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MINUTES OF THE  
SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
Grand River Association  
OF  
FREE WILL BAPTIST

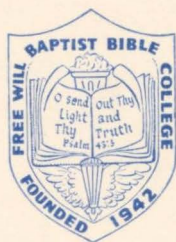
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Convened at Trinity Free Will Baptist Church,  
Muskogee, Oklahoma, on Wednesday Night,  
Before the Third Sunday in August, 1958.

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1959 OFFICERS

Rev. Howard Gage, Moderator  
Rev. Ray Gwartney, Asst. Moderator  
Rev. Danny Farmer, Clerk  
Sister Willie Gage, Asst. Clerk  
Rev. Bill Ketchum, Promotional Secretary  
Sister Ruth Peterson, Reporter  
Rt. 2, Broken Arrow, Okla.



# FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

*Presented by*

Rev. John H. West

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## Order of Business

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

## 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 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 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 Association, as published in the Treaties 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 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. Such alterations to lay on table one day.

## 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 unholly 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 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 Saviour 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.

### Article 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 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. 37:23-24; 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 sayeth, "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 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. 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 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 Saviour 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 birth-right. 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 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 to 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; I Thess. 5:19-23; II Tim. 2:20-21.

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 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. 14:3-13; Luke 16:23; Rev. 21:1-8; 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 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 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 Saviour 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 not a purely personal matter? If 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 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 forty-nine 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? 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 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.

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 the 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 members of our church 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, every church that 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 acknowledgments 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 member assess him or herself what they feel able, to be paid into the church 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 and license our ministers for one year.

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 grounds, do not throw tin cans, etc., on grounds, and that each one clean up the grounds where they are camped.

Be it resolved that any ordained minister or deacon coming into this Association be examined by the Credentials Committee.

Be it resolved, we adopt the questionnaire and place a copy in Minutes. (Copy in back of Minutes.)

Be it resolved we forbid any of our ministers or churches advocating compulsory tithing. We further recommend that we forbid our ministers or churches teaching against tithing.

Be it resolved to pay the Executive Board 3c per mile while in service for the Grand River Association.

Be it resolved that any minister who teaches that Christ shall reign on this earth a thousand years shall be prohibited from pastoring any church in Grand River Association.

Be it resolved that our Moderator represent Grand River Association in the State Association's General Board.

Be it resolved that we designate Friday night of each Association as Missionary Night, with a missionary speaker and provide the finance.

## PROCEEDINGS

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT—

Service opened with singing "Jesus Saves", led by Bro. V. E. Moses. After the song service and prayer, Rev. E. M. Kennedy, State Executive Secretary of Free Will Baptist, delivered the message. Dismissed by prayer.

### THURSDAY, 9:30 O'CLOCK—

Service opened with singing. Body declared in Conference by Clerk, Rev. Carl Pollard, who then turned the service to Assistant Moderator, Rev. Howard Gage. Prayer by Rev. Dalton Beene.

Devotional reading by Rev. Kenneth Brandon. Ecc. 11:1-10.

Rules of Order and Church Covenant were read by Assistant Moderator.

Letters were read from Bixby, Shahan, Duck Creek, Shellenbarger, Locust Grove, Pryor, Little Rock, Greenbrier, and Checotah.

Motion carried to receive letters and seat delegates who were given the hand of fellowship by Moderators.

Visiting Brethren were invited to seat with us in Council. Rev. Leonard Crowder, Ft. Smith, Arkansas, and Rev. Bob Ketchum, Okmulgee, and Bro. McIntyre, Haskell, were welcomed. Motion carried to empower Moderators to appoint all committees.

Committees Appointed:

Literature: Sisters Pearl Osborn, Icle Christian, Ilene Reed.

Sabbath School: Sisters Birdie Smith, Elector Morgan, Cecil Fogleman.

Temperance: Bros. Oscar Morgan, Ace Osborn, Ellis McClain.

Obituary: Bro. Aaron Swadly, Sister Ruth Peterson, Sister Delphia Hill.

Estimate of Church Property: Sisters Ann Peters, Lucy Key, Gist.

Finance: Sisters Grace Peterson, Kate Coday, Nettie Peevyhouse.

Resolution: Bros. Jess Stepp, Eugene Riddle, Adam Gay.

Devotional: Bros. Sidney Mackey, J. W. Ferguson, Sister Susie Tuttle.

Motion carried to add to Item 11 in our Bill of Arrangements to read: Be it resolved we try our ministers and deacons one year before ordination and license our ministers for one year.

Motion carried to recess business until 1:30.

### THURSDAY, 11:00 O'CLOCK—

Service opened with singing led by Bro. Ferguson. Prayer by Rev. Calvin Morgan. Special quartet, Rev. Jess Stepp, Rev. Eugene Riddle, Rev. Leonard Crowder and Rev. Howard Gage, gave three numbers. Speaker Rev. Leonard Crowder read Matt. 5:1-6, using verse 6 as text. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Ancil Mashburn.

### THURSDAY, 1:30 O'CLOCK—

Service opened by singing "Come Unto Me". Prayer by Rev. Jake Gage, who also gave the devotional reading, Matt. 17.

Body declared in conference by Moderator.

Letter read from Trinity Church. Motion carried to receive letter and seat delegates who were given the hand of fellowship by Moderators.

Motion carried to adopt resolution No. 1 from the Shellenbarger Quarterly meeting and place in our Bill of Arrangements: Be it resolved that any minister who teaches that Christ shall reign on this earth a thousand years shall be prohibited from pastoring any church in Grand River Association.

Motion carried to elect Rev. Jess Stepp by acclamation as 2 year man on Examining Board.

Motion carried to elect Rev. Howard Gage by acclamation as 3 year man on Examining Board.

Minutes of the 4th Quarterly Meeting at Pryor were read. Motion carried to accept Minutes as read.

Oral reports were given from all churches represented.

Partial report of Examining Board: We your Examining Committee beg leave to report we find Rev. Ancil Mashburn sound in doctrine and recommend him for full fellowship as he is already ordained. Motion carried to receive report.

Reports of National Association at St. Louis were given by Rev. Howard Gage, Sister Billie Gwartney, Sister Jessie Ketchum, Rev. Ray Gwartney, Rev. Bob Ketchum, Rev. Calvin Morgan and Rev. Jake Gage.

Motion carried that the Association recommend to our churches that we buy our Sunday School literature from the National Sunday School Board, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

Motion carried to adopt resolution No. 1: Be it resolved that we begin our Association on Thursday night before the 3rd Sunday of August instead of Wednesday night.

Motion carried to adjourn until 9:30 Friday morning. Dismissed by Bro. Oscar Reed.

#### **THURSDAY NIGHT—**

Service opened with singing led by Bro. V. E. Moses. After the song service and prayer the message was delivered by eleven year old Ricky Duncan of Norman. This was a soul stirring service and God richly blessed His children. Dismissed by prayer.

#### **FRIDAY, 9:30 O'CLOCK—**

Service opened with singing "I Want To Be A Worker". Devotional reading Ez. 13:1-9 and prayer by Rev. Sy Mashburn.

Declared in Conference by Moderator.

Letters were read from Salina, Smith Chapel, North Side Broken Arrow.

Motion carried to receive letters and seat delegates, also seat the elected delegation from Pensacola.

Delegates received hand of fellowship from Moderators.

Visiting brethren were invited to seat with us in council. Welcomed were Rev. E. B. Condit and family, Wewoka, and Rev. and Mrs. Adrian Condit, Tulsa.

Replacement, on Committees: Finance, Sisters Louise Schauffler, Jo Hudson; Resolution, Rev. Ray Blevins, Rev. Danny Farmer; Devotional, Sisters Sybil Pulliam, Esther Bell.

Motion carried to postpone the election of the introductory speaker for the next Association until a later date.

Motion carried to elect Rev. Danny Farmer to bring Memorial Message next year by acclamation.

Motion carried to elect an alternate speaker. Rev. Jake Gage was elected by acclamation.

Motion carried to place in the Bill of Arrangements that our Moderator be our representative in the State Association's General Board.

Motion carried to give our State Executive Secretary some time for announcements.

Motion carried to adjourn until 1:30.

#### **FRIDAY, 11:00 O'CLOCK—**

Service opened by singing "Amazing Grace". Prayer by Rev. Fred Jones. Special song, "Jesus Passed By", by Sister Ann Peters. First speaker, Rev. Bob Ketchum, read Proverbs 1:24-28, "When God's door is closed". Closed by reading Rom. 1:22-27. Second speaker, Rev. Adrian

Condit, continued the subject reading Rev. 1:9, after which there was a wonderful altar of prayer. Dismissed by Rev. Ancil Mashburn.

#### FRIDAY, 1:30 O'CLOCK—

Service opened with singing "Send the Light". Prayer by Bro. Oscar Morgan.

Body declared in conference by Moderator.

Devotional reading by Rev. Eugene Riddle John 15:1-9.

Clerk's report read. Motion carried to accept report as read.

Home Mission Clerk's report read. Motion carried to accept report as read.

Oral report was given on the North Side Broken Arrow, Smith Chapel, Airport Church, Tulsa, and Pensacola Churches.

Motion carried to accept resignation of Rev. E. B. Condit, who has moved away from the Association, and give him a standing vote of thanks for his work on the Executive Board.

Oral report given by Rev. E. B. Condit on the Progressive Association and the Wewoka Church.

Motion carried to receive \$25.00 from the Youth Camp for Minute Fund.

Motion carried to place in the Minutes the Co-operative Plan Allocations: 50% State Office, 20% Grand River Home Missions, 15% Youth Camp, 10% Association, 5% State Delegate fee. ✓ 10%

Motion carried to send delegates to the Eureka Association. Elected Bros. Sidney Mackey, Howard Gage, Jess Stepp.

Motion carried to send delegates to the First Mission Association. Elected Bros. Carl Pollard, Fred Jones, Ancil Mashburn.

Motion carried to send delegates to Mt. Zion Association, Brother and Sister Jake Gage, Brother Calvin Morgan.

Motion carried to send delegates to the Cherokee Home Association. Elected Bro. and Sister Carl Pollard and Sister C. J. Stump.

Motion carried to send delegates to Progressive Association. Elected Brothers Howard Gage, Jess Stepp, Ray Gwartney and Ray Blevins.

Youth Camp Clerk's report read. Motion carried to receive report as read.

Motion carried we designate Friday night of each Association as Missionary night, with a missionary as speaker, and provide the finance.

Rev. E. M. Kennedy, Executive Secretary of Oklahoma Free Will Baptist, gave an inspiring report of the state work.

Motion carried to accept report as given and give Bro. Kennedy a standing vote of thanks.

Sister Orela Kennedy gave a short inspirational testimony and admonishment to the young ministers and wives. Several others testified.

Motion carried to go on record in our letter to the State Association as being approved to having a Free Will Baptist Book Store and Executive headquarters in Oklahoma City.

Motion carried to adjourn until 9:30 Saturday.

#### FRIDAY NIGHT, MISSIONARY SERVICE—

Service opened with prayer led by Rev. Luther Jones. Singing directed by Bro. Benny Cole. After a special song service the speaker Rev. Ernest Kennedy, read Acts 16:9-15 and Matt. 28:19-20. A challenging message went forth on the need for missions. A love offering was taken for Home Missions, \$119.86. Dismissed with prayer.

**SATURDAY, 9:30—**

Service opened by singing "Just Over in the Glory Land". Prayer by Rev. Benny Ketchum, pastor of Muskogee Church of God Prophecy. Body declared in Conference by Moderator.

Devotional reading Matt. 13:1-9 by Rev. Dalton Beene.

Visiting Brethren invited to seat with us in council. Welcomed Rev. Benny Ketchum.

Read letter from Coweta. Motion carried to receive letter and seat delegates.

Oral report of the Mounds Minority Church by Bro. J. V. Cowell. Motion carried for the Association Clerk to give the members a letter of good standing, individually, if requested.

Motion carried to empower Clerk to record names of State and National delegates not appearing in letter.

Read letter from Lowery. Motion carried to accept letter and seat delegates who received hand of fellowship from Moderators.

Motion carried to accept resolution No. 2: Be it resolved that we change Article 8 of our Constitution to read "This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of the yearly meeting or Association, such alterations lay on table one day".

Placing of Quarterly meetings:

1st, Shellenbarger, August.

2nd, Little Rock, November.

3rd, Shahan, March.

4th, Bixby, May.

Visiting brethren invited to seat with us in council. Welcomed were Rev. and Mrs. C. D. Benton and Bro. and Sister George Smith, Tulsa.

Motion carried to adjourn until 1:30. Dismissed by Bro. George Smith.

**SATURDAY, 11:00 O'CLOCK, MEMORIAL SERVICE—**

Service opened with singing "Press Along to Glory Land". Prayer by Rev. Ray Blevins. Rev. Jess Stepp read the Obituary, followed by prayer. Rev. Calvin Morgan delivered the message, "Those That Finish", Col. 1:16. Rev. Stepp followed with Col. 1:23, "Hope of the Gospel". Dismissed by Rev. Carl Pollard.

**SATURDAY, 1:30 O'CLOCK—**

Service opened with singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" 500  
Prayer by Bro. Edmond Gwartney.

Devotional reading Eph. 6:10-20 and prayer by Rev. Ray Blevins.

Declared in Conference by Assistant Moderator.

Motion carried to elect Bro. Forrest Hayes to the Board of Trustees by acclamation.

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Minutes of Youth Camp read by Youth Camp Clerk, Sister Erma Lee Beene. Motion carried to receive report and give Youth Camp officials a standing vote of thanks.

Motion carried to transfer money from the Buhl, Idaho fund to Rev. Virgil Florence at Kalamath Falls, Oregon to use at his discretion.

Rev. Eugene Riddle was elected by acclamation as chairman of the Ministers and Deacons Conference, term expiring at beginning of new year.

Motion carried to leave placing of the Association to the discretion of the Executive Board.

Committee reports were read. Motion carried to receive reports and dismiss committees.



### Committee Reports:

Committee on Sabbath School: 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. We urge our churches provide sufficient room for their Sunday School, use supplementary literature that is true to Bible to better qualify their teachers to teach. — Birdie Smith, Chairman.

Committee on Temperance: We your Temperance Committee wish to adopt the old report which is as follows: we should be temperant in all things. Wine is a mocker, strong drink rageth, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. We recommend that all members of the Association read their Bibles and follow temperance as it teaches. Prov. 20:1. — Oscar Morgan, Chairman.

Committee on Finance: We your Committee on Finance received \$116.50 for Minute money. — Grace Peterson, Chairman.

Committee on Literature: We your Committee on Literature recommend the Bible as our basic study, the "Contact", printed at headquarters in Nashville, Tenn., is good reading material, also the state paper, "The Promoter", printed in Oklahoma City, and the "Holy Echo" of the Grand River Association. — Mrs. A. G. Osborne, 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 totals \$195,930.00. — Ann Peters, Chairman.

Committee on Obituary: We your Obituary Committee report as follows: It is with sadness of heart we submissely bow to the call of our Heavenly Father who removed from our midst Sister Lucy Grass, Little Rock; Sister Mary Hatley, Checotah; Bro. Jewel Leon Herrington, Pryor; Sister Rosie Palmer, Bixby; Sisters Mary Terry and Pearl Hilton, Shellenbarger; Edna Fay Puckett, daughter of Bro. and Sister Pete Puckett, Trinity; and Vaughn Dale Bullock, son of Bro. and Sister Bill Bullock, Bixby. — Aaron Swadley, Chairman.

Devotional Committee report: Thursday, 11:00 o'clock, Rev. Leonard Crowder; Thursday night, Bro. Ricky Duncan; Friday 11:00 o'clock, Rev. Adrian Condit and Rev. Bob Ketchum; Friday night, Rev. E. M. Kennedy; Saturday Memorial, Rev. Calvin Morgan, Rev. Jess Stepp. — Sidney Mackey, Chairman.

Motion carried to accept Clerk and Assistants resignation as they are moving to Progressive Association.

Motion carried to give Clerks a standing vote of thanks for their work.

Motion carried to give Muskogee Church a standing vote of thanks for hospitality.

Motion carried to give Rev. Ketchum a standing vote of thanks for his work as Moderator.

Motion carried to accept Rev. Howard Gages resignation from Executive Board.

Rev. Bill Ketchum was elected as replacement by acclamation.

Officers for next year:

|                       |       |                      |
|-----------------------|-------|----------------------|
| Moderator             | ----- | Rev. Howard Gage     |
| Assistant Moderator   | ----  | Rev. Ray Gwartney    |
| Clerk                 | ----- | Rev. Danny Farmer    |
| Assistant Clerk       | ----- | Sister Willie Gage   |
| Promotional Secretary | --    | Rev. Bill Ketchum    |
| Reporter              | ----- | Sister Ruth Peterson |

Executive Board: Rev. Jess Stepp, Chairman; Rev. Bill Ketchum, 3 years; Rev. Eugene Riddle, Rev. Ray Gwartney, 2 years; Rev. Thurlow Schauffler, Rev. Danny Farmer, Rev. Ray Blevins, Clerk, 1 year.

Examining Board: Rev. Howard Gage, 3 years; Rev. Jess Stepp, 2 years; and Rev. Eugene Riddle, 1 year.

Board of Trustees: Bros. Calvin Morgan, Walter Dobbs, Eugene Riddle, Sy Mashburn, and Forrest Hayes.

Motion carried to adjourn until Thursday night before the 3rd Sunday in August, 1959.

## Delegates to Grand River Association

Bixby: Bennie Cole, Alta Cole, Ann Peters.

Checotah: Aaron Swadley, Lucy Key, Mary Hollingshead.

Coweta: Sybil Pulliam, Artie Morgan, Sue Morgan.

Duck Creek: Ferris Hamilton, Icle Christian, Berthal Ennis.

Greenbrier: Lexie Palmer, Birdie Smith, Linda Morgan.

Little Rock: Jake Bales, Edna Whitaker, Lillie McLain.

Locust Grove: Florence Weaver, Winifred Littlefield, Ilene Reed.

Lowery: Edmond Gwartney, Theda Travis, Mattie McCrary.

North Side Broken Arrow: Frank Slankard, Cleo Slankard, Bea Coveness.

Pensacola: Hazel Timmons, Jo Hudson, Ruth Stephens.

Pryor: Ace Osborn, Pearl Osborn, Laura Gist.

Salina: Hugh Pollard, Maudie Pollard, Susie Tuttle.

Shahan: Louise Schauffler, Ruth Peterson, Eva Gill.

Shellenbarger: Oscar Morgan, Elector Morgan, Delphia Hill.

Smith Chapel: Esther Bell, Dorma Hollis, Edith Purcell.

Trinity Muskogee: Dolan Curtiss, Ed Kennedy, Wynema Lee.

## State Delegates

Billye Gwartney, Willie Gage, Joe Watkins, Maudie Pollard, Irene Faught, Jessie Ketchum.

## 1958 Officers

Elder Bill Ketchum, Moderator

Elder Howard Gage, Assistant Moderator

Elder Carl Pollard, Clerk

Sister Barbara Pollard, Assistant Clerk

Elder Ray Gwartney, Promotional Secretary

Sister Ruth Peterson, Reporter, Rt. 2, Broken Arrow

## Roll of Ministers

| Churches           | Ministers                                     | Address                 | Phone  |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------|
| Bixby-----         | Rev. Ray Gwartney -----                       | Box 666, Bixby, PI      | 6-3286 |
|                    | Rev. Al Reynolds -----                        | Broken Arrow            |        |
|                    | Rev. Paul Martin -----                        | Bixby                   |        |
|                    | Rev. Ray Blevins -----                        | Bixby, PI               | 6-3449 |
|                    | Rev. Clayton Crafton -----                    | Bixby                   |        |
| Unordained-----    | Rev. Ronnie Smullen -----                     | Bixby                   |        |
| Unordained-----    | Rev. Freddie McCoy -----                      | Bixby                   |        |
| Checotah-----      | Rev. Howard Gage, 203 N. Broadway, Checotah,  | 153R                    |        |
|                    | Rev. J. B. Green -----                        | Checotah                |        |
|                    | Rev. C. J. Stump -----                        | Muskogee                |        |
| Coweta-----        | Rev. Kenneth Brandom -----                    | Coweta                  |        |
|                    | Rev. Leeroy Holmes -----                      | Tulsa                   |        |
| Duck Creek-----    | Rev. Ancle Mashburn -----                     | Sand Springs            |        |
| Greenbrier-----    | Rev. Calvin Morgan -----                      | Rt. 2, Adair,           | 1175   |
|                    | Rev. Chris Schilt -----                       | Strang                  |        |
| Little Rock-----   | Rev. Cecil Bowen -----                        | Claremore,              | 1789   |
|                    | Rev. Earl Willis -----                        | Tahlequah               |        |
| Locust Grove-----  | Rev. Dalton Beene -----                       | Locust Grove, GR        | 9-5352 |
|                    | Rev. Albert Boswell -----                     | Locust Grove            |        |
|                    | Rev. Bobby Bewley, Rt. 1, Locust Grove        |                         |        |
|                    | Rev. George Henderson --                      | Locust Grove, GR        | 9-5950 |
|                    | Rev. M. W. Ogelvie -----                      | Pryor                   |        |
| Lowery-----        | Rev. Danny Farmer -----                       | Checotah                |        |
| Northside-----     | Rev. Troy McCrary, 213 El Paso, Broken Arrow  |                         |        |
| Broken Arrow-----  | Rev. Sy Mashburn, 206 N. Cedar, Broken Arrow  |                         |        |
|                    | Rev. Walter Dobbs, 420 N. Birch, Broken Arrow |                         |        |
|                    | Rev. Virgle Reynolds -----                    | Bixby                   |        |
| Pensacola-----     | Rev. Luther Jones -----                       | Pryor, VA               | 5-3032 |
| Proctor Ford-----  | Rev. Ted Turner -----                         | Rt. 2, Westville, PA    | 3-4215 |
|                    | Rev. Howard Daniels                           |                         |        |
| Pryor-----         | Rev. Jake W. Gage --                          | 18 N. Bailey, Pryor, VA | 5-2773 |
|                    | Rev. Bill Condit -----                        | 3 S. Bailey, Pryor, VA  | 5-1741 |
| Salina-----        | Rev. Kenneth Jones -----                      | Pryor, VA               | 5-1788 |
|                    | Rev. Carl Pollard -----                       | Box 122, Salina, 108M   |        |
| Shahan-----        | Rev. Thurlow Schauffler --                    | Rt. 1, Coweta, IV       | 6-5592 |
|                    | Rev. Fred Jones --                            | 5121 W. 8th, Tulsa, LU  | 5-1692 |
| Unordained-----    | Rev. Jack Housam -----                        | Tulsa                   |        |
| Shellenbarger----- | Rev. J. D. Stepp -----                        | Bixby, PI               | 6-8423 |
|                    | Rev. Doyle Bullock -----                      | Bixby, PI               | 6-8585 |
|                    | Rev. L. D. Self -----                         | Broken Arrow, PI        | 6-3286 |
|                    | Rev. Ezra McClain -----                       | Bixby, PI               | 6-3215 |
| Smith Chapel-----  |                                               |                         |        |
| Spavinaw-----      | Rev. George Duggan -----                      | Salina                  |        |
| Trinity Muskogee   | Rev. Bill Ketchum, 515 S. 24, Muskogee, MU    | 2-7615                  |        |
|                    | Rev. Eugene Riddle -----                      | Haskell,                | 25431  |
|                    | Rev. Garland Davidson -----                   | Muskogee                |        |

## Roll of Deacons and Clerks

| Churches          | Deacons and Clerks             | Address                    |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Bixby-----        | Bro. Coy McElroy -----         | Bixby                      |
|                   | Bro. Leroy Roberts -----       | Bixby                      |
|                   | Bro. Uylss James -----         | Bixby                      |
|                   | Bro. Eril Watkins -----        | Bixby                      |
|                   | Bro. Mathy Mashburn -----      | Bixby                      |
|                   | Bro. Don Allen -----           | Bixby                      |
|                   | Clerk, J. C. Morgan -----      | Bixby                      |
| Unordained-----   | Bro. James Adams -----         | Bixby                      |
| Checotah-----     | Bro. Ollie Kindell -----       | Checotah                   |
|                   | Bro. Gilbert Hollingshed ----- | Tulare, California         |
|                   | Bro. Ellery Lemley -----       | Checotah                   |
|                   | Bro. Sidney Mackey -----       | Checotah                   |
|                   | Bro. Walter Wood -----         | Checotah                   |
|                   | Bro. Jess Ferguson -----       | Checotah                   |
|                   | Bro. Ulmot Farmer -----        | Checotah                   |
|                   | Bro. Oscar Dunlap -----        | Checotah                   |
|                   | Bro. Hubert Davidson -----     | Checotah                   |
|                   | Bro. Keith Coughran -----      | Checotah                   |
|                   | Bro. Hervey Lemley -----       | Checotah                   |
|                   | Clerk, Norma Davidson -----    | Checotah                   |
| Coweta-----       | Bro. Ralph Mahan -----         | Coweta                     |
|                   | Bro. Dave Rickner -----        | Coweta                     |
|                   | Clerk, Viola Rickner -----     | Coweta                     |
| Duck Creek-----   | Bro. Charles Wood -----        | Rt. 1, Mounds              |
|                   | Bro. Cecil Wilson -----        | Mounds                     |
|                   | Clerk, Carl Ennis -----        | Mounds                     |
| Greenbrier-----   | Bro. Adam Gay -----            | Rt. 2, Adair               |
|                   | Bro. Troy Owens -----          | Rt. 2, Adair               |
|                   | Bro. Flan Harris -----         | Rt. 2, Adair               |
|                   | Bro. Ed Kinion -----           | Fayetteville, Ark.         |
|                   | Clerk, Zelma Reynolds -----    | Adair                      |
| Little Rock-----  | Bro. Owen Walters -----        | Rt. 1, Salina              |
|                   | Bro. Buster Littlefield -----  | E. Star Rt., Locust Grove  |
|                   | Clerk, Edna Whitaker -----     | Locust Grove               |
| Locust Grove----- | Bro. Dennis Kern -----         | Locust Grove               |
|                   | Bro. Frank Rogers -----        | Locust Grove               |
|                   | Clerk, Clara Holman -----      | Locust Grove               |
| Lowery-----       | Bro. Russell Ferguson -----    | Oaks                       |
|                   | Bro. Edmond Gwartney -----     | Oaks                       |
|                   | Bro. Bobby Duncan -----        | Oaks                       |
| Northside         | Clerk, Marie Gwartney -----    | Oaks                       |
| Broken Arrow----- | Bro. Melvin Summers -----      | Broken Arrow               |
|                   | Bro. Jess Knight -----         | Broken Arrow               |
|                   | Bro. Vernon Brown -----        | Broken Arrow               |
|                   | Bro. Frank Slankard -----      | Broken Arrow               |
|                   | Clerk, Erma Mashburn -----     | 706 N. Cedar, Broken Arrow |
| Pensacola-----    | Bro. Frank Brixey -----        | Big Cabin                  |
|                   | Bro. Louis Clapper -----       | Big Cabin                  |
|                   | Bro. Lige Gay -----            | Big Cabin                  |
|                   | Bro. Bill Stephens -----       | Big Cabin                  |
|                   | Clerk, Edna Gay -----          | Big Cabin                  |
| Proctor Ford----- | Bro. Lewis Nichols -----       | Watts                      |
|                   | Clerk, Wanda Nichols -----     | Watts                      |

|                    |                                    |                                 |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Pryor-----         | Bro. Rabe Boyd -----               | 307 N. Orphan, Pryor            |
|                    | Bro. Marvin Coats -----            | 209 N. Indianola, Pryor         |
|                    | Bro. Harris Gurley -----           | 8 N. Ora, Pryor                 |
|                    | Bro. Garland Charles -----         | Star Rt. 1, Pryor               |
|                    | Bro. Donald Jones -----            | 125 S. Orphan, Pryor            |
|                    | Bro. Russell Pierce -----          | 1530 E. Hwy. 20, Pryor          |
|                    | Bro. Clifford Trimble -----        | 206 S. Ora, Pryor               |
|                    | Clerk, Pauletta Wilson -----       | 512 SW 1st, Pryor               |
| Salina-----        | Bro. W. T. Parsons -----           | Salina                          |
|                    | Bro. Charley Tuttle -----          | Salina                          |
|                    | Bro. Hugh Pollard -----            | Salina                          |
|                    | Bro. Jerry Hass (Unordained) ----- | Salina                          |
|                    | Clerk, Sister Alma Bristol -----   | Salina                          |
| Shahan-----        | Bro. John Meadows -----            | Coweta                          |
|                    | Bro. Delbert Hand -----            | Coweta                          |
|                    | Bro. Lee Massey --                 | 3029 W. 17, Spokane, Washington |
| Unordained-----    | Bro. Wesley Fought -----           | Coweta                          |
|                    | Clerk, Ruth Peterson -----         | Rt. 2, Broken Arrow             |
| Shellenbarger----- | Bro. Tommy Gibson -----            | Bixby                           |
|                    | Bro. Boyer Davis -----             | Bixby                           |
|                    | Bro. Leonard Terry -----           | Bixby                           |
|                    | Bro. Walter Hilton -----           | Bixby                           |
|                    | Bro. C. R. Fletcher -----          | Tulsa                           |
|                    | Bro. Verlon Bogle -----            | Jenks                           |
|                    | Clerk, Oscar Morgan -----          | Bixby                           |
| Smith Chapel-----  | Bro. Watie Bell -----              | Rose                            |
|                    | Bro. Cecil Clifton -----           | Rose                            |
|                    | Bro. Troy Gwartney -----           | Rose                            |
|                    | Clerk, Sister Watie Bell -----     | Rose                            |
| Spavinaw-----      | Bro. Jess Newby -----              | Spavinaw                        |
|                    | Bro. Cleo Jones -----              | Spavinaw                        |
|                    | Bro. Charles Eaton -----           | Spavinaw                        |
| Trinity Muskogee   | Bro. Forest Hayes -----            | 319 S. 8th, Muskogee            |
|                    | Bro. Roy Nipps -----               | 2108 Robison, Muskogee          |
|                    | Bro. V. E. Moses -----             | S. 24th, Muskogee               |
|                    | Clerk, James Tucker -----          | 1139 Locust St., Muskogee       |

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 -----  
 No. Baptized ----- No. Dismissed -----  
 No. Died ----- Total Membership -----  
 Condition of Prayer Meeting -----  
 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 and Recommendation

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

### Questionnaire for Examination of Ministers and Deacons

1. How long have you been on trial? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Are you the husband of one wife? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Do you believe that both the Old and New Testaments to be the  
infallable Word of God? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Do you believe that there are three persons in the God Head? \_\_\_\_\_  
Name them (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
(3) \_\_\_\_\_
5. Is Salvation obtained only through the Blood of Christ? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Name the conditions of Salvation \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. Do you believe the Doctrine of the unknown tongue as it is taught  
by some today? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Do you believe in the Baptism of the Holy Ghost as a second definite  
work of Grace? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Does the Bible teach that God has an organized church here on  
earth? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Do you believe that Water Baptism, Lord's Supper and Feet Washing  
are Church Ordinances or Gospel Ordinances? \_\_\_\_\_
11. Do you believe that a Believer can apostize and be lost? \_\_\_\_\_
12. Do you believe in a general Resurrection? \_\_\_\_\_
13. Do you believe the Old and New Testaments to teach Tithes and  
Offerings as God's Financial Plan? \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ pledge myself to preach and  
defend the Free Will Baptist Doctrine to the best of my ability. If at  
any future time, I preach or teach any doctrine contrary to the Free  
Will Baptist Articles of Faith, I will surrender my credentials to the  
Quarterly Conference of which I am a member.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature



## Youth Camp Minutes

The Youth Camp of the Grand River Association of Free Will Baptist met June 1, 1958, at Greenleaf State Park at Braggs with 186 young people and 33 officers and sponsors enrolled.

### SUNDAY NIGHT—

Service opened with singing. Message by Rev. Garland Davidson from Romans 10. There was 7 conversions and 1 renewal. Closed with handshake and repeating the Lord's Prayer.

### MONDAY MORNING—

Assembly opened with a devotional reading by Danny Hausam, followed with prayer. Betty Terry was elected Recording Secretary. Linda Morgan, DeWayne Schaffler and Eddie Crafton volunteered to be the Devotional Committee. Then classes were arranged.

### MONDAY, 11:00 O'CLOCK—

Service opened with singing and prayer. Message by Rev. Jess Stepp from Rev. 12. There was 12 decisions. Dismissed with handshake.

### MONDAY, 1:45 O'CLOCK—

Assembly opened with singing. Devotional reading by DeWayne Schaffler from Matt. 18. After prayer, classes assembled.

### MONDAY NIGHT—

Service opened with singing. After prayer and special music the message was brought by Rev. Danny Farmer from Ecc. 11 and 12. There was 10 conversions. Dismissed with handshake and prayer by Sister Gage. During the midnight hours a revival swept through the girls dormitories with 12 conversions.

### TUESDAY, 8:45 O'CLOCK—

Assembly opened with singing. Devotional reading by Sherian Gwartney, Psalms 117. Prayer by DeWayne Schaffler. Classes assembled.

### TUESDAY, 11:00 O'CLOCK—

Service opened with singing. Prayer by Rev. Dalton Beene. After special singing Rev. Carl Pollard delivered the message from St. John 12. There were 15 conversions. Dismissed with handshake and prayer by Rev. Stepp.

### TUESDAY 1:45 O'CLOCK—

Assembly opened with singing. Devotional reading Mal. 3 by Larry Tuttle. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Howard Gage to class.

### TUESDAY NIGHT—

Service opened with singing. Prayer by Linda Morgan. After song service Rev. I. L. Florence, Poteau, led in prayer. After a good testimony service Rev. Ray Gwartney delivered the message from St. Mark 16. There were 7 decisions. Dismissed with handshake and prayer.

### WEDNESDAY, 8:45 O'CLOCK—

Assembly began with singing. Devotional reading was St. Mark 16. Prayer by Sue Beede. After announcements we were dismissed to class.

### WEDNESDAY, 11:00 O'CLOCK—

Service began with singing. Prayer by Sister Jessie Ketchum. After special singing Rev. DeArthur Yandell delivered the message from Eph. 2:12-13. There were 4 conversions. Dismissed with handshake and prayer by Rev. Farmer.

### **WEDNESDAY, 1:30 O'CLOCK—**

Assembly opened with prayer by Susie Baker. After singing and announcements, dismissed to class.

### **WEDNESDAY, 7:30 O'CLOCK—**

Service opened with singing. Prayer by Rev. Yandell. During the special song service some Greenbrier boys were saved. Souls were being saved all over the auditorium and in the yard. There was no preaching and no way to count the ones who were saved. Dismissed by Rev. Pollard.

### **THURSDAY, 8:45 O'CLOCK—**

Assembly began with singing. Devotional reading John 15. Prayer by Bob Massey. Classes assembled.

### **THURSDAY, 11:00 O'CLOCK—**

Service opened with singing. Prayer by DeWayne Schaufler. Message from Acts 2 by Rev. Oron Estes. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Farmer.

### **THURSDAY NIGHT—**

Service opened with singing. Prayer by Tony Palmer. Rev. Bill Ketchum brought the message from Mark 16:15, using our camp theme, "Go ye into all the world". There were 4 conversions. Closed by giving the converts and those who are called for special work a handshake.

### **FRIDAY, 8:45 O'CLOCK—**

General Assembly opened with singing. Devotional reading 100th Psalms by Bob Massey. Prayer by Rev. Dalton Beene.

Clerks report read by Sister Erma Lee Beene. Motion carried to receive report.

Election of Officers were:

President—Rev. Ray Gwartney

Vice President—Rev. Jess Stepp

General Sponsor—Rev. Danny Farmer

Girl's Sponsor—Sister Verna Morgan

Boy's Sponsor—Rev. Calvin Morgan

Clerk—Sister Erma Lee Beene

Bible Teachers—Rev. and Mrs. Ketchum, Rev. and Mrs. Yandell, Rev. and Mrs. Gage and Rev. and Mrs. Pollard.

Music Teachers—Bro. R. B. Condry and Bro. Joe Watkins

Motion carried to give Bro. Watkins and the Trinity Muskogee Church a vote of thanks for using their pianos for this camp.

Motion carried to send the State Senator an individual thank you card for use of the camp ground.

Gifts of appreciation were presented to Rev. and Sister Gwartney, Rev. and Sister Stepp, Rev. and Sister Farmer, Sister Morgan and Sister Beene. Dismissed by Rev. Jake Gage.

### **FRIDAY, 11:00 O'CLOCK—**

Service opened with singing. Prayer by Rev. Jake Gage. Message by Rev. Howard Gage. Dismissed by Bro. R. B. Condry.

# Membership and Finance

|                        | Number received | Number Dismissed | Number Died | Total Membership | Paid Pastor | Paid Evangelist | Home Mission | Foreign Mission | Cooperative Plan | Literature and Education | Minutes | Building and Repair | Value of Church Property |
|------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------|---------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Bixby                  | 20              | 17               | 1           | 201              | 4,886.17    | 327.02          |              | 40.00           | 70.00            | 243.32                   | 20.00   | 257.39              | 25,000.00                |
| Checotah               | 17              | 7                | 1           | 109              | 2,340.00    | 215.00          | 50.00        | 250.00          | 150.00           | 122.38                   | 5.00    | 2,235.00            | 15,000.00                |
| Coweta                 | 6               | 0                | 0           | 49               | 845.00      | 35.80           |              |                 |                  | 28.70                    | 4.00    | 331.25              | 4,000.00                 |
| Dick Creek             | 4               | 0                | 0           | 77               | 273.32      |                 |              | 100.00          |                  |                          | 3.00    |                     |                          |
| Greenbrier             | 12              | 6                | 0           | 89               | 1,200.00    | 240.00          | 138.00       | 401.00          | 120.00           | 202.75                   | 5.00    | 3,200.00            | 13,200.00                |
| Little Rock            | 18              | 3                | 1           | 60               | 1,551.21    | 284.00          | 79.00        |                 | 162.95           | 165.21                   | 4.00    | 1,068.00            | 10,000.00                |
| Locust Grove           | 6               | 4                | 0           | 69               | 1,500.00    | 40.00           |              |                 | 120.00           | 214.30                   | 5.00    | 700.00              | 10,000.00                |
| Lowery                 | 0               | 0                | 0           | 42               | 1,265.00    | 30.00           | 91.00        | 24.75           | 100.00           | 14.96                    | 2.50    | 1,722.46            | 7,500.00                 |
| Northside Broken Arrow | 11              | 0                | 0           | 41               |             |                 |              |                 |                  | 108.26                   | 3.00    |                     | 15,000.00                |
| Pensacola              | 11              | 0                | 0           | 28               | 530.00      | 110.00          | 21.55        |                 | 11.00            |                          |         |                     | 10,000.00                |
| Proctor Ford           |                 |                  |             |                  | No Report   |                 |              |                 |                  |                          |         |                     |                          |
| Pryor                  | 14              | 3                | 1           | 156              | 1,200.00    | 135.85          |              | 120.00          | 120.00           | 217.46                   | 5.00    | 480.74              | 15,000.00                |
| Salina                 | 5               | 0                | 0           | 32               | 287.11      | 123.23          |              |                 | 96.62            | 49.77                    | 3.00    | 1,700.14            | 2,400.00                 |
| Shahan                 | 2               | 2                | 0           | 100              | 1,300.00    | 15.00           | 5.00         |                 | 60.00            | 138.82                   | 5.00    | 707.45              | 16,830.00                |
| Shellenbarger          | 19              | 7                | 2           | 70               | 2,555.00    | 166.00          |              |                 |                  | 127.55                   | 8.00    | 1,130.11            | 10,000.00                |
| Smith Chapel           | 1               | 2                | 0           | 53               | 1,259.93    | 20.18           | 10.00        |                 |                  |                          | 3.00    |                     | 12,000.00                |
| Spavinaw               |                 |                  |             |                  | No Report   |                 |              |                 |                  |                          |         |                     |                          |
| Trinity Muskogee       | 30              | 3                | 0           | 76               | 2,178.00    | 233.10          | 171.01       | 153.90          | 90.00            | 266.07                   | 5.00    | 2,630.55            | 30,000.00                |
| TOTAL                  | 176             | 54               | 6           | 1252             | \$23,170.74 | \$1,975.18      | \$565.56     | 1,089.65        | 1,100.57         | 1,899.55                 | 85.50   | 16,163.09           | 195,930.00               |

