

**MINUTES OF THE
NINETY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION**

of

Original Grand River Association

of

FREE WILL BAPTIST

Formerly

The Grand River Association of Free Will Baptist



**Convened 1/10th mile south of the intersection
of Highways 10 and 33 at Kansas, Oklahoma,
On Thursday Night Before
The Third Sunday In August, 1984**



OFFICERS —

**Norman Butler, Sr., Moderator
Fred Nixon, Assistant Moderator
James Terry, Clerk
Mary Terry, Assistant Clerk**

MEMORY PAGE

Dedicated to the memory of our deceased Ministers of the Original Grand River Association of Free Will Baptist.

Name	Date of Death	Years in Ministry
J.M. Roberts	1941	51
G.W. Benton	1950	62
R.J. Howard	1957	42
T.S. Pilant	1950	40
C.W. Thompson	1956	36
J.W. Moyers	1942	35
G.R. Carner	1962	34
Earl Ramsey	1960	30
Jim Keys	1957	19
Harve Mashburn	1955	18
A.T. Hicks	1941	12
Mrs. A.T. Hicks	1950	20
M.D. Purdom	1941	10
Frank Kern	1937	7
C.C. Hoos	1931	32
L.W. Mann	1951	46
W.W. Hudson	1941	
Lee Jones		
T.J. Perkins	1961	62
T.E. Deardeuff	1965	56
Ben Phillips	1957	
Jesse Pilant	1968	47
J.N. Musgrave	1970	67
Luther Littlefield	1970	24
Paul Griggs	1971	24
Jim Phipp	1913	
John C. Bearden	1976	30
Eelzie Poplin	1977	25
Ben Perkins	1980	

And I heard a voice from Heaven saying unto me; Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them. — Revelations 14:13

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Read letter from church.
2. Election of Officers.
3. Reception of new churches.
4. Invitation to visiting brethren to take seats.
5. Call for Correspondence.
6. Appointment of Committees.
7. Appointment of Correspondents.
8. Election of ministers to preach the introductory.
9. Call for reports of Committees.
10. Adjournment of Association.

THE CHURCH ORGANIZATION

When several believers wish to be organized into a church, they request a council of Quarterly Meeting or Association, which examines into the Christian character, doctrine, and fellowship of the applicants, and their ability to sustain a church. If the examination is satisfactory, the organization proceeds as follows:

1. The Bible is presented, as the only rule of faith and practice.
2. A church covenant is adopted.
3. A prayer of consecration is offered.
4. The hand of fellowship is given by the chairman of the council.

When a church already organized, or a church from another denomination, wishes to unite with the Free Will Baptist denomination, a council is called the same as for the organization of a new church.

YEARLY MEETINGS OF ANNUAL ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This yearly Meeting or Association shall be called the Original Grand River Association and shall be composed of such regular organized and well-disciplined Free Will Baptist churches, conveniently located as many embody themselves under this Constitution.

Article 2. The Conference of the Yearly Meeting or Association shall consist of delegates from the several churches of which it is composed, every church being entitled to three delegates or three alternatives.

Article 3. The officers of this Yearly Meeting or Association shall be a standing clerk and treasurer, and a Moderator, who shall be chosen at every session of the Yearly Meeting or Association, with such assistants as may be found necessary.

Article 4. Any well organized and well regulated Free Will Baptist church, composed of such members as conform to the practices and adopt the doctrines of the Original Free Will Baptist Association, as published in the Treaties of their Faith, and are in favor of all the benevolent enterprises of the denomination, may at any time, upon application by vote of this body, become a member thereof.

Article 5. This Yearly Meeting or Association shall have power to discipline the churches of which it is composed, and to exclude them for disorderly walks, if labor proves unsuccessful; but in no case to reverse their decisions, not to interfere with any of their internal regulations.

Article 6. The sessions of this Yearly Meeting or Association shall begin on Thursday night before the third Sunday in August each year, at which time it shall be the duty of the churches of which this Yearly Meeting or Association is composed to represent themselves by letter and delegates, and report their standings, prospects, and statistics; at which time the Association shall act upon such questions and topics as may be referred to it by its respective churches and transact such business not repugnant to this Constitution, nor to the practices of the denomination, as in its judgment may promote the cause of Christ and the interest of the churches and Quarterly Meetings, within the limits of this Yearly Meeting or Association.

Article 7. This Yearly Meeting or Association shall have power to adopt any regulations or by-laws, not inconsistent with this Constitution which may be deemed essential to the further regulation of its sessions.

Article 8. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of the Yearly Meeting or Association at any regular session notice of such intended alterations having been given in writing and recorded at the last session.

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His Grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world from all sanctions of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men".

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in references to the study of the scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ".

We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel; not fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unit of the spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able to promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme, counting if our chief business to extend the influence of Christ in society, praying and toiling that His will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the saving of souls. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless into the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

FORM OF CHURCH CONFERENCE

1. Call church in conference.
2. Call for peace of the church.
3. Reading minutes of previous session.
4. Call visiting brethren to seats in Council.
5. Unfinished business.
6. New business.
7. Are any sick or in distress?
8. What has been done for the support of the ministry and other incidental expenses?
9. A call for confession.
10. Invitation for membership.
11. Adjournment.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. God: We believe in one true and living God; composed of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit equal in divine essence, power and glory. St. John 1:1, I Cor. 8:6, I John 5:7, and St. John 10:30.

2. We believe the Bible which is composed of scriptures of the Old and New Testament was given by inspiration of God. II Tim. 3:16, 17. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works, and only infallible rule of faith and practice. II Peter 1:19-21; II Tim. 3:14-17; Daniel 10:21; Acts 1:16-17; Matt. 21-42.

3. We believe that God created man good, gave him a just law by which he should be governed with promise of reward for faithfulness and with penalties of punishment for disobedience. Gave man power of free moral agency to choose the right and reject the wrong, but our first parents heeded the voice of the great enemy of souls. Voluntarily transgressed the law of God. Fell with all their posterity under the just penalty of the same, and was unable of their own power to extricate or save themselves from the great dilemma into which they had fallen. God gave them the hope of salvation through the coming of Christ. Gen. 1:27; Gen. 2:16-17; Rom. 11:11-35, Psa. 37:23-34; Heb. 2:9-10.

4. We believe that Jesus Christ by his birth, death, burial and resurrection purchased our pardon and offered it freely to all mankind upon the principals of repentance toward God and with faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He now commands all men everywhere to repent. Therefore He saith, "Look unto me and be saved all the ends of the earth, for I am God and there is none else". Mat. 4:17; Isa. 45:22; Acts 20:21.

5. We believe that all persons dying in infancy and all idiots are saved by the atoning merits of the Son of God without any acts on their part. That persons coming to years of accountability, transgressing the law of God, at the completion of which pardon takes place in the mind of the Father and by the Holy Spirit they pass through the ordeal of regeneration, are washed in the blood of the lamb and are planted in the kingdom of Christ. St. John 3; Matt. 10:13-22; II Cor. 7:10; Luke 18:16-17; St. John 4:11-16; Psalms 98:3; Col. 1:13.

6. We believe that all true believers in Christ should persevere in divine grace and in knowledge of the truth that God's grace is sufficient to help them overcome all the obstacles of life and that all the combined forces of the great enemy of souls on or in His eternal abode are not able to pluck them from His hand so long as they walk in the path of duty, but those who sidestep and willfully refuse or neglect to perform their duty they would backslide, and if persists continually, would be eternally lost. II Cor. 9:10; Peter 1:4-8; I Peter 2:2; Romans 8:35-39; I Cor. 10:1-13; Hebrews 12:15-17; I John 5:16; Heb. 6:6; I Tim. 4:12; Heb. 3:12; Matt. 12:31-32.

7. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of believers in water, in the name of the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost. In which is represented the burial and resurrection of Christ, and only those who have come under the presbytery of elders are qualified to administer the same. Any church found guilty will be dealt with and excluded from the Association. Matt. 3:14-16; I Peter 3:21; St. John 3:23; Acts 10:47; Matt. 28:19

8. We believe that the Lord's Supper and washing of feet are ordinances of the Gospel of Christ. The Lord's Supper was instituted by our Savior to commemorate His broken body and shed blood for the sins of the world, and to show our remembrance of Him until He comes. All Christians have a right to the Lord's Supper, and that right is a birthright. Let a man examine himself and so let him eat. The washing of feet was instituted by our Lord at the same time that the supper was instituted as an act of humility to show our love for each other, and both ordinances should be perpetuated by all Christians until His coming. Luke 22:19-20; I Cor. 11:20-29; St. John 13:1-8; Matt. 26:26-29.

9. We believe in a divine call of ministry, that God in His goodness and power of grace impresses His ministers with the burden of lost souls, to the extent the call become irresistible with personal conviction so that they yield to the call and exercise their native gifts according to the scriptures with a full reliance upon Him. He accompanies them in the person of the Holy Spirit to guide them in the way of truth and bless their labors according to his purpose. Jonah 1:1; Jer. 1:5; Mark 3:14; Acts 13:42-48; Matt. 28:19.

10. We believe that sanctification is the work of God's grace by which the soul is cleansed from all sin and wholly consecrated to Christ. It takes place in regener-

ation and the Christian can and should abide in this state to the end of life, constantly growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. I Cor. 6:11; II Thes. 2:13; St. John 17:17; Heb. 12:14; Phil. 3:21-22; I Thes. 5:19-23; II Tim 2-20.

11. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the righteous and the unrighteous when the resurrection shall take place. The soul and the body shall be received into everlasting happiness to reign with God forever, but the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment. Matt. 28:6; St. John 5:28-29; I Cor. 15:51-58; Rev. 20:15; Mark 9:43-44.

12. We believe the soul is endless, hence does not die with the body, but immediately after death enters into conscious state of happiness or misery according to the spiritual character here possessed. Phil. 1:23; Luke 23:43; Rev. 6:9; Luke 16:19-25; Matt. 10:28.

13. We believe that the invisible or spiritual church is the redeemed in the aggregate, is the family of God, is composed of all true Christians of every congregation, from righteous Abel to the restitution for all things from every kindred nation, tongue and people. The visible church of Christ is a congregation of faithful men and women, having obtained fellowship with the Lord and with each other, agreeing to keep up a good discipline and doctrine according to the rule of the gospel. Eph. 3:16-21; Heb. 12:22-23; I Peter 2:5; Acts 2:47; Eph. 2:20-22; I Thess. 1:1; Acts 16:5; John 1:10; Matt. 18-17.

14. We believe that there will be a general universal judgment when all men shall be judged according to their works, whether they be good or bad, and that immediately thereafter the wicked shall enter into everlasting punishment, and the righteous into eternal happiness. II Thess. 1:4-9; Rev. 14:3-20; Luke 16:23; Rev. 21:1-8; II Cor. 5:10; Matt. 12:36-37; Rev. 2:12-13.

LAW OF THE SUPPER

The Lord's Supper was instituted for God's people. They all have equal rights to the supper and that right is birthright. For by one spirit are we all baptized into one body (Cor. 12-13). This is not a water baptism but a spiritual baptism. Again Christ says, "I am the door, by me if any man enter in he shall be saved". St. John 10:9. "He that entereth not by the door of the sheepfold but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber", (John 10:1) Christ is not water baptism and yet He is the door. There is but one door and Christ says He is that door, and he that cometh in by that door shall have full fellowship and equal rights with all other Christians. Let a man examine himself and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup, for he that eateth and drinketh unworthily eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not to the church, but to himself. It is a personal matter in judging and eating.

The church that does judge and exclude any of God's people is not acting in keeping with the instructions given the church at Corinth. To thus judge and exclude one of the children of God is to offend the child so judged and excluded. Now listen to Christ: "He that offends one of these little ones that believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea". Matt. 18:6; I Cor. 10:30; Mk. 9:42

It is contended that they of the same faith and order should be entitled to partake of the Lord's Supper. I admit that the true faith is the means by which men become Christians. If this is what is meant by the same faith I shall not object. We are agreed, but if sect is to be inferred, I object. As to order, if nothing but gospel order is meant, very well, but I do not think that one child of God could dictate just what another should believe or to what church he should belong in order that he may be in the right church, for the church is but an organic body of Christians and simply placing your name on the roll book of the best church on earth does not make you a

Christian, neither will a like process in the worst church make a sinner. The Eunuch believed and was baptized. What church did he join? Here is faith and here is order. now I ask if the Eunuch were to wish to commune with some of the churches, would he be allowed the right? No, he is not of the same faith and order; yet he is admitted to heaven. But, nay, he could not be admitted to a sectarian table. At the Lord's table all His people have a perfect right, be he whom he may and when the supper is set and all of God's people are not invited, it is not the Lord's Supper but a sectarian supper, so we, being many, are one body in Christ; and every member one of another (Romans 12:5). And the way we become one body is by being baptized into that body and of course that is by spiritual baptism. He that gets in by water baptism, the same is a thief and a robber; and when anyone gets into that body in a legal way he has a legal right to all the benefits and privileges of the body, for, we, being many, are one bread and one body, for we are that body. What is meant by we? It certainly means all Christians of all ages when you come together to tarry for another; be of one mind, but let the word of God control all partakers of that one bread (1 Cor. 10:17). By partaking we exhibit a oneness of that body. What is meant by we? It certainly means all Christians of all ages when you come together to tarry for another; be of one mind, but let the word of God control the mind. If it had been intended by the Savior that the table be guarded as some attempt to guard it, God would have endowed the Judges with wisdom to discern the pure from the impure. But the standpoint from which they judge is water baptism and a legal administration of the same, so if baptism by immersion is a legal administration this settles the matter and Christian character is left entirely out, by which some made woeful mistake for after all this precaution some are found unworthy of the least of any privileges of any church. To admit immersion to be the only mode of baptism, and a true believer receiving it, is this not right. Some would answer if by legal administrator. This, all that is wanting, is not a purely personal matter? If he has been a truly baptized as anyone. It is the duty of the preacher to baptize and the applicant to be baptized. When this is done each has performed a personal duty. If I had never been baptized and had to wait until I found one whom I knew to be a legal administrator I would never be baptized at all as I cannot know the heart of man. Two acting in concert, acting in good faith and the other not-the one is blessed and the other is not. Every Christian is strictly responsible for his acts and not for another. Simon the sorcerer believed and was baptized, and that by a legal administrator and yet it is discovered that he is not a Christian. So we see that baptism by a legal administrator does not confer any claims upon him to any Christian rights as this case proves to be a personal matter, as we clearly see that the apostle did his duty and Simon did not, or visa versa.

The apostle, inspired as he was, did not discern the evil in Simon's heart, neither can we know the heart of a man. When we do our duty it is ours. When an applicant it is his. So we find that faith, repentance, baptism and the Christian duties are all personal and accountable to God and not unto man. Various are the opinions of men and the ways we account for them in the capacity of men; and if we should use the capacity that God has given I do not think we should be eternally condemned for what we cannot help. The church of Christ is divided into many members but it is one spiritual body and Christ the head, and they should have the same care for the other, as the natural body has for its members, yet they do not perform the same office, yet they should observe the same interest of the body.

Should Christians all commune together at the Lord's Table? I answer what the Lord has joined together, let no man put asunder.

We have fifty states in the Union. They are equally free and independent states and yet they are one united, and have one great central point at which to meet and testify that they are free and independent states and yet but one nation. All Christians should have one central point at which to meet and let the world know that they are one. Let that be the Lord's Table. Christians feel alike if they do not think

alike. They can preach together, pray together, sing together and love together, and should they not commune together? Then a union and free communion is forced upon us. Christ said at the last supper that He would drink no more of the fruit of the vine with us until He drank anew in His kingdom. Then all Christians of all ages will sit around one communion table in heaven. As we find ourselves assembled around the Lord's table in heaven, so should it be on earth.

ARRANGEMENTS

We, your committee on arrangements, beg to report as follows: Taking into consideration the surrounding circumstances and seeing the necessity of a rule governing the ministry and members.

1. 1983 Be it resolved that all resolutions being adopted into the Bill of Arrangements be numbered and dated.
2. Be it resolved that the Association forbid the ministers of the Original Grand River Association speaking disrespectively of one another and anyone found guilty of such conduct shall be liable to charge and dealt with as many be deemed necessary.
3. Be it resolved, that any minister of this Association aspiring to the evangelistic field, it shall be the duty of each church to assist him in his work and this Association has empowered the Moderator and Clerk with the authority to assist the evangelist with the recommendations of he be found worthy.
4. Be it resolved, that any of our preachers or churches found to be tolerating the doctrine of unknown tongues, shall be considered guilty of heresy and shall be required to make acknowledgements to this body or stand suspended.
5. Be it resolved, that the doors of all church property belonging to the Free Will Baptist be open to all ministers in good standing with this Association.
6. Be it resolved, that there be no one ordained to the ministry having two or more living companions. That from this on the minister's credentials are deemed property of this Association.
7. Be it resolved that we, the Free Will Baptist of the Original Grand River Association, adopt this rule, that our ministers in examining deacons and ministers stay strictly with the Bible.
8. Be it resolved that the two oldest preachers in preaching years preach the Introductory Sermon at our Fifth Sunday meetings and our Association.
9. Be it resolved, that the Association appoint a committee of three (3) ordained men to examine all ordained persons wishing to come into our Association from other Associations and demoninations and also to pertain to our own members who are eligible to be ordained, for them to be present at the yearly meeting to be examined.
10. Be it resolved, that this Association encourage each ordained minister and deacon to have the Association seal on their credentials to be properly indentified with this Association.
11. Be it resolved that the pastors and deacons read and explain our rules and church covenant to new members coming into our churches before they are received into full fellowship.
12. Be it resolved that this Association stand by the King James Version of the Bible and the original Greek from which it was translated and we shall accept no other.
13. Be it resolved that any minister or deacon of this Association be set aside for one year by the church prior to going before the Examining Committee at the association and the ministers to be issued a license by the Association.
14. Be it resolved that any minister of this Association found guilty of tolerating the doctrine of anointing with oil for healing of the body shall be considered guilty

of heresy, and required to make acknowledgement to this body or stand suspended.
15. Be it resolved that the association officers (moderator, assistant moderator, clerk and assistant clerk) can only serve two consecutive years.

RULES OF ORDER

1. At every meeting, business shall be opened and conducted by prayer by the Moderator or whosoever he may request.
2. Ministers and their wives, deacons and their wives present have seats and are allowed to take part in the discussion on all subjects and vote.
3. Those who speak shall rise and address the Moderator, personal reflections shall be avoided in all discussions.
4. No motion shall be discussed without being seconded.
5. When motion has been made and seconded and a member opposes the 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 discussion contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and a vote taken.
7. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded.
8. No one shall speak more than twice on any question without special leave of the Moderator.
9. All questions shall be decided by a majority of the members present.
10. No members shall absent himself without leave of the Moderator.
11. Minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected before the close of the Association.
12. In future sessions of the Association, arrangements shall be made to insure two or more sermons each day, or other equivalents.
13. The Rules of Order shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after the organization of the Association.
14. Alterations may be made in these rules at any regular session of the Association.

AUGUST 16, 1984, THURSDAY, 7:30 p.m.

The 91st session of the Original Grand River Association convened at the campgrounds in Kansas, Oklahoma with congregational singing led by Bro. Bob Littlefield. Prayer by Bro. Lowell Wolf. After, what was a good spiritual singing service, Bro. Lowell Wolf took over services and called on Bro. James Terry to lead the devotional service.

Following our (The Original Grand River Association) tradition of 91 years, the preacher with the longest years in the ministry preached the opening service of our annual meeting.

Bro. Leroy Littlefield preached his sermon, How God will surely lead his people out of temptation. And not to be discouraged because we are little in number, but be thankful for His blessings, that we know we are doing His will. If we are sincere in our preaching, praying, singing and testifying, Jesus will surely pass by our way and bless us for it. And Jesus did pass by this night. After a spiritual preaching the alter call was made, as there was one there who was lost. Ronnie Butler made his way to the alter and was saved. As he and the whole church prayed through one more time in his behalf. Song and handshake for our new brother in Christ followed. Closing prayer by Bro. Junior Butler.

AUGUST 17, 1984, FRIDAY, 10:00 a.m.

The 91st annual session of the Original Grand River Association of the Free Will Baptists met at Kansas, Oklahoma. Congregational singing led by Bro. Bob Littlefield. Bro. Bob Campbell called on Bro. James Terry to lead in prayer. Bro.

Bob Campbell declared the 91st annual meeting to enter into conference. Motion was made by Bro. James Terry to enter into conference. Seconded by Bro. Junior Butler.

Bro. Leroy Littlefield, moderator, took charge of the business, asking that the letter of the churches be read and seat the delegates. Motion was made by Bro. Johnny Lee Littlefield to accept the letters as read and to seat the delegates. Seconded by Bro. Lowell Wolf. Carried. The right hand of fellowship was given by Bro. Leroy Littlefield and Bro. Bob Campbell to the delegates.

It was stated in Christie's church letter that Bro. Keith Davis was set aside for a deacon of Christie's church.

Floor opened for nominations for clerk. **Bro. James Terry** was nominated by Bro. Jess Butler. **Bro. Norman Butler** was nominated by Bro. Keith Davis. Motion was made to cease nominations and proceed to elect by Bro. Bob Littlefield, and seconded by Bro. Johnnie Lee Littlefield. **Bro. James Terry** was elected.

Floor was opened for nominations for assistant clerk. **Sis. Mary Terry** was nominated by Sis Shirley Nixon. Motion was made to cease nominations and elect by acclamation by Bro. Johnnie Lee Littlefield, seconded by Bro. Jesse Butler. Carried.

Floor was opened for nominations for **moderator**. Bro. Johnnie Lee Littlefield nominated **Bro. Norman Butler, Sr.** Bro. Bob Campbell nominated **Bro. Lowell Wolf**. Motion was made by Bro. Jesse Butler to cease nominations and proceed to elect. Seconded by Bro. Bob Littlefield. Carried. **Bro. Norman Butler, Sr.** was elected.

Floor was opened for **assistant moderator**. Bro. Stanley Terry nominated **Bro. Fred Nixon**. Motion by **Bro. Johnnie Lee Littlefield to cease nomination and pro-**

Floor was opened for **assistant moderator**. Bro. Stanley Terry nominated **Bro. Fred Nixon**. Motion by Bro. Johnnie Lee Littlefield to cease nomination and proceed to elect by acclamation. Seconded by Bro. Jesse Butler. Carried. **Bro. Fred Nixon** was elected.

The next order of business was nominations for **Devotional Committee**. Bro. Lowell Wolf nominated **Bro. Norman Butler, Jr.** Bro. Bob Littlefield nominated **Bro. Lowell Wolf**. Bro. Johnnie Lee Littlefield nominated **Bro. Bob Campbell**. Motion was made to cease nominations and proceed to elect these 3 men by acclamation.

Motion was made to cease nominations and proceed to elect these 3 men by acclamation. It was seconded and carried

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE,

Floor was opened for nominations. Bro. Johnnie Lee Littlefield nominated **Bro. Jess Butler**. Bro. Leroy Littlefield nominated **Bro. Ray Willyard**. Bro. Lowell Wolf nominated **Bro. Bob Littlefield**. Motion made by Bro. Leroy Littlefield to cease nominations and proceed to elect these 3 by acclamation. Seconded by Bro. Bob Campbell. Carried.

Union of Churches

Motion was made by Bro. Johnnie Lee Littlefield to use last years 3 people on the union of churches committee. Seconded by Bro. Norman Butler Jr. Carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sis Fannie Campbell made motion we use the same people on last years finance committee, for this year's committee also. Seconded by Bro. Bob Littlefield. Carried.

Obituary Committee

Floor was opened for nominations for obituary committee. Bro. Johnnie Lee Littlefield nominated **Sis Shirley Nixon**. Bro. Campbell nominated **Sis. Brenda Littlefield**. Bro. Norman Butler, Jr. nominated **Sis Diane Davis**. Bro. Lowell Wolf made

motion we cease nominations and proceed to elect these three by acclamation. Seconded by Bro. Bob Campbell. Carried.

Literature and Sabbath School

Bro. Johnnie Lee Littlefield made motion to combine the two committees again this year. Seconded by Bro. Jess Butler. Carried.

Bro. Johnnie Lee Littlefield nominated **Bro. Stanley Terry**. Bro. Lowell Wolf nominated **Sis. Relda Butler**. Sis Shirley Nixon nominated **Bro. Keith Davis**. Motion was made to elect these three by acclamation. Seconded by Bro. Bob Littlefield. Carried.

Temperance Committee

Bro. Jess Butler nominated **Bro. Johnnie Lee Littlefield**. Sis Shirley Nixon nominated **Sis. Ruby Butler**. Bro. Lowell Wolf nominated **Sis. Fanny Campbell**. Motion was made by Bro. Norman Butler, Jr. to cease nominations and proceed to elect by acclamation these three people. Bro. Bob Campbell Seconded. Carried.

Motion was made by Bro. Bob Campbell to omit the examining committee for this session. Seconded by Bro. Johnnie Lee Littlefield. Carried.

We voted by majority to omit the Friday morning preaching hour, to carry on business.

Ground Committee

Bro. Johnnie Lee Littlefield nominated **Bro. Lowell Wolf** for the three year man on the grounds committee. Bro. Leroy Littlefield made motion we cease nominations and proceed to elect **Bro. Lowell Wolf** by acclamation. Seconded by Bro. Bob Campbell. Carried.

Credentials Committee

Bro. Johnnie Lee Littlefield nominated **Bro. Norman Butler, Sr.** Motion was made by Bro. Bob Campbell to cease nominations and proceed to elect **Bro. Norman Butler, Sr.** by acclamation. Seconded by Bro. Bobby Littlefield. Carried

Placement of Fifth Sunday Meetings:

Sept. - Association Grounds

Dec. - Cole

March - Christie

June Association Grounds

Fellowship Meetings.

Motion was made by Bro. Lowell Wolf for the clerk to place the fellowship meetings. Seconded by Bro. Bobby Littlefield. Carried.

1984 FELLOWSHIP MEETING

Sept. 1 1984 Association Grounds

Oct. 6, 1984 Cole

Nov. 3, 1984 Christie

Dec. 1, 1984 Cole

Jan. 5, 1985 Christie

Feb. 2, 1985 Cole

March 2, 1985 Christie

April 6, 1985 Cole

May 4, 1985 Christie

June 1, 1985 Association Grounds

July 6, 1984 Association Grounds

August 3, 1985 Association Grounds

Motion was made by Bro. Johnnie Lee Littlefield to notify James Rice for his credentials in 15 days from the date of the letter. Seconded by Bro. Jee Butler. Carried.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, 1984, 1:30

Services began with singing *I Feel Like Traveling On*, led by Bro. Bob Littlefield. Scripture read by Bro. Lowell Wolf, Psalms: Chapter 55:1-6. Prayer by Bro. Norman Butler, Jr. Bro. Bobby Littlefield made motion to dismiss until 7:30 services. Seconded by Bro. Stanley Terry. Carried.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, 1984, 7:30 p.m.

Services began with the congregation singing *Just a Little While*, led by Bro. Ed True. Prayer by Bro. Johnnie Lee Littlefield. Bro. Fred Nixon took charge of the services asking Bro. Ed True to lead devotional service. After a congregational singing, Bro. Jess Butler did the preaching, using his text on Isaiah, 21st. chapter. Standing guard duty preparing for the battle. Closed with song and handshake. Prayer by Bro. Ray Willyard.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 1984, 10:00

Congregational singing led by Bro. Bob Campbell. Prayer by Bro. Norman Butler, Jr. Bro. Lowell Wolf took charge of morning service, asking for the preachers for our memorial service. Sis Ruby Butler nominated **Bro. Ray Willyard**. Bro. Ed True nominated **Bro. Leroy Littlefield**. Bro. Bob Campbell made motion to cease nominations and proceed to elect **Bro. Stanley Terry**. Seconded. carried.

Bro. Ed True made a move to elect both men to preach. The congregation voted. It carried.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 1984 11:00 a.m. MEMORIAL SERVICE

After a short recess the congregation was called together for singing **Precious Memories**. Sis Diane Davis at piano.

Bro. Norman Butler called on Bro. Ed True to lead in prayer. **Bro. Ray Willyard** taking the stand first and **Bro. Leroy Littlefield** taking the stand last, and both preaching a most sacred Memorial Service for our beloved Sister, **Sis. Margaret Butler** who has gone to be with our Lord. Services closed with a song, **The Eastern Gate**, **Sis. Margaret Butler's** favorite, and a handshake. Closing prayer by Bro. James Terry.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 1984, 1:30

Congregational singing led by Bro. Ed True with Donna Wells at the piano. Scripture reading **Matthew** read by Bro. Johnnie Lee Littlefield. Prayer by Bro. Ray Willyard.

Bro. Norman Butler, moderator, taking charge of afternoon business, asked for the next order of business. Bro. Lowell Wolf had a correction for Cole Church's letter. There were 2 received and baptised into the church last year. Next order of business. Bro. Bob Campbell gave the financial report.

YEARLY EXPENSES

WATER - \$88.42

ELECTRICITY - \$169.68

UPKEEP OF GROUNDS - \$1,629.69

PRINTING OF MINUTES - \$178.42

PIANO - \$500.00

MISC. - \$24.90

YARD WORK - \$6.00

DEPOSITS TO DATE: \$1194.23

Committee reports were handed in and read by clerk as follow:

UNION OF CHURCHES: We, your committee on union of churches, report that from the letters read and talking with people from the churches that we find the churches in union. We pray that they will stay in the old paths and grow in the Lord. Sis. Fanny Campbell, chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: We, your finance committee, received \$300.00 for the minute fund and the upkeep of grounds. Bro. Jesse Butler, Chairman.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE: We, your obituary committee, report with sadness of heart, that we bow submissively to the call of our Heavenly Father, who has called from our midst, Sis. Margaret Butler, 12-3-83, from the Christie Free Will Baptist Church. Sis. Shirley Nixon, chairman.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE: We, your committee on temperance, report as follows: We urge all our members to be temperant in all things and to abstain from all appearance of evil and in all things follow the teachings of the Bible. And fail not the assembling for our church services. In all things follow Christ. Bro. Johnnie Lee Littlefield, chairman.

LITERATURE COMMITTEE: We, the literature committee, recommend the King James version of the Bible and the original Greek writings. We support the literature on the Free Will Baptist Doctrine. We shall not accept any revised version or the Living Bible. Stanley Terry, chairman.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE: We, your resolution committee, wish to report as follow: resolutions accepted, 1 rejected. Bro. Jesse Butler, chairman.

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE: Jr. Butler, chairman.

Motion made by Bro. Lowell Wolf to accept and dismiss the committee. Seconded by Bro. Ed True. Carried.

Bro. Bob Campbell made motion to buy new committee books. Seconded by Bro. Johnnie Lee Littlefield. Carried.

Motion was made by Bro. Lowell Wolf to adjoin. Seconded by Bro. Ed True. Carried.

Closing prayer by Sis. Ruby Butler.

7:30

Services started with singing led by Bro. Keith Davis with Sis. Dianna Davis pianist. Song, **Keep Walking**, prayer by Bro. Johnnie Lee Littlefield. Bro. Keith Davis leading devotional services. Bro. Fred Nixon preached on Ezekiel, chapter 3. Service closed with song and handshake. Alter of Prayer.

SUNDAY, 10:00

Service started with singing led by Bro. Bob Littlefield, **Mansion in the Sky**. Piano, Sis. Mary Terry. Prayer by Bro. Bob Campbell. Devotional services led by Bro. Lowell Wolf. Preaching by Bro. Norman Butler. Isaha 36 chapter and Proverbs 7 chapter. Closed with handshake and song. Closing prayer by Bro. Leroy Littlefield.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Bob Campbell - Lowell Wolf - Leroy Littlefield

GROUNDS COMMITTEE

1 year - Jesse Butler

2 years - Johnnie Lee Littlefield

3 years - Lowell Wolf

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

1 year - Ray Willyard

2 years - Lowell Wolf

3 years - Norman Butler, Sr.

ROLL OF DEACONS

Christie

Bob Campbell - 723-5380

Norman Butler, Jr. - 501-524-8306

Cole

W.R. (Bob) Littlefield - 341-5897

Johnnie Lee Littlefield - 825-5742

Edgar True - 825-2942

Lowell Wolf - 434-5337

CHURCH CLERKS

Christie

Fannie Campbell, Rt. 2, Box 255, Westville, Ok 74965-723-5380

Cole

Bobbie Wolf, Rt. 2, Box 445, Salina Ok 74365 - 434-5337

ROLL OF MINISTERS

L. Norman Butler, Sr., 2309 W. Alpine Circle, Siloam Springs, Ar 72761
501-524-5403

Jesse F. Butler, Rt. 1, Box 178, Stilwell, Ok 74960
696-2742

Leroy Littlefield, 1004 S.E. 1st, Pryor, Ok 74361

Fred Nixon, S. Choctaw, Claremore, Ok 74017

Ray Willyard, Rt. 1, Box 217A, Pryor, Ok 73461

Elmer Pilant, 118 Indianola, Pryor, Ok 74361

DELEGATES

Christie

Keith Davis, Dianne Davis, Lora Campbell

Cole

James Terry, Mary Terry, Donna Wells

LETTER FROM A CHURCH TO A QUARTERLY MEETING, YEARLY MEETING, ASSOCIATION

To the of Free Will Baptist
when convened with the
church at, 19

We send as delegates our beloved brethren

whom we pray you receive to sit with you in deliberations.

State of religion

Members received this year

Number Baptized Number Dismissed

Number Died Total Membership

Condition of Prayer Meeting

Average number of pupils

Number of Officers Number of Teachers

Remarks

..... Moderator

..... Clerk

Paid Pastor \$..... Paid Evangelist \$.....

Amount enclosed for Minutes \$.....

Pastor's name and address

Names and addresses of ministers belonging to our church

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Names and addresses of Deacons

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Done by order of church

assembled in conference this day of, 19

CHURCH

Number baptized
Number received
Number dismissed
Total Membership
Pastor's name

CHRISTIE

0
0
15
32
Jesse Butler

COLE

2
2
0
106
Leroy Littlefield

DEACON'S LETTER

This is to certify that Brother
is a worthy deacon of our church and we recommend him as being worthy of his
calling.

Done by order of church in conference this day
of, 19
..... Moderator
..... Clerk

LETTER OF DISMISSAL

This certifies that
is a member in good standing of the Free Will Baptist Church at
.....
and as such we recommend him to the following of God's people:
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Done by order of church in conference this day of
....., 19
..... Moderator
..... Clerk

