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Rev. W	ade JerniganAssis 127 E. Hays, Norman, Oklahoma	tant Clerk
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The next session of the State Association will be held at the First Free Will Baptist Church, McAlester, Oklahoma, on Tuesday night, before the Fourth Sunday in October. (October 21 - 23, 1952).

EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Sulphur, Oklahoma
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· 2432 S.W. 36th, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
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Rev. E. E. Morris, 2432 S.W. 36th, Oklahoma City, Okla5 years
Rev. Everett Hellard, 1030 E. Walnut, Cushing, Okla4 years
Rev. Weldon Wood, 420 S. Ash Street, Ada, Okla3 years
Rev. Bill Ketchum, Route 1, Coweta, Okla2 years
Rev. Harry Lee, Star Route, Haywood, Okla1 year
MISSION BOARD
Rev. Dennis O'Donnell5 years
Cromwell, Oklahoma
Rev. Ed. Sunday4 years Box 241, Healdton, Oklahoma
Rev. Earl Jensen3 years
331 No. B, McAlester, Oklahoma
Rev. Wade Jernigan2 years
Norman, Oklahoma
Rev. D. B. Hellard1 year 604 S. Oklahoma Street, Sapulpa, Okla.
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Rev. Claud Chisum5 years Non, Oklahoma
Rev. George Scott4 years
1904 S. Central, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Rev. L. C. Crowder3 years
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Bro. C. C. Higgins1 year
Route 1, Sulphur, Oklahoma

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

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Rev. Lonnie DaVault	5 years		
	4 years		
	3 years		
Rev. Everett Hellard	2 years		
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Rev. W. S. Mooneyham	reet, Sulphur, Oklahoma		
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GENER	AL BOARD		
Rev. D. B. Hellard	First Missions Association		
Mrs. Mildred Cash	First Oklahoma Association		
Rev. Marion Caton			
Rev. Leonard Crowder	Old Eureka Association		
Rev. Bill Ketchum	Grand River Association		
Rev. Frank Wharton	Southeastern AssociationGaines Creek Association		
Rev. Weldon Wood	Center Association		
Bro. N. C. Ballew	Hopewell No. 2 Association		
Bro. T. H. King	Hopewell No. 1 Association		
Bro. Oma Viles	Eastern Association		
Rev. W. A. Hearron	Dibble Association		
This board will meet with the executive board one day preceding the state associtaion, October 21, 1952. PUBLICATION BOARD			
Rev. W. S. Mooneyham	5 years		
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SUNDAY S	CHOOL BOARD		
Rev. John West	5 years, Chairman		
	4 years, Clerk		
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	2 years		
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Committees appointed for	the 1951 session of the Association.		
Resolution Committee:	Temperance:		
Rev. Paul Pursell	J. E. Renniger		
Rev. Dennis O'Donnell	W. H. DaVault		
Rev. Melvin Bingham	Henry O'Donnell		
Rev. Ed. Sunday Rev. W. T. Roberts	John Wood		
Rev. W. T. Roberts	Dick Norwood		

Music:

E. A. O'Donnell Cleo Pursell Everett Hellard Claud Chisum Randolph Oller

Auditing:

W. E. Wilson Gene Winfrey Clifford Inbody George Scott T. O. Dunn

Obituary:

W. H. DaVault Edna DeHart Goldie Jensen N. R. Smith Nettie Barnett

Pulpit Committee:

Ralph Staten Elis Standford Dick Norwood Tom Priest Bro. Arnold

OPENING SESSION

The Forty-second Annual Session of the State Association of Free Will Baptists, meeting October 23 - 25, 1951, at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Wewoka, Oklahoma, opened with singing the hymn, "Joy Unspeakable" led by Bro. Ted Shipley, Wewoka, Oklahoma.

The Invocation was given by Rev. Tommie Roberts, Tulsa, Oklahoma. The Congregation sang Home of the Soul. Special number by the Wewoka Trio "Home Coming Week."

Testimonial service led by Bro. Dennis O'Donnell, a wonderful spirit was felt throughout the service.

Special number by the Wewoka Trio, "Peace in the Valley." Rev. Ralph Staten, host pastor, introduced the speaker for the evening, Rev. Harry Staires, Oilton, using for Scripture lesson Revelation 1:5-6, Subject: "Gratitude for Grace." Bro. Staires stated that an Angel of request goes back to God full handed, and the Angel of praise goes back almost empty handed. He also stated what the world needs tonight is a cleansing, for this cleansing we need to praise God. Feeling is not salvation but when you get salvation you will feel it.

Invitational number "Who at My Door Is Standing?" The Invitation was given by Bro. Harry Staires.

Dismissed from service by Rev. Wade Jernigan, Norman, Okla. .

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Song Service, W. S. Mooneyham, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arm"; Pianist, Rev. Cleo Pursell, Bristow, Okla.; Scripture, Rev. Vard Wood, Shawnee, Okla.; Prayer, Rev. Paul E. Pursell, Bristow, Okla.

Motion made and accepted that we adopt the program as our guide in business.

Motion carried to receive partial report of General Board as Credential Committee.

Election of officers for this session as follows:

Rev. John H. West, Tulsa ______Moderator Rev. Clay Richey, Blanchard _____Assistant Moderator Rev. Weldon Wood, Ada _____Clerk Rev. Wade Jernigan, Norman _____Assistant Clerk

Motion accepted that the General Board give its report in the morning instead of the stated time on program.

Motion to receive General Board report item by item.

Letter read from Rev. Willard Day, Missouri, and his resignation accepted.

Motion that General Board report be tabled until 2:15 p.m.

Recess conference for morning service. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Gilbert Pixley, Ft. Smith, Ark.

11:00 A.M. Service

Song Service: Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Sulphur. "Higher Ground."

Pianist: Mrs. W. S. Mooneyham.

Prayer: Rev. D. H. O'Donnell, Cromwell. Song: "I Know Whom I Have Believed."

Message: Rev. Henry Melvin, Business Manager of FWBBC, Nashville, Tenn.

Subject: "Acting Without Thinking," Gal. 2:21, 3:1-3.

Brother Melvin told us that our faith must rest upon the crucifixion of our Saviour and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. He further stated that our salvation is not in material possessions.

Benediction: Rev. W. H. Carter, Bristow.

1:30 P.M.

Song Service: Rev. Everett Hellard, Cushing. "Glory to His Name."

Devotional: Rev. Claude Chisum, Non, reading Psalms 143.

Welcome Address: Rev. Ralph Staten, host pastor.

Response: Rev. Everett Hellard.

Report of the State League Rally was read and accepted. (See Reports).

Report of special Orphanage Investigating Committee read and

accepted. (See Reports).

Report of the General Board was brought from the table at 2:15 p.m. and accepted in its entirety. The report included reports from the special Orphanage Investigating Committee, Orphanage treasurer, Executive Secretary and Mission Board. (See Reports section for these). The General Board also presented a Constitution, which was adopted, and made the following recommendations:

"Because there are conditions existing at the Children's Home, which we feel make several changes necessary, we make the follow-

ing recommendations:

 That all rules and former transactions concerning the governing of the Children's Home be completely abrogated.

(2). That we accept the offer which the city of Bristow has made, and move the children to Bristow from the home at Ringling."

Both the recommendations were accepted.

Report of the Orphanage Board was read to the body.

Letters were read and accepted from the following associations: Dibble, Southeastern, Grand River, Old Eureka, First Oklahoma, Hopewell No. 2, Center, Canadian, Eastern, Gaines Creek, First Mission, Hopewell No. 1.

Motion to adjourn until 9 a.m. Thursday. Benediction by Rev.

W. E. Warner, Sapulpa.

Wednesday, 7:30 P.M.

Song service: Rev. Everett Hellard, "Since Jesus Came into

My Heart" and "Send the Light."

Pianist: Rev. Henry Melvin, Nashville, Tenn.

Prayer: Rev. Leonard Crowder, Stigler.

Quartet: Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Evans, Rev. Ralph Staten, Mrs. H. M. Phillips, "Mansion Over the Hilltop," Coleen Howell, pianist.

Larry Tipton, "We Won't Be in Here Long." Rev. Everett Hellard, "Ship Ahoy."

Testimonies: Rev. W. A. Carter. A very inspirational service. Message: Rev. E. E. Morris, Oklahoma City. Text: Isaiah 9:6.

Subject: "The Wonderful Counsellor." Brother Morris stated in his message that a lot of great men have come and gone, but none could compare with our Saviour. He further stated that a lot of men have died. but none have died like Christ.

Benediction: Rev. Bailey Thompson, Wolf.

Thursday, 9:00 A.M.

Song service: Rev. Leonard Crowder, Stigler.

Pianist: Mrs. Cleo Pursell, Bristow.

Devotional: Rev. Frank Wharton, Atoka, reading Psalm 20. Motion to accept Christian Education Board report. (See Re-

Report of the Executive Board read and accepted. (See Re-

ports).

Report of Orphanage Treasurer accepted. (See Reports).

Report of the State Treasurer accepted with commendation. (See Reports).

Rev. Henry Melvin, Business Manager, gave a report of the

Free Will Baptist Bible college.

Report of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention was received with commendation. (See Reports).

Reports of the Statistician and Publications Board accepted. (See Reports).

Two items were presented by the Resolution Committee, and both were accepted. (See Committee Reports).

Report of the Auditing Committee was accepted. (See Com-

mittee Reports).

Thursday, 11:00 A.M.

Song service: Rev. Ralph Staten. "Higher Ground."

Pianist: Rev. Henry Melvin.

Quartet: "Pray the Clouds Away." Delbert Akin, Claude Chisum, E. A. O'Donnell, Marion Caton.

Quartet: "That Will Be the Last Move." Delbert Akin, Everett Hellard, Dale Munkus, E. A. O'Donnell.

Message: Rev. Wade Jernigan, using Psalm 23, and John 10:11.

Prayer: Rev. W. V. Wood, Shawnee.

Subject of the message was "Christ," the Good Shepherd." Brother Jernigan stated that a good shepherd must purchase his sheep not by trickery, but by paying the highest price. He added that Christ gave the supreme price.

Benediction: Rev. D. B. Hellard, Sapulpa.

Thursday, 1:00 P.M.

Motion carried that the General Board elect from their body an Auditing Committee to audit the books one day preceding the state association.

Report of the Music Committee accepted. (See Committee Reports). Acting on recommendation No. 2, Rev. W. S. Mooneyham was elected music director for the next state association.

Report of the Obituary Committee read and accepted. (See

Committee Reports). Report followed by silent prayer.

Motion carried that the bills of \$6.53 be allowed, and that all

committees be discharged.

Rev. Ed S. Sunday gave the report of the state promotional worker for missions, and the report was accepted. (See Reports).

Rev. Clay Richey was elected to bring the introductory message at the forty-third session, October 21-23, 1952, at McAlester, Okla. Rev. Paul Pursell was elected alternate.

The following delegates were elected to the national association: W. H. DaVault, W. A. DeHart, B. B. Bailes, Tom Priest, Earl Stevenson, Irene Collings, Laura Arnold, Audrey Overlease, Trula Thompson, Orval Arnold.

The resignation of Rev. John H. West from the Executive Board was accepted, and Rev. Weldon Wood was elected to fill

the vacancy.

Motion that all Board members be paid five cents per mile for travel expense to and from Board meetings.

Motions accepted that clerks and moderators be paid \$20.00.

Election of officers. (See list at front of minutes).

Motion passed to adjourn until Tuesday night, October 21, 1952. There followed an old fashioned handshaking and fellowship period while singing "Amazing Grace."

REPORTS SECTION

Orphanage Investigating Committee:

Working under the authorization of the Oklahoma State Association of Free Will Baptists, a special committee composed of the State Orphanage and Executive Board met May 21, 1951, at Sulphur to hear testimony by Rev. and Mrs. Rex Weatherman as to discrepancies in regard to monetary matters during their administration of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home.

After several hours of testimony and questions, the committee

took the following action:

- (1). Passed a motion that we recommend to Rev. and Mrs. Weatherman that they pay the sum of \$1,000 into the Orphanage treasury.
- (2). Passed a motion that this amount may be paid at the rate of \$50.00 a month.
- (3). Agreed that if these terms are not accepted by them that we have no alternative than to turn the evidence we have in our possession to an attorney for full prosecution.

It was also stipulated at this meeting that the money be sent to the state association treasurer to be kept in a special account until this action had been approved by the state association. To date, only one \$25.00 payment has been received.

Rev. E. E. Morris, Vice-chairman Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Secretary

General Board Report:

Officers of the General Board are Rev. E. E. Morris, chairman; Mrs. Melvin Bingham, secretary, and Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, assistant secretary.

Report of the Orphanage Treasurer accepted. (See below).

Report of special Orphanage Investigating Committee accepted.

Report of special Orphanage Investigating Committee accepted. (See above).

Report of Executive Secretary was received with commendation. (See below).

Report of the Mission Board was read by Rev. E. S. Sunday and accepted, with the mission Treasurer report. (See below).

(For rest of General Board report and recommendations, see their report on a preceding page in the minutes).

Orphanage Treasurer:

Report from January 13, 1951, to September 31, 195	51.
Balance, January 13, 1951\$ 33.47	(deficit)
Total contributions 6691.78	
Loan from Jack Hopkins 500.00	
Loan from Bank of Ringling 1500.00	
	\$8658.31
Disbursements\$7474.17	
Payment of old debts 483.30	
Payment to Jack Hopkins for loan 500.00	
Payment on Bank of Ringling loan 76.83	
Balance on hand, 9/31/51 124.01	
	\$8658.31

W. A. DeHart, Treasurer

\$8658.31

State League Rally:

The Oklahoma State League Rally sends greetings, and as our delegates we send Jo Ann Pearcy, Johnny Hancock and Ann Green. Associations represented this year at the rally were Canadian, First Oklahoma, First Mission and Old Eureka.

There were 175 young people present, and God wonderfully

blessed. There were ten saved.

Rev. Wade Jernigan, President Eileen Melton, Recording Sec'y. Agnes Oliver, Corresponding Sec'y

State Mission Board:

We met six times this year. Our first meeting was at the First Mission campground with three members present. The second meeting was held February 28 at Wewoka with the national Home Mission director, Rev. W. C. Day; the Foreign Mission director, Rev. J. Reford Wilson, and the state Executive Secretary, Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, and with three Board members present.

The third meeting was at the Henryetta church with three

members present. The fourth meeting was at the Blue Bell church September 19, but the business meeting was postponed. The next meeting was October 1, again at Blue Bell church, but the business meeting was again postponed until at least three members were present.

We then met October 15 at Wewoka. Promotional worker made his financial report and the treasurer gave his report. Here is a summary of our work:

We have sponsored four churches at Blanchard, Duncan, Prague and Eufaula. These churches received \$100 each, except Duncan which received \$116.75.

Receipts by D. B. Hellard, treasurer	1900.32
Rev. E. S. Sunday, promotional worker	1247.57
Total receipts	3147.89
Disbursements	3030.03
Balance in treasury, October 15	117.86

Christian Education Board:

First meeting was held in February, 1951, and officers elected as follows: Rev. Reford Wilson, chairman; Rev. Everett Hellard, clerk.

1. Explanation of financial program by Brother Melvin.

2. Goal of \$2,500 to be raised by June 1, 1951.

3. Each Board member made responsible for \$500 of total goal.

4. An itinerary was made by the FWBBC quartet from July 15 to August 5, and 26 concerts were given.

Executive Board:

Meetings were held and action taken, as follows:

December 19, 1950, Shawnee, Okla.-In this meeting the Board considered the money of the Mission Board and referred them to the resolution which states there will be one treasurer, therefore we recommend that the money for missions be sent to the state treasurer.

Rev. W. S. Mooneyham requested the sum of \$200 to promote the work of the Executive Office. The Board recommended that larger churches pay \$10 and the smaller churches \$5. We also recommended that 1,000 minutes be printed.

January 9, 1951, Ringling, Okla.—This meeting held at the request of the Orphanage Board to audit the books of the Children's Home. In this audit, we found that conditions warranted immediate action, therefore we recommended that the Orphanage Board take immediate action, and that the treasurer be elected separate from the superintendent.

March 1, 1951, Oklahoma City-The Board in this meeting recommended that the Orphanage Board take immediate action to clear up and dispose of the Weatherman case. We also approved

an itinerary for the Free Will Baptist Bible college quartet.

May 4, 1951-Voted to meet at Duncan May 17 to investigate the organization of a Free Will Baptist church there. Rev. F. A. McCage offered his resignation as member and clerk of the Board, and Rev. John H. West was elected to fill his place until the state association. We called a special session of the state association May 15, 1951, at Bristow.

May 21, 1951, Sulphur, Okla.—The Executive Board and

Orphanage Board met in joint session and the resolution of the special session was discussed with the Weathermans.

Association Treasurer:

General Fund receipts	\$ 350.46
General Fund disbursements	_ 318.34
Balance in General Fund	. 32.12
Bible College receipts	
Bible College disbursements	1483.11
National Home Missions receipts	
National Home Missions disbursements	736.22
"His Name Among All Nations" receipts	68.00
"His Name Among All Nations" disbursements	68.00
Foreign Missions receipts	
Foreign Missions disbursements	1213.53
Co-Laborer Band receipts	172.86
Co-Laborer Band disbursements	172.86
Orphanage receipts	_ 5.00
Orphanage disbursements	5.00
State Home Missions receipts	992.01
State Home Missions disbursements	641.75
Balance, State Home Missions	350.26
Superannuation receipts	583.33
No superannuation disbursements	
Total receipts in all funds	5629.52
Total disbursements	
Balance on hand	
Balance in Reimbursement fund	
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Mrs. Verdun Bingham, Association Treasurer

Publications Board:

We are sponsoring one publication, THE SMALL VOICE, which is growing rapidly. The circulation is around 900 at present, but hope it will be in every Free Will Baptist home soon.

We realize keenly the need for additional literature, such as tracts, informative pamphlets, etc. Two pamphlets promoting the state missions program were printed last year. Other free literature may be had by writing the National Foreign Mission Board, the National Home Mission Board and the National Promotional Secretary.

We urge every local church to use fully the advertising media which are available to keep the Free Will Baptist cause before the world.

Statistician:

	C1 1	70.00	Property	Mem. gain or
Association	Churches	Membership	Value	loss over 1950
Grand River	22	1,369	\$ 64,000	-145
Old Eureka	32	1,554	75,000	-663
Center	11	1,019	71,000	14
Gaines Creek _		600	24,000	400
Hopewell No. 2	6	250	15,000	-125
First Mission _		2,597	283,000	11
Canadian	10	939	20,700	65

Hopewell No. 1 4	322	7,000	-11`
Roberts-McGee 11	247		-145
First Oklahoma 14	1,196	92,000	-72
Dibble 8	1,028	75,000	34
Southeastern 9	300	20,000	76
North East 5		•	
TOTALS156	11,614	\$756,820	-561

Woman's Auxiliary Convention:

The eleventh annual State Woman's Auxiliary convention met at the First Free Will Baptist church, Wewoka, Okla., October 23, 1951.

Theme: "The Hour Is Come" John 12:23

Watchword: Glorify Him

Convention Hymn: "It Is Glory Just to Walk with Him"

Hymn of Praise: Mildred Cash

Pianist: Cleo Pursell

Devotional: Kathleen Johns, reading I Chron. 29:1-6.

Prayer: Rev. Ralph Staten Welcome: Mrs. Ralph Staten

Greetings from: Mrs. Hubert Sloan, national president; Mrs. J. E. Frazier, national Executive Secretary-Treasurer; Mrs. Eunice Edwards, national First Vice President, and District Conventions.

President's Message: Mrs. Ralph Staires, "Women, the Master

is Come and Calleth for Thee." Very inspirational message.

Hymn: Amazing Grace"
Prayer: Rev. L. A. Yandell

Committees Appointed: Registration—Cherry Fipps and Alice Wood; Resolution—Freda Hill, Viola Meadows, Mildred Cash, Alice Holliday; Appreciation—Ethel Renegar, Thelma Clark and Beatrice Haas; Obituary—Irene Collings, Norman Cope and Osie Higgins. Credential—Myrtle Richburg, Glenara Staires and Wanda Sangster.

The message of Rev. George W. Scott, Oklahoma City, built around the theme, "The Hour is Come," highlighted the session.

Cleo Pursell reviewed the progress of 1951 and read and explained the changes in the 1952 manual. Reports were given by convention officers, followed by chorus time led by Rev. W. S. Mooneyham.

Norma Jean Landers, Bristow, will represent the state in the National Declamation contest.

National Convention delegates are Glenara Staires, LaVerda Mooneyham, Thelma Clark, Opal O'Donnell, Myrl Wilson, Lorene Borden, Irene Collings, Bessie West, Effie Wood, Wanda Barnett.

Installation service led by Rev. Weldon Wood. Officers are Bessie Staires, president; Cleo Pursell, first vice president; La-Verda Mooneyham, second vice president; Glenara Staires, third vice president; Verdun Bingham, fourth vice president; Nettie Barnett, fifth vice president; Cherry Fipps, Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

Resolutions adopted as follows:

(1) That second vice presidents make renewed efforts to enlist the full cooperation of Auxiliaries to promote Vacation Bible schools in each church in the state, for we fully realize that the strategy of tomorrow is training the youth of today.

(2) That in members there is strength, therefore all first vice presidents double—yes, triple—their efforts to win new new members and try to keep all former members.

(3) That we do not turn in inactive members to our state

convention.

1) That we return to First Oklahoma association the amount paid in on their inactive members, \$3.20.

(5) That each district convention pay \$1.88 to reimburse the treasury for the \$11.30 spent for national convention dues. This includes First Mission, First Oklahoma, Center, Hopewell No. 2, Wilburton and Poteau.

(6) That we send \$15 to state treasurer for our minutes.

(7) That the names of our new officers be listed in our completed directory.

Plan of Work Committee report: That we adopt all changes made in the National Convention.

Financial Report: \$1,125.86, compared with \$724.76 last year.

Goal for 1952: Win more souls to Christ. Last year one was reported. This year there were approximately 70 reported.

Missions Promotional Worker:

Report includes work from February 4, 1951, to October 15, 1951.
Grand River association\$ 324.34
First Mission association 296.65
Old Eureka association 163.02
Center association 111.53
First Oklahoma association 98.67
Canadian association 54.23
Eastern association 52.56
Roberts-McGee association 40.57
Hopewell No. 2 association 34.18
Hopewell No. 1 association 5.05
Other churches and organizations 66.77
Total\$1247.57
Less 40% for promotional work 499.02
Net for Free Will Baptist Missions 738.55
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I visited ten associations and met about 100 churches in individual and joint services. The total offering was turned to the missions treasurer and the 40% was deducted for promotional work after he received it. I met with moderate success in the promotional work. On the whole, the missions outlook is very encouraging.

Respectfully submitted, Rev. Ed. S. Sunday

Resolution Committee:

(1) Be it resolved that no one be elected to any standing Board that is not present at the conference.

2) Be it resolved that this body give a rising vote of thanks to this church for its splendid hospitality.

Auditing Committee:

We, the Auditing Committee, wish to submit our approval of the financial report of the state Executive Office.

We, the Auditing Committee, wish to submit our approval of the state Sunday School financial report and transfer the figures to the journal. We also submit our approval of the state Orphanage treasurer's report and the state Association treasurer's report.

Music Committee:

We, your Committee on Music, recommend the following:

(1) That each church sponsor regular choir practice.

(2) That a music director be elected who shall work with the Program Committee to provide a planned program of music for the next state Association.

Obituary Committee:

We find that God in His infinite wisdom has called from the following:

Center association	14
Dibble association	9
First Mission association	15
First Oklahoma association	5
Canadian association	12
Old Eureka association	22
Grand River association	
Hopewell No. 2 association	
Gaines Creek association	- 5
Eastern association	
Total	

Report of the Executive Secretary To the Forty-Second Annual Session of the Oklahoma State Association of FREE WILL BAPTISTS

October 23 - 25, 1951

At least ten new churches organized, a new district association started, outside contributions totaling nearly \$19,000—these and other evidences of unprecedented progress will be featured in this report.

While our achievements seem small when viewed beside the pressing needs, yet the associational year of 1950-51 has been one of unparalleled activity. The year has been marked with an upsurge of genuine revival spirit. If we follow with increasing devotion the pattern set this year there is nothing that can keep us from going on to greater spiritual victories.

The whole story cannot be told in figures—but the material progress shown in this report may well serve as a measuring stick to help us see the "State of the Church".

State Mission Activity

Perhaps not in a single year has there ever been as much interest in the field at home. This is evidenced by the number of new churches which have sprung up in every section of the state. An incomplete report shows ten new organizations this year—actually there have been more than a dozen. Those reported are at Skiatook, Duncan, Eufaula, Lindsay, Santa Fe, Spring Valley, Oolagah, Vera, Oke-

mah, and Broken Arrow. A mission is being sponsored at Alsuma by the Lewis Avenue church, Tulsa, and an organization is expected soon.

A new district association—Northeastern—was also organized this year with five churches.

Outside Contributions

Our churches gave nearly \$19,000 last year to outside causes. It is not a staggering sum—on the contrary, it is a pittance considering that we have nearly 200 churches—but it is more than we have ever done before. Simple arithmetic will show that it is less than \$100 a year from each church for all causes. A breakdown on our giving looks like this:

Orphanage		\$10,127,77
Missions (state,	national and foreign)	4,716.87
Superannuation		. 583.33
Total		\$18 797 9A

Work of State Executive Office

The work of the state Executive Office this year centered around four projects: Missions promotion, distributing information, establishing a new church in Duncan and working to get the 1952 sessions of the national conventions to Shawnee. We feel that, in a measure, all four projects have been successful.

Mission Promotion. In cooperation with the state Mission Board, the state directors and Rev. E. S. Sunday, state promotional worker, we have been busy promoting the missions program adopted by this body last year. Our particular phase of the campaign has been the preparation of literature, of which several thousand pieces have been distributed.

Information. We have tried to make the Executive Office an information center to keep our ministers posted on current needs, trends and plans. One issue of a mimeographed news-sheet, The Pastors Bulletin, was mailed out. Others were planned, but not finished because of the lack of time.

New Church. Through the efforts of the Executive Office a new church was organized at Duncan July 21 with twenty charter members. A building has been acquired, and the Rev. Jack Dodson called as pastor. The church has excellent prospects.

National Association. Together with the state Executive Board and the national promotional secretary, Rev. Damon C. Dodd, we have arranged for the 1952 sessions of the national conventions to be held in July at Shawnee. The city sent a representative to the last session of the national association and made an official invitation. They have offered the use of their municipal auditorium, which seats 2,700, and have pledged their fullest cooperation. You will hear more about it at this session as we make plans to insure its being the greatest national convention in our history.

Financial Report

Received:

Balance	brought	forward	\$ 170.58
Pleasant	Hill chu	rch	 5.00

Pleasant Grove church	5.00	1.1
Wewoka church		
Rev. I. L. Florence, Poteau		
Holdenville church	5.00	
McAlester church	5.00	4
Non church		
Capitol Hill church, Okla. City	10.00	
Schoolton church, Okemah	5.00	
Dibble church	5.00	
Central Ave. church, Okla. City	10.00	
Mrs. Melvin Bingham		
Tex-homa Ministers conference, refund on stamps		
Total	\$273.58	
Disbursements:	.φ	
Office expense (postage, phone, wires, express, etc.)	\$ 88.34	
Promotional expense		
(travel, advertising, pictures, etc.)		
Printing	52.07	
Office equipment and supplies	36.56	
Secretarial help	8.86	
Total	\$255.22	
BALANCE ON HAND, October 23, 1951	15	5.01
Respectfully submitted		
W. S. Mooneyham		
Executive Secretary		

Associational Letters

For statistical report of the associations, please see report of the Statistican.

- CANADIAN: Delegates—Loy Shivers, Jim Martin, Mr. Lyle.

 Moderator—Rev. Ernest Harrison, Box 151, Weleetka, Okla.

 Clerk—Mrs. Gene Overlease, Box 344, Weleetka, Okla.
- FIRST MISSION: Delegates—Mrs. John West, Mrs. Richard Shade, Mrs. Staires, Mrs. A. F. Fipps, Mrs. Collins.
 Moderator—Rev. Melvin Bingham, 1922 N. Lewis Ave., Tulsa, Okla.
 Clerk—Rev. E. J. Wilson, 2229 S. Quannah, Tulsa, Okla.
- HOPEWELL NO. 2: Delegates—Noah Smith, Mrs. Noah Smith, Mrs. W. A. DeHart, Mrs. Floyd Carroll.

 Moderator—N. C. Ballew, Wirt, Okla.

 Clerk—Mrs. Grace Brandon, Box 275, Wirt, Okla.
- HOPEWELL NO. 1: Delegates—Rev. B. G. Greenway, Jim Williams. Moderator—Rev. A. D. Marchant, 724 W. Day, Denison, Texas. Clerk—Mrs. Hattie Williams, Route 4, Atoka, Oklahoma.
- FIRST OKLAHOMA: Delegates—E. C. Ketchem, W. W. Hunt, Dale Munkus, Mrs. Nettie Barnett, Della Cluck. Moderator—Rev. Wade Jernigan, 127 E. Hayes, Norman, Okla. Clerk—Mrs. Mildred Cash, Box 316, Gainesville, Texas.

- SOUTHEASTERN: Delegates—Mrs. Georgia McKinney, Mrs. Bertha Wharton, Mrs. Mattie Arnold. Moderator—Rev. Frank Wharton, Route 2, Atoka, Okla. Clerk—Mrs. Georgia McKinney, Valliant, Okla.
- DIBBLE: Delegates—Mrs. Anna DaVault, Mrs. Vicie Hopkins, Mrs. Essie Hearron.
 Moderator—Rev. B. T. Kirby, 2221 S.W. 30th, Oklahoma City, Okla.
 Clerk—Mrs. Opal Hearron, 4601 Melrose, Oklahoma City, Okla.
- OLD EUREKA: Delegates—B. B. Bailes, Gene Medlock, Bill Apple.

 Moderator—Rev. L. C. Crowder, Box 533, Stigler, Okla.

 Clerk—Fred Duncan, Stigler, Okla.
- EASTERN: Delegates—Rev. Raymond Qualls, Mrs. Raymond Qualls, Leon Walkup, W. M. Thornton.

 Moderator—Rev. P. N. Qualls, Route 3, Box 3, Muldrow, Okla.

 Clerk—Miss Belle Viles, Route 3, Box 4, Muldrow, Okla.
- GAINES CREEK: Delegates—Geneva Hoover, Mollie Myers, Pauline Williams.
 Moderator—Rev. Earl Jensen, 331 North B St., McAlester, Okla.
 Clerk—Mrs. Effie Henderson, 117 Jefferson Ave., Eufaula, Okla.
- CENTER: Delegates—Irene Collings, Christine Barnes, Flora Carter, Mary Kees, LaVerda Mooneyham. Moderator—Rev. F. M. Wood, 720 West 4th, Ada, Okla. Clerk—Virgil Hunt, 501 N. Beard, Ada, Okla.
- GRAND RIVER: Delegates—Ozella Littlefield, Letha McLaughlin, Faye Gurley, Francis Stepp, C. E. McIntyre.

 Moderator—Rev. Bill Ketchum, Route 1, Coweta, Okla.

 Clerk—Mrs. Bill Ketchum, Route 1, Coweta, Okla.
- ROBERTS-McGEE: Delegates—W. Dorey, L. A. Yandell, J. E. Yandell,
 Moderator—Rev. J. R. Raper, Route 1, Howe, Okla.
 Clerk—Mrs. Pauline Keeney, Route 1, Howe, Okla.

Ministers Registered

NAME	CHURCH	ASSOCIATION	ADDRESS
Claud C. Chisum	Non	Canadian	Non, Box 2
Ben Pixley	Non	Canadian	Rudy, Arkansas
T. A. Priest	Non	Canadian	Non
Carl D. Shivers	Vanzant	Canadian	Paden, Route 1
		Canadian	Holdenville, Box 103
W. S. Mooneyham	Sulphur, First		Sulphur, 1302 W. 13th
Weldon Wood	Ada	Center	Ada, 420 S. Ash
E. A. O'Donnell	E. Sulphur	Dibble	Stonewall, Route 2
Clay Richey	Blanchard	Dibble	Blanchard, Box 97
R. Sherman Webb		Dibble	Blanchard, Route 4
. Oma Viles	Cotton Wood	Eastern	Muldrow, Route 3
W. A. Viles	Cotton Wood	Eastern	Muldrow, Route 3
L. C. Crowder	Stigler	Eureka	Stigler, Box 533
W. H. Carter	Liberty	First Mission	Bristow
Sadie Fincher		First Mission	Cushing, 213 E. 5th Street
D. B. Hellard	Blue Bell	First Mission	Sapulpa, 604 S. Oklahoma

NAME

CHURCH

ASSOCIATION ADDRESS

E. D. Hellard C. E. Holeman Mrs. Ida Holeman Mrs. Ida Holema
L. R. Holmes
Cleo Pursell
Paul E. Pursell
W. T. Roberts
D. C. Sharp
Ralph Staten
L. N. Vail
John H. West Wade Jernigan E. E. Morris E. E. Morris
D. H. O'Donnell
Geo. W. Scott
W. V. Wood
C. R. Fassio
Earl Jensen Earl Jensen McAlester
Harry Lee Lone Grov
J. D. Stepp Bixby
Edd. S. Sunday Healdton
Walter Flickinger
Herbert Stalnaker Wilburton
J. E. Yandell
L. A. Yandell
Frank Wharton
Gilbert Pixley Highway

Cushing Olive Olive New Home Bristow Bristow New Home Wewoka.

Allen Tulsa, First Norman Capitol Hill Seminole Central Ave. Shawnee Eufaula McAlester Lone Grove

Center Point Highway 71

First Mission Oklahoma First First Oklahoma First Oklahoma First Oklahoma First Oklahoma Gaines Creek Gaines Creek Gaines Creek Gaines Creek Grand River Hopewell No. 2 Roberts-McGee Roberts-McGee Roberts-McGee Roberts-McGee

First Mission

Cushing, Box 11 Cushing, Box 11 Bristow, Route 2, Box 252 Bristow, Route 2, Box 252 Tulsa, Route 9, Box 230 Bristow, Box 997 Bristow, Box 997 Bristow, Box 997
Bristow, Box 997
Bristow, Box 997
Tulsa, Route 9, Box 412
Wewoka, Route 2, Box 273
Wewoka, Rox 868
Sapulpa, Route 1
Tulsa, 833 N. Utica
Norman, 127 E. Hayes
Oklahoma City, 2482 S.W. 36th
Cromwell, General Delivery
Oklahoma City, 1904 S. Central
Shawnee, 129 S. Draper
Eufaula, General Delivery
McAlester, 331 N. B Street
Haywood, Star Route
Bixby, Box 437 Bixby, Box 437 Healdton, Box 241 Wilburton, Route 2 Wilburton Roberts-McGee
Roberts-McGee
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Red Oak, Star Route
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Atoka, Route 2
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Atoka, Arkansas

Special Called Session

of the

STATE ASSOCIATION

Bristow, Okla.

The special called session of the State Association of Free Will Baptists, met at Bristow, Oklahoma, May 15, 1951, at the Free Will Baptist Church.

"Love Lifted Me," Ed Sunday. Song service:

Pianist: Mrs. Willard Day.

Scripture Reading: Rev. Willard Day.

Prayer: Rev. Willard Day.

A brief report of the State Executive Board was read by the moderator.

Rules of order was read by the moderator.

Motion carried for moderator to appoint assistant moderator for this session. Rev. Harry Staires was appointed.

The moderator appointed the following Business Committee:

Rev. Ed Sunday, chairman.

Rev. Everett Hellard Rev. Melvin Bingham.

Rev. I. W. Yandell.

Rev. Vard Wood.

Adjourned for 30 minutes, dismissed in prayer by Bro. N. C. Ballew.

11:15 A.M.

Song service: "Work for the Night Is Coming." Leonard Crowder.

Pianist: Mrs. Willard Day. Prayer: Rev. James Franklin.

Report of Business Committee as follows:

Item No. 1. Motion carried that we the Business Committee demand a report from the Orphanage Board.

Item No. 2. We the Orphanage Board ask that we be relieved of the responsibility of this report being presented to the meeting.

Item No. 3. Motion carried that the report be read to the

Report of the Orphanage Board was read to the body by the

chairman of the Business Committee, Rev. Ed Sunday.

Motion to adjourn business session until 1:30 p.m. dismissed in prayer by Rev. D. B. Hellard.

1:30 P.M.

Song service: "Trust and Obey," Ed Sunday.

Pianist: Mrs. Clyde Cain.

Scripture: Ephesians 2. Rev. Harry Staires.

Solo: "When He Reached Down His Hand for Me," Clyde

Cain.

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus," by Gilbert and

Rupert Pixley, Leonard Crowder, Clyde Cain,

Motion to receive the partial report of the Business Committee and Orphanage Board, and grant the Orphanage Board the privileges to read the letter they requested.

Motion carried to turn the charge in the letter to the Business

Committee.

Report of Business Committee as follows:

The Business Committee rules that the resolution is not within our province to act upon it, this being a called session.

Signed: Committee.

Benediction: Weldon Wood.

Called to Order: Rev. Harry Staires. Report of Business Committee as follows:

To the called session of Free Will Baptists, State of Oklahoma.

It is the conviction and firm decision of your Business Committee to instruct the Executive Board and the Orphanage Board: To turn the evidence presented by the Orphanage Board to the proper court for full investigation and prosecution of criminal irregularities perpetrated by the former superintendent, Rev. Rex Weatherman and matron, Mrs. Margie Weatherman of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Ringling, Oklahoma.

Signed: Business Committee

Benediction: Leonard Crowder.

Minutes of State League Convention

The Oklahoma State League Rally of Free Will Baptists met on Wednesday, June 20-21-22, 1951, in the 10th annual convention at the First Mission Camp ground at Drumright, Oklahoma.

Wednesday, 10:00 A.M.

Called to order, by President Wade Jernigan, Norman.

Song Service: John West, Tulsa. Pianist: Ann Green, Shawnee.

Devotional, II Tim. 2:22: Don Ketchum. Shawnee.

Prayer: Harry Staires, Oilton.

Welcome Address: John West, Tulsa.

Response: Agnes Oliver, Stigler.

Pulpit Committee: Norval Robinson, Norma Jean Landers, JoAnn Pearcy.

Meet your Neighbor Leaguers: Leaguers introduced themselves. Letter from Canadian Association was read and accepted. Dismissed in prayer for 11:00 service by Cleo Pursell, Bristow.

Wednesday, 11:00 A.M.

Song service: Everett Hellard, Drumright. Pianist: Eula Mae Ewing, McAlester. Altar Prayer: Hattie Newman, Oilton.

Message: Harry Staires, Oilton.

Using for text, Proverbs 9:1-12, a wonderful message. At the Altar of Prayer, two souls were saved.

Benediction: E. E. Morris, Oklahoma City.

Wednesday, 1:30 P.M.

Song service: "Where He Leads Me," Eula Mae Ewing, Mc-Alester.

Pianist: Cleo Pursell, Bristow.

Devotional: I Tim. 4:9, Harry Lee, McAlester.

Prayer: Eula Mae Ewing.

Letters read from First Mission and First Oklahoma Associations.

Tom Duncan and Eula Mae Ewing were appointed to the Pulpit Committee.

Motion the president appoint all committees.

Auditing Committee: Business Committee:

Cleo Pursell Ann Green
Bessie Staires E. E. Morris
Thelma Lister Ava Hellard

Dormitory Sponsors:

Girls: Dovie LaFave. Boys: Wade Jernigan.

Treasurer's Report accepted.

Cleo Pursell elected by acclamation to bring Introductory message at the next Rally with Joe Blair as alternate.

Delegates to State: JoAnn Pearcy, Ann Green, Johnny Hancock. Dismissed in prayer by Agnes Oliver for 20 minute recess.

Called to order by president.

Report of Auditing Committee accepted.

Resolution Committee Report as follows:

Resolution No. 1. We, the Business Committee, recommend that we have the League Plays on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons which will be arranged by Program Committee. We further recommend that each association which is to give a play at the State Rally be notified at the earliest possible date as to the day and time the play is to be given.

Resolution No. 2. We, the Business Committee, recommend that each League have a youth Revival in May or June and that a report be made of it to the League Sponsor, Rev. H. E. Staires.

Special Song. "He Whisers Sweet Peace to Me," by Wade Jernigan, Everett Hellard, J. A. Franklin and Grady Cunningham. Reading by Bessie Staires.

Benediction by Grady Cunningham.

Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.

Agnes Oliver led the Grove Services for the Girls and E. E. Morris led the Boys Grove Service.

Wednesday, 8:00 P.M.

Song service: Weldon Wood, Ada.

Pianist: Cleo Pursell, Bristow

Special Song: "I Love Him," by Eula Mae Ewing, Ann Green, Barbara Reddick and Norma Jean Landers.

Special accordion number by Eddie Wilson, "Farther Along" and "Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep."

Praise service: Eileen Melton.

"It Is No Secret," Patsy Roberts.

Message: Text—Matt. 5:16. Subject: Radiant Living, Hattie Newman.

Altar service with three souls saved. Dismissed with League Benediction.

Thursday, 6:30 A.M.

Song service: Hattie Newman. Pianist: Eula Mae Ewing. Praver: Weldon Wood.

Devotional: "Phil. 1:21," Cleo Pursell.

Benediction: Eula Mae Ewing.

Thursday, 9:00 A.M.

Song service: Mary Nell Mizell.

Prayer: Bro. E. E. Morris

Devotional: "Psalms 21," Norvel Robinson.

Prayer: George McLain.

The following Officers were elected:

Sponsor: Harry Staires, Box 426 Oilton, Okla. President: Wade Jernigan, 127 E. Hayes, Norman, Okla. Vice-President: Paul Pursell, Box 997, Bristow, Okla. Corres. Secretary: Agnes Oliver, McCurtain, Okla.

Rec. Secretary: Eileen Melton, Box 218, Atoka, Okla. Treasurer: Don Ketchum, 1342 E. Whittaker, Shawnee, Okla. The Next State League Rally is to be held at the First Oklahoma Association camp ground at Shawnee, Oklahoma, Wednesday, June 18, 19 and 20, 1952.

Dorm. Sponsors:

Girls: Mrs. E. C. Ketchum, Cleo Pursell, Hattie Newman, Tillie Oliver.

Boys: Wade Jernigan and Jesse Stepp.

Bailey Thompson, State League Evangelist, reported 50 conversions during the League Revivals.

Benediction: Reford Wilson, Okla. City.

Thursday, 11:00 A.M.

Song Service: Reford Wilson,

Pianist: Jo Tatum.

Special Song: "Pearly White City," by Ann Green and Eula

Mae Ewing. Solo: "On Jericho Road," L. J. Boatman.

Chorus: "God Bless Our Boys," Led by E. E. Morris.

Message by Rev. Everett Hellard. Text: Psalms 9:10. Followed by Rev. Weldon Wood using Romans 6:4. Subject, "My Walk Before God."

Thursday, 1:30 P.M.

Song Service: Dixon Gurley.

Devotional: Ephesians, Lonnie DaVault.

Prayer: E. C. Ketchum.

Program Judges: Paul Pursell, Ross Brown, Eileen Melton.

Prayer: Lowell Bates.

Offering: \$30.53.

Programs: Grand River, and 1st Oklahoma Associations.

Altar Call: 5 Souls were saved.

Program Banner: Norman League of the 1st Okla, Association. Juanita Ashlock, Turley Church, First Mission Association will represent the Okla. Leagues in National League Intermediate Sword

Letter from Eureka Association accepted, dismissed in prayer by Rev. H. E. Staires.

Thursday, 7:00 P.M.

Girls: Mrs. E. C. Ketchum, Boys, Mr. E. C. Grove Service: Ketchum.

Thursday, 7:30 P.M.

Song Service: Reford Wilson

Pianist: Jo Tatum Praver: Ed Wilson

The League voted to send \$20.00 for Minute money also voted to pay 1st Mission Association \$2.50 on the Utility Bills.

Standing vote of thanks given Bro. and Sister Ed Wilson and those who helped them in the Cafe.

The League Voted to invite the National League Conference to Oklahoma in 1952.

Installation Service: Cleo Pursell

Dismissed business meeting to open again on June 18, 1952.

Thursday, 8:00 P.M.

Song Service: Reford Wilson

Accordion and Piano Special: Edward and William Wilson

Solo: "It Is No Secret"—Patsy Roberts
Duet: "Peace in the Valley" by Doris Borden and Yvonne Clark.

Solo: "Angels Get My Mansion Ready"-Paul Pursell.

Message: Text, Luke 15:15, Subject, Bread Enough and to Spare, by Bailey Thompson, followed by Rev. Wade Jernigan.

Benediction: E. E. Morris.

Rev. Wade Jernigan, President Eileen Melton, Rec. Secretary Agnes Oliver, Cor. Secretary

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE. From long experience, we, the members of the Free Will Baptist denomination, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Jesus Christ, and realizing the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among us as a church; and to preserve and maintain correspondence and co-ordination with us, do therefore ordain this Constitution for our better denominational government.

Article I

NAME: This organization shall be known as the OKLAHOMA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS.

Article II

PURPOSE: The object and purpose of this organization shall be to unify the work of the various bodies composing this State Association, and to devise and execute measures for the extension of the Kingdom of God in connection with the various bodies in the Association, or that may hereafter be represented therein.

Article III

REPRESENTATION: This State Association shall be composed of One (1) messenger from each church composing the subordinate associations and all regularly ordained ministers and deacons.

SEC. 2: This State Association shall have no power to fill vacancies in the delegation from any composite body.

Article IV

FINANCE: Each association shall send Five Dollars (\$5.00) for each elected delegate.

Article V

DISCIPLINE: This State Association shall have the right to settle any question of discipline, doctrine or practices that may properly come before it from any of the bodies composing said organization, furthermore if there be any question of discipline, doctrine or practices on the part of a subordinate association, delegates of that association shall not be seated until these questions have been settled to the satisfaction of the Credential Committee.

SEC. 2: Decisions of the Credential Committee may be appealed. All appeals coming before the State Association may be settled in either of the following ways: (1) By the State Association when sitting in a Committee as a whole. (2) By a special committee whose report shall be voted on without discussion.

Article VI

OFFICERS: The officers of the State Association shall consist of a Moderator, and Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, and Assistant Clerk, and an Executive Secretary who shall also serve as Treasurer, each of whom shall be elected at the close of each regular session.

SEC. 2: Committees, as necessary, shall be appointed by the Moderator, unless otherwise provided for, and shall hold office until their work is completed, or until their successors are elected.

Article VII

BOARDS: All standing boards shall be composed of Five (5) members who shall serve terms of 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1 year, exclusive of the General Board which shall be composed of one member from each subordinate association and the chairman of each standing board. The standing boards shall include the Executive Board, Mission Board, Christian Education Board, Publication Board, Superanuation Board, Sunday School Board, and the League Board.

Article VIII

DUTIES AND RULES OF STANDING BOARDS: 1. Executive Board. To this board is delegated the power to act in behalf of and for the State Association from one meeting to another for said Association, and shall have the power and authority to select such officers as might be deemed best for its own government and to carry out the plans and undertakings of the State Association. The board shall have power to fill vacancies that may occur in its own body.

To this Executive Board is further delegated power to collect funds and employ and superintend such work for the Field as may seem best, and the means on hand may warrant. They shall not convey or mortgage any real estate or personal property unless authorized by the State Association.

This Executive Board shall keep a record of all work done, money raised, meetings held, and make a full and complete report to the regular meeting of the Association and shall further receive, hold, manage, use, control, and convey any property entrusted to said State Association.

The chairman and secretary of said Executive Board shall sign all deeds and bonds, notes, etc., and any other papers by which the State Association is to become legally held.

The Board shall have the power to call the Association in conference by notifying each subordinate Association at least Ten (10) days prior to conference.

- 2. General Board. It shall be the duty of this board to meet with the executive board one day preceding the State Association to hear the reports of the Standing Boards and to make recommendations to the state association. They shall also serve as a Credential Committee.
- 3. Missions Board. It shall be the duty of this board to work in connection with the national foreign and home mission boards, and to promote an active missionary program in and for the State of Oklahoma. They shall elect a treasurer who shall handle all mission money.

It will also be their responsibility to investigate and assist, if necessary, any new church. This board should thoroughly investigate the ability of a church to support an organization before assistance is pledged.

- 4. Christian Education Board. It shall be the duty of this Board to promote and encourage religious training in connection with our denominational institutions, and to encourage and plan Worker's Institutes. They shall also be charged with the responsibility of raising funds to promote Christian Education.
 - 5. League Board. It shall be the duty of the State League Board

to plan and assist in every way possible the League work throughout the state. It will also be their responsibility to promote an active League work in each subordinate association and to encourage League Rallies.

- 6. Sunday School Board. Their duties shall include the planning and operation of the State Sunday School convention and the encouragement of the organization of district conventions. They may carry through any plans they think wise to actively promote Sunday School work in the State.
- 7. Superanuation Board. This Board, working in cooperation with the National Superannuation Board and district boards, shall provide a definite program of support for retired ministers.

8. Publication Board. This Board shall have under their direction the printing of tracts, papers, books, pamphlets, etc., and shall encourage proper advertising in the local church.

Article IX

This Constitution may be amended or altered at any regular session of the State Association by a two-thirds vote of members present, provided proposed amendment or alteration be presented in writing to the body one day in advance.

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Articles of Faith

- 1. THE BIBLE—The Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by the 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 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 committal of one's self to Christ as Savior and Lord, with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.
- 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 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." 1 Cor. 16:2.
- .15. THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH—The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements for rest, worship, holy works and activities, and for personal communion with God.
- 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 not be discussed.
 - 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.

BY - LAWS

- 1. The clerk or assistant clerk, or in their absence, the senior minister in years shall call the Association into conference, and if a quorum is present the moderator, or in his absence, the assistant moderator shall take charge; and if neither of them is present, the senior minister in years shall act as moderator.
- 2. It shall be the duty of the clerk to enroll the delegates to the Association, who shall present themselves with proper evidence of their rights to seats therein, and those enrolled by the clerk shall compose the Association.
- 3. It shall be the duty of every body belonging to this Association to send a letter to every annual session of this Association, reporting in the same its spiritual condition, benevolent work, and its statistics. Any body belonging to this Association, which shall fail to report itself for two successive sessions, may be dismissed from the Association by a two-thirds vote of all members present.
- 4. Each meeting shall be opened by reading a portion of the Bible and with prayer, and shall be closed with prayer.
- 5. By a two-thirds vote of all members present a ruling of the moderator can be overruled.
- 6. This Association may correspond by messenger or otherwise with other religious bodies.
- 7. This Association shall sit with open doors except when it shall go into a committee of the whole.
- 8. Any person not a member of this Association may be allowed to take part in its discussions by obtaining permission from the moderator.
- 9. It shall be the duty of all the members of the Association to be present at the time appointed for each meeting, and any one wishing to retire shall first obtain leave of the moderator.
- 10. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee, provided the person nominated be elected.
- 11. The moderator shall not allow discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit or when he thinks it will cause discord or division.
- 12. Any one desiring to speak shall rise to his feet and address the moderator by the appellation, "Brother Moderator," but shall not speak further until recognized by the moderator.
- 13. No member of this Association shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes nor twice on the same subject without permission from the moderator.
- 14. These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular or adjourned session of this Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

