

# Minutes

of the

*First Semi-Annual Meeting*

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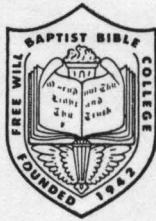
FIRST OKLAHOMA  
ASSOCIATION CAMPGROUND  
TECUMSEH, OKLAHOMA

JANUARY 11, 1955

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*Free Will Baptist State  
Ministers Conference*



FREE WILL BAPTIST  
BIBLE COLLEGE

*Presented By*

Rev. Glen Lewis

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## OFFICERS FOR 1955

Rev. H. E. Staires.....President  
Rev. Gilbert Pixley.....Vice-President  
Rev. Homer Young.....Secretary-Treasurer  
206 East Merrick, Street, Henryetta, Oklahoma  
Rev. L. A. Yandell.....Asst. Secretary-Treasurer



## CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Rev. E. E. Morris.....Chairman  
Rev. Jack R. Dodson.....Clerk  
Rev. Ross Hamar.....Member  
Rev. A. E. Keeney.....Member  
Rev. Harry Beatty.....Member



## MEMBERSHIP

Members ..... 41  
Life Time Member ..... 1  
Total Membership..... 42

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## 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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# BY-LAWS

## 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 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.

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### 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.

## Constitution .

### 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 its 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 a 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.

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## MINUTES

Minutes of the State Ministers Conference Organization, of Free Will Baptist Denomination, of the State of Oklahoma.

Meeting called to order by State Moderator, Rev. John H. West.

Devotional by Rev. L. P. King.

Prayer by Rev. I. W. Yandell.

Motion: To re-activate Ministers Conference using the Texoma Ministers Conference constitution and by-laws, with membership limited to Oklahoma Ministers. Motion carried.

Election of officers for coming year.

See list on front page.

Election of Credential Committee.

See list on front page.

Motion: To hold next meeting on Thursday night and Friday, May 5th. and 6th. Carried.

Union Association Invitation was accepted as the next meeting place. The meeting will convene with the Pleasant Valley Free Baptist Church, 10 miles north on Hi-Way 183, 6 miles west on Hi-Way 33, and one mile north of Clinton, Oklahoma.

Motion that all Licensed and Ordained Ministers have an opportunity for membership. Carried.

Constitution and By-Laws were read by President, Rev. H. E. Staires.

Motion: To set fee at \$1.00 per year per member. Carried. Recommendation No. 1 accepted. Recommendation No. 2 accepted. Motion: That we print two types of membership cards, one for Licensed Ministers and another for Ordained Ministers. Carried.

Recommendation No. 3 accepted.

Motion: that membership be on a voluntary basis until next meeting of the State Association. Carried.

Motion: That officers of this body be elected as program committee for next meeting. Carried.

Recommendation No. 4 accepted.

Recommendation No. 5 accepted.

For We are labourers together with God. . .

1 Cor. 3:9a

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A report was given by Rev. John B. Elliston pertaining to the "Christian Workers Institute," which will begin February 3rd. at the Progressive Association Camp grounds, Wetumka, Oklahoma.

A challenge was given us by Rev. Elvis Priest, school supervisor, to accept this as an opportunity for a better trained ministry.

Roll Call by Secretary Rev. Homer Young.

Motion: That we refund Rev. I. W. Yandell his \$1.00 and make him a life time member.

The session of this assembly dismissed with prayer by Rev. F. A. McCage.

Dues collected as per above motion. \$41.00.

And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife. I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdsmen and thy herdsmen; for we be Brethren.  
Gen. 13:8

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### CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Recommendations:

No. 1: We recommend the printing of a nice wallet size membership card before next meeting. Accepted.

No.:2 We recommend for membership all Ministers present who are members in good standing of any orthodox Free Will Baptist Church. Accepted.

No. 3: We recommend a committee be elected to prepare program for next meeting. Accepted.

No.4: We recommend that each Minister report either in person, or by letter each meeting. Accepted.

No. 5: We recommend that the Credential committee require each Minister uniting with this body hereafter to have a letter from his Church showing that he is a member in good standing. Accepted.

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## PROGRAM

Program of the 2nd. Semi-Annual meeting of the Free Will Baptist State Ministers Conference, when convening with Pleasant Valley Free Will Baptist Church, Clinton, Oklahoma, May 5-6, 1955.

Theme.....A United Ministry

### THURSDAY EVENING SESSION

7:30 Song Service.....Rev. Delbert Akin  
Prayer.....Rev. E. E. Morris  
8:00 Devotional.....Rev. Earnest Harrison  
8:30 Introductory Message.....Rev. Damon C. Dodd  
Rev. Ed. Sunday, Alternate  
Announcements..... by President, Rev. H. E. Staires  
Adjourn.

### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

9:30 Song Service..... Rev. Waldon Wood  
9:40 Prayer.....Rev. Ted Keeney  
9:45 Devotional.....Rev. Jack Dodson  
9:50 Welcome.....Rev. Ross Hamar  
10:00 A Uniform Ministry through Church Administration..... Rev. E. A. O'Donnell  
10:30 Business Session  
11:00 Recess  
11:10 Song Service.....Rev. Woodrow Matthew  
11:20 Morning Message..... Rev. I. W. Yandell  
12:15 Lunch served by Union Assn. of F. W. B.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

1:15 Song Service.....Rev. N. R. Smith  
1:25 Devotional .....Rev. A. L. McAffrey  
1:30 A Uniform Ministry through Sunday School Organization.....Rev. John H. West  
2:00 Business Session  
2:30 A Uniform Ministry Through Doctrine  
Rev. F. A. McCage  
3:00 Round Table Discussion Rev. Earnest M. Kennedy  
3:30 Benediction.....Rev. Robert E. Duncan

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## MEMBERS' NAMES AND ADDRESSES

1. Rev. E. E. Morris, 2709 S. W. 33rd. St., Okla. City  
Oklahoma
  2. Rev. Dale Munkus, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
  3. J. E. Yandell, Red Oak, Oklahoma.
  4. Rev. Weldon Wood, 420 South Ash, Ada Oklahoma
  5. Rev. Elvis Priest, 120 West Scott, Holdenville, Okla.
  6. Rev. E. M. Kennedy, 1930 No. Lewis Ave., Tulsa.  
Oklahoma
  7. Rev. DeArthur Yandell, 27 No. 31st., Lawton, Okla.
  8. Rev. W. V. Wood, Lexington, Oklahoma.
  9. Rev. Ira W. Smathey, 4309 South Agnew,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
  10. Rev. D. C. Wynn, 3720 So. West 40th.,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
  11. Rev. A. E. Keeney, Heavner, Oklahoma.
  12. Rev. John H. West, 836 No. Utica Ave., Tulsa, Okla.
  13. Rev. Ben Scott, Oilton, Oklahoma
  14. Rev. Gilbert Pixley, 305 So. 1st., Duncan, Okla.
  15. Rev. H. E. Staires, 516 So. 61st., Tulsa, Okla.
  16. Rev. Arthur Herron, 4601 Melrose Lane,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
  17. Rev. I. W. Yandell, 2336 S. W. 39th., (Lifetime)  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
  18. Rev. Woodrow Mathews, 1148 East Main,  
Cushing, Oklahoma.
  19. Rev. Roy Herron, Ardmore, Oklahoma.
  20. Rev. Harry Beatty, 139 East Drumright,  
Drumright, Oklahoma
  21. Rev. Lynn Wood, 330 West Grand McAlester, Okla.
  22. Rev. L. P. King, Box 316, Wister Oklahoma.
  23. Rev. L. A. Yandell, Rt. 9 , Box 412, Tulsa, Okla.
  24. Rev. N. R. Smith, Box 868, Wewoka, Oklahoma.
  25. Rev. J. R. Dodson, 1904 South Central,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
  26. Rev. John B. Elliston, 502 W. 15th., Okmulgee, Okla.
  27. Rev. V. B. True 4309 South Agnew,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
  28. Rev. Carl H. Walters, Ardmore, Oklahoma.
  29. Rev. Earnest Harrison, Box 151, Weleetka, Okla.
  30. Rev. Paul E. Purcell, Box 997, Bristow, Okla.
  31. Rev. Cleo Purcell, Box 997, Bristow, Oklahoma.
  32. Rev. Leroy Bowers, 129 S Draper, Shawnee, Okla.
  33. Rev. Robert E. Duncan, 135 Neptune Park Addn.  
Clinton, Oklahoma.
  34. Rev. A. C. Booth, Route 4, Stigler, Oklahoma.
  35. Rev. George Pettyjohn, 305 N. W. 7th.,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
  36. Rev. Waldo Young, 315 Tenbrook, Shawnee,  
Oklahoma.
  37. Rev. Ross Hamar, Arapaho, Oklahoma
  38. Rev. Clyde Hamar, Putnam, Oklahoma.
  39. Rev. I. L. Florence, Route 1, Poteau, Oklahoma.
  40. Rev. Delbert Akin, Box 292, Tecumseh, Okla.
  41. Rev. F. A. McCage, Route 2, Stigler, Oklahoma.
  42. Rev. Homer Young, 206 E. Merrick, Henryetta,  
Oklahoma.
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