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Minutes of The

Sixtieth Annual Session

of the

Grand River Association

of

Free Will Baptist

Convened Two Miles North and Two Miles West
of Coweta, Oklahoma, On Wednesday Night
Before The Third Sunday in August, 1953

OFFICERS

Elder Bill Ketchum, Moderator

Elder LeRoy Littlefield, Assist. Moderator

Elder Howard Gage, Clerk

Bro. Johnny Littlefield, Assist. Clerk

Order Of Business

1. Read letters from churches.
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.

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 discussions 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 decided by a majority of members present.
10. No member shall absent himself without special leave of Moderator.
11. Minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected before the close of the Association, if necessary.
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 or 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.

Yearly Meetings of Annual Association Constitution

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

Article 2. The Conference of this 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 alternates.

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 Free Will Baptist denomination, as published in the Treatise of their Faith, and in the Minutes of the National Association, and are in favor of all the benevolent enterprises of the denomination, may at anytime, 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 Wednesday 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 alternations having been given in writing and recorded at the next previous session.

Church Covenant

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rules 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 all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction 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 reference 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, nor 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 unity of the spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation and 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 it our chief business to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic efforts, for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto 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 members.
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 work. 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. 37:23-24; 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 principles of repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He now commands all men everywhere to repent. Therefore He saith, "Look unto me and be saved all ends of the earth, for I am God and there is none else." Matt. 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 must upon their part exercise faith in Jesus Christ through repentance toward God, at the completion of which pardon takes place in the mind of the Father and by the Holy Spirit they pass thru the ordeal of regeneration, are washed in the blood of the lamb and are planted in the kingdom of Christ. St. John 3; Matt. 19:13-22; 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 the 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 earth and in hell 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 persistently 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 presidency

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 humanity 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 becomes 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 Christ. It takes place in regeneration, 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 of 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 able 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 Thes. 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 Thes. 1:4-9; Rev. 14:9-13; Luke 16:23; Rev. 20:1-8; II Cor. 5:10; Matt. 12:36-37; Rev. 20:12-13.

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 (I 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 mill stone were hanged about his neck and that he were drowned in the depths of the sea." Matt. 18:6; I Cor. 10:30; 13:32.

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 any one gets into that body in a legal way he has a legal right to all the benefits and privileges of that body, for, we, being many, are one bread and one body, for we are all partakers of that one bread (I 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 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 supper should 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 a 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 it not a purely personal matter? If so, he has been as 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 concept, 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 vice versa.

The apostle, inspired all he was, did not discern the evil in Simon's heart, neither can we know the heart of a man. When we do our study 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 that 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 subserve 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 forty-eight states in the Union. They are all 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? And will they not all meet at last in the same holy and happy 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 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.

Be it resolved that the Association forbid the ministers of the Grand River Association speaking disrespectfully of one another and anyone found guilty of such conduct shall be liable to charge and dealt with as may be deemed necessary.

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 recommendations if he be found worthy.

Be it resolved that we forbid any of our ministers challenging any denomination to debate.

Be it resolved, that we forbid the members of our churches from giving, going to, or participating in play parties or dances and any found guilty of such offense shall be liable and charged and dealt with as may be deemed necessary, as it is the cause of young people to forsake the right way and go off in sin.

Be it resolved, that we forbid our ministers or members of our churches of this Association, preaching or teaching sanctification as a second definite work of grace, separate or apart from the regeneration of holiness, or conversion.

Be it resolved, that every church calls a minister to the pastoral care, should minister to his support as God has prospered them..

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.

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 the Association.

Be it resolved that the deacons and clerks of the several churches urge upon their members the great need of finance and urge that each treasury as may be designated by said body.

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.

Be it resolved, that we try our ministers and deacons for one year before ordination.

Be it resolved, that after this year, 1952, no one can act on more than one committee or board at one time, exclusive of the executive board.

Be it resolved that all people camped on the ground, do not throw tin cans, etc., on grounds, and that each one clean up the grounds where they are camped.

Be it resolved that we continue our evangelist efforts with our offerings in order to set up a revolving fund for the purpose of loaning to new churches.

PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON 8:00 O'CLOCK—

Services began by congregational singing and prayer. Special singing enjoyed by all. Bro. Elmo Ables brought first part of message using scripture reference St. Luke 1 chapter. Bro. Ancil Mashburn concluded. Their spiritual messages enjoyed by all. Services dismissed by Bro. Austin Mann.

THURSDAY MORNING 9:00 O'CLOCK—

Services began by congregational singing directed by Wanda Caldwell. Prayer by Bro. Elvis Ramsey. Body declared in conference by Bro. Bill Ketchum. Portion of By-Laws read by Bro. Bill Ketchum. Nominations received for Moderator. Bro. Bill Ketchum elected as Moderator. Bro. Leroy Littefield elected assistant Moderator. Nominations received for clerk. Bro. Howard Gage elected clerk, Bro. Johnny Littlefield elected assistant clerk.

Corresponding delegates called for, none present. Call for letters, letters from eighteen churches received and read. Motion carried to receive letters and seat delegates. One clause to be corrected from Broken Arrow letter. Hand of fellowship given to delegates by congregation.

Motion carried to endue Moderator and assistant with power to appoint temporary committees necessary for this session. Devotional committee. Bro. Franklin Billings, Bro. Roy Groover, Bro. Maynard Connor. Clause from Broken Arrow letter tabled until afternoon session. Motion carried to adjourn conference until 1:30 P. M.

THURSDAY MORNING 11:00 O'CLOCK—

Congregation called together by singing. Prayer by Bro. Willard Day. Bro. Howard Gage first speaker, scripture Luke 2:1-14 verses. Subject, "Introducing Jesus." Bro. Jake Gage concluded, scripture reference Colosians 1:18. A good spiritual blessing was enjoyed by all. Service closed by handshake.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON 1:30 O'CLOCK—

Congregation called together by singing. Conference called to order by Moderator. Prayer by Bro. Harve Mashburn. Letters called for and read. Motion carried to receive letters and seat delegates. Clause from Broken Arrow letter discussed concerning Bro. Ables letter to another association. Motion carried to grant him a letter of recommendation. Committees appointed—Obituary: Sis. Alma Wells, Bro. Tom Mashburn, Sis. Lorene Smith. Sabbath School: Bro. Marvin Mann, Bro. Dave Rickner, Bro. Willie Harless. Literature: Bro. Ezra McClain, Sis. Hattie Conner, Sis. Stella Vest. Union of Churches: Bro. Tom Medlin, Sis. Kate Coday, Bro. Elry Lemly. Temperance: Sis. Lena Rutherford, Bro. Marvin Smith, Sis. Viola Rickner. Finance: Bro. V. E. Moses, Sis. Fay Holcomb, Sis. Lora Jennings. Estimate of Church Property: Sis. Wanda Caldwell, Sis. Ruth Willis, Sis. Grace Peterson. Resolution: Bro. O. C. Mann, Bro. Sy Mashburn, Bro. Till Barnes.

Partial report from Devotional committee: Bro. E. B. Condit and Bro. Willard Day to bring the evening messages. Letters read from Old Eureka Association. Motion carried to receive letter and seat delegates. Oral report by Bro. Bailes on progress on Eureka Association. Visitors granted leave to speak for their association. Very spiritual report given. Special prayer held for sick members who were unable to attend.

Minutes of quarterly meetings read. Business tabled to association brought before the body. Resolution from minutes adopted, "To Place Deacon Honor Roll in our Minutes." Motion carried to take offering tonight for tabernacle fund. Motion carried to grant Spring Hill permission to correct their letter. Placing ordained ministers and deacons on their church letter. Motion carried to adjourn conference until 9:00 A. M. Friday morning.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON 8:00 O'CLOCK—

Evening service began by singing led by Bro. Jess Stepp. Prayer by Bro. Ollie Riddle. Offering taken for tabernacle building fund. Amount \$92.94. First speaker Bro. E. B. Condit. Text taken from Daniel 5th chapter 18th verse. Willard Day, II John 2nd chapter verses 7-8. Great spiritual messages were enjoyed by all.

FRIDAY MORNING 9:00 O'CLOCK—

Service began with singing. Prayer by Bro. Ale Reynolds. Conference called to order by Bro. Ketchum. Scripture reading by Bro. Elzie Poplin. Phil. 1:1-9. Call for letters from local and corresponding churches. Motion carried to receive letters and seat delegates. Hand of fellowship given to visiting brethren.

Report from Orphanage board made by Bro. Stepp. Orphanage board met at Haskell to interview four children who were deemed eligible for privileges of our home. They were admitted and reports tell they are very happy. Motion carried to receive the report and replace the one year man. Nomination for members of orphanage board. Bro. Sy Mashburn elected by acclamation for three year man, moving Bro. Coleman Kirk to two years, and Bro. Stepp resigns as one year man. Motion carried to accept his resignation. Bro. Jake Gage elected by acclamation to take his place as one year man.

Petitionary letter read from the new Locust Grove church. Motion carried to receive the letter. Regular letter read from the above church. Motion carried to receive letter and seat delegates. Report on the new church given by pastor, Bro. Adrain Condit. Called for letters. Letters read. Motion carried to receive letters and seat delegates.

Resolution No. 1. Be it resolved that all people that are camped on grounds do not throw tin cans, etc. on grounds and that each one clean up grounds where they have camped. Motion carried to accept above resolution and place in bill of arrangements. Report from Tabernacle committee. Motion carried to accept report and replace the committee: Bro. Jake Gage, Bro. Ezra McClain and Bro. Till Barnes nominated. Motion carried to elect above men by acclamation.

Motion carried to change time for election of Executive board members from quarterly meeting to annual meeting. Motion carried to replace one year man on Examining board. Motion carried to elect Bro. Ale Reynolds as three year man, moving Bro. Eugene Riddle to two years and Bro. R. J. Howard to one year. Partial report from Devotional committee. Bro. Leroy Littlefield and Bro. Bill Ketchum to bring eleven o'clock message. Delegates selected to go to sister association, Old Eureka. Delegates Bro. F. F. Mann, Sis. S. T. Standifer and Sis. Laura Arnold. Eastern Oklahoma Association: Sis. S. T. Standifer and Bro. R. J. Howard.

Cherokee Home: Bro. and Sis. Leroy Littlefield and Bro. and Sis. Maynard Connor. First Mission: Bro. and Sis. Jesse Stepp and Bro. and Sis. Jake Gage. Mount Zion: Bro. and Sis. Jake Gage and Bro. and Sis. Harve Price. Bixby sends Bro. Ezra McClain to state convention. Motion carried to adjourn conference until 1:30 P. M.

FRIDAY MORNING 11:00 O'CLOCK—

Services began by singing. Prayer by Bro. Luther Jones. Two wonderful special songs rendered. First speaker Bro. Leroy Littlefield. Text Solomon 5th chapter. Bro. Bill Ketchum concluded, text I Tim. 4:11-16. Two great messages were enjoyed by all. Service adjourned for lunch hour.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 1:30 O'CLOCK—

Service began by singing, scripture reading by Bro. Bill Mann. Heb. 8th chapter. Prayer by Bro. R. J. Howard. Call for letters. Letters read. Motion carried to receive letters and seat delegates. Motion carried to accept Bro. Bill Ketchum resignation from the Executive board. Nominations for the two men going off the Executive board. Bro. Sy Mashburn and Bro. E. B. Condit elected by acclamation. Motion carried to elect Bro. Oron Estes to replace Bro. Bill Ketchum.

Executive board: Bro. E. B. Condit and Bro. Sy Mashburn—three years. Bro. Oron Estes, Bro. Adrain Condit and Bro. T. E. Rearduff, two years. Bro. Jesse Stepp and Bro. Dixon Gurley, one year.

Finance report from youth board by Bro. E. B. Condit. Motion carried to accept report. Reading of minutes of youth encampment. Motion carried to grant the request of youths as to suggested officers and carry out improvements as far as possible. Motion carried to have Bro. Jess Stepp preach all of memorial message in absence of Bro. Oron Estes. Report from field evangelist. Motion carried to accept his report. Report from ground committee. Motion carried to accept report and give standing vote of thanks to ground committee. Nominations for ground committee. Elected Bro. Leonard Gill, Bro. F. F. Mann and Bro. Johnny Littlefield. Motion carried that we send two dollars instead of one to finance improvements. One dollar to youth clerk and one dollar to association clerk. Motion carried to adjourn conference until 9 A. M. Saturday.

FRIDAY EVENING 8:00 O'CLOCK—

Service began by singing. Prayer by Sister Scott. Offering taken for Tabernacle fund—\$65.13. Special singing by Bro. Horn. Devotional led by Bro. Dixon Gurley. Prayer by Bro. Elvis Ramsey. First speaker, Bro. Luther Jones, scripture I Cor. 13th chapter. Bro. Newt Purden concluded. Messages enjoyed by all. Service closed by prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING 9:00 O'CLOCK—

Service began by singing. Scripture reading by Bro. Thurlow Schaulfler, II Cor. 6:1-10. Prayer by Bro. Schaulfler. Conference called to order by Bro. Ketchum. Called for letters. Letters read. Motion carried to receive letters and seat delegates. Letter of recommendation from the First Mission Association to the Grand River Association for Bro. Lonnie Hall read. Motion carried to accept it. Call for corresponding letters. None. Hand of fellowship given visiting brethren. Ministers elected to preach introductory message on Thursday at 11 o'clock. Bro. Lonnie Hall and Bro. Oron Estes.

Ministers elected to preach memorial message. Bro. Jess Stepp and Bro. Roy Howard. Clerks report given. Motion carried to receive report. Motion carried to give standing vote of thanks to officers for past year. Hand of fellowship given to visitors from Cherokee Home Association.

Partial report from Examining board: We your Examining board find Bro. Cecil Cox, Bro. R. L. Morris, sound in doctrine and recommend their ordination as deacons. Motion carried to accept their report. Discussion on the calling of an evangelist for the coming year.

Resolution No. 2. Be it resolved that the association discontinue the field evangelist indefinitely and all ministers that feel God's calling be a volunteer evangelist. Motion carried to accept the above resolution. Motion carried to insure association property on ground. Motion carried that clerk and assistant place value on property to be insured.

Discussion as to whether we have the association paper printed or not. Motion carried to continue printing of association paper.

Placing the 5th Sunday meetings—1st. Checotah, 2nd. Bixby, 3rd. Greenbrier, 4th. Clear Creek. Motion carried to adjourn business until 1:30 p.m.

SATURDAY MORNING 11:00 O'CLOCK—

Services began by singing led by Bro. V. E. Moses. Silent prayer by all, in memory of those that have claimed their reward since we met one year ago. Audible prayer led by Bro. Bill Ketchum. Special singing rendered by ladies quartet. Obituary report read by Bro. John Reel. Message by Bro. Jess Stepp, scripture I Cor. 15th. chapter. A great message and great spiritual outpouring was enjoyed by all. Closed by hand of fellowship by all.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON 1:30 O'CLOCK—

Service called to order by singing led by Bro. Lonnie Hall. Scripture reading by Bro. Robertson, Psalm 1 chapter. Prayer by Bro. Fanning. Conference called to order by Moderator. Bro. Carl Hembree granted time to report from neighbor association.

Partial report by Devotional committee: Bro. Lonnie Hall and Bro. Thurlow. Schaffler bringing message Saturday night. Motion carried to accept report and release committee. Motion carried to write Proctor Ford and Chewey letters from association. Committee's reports read. Motion carried to accept report and release committee.

Resolution No. 3. Be it resolved that we end our Association and Fifth Sunday meetings on Saturday night. Motion carried to adopt above resolution.

Resolution No. 4. Be it resolved that we continue our evangelist efforts with our offerings in order to set up a revolving fund for the purpose of loaning to new churches. Motion carried to adopt above resolution and place in bill of arrangements. Set up control board next association. Motion carried to excuse resolution committee. Offering received for Tabernacle fund—\$77.10. Partial report from Executive board: Found Bro. J. M. Wallace and Bro. L. M. Chitwood sound in doctrine and recommend them for ordination. Motion carried that church letters be mailed to Association clerk in time for conference of association officers and committee members to get business ready for Association.

Reports received from visiting ministers. General Baptist ministers gave inspiring reports. Special singing rendered by young lady from Tulsa, "He Will Understand and Say Well Done." Motion carried to send Sis. Stepp to National Association as delegate. Motion carried to adjourn conference until Wednesday night before Third Sunday in August, 1954. Services closed by hand of fellowship, everyone taking part while a wonderful special song was rendered by Bro. and Sis. Don Jones.

SATURDAY EVENING 8:00 O'CLOCK—

Service began by singing led by Bro. Ronnie Garrett. Prayer by Bro. Dee Tuttle. Offering taken for Tabernacle fund—proceeds \$111.54. Special

singing enjoyed by all. Bro. Thurlow Schaufler brought first part of message, text Acts 27:40. Bro. Lonnie Hall concluded. Great spiritual messages rendered by both speakers. Hand of fellowship by all. Dismissal prayer by Bro. Bill Ketchum.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Obituary Committee — We your committee on obituary report as follows: It is with sadness of heart we submissively bow to the call of our Heavenly Father who removed from our midst, Bro. J. M. Young and Sis. A. J. Fisher of Bixby church; Sis. Liddia Milliner of Pryor church; Sis. Linnie Lane and Sis. Mattie Bates of New Home church; Bro. Roberson of Lowery church; Bro. G. V. Littlefield of Little Rock church; Bro. and Sis. Tom. Simon of Duck Creek church and Rev. L. N. Vail of Mounds church.

Sis. Alma Wells, chairman

Literature Committee — We your committee on literature recommend the Bible as your basic study. John Brown university has good literature also the "Home Life Magazine" is good for the adults and teenagers. We also sustain former recommendation.

Sister Hattie Conner, chairman

Sabbath School Committee — We your committee on Sabbath school beg leave to report as follows: That we believe in using the Bible or Free Will Baptist literature and that all officers and teachers be members of the Free Will Baptist church.

Bro. Marvin Mann, chairman

Union of Churches Committee — We your committee on union of churches beg leave to report that all churches are in union as far as we are able to find out.

J. T. Medlin, chairman

Temperance Committee — We your committee on temperance beg leave to report as follows: That we wish to adopt the old report, which is as follows—We should follow the teachings of the Bible and be temperate in all things. Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging and whosoever deceived thereby is not wise and we recommend that all members of the association read their Bibles and follow temperance as it teaches. Prov. 20th chapter, 1st. verse.

Sis. Lena Rutherford, chairman

Finance Committee — We your committee on finance beg leave to report that we received the following: Minute fund \$107.00; Upkeep of grounds, \$131.10; \$5.00 State Del. fee.

Bro. V. E. Moses, chairman

Committee on Estimate of Church Property — We your committee on Estimate of Church Property beg leave to report from information received from delegates that church property plus association camp grounds property at \$183,000.

Sis. Wanda Caldwell, chairman

Ministers Roll

Elder C. N. Schilt	Strang, Okla.	Elder Luther Littlefield	Rt. 2
Elder Dixon Gurley	110 S. Orphan	Elder Leroy Littlefield	Pryor, Okla.
	Pryor, Okla.		Star
Elder Howard Gage	Rt. 2 Box 59		Route
	Pryor, Okla.	Elder Gene Ramsey	Pryor, Okla.
Elder Harve Mashburn	Haskell, Okla.	Elder H. S. Martin	Wagoner, Okla.
Elder Sy Mashburn	501 S. Peoria	Elder Luther Jones	Rt 1, Pryor, Okla.
	Tulsa, Okla.	Elder Paul Grigg	Pryor, Okla.
Elder Eugene W. Riddle	Box 284	Elder George Henderson	Locust Grove,
	Haskell, Okla.		Oklahoma
Elder Bill Ketchum	Box 31	Elder Roy Howard	Rt 1, Mounds, Okla.
	Haskell, Okla.	Elder R. J. Howard	Mounds, Okla.
Elder Coleman Kirk	Haskell, Okla.	Elder Bob Carner	Mounds, Okla.
Elder Albert Boswell	Velma, Okla.	Elder W. V. McPhail	Henryetta, Okla.
Elder C. G. Austin	Locust Grove, Okla.	Elder Edd King	Mounds, Okla.
Elder Edgar Boswell	Locust Grove, Okla.	Elder Elza Poplin	Broken Arrow, Okla.
Elder Elmer Pilant	Boatman, Okla.	Elder Lonnie Hall	Mounds, Okla.
Elder C. W. Thompson	1611 E. Marshall	Elder Carl Pollard	Rt. 1, Salina, Okla.
	Tulsa, Okla.	Elder Ray Gwartney	Rt. 1, Salina, Okla.
Elder Walter Dobbs, Rt. 1, Mounds,	Okla.	Elder T. H. Dixon	Checotah, Okla.
Elder Cecil Lane	Tulsa, Okla.	Elder J. P. Greene	Checotah, Okla.
Elder Ancil Mashburn	Coweta, Okla.	Elder Bill Mann	Tulsa, Okla.
Elder Arthur Copeland	Coweta, Okla.	Bro. Danny Farmer	Checotah, Okla.
Elder Jim Key	Peggs, Okla.	Bro. Billie Cardin	Box 802
Elder T. E. Dearduff	Rt. 2		Barnsdall, Okla.
	Hulbert, Okla.	Bro. Arnold Fanning	Barnsdall, Okla.
Elder Clinton Headrick	Rt. 2	Bro. Charles Massey	211 W. Detroit
	Hulbert, Okla.		Broken Arrow, Okla.
Elder Jimmy Musgraves	Pryor, Okla.	Bro. Charles Murray	Coweta, Okla.
Elder J. W. Gage,	Rt. 2, Pryor, Okla.	Bro. Troy McCrary	Colcord, Okla.
Elder E. B. Condit	Rt. 1, Salina, Okla.	Bro. Thurlow Schaffler	Coweta, Okla.
Elder Adrain Condit	Locust Grove, Okla.	Bro. Dalton Beene	Coweta, Okla.
Elder Elmo Ables	Broken Arrow, Okla.	Bro. Lawrence Ellyson	Box 182
Elder C. J. Stump	Muskogee, Okla.		Fayetteville, Ark.
Elder Joe Eddings	Pryor, Okla.	Bro. Luther Dobbs, Rt. 1, Mounds,	Okla.
Elder John Reel	511 S. 32nd W.	Bro. Ollie Smith	Locust Grove, Okla.
	Tulsa, Okla.	Bro. Stanley Cordin	Rt. 1
Elder Albert Howard, Rt. 1, Mounds,	Okla.		Barnsdall, Okla.
Elder Virgil Reynolds	Mounds, Okla.	Bro. Arnold Fannings	Rt. 3, Box 152-A
Elder Ale Reynolds	Broken Arrow, Okla.		Bartlesville, Okla.
Elder Felix Hollis	Tulsa, Okla.	Bro. R. L. Cooper	Mounds, Okla.
Elder J. D. Stepp	Bixby, Okla.	Bro. Elmo Smith	Oklmulgee, Okla.
Elder Chester Willey	Tulsa, Okla.	Bro. George Whittington	Broken Arrow,
Elder C. G. Askins	Tulsa, Okla.		Oklahoma
Elder Jess Pilant	Salina, Okla.	Bro. Calvin Morgan	Bixby, Okla.
Elder Oron Estes,	Rt. 2, Pryor, Okla.	Bro. Doyle Bullocks	Bixby, Okla.
Elder R. L. Prater	Tulsa, Okla.		

Deacon's Roll

Bro. Owen Walters	Salina, Okla.	Bro. T. M. Allred	Pryor, Okla.
Bro. W. C. Condit	Salina, Okla.	Bro. Bill Terneus	Pryor, Okla.
Bro. Loyd Mounce	Locust Grove, Okla.	Bro. W. M. Melugin	Pryor, Okla.
Bro. Delbert Rice, Rt. 2, Hulbert,	Okla.	Bro. W. A. Littlefield	Pryor, Okla.
Bro. Josh Bird	Hulbert, Okla.	Bro. A. E. Ramsey	Pryor, Okla.
Bro. Jay Burnside	Hulbert, Okla.	Bro. J. L. Nichols	Pryor, Okla.
Bro. Harley Steelman	Hulbert, Okla.	Bro. O. R. Wilyard	Pryor, Okla.
Bro. Donald Jones	Pryor, Okla.	Bro. W. F. Sewell	Pryor, Okla.
Bro. T. Connor	Peggs, Okla.	Bro. M. E. Yelton	Salina, Okla.
Bro. Dave Hawk	Muskogee, Okla.	Bro. Troy Owens	Rt. 2, Adair, Okla.
Bro. Hall	Muskogee, Okla.	Bro. Adam Gay	Rt. 2, Adair, Okla.
Bro. Forrest Hays	Muskogee, Okla.	Bro. Ed Kinion	
Bro. Farmer	Muskogee, Okla.	Bro. Carlos Inman	Bixby, Okla.
Bro. Raymon Washam	Pryor, Okla.	Bro. Eril Watkins	Bixby, Okla.
Bro. Clifford Trimble	Pryor, Okla.	Bro. Floyd Simon	Bixby, Okla.
Bro. Joe Propst	Pryor, Okla.	Bro. Uless James	Bixby, Okla.
Bro. Fred Dodds	Mounds, Okla.	Bro. Glenn LeBass	Bixby, Okla.
Bro. Odls Allison	Mounds, Okla.	Bro. Willard Peck	Barnsdall, Okla.
Bro. Kenneth Brown	Mounds, Okla.	Bro. G. Z. Smith	Portor, Okla.
Bro. W. M. Mashburn	Mounds, Okla.	Bro. Dewey Glen	Portor, Okla.
Bro. R. C. Cox	Haskell, Okla.	Bro. Frank Rodgers	Locust Grove, Okla.
Bro. L. T. Turner	Haskell, Okla.	Bro. Floyd Moorehouse	Kansas, Okla.
Bro. E. C. McIntire	Haskell, Okla.	Bro. Russell Ferguson	Kansas, Okla.
Bro. F. F. Mann	Haskell, Okla.	Bro. Charley Baker	Kansas, Okla.
Bro. Clarence Branom	Haskell, Okla.	Bro. Earl Moore	Mounds, Okla.
Bro. Cecil Ragan	Haskell, Okla.	Bro. Pat Moore	Mounds, Okla.

Bro. Rue Riddle	Haskell, Okla.	Bro. A. L. Baker	Broken Arrow, Okla.
Bro. Virgil Meadows	Rt. 2, Coweta	Bro. C. W. Wood	Mounds, Okla.
Bro. Jack Dotson	Coweta, Okla.	Bro. Jess Ferguson	Checotah, Okla.
Bro. Jim Session	Hitchita, Okla.	Bro. Walter Wood	Checotah, Okla.
Bro. Till Barnes	Locust Grove, Okla.	Bro. Sydney Mackey	Checotah, Okla.
Bro. J. L. Franklin	Pryor, Okla.	Bro. John Meadows	Coweta, Okla.
Bro. H. L. Gurley	Pryor, Okla.	Bro. D. D. Hand	Coweta, Okla.
Bro. John Caldwell	Pryor, Okla.	Bro. Ralph Mahan	Coweta, Okla.
Bro. Rabe Boyd	Pryor, Okla.	Bro. Mamon Beene	Coweta, Okla.
Bro. Jim Forbes	Broken Arrow, Okla.	Bro. O. C. Mann	Checotah, Okla.
Bro. Jess Knight	Broken Arrow, Okla.	Bro. Raymon Falls	Box 232
Bro. T. R. Able	Broken Arrow, Okla.		Refugio, Texas
Bro. Cecil Wilson	Mounds, Okla.		

ROLL OF CHURCHES AND CHURCH CLERKS

Churches	Clerk	Address
Spring Hill	Dolly Glenn	Porter
Broken Arrow	Martha Hawkins	Broken Arrow
Haskell	Betty Riddle	Haskell, Okla.
Bixby	Troy Jones	Bixby, Okla.
Hectorville	Edith Dobbs	Rt. No. 1, Mounds, Okla.
Spring Valley	Floda Steelman	Hulbert, Okla.
Oktaha	Martha Gibson	Box 842, Oktaha, Okla.
Hitchita	Blanche Allison	Hitchita, Okla.
New Home	Ethel Lintz	Coweta, Okla.
New Hogan	Irene Stokes	Locust Grove, Okla.
Duck Creek	Edith Howard	Rt. No. 1, Mounds, Okla.
Archer	Raymon Washam	Rt. No. 2, Pryor, Okla.
Checotah	Bro. Keith Coughran	Checotah, Okla.
Little Rock	Evelyn Whitticker	Locust Grove, Okla.
Greenbrier	Margaret Billings	Rt. No. 2, Box 118A, Pryor, Okla.
Osage	Alex Warren	Rt. No. 1, Box 142, Pryor, Okla.
Muskogee	Evelyn Hayes	230 North "G", Muskogee, Okla.
Clear Creek	Elsie Williams	Rt. No. 2, Hulbert, Okla.
Peggs	Eva Conner	Peggs Rt., Tahlequah, Okla.
Mounds	Vinnie Moore	Mounds, Okla.
Lowery	Lois Bushy	Leach, Okla.
Cole	Ozella Littlefield	109 S, Indianola, Pryor, Okla.
Shahan	Ruth Peterson	Rt. No. 2, Broken Arrow, Okla.
Pryor	Alma Wells	S. Elliott, Pryor, Okla.
Plymouth	C. C. Notley	Barnsdall, Okla.
Barnsdall	Emma Chezem	Rt. No. 1, Barnsdall, Okla.
Smith Chapel	Ruby Bell	Rt. No. 1, Rose, Okla.
Spavinaw	Edath Jones	Rt. 2, Box 21, Pryor, Okla.
Locust Grove	Margret Kern	Losust Grove, Okla.
Chewey	Not Represented	
Proctor Ford	Not Represented	

CHURCHES	DELEGATES
Clear Creek	Lena Ruthertford, Addie Williams, Georgia Rice
Shuman	Grace Peterson, Bro. & Sister Dave Rickert
Cole	J W Littlefield, Bro. & Sister L. L. Tallant
Lowery	Amy Poplin, Hester Hoffman, Georgia Mckenzie
Mounds	Jack Raby, Bill Hatfield, Fay Raby
Peggs	Bro. & Sister Dugans and Thelma Evans
Muskogee	Bro. & Sister Bassi Garrison, Pauline Rodan
Osage	Alex. Warren, Virgil Nichols, Virgil Goodell
Greenbrier	Bro. Warren, John Riley Hopper, Franklin Billings
Locust Grove	Dennis Kern, Bob Rhodes, Margaret Rhodes
Little Rock	Kate Cody, Velma Littlefield, Ruth Willis
Spavnahw	H. L. Bennett, Lariene Gann, Latria Jones
Smith Chapel	Della Lee Gwattney, Ruby Bell and Kuby Bell
Bansdall	Etta Mae Garrett, Stella Fanning, Arnold Fanning
Chescoth	Stella Vest, Lora Jennings, Elley Lemly
Plymouth	Bro. & Sister Clinton Floyd, Dorothy Chitwood
Archer	Bro. & Sister Connor, Wanda Caldwell, Alma Wells
Tryor	Hattie Connor
Duck Creek	Ted Wagnon, Dona Wagnon, Ice Christian
New Hogan	Laverne Stahen, Bessie Smith, Alta Bump
New Home	Tess Lantz, Beulah Hammeth, Fay Holcomb
Hitchita	Bill McCallah, Yvna McCullish, Nathan Kindell
Oktaha	Marvin Smith, Ella Mae Misenheimer, Lorene Smith
Spring Hill	Emmett Junior Stockton, Etta Belle Harker, Sue Nell Glenn
Spring Valley	Bro. & Sister Robert Bird, Fioda Stehman
Hectorville	Clyde Dobbs, Harzel Devers, Ema Fencock
Bixby	Ezra McLain, Vance Moore, Troy Jones
Haskell	Tommie Mashburn, Seldon Turner, Roy Groover
Broken Arrow	Willie Harlas, Tom Medlin, Myrtle Medlin
Proctor Ford	Not Represented
Chewey	Not Represented

Membership	Paid Evangelist	Maintenance	Paid Pastor	Minute Fund	Members Received	Died	Dismissed	Paid Mission	Children Home
46	\$116 87	\$ 62.00	\$1330.00	\$3.00	2	1	1	\$ 10.00	\$101.54
121	357.00	63.00	1441.49	5.00	6	6	4	13.55	
223	327.95	62.00	1156.00	3.00	5	10	4		
57	60.00	5.00	81.67	3.00	5	1	1		
57	57	5.00	471.29	3.00	2	5	1		
26	127.87	12.80	237.96	3.00	4	4	1		
56	44	5.00	407.00	5.00	4	2	1		
78	321.00	57.00	269.60	3.00	26	3	4		
26	135.00	33.00	260.00	5.00	9	1	1		
36	55.25		152.50	5.00	3	1	1		
30	179.79	52.00	719.79	4.00	14	14	1		
21	221.26	8.00	100.00	5.00	8	2	1		
22	70.00		470.00	3.00	10	10	2		
23			116.26	2.50	2	2	2		
26	177.48	65.00	77.00	3.00	2	2	2		
54	110.00	35.00	110.00	2.00	5	2	2		
65	30.00	40.00	200.00	3.00	2	2	2		
74	50.00	12.00	120.00	2.00	5	5	1		
43	45.00	5.00	2732.36	3.00	9	1	1		
29	50.00	2.00	2873.50	3.00	3	3	1		
230	56.00	57.00	240.00	5.00	10	2	6		
157	379.50	107.00		5.00	14	14	6		
41	101.75			5.00	14	14	6		

MINUTES OF THE GRAND RIVER YOUTH CAMP

Monday, Aug. 3, 1953

General Assembly of the Grand River Youth Camp met at 9:00 a.m., August 3, 1953. Several songs were led by Rev. E. B. Condit, with Sister Wanda Caldwell as pianist. Led in prayer by Sister Rosie Estes.

Business session was opened with the reading of the rules of the camp by vice-president, Rev. Colman Kirk. President: Brother Floyd Simmon; General Sponsor: Rev. E. B. Condit; Devotional Committee: Sister Wanda Caldwell, Sister Carole Baker and Sister Louise Turner; Recording secretary, Sister Linda Martin.

Classes were then divided with Rev. Oren Estes, Bible teacher, and Bro. John Caldwell, music teacher. We began our camp with 132 youths enrolled.

Eleven o'clock services opened with songs led by Rev. E. B. Condit, and Sister Carole Baker at the piano. Prayer was led by Rev. Oren Estes. A special number "Lord Lead Me On" by Rev. Bill Ketchum, Sisters Wanda Caldwell, Carole Baker and Rev. Oren Estes. The message was brought by Rev. Bill Ketchum. There were 10 conversions and the benediction was given by Sister Frances Stepp.

Grove services were held at 7:00 p.m. and evening services began at 7:30 p.m. with several songs led by Bro. John Caldwell, with Sister Carole Baker playing the piano. Prayer by Bro. Ancel Mashburn. Testimony service was led by Sister Rosie Estes. A number of special songs were sung with several churches represented. Rev. Howard Gage brought the message. The benediction was given by Bro. Walter Dobbs.

Tuesday, August 4, 1953

General Assembly of the Youth Camp met at 9:00 a.m. Songs were led by Rev. Bill Ketchum. Sister Carole Baker played the piano. Prayer was led by Sister Carole Baker.

Eleven o'clock services opened with prayer by Rev. Howard Gage. Songs were led by Bro. John Caldwell, with Sister Wanda Caldwell at the piano. Two special numbers "Land Where Living Waters Flow", by the girls quartet of the youth camp; "Peace In The Valley", by Rev. Robinson and family of the General Baptist church at Wellington, Okla. The minister for the morning was Rev. Oren Estes. Benediction was given by Bro. Jim Jackson.

General assembly opened at 2:00 p.m. with songs led by Rev. Bill Ketchum, with Sister Carole Baker playing the piano. Led in prayer by Rev. Robinson of Wellington General Baptist church.

Grove services were held at 7:00 p.m. Evening service began at 7:30 p.m. with songs led by Rev. Bill Ketchum, pianist Sister Louise Turner. Prayer by Jesse Ketchum. Several specials were sung with a number of churches represented. The speaker of the evening was Rev. Bob Ketchum. There were 11 conversions.

After retiring Tuesday night a prayer meeting broke out in the girls dormitory and spread to the boys dormitory and a great out-pouring of the Holy Spirit was manifested throughout the whole camp. There was 19 youths converted. We sang, prayed, testified, and praised God until 2:00 a.m. Many hearts and homes were made happy as a result of this meeting.

Wednesday, August 5, 1953

Eleven o'clock services opened with everyone still rejoicing in the Lord as a result from the meeting Tuesday night. Songs were led by Rev. Bill Ketchum with Sister Carole Baker and Louise Turner playing the piano. Prayer led by Rev. Jess Stepp. The speaker of the hour was Rev. Carl Hembree. A special number "Precious Memories" was sung by the girls quartet of the youth camp. Sisters Wanda Caldwell, Imogene Forbes, Carole Baker and Linda Martin.

General assembly at 2:00 p.m. opened with songs led by Bro. John Caldwell with Sister Linda Martin at the piano. Led in prayer by Bro. Dewey Glenn.

Grove services began at 7:00 p.m. and evening services opened at 7:30 p.m. with songs led by Rev. Bill Ketchum and Sister Carole Baker playing the piano. Prayer by Rev. John Reece. Our speaker of the hour was Rev. Lonnie Hall. There were 3 souls saved.

Thursday, August 6, 1953

General Assembly began at 9:00 a.m. with songs led by Rev. E. B. Condit and Sister Wanda Caldwell playing the piano. Led in prayer by Rev. Oren Estes.

Eleven o'clock a.m. services opened with songs led by Rev. Bill Ketchum and Sister Louise Baker at the piano. Prayer by Rev. Adrain Condit. The speaker of the hour was Rev. Colman Kirk followed by Rev. Adrain Condit.

General Assembly at 2:00 p.m. opened with songs led by Rev. Bill Ketchum and Sister Wanda Caldwell playing the piano..

Grove services were held at 7:00 p.m. with everyone in the youth camp together.

Evening services began at 7:30 p.m. with songs led by Rev. Jess Stepp and Sister Carole Baker at the piano. Led in prayer by Bro. Floyd Simon. There were 4 conversions making a total of 52 conversions during this youth encampment.

Friday, August 7, 1953

General Assembly at 9:00 a. m. opened with songs led by Rev. E. B. Condit, and Sister Louise Turner at the piano. Prayer led by Rev. Bill Ketchum.

Eleven o'clock services began with songs led by Rev. E. B. Condit with Sister Wanda Caldwell playing the piano. Led in prayer by Sister Louise Turner. A special number "All Alone," sang in Cherokee, was sung by Bro. Robert Backward. The speaker of the morning was Rev. E. B. Condit. The benediction was given by Rev. Oren Estes.

The youth camp business session of 1953 opened at 1:30 p.m. with songs led by Bro. Floyd Simon, with Sister Carole Baker at the piano. A special number "Precious Memories" was sung by Rev. Oren Estes, Bro. John Caldwell, and Sister Wanda Caldwell and Rosie Estes. The reading of the minutes by Sister Linda Martin. Motion in 2nd that we accept these minutes and recommended that the association print them in their minutes. Officers for next year were elected: President, Rev. Jess Stepp; Vice-President, Rev. Bill Ketchum; General Sponsor, Bro. Floyd Simon; Clerk, Sister Frances Stepp; Treasurer, Sister Jesse Ketchum.

The youths recommended four teachers for next year. Bible teacher, Rev. Oren Estes; Bible teacher, Rev. E. B. Condit; Music teacher, Rev. Dixon Gurley; Music teacher, Bro. John Caldwell. The young people suggested improvements on the dormitories. (Boys) awnings, floor, door to shower, patch roof, hot water, bunks; (Girls) awnings, hot water, more

room, wash basins, brooms, shelves, bunks repaired, rest rooms and showers in separate rooms, floors in rest room fixed. Reports of the committees read and approved.

We as the Youth Camp of 1953 wish to express our appreciation to the Association for their great hospitality they have shown us in providing dormitories, play rounds and 3 fine meals each day. We are also thankful for our parents who have sacrificed our being away from home during this youth encampment, and for their money, prayers and efforts spent in our behalf and the cause of Christ.

If it had not been for you, mothers and dads, and churches of this association, we would not have had this privilege and opportunity that has marked a major point in our lives. This 52 renewals and conversions that have made their way to an altar of prayer has been because of our teachers, parents, sponsors and youth committee.

We wish every minister and every deacon and the many hundreds of people in our association could have been here and witnessed the power of God with us.

Our goal for next year is 200 or more and we are expecting to hear this number ring out from every church house, over every pulpit, and from every minister that is a member of this great association.

Some of our churches did not get to be with us and we leaguers and young people want to help your young people in finding God if lost, and if a Christian, growing stronger in the Lord.

"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."

We the young people of Grand River Association of Free Will Baptist can gain hundreds of souls with our efforts and the power of God.

We in this youth encampment have realized our responsibilities more than ever before and we are willing to sacrifice for the cause of Christ, not only to sacrifice and take up our Cross but carry it until Jesus says that it is enough. We challenge the association to see how far you can help us to go in this great movement for God. Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Letter from a church to a quarterly meeting, yearly meeting, or 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

No. Baptized No. Dismissed

No. Died Total Membership

Condition of prayer meeting

Condition of Sunday School
 Average number of pupils
 No. of Officers No. of Teachers
 Paid Pastors \$..... Paid Evangelist \$.....
 Missions Home \$..... Foreign \$.....
 For building and repair \$.....
 For education \$.....
 Amount enclosed for minutes \$.....
 Pastor's name and address
 Names and addresses of ministers belonging to our church.
 Names and addresses of Deacons.
 Del. To State Assn.
 Value of our church property.
 Done by order of church
 assembled in conference this day of 19.....
 Remarks
 Moderator
 Clerk

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

