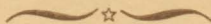


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The next session of the State Association will be held at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Stigler, Oklahoma, on Tuesday night, before the Fourth Sunday in October, (October 19-21, 1954)

## OFFICERS

Moderator ----- John H. West  
                                     833 N. Utica, Tulsa, Oklahoma  
 Assistant Moderator ----- Harry Staires  
                                     Lawnwood, Tulsa, Oklahoma  
 Clerk ----- Weldon Wood  
                                     420 S. Ash, Ada, Oklahoma  
 Assistant Clerk ----- Bob Duncan  
                                     First Free Will Baptist Church, Norman  
 Executive Secretary ----- Delbert Akin  
                                     522 E. Washington, Tecumseh, Oklahoma

## BOARDS

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Ralph Staten ----- 5 years  
                                     Wewoka, Oklahoma  
 Rev. W. E. Wilson ----- 4 years  
                                     Box 103, Holdenville, Oklahoma  
 Mr. R. D. Norwood ----- 3 years  
                                     Sulphur, Oklahoma  
 Rev. Weldon Wood ----- 2 years  
                                     420 South Ash, Ada, Oklahoma  
 Rev. Clay Richey ----- 1 year  
                                     Box 97, Blanchard, Oklahoma  
 Rev. Delbert Akin ----- Executive Secretary  
                                     522 E. Washington, Tecumseh, Oklahoma

### LEAGUE BOARD

Rev. Homer Young, Henrietta, Okla. ----- 5 years  
 Rev. Jack Dodson, Oklahoma City, Okla. ----- 4 years  
 Rev. Bob Duncan, Norman, Okla. ----- 3 years  
 Rev. Elvis Priest, Holdenville, Okla. ----- 2 years  
 Rev. Harry Staires, Tulsa, Okla. ----- 1 year

### MISSION BOARD

Rev. Johnnie Postlewaite, McAlester, Okla. ----- 5 years  
 Rev. E. M. Kennedy, Tulsa, Okla. ----- 4 years  
 Rev. Dennis O'Donnell, Cromwell, Okla. ----- 3 years  
 Rev. E. S. Sunday, Box 241, Haldton, Okla. ----- 2 years  
 Rev. Dale Munkus, Allen, Okla. ----- 1 year

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

Rev. W. V. McPhail, Cushing, Okla. ----- 5 years  
 Rev. E. A. O'Donnel, Stonewall, Okla. ----- 4 years  
 Rev. Hattie Newman, Oilton, Okla. ----- 3 years  
 Rev. W. A. Hearn, Sulphur, Okla. ----- 2 years  
 Rev. Cleo Pursell, Shawnee, Okla. ----- 1 year

## SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

Rev. Ben Scott, Oilton, Okla. -----	5 years
Rev. John Elliston, Okmulgee, Okla. -----	4 years
Rev. John West, Tulsa, Okla. -----	3 years
Bro. Lowell Bates, Norman, Okla. -----	2 years
Rev. N. R. Smith, Bristow, Okla. -----	1 year

## GENERAL BOARD

Rev. Bob Maxwell -----	Old-Eureka
Rev. R. S. Webb -----	Dibble
Rev. Delbert Akin -----	First Oklahoma
Bro. N. C. Ballew -----	Hopewell No. 2
Bro. Walter Wood -----	Center
Rev. P. N. Qualls -----	Eastern
Rev. Melvin Mouser -----	Canadian
Bro. Al Reynolds -----	Grand River
Rev. C. G. Myers -----	Gaines Creek
Rev. L. R. Homes -----	First Mission
Bro. G. T. Shipley -----	Progressive

## COMMITTEES

### Appointed for the 1953 Session

#### RESOLUTION:

I. W. Yandell  
 Bill DaVoult  
 Benjamin Scott  
 John Elliston  
 Ralph Staten

#### TEMPERANCE:

Ed. Warner  
 Cleo Pursell  
 Roy Hearron  
 Hattie Newman  
 Lena Wood

#### MUSIC:

E. A. O'Donnell  
 Bailey Thompson  
 E. M. Kennedy  
 Homer Young  
 Mildred Cash

#### OBITUARY:

Lucille Beatty  
 Marie Roberts  
 Tillman Vanzant  
 Marrion Caton  
 Mrs. Jack Hopkins

#### PULPIT:

Bob Duncan  
 Jack Hopkins  
 N. C. Ballew  
 B. J. Peters  
 Bob Bailes

## OPENING SESSION

The Forty-Fifth annual session of the State Association of Free Will Baptists, meeting October 20-22, 1953 at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Norman, Oklahoma, opened with singing "Victory in Jesus" and "I Know I Have Religion", directed by Rev. Delbert Akin, Tecumseh, Oklahoma, with Rev. Cleo Pursell at the piano.

The invocation was given by Rev. Wade Jernigan, Modesto, California.

Bro. Akin led the congregation in singing "Some Day" and "I Want to Be Ready to Meet Him".

Trio by Ronnie, Donnie, and Rickey Duncan, "I Know My Savior is There". Quartet number by Bro. and Sister J. G. Evans, John West, and Ralph Staten, "Then I Will Settle Down". "My God is Real" was soloed by Delbert Akin.

Prayer: Rev. Bailey Thompson, Norman, Okla.

Quartet: Weldon Wood, Delbert Akin, Dale Munkus, Wade Jernigan, "I'll Live in Glory". The Spring Hill Quartet gave two numbers, "A Friend Like Jesus" and "You Got to Walk That Lone-some Road".

Introductory Message: Rev. Harry Staires, Lawnwood Free Will Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla. Scripture St. John 8:28-36. Subject: "Freedom". Bro. Staires said too many of us are getting Security and Freedom confused, only Jesus can give us freedom, he further stated that it cost something to bring Political, and Religious Freedom into the world but the greatest cost was the Blood of Jesus Christ to bring us soul freedom.

Invitational Hymn: "Kneel at the Cross".

Benediction: Rev. Johnnie Postlewaite, McAlester, Okla.

### Wednesday, 9:30

Song Service: Rev. Homer Young, Henryetta, Okla.

Pianist: Rev. Cleo Pursell, Shawnee, Okla.

The Association was called to order and presentation of the moderator by the Clerk, Weldon Wood, Ada, Okla.

Devotional: Rev. Ben Scott, Hebrews 3:1-19.

Motion: accepted that we adopt the proposed program.

Appointment of temporary Pulpit Committee: Bob Duncan, Jack Hopkins, N. C. Ballew, B. J. Peters, Bob Bailes.

Motion to elect Rev. Delbert Akin as Assistant Clerk, protem.

Motion to elect Rev. John H. West, moderator, protem.

Motion made that we accept Rev. Clay Richey's resignation as Assistant Moderator. Rev. Dale Munkus was elected to fill this vacancy.

Partial report of General Board read and accepted and the delegates were properly seated.

Motion made and properly sustained that we accept the report of the General Board and take it item by item. There was an

amendment to the motion as follows: "That the moderator appoint a committee to study Articles three (3) and eight (8) of constitution, which would be effected by proposed amendments contained in the General Board report, and that this committee report back at 2:00 o'clock as order of hour". The Committee: E. E. Morris, W. V. McPhail, Harry Staires.

Appointment of Committees: See Committees.

Adjourned, dismissed in prayer by Rev. Marion Caton, Oklahoma City, Okla.

11:30 a.m.

Song Service: Delbert Akin, "When I See the Blood".

Pianist: Rev. Ed Kennedy

Prayer: Rev. Lonnie Ward

Special Song: Dale Munkus, Johnny Postlewaite, Weldon Wood, Wade Jernigan, "In the Land Where Dreams Come True".

Message: Rev. Bob Maxwell, Stigler, Okla., scripture, James 1:19-26, subject, "Doers of the Word and Not Hearers Only". Bro. Maxwell emphasized the fact that it is necessary to carry out the ordinances of the Gospel, obeying all the commandments of God, to be a doer of the Word". Followed by Rev. John Bean, Oklahoma City, on the subject of "The Word of God". He said "Without the Word, there is no moral standard". He further stated that the only sure protection for character is written in the word of God.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Ed Wilson, Ardmore, Okla.

Wednesday, 1:15 p.m.

Song Service: Bailey Thompson, "Beautiful".

Pinaist: E. M. Kennedy

Devotional and Prayer: Rev. N. R. Smith, Bristow, Okla., scripture, Psalms 8.

Welcome Address: Mr. Herb Masters, Mayor of the City of Norman, Okla.

Response: Rev. Johnny Postlewaite, McAlester, Okla.

Motion made to accept the following report of the Special Credential Committee: We the committee on Credentials of Final Reports do submit the following report of churches, their delegates and contribution:

Churches	Association	Delegate	Contribution
Henryetta	First Oklahoma	Fannie Kirby	\$ 5.00
Wetumka	Progressive	Otto Smith	5.00
Holly Creek	Southeastern	J. J. Billingsley	5.00
Weleétka	Canadian	Mrs. Leonard Bean	5.00
Allen	Progressive	Anne Munkus	5.00
Wewoka	Progressive	R. B. Tipton	5.00
McAlester	Progressive	Tillie Oliver	5.00
Seminole	First Oklahoma	W. E. Watson	5.00

Signed: Committee

Report of the Executive Board was read and Accepted (see Report)

Mission Board report was read and accepted (see Report)

Report of Sunday School Board read and accepted (see report)

Motion made to elect the Board Members Wednesday instead of 2:30 on Thursday for Board members elected see the Boards.

Motion Accepted to receive Rev. Johnny Postlewaite's resignation from the League Board, Bob Duncan was elected to the League Board.

Adjourned, dismissed in prayer by Rev. W. V. McPhail.

7:30 p.m.

Song service: Rev. Author Hearron, Hawkins "His Way with Thee" "I've got to cross that Lonely River".

Pianist: E. M. Kennedy

Prayer: Rev. Jack Dodson, Central Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

The Congregation sang "He Set me Free" and "Beyond the Sunset". Prayer by Bro. Lawton Hurst, Pleasant Hill.

Special Songs: Donnie, Ronnie, and Rickey Duncan, "Salvation has been brought down".

Duet: Bro. and Sister Morrison, "Climbing the Golden Staires".

Trio: Followwell Sisters, "When the Saints go Marching In".

Quartet: Central Avenue Women, "Well done my Child".

Quartet: Spring Hill, "Talk it all over with Him".

Quartet: Delbert Akin, Bailey Thompson, Weldon Wood, Dale Munkus, "I Know That God is Real".

Message: Rev. Wade Jernigan, Modesto, California, Scripture: I Chron. 4:9-10.

Subject: "An Honorable Man" Bro. Jernigan said it does not matter how we were born but how we live after we are born, he further said "may God help us to forget state boundaries, rivers, and other things that divide Free Will Baptist but may we think as this country a Mission Field.

Dismissed in prayer by L. A. Yandell, New Home, Tulsa.

Thursday, 9:00 a.m.

Song Service: Delbert Akin, "We'll Work till Jesus Comes" and "It Won't be very Long".

Pianist: Rev. E. M. Kennedy.

Devotional: Rev. Dale Munkus, Eph. 4:1-15.

Prayer: Rev. E. A. O'Donnell.

Report of Christian Education Board read and approved (see report)

Motion made to accept the resignation of Rev. I. W. Yandell from the Christian Education Board. The Rev. E. A. O'Donnell was elected in his vacancy.

Financial report of Executive Secretary read and accepted (see report)

Report of Woman's Auxiliary Convention read and approved (see report)

Motion approved that the moderator appoint 5 delegates to the National Association. See **Delegates to National Association**.

The State Association voted to go to Stigler, Oklahoma for their 1954 session.

Adjourned, dismissed in prayer by Rev. Leonard Bean.

11:00 a.m.

Song Service: Dale Munkus, "Everybody will be Happy Over There" and "When the Roll is Called up Yonder".

Pianist: Mrs. Williams.

Prayer: Rev. Clint Fincher.

Quartet: Johnny Postlewaite, Weldon Wood, Dale Munkus, Wade Jernigan, "Glory will be mine some Day".

Solo: Mrs. Fern Ray, "Pearly White City".

Pianist: Mrs. Dale Munkus.

MESSAGE: Rev. N. R. Smith, Pastor of Bristow Church, SCRIPTURE: Matt. 17:21.

Subject: "Fasting and Prayer". Bro. Smith said our failure was in prayer, the need to give more time to the spiritual part of our lives.

Bro. Paul Pursell concluded the message by Reading Hebrews 2:1. Bro. Pursell said "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter; Fear God, and keep his Commandments; for this is the whole duty of man."

Adjourned, dismissed in prayer by Bro. Claud Chisum.

1:30 p.m.

SONG SERVICE: "Heavenly Sunlight" and "Sweet Hour of Prayer" led by Rev. Authur Hearron.

Pianist: Rev. E. M. Kennedy.

Devotional and Prayer, Rev. Clinton Wood, Richmond, California, Reading Psalm 90:1-11.

Report of Committees read and accepted see report of Committees.

The Rev. Dale Munkus was elected to bring the Introductory message at our 1954 session of the State Association which will be at Stigler, Oklahoma. Rev. Weldon Wood was elected as alternate.

The Constitutional changes were taken from the floor at 2:45 and passed. For the changes see **Constitution**, Article 3, and the second Paragraph of Article 8.

Motion was made to sell our Children's Home but there was an amendment to that motion which reads as follows: "That the General Board study this matter and report their findings at the next annual session of the State Association."

Motion accepted that we elected the officers of our State Association. For the officers see (officers of the Association.)

Adjourned, dismissed in prayer by Rev. W. V. McPhail.



## NATIONAL DELEGATES

Bro. C. L. Hudson	Dibble
Bro. Lowell Bates	First Oklahoma
W. A. DeHart	Hopewell No. 2
Mrs. Valeta Hileman	Center
Bro. Melvin Duty	Eastern
Bro. Gilbert Priest	Canadian
Mrs. Jess Stepp	Grand River
Bro. Wilson Clifton	Gaines Creek
Bro. Bob Bailes	Old Eureka
Mrs. Glenara Staires	First Mission
Bro. R. B. Tipton	Progressive
The following delegates were elected by the State Association:	
Gladys Elliston	Okmulgee
Bessie Staires	Tulsa, Oklahoma
Geanell Scott	Drumright
Opal Hearron	Oklahoma City
Orela Kennedy	Tulsa

## MINISTERS

NAME	CHURCH	ADDRESS	ASSOCIATION
W. E. Wilson	Holdenville	Box 103	Canadian
B. R. Scott	Oilton	Box 596	First Mission
J. J. Postlewaite	McAlester	530 W. Grand	Progressive
Elvis Priest	Holdenville	120 W. Scott	Canadian
Delbert Akin	Tecumseh	522 E. Washington	First Oklahoma
W. V. Wood	Shawnee	129 South Draper	First Oklahoma
Dale Munkus	Allen	Box 388	Progressive
Carl Walters	Shawnee	238 S. Okla.	First Oklahoma
Ralph Staten	Wewoka	401 Patton	Progressive
Harry Beatty	Drumright	139 E. Drumright	First Mission
J. C. Corothers	Pleasant Hill	2315 S.E. 13	First Oklahoma
W. H. Pendagress	Muldrow		Eastern
John H. West	Tulsa, First	333 N. Utica	First Mission
J. R. Dodson	Central Ave.	1904 S. Central	First Oklahoma
Wilbur Schultz	Ada	630 W. 7th	Center
R. S. Webb	Lindsey	201 S. Main	Dibble
E. E. Morris	Capitol Hill	2709 S.W. 33	First Oklahoma
I. W. Yandell	Capitol Hill		First Oklahoma
Weldon Wood	Ada	420 S. Ash	Center
E. J. Wilson	Ardmore	1264 Box	Hopewell No. 2
Bob Maxwell Jr.	Stigler	Stigler	Old Eureka
Odis Farris	Stigler	Route 2	Old Eureka
Leonard Bean	Wetumka	Box 264	Canadian
Ernest M. Kennedy	Louis Ave.	1922 N. Louis	First Mission
Cleo Pursell	Shawnee	1111 E. 11	First Oklahoma
Hattie Newman	Oilton	Oilton	First Mission
W. L. Waddle	Norman	Noble	First Oklahoma
J. F. Hagar	Spring Hill	Noble	First Oklahoma
L. E. Ward	Dibble	Dibble	Dibble
B. R. Wood	Stratford	Stratford	Center
Paul Pursell	Shawnee	1111 E. 11	First Oklahoma
Harry E. Staires	Lawnwood		First Mission
John Elliston	Okmulgee		First Mission
Claud Chisum	Non	Non	Canadian
Homer Young	Henryetta	1402 W. Cummings	Progressive
Ray Vanzant	Prague	Prague	Canadian
N. R. Smith	Bristow	Box 997	First Mission
J. R. Shade	Blue Bell	Sapulpa	First Mission
W. E. Warner	Sapulpa	Sapulpa	First Mission
J. E. Bean	Capitol Hill		First Oklahoma
James C. Wood	Richmond		
E. S. Sunday	Healdton	Box 241	Hopewell No. 2
W. F. Lee		Lindsay	Dibble
Roy Hearron	Duncan	305 S. First	Hopewell No. 2
Albert Collier	Okemah	Route 4	Canadian
J. R. Hall	Sunny Lane	3704 S.E. 23	First Oklahoma
Sadie Fincher	Cushing	2312 E. 5	First Mission

C. J. Fincher	Cushing	2312 E. 5	First Mission
Virgil Florence		610 Eleventh	Buhl, Idaho
J. D. Stepp	Bixby	Bixby	Grand River
B. T. Kirby	Okla. City, First	2212 S.W. 31	Dibble
Marion Caton	Okla. City	Rt. 12, Box 387 A	Canadian
Jimmie Bundy	Holdenville	Holdenville	Canadian
Jake Scott	Red Oak	Red Oak	Southeastern
J. C. Scott	Ft. Smith		Arkansas
Willie Daniel	Red Oak	Red Oak	Roberts McGee
Walter Flickinger	Wilburton		Southeastern
E. A. O'Donnell		Stonewall	Dibble
L. A. Yandell	New Home	Rt. 9, Bx 412, Tulsa	First Mission
Harry Lee	Haywood	Haywood	Gaines Creek
L. R. Holmes	Lawnwood	Rt. 9, Box 307	First Mission
L. H. Reddick	Stigler	Rt. 2, Stigler	Old Eureka
Paul Duncan	Stigler	Stigler	Old Eureka
Arthur Hearron	Hawkins	4601 Melrose Lane	Dibble

## REPORT OF GENERAL BOARD

The General Board met at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Norman, Oklahoma October 19, 1953. Opened with prayer by Rev. Bob Duncan.

The letters were read and received from the following association and we recommend that the delegates be seated.

Eastern	4 delegates	\$20.00
Center	3 delegates	15.00
Hopewell No. 2	2 delegates	10.00
First Oklahoma	10 delegates	50.00
Dibble	8 delegates	40.00
Canadian	5 delegates	35.00
Grand River	1 delegate	5.00
Old Eureka	3 delegates	15.00
Gaines Creek	4 delegates	20.00
First Mission	5 delegates	25.00
Progressive	4 delegates	20.00
Southeastern	1 delegate	5.00

We the General Board recommend that the following proposed constitutional change, as recommended by the Dibble Association, be presented to the State Association in its annual meeting: Motion made to refer this to a special committee, for the constitutional change (see Constitution Article 3 and Article 8 the second Paragraph).

Motion made to accept the Financial report of the State Executive office.

Motion accepted that the moderator appoint an Auditing Committee to audit the State books, Rev. Ed. Sunday, W. E. Wilson, and Harry Lee, were appointed.

The moderator appointed a Special Credential Committee to take care of any late letters that might come in. The committee: Ralph Staten, W. F. Lee and N. C. Ballew.

Adjourned: Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Ralph Staten.

## ASSOCIATIONAL LETTERS

For statistical report of the associations please see report of statistician.

DIBBLE ASSOCIATION: Delegates—Harold Drennon, Opal Kirby,

Lee Hawkins, Hazel Webb, Thurman Owens, Pearl Wynn, L. C. Wells, Vicie Hopkins.  
**Moderator**—B. T. Kirby, 2204 S.W. 31st, Oklahoma City, Okla.  
**Clerk**—Opal Hearron, 4401 Melrose Lane, Okla. City, Okla.

**FIRST OKLAHOMA: Delegates**—Mildred Cash, Lena Wood, Alice Holiday, Frances Underwood, Ed Warner, John Straughn, Curtis Duval, Bonnie Argo, W. A. Watson.  
**Moderator**—Delbert Akin, Tecumseh, Okla.  
**Clerk**—Mildred Cash, 536 N. Douglas, Shawnee, Okla.

**HOPEWELL NO. 2: Delegates**—Linnie Sparks, Bill Ritter  
**Moderator**—Ed S. Sunday, Box 241, Healdton, Okla.  
**Clerk**—Osie Higgins, Route 1, Sulphur, Okla.

**CENTER: Delegates**—B. R. Wood, Valeta Hileman, Mart Massey  
**Moderator**—Weldon Wood, 420 South Ash, Ada, Okla.  
**Clerk**—E. T. Cox, Route 5, Ada, Oklahoma

**EASTERN: Delegates**—Melvin Duty, Deloris Yoakum, Mella Mae Edwards  
**Moderator**—P. N. Qualls, Route 3, Box 3, Muldrow, Okla.  
**Clerk**—Nella Mae Edwards, Route 3, Box 5, Muldrow, Okla.

**CANADIAN: Delegates**—George Hughes, Chris Holloway, Tillman Vanzant, Billie Priest  
**Moderator**—Odis Robinson, Okemah, Oklahoma  
**Clerk**—Marion L. Caton, Route 12, Box 424, Okla. City, Okla.

**GRAND RIVER: Delegate**—Ezra McClain  
**Moderator**—Bill Kitchum,  
**Clerk**—Howard Gage.

**GAINES CREEK: Delegates**—Myrtle Clark, Lorene Stacy, Fannie McCracken, Mollie Myers  
**Moderator**—Jess Henson, Star Route, Haywood, Oklahoma  
**Clerk**—Audie T. Boyd, 304 W. Monroe, McAlister, Oklahoma

**OLD EUREKA: Delegates**—Elsie Dixon, Beulah Williams, Thelma Scantlen  
**Moderator**—Robert Maxwell, Stigler, Oklahoma  
**Clerk**—Fred H. Duncan, Stigler, Oklahoma

**FIRST MISSION: Delegates**—Glen Seaton, Marie Roberts, Bessie West, Lucille Beatty, Genell Scott  
**Moderator**—H. E. Staires, 516 W. 61st W. Ave., Tulsa, Okla.  
**Clerk**—L. R. Holmes, Rt. 9, Box 307, Tulsa, Oklahoma

**PROGRESSIVE: Delegates**—G. T. Shipley, Ann Munkus, Tillie Oliver, Ralph Staten, Dennis O'Donnell  
**Moderator**—Dale Munkus, Allen, Oklahoma  
**Clerk**—Johnnie J. Postlewaite, McAlester, Oklahoma

## GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS (1952-1953)

### FINANCIAL REPORT

#### RECEIPTS

Balance October 24, 1952 .....	\$ 400.55
State Association fees .....	415.00
Mrs. Belle Viles, Muldrow, Oklahoma .....	5.00
Pretty Water Church, for Superannuation .....	3.00
State Auxiliary Convention, for superannuation .....	2.00
Osage Church, for foreign mission .....	19.72

Allen church, for general fund, Richmond Ave., -----	15.00
State Orphanage, repayment of loan -----	300.00
Pleasant Hill Church -----	2.37
State Orphanage, for coin collectors -----	74.58
State Orphanage, for phone and postage -----	9.31
Pleasant Hill Church -----	3.32
Pleasant Hill Church -----	2.25
Pleasant Hill Church -----	2.70
Central Avenue Church -----	25.00
Rex Weatherman, for orphanage -----	225.00
Hopewell No. 1 association -----	10.00
Spring Hill Church -----	5.00
Pleasant Hill Church -----	3.47
Richmond Avenue Church, Allen -----	10.00
Greenbrier church, for missions -----	12.77
Pleasant Hill Church -----	2.47
Pleasant Hill Church -----	2.60
Pleasant Hill Church -----	4.60
TOTAL -----	\$1,556.71

#### DISBURSEMENTS:

Mason Advertising Company (Convention Badges) -----	\$ 45.49
Aldridge Hotel, McAlester (rental on King Koal room) ----	10.00
Oklahoma Baptist University (printing Programs) -----	7.44
Rev. Wade Jernigan (comm. exp. to Union Baptist Ass'n) --	15.00
Christian Education Board, (library fund) -----	100.00
Sulphur Telephone Exchange (Oct. bill) -----	18.44
Standard Engraving Co., (cuts) -----	2.42
Rev. Weldon Wood, clerk services -----	10.00
Rev. Wade Jernigan, clerk services -----	10.00
Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, secretarial services -----	25.00
Rev. Clay Richey, moderator services -----	10.00
Rev. H. E. Staires, moderator services -----	10.00
Free Will Baptist Children's Home, loan -----	300.00
Free Will Baptist Superannuation Board -----	3.00
Sulphur Telephone Exchange -----	4.32
Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Secretarial services -----	25.00
Sulphur Times Democrat, office supplies -----	2.15
Postmaster, COD coin collectors -----	74.58
Postmaster, mailing coin collectors -----	5.31
W. S. Mooneyham, Salary \$25 (phone \$1.50) (travel \$5.25) (post \$9.00) -----	40.75
F W B Superannuation Board -----	2.00
F W B Foreign Mission Board -----	19.72
Sulphur Telephone Exchange, December bill -----	14.40
O.B.U. Press, for printing minutes -----	160.00
W. S. Mooneyham, salary and misc. -----	26.28
Sulphur Telephone exchange, January bill -----	10.33
W. S. Mooneyham, travel expense to First Oklahoma ----	5.50
First Free Will Baptist Church, bill pd by mistake -----	5.60
Vari-color Duplicator Co., supplies -----	9.25
W. S. Mooneyham, travel expense to First Mission -----	12.15
Postmaster, mailing and stamps -----	3.31
W. S. Mooneyham, salary -----	25.00

Sulphur Telephone Exchange, February bill	29.81
W. S. Mooneyham, Salary	25.00
F W B Orphanage (from Rex Weatherman)	225.00
Sulphur Telephone Exchange, March bill	4.38
W. S. Mooneyham, salary	25.00
Foreign Mission Board, from Greenbrier Church	12.77
W. S. Mooneyham, salary	25.00
Sulphur Telephone Exchange, April and May bill	23.25
National Association of F W B—annual registration fee	65.00
W. S. Mooneyham, salary and postage	28.50
Sulphur Telephone Exchange, June bill	17.40
Sulphur Telephone Exchange, July bill	4.44
W. S. Mooneyham, salary	25.00
Bank service charge, October thru July	6.46
Rental on safety deposit box	4.80
Sulphur Telephone Exchange, August bill	4.95
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$1,539.20</b>

**TOTAL RECEIPTS** \$1,556.71

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS** 1,539.20

**BALANCE, September 1, 1953** \$ 17.51

#### BIBLE COLLEGE FUND:

Balance, October 15, 1952 \$ 21.50

Receipts for year 248.50

**TOTAL** \$270.00

Disbursements \$270.00

**BALANCE** 00.00

Association	No. Churches	Membership	Membership gain or loss over 1952	Property Value	Ministers	Deacons
Eastern	4	200	0	Incomp.	11	12
First Mission	21	2,354	-110	\$254,250	65	50
Old Eureka	24	1,232	-768	61,000	26	60
Gaines Creek	4	156	-124	200	4	17
Grand River	28			183,000		
Canadian	14	1,211	167	95,000	28	25
Dibble	9	973	8	61,000	22	25
First Oklahoma	14	1,521	171	177,750	50	
Hopewell No. 2	8	720	86	81,000	14	13
Center	9	1,000	94	51,000	22	24
Progressive	4	Incomplete				
Hopewell No. 1 (Not Rep.)	4	315				
Roberts-McGee (Not. Rep.)	11	350				
Southeastern (Not. Rep.)	10	400				
North East Okla.	5	200				
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>10,632</b>	<b>-476</b>	<b>\$963,950</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>266</b>

## EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

This has been a very busy year for the state Executive Board. The board has held more than 15 meetings which has caused extensive traveling. The meetings were held to take care of the business for the children's home and for the State Association. There were several outstanding things that were done during this year.

1. The board realizing the dire need for several items in the home, we have purchased 2 circulating heaters for the dormitories at a total cost of \$221.76, from the Brinkley Furniture Company, Norman, Oklahoma. We also purchased an 11 ft. Refrigerator to replace the old one and we made purchase of a School Bus for the transporting of the children to and from Church.

2. Rev. E. E. Morris resigned from the State Executive Board, and Rev. Wade Jernigan was elected to fill out his unexpired term. A few months later Bro. Jernigan moved to California and Rev. Ralph Staten was elected a member of the board. There was also another vacancy by Bro. Jernigan leaving, and the Rev. E. M. Kennedy was elected as a member of the General Board of the National Association.

3. The board received the four Hill Children of Haskell in Grand River Association upon recommendation of members of said association through the Court procedure of receiving and adoption of children upon temporary orders. Since the reception of the children in the State Home at Ringling, the parents of said children have re-established their home and through proper court procedure the children have been relinquished to their parents. We now have 18 children in the home, one girl, Marie Erwing, was married during the summer months. The board also accepted a motion at this meeting to accept children into the home from other States, who are approved by Free Will Baptist Churches in those States.

4. Effective July 1, 1953, the board raised the salary of our Superintendent and Matron to \$175.00 per month.

5. Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, who has been Oklahoma's Executive Secretary, was elected as the National Executive Secretary and has moved to Nashville, Tennessee and the board accepted his resignation as State Executive Secretary, effective August 29, 1953. Rev. Weldon Wood has been serving in this capacity since Bro. Mooneyham's resignation.

6. Mr. H. J. and Ruby Eslick, Superintendent and Matron of our Children's home, have resigned from the home due to the health of Mrs. Eslick, their resignation is effective October 25, 1953. After careful consideration of the applications received for this job, the board has approved Clyde and Leta Cain, as superintendent and matron of our home. In behalf of Bro. and Sis. Cain, and the children's home the board urges each one of you to pray much for their success.

7. The board met with a representative from the Carter Oil Company in regard to leasing 168 acres of oil rights for \$10.00 per

acre for 5 years at \$1.00 an acre for rental. We have completed this matter subject to the approval of the association.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
Your Executive Board,  
Clay Richey, Chairman.

## INVENTORY OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

October 1, 1953

2 Hogs -----	\$ 65.00	1 Power Spray -----	25.00
84 Hens -----	84.00	1 2 row Lister -----	10.00
2 Horses, 1 Donkey,		1 Sweep Rake -----	50.00
1 Bull -----	280.00	1 Power Baler -----	75.00
19 Cows (grown) -----	1,900.00	80 Oak Fence Posts --	12.00
8 Heifers (2 yr. olds)	800.00	1 1952 Dodge Truck --	1,800.00
4 Yearlings -----	400.00	1 1946 Passenger School	
Steers-----		Bus -----	600.00
6 2 year olds -----	390.00	1 Two Wheel Trailer	20.00
11 Yearlings -----	528.00	2 Circulating Heaters	200.00
1 Allis Chalmers Tractor		1 Refrigerator -----	200.00
and cultivator -----	250.00	1 Heating Stove -----	35.00
1 Tractor Mower -----	200.00	306 Acres of land at \$50	15,300.00
1 14 inch, 2 bottom		Building -----	25,000.00
breaking plow -----	75.00	Buildings and out Main	
1 Disc, Tractor -----	10.00	bldg. contents -----	300.00
1 Section Harrow -----	10.00	500 Qts. canned food --	75.00
360 Bales Alfalfa Hay --	360.00		
120 Bales Cane Hay -----	90.00	<b>TOTAL INVENTORY --</b>	<b>\$49,144.00</b>

## REPORT OF STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL TREASURER

This is to certify that I, Ralph Staten, Secretary-Treasurer of State Sunday School Board, do hereby submit the following as the total of receipts, expenditures and balance of monies during my tenure of said office:

RECEIPTS:		Cushing -----		3.00
Norman -----	\$44.00	Okmulgee -----		.50
Tulsa First -----	22.00	Henryetta -----		4.00
Richmond Avenue -----	37.00	New Harmony -----		1.00
Tulsa New Home -----	36.00	Ardmore -----		16.00
Central Avenue -----	35.00	Allen of Sapulpa, Rte. --		6.00
Holdenville -----	30.00	State Convention Fee ----		8.00
Oilton -----	23.00	Balance from last yr. ---		31.75
Sulphur First -----	31.00	Total -----		\$446.25
Duncan -----	11.00	EXPENDITURES:		
Wewoka -----	17.00	Lowell Bates -----		7.50
Capitol Hill -----	1.00	John West -----		16.50
Seminole -----	12.00	J.-A. Franklin -----		1.80
McAlester -----	15.00	Good News Pub. Co. ----		5.00
Lawnwood -----	2.00	Wewoka Postmaster -----		3.00
Drumright -----	27.00	Diamond Dodd -----		57.00
Bristow -----	33.00	Davis Printing Co. -----		9.50

Large Envelopes -----	13.00	Total receipts -----	\$446.25
Return Postage -----	5.46	Total expenditures -----	124.58
Phone Calls -----	5.82		
		Balance in treasury -----	\$321.67
Total -----	\$124.58		

Respectfully submitted,  
Ralph Staten

## OKLAHOMA STATE FREEWILL BAPTIST HOME MISSION BOARD

### Annual Report for Year of 1953

The Home mission board met six times the past year.

Financial assistance was given to Evangelists in five different localities, preceeding the organizing of Free Will Baptist churches in each city or community, Churches are as follows.

Ardmore Church—Evangelist Rev. E. M. Kennedy -----	\$100.00
Spavinaw Church—Evangelist, Rev. Jake Gage -----	50.00
Midwest Church—Evangelist, Rev. J. R. Hall -----	100.00
Okmulgee Church—Evangelist, Rev. John West -----	100.00
Wetumka Church—Evangelist, Rev. Wade Jernigan -----	100.00
TOTAL -----	\$450.00

To Lawnwood Free Will Baptist Church, assistance in clearing back debts ----- \$150.00

To Rev. Homer Willis of Kentucky for expenses to Oklahoma to assist in state home mission rally at Shawnee church \$150.00

To Ed Sunday to pay for mimeograph machine ----- \$ 75.00

To Boren & Malone Co. of Wewoka for purchase of type wr. \$ 85.05

State Home Mission Board stationery ----- \$ 43.73

Long Distance telephone calls ----- \$ 84.64

For stamps and mailing material ----- 8.63

Miles driven to and from board meetings, (5509) Five thousand, five hundred and nine miles at 5c per mile----- 275.47

Salaries for field workers for year ----- 454.75

Foreign mission ----- 875.50

National Home mission ----- 661.77

Advertising for home mission work in Okla. ----- 15.00

Total paid out for year ----- \$3,329.54

Total carried over from 1952 ----- 818.10

Total receipts for year 1953 ----- 3,363.17

Grand Total ----- \$4,181.27

Paid out ----- 3,329.54

Total receipts in bank 1st of October 1953 ----- \$ 851.73

Rev. Ed S. Sunday, Chairman

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

We, the Board of Christian Education, submit the following report:

1. In our first meeting which was held October 23, 1952 at Mc-



Alester we transacted the following business: The board was organized and the following officers elected: Honorary Chairman. Rev. I. W. Yandell, Acting chairman, Rev. W. A. Hearron, Clerk, Rev. Cleo Pursell.

2. We agreed to contact the Free Will Baptist Bible College concerning the request for an inter-semester Christian Workers Training Course to be held the latter part of January or at whatever time the college may desire.

3. Rev. W. A. Hearron agreed to build a book cabinet for State Library free of charge.

It was agreed that the Library should be set up at Bristow, Oklahoma, in the care of the clerk of this board. Rules governing the loan of books were discussed and the following decided upon:

1. That books should be loaned for a period of three weeks or one month.

2. That a small rental price (.50 per month) should be charged to cover mailing costs, wear on books, etc.

3. A penalty should be charged for books over-due. Two cents for first five days, five cents for each day afterward.

The following books have been donated:

Book	Author	Donor
1. Introduction to Child Study,	Benson	Rev. & Mrs. Jn. Elliston
2. Principles of Christian Teachers,	Eavey	Rev. & Mrs. Jn. Elliston
3. Personal Soul Winning,	Evans	Rev. & Mrs. Jn. Elliston
4. The Sunday School in Action,	Benson	Rev. & Mrs. Jn. Elliston
5. His Name Among all Nations,	Barnard	Rev. & Mrs. Jn. Elliston
6. Techniques of a Model Church,	Benson	Rev. & Mrs. Jn. Elliston
7. Systematic-Theology,	Butler-Dunn	Rev. W. A. Hearron

#### Treasurer's Report of the Christian Education Board

September 12, 1952 received of Rev. W. S. Mooneyham

(State Executive Secretary) ----- \$100.00

Paid out to Baptist Book Store, for supplies ----- 6.20

Balance ----- \$ 93.80

CHAIRMAN: I. W. Yandell

Clerk: Cleo Pursell

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE:

We the Temperance Committee recommended that this State Association give due consideration to each of the following issues:

a. Discouraging of smoking in vestibules and in front of the church buildings.

b. That our churches support the recently passed legislation prohibiting the sale of beer on the Sabbath, by appealing to their appropriate City Council and urging enforcement of said legislation.

Signed: Committee;

#### OBITUARY COMMITTEE:

We the obituary committee wish to submit their report. We find

that God in his infinite mercy has seen fit to call from our midst 83 of our beloved brothers and sisters in Christ.

We request that Bro. and Sis. Kennedy render a special No. "Precious Memories", following this body stand in moment of silent prayer, concluded with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. John H. West, in memory of their labors with us.

Signed: Committee;

#### MUSIC COMMITTEE:

Music is one of the essential departments of our church work, we therefore recommend that pastors of their respective churches familiarize themselves with the type songs used, especially when quartetts, trios, or duets are rendered. We are all aware of the fact that music has three avenues of appeal to the human heart, sensual, rhythmical, and spiritual. Sensual, appeals to the passionate; Rhythmical, to the emotional; and spiritual, to the religious. We have entirely too many songs that put the feet or other parts of the body in motion and too few that appeal to the Soul.

Signed: Committee;

#### AUDITING COMMITTEE:

After auditing the books of the home we find the books in order.

Received ----- \$13,112.70

Expenditures ----- \$13,211.47

Deficit ----- 98.77

This report covers the associational year beginning October 20, 1952 and ending September 30, 1953.

We regret that we could not give a more detailed report on these books, but we were pressed for time, however the books are open for inspection, and will speak for themselves.

Signed: Committee;

#### RESOLUTION COMMITTEE:

No. 1. Be it resolved that the executive board of the Roberts McGee association and the Executive Board of the State Association meet in council with the object of bringing about a reconciliation of the Roberts McGee Association, with the Oklahoma State Association.

No. 2. Be it resolved that article Two (2) of resolution committee report in 1952 session be rescinded, which reads as follows: "Be it resolved that the State Clerk shall have printed sufficient minutes, so as when each district clerk distributes the said number that each church in this association, whether or not their \$5.00 fee is paid shall receive the number of minutes according to its membership."

No. 3. Be it resolved that this body endorse Item No. 6 of the State League Convention report.

No. 4. Be it resolved that this association concurs with the opinion of the Executive Committee of the Oklahoma State Auxiliary Convention that the election of delegates from the Auxiliary to the State and National Associations is in conflict with the Constitution of the National Association and is therefore ruled out of order and voided.

No. 5. Be it resolved that a committee of five (5) be appointed

by this body to formulate a code of rules to govern the operation and activities of the childrens home. The following men were appointed:

W. V. McPhail  
Claud Chisum  
Roy Hearron  
C. C. Higgins  
Bill DaVault.

No. 6. Be it resolved that this body give a standing vote of thanks to the Norman Church and City for the entertainment of this Association also to the officers of this body for their service during this session of the association.

Signed: Committee;

## RESOLUTION

Be it Resolved: That all churches have a Mourners Bench and Sinners be called to repentance, and any Minister that will not conform to this resolution shall be subject to the discipline of the State.

Be it further resolved that any minister that does not call sinners to a Mourners Bench shall not be allowed to evangelize or pastor churches in the State of Oklahoma, and any church violating this rule shall answer to the Executive Board of the Sub-ordinate Association.

## STATE LEAGUE RALLY

Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.

The 11th annual meeting of the Oklahoma State League Rally meeting at Coweta, of Free Will Baptists was called to order by the President, Rev. Dale Munkus. Delbert Akin led the singing with Rev. Cleo Purcell at the piano. Prayer by Rev. Weldon Wood. Devotional reading by Rev. Lonnie DaVault, 12th Chapter Heb. 1-6 verses. Quartet by Delbert Akin, Dale Munkus, Bailey Thompson and Martha Lou Stankewitz. "Got That Old Time Religion." Rev. Johnnie Postlewaite took charge to bring the Introductory Message. Subject—"Behold the Lamb of God". Announcements were made by Bro. Bill Ketchum. Adjourn business until 1:30 p.m. Dismissed by Rev. Elvis Priest.

Wednesday, 1:30 p.m.

Services opened by singing "I'll live in Glory" led by Bailey Thompson with Wanda Bailes at the piano. Prayer by Sis. Agnes Oliver. Letters called for. Letters read and accepted from First Oklahoma, Old Eureka, and Hopewell No. 2 Associations.

Rev. Weldon Wood answered questions on the work of the League. Motion made and seconded that the Sponsor Rev. Harry Staires help the President appoint the committees.

Pulpit Comm:	Business Comm:	Auditing Comm:
Charles Lomenick	Hazel Munkus	Lonnie Sparks
Charlene Jones	Mary Mashburn	Jean Bernhardt
Arnett Florence	Charles Flynn	Reba Knowles
Linnie Adams	Jack Dodson	Mary Alice Bonds
Violet Prentice	Jimmy Bundy	Helen Trent

Song by Rev. Weldon Wood with Ann Munkus at the piano. Programs were presented by Grand River, First Mission and First Oklahoma.

**Program Judges Appointed:**

Agnes Oliver  
Ann Munkus  
Rev. Hattie Newman  
Lonnie Long  
Rev. Delbert Akin

Report of the Pulpit Committee was read. Rev. Delbert Akin to bring the Message concluded by Rev. Weldon Wood. Testimony service to be conducted by Bro. Jimmy Bundy. Dismissed by Rev. Hattie Newman.

Grove Services: Boys led by Lonnie Sparks. Girls led by Bobby Turner.

**Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.**

Song service conducted by Arnett Florence with Ann Munkus at the piano. Prayer by Rev. Jess Stepp. Services turned to Sis. Bessie Staires for an old time Testimony Service. Solo, by Barbara Hancock, "No One Cares for me like Jesus". Quartet, Delbert Akin, Arnett Florence, Dale Munkus and Johnnie Postlewaite. Services turned to Rev. kin, Text—"Discovering Christ", he was followed by Rev. Weldon Wood. Wonderful Messages. Dismissed by Bro. Esslick.

**Thursday, 9:30 a.m.**

Services opened by singing led by Dale Munkus with Yvonne Erickson at the piano. Prayer by Jimmy Bundy. Solo "You never mentioned Him to Me", Gary Holt. Solo, "Smiling Through Tears", Rev. Charles Flynn. Quartet, Delbert Akin, Dale Munkus, Arnett Florence and Martha Lou Stankewitz, "I Know That God is Real". Congregational song "He Set Me Free," led by Dale Munkus. Purpose of the League discussed by Lonnie Sparks. The discussion was very interesting and appropriate.

Presenting Our Talents. Song led by Delbert Akin. Prayer by Bro. McPhail. Duet by the Wilson Boys First Mission Association, "Mansion Over The Hilltop". Quartet, Ada Church "When I Go Down To The Jordan River". Accordion Solo, Yvonne Erickson. Solo, "Angels Get My Mansion Ready", by Rev. Paul Purcell. Solo, "Satisfied With Jesus", Ann Munkus. Quartet, Old Eureka Association, "He Said If I Be Lifted Up". Solo, "My God Is Real", Rev. Delbert Akin. Message Rev. Bill Ketchum using for a Text 1st. Verse 2nd. Chapter Hebrews. Song, "Where He Leads I'll Follow", Altar call given. Services concluded by Rev. Dale Munkus. Dismissed in Prayer by Rev. Ralph Staten.

**Thursday, 1:30 p.m.**

Song Service led by Delbert Akin. Prayer by Rev. John West. Choruses sung by Congregation. Letters called for and read. Motion carried that we receive letter as read from First Oklahoma Association. By request, Bro. Delbert Akin sang a special "My God Is Real".

Discussion on the "Kingdom of God First", by Rev. Paul Purcell. After discussion Young People were called into the Altar for Prayer. Report of Pulpit Committee read as follows. Rev. Beatty bring the message followed by Rev. Hattie Newman. Program presented by Holdenville Church. Play "Hidden Gold". At the close of the play God wonderfully blessed with 14 conversions. Had old-fashioned handshake and were excused for the night service.

Thursday, 7:00 p.m.

Vesper Service. Choruses sung by Congregation, with Maxine Wallace at the piano.

Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

Song service led by Weldon Wood with Maxine Wallace at the piano. Prayer by Rev. Johnnie Postlewaite. Quartet, "I'm a Private in the Army of the Lord", Arnett Florence, Charles Flynn, Velma Voyles and Rachel Williams. Prayer by Rev. Harry Staires. Sword Drill contest conducted by Sis. Bessie Staires. Sword Drill Judges were: Rev. Ralph Staten, Rev. Paul Purcell, and Rev. Jack Dodson. Winner: Clara James from Canadian Association. She will represent our State in the Intermediate Sword Drill at the National League Conference. Offering taken, received \$47.21. Special song "I'm One of His Own", by Weldon Wood and Dale Munkus. Evening message by Rev. Beatty, followed by Rev. Hattie Newman. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Delbert Akin.

Friday, 9:00 a.m.

Singing led by Delbert Akin with Ann Munkus at the piano. Prayer by Rev. Dale Tanksley. Letters called for and read. Motion carried that we receive the letter as read from Center Association. Report of business committee read and accepted as follows:

Resolution No. 1. We, your Business Committee recommend that the State League Rally pay all incurring bills.

Resolution No. 2. We, recommend that we set the Attendance Goal the same for 1954 and work harder to attain that goal. These goals shall be as follows. First Okla.—200; Mission—200; Canadian—200; Grand River—200; Old Eureka—150; Center—100; Dibble—75; Hopewell No. 2—75; North East—30; Eastern—25; Southeastern—20; Hopewell No. 1—10; Roberts McGee—50.

Resolution No. 3. We, your Business Committee recommend that we send \$25.00 to the State Association as minute money.

Resolution No. 4. We, your Business Committee recommend that we pay the Grand River Association \$5.00 for utility bills.

Resolution No. 5. We, your Business Committee recommend that programs be provided for the 1954 League Rally.

Resolution No. 6. We, your Business Committee recommend to the State Association that we seek a central location for all yearly meetings and appoint a Committee of 5 to take care of this business. The Committee appointed were as follows: Rev. Delbert Akin, Rev. Bill Ketchum, Rev. Johnnie Postlewaite, Rev. Elvis Priest and Rev. Harry Staires.

Report of Auditing Committee read and accepted. Rev. Elvis Priest elected to bring the Introductory Message at the next League Rally. Rev. Bailey Thompson Alternate.

The next State League Convention will be held 9 miles West of Tecumseh on Highway 9, at the First Okla. Association Campground on Wednesday before the last Sunday in June 1954, God willing.

The following officers were elected:

Sponsor ----- Rev. Delbert Akin, Tecumseh, Oklahoma  
President ----- Rev. Dale Munkus, Box 388, Allen, Okla.  
Vice-President ----- Arnett Florence, Poteau, Okla.  
Recording Secretary ----- Agnes Oliver, McCurtain, Okla.  
Corresponding Secretary ----- Ann Munkus, Box 388, Allen, Okla.  
Treasurer ----- Martha Lou Stankewitz, Panama, Okla.  
State League Evangelist ----- Rev. Lonnie Sparks

Boys Dormitory Sponsors:  
Rev. Jess Stepp  
Rev. Johnnie Postlewaite  
Rev. Jack Dodson  
Rev. Paul Purcell

Jr. Girls Sponsors:  
Rev. Cleo Purcell  
Sis. Effie Wood

Sr. Girls Sponsors:  
Sis. Esslick  
Sis. Tillie Oliver

Center Association and Hopewell No. 2 presented programs. Report of Program Judges was read; Rev. Elvis Priest, Pastor of the Holdenville Church was presented the Program Banner for having the best program. Rev. Bill Ketchum of the Grand River Association was awarded the Attendance Banner as they reached the goal set for them.

Motion carried that we extend a rising vote of thanks to the Grand River Association for their Hospitality. Motion carried we adjourn the business meeting to meet again on Wednesday before the 4th Sunday in June, 1954.

Friday, 11:00 a.m. ,

Solo, "He Bought My Soul At Calvary", Gary Holt. Song, led by Weldon Wood, "Just A Little Talk With Jesus", with Martha Lou Stankewitz at the piano. "I'll Be A Friend To Jesus" led by Rachel Williams. Services turned to Rev. Charles Flynn to bring message. Subject used "Three Crosses Of Calvary". He was followed by Rev. Jack Dodson.

Benediction by Bro. B. R. Wood.

Rev. Dale Munkus—President  
Sis. Agnes Oliver—Rec. Sec.  
Sis. Ann Munkus—Cor. Sec.

**The Thirteenth Annual Session**  
**Of The**  
**WOMAN'S STATE AUXILIARY CONVENTION**

Norman, Free Will Baptist Church

October 20, 1953

**Subject: Light Reflectors**

**Scripture: Phil. 2:14-16**

**Aim: Strengthen and Lengthen our Light Rays.**

The convention was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by the President, Mrs. Ralph Staires.

Congregational singing was led by Mrs. Mildred Cash, Shawnee, Pianist Mrs. Eunice Lunsford, Shawnee. Prayer by Rev. E. E. Morris.

Devotional: Phil 2:14-16, Mrs. Louise Womack.

Motion carried we accept the printed program with change of committee election after intermission. Prayer by Rev. John H. West.

Introduction of Panel of Light Reflectors by the President. "What is Light" by Mrs. Rosemary Priest. "Light Travels in a Strange Line," Mrs. Leah Mae Postlewaite. "Scattered Light," Mrs. Glenara Staires. "Boaster Stations" Mrs. Elsie Staten proxy for Mrs. Bertha Keiffer.

Intermission, Prayer by Rev. Paul Pursell, Shawnee.

Worship Hour opened by singing Heavenly Sunlight. Duet: Rev. and Mrs. Earnest M. Kennedy, "The Light of the World is Jesus."

After congregational singing a quartet number was rendered by John H. West, Delbert Akin, Harry Beatty, and Willa Mae Macasas.

Motion carried president appoint following committees:

**Resolution:**

Glenara Staires  
Daisy O'Donnell  
Mable Priest  
Irene Collins  
Leah Mae Postlewaite

**Finance:**

Cherry Fipps  
Ossie Higgins  
Valeta Hileman  
Opal O'Donnell  
Lucile Beatty

**Registration:**

Vivian Ketchum  
Edna Lou Vaughn  
Effie Wood  
Helen Seaton

**Credential:**

Bessie West  
Louise Womack  
Katherine Smith

**Appreciation:**

Lorene Borden  
Zelma Ward  
Lela Crow  
Peggy Blackburn

**Auditing:**

Cleo Pursell  
Alice Holliday  
Fern Duncan

Special prayer for the Mother of Rev. Jack Dodson led by Rev. Harry E. Staires, Tulsa.

Convention message: Rev. Ben Scott, Oilton, Scripture: II Cor. 4:1-7.

Announcements by host pastor Rev. Robert Duncan and dismissed for lunch by Rev. Elvis Priest, Holdenville.

Chorus time under direction of Mildred Cash.  
Prayer by Mrs. Nettie Barnett.  
Reading "The Torch Bearer," Barbara Staires, Tulsa, G.T.A.  
High Lights of the W.M.A.C., Mrs. Gladys Elliston.  
Duet, Central Ave. Auxiliary, "Beyond the Sunset," Vernice Martin, Erma Dodson.

Sunlight and Health versus Spiritual Light and Health, Rev. Cleo Pursell. Prayer by Rev. Ralph Staten.

Pageant presented by Ada Auxiliary, under the leadership of Mrs. Alice Wood. Prayer by Rev. I. W. Yandell.

Deflectors of the Light, Rev. Hattie Newman.

Treasurer's report was read and motion carried to accept report.

Report of Resolution Committee as follows:

1. We recommend to the State Auxiliary Convention, that we conduct officers workshop sometime during the coming convention year, as recommended by W.N.A.C.

2. We recommend that we accept article No. 7 of W.N.A.C. (1) pertaining to Thanksgiving season of prayer. (2) Christmas Sacrificial offering. (3) Easter offering for foreign mission.

3. We recommend that each district convention encourage local auxiliaries to donate at least one book to our college library. Titles to books to be secured from W.N.A.C. youth chairman.

4. We recommend, that the secretary books be closed Oct. 1, and the treasurer's books audited at least 1 week prior to the state convention.

5. We recommend that we pay the winner of the declamation contest \$3.00 as a reward and that we pay her expenses to the W.N.A.C. as our contestant from Oklahoma.

#### Registration Committee Report:

We the registration committee wish to make the following report: We have 6 districts registered composed of 19 ministers, 11 delegates. 43 from First Mission District, 23 from Center, 35 from First Oklahoma, 7 from Hopewell No. 2, 1 from Canadian, 6 from Progressive, making a total of 153. Of these we have 2 national officers, 8 state officers, 16 district officers and 60 local officers.

#### Finance Committee:

We the Finance Committee: (1) recommend that this body reimburse Mrs. Elsie Staten \$9.00 for printing state programs. (2) that we pay the State Association \$15.00 for printing state minutes.

#### Appreciation Committee:

We the appreciation committee wish to express our heartfelt thanks to the host church for their hospitality and the beautiful flower arrangement, the program chairman for such an inspiring program and each one that took part, also to Mrs. Cleo Pursell for printing our chorus sheets.

#### Auditing Committee:

We the auditing committee have examined the treasurer's books and found them correct.



## Report of Credential Committee:

We the credential committee have checked the membership and dues:

Hopewell No. 2—42 members .....	\$8.40 dues, correct
Okmulgee—14 members .....	\$4.20 dues overpaid
Center (Ada Church) —24 members .....	\$4.80 dues, correct
First Oklahoma—76 members .....	\$15.20 dues, correct
First Mission—197 members .....	\$39.40 dues, correct

We recommend we refund the Okmulgee Auxiliary \$1.40.

Declamation contest under the direction of Mrs. Marie Roberts. Those participating were Mary Alice Bond, Ada and Barbara Staires, Tulsa. Judges for the contest: Rev. Cleo Pursell, Rev. Hattie Newman, Mrs. Tillie Oliver. The award went to Barbara Staires.

Motion carried that the President of Auxiliary sit in on State general board.

Nominating committee report read and motion carried to accept. Election of officers as follows:

President .....	Cleo Pursell
Vice-President .....	Rosemary Priest
Enlistment Chairman .....	Genell Scott
Youth Chairman .....	Marie Roberts
Study Course Chairman .....	Leah Mae Postlewaite
Program Chairman .....	Elsie Staten
Benevolence Chairman .....	Oleta Pate
Executive Secretary and Treasurer .....	Cherry Fipps

Offertory prayer by Rev. Robert Duncan.

Installation service for new officers by Bessie Staires, prayer of dedication by Rev. Elvis Priest.

Motion carried executive committee appoint delegates to W.N. A.C., and auditing committee for coming year.

Minutes read and approved.

Motion carried to adjourn until next session, October, 1954.

Benediction, Rev. Dale Munkus.

## OKLAHOMA STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS TREASURER'S REPORT

October 21, 1952 to October 19, 1953

Brought forward October 21, 1952 .....	\$ 142.80
Co-Laborer fund .....	464.98
College Organ fund .....	194.00
Literature .....	199.90
Orphanage .....	318.65
National Home Missions .....	66.00
Missions .....	344.33
Home Missions .....	99.75
Dues .....	54.60
College .....	16.00
Headquarter Building fund .....	55.00
Carlisle Hanna Fund .....	18.61

Tithes -----	32.69
Offering State Meeting 1952 -----	20.63
Superannuation -----	2.00
Sticker sales -----	2.50
Returned Check -----	8.17
Total Receipts -----	\$1897.81
Grand Total -----	\$2040.61

(DISBURSEMENTS)

Co-Laborer Fund -----	464.98
College Organ -----	2240.00
Literature -----	199.90
Orphanage -----	318.65
National Home Missions -----	66.00
Missions -----	344.33
Home Missions -----	90.75
Dues to Womans National Auxiliary Convention -----	31.50
College -----	16.00
National Headquarter Building -----	55.00
Carlisle Hanna Fund -----	18.61
Superannuation -----	2.00
Declamation Contest Award 1952 -----	3.00
Lunch Woman's State Auxiliary meeting 1952 -----	10.00
Printing Programs 1952—Printing Minutes 1952 -----	24.75
Supplies -----	2.00
Miscellaneous -----	9.05
Total Disbursements -----	\$1896.52
Grand Total Receipts -----	\$2040.61
Balance on Hand October 20, 1953 -----	\$ 144.09

Secretary and Treasurer:

Mrs. Cherry Fipps  
2415 East Marshall Street  
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## 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 association shall be composed of all Ordained Ministers and Deacons with membership in some local Church which is a member of a district association with membership in the State Association and an equal number of delegates, equal with the number of Churches composing said Association and the delegates shall be endorsed by their respective association.

### 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 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, Superannuation 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 designated power to collect fund and employ and superintend such work for the field as may seem best,

and the means on hand may warrant. They shall deliver Oil and Gas leases upon any real property owned by the association, for such bonuses and rentals as in the discretion of the said Board.

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 preceeding the State Association to hear the reports of the Standing Boards and to make recommendations to the state associations. 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. Superannuation 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.

