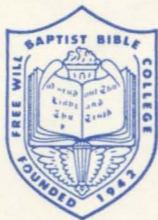


*Minutes*  
*of the*  
*Sixth and Seventh*  
*Semi-Annual*  
*Meetings*  
*Free-Will Baptist*  
*State*  
*Ministers Conference*  
*June 5th — Dec. 4th*  
*1947*



FREE WILL BAPTIST  
BIBLE COLLEGE

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**OFFICERS FOR 1948**

- Rev. O. H. Doss.....*President*  
Rev. Willard Day.....*Vice President*  
Rev. C. C. Wilson.....*Clerk*  
6801 E. Pine, Tulsa, Oklahoma  
Rev. Charles Sapp.....*Assistant Clerk*



**CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE**

- Rev. E. A. O'Donnell  
Rev. Gene Winfrey  
Rev. H. E. Staires  
Rev. A. B. Epperson  
Rev. W. V. Woods





Report of work at New Bethlehem by Rev. Guinn.  
 A fine report.  
 Various reports on the condition of our churches and  
 their problems.  
 Credential report No. 1 accepted. Credential report  
 No. 2 accepted.  
 Resolution No. 1 accepted. Resolution No. 2 accepted.  
 Motion moderator appoint committee on program and  
 to cooperate with Host Pastor of Church at which  
 conference is being held. Carried.  
 Committee on program, Rev. G. H. Johnson, E. A.  
 O'Donnell, Ralph Hampton and Virgil Bradford.  
 Ministers' reports read and accepted.  
 Next meeting at Shawnee church, December 4, 1947.  
 Motion we adjourn till next conference. Carried.  
 Dismissed.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Credential Committee:

No. 1—We recommend Rev. W. S. Mooneyham as an  
 associate member. Carried.

No. 2—We recommend Rev. J. E. Phillips for a life-  
 time membership. Carried.

No. 3—We recommend Rev. R. G. Lane for member-  
 ship. Carried.

#### Resolution Committee:

We your committee on resolutions recommend that  
 this conference select two speakers, for each set-  
 ting of this conference to speak on subjects per-  
 taining to the welfare of the local church. Carried.

No. 2—Be it resolved that this conference give a  
 standing vote of thanks to the Pretty Water  
 church for their fine hospitality during this session  
 of the conference. Carried.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

June 6, 1946

Balance brought forward from June 6, 1946.....	\$45.48
Paid in Dec. 5 for 1947 dues.....	32.00
Donation by Rev. T. E. Dearduff.....	1.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$78.48</b>
Paid out for Christmas cards Dec. 20.....	\$ 3.00
For Mailing same .....	.50
Paid out for Semi-annual Report cards, Feb. 11, 1947 .....	3.75
Paid out for minutes Feb. 11, 1947.....	43.95
For mailing same .....	1.50
Païd out for Tri-state notices and mailing .....	1.50
Paid out for flowers for Rev. Will Bingham funeral .....	5.50
<b>Total paid out to June 5, 1947.....</b>	<b>\$59.70 59.70</b>
<b>Balance in Treasury June 5, 1947.....</b>	<b>\$18.78</b>



## AFTERNOON SESSION

Song service, Rev. E. A. O'Donnell.

Special quartet, composed of Rev. E. A. Campbell, Wade Jernigan, Dennis O'Donnell and W. S. Mooneyham. Good singing.

Scripture, Rev. O. Thurman.

Prayer, Rev. C. W. Hastings.

Election of officers.

President, Rev. O. H. Doss.

Vice-President, Rev. Willard Day.

Clerk, Rev. C. C. Wilson.

Asst. Clerk, Rev. Charles Sapp.

Election of committees.

Credential Committee: Rev. E. A. O'Donnell. Gene Winfrey, H. E. Staires, A. B. Epperson and W. V. Woods. Elected by acclamation.

Resolution committee appointed by chair.

Resolution committee: Rev. H. E. Staires, W. S. Mooneyham, Cecil McKenzie, C. W. Hastings and Dennis O'Donnell.

Motion that a standing program committee be appointed. Carried.

Program committee: Rev. John H. West, chairman; Willard Day and C. C. Wilson, members.

Motion that this body make plans for a state paper, carried.

Motion that the clerk be empowered to notify each member of the change in dues, carried.

Motion that we reduce our fees to one dollar a year per member, carried.

Motion that we give the retiring officers a standing vote of thanks, carried.

Rev. H. E. Staires and Dennis O'Donnell spoke on their subjects. Some excellent advice was given concerning these subjects.

Recommendation that each Minister come prepared to stay for night service.

Spring Hill Church selected as next place for conference, June 3, 1948.

Standing vote of thanks to host church for their fine hospitality.

Motion we adjourn till next conference in June, carried.

Committee Reports.

Credential Committee Report:

We the credential committee recommend the following Ministers for membership: Rev. Gene Winfrey, W. S. Mooneyham, Dennis O'Donnell, W. C. Hastings, Willard Day and Wade Jernagin, also Rev. Pate of Collinsville as a lifetime member in recognition of his service to God and the denomination. Accepted.

Report of Resolution Committee:

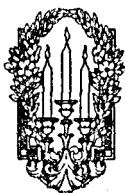
No. 1—Be it resolved that this Minister's conference have a program committee. Carried.

No. 2—Be it resolved that the program committee send out programs two months before each regular session. Carried.

### FINANCIAL REPORT \*

Balance brought forward June 5, 1947.....	\$18.78
Dues paid in June 5, 1947.....	4.00
(R. G. Lane, \$2.00; W. S. Mooneyham, \$2.00)	
Dec. 4, 1947 total in treasury.....	<u>\$22.78</u>
Paid out nothing from June 5, 1947, to Dec. 4, 1947.	





## Covenant

Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ, and being called and chosen to the Ministry, we give ourselves to one another, by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by the grace of God to love and support our brother minister to the advancement of the Gospel and the Glory of God.

We will not be partakers of any sinful amusement, neither shall we conduct ourselves in any manner at any time that will bring reproach on the ministry or hinder God's cause.

We agree to faithfully discharge our obligations and duties, to study to show ourselves approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth.

We are willing by self denial, to promote the Gospel, and by faith, endeavor to "Grow in Grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We agree to reprove with meekness and to watch over one another in love and affection, endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace. To be careful of one another's happiness, reputation, and ministerial success. Seek to strengthen and encourage one another, and at all times promote the success of the church and Gospel of our Lord and Savior. We will at all times hold Christian principles sacred, and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme, counting it our chief mission in life to carry God's eternal message to those who are dead in sin, that they may be resurrected by "Saving Grace".

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of Educational and Denominational enterprises, constantly praying and toiling for greater achievement for Christ. May the God of peace sanctify us blameless unto the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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## ARTICLE 1.

The clerk or assistant clerk, or in their absence the senior minister in years, shall call the ministers into conference. If a Quorum is present the President or in his absence the Vice-President shall moderate the meeting. If neither of these are present, the senior minister in years shall be in charge.

## ARTICLE 2.

It shall be the duty of the clerk to enroll the ministers of the conference. Ministers shall present themselves with proper evidence of their rights to seats therein, and those enrolled by the clerk shall compose the conference. In case of questionable representation the case under question shall be referred to the Credential Committee.

## ARTICLE 3.

It shall be the duty of each minister belonging to this conference, to be active in pastoral or evangelistic services (disabled and retired ministers excepted). Any minister belonging to this conference shall report in each session in person or by letter, and failing to do so for two successive sessions shall be subject to discipline.

## ARTICLE 4.

Each conference shall be opened by reading a portion of God's word and prayer, and each session shall be closed with prayer.

## ARTICLE 5.

By a two-thirds vote of the members present a ruling of the President may be overruled.

## ARTICLE 6.

This conference shall sit with open doors, except when it shall go into a committee as a whole.

## ARTICLE 7.

No member shall absent himself from the conference during its meetings without permission from the President.

## ARTICLE 8.

No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of a committee, unless person nominated is not elected.

ARTICLE 9.

The President shall not allow discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit, or when he thinks it will cause discord.

ARTICLE 10.

Anyone desiring to speak shall rise and address the President by the appellation, "Brother President", but shall not speak further until recognized.

ARTICLE 11.

No member of this conference shall be allowed to speak more than five minutes, nor twice on the same subject without permission from the President.

ARTICLE 12.

These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular or adjourned session of this conference by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

**C o n s t i t u t i o n**

ARTICLE 1.

This Minister's Conference shall be called The Oklahoma State Free Will Baptist Minister's Conference, and shall be composed of Ordained Free Will Baptist Ministers who are regular members of some Orthodox Free Will Baptist church in the state of Oklahoma.

ARTICLE 2.

The officers of this conference shall be President, Vice-President, Clerk, Asst. Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually.

ARTICLE 3.

This conference shall have the power to discipline it's members.

ARTICLE 4.

Every ordained minister in the State of Oklahoma should be a member of this conference and is required to report in each session in person or by letter. Every member shall be required to carry a card of identification and recommendation from this conference, and said card to be issued annually.

ARTICLE 5.

This conference shall meet Semi-Annually.

ARTICLE 6.

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular session.

