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OFFICERS

Rev. Melvin Bingham Moderator
1922 North Lewis Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Rev. Clay Richey Assistant Moderator
Box 97, Blanchard, Oklahoma

Mrs. Verdun Bingham Clerk and Treasurer
1922 North Lewis Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Rev. Wade Jernigan Assistant Clerk
Route 9, Box 498, Tulsa, Oklahoma

The next session of the State Association will be held at the First Free Will Baptist Church, 833 North Utica, Tulsa, Oklahoma, on Tuesday night, before the Fourth Sunday in October (October 17-19, 1950).

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Willard Day	5 years	Chairman
401 Patton Ave., Wewoka, Oklahoma		
Rev. E. E. Morris	4 years	
2528 S. W. 33rd Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma		
Rev. W. E. Wilson	3 years	
Box 103, Holdenville, Oklahoma		
Rev. H. E. Staires	2 years,	clerk
Route 2, Box 187-B, Bristow, Okla.		
Rev. Clay Richey	1 year	
Box 97, Blanchard, Oklahoma		

ORPHANAGE BOARD

Fred Barker	5 years	
Route 5, Ada, Oklahoma		
N. C. Ballew	4 years	
Box 69, Healdton, Oklahoma		
W. W. Hunt	3 years	
P. R. Armstrong	2 years	
Jack Hopkins	1 year	
Route 2, Blanchard, Oklahoma		

LEAGUE BOARD

Bro. R. B. Tipton	Wewoka, Oklahoma
Rev. E. E. Morris	Oklahoma City, Okla.
Bro. E. C. Ketchum	Shawnee, Oklahoma
Rev. H. E. Staires	Bristow, Oklahoma
Bro W. A. DeHart	Healdton, Oklahoma

MISSION BOARD

Rev. Will Bean	5 years	
Rev. Willard Day	4 years	
Rev. D. B. Hellard	3 years,	clerk
Rev. D. H. O'Donnell	2 years,	chairman
Rev. Clay Richey	1 year	

SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Rev. Charles Sapp	5 years	Chairman
Rev. John Elliston	4 years,	Clerk
Rev. James Franklin		

Committees that were appointed and acted during the association. These committees were dismissed at the close of the session:

Resolution Committee:

Rev. John West
Rev. W. V. Wood
Rev. Virgil Florence
Rev. Jesse Stepp
Bro. Jack Hopkins

Christian Education

Rev. Reford Wilson
Rev. Weldon Wood
Rev. R. G. Lane
Rev. D. H. O'Donnell
Rev. Cleo Purcell

Temperance Committee:

Rev. Willard Day
Rev. Sadie Fincher
Rev. C. D. Benton
Mrs. Vivian Ketchem
Mrs. Ozella Littlefield

Music Committee:

Rev. W. S. Mooneyham
Mrs. R. G. Lane
Rev. Elda Crain
Mrs. Ruby Brown
Mrs. Nona Mae Bowles

Obituary Committee:

Mrs. Nettie Barnett
Mrs. Libby Collins
Mrs. N. R. Smith
Mrs. Effie West
Rev. Hattie Newman

Auditing Committee:

Rev. James Franklin
Rev. Paul Purcell
Mr. Marvin Hawkins

OPENING SESSION

The Forty-First Annual Session of the Oklahoma State Association of Free Will Baptists, meeting October 18-20 at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Wewoka, Oklahoma, was opened with singing the hymn, 'I Am Thine, O Lord,' led by Rev. Reford Wilson, Oklahoma City. Mrs. Reford Wilson was the pianist.

Invocation by Rev. I. N. Pate, Antlers. After other congregational songs, special songs were given by a small girls' duet, Patricia Parker and Deana Reynolds, from Wewoka, also the Wewoka trio.

An old-fashioned testimony meeting was conducted by the moderator, Rev. John H. West, Tulsa. The moderator introduced the speaker for the evening, Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Sulphur.

Scripture for the message was Mark 6:34-44. Topic was "Five Thousand to One."

"We have the greatest force in the world at our disposal," Rev. Mooneyham said. "All we need to do is apply it to our resources. Use what we have and then rely upon the power of God."

He called for a complete consecration of Free Will Baptist resources to promote an effective world evangelization program.

A prayer of consecration was led by Rev. Mooneyham, following the hymn, "More Love to Thee." Announcements were made by the host pastor, Rev. Willard Day. Benediction by Rev. Jesse Stepp, Haskell.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Opened by singing "Stepping in the Light," led by Mrs. Mildred Cash, Shawnee; Mrs. Cleo Purcell, Bristow, pianist.

Devotional by Rev. I. L. Florence, Poteau; Scripture, Phillipians 2:1-16. Prayer by Rev. H. E. Staires, Bristow.

Declared into business session by the moderator.

Motion carried to adopt the printed program.

Motion carried that the moderator appoint the pulpit committee. Rev. Willard Day, host pastor, chairman; E. C. McEntire, Grandriver; C. C. Higgins, Center; W. H. DaVault, Dibble; L. S. Speaks, Hopewell No. 1.

Associational letters called for. Letters were read. Motion to receive letters and seat the delegates, and to refer the recommendation of the First Oklahoma Association to the business committee, carried. Report of the pulpit committee: Rev. E. E. Morris, Oklahoma City, followed by Rev. Clay Richey, Blanchard, for the 11 o'clock service.

Election of officers was as follows:

Rev. Melvin Bingham, moderator, 1922 North Lewis, Tulsa.

Motion carried to elect Rev. Clay Richey, Blanchard, assistant moderator by acclamation.

Motion to appoint business committee before any other business is transacted and to refer question of voting eligibility to committee. Carried. Committee appointed. (See committees.)

Motion to adjourn business session until 1:30 p. m.

11:00 A. M. Service

Opened by singing "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus," led by Rev. Reford Wilson, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Reford Wilson, pianist.

Ministers called to an altar of prayer by Moderator.

After another congregational song, a ladies' quartet sang a special.

Moderator introduced Rev. E. E. Morris, Oklahoma City, as the first speaker. Scripture lesson, John 10:1-17. Text

taken from Hebrews 13:20. Subject: "The Good Shepherd of the Fold."

He called attention to the Shepherd's personal knowledge of the flock, and personal knowledge of the sheep for the Shepherd. "If the Good Shepherd could lead Free Will Baptist as He would like to, He would lead us to higher heights than we have ever known, or dreamed of," he concluded.

Rev. Clay Richey, Blanchard, took Psalms 23:1 as his text emphasizing the word "mine" and stressing the individuality of the Shepherd.

Song, "Jesus Paid It All." Benediction by Moderator, Rev. Melvin Bingham.

1:30 P. M. Business Session

Opened by singing, "The Light of the World Is Jesus," led by Rev. John West, Tulsa. Pianist, Rev. Elda Crain, Picher.

Rev. Weldon Wood, Ada, read Psalms, 137 for devotional. Rev. Hattie Newman, Jennings, led in prayer.

Mrs. Verdun Bingham, Tulsa, elected Clerk by acclamation.

Rev. Wade Jernigan, Tulsa, elected assistant clerk.

Motion to give retiring officers a rising vote of thanks, carried.

Rules of order were read to the body by assistant clerk. Motion carried that the body grant the moderator and the assistant moderator power to appoint all committees. (See committees.)

Welcome address by Rev. H. B. Woodward, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Wewoka.

Response to the welcome by Rev. Wade Jernigan, Tulsa.

Motion carried to receive partial report of business committee. (See report.)

The telegram was received with gratitude which read: "The Rotary club and town of Ringling and the surrounding community, wants to inform the State association of the appreciation for the people in charge of the Children's Home."

Foreign Mission report by Rev. Bert Rogers, also introduced the National Foreign Mission Itinery workers, Rev. and Mrs. Maurice Roach, of Durham, N. C. A brief talk was given about the ininery work in Oklahoma. Offering was taken for Foreign Missions. (Amount \$40.58).

Motion carried to give Rev. and Mrs. Roach, and the State Mission director, Rev. Bert Rogers, a rising vote of

thanks for their labor in helping raise the Foreign Mission quota for Oklahoma. (1949-1950).

A short talk was given by the state league sponsor, Bro. E. C. Ketchem, of Shawnee.

League report by Rev. Wade Jernigan, Tulsa. (See report.)

Minutes of the State League Convention were read by Rev. Reford Wilson, Oklahoma City.

Motion carried to accept the league reports.

Report of the Divine Service committee for the evening message. Rev. Reford Wilson, Oklahoma City, followed by Rev. George Scott, Mountain Grove, Missouri.

Report of the Executive Board read. Motion carried to receive report and refer financial item to finance committee.

Rev. Willard Day, Wewoka, elected by acclamation to executive board for a term of 5 years.

Motion to adjourn business session until 9 a.m. Thursday.

Benediction by Rev. Will Bean, Ripley.

7:30 P. M.

Opened by singing "The Solid Rock." Led by Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Sulphur; Mrs. W. S. Mooneyham, pianist.

Prayer by Rev. John West, Tulsa.

Congregation joined in singing choruses, "He Lives." "Bubbling."

Special song by mixed quartet, "I'm a Millionaire." A duet, "I've Been Waitin'." In memory of Rev. G. W. Benton, deceased. Wewoka Trio sang "Darkest Day."

Moderator introduced the speaker of the hour, Rev. Reford Wilson. Scripture, Romans 12:1-5. A glorious message was delivered on consecration. "The Answer to the Lawlessness of This World Is Obedience." A challenge for Christians to forget self and be a living sacrifice unto God.

Hymn, "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?" Rev. George Scott of Missouri concluded the message.

Hymn, "I Surrender All." Announcement by host pastor, Rev. Willard Day. Benediction by Rev. Rex Weatherman, Ringling.

9:00 A. M. Thursday

Opened by singing "He Is Able to Deliver Thee." Led by Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Sulphur; pianist, Mrs. W. S. Mooneyham.

Devotional by Rev. John Elliston, Wilburton. Scripture, John 15:1-14.

Prayer by Bro. C. C. Higgins, Sulphur.

Motion carried to receive letter and seat delegates from Dibble Association.

Motion carried to accept the entire report of the Orphanage Board. (See report.)

Motion carried to receive the report of the Orphanage Treasurer. (See report.)

Bro. Fred Barker, Ada, elected to the Orphanage Board for a term of 5 years.

Motion carried to accept the report of the State Treasurer. (See report.)

Oral report of the State Historian.

Report of the Free Will Baptist Bible College given by Rev. Henry Melvin, Nashville, Tenn., College business manager.

Greetings from the Oklahoma students attending the college at Nashville, Miss Mary Belle Smith, Oklahoma City. Mr. N. R. Smith, Healdton.

A rising vote of thanks was given the Bible College.

Report of the pulpit committee, 11 a. m., Rev. Charles Sapp, Oklahoma City, followed by Rev. Melvin Bingham, Tulsa.

Report of the business committee. Motion carried to receive the report and table until after the statisticians report.

Motion carried to receive the report of the State Statistician with commendation.

Item No. 2 of Business committee called from the table by Moderator. Motion carried to accept Item No. 2 of Business committee. (See report.)

Motion carried to receive letter and seat the delegates from the old Eureka Association.

Motion to adjourn business session until 1:30.

Benediction by Rev. Bert Rogers, Drumright.

11:00 A. M. Service

Opened by singing "Love Lifted Me." Led by Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Sulphur. Mrs. W. S. Mooneyham, pianist.

Prayer by Rev. Leonard Crowder, Stillwater.

Rev. Charles Sapp, Oklahoma City, was the first speaker. Text: "Is It Nothing to You, All Ye That Pass By?" Hymn. "Amazing Grace" was sung by congregation. Rev. Melvin Bingham, Tulsa, concluded the message.

Benediction by Rev. Henry Melvin, Nashville, Tenn.

1:30 P. M. Service

Opened by singing "Stepping in the Light," led by Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Sulphur; pianist, Rev. Elda Crain, Picher. Prayer by Rev. Sadie Fincher, Drumright. Report of Auxiliary Convention given by Mrs. Verdun Bingham, Tulsa. (See Auxiliary minutes.)

Motion to accept Item No. 3 of Business committee report. Carried. (See report.)

Rev. Reford Wilson, Oklahoma City, elected as the State Executive Secretary.

Motion carried to accept report of Missions. (See report.)

Motion carried to accept resignation of Rev. W. A. Hearron, Sulphur, from standing boards.

Rev. D. H. O'Donnell elected to fill vacancy on Mission board.

Rev. Will Bean, elected to Mission board by acclamation.

An oral report from the Superannuation board was given by Rev. John Elliston.

Motion carried to elect Rev. Charles Sapp, Oklahoma City, and Rev. James Franklin, Cushing, members to the superannuation board by acclamation.

Motion carried to accept the report of the publication board. (See report.)

A rising vote of thanks was given the board of publications for their efforts.

Motion carried to accept report of the temperance committee. (See report.) Committee discharged.

Motion carried to accept the report of the music committee. (See report.) Committee discharged.

Motion carried to accept the report of the auditing committee, pay the indebtedness. (See report.) Committee discharged.

Offering taken for the expense of the State Association Treasury. Amount of offering, \$32.00.

Motion carried to accept the report of the obituary committee. (See report.) Committee discharged.

A silent moment of prayer in memory of the deceased. Concluded by Rev. H. E. Staires, Bristow.

Motion carried to accept the report of the executive board. (See report.)

Motion carried to accept the report of the Christian education committee. (See report.)

Christian education board elected Rev. Reford Wilson, Oklahoma City, chairman; Rev. Bert Rogers, Drumright; Rev. E. E. Morris, Oklahoma City.

Motion carried to accept report of the mission boards organization. (See boards.)

Motion carried to accept report of the Resolution committee. (See report.)

Motion carried to receive report of the organization of the Superannuation board. (See boards.)

Delegates to the National Association, which meets at Richmond, Calif., July 11-13, 1950. Mrs. Vivian Ketchem, Mrs. Ozella Littlefield, Brother E. C. Ketchem, Mrs. Eva Phillips, Mrs. Ruby Brown.

Alternates: Mr. Bob Bails, Mrs. D. B. Hellard, Mrs. Harry Staires, Mrs. Melvin Bingham, Mrs. Reford Wilson.

Delegates recommended from associations: Mr. T. O. Dunn, Dibble; Mrs. John West, First Mission; Mrs. Mildred Cash, First Oklahoma; Mr. Lamar Howell, Hopewell, No. 2; Mrs. Laura Arnold, Grandriver; Bro. Ben Tabor, Canadian; Leonard Crowder, Old Eureka.

Motion carried to accept invitation from First Church, Tulsa, for the State Association.

Rev. Willard Day elected by acclamation to bring introductory message.

Rev. W. V. McPhail, alternate.

Motion carried that the clerks be paid \$20.00.

Motion carried to retain the National Headquarters Fund committee.

Motion carried that the Association officers be the program committee for the next association.

Motion carried that the executive board approve the minutes.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet on Tuesday night before the fourth Sunday in October, 17-19, 1950, at Tulsa, Oklahoma. At the First Church, 835 North Utica.

Benediction by Rev. D. B. Hellard.

Ministers attending the 1949 session of the Oklahoma State Association:

Rev. W. V. Wood, 129 S. Draper Street, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Rev. Melvin Bingham, 1922 North Lewis, Tulsa, Okla.

Rev. H. E. Staires, R-2, Box 178-B, Bristow, Okla.

Rev. D. B. Hellard, 604 South Oklahoma, Sapulpa, Okla.

Rev. E. A. O'Donnell, 300 E. 16th Street, Ada, Okla.

Rev. Thomas H. Dixon, N. W. 4th Street, Checotah, Okla.
Rev. Rex Weatherman, Ringling, Oklahoma.
Rev. D. H. O'Donnell, General Delivery, Cromwell, Okla.
Rev. Reford Wilson, 1904 S. Central, Oklahoma City, Okla.
Rev. L. C. Crowder, Box 533, Stigler, Oklahoma.
Rev. Dewey Sharp, R. R. 1, Box 145, Wewoka, Okla.
Rev. George Scott, Mountain Grove, Missouri.
Rev. I. L. Florence, 606 Conser, Poteau, Oklahoma.
Rev. Maurice Roach, Box 1201, Durham, North Carolina.
Rev. Wade Jernigan, R-9, Box 498, Tulsa, Okla.
Rev. Elda Crain, 18A Street N.W., Miami, Oklahoma.
Rev. Paul Purcell, Box 997, Bristow, Oklahoma.
Rev. George Taylor, Snomac, Oklahoma.
Rev. W. E. Wilson, Box 10, Holdenville, Oklahoma.
Rev. Bert Rogers, R-2, Box 187B, Bristow, Oklahoma.
Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, 1302 West 13th, Sulphur, Oklahoma.
Rev. Weldon Wood, 420 S. Ash Street, Ada, Oklahoma.
Rev. Virgil Florence, 1170 N. Birmingham Place, Tulsa, Okla.
Rev. Jesse Stepp, Box 266, Haskell, Oklahoma.
Rev. R. G. Lane, P. O. Box 794, Hieldton, Oklahoma.
Rev. I. N. Pate, Box 213, Antlers, Oklahoma.
Rev. Henry Melvin, 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
Rev. John Elliston, General Delivery, Wilburton, Oklahoma.
Rev. E. E. Morris, 2528 S. W. 33rd, Oklahoma City, Okla.
Rev. W. V. McPhail, Henryetta, Oklahoma.
Rev. Cleo Purcell, Box 997, Bristow, Oklahoma.
Rev. Clay Richey, Blanchard, Oklahoma, Box 97.
Rev. W. H. Carter, Bristow, Oklahoma.
Rev. John West, 833 North Utica, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Rev. C. D. Benton, East Drumright Street, Drumright, Okla.
Rev. Sadie Fincher, Box 97, Drumright, Oklahoma.
Rev. Ida Dressler, Route 2, Box 252, Bristow, Oklahoma.
Rev. Hattie Newman, Route 2, Jennings, Oklahoma.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

The State Executive board has had three meetings the past year, one at Ringling, one at Oklahoma City and one at Wewoka.

The board met at Oklahoma City, June 18, 1949, for the purpose of raising funds for the entry fee to the National Association, the sum of \$54.11, of which the State Association owes Brother Clay Richey.

Signed: Executive Board.

REPORT OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Business committee met together Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 for their organization. Rev. H. E. Staires was elected chairman; B. F. Rogers was elected as clerk.

1. We, the Business committee, find that the State Association is composed of the subordinate associations, therefore any church that is not a member of a subordinate association does not have a vote in the State meeting.

2. Be it resolved that we set up a state executive office with an executive secretary whose duties shall be to compile a record of all churches of the State of Oklahoma. This record should include membership, all officers of the church, amount of property owned, indebtedness (if any), exact location, statistics in regard to Sunday School, League and Mission or Woman's Auxiliary.

His duties shall further be to set up a system of filing on all ministers in regard to the time of their conversion, ordination and a complete history of their work.

Furthermore, we recommend that anyone representing any phase of our work be approved by the Executive secretary and the State Executive board.

3. We, the Executive board and Business committee, recommend that temporary Headquarters of the State Association will be at 1815 South Central, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Telephones: 6-1316 and 7-7420.

We further recommend that the plans for financing Headquarters be left in the hands of the Executive board.

Signed: Executive Board.

REPORT OF ORPHANAGE BOARD

We have had a very good year at the home. The board has met four times.

We have twenty-five children at present time.

We have revised the second paragraph of the rules governing the home to read as follows:

"The orphanage committee of the various associations will make a thorough investigation of the applicant, furnishing a detailed report in writing with the application to the superintendent of the home. He shall present the case to the State Orphanage Board, and their decision shall settle the matter."

We recommend that the revised rules be printed in the minutes this year.

Respectfully submitted,
State Orphanage Board,
Fred Barker, Clerk.

We have at present time:

30 head of cattle, 14 head of hogs, 130 chickens, 130 bushels corn, enough hay to feed through winter.

We have purchased a new bus for the home with a cost of \$1,235.00. We have paid \$435.00 on initial cost. We would like to pay the rest as soon as possible.

RULES GOVERNING FREE WILL BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

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

The orphanage committees of the various associations will make a thorough investigation of the applicant, furnishing a detailed report in writing with the application to the superintendent of the home. He shall present the case to the State Orphanage Board, and 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 weekend.

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 FFA farm programs shall be given a project.

The purchasing and selling of stock and equipment must be done through the orphanage 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 orphanage board not later than the 10th of each month.

ORPHANAGE TREASURER'S REPORT

Report of State Orphanage Treasurer, to the Forty-First Annual Session of Oklahoma State Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Wewoka Free Will Baptist Church, Wewoka, Oklahoma.

Cash received during the year

Plus balance on hand at beginning	\$8,243.19
Expenditures	8,230.32
Balance	12.87

Signed: Rex Weatherman, Treasurer.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Be it resolved that the clerk be authorized to have letter forms printed, to be sent to each District Association Clerk for reports to the next Annual State Association.

2. Be it resolved that we give the Wewoka Church a standing vote of thanks for their fine hospitality shown us, while in their midst. Signed: Committee. (Committee discharged.)

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Obituary committee, find that God in His Infinite Wisdom, called from us the following:

1. Hopewell No. 2—3 deaths.
2. Grandriver Association—12 deaths.
3. Dibble Association—2 deaths.
4. First Oklahoma Association—2 deaths.
5. Old Eureka Association—20 deaths.
6. First Mission Association—7 deaths.

We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Signed: Committee. (Committee discharged.)

MUSIC COMMITTEE REPORT

Recommendation No. 1:

We strongly urge that a Junior Choir be organized in every church and that songs appropriate for the different age groups be used, that is, choruses, motion songs, hymns, etc.

(This recommendation comes from the common knowledge that unless children are led into constructive fields of activity, they will desert the church for worldly amusements. The activity of a Junior Choir will help meet this need.)

Recommendation No. 2:

We recommend that every church sponsor a music class at least once a year, if possible.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Temperance committee, recommend that every Christian pray that God will give us National Prohibition, and exhaust every effort to educate the youth in regard to the evil of strong drink.

And, we ask all of our pastors to preach and teach the necessity of citizenship, and the importance of supporting men in elections that are honest.

We ask each member to read the covenant of our church, and to take the admonition of Paul, to be more temperate in all things.

Signed: Committee. (Committee discharged.)

MISSIONS BOARD REPORT

We, the board of missions, report that we have had two meetings, one at Cushing and one at Wewoka.

We have received \$30.00 from the Ada church, paid out \$10.00 to the newly organized church at Schoolton.

We hope to have a greater report next year.

Signed: Mission Board.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We recommend that each church give regularly to the Free Will Baptist Bible College at Nashville, Tenn., and that the month of April, 1950, be set aside as Christian Education Month and special offerings be sent to the Bible College.

We recommend that each church sponsor a Daily Vacation Bible School and report same to the State Sunday School Board.

We recommend that each district association organize a Sunday school convention in accordance with the State Sunday School Convention.

We recommend that through our State League Convention, State Auxiliary Convention and other Auxiliaries of the Church, a Student Loan Fund be established to assist any student who is in need of financial aid from our state, attending our Free Will Baptist Bible College, at Nashville, Tenn.

We recommend that a standing Board of Education be set up to function in connection with the National Board of Education.

We commend the Free Will Baptists of Oklahoma for their giving to Christian Education and we encourage you to pray and continue your giving for the advancement of our educational institutions.

Signed: Committee. (Committee discharged.)

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION

To the State Association of Free Will Baptists, meeting October 18-20, in the Forty-first Annual Session:

We submit the following information as our first report:

1. We have held two meetings this year, one at Fort Worth, Texas, and one at Weatherford, Texas. These meetings were jointly with the Texas members of the board.

2. We are sponsoring only one publication thus far. This is the official monthly paper of Texas and Oklahoma, "THE SMALL VOICE." The circulation of the paper has increased somewhat, but it is far from the 3,000 subscribers we set as a goal for this year.

3. An addressing machine has been purchased for the paper, and a second-class mailing permit has been applied for.

We strongly urge every individual and church in the state to subscribe to "THE SMALL VOICE," not only that we might improve and enlarge that paper, but that we might print other literature, such as tracts, pamphlets, etc.

Respectfully submitted: THE PUBLICATION BOARD.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

1. We, the Auditing committee, have examined the Treasurer's books and find them up to date; showing an indebtedness of \$65.91

2. We, the Auditing committee have examined the Orphanage Treasurer's books and find them in order.

Signed: Auditing Committee. (Committee discharged.)

STATE TREASURER'S REPORT

Total receipts for general fund	\$314.11
Total disbursements from general fund	310.91
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Balance in General Fund	3.20
 Borrowed from Rev. Clay Richey for national association entry fee	54.11
Programs for state association	15.00
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Total debit	69.11
Less bank balance	3.20
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Total loss for year in general fund	65.91
Total receipts for support of Bible College students.....	57.50
Total disbursements support of Bible college students..	57.50
NO BALANCE	<hr/>
 Total receipts for Bible College	400.01
Total disbursements for Bible College	400.01
NO BALANCE	<hr/>
 Total offerings (all sources) to Bible College from from Okla. from Oct. 1, '48 through Sept. 30, '49 \$1,316.15	
Total receipts for Foreign Missions	630.40
Total disbursements for Foreign Missions	630.40
NO BALANCE	<hr/>
 Total offerings (all sources) to Foreign Missions from Okla. from Oct. 1, '48 through Oct. 7, '49...\$1,366.48	
Total receipts for Home Missions	180.40
Total disbursements for Home Missions	10.00
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Balance	170.40
 Total receipts for Superannuation	491.33
Total disbursements for Superannuation	25.00
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Balance	466.33
 Total receipts into all funds	1,958.35
Total disbursements for all funds	1,639.93
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	\$ 639.93

Signed: Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Secretary-Treasurer.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Number of churches	159
Number of parsonages	24
Number of members 9,295 plus members in First Mission	
Number enrolled in Sunday School	8,226
Number enrolled in Leagues	2,478
Woman's Auxiliary or other Organizations	420
Number of Ministers (plus the number in First Mission)...	207
Number of Deacons	372
Value of Church Property (plus value First Mission) \$310,897	
Total paid for all phases	\$156,845.37

SUPERANNUATION BOARD REPORT

We, the Superannuation board, report that we have organized as follows: Rev. Charles Sapp, Oklahoma City, chairman; Rev. John Elliston, Wilburton, clerk. We will contact former chairman and clerk and give a more detailed report next year.

MISSION BOARD REPORT

We, the Mission board, report the following organization: We elected Rev. D. H. O'Donnell, chairman; Rev. D. B. Hellard, clerk.

Rev. D. B. Hellard, 604 S. Oklahoma St., Sapulpa, Okla.

Rev. D. H. O'Donnell, General Delivery, Cromwell, Okla.

DIBBLE ASSOCIATION

Letter from Dibble Association:

To the State Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Wewoka Church on October 18, 1949:

We send as delegates our beloved brethren Bro. Sherman Webb, Bro. Philip Clagg, Bro. Jimmy Davis; alternate, Sister Vicie Hopkins, whom we pray you will receive to sit with you and aid you in your Godly deliberations.

State of religion, good; members received this year, 41; number baptized, 24; number dismissed by letter, 9; number deceased, 2; resident members, 430; non-resident members, 52; total membership, 482; condition of Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 265; condition of Leagues, good; League membership, 125; condition of Auxiliary, good; Auxil-

iary membership, 64; value of church property, \$93,000; amount paid pastors, \$13,029; amount for evangelistic work, \$584.26; amount for building and repair, \$979.79; amount for Foreign Missions, \$10.00; amount for Orphanage, \$539.80; (one bull to home); amount for publication (S. S. literature, etc); amount enclosed for minutes, \$25.00; number of deacons in Association, 20; Ministers in Association: Rev. W. F. Lee, Lindsay, Okla.; Rev. Chepas Long, Kansas; Rev. John Alsup, R-2, Purcell, Okla.; Rev. L. E. Staggs, R-1, Blanchard, Okla.; Rev. L. E. Ward, R-4, Blanchard, Okla.; Rev. Clay Richey, Blanchard, Okla.; Rev. Arthur Hearron, 4601 Melrose, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Done by order of Dibble Association, assembled in conference, this 10th day of September, 1949.

Moderator, Rev. Clay Richey, Blanchard, Okla.

Clerk, Mrs. Vicie Hopkins, R-2, Blanchard, Okla.

ROBERT MCGEE ASSOCIATION

To the State Association, we send Greetings:

We, the Robert McGee Association, denominated Free Will Baptist, send as delegates from our association, to represent us in the state association, whom we pray you to seat with you to aid you in your Godly deliberations:

Bro. Ed McCause, Bro. J. C. Newby, Bro. J. A. Anderson.

Statistical Report: State of religion, good (in most of the churches); members received, 20; deceased, 2; number of churches, 9 (with Zion Hope No. 2, and Old Eureka association visiting); Sunday School, good; number of ordained ministers, 11; number of licensed ministers, 1; number of ordained deacons, 15; active members, 150.

We had a wonderful association held with the Bennington Church this year, near Shady Point. A free will offering was taken; the amount was \$44.10, which was sent to the Children's Home (at Ringling, Okla.) The next association will be held with the Norris Church, near Red Oak, Okla.

We send \$8.00 minute money.

Elder J. E. Yandell, Moderator.

Pauline Keeney, Clerk.

Please send minutes to Assistant Clerk, Iva Smith, Shady Point, Oklahoma.

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION

The State Association of Free Will Baptists, Wewoka, Okla., to the Forty-first Session:

We, the Canadian Association of Free Will Baptists, recommend Bro. George Hughes, Bro. Floyd Green and Bro. H. N. Liles as our delegates to let you know of our love and fellowship and zeal for the cause of Christ.

We have in our membership 8 churches; 402 members; 21 ordained deacons; 11 Sunday Schools; 5 Auxiliaries. Paid pastors, \$820.00; paid evangelists, \$400.00; value of church property, \$5,200.00.

We are sending \$25.00 for: \$10.00 for minute money, \$10.00 for general fund, \$5.00 for National Association fee.

We recommend Bro. Ben Tabor to represent us in the National Association.

We have sent \$193.76 to Children's Home.

Moderator, Rev. W. E. Wilson, Box 103, Holdenville, Okla.
Clerk, Sister D. C. Sharp, R-1, Box 145, Wewoka, Okla.

OLD EUREKA ASSOCIATION

To the State Association, we send greetings:

We, the old Eureka Association Denominated Free Will Baptist, while in our regular session on Sept. 2, 1949, elected the following delegates to represent us in the State Association, whom we pray you to seat to aid you in all your deliberations, to-wit: Bro. Bob Bailes, Sister Lessie Bailes, Rev. L. C. Crowder, Bro. W. M. La Fave, Rev. C. N. Rose, and Bro. Bill Apple.

Statistical report: The association consists of 29 churches, approximately 2,000 members, 27 ordained ministers, 90 ordained deacons. Sunday School fair in most all the churches. Greater interest is being shown by the participation in the Sunday School programs and rallies.

Prayer meeting is carried on either on Wednesday night or Sunday night in the majority of the churches in the association. Many churches are making much progress in the league and young people's work.

Property value of the Eureka Association approximately \$60,000.

There has been 20 deaths reported from the various churches since the last session of the Eureka Association. The next session of the Old Eureka Association will meet on Wednesday night before the 1st Sunday in September, 1950, A. D., at its permanent home, 1 mile south and 1 mile west of Keota, Okla.

Our youth camp meeting will begin on Wednesday night before the 3rd Sunday in June, 1950, A. D.

We pray God's richest blessings upon this session of the State Association. We send \$10.00 minute money, \$10.00 general fund, and \$5.00 for National Association fee.

Rev. C. E. Kennedy, Moderator.

Sister Dovie La Fave, Associational Clerk.

FIRST OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION

First Oklahoma Association of Free Will Baptists sends Greetings to the 41st Annual Session of the Oklahoma State Association.

We send as delegates Sister Dorothy Waddle, Vivian Ketchum, Nettie Barnett, Mildred Cash and Mrs. Ira Smithy. Whom we pray you to receive and sit with you in your Godly deliberations.

Statistics: Number of Churches, 14; number of parsonages, 6; total membership, approximately 1,000; value of property, \$125,000.00; amount paid pastors, \$23,500.00; number of Leagues, 9; Auxiliaries, 4; building and repair, \$9,500.00; Foreign Missions, \$525.00; Home Missions, \$925.75; education, \$500.00; number of Ministers, 45; Deacons, 40.

We send \$10.00 for minute money; \$5.00 for National Association fee, and \$10.00 general expense fund.

As you see by our report, we have received five churches in our Association, 3 newly-organized.

We have elected Sister Mildred Cash as delegate to the National Association.

Rev. Dennis O'Donnell, Moderator.

Mrs. Mildred Cash, Clerk.

FIRST MISSION ASSOCIATION

The First Mission Association of Free Will Baptists sends greetings to the 41st Annual Session of the Oklahoma State Association.

We send as delegates: Sister Libby Collins, Sister Bessie West, Sister Verdun Bingham, Sister Nona Mae Bowles and Sister Mary Rogers; alternates: Sister D. B. Hellard, Sister Coursey, Sister Daisy Merchant, Sister Lula Kuykendall, and Brother Smith, whom we pray you to receive to aid you in your deliberations.

Statistics: Number of Churches, 27; amount paid pastors, \$32,138.95; average Sunday School attendance, 1,569; amount paid Evangelists, \$2,393.95; amount for building and repairs,

\$21,282.73; amount for education and publication, \$1,807.97; amount paid to Orphanage, \$1,060.00; amount for Foreign Missions, \$889.89; amount for Home Missions, \$565.38. We are sending \$25.00 for Associational Fees.

We sent Sister Bessie West, as the delegate to the National Association.

Rev. Melvin Bingham, Moderator.

Rev. Bert Rogers, Clerk.

GRAND RIVER ASSOCIATION

To the State Association we send Greetings:

We, the Grand River Association of Free Will Baptists, while in regular session, elected the following delegates to represent us in the State Association when convened on Tuesday night before the 4th Sunday in October, 1949, Sister Laura Arnold, Sister Ozella Littlefield and Brother Alvin Baker, whom we pray you to seat in council.

Statistical report: State of religion, good in most Churches; Sunday School, good; Prayer Meeting, fair. The Association is composed of 21 churches; Ordained Ministers, 45; membership, approximately, 1329; number of deaths since last association, 12.

Revivals have been completed in most all churches with good success.

The Grand River will convene Thursday night before the 3rd Sunday in August, 1950, at its permanent home, 2 miles north and 2 miles west of Coweta, Okla.

May God's richest blessings be upon this session of the State Association and that much good may be accomplished.

We send \$25.00 for entry fee, minutes, and associational expense.

We recommend Mrs. Laura Arnold as our National Associational delegates.

Rev. Virgil Florence, Moderator.

Sister Rosa Estes, Clerk.

HOPEWELL ASSOCIATION NO. 2

Letter from the Hopewell Association No. 2, to the State Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with the Wewoka Church.

We send as delegates: Sister Ruby Brown, Myrtle Ballew, Marjorie Weatherman, Grace Brandon and Ora Smith. Alternates, Sister R. G. Lane, Versie Ledbetter, Violet Woods, and

Brother C. M. Burdue, whom we pray you will receive to aid you in your Godly deliberations.

Statistics: Members received, 7; members died, 3; membership, approximately, 400; parsonages, 2; Deacons, 17; Ministers, 7; Leagues, 3 (with a membership of about 30); Sunday Schools, 4 (with an average attendance of 60); value of church property, \$15,000.00; paid pastors, \$3,246.24; Evangelist work, \$213.91; building and repairs, \$627.35; Home Missions, \$57.20; Foreign Missions, \$57.20; education and publication, \$490.60; Children's Home, \$425.19; enclosed for Associational expense, \$25.00.

We recommend Brother Lamar Howell as delegate to the National Association. Our next yearly association will convene on Thursday night before the 1st Sunday in September, with the Stobtown Church, 5 miles north of Lone Grove, Okla.

Rev. Rex Weatherman, Moderator, Box 299, Ringling, Ok.
Sister Myrtle Ballew, Clerk, Healdton, Okla., Box 69.

HOPEWELL NO. 1 ASSOCIATION

Coleman, Okla., Star Route, Oct. 17, 1949.

We the Church of God, Denominated Free Will Baptist, met in regular session of the Hopewell Association No. 1, at the Hopewell Church and elected delegates to represent us in the State Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Wewoka Church, whom we pray you to seat to aid you in all your Godly deliberations, to-wit:

Mr. and Mrs. Prichard, Mr. L. S. Speaks.

Number of churches, 4; number of members, 331; number of Ministers, 10; value of property, \$6,000. We send \$15 minute money.

Rev. J. H. Burr, Moderator.

Mrs. Winnie Speaks, Clerk.

Coleman, Okla., Star Route.

SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION

From the Southeastern Association of the Church of God Denominated Free Will Baptist, we send as delegates to the State Association Brother and Sister Will Clarkson and Brother Orville Arnold, whom we pray you to receive to aid in your deliberations.

Following are the statistics of our Association: Number of Churches, 9; number of members, 550; number of Ordained Ministers, 15; number of Deacons, 27; paid pastors and evan-

gelists, \$1,563.18; value of Church property, \$24,000.00. Our Sunday School and League work is good. Prayer meeting is fair. Deceased, 5.

Our association met August 25, 1949, with the Center Point church. We had ten conversions. We elected Rev. I. N. Pate as associational evangelist. We enclose \$15.00 for Associational fees.

Rev. Willie Seats, Moderator.
Mrs. Frankie Herman, Clerk.
Soper, Oklahoma.

CENTER ASSOCIATION

The Center Association of Free Will Baptist Churches send greetings to the State Association of Free Will Baptist, meeting October 18-20, 1949, at Wewoka, Oklahoma.

We send as delegates, Sisters West, Dessie Light, Irene Collings, Geneva Williams, Zora Wilson. Alternates, Sisters Ruby Jones, Elma Norwood, Alice Wood, Virgie Chandler, whom we pray you will receive to sit with you and aid you in your Godly deliberations.

We have had a good year in our association. Following are the statistics of our association:

Number of Churches, 11; number of parsonages, 2; number of full-time churches, 8; number of members, 1,062; number enrolled in Sunday School, 773; number enrolled in Leagues, 400; number of Womens' Auxiliary, 4; number of Ministers, 19; number of Deacons, 44; value of Church property, \$26,500.00; total paid out for all phases of the work, \$14,647.82; number members received, 113; dismissed, 27; deceased, 4.

Done while assembled in the annual session of the Center Association, August 18-20, 1949, at the campground.

F. M. Wood, Moderator.
Fred Barker, Clerk.
Route 5, Ada, Oklahoma.

MINUTES OF STATE LEAGUE CONVENTION

The Oklahoma State League Convention of Free Will Baptists met in their eighth annual session, June 22-23-24, 1949, at the First Mission Association Camp Ground near Drumright, Oklahoma.

Wednesday, 10:00 A. M.

Called to order by President Rev. J. Reford Wilson.

Song Service: Rev. Weldon Wood.

Pianist: Sister Cleo Pursell.

Scripture reading: Col. 3:1-17 by Rev. J. Reford Wilson.

Altar of prayer led by Rev. Wade Jernigan.

Welcome address given by Donna Tipton of First Mission Association.

Response by Doice McAlister of Kerman, California.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for this convention by Brother R. B. Tipton.

Leaguers who were here for the first time introduced themselves.

Wednesday, 11:00 A. M.

Song Service: Rev. Weldon Wood.

Pianist: Sister Cleo Pursell.

Prayer: Rev. Paul Pursell.

Season of Prayer.

Special song by Weldon and Mary Lou Wood, "If The Light Has Gone Out."

Rev. Wade Jernigan brought the Introductory message using as a text, John 4:27-38. Subject: "Witnessing and Soul-Winning for Jesus."

Dismissed by Brother E. C. Ketchem.

Wednesday, 1:30 P. M.

Song Service: Rev. Wade Jernigan.

Pianist: Donna Tipton.

Devotional: N. R. Smith of Clemscott, reading Isaiah 53.

Prayer: Rev. James Franklin.

Letters read and approved from the following districts: First Oklahoma, Hopewell No. 2, and First Mission.

Motion carried president appoint committee:

Business Committee: Mary Belle Smith, N. R. Smith, Barbara Hancock, Wilma Wood, J. W. Dighton.

Program Committee: Don Clark, Don Ketchem, Dorothea DeHart, Juanita Dobson, Billie Burgess.

Auditing Committee: Dale Bordon, Donna Tipton, Donald Dake.

Talk by Don Clark of Sulphur, speaking on "Our Maximum for Christ in This Convention."

Rev. E. E. Morris was elected as co-sponsor of the boys' dormitory. Motion carried Sister Eileen Melton assist Sister Pursell as sponsor of girls' dormitory. Letter read and approved from Center Association. Brother Reford Wilson presented a proposed Constitution and By-Laws for this body. Motion carried to table the action until Thursday. Motion carried we adjourn for 25 minutes.

The meeting re-assembled with singing. Business committee report read and accepted as follows:

Resolution No. 1. We, the Business committee, recommended that we set as our goal the organization of two district League conventions between now and the next session of the State League convention.

Resolution No. 2. We, the Business committee, recommend that we discontinue the budget set up last year, due to the fact that our money comes in so irregular. At the discretion of the convention, money shall be voted out to the various causes.

The following delegates were elected to the State Association: Donna Tipton, Don Clark, Eileen Melton. Motion carried we send \$5.00 with our letter to the State Association as "minute money."

Brother Bailey Thompson was elected to bring the introductory message at the next convention. Motion carried we adjourn until the 9:00 a. m. service, Thursday. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. H. E. Staires.

Wednesday, 7:00 P. M.

Grove Services.

Wednesday, 7:0 P. M.

Song Service: Rev. W. S. Mooneyham.

Pianist: Donna Tipton.

Prayer: Rev. Hattie Newman.

Reports of Grove Services were given. One soul was saved in them.

Prayer by Bro. Doice McAllister. Special song by Reford Wilson, Don Clark, W. S. Mooneyham, and Glenn Morris, "My Sins Are Gone." A wonderful praise service, led by N. R. Smith. Rev. E. E. Morris brought the message using as a text Proverbs 2:7 and Mark 9:2. Two were saved. Dismissed by Bro. Charles Smith.

Thursday, 9:00 A. M.

Song Service: Barbara Hancock.

Pianist: Jean Wilson.

Devotional: Donald Ketchem reading Psalms 101.

Prayer: Bro. W. E. Warner.

Report of Business committee accepted as follows:

Resolution No. 3. We, the Business committee, recommend this body pay the transportation expenses of the Intermediate sword drill winner to and from the National League Conference.

The proposed constitution and by-laws were re-read. Motion carried we amend the proposed constitution. Motion carried we amend the proposed by-laws. Constitution and by-laws accepted.

The following League board was elected:

Bro. R. B. Tipton, Wewoka, Okla.

Rev. E. E. Morris, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Bro. E. C. Ketchem, Shawnee, Okla.

Rev. H. E. Staires, Tulsa, Okla.

Bro. W. A. DeHart, Healdton, Okla.

The next meeting was placed at the First Oklahoma Association camp ground at Shawnee, Okla. Rev. Wade Jernigan and Rev. Weldon Wood elected as boys' dormitory sponsors next year. Sister Melvin Bingham and Sister E. C. Ketchem elected as girls' dormitory sponsors. Motion carried we accept the treasurer's report.

Talk by Willa Marie George of Tecumseh, "Our Maximum for Christ in Stewardship."

Recess for 25 minutes. Dismissed in prayer by Ed Warner.

Thursday, 11:00 A. M.

Song Service: Barbara Hancock.

Pianist: Jean Wilson.

Prayer: Rev. Bert Rogers.

Offertory prayer: Rev. John H. West.

Special song by Donna Tipton, Wade Jernigan, W. S. Mooneyham, and Don Clark, "Near the Cross," "I'd Rather Have Jesus," sung by Wayne Walker of the Children's Home.

Rev. James Franklin brought the morning message, using for a text I Sam. 29:17. Subject, "Is There Not a Cause?" Dismissed by Bro. Delbert Akin.

Thursday, 1:30 P. M.

Song Service: W. S. Mooneyham.

Devotional: Mary Alice Weatherman, reading Psalms 2.

Prayer: Rev. Wade Jernigan.

Talk by Barbara Hancock of Tulsa, "Our Maximum for Christ in Our Local and District Training Programs." Barbara Hancock and Barbara Arnold sang, "Give of Your Best to the Master."

Intermediate sword drill conducted by LaVerda Mooneyham. The winner was Lucille Bates of First Mission Association.

The following program judges were appointed: Sister Arthur Hearron, Sister Rex Weatherman, and Doice McAllister.

The following plays were presented: "A Gap to Fill," First Mission Association—Blue Bell Church. "Conversion"—First Oklahoma Association—Shawnee Church. At the close of which one soul was saved. Dismissed by singing, "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow."

Thursday, 7:00 P. M.

Grove Service.

Thursday, 7:30 P. M.

Song Service: Rev. Wade Jernigan.

Pianist: Mary Alice Weatherman.

Prayer: Sister Rex Weatherman.

Talk by Rev. Warren Barnett of Central Avenue, Oklahoma City, "Our Maximum for Christ in World-Wide Service."

Special song by Bro. and Sister Willard Feeback and Leroy ———, "Where Could I Go." Special song by Bro. Raymond Lee, "I'm a Child of the King." Offertory prayer by Bro. Charles Smith. The testimony service led by Rev. Doice McAllister. Special song by LaVerda Mooneyham, Donna Tip-ton, and Jean Wilson.

Rev. W. S. Mooneyham brought the message using for a text, Jer. 3:4. In the altar service, five young people dedicated their lives to full-time Christian service. Dismissed by president.

Friday, 9:00 A. M.

Song Service: Barbara Hancock.

Pianist: LaVerda Mooneyham.

Devotional: J. W. Dighton, reading Psalm 146:1-6.

Prayer: Donald Dake.

Report of Business committee accepted as follows:

Resolution No. 4. We, the Business committee, recommend for next year that we place emphasis on Christian Education in September; Children's Home in December; Home Missions in March; and Foreign Missions in May.

Resolution No. 5. We, the Business committee, recommend that we pay the First Mission Association \$2.50 for utility bills.

Resolution No. 6. We, the Business committee, recommend that we present the Intermediate sword drill winner a Bible as a reward.

Resolution No. 7. We, the Business committee, recommend that our sponsor be responsible for preparing the program banner.

Resolution No. 8. We, the Business committee, recommend that we elect a League evangelist for the coming year.

Motion carried to accept the report of the auditing committee.

The following officers were elected:

Evangelist, Rev. Wade Jernigan, R-9, Box 498, Tulsa, Okla.

Sponsor, E. C. Ketchem, Shawnee, 1342 E. Whittaker.

President, Rev. Wade Jernigan, R-9, Box 498, Tulsa.

Vice-President, Rev. Delbert Akin, Shawnee, Okla.

Rec. Sec., Barbara Hancock, 2619 E. Marshall, Tulsa.

Cor. Sec., Mrs. Eileen Melton, Box 218, Atoka, Okla.

Treasurer, Don Clark, Sulphur, Okla.

Bro. E. E. Ketchem resigned from the League board. New member of League board is Bro. John Wood from Ada. Motion carried to give a standing vote of thanks to the League board for its services the past year. Motion carried to give a standing vote of thanks to the First Mission Association for making this convention possible. Play, "Dark Lights," presented by Ada Church for Center Association. Shawnee League received State Program Banner for the First Oklahoma Association.

Friday, 11:00 A. M.

Song Service: Rev. Weldon Wood.

Pianist: LaVerda Mooneyham.

Prayer: R. B. Tipton.

Minutes read and approved as corrected. Sermon, Rev. R. G. Lane, Healdton, Okla., using I Cor. 12:11. Hand of fellowship given to new officers. Wade Jernigan, our new president, gave a short talk on our League work. Motion carried to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Wade Jernigan.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
for
FREE WILL BAPTIST STATE LEAGUE CONVENTION
OF OKLAHOMA

P R E A M B L E

We, the youth of the Free Will Baptist of Oklahoma, desiring to promote the Cause of Jesus Christ as represented by our denomination, and to put the "Kingdom of God" first, do establish and ordain this Constitution and By-Laws.

C O N S T I T U T I O N

ARTICLE I. Name: This organization shall be known as the Free Will Baptist State League Convention of Oklahoma.

ARTICLE II. Purpose: The purpose of this convention shall be to promote the general welfare of the Free Will Baptist Leagues throughout the State Association and to assist the pastors in enlisting the youth of their churches in active Christian service.

ARTICLE III. Officers: The officers of this Convention shall be a sponsor, president, vice-president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer, who shall be elected annually by the Convention.

ARTICLE IV. Membership.

Section 1. Eligibility. Any District Free Will Baptist League Convention organized within the bounds of the State Association may become a member of this convention and where there is no district organization a local League may become a member.

Section 2. Delegation. Each member of a League within the bounds of this Convention is an authorized delegate. Any district or League may represent by letter in the Convention, where said organizations are unable to represent in person. Any member of this Convention, whether a District Convention or local League that absents itself without representing in any way for the period of three (3) years shall be dismissed upon the approval of the State League board. All means shall be used in winning the absentees back before any steps are taken to dismiss them.

ARTICLE V. Meetings: This Convention shall hold its meetings annually at such time and place as may be provided for by either the Convention in session or by the League board.

ARTICLE VI. Committees:

Section 1. State League Board. The League board of this Convention shall be composed of five (5) members and shall be elected annually.

Section 2. Program. This committee shall be composed of the sponsor, president, vice-president, and corresponding secretary and the program shall be approved by the League board.

Section 3. Special. The Convention or the president may appoint as many special committees as necessity may demand.

ARTICLE VII. Reports. Each district or local League shall be required to make written reports to this Convention on blanks furnished by same.

ARTICLE VIII. Finances:

Section 1. Each organization holding membership in this convention shall contribute ten (10) per cent of its income which shall be used to carry on the general work of the Convention.

Section 2. Each district or local League shall bear its proportionate part of any special work that may be undertaken by this Convention.

ARTICLE IX. Representation: This Convention shall elect three (3) delegates to the State Association annually.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I. DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

Section 1. Sponsor: The duties of the sponsor shall be similar to that of the general director of a local League. He shall act as an advisor to this Convention.

Section 2. President: It shall be the duty of the president to preside over each session, preserve order and govern the body according to established parliamentary usage. He shall have the power to declare any office vacant, temporarily, subject to the approval of either the League board or the Convention.

Section 3. Vice-president: It shall be the duty of the vice-president to serve in the full capacity of president when the president is absent. He shall also promote the work of forming new organizations.

Section 4. Recording Secretary: The recording secretary shall keep an accurate record of all transactions of the Convention and preserve the same, keep all valuable documents and surrender same to his successor in office.

Section 5. Corresponding Secretary: The Corresponding Secretary shall be a medium of contact between the Convention and all district and national officers, and shall handle all correspondence of the Convention.

Section 6. Treasurer: All money belonging to this Convention shall be kept by the treasurer and paid out by him only by order of the Convention or League board.

Section 7. League Board: The work of the League board shall be the same as that of the Convention when the Convention is not in session. It shall have the authority to call extra sessions when such becomes necessary. It shall have the authority to suspend any officer of the Convention when he or she proves non-Christian in conduct, and shall have the right to fill the vacancy; also fill vacancies caused by other reasons. Officers thus appointed shall continue in office until the next regular session of the Convention. The League board shall elect its own chairman and secretary.

Section 8. Ex-officio Member: The president shall be ex-officio member of all committees of the Convention.

Section 9. Program Committee: This committee shall arrange the program for each session of the Convention and have the approval of the League board. This committee shall give also due publicity to all activities of the Convention. The Church papers, state and county newspapers, city newspapers, and others should be used as mediums of advertising the work of the Convention.

ARTICLE II. Voting. Leaguers that are members of the Convention, officers of the Convention, superintendents and general directors of all Leagues that are members of the Convention, and all ministers in good standing, shall have the right to vote. All questions coming before the Convention shall be decided by the majority.

ARTICLE III. Amendments: Any amendment to this Constitution and By-Laws may be secured by a two-thirds majority vote of the Convention, provided such an amendment be presented at least one day (24 hours) before taken under consideration.

AUXILIARY MINUTES

Ninth Annual Convention of Woman's State Auxiliary met October 18th, 1949, with the Wewoka Church. President in charge, Mrs. Verdun Bingham. Led in singing by Rev. W. S. Mooneyham. Hymn, "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings." Pianist, Mrs. W. S. Mooneyham. History of Convention Hymn

by Mrs. S. L. Hancock. Devotional, Mrs. H. M. Phillips, 1st Corinthians, 13th chapter, and St. John 13:34. Invocation by Rev. Wade Jernigan. Welcome, Mrs. Shipley. Response, Mrs. Reford Wilson. President gave thanks to program committee.

Who's Who, and What Are You Expecting? President in charge. Greetings from District Conventions:

1st Mission District by Mrs. Cleo Pursell.

1st Oklahoma District by Mrs. Reford Wilson.

Center District by June Crumb.

Poteau, a local Auxiliary, by Mrs. Elsie Florence.

President's Message was enjoyed by all. Motion carried that president appoint all committees.

Resolution Committee: Mrs. John H. West, Mrs. Elsie Florence, Mrs. Gladys Tompson, Mrs. Cherry Fipps.

Registration Committee: Mrs. Bessie Staires, Mrs. Helen Seaton, Mrs. Daisy O'Donnell.

Plan of Work Committee: Mrs. Cleo Pursell, Mrs. Irene Collins, Mrs. S. L. Hancock.

Appreciation Committee: Mrs. June Crumb, Mrs. Leona Mayfield, Mrs. Oleta Pate.

Credential Committee: Mrs. Myrl Wilson, Mrs. Sue Burges, Mrs. Helen Day.

Obituary Committee: Mrs. Nettie Barnett, Mrs. Dora Johnson, Mrs. Myrtle Richburg.

Finance Committee: Mrs. Jean Wilson, Mrs. LaVerda Mooneyham, Mrs. Pauline Arnold.

Benediction by Rev. E. E. Morris.

11:00 Service. Prayer by Mrs. Nettie Barnett. Duet by Rev. and Mrs. Reford Wilson. Message, Mrs. Maurice Roach, Durham, N. C. A very inspiring message to all. Offering taken for Foreign Missions. Amount, \$67.68. Hymn, "I Gave My Life for Thee." Benediction by Rev. Maurice Roach.

Afternoon Session: Music for Meditation by Mrs. W. S. Mooneyham. Hymn, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross." Devotional by Rev. Leona Mayfield. Psalms III. Prayer by Rev. Everett Keiffer. Trio, Wewoka Church. Reading of minutes, read and approved.

Going Forward with:

Enlistment—Mrs. Cleo Pursell. Motion carried to accept recommendation.

Our Youth—Mrs. Ralph Staires.

Study Courses—Mrs. Reford Wilson. Trio by Wewoka Church.

Purposeful Programs—Proxy for Mrs. Edna Buckeleau, Mrs. Alice Wood.

Personal Service—Proxy for Mrs. Eileen Melton, Mrs. Leona Mayfield.

Finance—Mrs. E. W. Keiffer.

Solo—Rev. John H. West; Pianist, Mrs. W. S. Mooneyham.

Committee Reports

RESOLUTION

No. 1. Be it resolved that all District Auxiliary officers be standing delegates to the State Convention.

No. 2. Be it resolved that each local Auxiliary be represented by the president and two delegates to the State Convention.

Motion we accept. Carried.

Signed: Committee.

PLAN OF WORK

We, your Committee on Plan of Work, recommend that we follow the 1950 Year Book Plan of Work with the following changes:

No. 1. That each district 2nd vice president be responsible for the Stewardship Declamation Contests.

No. 2. That the 2nd week in January be set aside as Enlistment Week, instead of October.

Signed: Committee.

Motion carried we accept reports.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Auditing Committee, find the Secretary's books complete in every way.

Signed: Committee.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

No. 1. We, the Appreciation Committee, recommend a standing vote of recognition to our visitors from other states, Rev. and Mrs. Maurice W. Roach, North Carolina; Mrs. Blanch Horton, Corpus Christi, Texas.

No. 2. We recommend that this state convention give a standing vote of thanks in appreciation of the lovely floral offering, the fine lunch and the wonderful hospitality to We-woka Church.

Signed: Committee.

Motion carried we accept reports.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

We, the Credential Committee, find Center District 56 members, dues, \$13.50, overpaid, \$2.30. Correct. First Mis-

sion, 96 members, dues \$19.20. Correct. Poteau, 20 members, dues, \$4.00. Correct. First Oklahoma, 40 members, dues paid, \$5.00. Should be \$8.00. Will pay extra \$3.00. Wilburton members, 8, dues, \$2.30, to be added from Center District.

Signed: Committee.

Motion carried to accept report.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We humbly submit to God's Wisdom in calling from our midst our beloved sisters, Mrs. Elsie Worstel, Sulphur, Okla.; Mrs. Ella Smith, Tulsa, Okla. 1st Mission District.

Signed: Committee.

Motion carried to accept report.

A moment of silent prayer in memory of these was given which was concluded by Rev. Weldon Wood.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

Total State Officers, 5; Total District Officers, 13; Total Local Officers, 23; Total Ministers, 16; Total Registering, 72.

Signed: Committee.

Motion carried to accept report.

Election of officers—Prayer by Rev. Melvin Bingham.

President—Bessie Staires, 1347 E. 8th, Apt. 1, Tulsa, Ok.

1st Vice President—Cleo Pursell, Bristow, Okla.

2nd Vice President—Jean Wilson, 1904 S. Central, Oklahoma City, Okla.

3rd Vice President—Bertha Barker, Ada, Okla.

4th Vice President—Daisy O'Donnell, Wewoka, Okla.

5th Vice President—Nettie Barnett, Oklahoma City, Ok.

Secretary and Treasurer—Bertha Keiffer.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

No. 1. We, the Appreciation Committee, recommend that this State Woman's Auxiliary Convention give to the retiring officers a standing vote of thanks for their untiring efforts.

Motion carried.

Signed: Committee.

A standing vote of thanks was given.

Reading by Nona Mae Bowles.

Prayer of dedication for new officers, by Rev. Elda Crane.

Newly-elected president in charge, Mrs. Bessie Staires.

Minutes read and approved.

Prayer by Rev. Reford Wilson, for offering taken, \$7.09.

Motion carried president appoint delegates to National Auxiliary Convention. Delegates were: Mildred Cash, Vivian

Ketchem, Helen Day, La Verda Mooneyham, Bessie West, Nancy Hancock, Alice Wood, Effie Wood, Libbie Collins and Helen Seaton.

Motion carried that we give \$10.00 for State minutes.

Motion carried that we give \$10.00 to host church.

Motion carried that we give State Treasury \$10.00.

Services turned to Rev. Willard Day, host pastor, for announcements and benediction.

Secretary, Bertha Keiffer.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts	\$1,017.83
PAID OUT:	
Dues to National Convention	18.50
College	139.50
Foreign Missions	194.11
Superannuation	47.50
Orphanage	450.85
Literature	31.35
Co-Labor	42.00
Other Expenses	42.55
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TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$966.36
Balance in Treasury	\$ 51.47

SPECIAL CALLED SESSION OF THE STATE ASSOCIATION AT WEWOKA, OKLAHOMA

January 12, 1950

10:00 A. M. Called to order by Chairman of the Executive Board, Rev. Willard Day.

Song, 'I Will Sing the Wondrous Story,' led by Rev. Reford Wilson. Pianist, Rev. Charles Sapp.

Assistant Moderator, Rev. Clay Richey, in charge.

Scripture: I Cor. 13, by Rev. Leonard Crowder.

Prayer by Rev. I. W. Yandell.

Motion carried to elide preaching services today.

Minutes read of the meeting of the Executive State Board, and the representatives of the General Board of the National Association.

Motion carried to accept the report as read and discuss items in order.

Motion carried to accept Item No. 1. (See report of Executive board.)

Motion carried to accept Item No. 2. (See report of Executive board.)

Motion carried to adjourn business session until 1 p. m.

Benediction by Rev. W. S. Mooneyham.

Lunch.

Services opened by singing "There's Within My Heart a Melody," led by Rev. B. F. Rogers.

Prayer by Rev. Weldon Wood.

Business resumed.

Motion carried to accept Item No. 3. (See report of Executive board for items listed.)

The report of the Executive Board with the committee of the National Association was accepted with a unanimous vote of those present at called session.

The final vote was cast with a very cooperative spirit to sustain the Executive board in the action taken.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Benediction by Rev. C. C. Wilson.

STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

Meeting of State Executive Board, December 6, 1949, at the Temporary State Headquarters, 1815 South Central Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

The board met with Brother J. L. Welch and Brother Henry Melvin, who were representatives of the General Board of the National Association, for the purpose of bringing about a mutual understanding of the changes of the treatise.

Brother Willard C. Day, chairman of state board, was in charge. Prayer by Brother Reford Wilson. Brother Welch was then recognized and asked to take charge to present the reason for their coming as stated in the National Minutes of 1949, also also stated why Brother Jim Miller did not come and why Brother Melvin was sent. Through courtesy, a motion was made to receive Brother Henry Melvin as the other representative.

The chairman then asked that the objections of the revision be presented. Brother Morris presented the first objection which pertained to that of receiving members into the church. He read, first, to the brethren the refusal of the state body to accept the changes and stated that this board could only recommend the agreements that might be reached. Brother J. L. Welch answered the objection, giving the reason for the change. The other members of the board were given

opportunity to state their views and understandings on the matter in the following order: Brothers Clay Richey, Willard Day and W. E. Wilson.

Motion and second that we adjourn for lunch.

Afternoon Meeting

Motion and second that Brother Reford Wilson be given a voice as a proxy for Brother Harry Staires in this meeting. Brother Welch then explained the change concerning the service of deacons, which was agreeable to all. The next item presented was in the change of doctrinal statements (chapter 22, changing the word "general" to "final"). The conclusion was that an agreement could be reached if both of the words, "general" and "final," were left out and stated as

THE JUDGMENT AND A JUDGMENT.

Motion made and seconded that the following recommendations be recommended to a special-called session of the Oklahoma State Association:

Item 1. That Section 5 on Government of Church, paragraph 2, on receiving of members according to regular methods does not conflict with Section 3 on meetings of Church, paragraph 4, clause "e," but refers to the voting of raising of hands, taking a negative vote, etc. In other words, the Church must vote on the receiving of members but according to rules and methods of local Church.

Item 2. Pertaining to Deacons. The Board believes that there must be some control of the work of the Deacon and that we agree that Section 2 is sufficient.

Item 3. The Board in agreement with Brother J. L. Welch and Brother Henry Melvin have reached a mutual understanding of Chapter 22, Page 37. That the chapter be titled "The Judgment and Final Retribution" and that it should read as follows: "There will be a judgment when time and man's probation will close forever. Then all men will be judged according to their works." Omitting the word "final" before the word "judgment." And that Paragraph 2 shall read: "Final Retribution." "Immediately after this judgment the righteous will enter into eternal life and the wicked will go into a state of endless punishment." Omitting the words, "the final" preceding the word "judgment."

Brother Welch then stated that we should give God thanks for His leadership through the day, and Rev. E. E. Morris was called on to lead us in prayer.

Motion made that we meet with the Wewoka Church, Thursday, January 12, 1950, at 10:00 a. m., that the State Board may present to the State Association the agreements made by the State Executive Board with the representatives of the General Board of the National Association relative to the revision of the treatise.

Motion and second that we adjourn.

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 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.

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 endorsed 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.

