church, 5, total members, 315, No. of ordained ministers, 10, value of Church property, \$4,000.00, paid pastors, \$500.00, paid evangelists, \$300.00. Enclosed is \$10.00 for our part of the minutes.

Rev. J. T. Champion, Moderator.  
Rev. W. E. Wilson, Clerk.

## HOPEWELL ASSOCIATION NO. 2:

We send as delegates, Bro. Noah Smith, Bro. C. M. Burdue, Sis. Ruby Brown, Sis. Inez Howell, and Sis. Ida Belle Wright, whom we pray your body to receive to aid you in your Godly deliberations. Total No. of Churches, 6, No. of members, 419, No. of ordained ministers, 9, No. of Sunday Schools, 5, Leagues, 2, Auxiliaries, 2. Paid pastors, \$3,017.15, paid evangelists, \$173.00 value of Church property, \$5,800.00.

Rev. J. T. Knight, Moderator.  
Lamar Howell, Clerk.

## EUREKA ASSOCIATION:

We send as delegates, Bro. C. C. Garland, Bro. W. M. LaFave, Bro. Bob Bailes, Rev. L. C. Crowder, and Rev. H. O. Turner, whom we pray you to receive to aid you in your deliberations. No. of Churches, 22, No. of members, 2,000. No. of Ordained ministers, 30, Ordained deacons, 96, Value of Church property, \$20,000.00, No. deceased, 25. The next session of Eureka Association will meet on Wednesday night before the 1st Sunday in September, 1947.

Rev. C. N. Rose, Moderator.  
Dovie LaFave, Clerk.

## ROBERTS-McGEE ASSOCIATION:

We send as delegates the following, Sis. Bertha Dorey, Sis. Esther Eastum, Rev. Will Eastum, whom we pray you to receive to aid you in your deliberations. State of Religion, good, No. of Churches, 10, No. of ordained ministers, 14, No. of ordained deacons, 22, No. of members, 397, paid pastors, \$6,2403.00, total value of church property, \$36,000.00.

Rev. J. E. Yandell, Moderator.  
Martha Baldwin, Clerk.

## SOUTH-EASTERN ASSOCIATION:

To the Oklahoma State Association; we send as delegates, Bros. J. A. Davidson, J. N. Pate, T. H. Welch, M. M. McKee, J. M. Hatcher, John Bullard, whom we pray you to receive to aid you in your Godly deliberations. Enclosed is \$10.00 for the Minute Fund. No. of Churches, 10, Church buildings, 7, No. of members, 375, value of Church property, \$10,000.00.

C. A. Sledge, Moderator.  
Sis. John Wrinkle, Clerk.

## FIRST MISSION ASSOCIATION:

To the Thirty-eighth Annual Session of Oklahoma State Association; we send as delegates Sis. Birdie Benton, Sis. Beulah Moore, Sis. Martha Hellard, Sis. Audrey Dalton, and Sis. Bessie Staires, whom we pray you to receive to aid you in your Godly deliberations. No. of Churches, 23, paid pastors, \$21,063.33, paid evangelists, \$1,448.60, No. of members, 2,112, No. in Sunday Schools 393, dismissed, 36, deceased, 93, Ladies Auxiliaries, 6, Missions, 10. We are sending Sis. Eula Mae Youkon to the National Association. Enclosed is \$10.00 for minutes.

Rev. John H. West, Moderator.  
Rev. V. Bradford, Clerk.

## DIBBLE ASSOCIATION:

To the Oklahoma State Association; we send as delegates our beloved Bro. W. J. Price, Bro. Martin McKee, Bro. Luther Ward, whom we pray you to seat with you in your Godly deliberations. State of religion, good, Members received, 45, No. Baptized, 13, No. dismissed, 10, No. deceased, 3, No. of members, 605, Sunday Schools, 6, No. of Churches, 6, Leagues, 4, Membership, 138, Value of Church property, \$14,000.00, paid pastors, \$1,733.55, paid evangelists, \$400.78. For buildings and repairs, \$3,000.00, for orphanage, \$523.42. Enclosed is \$10.00 for State Minutes. No. of Ministers, 13, No. of ordained deacons, 30.

Rev. Clay Richey, Moderator.  
Vicie Hopkins, Clerk.

## MISSION REPORTS

### FIRST MISSION ASSOCIATION:

To the Free Will Baptist State Association, when convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla., Oct. 22-24, 1946, we beg to report our work in the Mission Field. We met at the Camp Ground, and had our yearly meeting. We elected Rev. W. E. Warner, president, Sis. Ida Dresler, Vice President, Sis. Birdie Benton, Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. Sadie Fincher, Field Worker, and Rev. A. B. Talbert, Reporter.

Chapters read .....	9,491
Sick calls .....	3,761
Flowers for sick and funerals .....	234
Cottage prayer meetings .....	392
Service hours .....	1,046
Quilts made .....	25
Quilts for Orphanage .....	6
Lunches in bereaved homes .....	15
Cards and letters to service boys .....	586
Tea towels and bath towels for Orphanage .....	48
Money for Orphanage .....	\$102.50
Mission calls .....	156
Garments given to needy .....	385

## FINANCIAL REPORT OF MISSIONS

Amount rec'd for general fund	\$280.41
Amount paid out	77.75
Amount in treasury	202.66
Paid for Missions	194.00
Rec'd for Field Worker	130.76
Paid Field Worker	72.00
Paid orphanage	87.68

## FINANCIAL REPORT OF CLERK

Balance carried forward from 1946	\$ 1.00
Minute money paid in	100.00
National Minute money	5.00
League paid in	5.00
Ladies Auxiliary paid in	5.00
Free will offering at Association	5.66
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$121.66</b>

## DISBURSEMENTS

Paid for State Minutes	\$ 82.40
Moderator Fee	5.00
Clerk's Fee	10.00
Postage for mailing Minutes	1.65
Bert F. Rogers Postage for National Minutes	3.58
Orban Doss Postage for National Minutes	2.58
Cashing check	.20
2 money orders and stamps	.25
Mailing National Minutes	1.00
National Minute money	5.00
<b>Total paid out</b>	<b>\$111.66</b>
Balance in treasury	\$ 10.00

## EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS:

We, the State Executive Board of Oklahoma, beg leave to report as follows:

We have had 15 meetings during the year in several different parts of the state. Our business has had to do with the Orphanage Program more than any other part of the work.

We traveled approximately 12,000 miles in the work this year.

We have the resignation of Rev. E. E. Morris and Rev. F. A. McCage, who have left the State, and we are asking this body to fill these vacancies.

Humbly submitted by the Clerk of the Board.

Signed, John H. West.



## ROLL OF MINISTERS

Rev. Virgil Bradford	Keifer, Okla., Box 698
Rev. Virgil Florence	1170 Birmingham, Tulsa, Okla.
Rev. M. M. McKee	Soper, Okla.
Rev. J. N. Pate	Antlers, Okla.
Rev. J. A. Davidson	Antlers, Okla.
Rev. John Bullard	Clayton, Okla.
Rev. W. V. Wood	Stratford, Okla.
Rev. W. E. Wilson	Holdenville, Okla., Box 103
Rev. Harry E. Staires	1922 N. Lewis, Tulsa, Okla.
Rev. Melvin Bingham	1632 Jasper, Tulsa, Okla.
Rev. R. G. Lane	207 E. 5th, Bristow, Okla.
Rev. W. P. Scott	Holdenville, Okla., Box 664
Rev. C. C. Wilson	6801 E. Pine, Tulsa, Okla.
Rev. L. C. Briggs	2621 E. Marshal, Tulsa, Okla.
Rev. W. M. Eastum	Cameron, Ark.
Rev. D. B. Hellard	604 S. Okla., Sapulpa, Okla.
Rev. A. B. Talbert	Drumright, Okla.
Rev. Cleo Pursell	Bristow, Okla., Box 997
Rev. Paul Pursell	Bristow, Okla., Box 997
Rev. Ida Dressler	Bristow, Okla., Rt. #2, Box 252
Rev. C. E. Kennedy	1811 E. Jasper, Tulsa, Okla.
Rev. W. A. Carter	615 E. 2nd, Bristow, Okla.
Rev. S. R. Russell	2522 S.W. 31, Oklahoma City, Okla.
Rev. H. O. Turner	Stigler, Okla.
Rev. L. C. Crowder	Stigler, Okla.
Rev. Ralph Brown	Tulsa, Okla., Rt. #8, Box 334
Rev. Sadie Fincher	Drumright, Okla., Box 244
Rev. B. C. Munkus	Norman, Okla., Rt. 3
Rev. Fay Bookout	Drumright, Okla.
Rev. Leona Mayfield	Dawson, Okla.
Rev. Marvin P. Dalton	915 S. Lawton, Bristow, Okla.
Rev. Chas. W. Thompson	1611 E. Marshall, Tulsa, Okla.
Rev. J. D. Stepp	421 1/2 S. 37, W. Ave., Tulsa, Okla.
Rev. J. Bynum	Inola, Okla.
Rev. J. W. Gage	Pryor, Okla., Rt. #2, Box 2
Rev. E. A. O'Donnell	420 S. Ash, Ada, Okla.
Rev. B. T. Kirby	2212 S.W. 31, Oklahoma City, Okla.
Rev. W. V. McPhail	Tulsa, Okla., Rt. #9, Box 498
Rev. J. O. Hudson	Clemson, Okla.
Rev. John H. West	833 N. Utica, Tulsa, Okla.
Rev. Arthur Hearron	4601 Melrose, Oklahoma City, Okla.
Rev. W. A. Hearron	Sulphur, Okla.
Rev. Clay Richey	Blanchard, Okla.

SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION OF OKLAHOMA STATE  
WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

*which convened at the*

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Tulsa, Okla. — Monday Night, Oct. 21, 1946

Song service directed by Rev. Marvin P. Dalton, Welcome Address by Rev. John H. West, Invocation by Rev. R. G. Lane.

President in charge; Devotional by Rev. Leona Mayfield; special song, "City Built Four-square," by Rev. Marvin P. Dalton; Prayer by Rev. Melvin Bingham; Rev. Hattie Newman brought a very inspiring message on the duties of the Women's Auxiliary; Benediction by Rev. O. H. Doss.

*Tuesday Morning*

Morning worship opened with song, "It Won't Be Very Long," led by Rev. Marvin P. Dalton, Mrs. Alveta Hancock, pianist. Devotional by Mrs. Harry Staires, Eph. 4:10. Prayer by Mrs. Ruby Brown. A hearty welcome was extended by Mrs. Lynn Hamilton. Response by Rev. Faye Bookout.

Letters were read from the various districts representing the State. Song, led by Rev. Marvin P. Dalton, "Some Glad Day." Hand of fellowship extended the delegates and officers of the district conventions. State officers elected as follows: President, Mrs. Verdun Bingham; 1st Vice Pres., Mrs. Glenira Staires; 2nd Vice Pres., Mrs. Eileen Melton; 3rd Vice Pres., Rev. Hattie Newman; 4th Vice Pres., Rev. Cleo Purcell; 5th Vice Pres., Mrs. Bertha Barker; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Bessie Staires; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Bertha Keiffer; Treasurer, Mrs. Marvin Dalton; Field Worker, Mrs. Mildred Cash. Song led by Rev. Marvin P. Dalton. Prayer of thanks for past year's accomplishments by Rev. Marvin P. Dalton. Brief an dinspiring message by the retiring president, Rev. Cleo Purcell. Theme "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Song, "Close to Thee" led by Rev. Marvin P. Dalton. Prayer of consecration of officers. Installation service by Rev. O. H. Doss. Encouraging talks were given by Rev. Robert Crawford, Rev. Marvin P. Dalton, and Rev.

Melvin Bingham. Song, "Jesus Saves" led by Bro. R. B. Condry. Dismissed by Rev. H. E. Staires.

### 11 A.M. Service

Song, "Stand Up for Jesus" led by Bro. R. B. Condry. Message by Rev. W. V. McPhail, subject "Doing Our Duty". Scripture St. Luke 10:17. This has a soul stirring message. Song "Amazing Grace," led by Rev. Marvin P. Dalton. Benediction by Rev. Leona Mayfield.

### 1:30 P.M.

Song, "Ready" led by Rev. John West. Devotion by Mrs. Bertha Barker, scripture St. Luke 10th Ch. Special number rendered, "I'd Rather Have Jesus" by Rev. Robert Crawford. A missionary play presented by the First Church of Tulsa, Okla. Prayer by Rev. Marvin P. Dalton. Offering taken for state auxiliary treasurer, which was \$18.79. Prayer by Mrs. Ethel Armstrong.

Reports of officers. 1st Vice Pres. Mrs. Bessie West, 2nd Vice Pres. Mrs. Alma Gammon, 3rd Vice Pres. Rev. Hattie Newman, 4th Vice Pres. Mrs. Glenora Staires, 5th Vice Pres. Rev. Leona Mayfield. A talk by Rev. Robert Crawford about the Co-Labor plan and the denominational papers. Reports sent in by recording secretary Mrs. Marporie Weatherman, and corresponding secretary Mrs. Grace Brandon. Treasurer's report by Mrs. Ethel Armstrong.

Report from the Registration Committee. State officers 8, delegates 6, associations represented 4, visitors 64. Resolution Committee: Item No. 1, Be it resolved that we give our program committee power to select the speaker for the introductory message; Item No. 2, Be it resolved that we recommend the Co-labor plan and that all finance be sent through the district treasurer, and the district treasurer send on to the state treasurer of the State Auxiliary Convention; Item No. 3, Be it resolved that the Women's Auxiliary pay \$10.00 to the Tulsa church to help defray expenses.

Obituary Committee reports the death of Sister Melba Baker, silent prayer in memory of our beloved sister.

Finance Committee reports—No. 1, We recommend that the auxiliary pay the following bills: Cor-

responding Secretary, \$3.50; Blank forms \$14.00; printing of Minutes, \$5.00.

Executive Committee report. Registration Committee, Mrs. Bessie Staires, Mrs. Eileen Melton. Resolution Committee, Rev. Faye Bookout, Rev. Hattie Newman, Mrs. Ruby Brown.

Finance Committee, Mrs. Ethel Armstrong, Mrs. Bessie West, Mrs. Fred Barker, Mrs. Walker. Obituary Committee, Mrs. Alveta Hancock, Mrs. Lena Wood.

It was recommended that each district's corresponding secretary include the names and addresses of their district officers in their letters to the convention.

Motion carried that the president appoint the ten delegates to the National Convention. Delegates as follows: Rev. Leona Mayfield, Mrs. Bessie Staires, Mrs. Myrl Wilson, Mrs. Glenora Staires, Mrs. Audrey Dalton, Mrs. Alveta Hancock, Mrs. Bessie West, Rev. Lura Gebhart, Mrs. S. L. Hancock, Mrs. Nettie Barnett.

Motion carried that we give the retiring officers a standing vote of thanks. Motion carried that the treasurer buy record books for the recording secretary and treasurer. Motion to adjourn until our next regular session in 1947—Recording Secretary Mrs. Bertha Keiffer, 830 N. Utica, Tulsa 6, Okla.

Benediction by Rev. A. B. Talbert.

### *Reports*

Number of new members .....	75
Active members .....	156
Average attendance .....	113
Temperance programs given .....	2
Number of pieces of good literature dis. ....	1,023
Vacation Bible schools .....	3
Study classes conducted for youth .....	108
Special studies of manual .....	25
Stewardship programs held .....	18
Number enrolled in class .....	156
Missionary programs held .....	25
Week of prayer conducted .....	9
Special days of prayer .....	15
Mission study classes .....	19
Number attending classes .....	75%
Special orphanage programs .....	9
Members regularly engaged in personal service .....	259
Conversions resulting from personal service .....	15
Tithers .....	131
Subscribers to F.W.B. Papers .....	55

# PROGRAM COMMITTEE FOR 1947

Mrs. Bessie Staires                      Mrs. Eileen Melton  
Mrs. Verdun Bingham

## INTRODUCTORY MESSAGE

Rev. Cleo Purcell                      Alternate, Rev. Leona Mayfield

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Dues collected -----	\$ 63.77
Mission offerings -----	132.25
Orphanage donations -----	75.02
Educational offerings -----	42.81
Other special offerings -----	64.60
 Total offerings -----	 \$293.08
Disbursements -----	260.51
 Balance in Treasury -----	 \$ 68.57

## MINUTES OF OKLAHOMA STATE LEAGUE OF FREEWILL BAPTIST

Convened at Shawnee Camp Grounds

June 19, 20 and 21, 1946

### *Wednesday Morning*

Service opened by singing and prayer. Welcome address given by Melba Fry. Response by Bonnie Bonds. Songs, "Victory in Jesus" and "Heavenly Sunlight." Altar prayer led by Sis. Eula Mac Ewing. Song "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." Bro. Reford Wilson led the Leaguers in a devotional service using as his lesson, Matthew 10:22. Special song, "I Am Thine, O' Lord." Bro. Charles Sapp of the Central Avenue Freewill Baptist Church at Oklahoma City brought the introductory message using as his subject "The Call to Service," Acts 26th Chapter. Two precious souls were saved in the altar service. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Harry Staires.

### *Wednesday 1:30 P.M.*

Evening session opened by Bro. Ray Martin conducting song "Send the Light," with La Verne Lee at the piano. Devotional reading by Bro. Everett Hillard—scripture lesson Psalms 23rd Chapter. Prayer

led by Bro. R. B. Crawford. Letters called for from various associations. Letters presented from First Mission Association Cushing League, Hopewell Association No. 2, Center Association, and the First Oklahoma Association. Motion carried to accept letters as read. Officers elected as follows:

Sponsor: Rev. Paul Pursell, Wirt, Oklahoma  
President: Rev. Reford Wilson, Shawnee, Oklahoma  
Vice President: Rev. Hillard, Sapulpa, Oklahoma  
Recording Secretary: Bonnie Bonds, Ardmore, Oklahoma  
Corresponding Secretary: Eula Mae Ewing, Shawnee, Oklahoma  
Treasurer: Charles Sapp, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
League Board:

Chairman: Rev. H. E. Staires, 3324 E. 7th St., Tulsa, Okla.

Secretary: E. C. Ketchum, 1342 E. Whittaker, Shawnee, Oklahoma

Member: Mrs. S. P. Yocham, 604 S. Oklahoma, Sapulpa, Oklahoma

Member: Sis. Cleo Pursell, Wirt, Oklahoma

Member: Rev. John West, 833 N. Utica, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Sponsors for girls dormitory: Sis. Cleo Pursell and Sis. Hattie Newman

Sponsors for boy's dormitory: Bro. O. B. Doss and Bro. E. E. Morris

Motion carried that chairman appoint all committees. The following were appointed. Pulpit Committee: Vernice Martin, Laverda Green, Patti Reese, Leroy Brown, and Billie Hunt.

Business Committee: Nita Brandon, La Verne Lee, Ray Martin, Mary Lou Hampton, and Wayman Floyd.

Treasurer's report read and accepted. Services were turned to Bro. Kirby for installation of officers.

Unfinished business called for. Motion carried that League Board purchase some gift suitable for presentation to the Association having winning program and that the League Board be responsible for buying banner and later presenting it to the association.

Motion carried that we adjourn until next meeting. Dismissed by Bro. Argo.

### *Wednesday Night*

Services opened with singing directed by Bonnie Bonds, with Jo Anna Crisp at the piano. Prayer led by Bro. H. E. Staires. Bro. Ray Martin conducted inspiring devotional. Bro. Reford Wilson followed by

Bro. R. B. Crawford, using as their text 1st John 3: 1-8, brought wonderful messages. Two souls were saved. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. E. E. Morris.

*Thursday 9:00 A.M.*

Services opened by singing "Sunlight, Sunlight" directed by Bro. Everett Hillard, with La Verne Lee at the piano. Sis. Mignon Priest read scripture lesson from Ecclesiastes 12th chapter. Prayer led by Bro. Paul Pursell. Bro. F. A. McCage took charge of the services and brought a great lesson on the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Song directed by Bro. Everett Hillard. Special song arranged. Altar prayer given. Report of the state league evangelist, Bro. Reford Wilson, given and accepted. Standing vote of thanks given to Bro. Wilson for his work with the young people in the state during the past year. Motion carried to table election of state league evangelist until next meeting. Report of business committee given. Motion carried that the state league pay Rev. R. C. Hampton and Bro. E. C. Ketchum \$10.00 each for their expense toward making this league rally a success. Motion carried that this meeting adjourn.

*Thursday 11:00 A.M.*

Singing directed by Ferne McCage with Helen Easlon at the piano. Prayer led by Bro. Rex Weatherman. Special song from Shawnee quartet; solo "He Lives" by Ruby Wilkerson. Bro. McPhail followed by Bro. Staires brought two wonderful messages. Their text was found in Psalms 25:4, subject "The Ways of the Lord," and "The Desires of Christ." Altar prayer given. Dismissed in prayer.

*Thursday 1:00 P.M.*

Services opened by singing. Prayer. Programs presented by following associations: Center Association—Oakman Church; First Mission Association—Cushing Church; Hopewell No. 2 Association—Wirt Church; First Oklahoma Association—Central Avenue Church at Oklahoma City. God blessed in a mighty way each of these programs. One soul was saved and the power of the Holy Spirit was manifested. Bro. Everett Hillard presented a beautiful picture of Jesus Christ to Bro. E. C. Ketchum, president of the First Oklahoma Association. Bro. Ketchum



gave this beautiful trophy to Bro. Warren Barnett, president of Oklahoma City league. Meeting adjourned.

### *Thursday Night*

Services opened by singing directed by Bertha Faye Tuttle with Lissie Chaudoin at the piano. Devotional given by Jean Lane. Prayer. Bro. Everett Hillard and Bro. E. E. Morris brought soul-stirring messages of the evening. Six precious souls were saved and numbers blessed. Meeting adjourned.

### *Friday 9:00 A.M.*

Services opened by singing "I Would Be True" directed by Bro. R. B. Crawford with Charles Sapp at the piano. Dorothy Hurst read I Corinthians 13th chapter for scripture lesson. Prayer led by Charles Sapp. Rev. F. A. McCage brought doctrinal lesson II on Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Bro. R. B. Crawford sang special song "I'd Rather Have Jesus" then gave interesting discourse on the future of league work in Oklahoma.

Business meeting called to order by President Wilson. Motion carried that president appoint delegates to the state association. The following were appointed: Eileen Melton, Frankie O'Brien, La Verne Lee, Eula Mae Ewing, and Harry Hopkins.

Bro. Everett Hillard was elected to bring introductory message at the next state league rally, with Bro. Joe Mooneyham as alternate.

Motion carried that Rev. R. B. Crawford bring doctrinal lessons at next state league rally on the last two days of the rally at 9:00 to 10:00 A.M. He chose as his subject, "Personal Evangelism."

Motion carried that next state league rally be convened with First Mission Association at Drumright camp grounds on June 19, 20, and 21, 1947.

Motion carried that all league officers, except sponsors of dormitories, sponsors of the league, and the league board, be of league age.

Motion carried that the league manual be accepted as our rule and guide.

Meeting adjourned until 1:00 P.M. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Hampton.

*Friday 11:00 A.M.*

Services opened by singing directed by Bertha Faye Tuttle, pianist was Patti Reese. Prayer led by Bro. Guy McGuire. Special song by Bro. and Sis. Kirby, "The Little Old Church by the Road." Sis. Mignon Priest and Sis. Hattie Newman brought inspiring messages, their text "Ye Must Be Born Again" John 3. Altar prayer given. God's blessings were manifest. Dismissed by Bro. Wilson.

*Friday 1:00 P.M.*

Business meeting called to order by president. Business called for. Motion carried that Bro. and Sis. Paul Pursell act as state league evangelists, devoting such time as possible to the work.

Motion carried that one croquet set be given by state league rally to the state Orphan's Home.

Motion carried that expense for tarpaulin and lights by paid out of state league treasury.

Motion carried that this state league rally be adjourned to meet again, if God wills, the 19th of June, 1947, at the Drumright camp grounds. Dismissed in prayer by Sis. Hattie Newman.

Bro. Reford Wilson,  
President.

Sis. Bonnie Bonds  
Rec. Secretary  
Sis. Eula Mae Ewing  
Cor. Secretary

## 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.

## FREE WILL BAPTIST ARTICLES OF FAITH

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

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.

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.

5. **THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD**.—God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and allthings 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.

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.

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.

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 commitment 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.

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 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.

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 the 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 administered to all true believers.

14. **TITHING.**—God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament: Jesus Christ indorsed it in the Gospel (Matt. 23:33) 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" I 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.

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."

## 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.

