

MINUTES OF THE
SIXTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
Grand River Association
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS



When Convened August 14-17, 1959, at Grand
River Association Grounds, Wagoner,
Oklahoma



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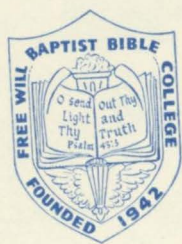
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Elder Ray Gwartney, Assistant Moderator
Elder Danny Farmer, Clerk
Donald Jacobs, Assistant Clerk
Elder J. D. Stepp, Promotional Secretary
Sister Ruth Peterson, Reporter



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GRAND RIVER ASSOCIATION
GRAND RIVER YOUTH ENCAMPMENT
GRAND RIVER ASS'N WOMEN'S AUXILIARY



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FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Rev. John H. West

1959-60 Officers Grand River Association of Free Will Baptists

MODERATOR: Rev. Howard Gage, 203 N. Broadway, Checotah
ASS'T. MODERATOR: Rev. Ray Gwartney, Box 666 Bixby
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ASS'T. CLERK Donald Jacobs, Pryor
REPORTER: Sister Ruth Peterson, Rt. 2, Broken Arrow
PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY: Rev. J. D. Stepp, 28 Payne, Pryor

Executive Board

Rev. Thurlow Schaufler, Chairman; Rev. Ray Blevins Clerk, Rev. Danny Farmer, 3 year men; Rev. J. D. Stepp, Rev. Bill Ketchum, 2 years; Rev. Eugene Riddle, Rev. Ray Gwartney, 1 year men.

Examining Board

Rev. Ale Reynolds, 3 years; Rev. Howard Gage, 2 years; Rev. Jess Stepp, 1 year.

Board of Trustees

Brothers Calvin Morgan, Walter Dobbs, Eugene Riddle, Sy Mashburn and Forest Hayes.

Board of Christian Education

Oscar Reed, 1 year; Dennis Kern, 2 years; Paul Martin, 3 years; Kenneth Brandom, 4 years; Bill Grass, 5 years.

Officers of Youth Camp

President, Ray Gwartney; Vice President, Dalton Beene; Clerk, Erma Lee Beene; Boy's Sponsor, Calvin Morgan; Gen. Sponsor, Bob Massey; Ass't General Sponsor, Kenneth Brandon; Treasurer, Francis Stepp; Girl's Sponsor, Verna Morgan.

District Women's Auxiliary Officers

President, Jessie Ketchum; Vice President, Vivian Watkins; Recording Secretary, Joyce Farmer; Ass't Secretary, Viola Rickner; Corresponding Secretary, Bernice Johnson; Treasurer, Erma Beene; Field Secretary, Billye Gwartney.

Proceedings of Sixty-Sixth Annual Association
Grand River Association of Free Will Baptists
August 13-15, 1959

THURSDAY EVENING, August 13—

Services opened with singing "I want to be Ready" led by Bro. Floyd Simons. Prayer by Rev. Ray Blevins. Associational Clerk declared body in conference. Moderator and Assistant introduced. Opening remarks by Moderator. Special singing by Gwartney sisters and Quartet from Pryor Church. After the evening offering was received Rev. Thurlow Schauffer brought a stirring message from verses in II Timothy His subject: "A Work Finished is a Work Well Done".

FRIDAY MORNING, August 14, 9:00 o'Clock—

Services began with singing of "I'll be Satisfied" led by Bro. Paul Martin. Miss Janie Boyles accompanied. Rev. Louis Maxwell read Eph. 4:1-3 for a devotional reading. Prayer led by Rev. Kenneth Brandon.

Rev. Howard Gage, Associational Moderator, took charge of the services. Motion carried that an assistant clerk be appointed. Bro. Don Jacobs was appointed. Letters from the following churches were read: Smith Chapel, Checotah, Little Rock, Salina, Spavinaw, Duck Creek, Bixby, Lowrey, Wagoner, Pryor, Shellenbarger, Shahan and Coweta. Motion carried to receive letters and seat the delegates.

Motion carried that Moderator and Assistant Moderator be empowered to appoint such temporary committees as needed.

Committees appointed as follows:

Temperance: Sisters Welch, Watie Bell, Hymes.

Sabbath School: Wanda Exendine, Jeff Lembey, Imogene Bolding

Finance: Dave Ricker, Sidney Mackey, Sister Young.

Literature: Sisters Irene Faight, Marie Wright, Edna Gay.

Estimate of Church Property: Sisters Neal, Johnson, Lowe.

Obituary: Sisters Jennings, Graves, Thomas.

Devotional: Sisters Ruth Peterson, Peevyhouse, Ruby Kinion.

Resolution: Reverend Kenneth Brandon, J. W. Gage, J. D. Stepp.

Motion carried to receive letters from Locust Grove, Pensacola, and Greenbrier and seat the delegates.

Motion carried to allow Pensacola church to insert item of business omitted in letter.

Minutes of Bixby quarterly meeting read.

Report by Rev. Gwartney on associational paper "Holy Echoes".

Motion carried to receive report.

Motion carried to adjourn business until 1:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, 11:00 O'CLOCK SERVICE—

Singing led by Bro. Brandon. Prayer by Bro. Dalton Beene. Special quartet arranged by Paul Martin sang "Will It Do". First Speaker Rev. J. W. Gage, text Matt. 6:25,26; 25:14. Subject "The Sheep and Goats". A very wonderful and stirring message. Bro. Bill Ketchum led in singing of "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone". He asked for faith offerings to help on association grounds expense. Twenty-seven responded. His subject was "Enduring to the End"; text John 10:10. How our hearts were thrilled as we felt the power of God upon these messengers and messages. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Bill Grass.

AFTERNOON SESSION, Friday 1:30 P. M.—

Song service led by Rev. Adrain Condit. Bro. Bill Condit led in prayer. Bro. Bill Grass read I Corinthians 2:1-4 as a devotional scripture. Bro. Dalton Beene led us in another prayer.

Rev. and Mrs. Louis Maxwell, 7304 E. Young Pl., Tulsa, were elected as editors for the Holy Echoes.

Resolution No. 1 adopted for discussion. (See Resolutions report). Motion carried to receive resolution No. 1.

Partial report of Examining Committee. (See Committee report.)

Rev. Carl Pollard, Representative of Sunday School Board, gave an interesting talk and report on Sunday School Literature and encouraged program of supporting publication of our own literature in Oklahoma.

Motion carried that we give our visiting Ministers a few minutes to report on their work and churches. Rev. Adrain Condit, pastor of Airport Church, Tulsa; Bro. Bill and Marvin Mann, First Church in Broken Arrow; and Bro. Carl Pollard, pastor of Henryetta Church spoke briefly.

Partial report of Examining Committee received.

Youth Camp Treasurers Report read by Sister Francis Stepp. Motion carried to receive report as given. Sister Erma Lee Beene read Youth Camp minutes. Motion carried that we receive the report and recommendation.

The following were nominated for the Board of Christian Education. Oscar Reed, Dennis Kern, Paul Martin, Kenneth Brandon, Bill Grass. Motion carried that nominations cease and these were elected by acclamation. Motion carried that they serve from 1 year to 5 years in that order.

Motion carried to accept Home Mission Secretary report. Amended that we transfer balance over into the Association fund. Amendment carried. Motion carried to keep Rev. Stepp as Home Mission Secretary.

Brother Farmer read Clerks report. Motion carried to accept report.

Motion carried to re-elect Brothers Schauffler, Farmer and Blevins to the Executive Board.

Rev. Ale Reynolds elected by acclamation to Examining Board.

Motion carried to retain same men as Trustees.

Rev. Dalton Beene elected as introductory speaker for next year and Rev. Bill Grass was elected as alternate.

Motion carried to adjourn business until 9:00 Saturday morning.

FRIDAY EVENING MISSIONARY SERVICE 7:30 P. M.—

The song service consisted of several missionary songs led by Rev. Brandon. The Gwartney Girls and Nadene Fogleman sang special numbers. Rev. Ray Gwartney introduced Rev. Rolla Smith, pastor of the Third F. W. B. Church of St. Louis, Mo., and Chairman of the National Foreign Mission Board. Bro. Smith challenged our hearts with reasons why he believed in Foreign Missions. He also showed slides of the work in Cuba which helped in our better understanding that field of labor.

SATURDAY MORNING 9:00 O'CLOCK, August 15—

Singing led by Brother McIntire. Brother Sy Mashburn read devotional. Joshua 13:1. He also led in prayer.

Bro. Charlie Wood appointed to fill vacancy in Finance Committee.

Letters from Northside Broken Arrow, and Trinity Muskogee received and delegates seated.

Bro. Schauffler appointed to resolution Committee to fill vacancy.

Motion carried to adopt resolutions Nos. 2, 3, 4 for discussion.

Motion carried to adopt resolution No. 2. Motion carried to amend resolution No. 3 to read "to have special evangelist for evening services". Motion carried to adopt resolution No. 4.

Motion carried to accept report of R. H. Alexander on items available to churches made at the penitentiary.

Motion carried to accept report of Brother Cliff Inbody on work being done by F. W. B. Masters Men organizations in Oklahoma. He is the state president.

Motion carried to adjourn business until 1:30 P. M.

MEMORIAL SERVICE—

Special songs were used with thoughts of those who during the past year had gone on to their reward. Bro. Robison, pastor of Owasso church led in prayer. After reading of the Obituary Bro. J. W. Gage led in another prayer. Bro. Farmer read II Cor. 4:8-9, 17,18, and based his thoughts on the human problems; life, sorrow, suffering, and death.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON PROCEEDINGS—

Service opened by singing. Devotional reading Isa. 55:1, 6 and prayer by Rev. Bob Ketchum, pastor of Cushing F. W. B. church.

Motion carried to accept Proctor Ford letter and seat delegates.

Motion carried to place Resolution Number 4 in Bill of Arrangements.

Motion carried to discuss Resolution No. 5. Motion carried to delay discussion until later.

Motion carried to elect committee of three for landscaping of property. Brothers Mutt Hymes, Lowell Ferguson, Gene Green were nominated and elected by acclamation. Motion carried to give landscaping committee a plot of grounds so they can show where lots, landscaping, trees, etc., are to be placed.

Motion carried to accept report of Executive Board Clerk.

Motion carried to read Resolution No. 5 again. Motion carried to adopt Resolution No. 5.

Motion carried to receive partial report of examining committee.

Reports of committees as follows:

Committee of Sabbath School: We your committee on Sabbath School accept as was last years report with the addition of "we recommend each church order Sunday School literature from our State office".

Wanda Exendine, Chairman

Committee on Temperance: We your temperance Committee report: We deeply regret the stand taken by the voters of Oklahoma on strong drink. We urge all members of Grand River Association to be temperate in all things and follow the teachings of the Holy Scriptures on Temperance.

Irene Welch, Chairman.

Committee on Literature: We your Committee on Literature recommend the Bible as our basic study. We recommend as good reading material the "Contact" printed in Nashville, Tenn. The "Promoter" printed in Oklahoma City, and the Holy Echo, our Grand River Association paper. We recommend our Sunday Schools order their literature in the future from the new Oklahoma Bible and Book Supply at Oklahoma City, their first order to be sent in by September 1.

Irene Faught, 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 \$220,030.00. Total evaluation of Association property \$50,000.00. Grand total \$270,030.00.

Finance Committee: We your Committee on Finance, received the following amounts: Association minute fund: \$86.00, Youth Camp minutes \$25.00, Auxiliary minutes \$25.00, cooperative plan \$50.00, National Delegate \$30.00. Minute money 136.00, total \$216.00.

Dave Rickner, Chairman.

Motion carried to accept all reports except Finance committee report and Church estimate of Property. Motion carried to accept report of estimate of church property after evaluation of Association property was included. Motion carried to retain Finance Committee through next 5th Sunday meeting.

Motion carried to accept report of Ladies Missionary Society of Pryor Church.

Motion carried to continue Minister and Deacons meetings at Ass'n grounds.

Motion carried to elect Rev. Jake Gage by acclamation to be speaker for Memorial Service next year. Alternate elected by acclamation: Rev. Maxwell.

Nomination of officers, each elected by acclamation.

CLERK: Danny Farmer, 503 W. Cherokee, Wagoner.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Donald Jacobs, Pryor

MODERATOR, Rev. Howard Gage 203 N. Broadway, Checotah

ASSISTANT MODERATOR, Rev. Ray Gwartney, Box 666, Bixby.

REPORTER: Ruth Peterson, Rt. 2, Broken Arrow

Motion carried to accept \$25.00 from Ladies Auxiliary to help print minutes.

Motion carried to send card of thanks to men who worker on grounds and aren't members of churches in this denomination.

Motion carried to recommend speaker for Thursday evening service before the quarterly meeting to be elected by Ladies Auxiliary. Brother Eugene Riddle elected speaker. Alternate speaker: Brother Bill Grass elected by acclamation.

Motion carried to accept partial report of Finance Committee .

Election of delegates of other associations:

Eureka Association: Howard Gage, Eugene Riddle, Joyce Farmer.

First Mission Association: Ray Gwartney, Bill Ketchum, Jake Gage.

Cherokee Home Association: J. D. Stepp, Dalton Beene, Jake Gage, Louis Nichols.

Motion carried to adjourn until next annual association.

Delegates to Grand River Association

Bixby: Ola Lowe, Beatrice Hyams, Nettie Peevyhouse.

Checotah: Jeff Lembey, Albert Key, Lora Jennings.

Coweta: Woodie Wheeler, Owen Wheeler, Louis Denton.

Duck Creek: Howard Exendine, Ray Christian, Wanda Exendine.

Greenbrier: Irene Britton, Ruby Kinion, Imogene Bolding.

Little Rock: Allen Jenkins, Bill Grass, Bill Whitaker.

Locust Grove: Mrs. Winfrey Littlefield, Verna Guynn, Leo McKenzie

North Side Broken Arrow: Lowell Ferguson, E. J. Nichols, Mildred Black

Pansacola: Ray Hudson, Walter Stephen, Ida Stephen

Proctor Ford: Jim Fain, Verlie Fain, Raymond Hunton.

Pryor: Rena May Head, Mrs. H. C. Neil, Irene Welch.

Salina: Sister Tuttle, Bro. Pollard, Sister Pollard.

Shahan: Irene Faught, Ruth and Jackie Peterson.

Smith Chapel: Sharon Thomas, Mrs. Watie Bell, Denna Gwartney.

Spavinaw: Mary Etta Ball, Louise Cagle, Jewell Jones.

Trinity Muskogee: Eva Garrison, Juanita Moore, Bro. Norman Lee.

Wagoner: Bill Tedder, Lola Tedder, Milissa Johnson.

State and National Delegates

Billye Gwartney, Bixby; Norma Davidson, Willie Gage, Checotah; Bro. Hamilton, Duck Creek; Frances Stepp, Pryor; Verna Morgan, Greenbrier; Geraldyn Schaffler, Shahan; Jessie Ketchum, Trinity Muskogee; Ray Blevins, Northside Broken Arrow.

COMMITTEE REPORTS—

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1: Be it resolved that we change the allocation of our Cooperative plan from State office 50%, Home Mission 20%, Youth Camp 15%, Association 10%, State Delegate fee 5%, to read as follows: State office 50%, Grand River Home Missions 10%, Youth Camp 5%, Association 30%, State Delegate fee 5%.

Resolution No. 2: Be it resolved we have quarterly meetings, youth rallies, ministers Conference, at our Association grounds.

Resolution No. 3: Be it resolved we have a semi-annual youth meeting during the Christmas vacation and invite all other youth from various associations of the state of Oklahoma. Amendment: to have special evangelist for evening services.

Resolution No. 4: Be it resolved we have a board consisting of a member from each church to meet on Thursday before the Ass'n. to outline the business for the year, and this board be called the General Board.

Resolution No. 5: Be it resolved we urge each church to send \$20 a month for development of camp grounds.

Resolution committee: Kenneth Brandon, Jake Gage, J. D. Stepp.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE REPORTS

We your Examining Committee beg leave to report, we find Bro. Lewis Maxwell sound in doctrine, and recommend that this body recognize his ministry dating from October 1958. He now carries license from the First Mission Ass'n of Free Will Baptists. We recommend that his license be recognized.

We your committee beg leave to report we find Bro. Bill Grass sound in doctrine and recommend him for license to the ministry.

We your Examining Committee beg leave to report as follows, we have examined Bro. Paul Martin and found him sound in doctrine and recommend him as an ordained minister in full fellowship with this association.

We your Examining Committee beg leave to report as follows: We have examined Bro. Bill Stephens and recommend that that we defer his examination for further study on point of doctrine.

We your examining Committee beg leave to report we find Bro. Bob Peterson sound in doctrine and recommend him for ordination at his convenience as a Deacon.

We your examining committee report we find Bro. Raymond Hunton sound in doctrine and recommend he be granted a license for one year as a minister.

Examining Committee: Howard Gage, Eugene Riddle, J. D. Stepp and Calvin Morgan, acting for Bro. Gage.

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Bro. J. W. Gage and Bro. Bill Ketchum for the 11:00 o'clock service Friday, August 14.

PROCEEDINGS

YOUTH CAMP

AUGUST 2-7, 1959

SUNDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 2—

The first service in the new youth Camp building began with Bro. J. D. Stepp in charge. Bro. Moses directed the group singing, with Sister Angie Reynolds at the piano. Prayer by Bro. Howard Osborn, Special singing by Susie Baker, Brenda and Sharon Gwartney. Prayer by Bro. Ray Gwartney, president of the Youth Encampment. Bro. Ketchum took the stand for the preaching hour, but while he led the song "Nearer My God to Thee", the young people began to fill the altar. There were 26 precious souls that were saved and rededicated their lives to Christ. The service was closed with a handshake and the shouting of praises to God. Dismissed by all repeating the Lord's Prayer.

MONDAY 9:00 O'CLOCK—

Services opened by singing "Wonderful Words of Life" led by Bro. Condry, with Sharon Gwartney at the piano. Devotional by Sue Osborn, reading Psalms 23. Prayer by Bro. Howard Gage. Bro. Gwartney divided the group into four classes, and assigned them to their respective places. Bro. Don Payne made a few remarks. Then dismissed to classes.

MONDAY 11:00 A. M.—

Services opened by singing "Take the Name of Jesus With You" led by Bro. Condry, with Sister Riddle at the piano. Prayer by Bro. Louis Maxwell. Special singing by the Gwartney girls and Sue Baker, "Have You Heard". Bro. Ray Gwartney introduced the speaker, Bro. Danny Farmer. Bro. Farmer used Gen. 1:18-24. His subject—Enoch. An inspiring message about a man who walked with God was enjoyed by all. Dismissed by Bro. Ray Gwartney.

MONDAY 1:45—

Met in General Assembly, opened by singing "Living by Faith", led by Bro. Northcut. Sharon Thompson read Psalms 66:1-3 as a devotional. Dismissed to classes by Bro. Ray Gwartney.

MONDAY 7:45—

Bro. Stepp made opening remarks. Prayer by Bro. Jake Gage. Bro. Condry directed congregational singing accompanied by Sister Angie Reynolds at the piano. Prayer by Bro. Elmo Abel. Specials were rendered by a group from Pryor, Linda and Judy Morgan, and Sharon Gwartney. Bro. Brandon read II Peter 3:9 as his scripture text. It was a great message and at the close of the message four young people came forth and were saved and renewed their vows to God. Dismissed by Bro. George Davidson. Then during the night the prayer service was continued in the dormitories and some who were lost became convicted of their sins and were converted. For these souls that were saved we thank God.

TUESDAY 9:00 A. M.—

Services opened by singing "The Gloryland Way" led by Bro. Howard Osborn, accompanied by Bro. Larry Tuttle. Bro. DeWayne Schaufliker read Ecc. 12:16 as a devotional and led in prayer. Bro. Gwartney made remarks and dismissed the classes.

TUESDAY 11:00 A. M.—

Bro. Northcut directed "Meet Me There" with Sister Sharon Gwartney at the piano. Bro. Payne led in prayer. Special, "I Saw A Man" by Sharon Gwartney. Bro. Louis Maxwell brought the morning message from a passage of scripture found in I Samuel 16:12. Subject, "Am I Too Young to be a Christian?". At the end of an inspired message from God. Bro. Ketchum dismissed the service with prayer.

TUESDAY 1:45 P. M.—

General Assembly met in the Auditorium. "Everyone Ought To Know" was directed by Bro. Condry. Bro. Brandon read a chapter from Psalms and led in Prayer.

TUESDAY 7:45 P. M.—

Singing directed by Bro. Bennie Cole with Bro. Larry Tuttle at the Piano. Opening prayer by Bro. Howard Gwartney. Another prayer by by Bro. Don Payne. Remarks by Bro. Gwartney. Offertory prayer by Bro. Howard Osborn. Offering of \$40.55 received. Specials by Ruth and Sue Gage, the Bixby, Quartett, and Bro. and Sister Ketchum. Bro. Howard Gage used Luke 17:26-29 for Scripture reading. Subject: "Time is Running Out". Before the sermon was finished young people began to come to the altar. There were eleven who found their way to the throne of grace and with a handshake we departed to our cabins with a prayer in our hearts for those who had accepted the Savior for the first time or renewed their covenant with him.

Motion carried we place our Auxiliary minutes with the Associational minutes.

Adjourned session with comments by new President Jessie Ketchum and prayer by Rev. Calvin Morgan.

WEDNESDAY 9:00 A. M.—

Bro. Northcut directed the singing with Betty Terry at the piano. Bro. Danny Ferguson read the morning devotional from St. John 3:14-17 and led in prayer.

WEDNESDAY 11:00 A. M.—

Singing led by Bro. Northcut, accompanied by Betty Terry. Prayer by Bro. DeWayne Schauffler. Specials by the Gwartney Girls and Susie Baker, Bro. Stepp and Mary Beadie. Bro. Stepp used I Cor. 11:23-33 as a Scripture text. The message was an inspiration to each one. Announcements by Bro. Gwartney. Dismissed by Bro. Howard Gage.

WEDNESDAY 1:45 P. M.—

Bro. Condry led the singing. Patricia Watkins read the devotional for the afternoon. Judy Morgan read the poem "God Is Love". Dismissed to classes.

WEDNESDAY 7:45 P. M.—

Services opened with singing of "Everybody Ought To Know". Prayer by Bro. Hyams from Bixby. Special songs by Joyce Tuttle, and the Creekmore quartett from Shellenbarger. Offering of \$81.05 received. A special group sang a song written by Bro. Condry. This song was dedicated to Bro. George Davidson. Other specials were rendered by Linda and Judy Morgan and the Muskogee Quartet. Bro. Gwartney introduced the speaker, Rev. Don Payne. Bro. Payne's text was Luke 8:26 and his subject: "To have something to take back Home". After a stirring message 10 people came forward and were saved or re-dedicated their lives to Christ. Dismissed with handshake.

THURSDAY 9:00 A. M.—

"Did You Think To Pray?" was the opening song led by Bro. Condry, with Linda Morgan at the piano. Prayer by Ruth Gage. Psalms 24 was read by Bro. Wayne Clifton for the morning devotional. Bro. Stepp made announcements. Dismissed in prayer by Sue Osborne.

THURSDAY 11:00 A. M.—

Opening prayer by Bro. Bill Grass. Brenda Gwartney directed "The Lilly of the Valley" with Ben Northcut at the piano. The music classes sang "Jesus Passed By", "Hide Me -Rock of Ages", and "Peace in my Soul". Bro. Stepp introduced the speaker, Bro. George Davidson. The theme of his message was "What manner of persons ought you to be in all Holy conversation concerning Godliness?". Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Morgan.

THURSDAY 1:45 P. M.—

Opened with singing. Lou Ella McKenzie read Gen. 1:1-6 for the afternoon devotional, Prayer by Bro. Condry. Dismissed to classes by Bro. Gwartney.

THURSDAY EVENING 7:45 P. M.—

Our last evening service began with group singing led by Bro. Condry and prayer. We were happy and honored to have the New Home Trio and the Bixby Quartett present to sing for us. An offering of \$73.45 was received. Bro. Bill Ketchum brought the evening message which was based on the subject "Faith". After numerous ones had surrendered their lives to Christ there was a special candle lighting service which was followed by a handshake and rejoicing. During the week '65 young people made their way to the throne of grace. For this we are indeed thankful.

FRIDAY MORNING—

Opened by group singing, each teacher made talks and suggestions and the election of officers began. Motion carried to keep BRO. RAY GWARTNEY as PRESIDENT. After Bro. Stepp declined, Bro. DALTON BEENE was elected VICE PRESIDENT. Bro. BOB MASSEY was elected GENERAL SPONSOR. Bro. KENNETH BRANDON was elected ASSISTANT GENERAL SPONSOR in Bro. Massey's absence. Motion carried to keep SISTER ERMA LEE BEENE as CLERK. Motion carried to keep Sister FRANCIS STEPP as TREASURER. BRO. CALVIN MORGAN was elected BOY'S SPONSOR. SISTER MORGAN was elected GIRL'S SPONSOR.

Bro. Ketchum suggested that a Christian Education Board be set up. Motion carried that we recommend this suggestion to the Association.

Bible teachers: Howard Gage and Danny Farmer elected for younger classes. Don Payne and Bill Ketchum for the older classes.

Motion carried that we use Bros. Condry and Northcut again next year. Bro. Stepp dismissed assembly with prayer.

FRIDAY 11:00 A. M.—

Our lost worship service began with group singing led by Bro. Condry. Linda Morgan played the piano. Bro. Roy Bingham led in prayer. Bro. Maxwell sang "In My Father's House". Bro. Gwartney turned the service to Bro. Morgan. His text "Live to Learn: Learn to Live". Bro. Dalton followed to conclude the message. One young man came during the invitation song. Bro. Brandon dismissed in prayer.

Minutes of the First Annual Session
of the
District Women's Auxiliary Convention
of
Grand River Association

AUGUST 13, 1959

THEME: "The Faith of Our Mothers" II Tim. 1:5

Songs "Living By Faith", and "Send the Light" were sung by congregation and led by Erma Beene, as opening session began. Welcome address was given by Auxiliary President Billye Gwartney. Devotional by Oneta Brandon, her scripture taken from II Tim. 1:5 and Philemon 1:3-6.

Prayer by Willie Gage.

Petitionary Letter read from Shelenbarger Woman's Auxiliary. Motion carried we accept them into the District Auxiliary.

Motion carried to correct mistake in program and elect nominating committee for nomination of officers for the coming year.

Motion carried to adopt program with any necessary changes.

Committees selected by Pres. Billye Gwartney, and Vice Pres. Jessie Ketchum.

Lela Crow, State Field Secretary, gave report on National Association.

Business Adjourned until 1:30 p.m.

11:00 WORSHIP—

Congregational Hymn, "Showers of Blessings" led by Erma Beene. Prayer by Bro. Brandon. Offertory prayer by Verna Morgan.

Special Music by Checotah, and Locust Grove GTA's.

Rev. Howard Gage, Checotah F. W. B. Church, brought the message. His message was taken from Hebrews 11:1.

1:30 P. M.—

Congregational singing led by Erma Beene.

Special music by Sharon and Brenda Gwartney, prayer by Lillian Lemley.

Resolutions read:

- I. Be it resolved we continue Kitchen project.
Carried
- II. Be it resolved we sell short orders during association and use money to equip Youth Camp Kitchen.
Carried
- III. Be it resolved we send one dollar a month for Arizona-Mexico Missions.
Carried

Delegates to State Convention selected by Pres. Billye Gwartney, as follows: Oneta Brandon, Vivian Watkins, Viola Rickner, Ruby Kinion, Bernice Johnson.

Report of Committees: Appreciation committee report given by Bernice Johnson, Bixby, chairman.

Registration Committee: "We the registration Committee, report a total of 100. Visitors 53; Auxiliary Members 47.

Nomination committee: Nominated the following officers:

President: Jessie Ketchum, Muskogee

Vice President: Vivian Watkins, Bixby

Recording Secretary: Joyce Farmer, Wagoner

Assistant Recording Secretary: Viola Rickner, Coweta

Corresponding Secretary: Bernice Johnson, Bixby

Treasurer: Erma Lee Beene, Locust Grove

Field Secretary: Billye Gwartney, Bixby

Youth Chairman: Marguerite Kern, Locust Grove

Study Course Chairman: Willie Gage, Checotah

Stewardship-Prayer: Verna Morgan, Greenbrier

Personal Service: Oneta Brandon, Shellenbarger

Each were voted on singly, and carried that we elect as nominated.

Pianist: Joyce Farmer, Wagoner

Song Leader: Vada McElroy, Bixby

Motion carried we elect these two.

Installation of officers by Oneta Brandon. Dedicatory prayer by Rev. Ray Gwartney.

Treasurers Report read and approved.

Recording Secretary Report read and approved.

RECORDING SECRETARY REPORT—

I. Enlistment Department	No. Auxiliaries Reporting—8
Representation fee—\$23.80	Enrolled at beginning of year—68
Present Enrolment—80	New Members—17
Average Attendance—51.	No. Lost—7

II. Youth Department	G. T. A.—2	Vacation Bible Schools—5
Other Activities—Youth Rallies and Camp		

III. Study Course:	Courses conducted—	No. Attended—
	Missions—3	19
	Stewardship—2	7
	Manual—5	35
	Evangelism—3	17
	Prayer—4	31
	Daily Bible Readers—26	

IV. Program Prayer:	Special programs—14	Weeks of Prayer—13
Self Denial Offering—\$58.56	Family Altars—21	Prayer Fellowship—11

V. Personal Service:	Soul Winning efforts—39	Souls Won—55
Community Missions—53		

VI. Publicity Department:	Subscribers to F.W.B. Papers—35
Articles for Publication—43	

VII. Personal gifts:	Missions—6	\$217.40
	Other	\$118.20

Joyce Farmer, Recording Secretary
Wagoner, Oklahoma

TREASURERS REPORT—

I. STEWARDSHIP OF POSSESSIONS:

Number Auxiliaries contributing to Missions—53

Number tithers on roll beginning convention year—24

Number New tithers—1

Number present tithers—25

II. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Offering Co-Labor fund \$72.00

Amount Easter Offering, Foreign Missions—\$38.83

Amount Thanksgiving Offering, State Home Missions—\$12.15

Amount Christmas Offering, National Home Missions—\$13.01

Cash gifts to orphanage—\$4.00

Cash gifts to F. W. B. Bible College—\$4.00

Total gifts sent to W. N. A. C. Treasurer this convention year—\$101.34

Total Per Capita representation fee sent to W.N.A.C. Treasurer this year—\$23.80

Total Amount for Auxiliary Literature—\$109.96

Total for Local Church Activities—\$586.75

Respectfully Submitted

Erma Lee Beene, Treasurer

Locust Grove, Oklahoma

Committees for this session are as follows:

Nominating Committee: Erma Beene, Oneta Brandon, Norma Davidson, Vivian Watkins, Willie Gage.

Resolution Committee: Roberta Hembree, La Vanda Brown, Evelyn Hayes.

Appreciation Committee: Bernice Johnson, Sister Littlefield, Sister Davis

Finance Committee: Ella Mackey, Verna Morgan, Cecil Fogleman, Mrs. Bert Clark

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.
6. Appointment of Correspondents.
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 the 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 unholy conformity to the world, from all sanctions of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in 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 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 with 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 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 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 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 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 baptised 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 climeth 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.

Be it resolved we have a board consisting of a member from each church to meet on Thursday before the Association to outline the business for the year, and this board be called the General Board.

ROLL OF MINISTERS

Churches	Ministers	Address	Phone
Bixby	Rev. Ray Gwartney	Box 666, Bixby, PI	6-3286
	Rev. Ale Reynolds	Broken Arrow	
	Rev. Ronnie Smallen	Unordained, Tulsa	
Checotah	Rev. Howard Gage, 203 N. Br'dw'y,	Checotah	153R
	Rev. J. P. Green	Checotah	
Coweta	Rev. Leroy Holmes	Tulsa	
Duck Creek	Rev. Paul Martin	Rt. 1, Bixby	
	Rev. Anle 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	
	Rev. Bill Grass, unordained,	Locust Grove	
Locust Grove	Rev. Dalton Beene	Locust Grove GR	9-5352
	Rev. Kenneth Woodruff	Tuscon, Ariz	
	Rev. Bob Mercer	Locust Grove	
	Rev. George Henderson	Locust Grove GR	9-5950
	Rev. M. W. Ogelvie	Pryor	
Lowrey	Rev. Troy McCrary, 624 N. Cedar,	B'k'n Ar'w	PI 8-7303
Northside			
Broken Arrow	Rev. Ray Blevins, 706 N. Cedar,	B'k'n Ar'w	PI 8-4099
	Rev. Sy Mashburn	Tulsa	
	Rev. Walter Dobbs, 420 N. Birch,	B'k'n Ar'w	
	Rev. Marvin Summers, unordained,	B'k'n Ar'o'	
Pensacola	Rev. Luther Jones	Pryor VA	5-3032
Proctor Ford	Rev. Ted Turner	Rt. 2, Westville PA	3-4215
	Rev. Howard Daniels, Rt. 5,	Siloam Springs, Ark	
	Rev. Raymond Hunton, unordained,	Siloam Springs, Ark	
Pryor	Rev. J. D. Stepp	28 Payne, Pryor VA	5-3532
	Rev. J. W. Gage	18 N. Bailey, Pryor VA	5-2773
Salina	Rev. Kenneth Jones	Pryor VA	5-1788
Shahan	Rev. Thurlow Schauffler	Rt. 1, Coweta IV	6-5592
	Rev. Fred Jones	5121 W. 8th, Tulsa LU	5-1692
	Rev. Jack Hausam	unordained, Tulsa	
Shellenbarger	Rev. Kenneth Brandon	Rt. 2, Bixby	
	Rev. Doyle Bullock	Bixby PI	6-8585
	Rev. L. D. Self	Broken Arrow PI	6-3286
	Rev. Ezra McClain	Bixby PI	6-3215
	Rev. Loyd McClathey	Bixby	
Smith Chapel	Rev. Louis Maxwell	unordained, Tulsa TE	5-4666
	Rev. Virgil Reynolds	Bixby	
Spavinaw	Rev. Bill Condit	3 S. Bailey Pryor VA	5-1741
Trinity Muskogee	Rev. Bill Ketchum 509 S. 24th,	Muskogee MU	2-7615
	Rev. Eugene Riddle	Haskell	25431
Wagoner	Rev. Danny Farmer	Wagoner HU	5-3507

ROLL OF DEACONS AND CLERKS

Bixby	Bro. Coy Mc Elroy	Bixby
	Bro. Leroy Roberts	Bixby
	Bro. Ulyss James	Bixby
	Bro. Eril Watkins	Bixby
	Bro. Mathy Mashburn	Bixby
	Bro. Don Allen	Bixby
	Bro. John Caldwell	Bixby
Checotah	Clerk, Bro. J. C. Morgan	Bixby
	Bro. Ellery Lemley	Checotah
	Bro. Sidney Mackey	Checotah
	Bro. Walter Wood	Checotah
	Bro. Jess Ferguson	Checotah
	Bro. Ulmont Farmer	Checotah
	Bro. Oscar Dunlap	Checotah
Coweta	Bro. Hervey Lemley	Checotah
	Bro. Hubert Davidson	Checotah
	Clerk, Norma Davidson	Checotah
	Bro. Ralph Mahan	Coweta
	Bro. Dave Rickner	Coweta
	Bro. Leonard Morgan	Coweta
	Bro. Woodrow Denton	Coweta
Duck Creek	Clerk, Viola Rickner	Coweta
	Bro. Charles Wood	R. 1. Mounds
	Bro. Vester Cowell	Mounds
Greenbrier	Clerk, Wanda Exendine	R. 1. Mounds
	Bro. Adam Gay	R. 2. Adair
	Bro. Troy Owens	R. 2. Adair
	Bro. Flan Harris	R. 2. Adair
	Bro. Ed Kinion	Fayetteville, Ark.
Little Rock	Clerk, Cleta Hopper	R. 2. Adair
	Bro. Owen Walters	R. I. Salina
	Bro. Buster Littlefield	E. Star Rt., Locust Grove
	Bro. Roy Cleveland	unordained, Twin Oaks, Okla.
	Bro. Warren Bales	unordained, Salina
	Bro. Harold Neal	unordained, Locust Grove
	Bro. Jack Grass	unordained, Locust Grove
Locust Grove	Bro. Bill Grass	unordained, Locust Grove
	Clerk, Edna Whitaker	Locust Grove
	Bro. Dennis Kern	Locust Grove
	Bro. Frank Rogers	Locust Grove
	Clerk, Darlene Mercer	Locust Grove
Lowery	Bro. Russell Ferguson	Star Rt., Kansas
	Bro. Edmond Gwartney	Star Rt., ansas
	Bro. Bob Duncan	unordained, Leach
	Clerk, Marie Gwartney	Star Rt., Kansas
Northside		
Broken Arrow	Bro. Marvin Summers	Broken Arrow
	Bro. Jess Knight	Broken Arrow
	Bro. Vernon Brown	Broken Arrow
	Bro. Frank Slankard	Broken Arrow
	Clerk, Rose Blevins	706 N. Cedar, Broken Arrow
Pensacola	Bro. Frank Brixey	Big Cabin
	Bro. Louis Clapper	Big Cabin
	Bro. Elijah Gay	Big Cabin
	Bro. Bill Stephens	Big Cabin
	Bro. Don Jones	Pryor
	Clerk, Edna Gay	Big Cabin

Proctor Ford	Bro. Lewis Nichols	Watts
	Bro. Jess Palone	Watts
	Clerk, Wanda Nichols	Watts
Pryor	Bro. Rabe Boyd	307 N. Orphan, Pryor
	Bro. Marvin Coats	209 N. Orphan, Pryor
	Bro. Harris Gurley	8 N. Ora, Pryor
	Bro. Garland Charles	Star Rt. 1, 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
	Clerk, Sister Alma Bristol	Salina
Shahan	Bro. John Meadows	Coweta
	Bro. Delbert Hand	Coweta
	Bro. Lee Massey	3029 W. 17th, Spokane, Wash.
	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. Jes s Newby	Spavinaw
	Bro. Charles Eaton	Spavinaw
	Bro. Raymond Hicks	Eucha
	Bro. Floyd Hicks	Vinita
	Bro. Marion Zickafoose	Spavinaw
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	Bro. Roy Nipps	2108 Robison, Muskogee
	Bro. V. E. Moses	South 24th, Muskogee
	Bro. Floyd Ary	1015 Illinois, Muskogee
	Clerk, James Tucker	1139 Locust St. Muskogee
Wagoner	Clerk, Joyce Farmer	503 W. Cherokee, Wagoner

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 \$ _____

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 both the Old and New Testaments to be the infallible 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

MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCE

	Number Received	Number Dismissed	Number Died	Total Membership	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Cooperative Plan	Literature and Education	Minutes	Building and Repair	Value of Church Property
Bixby -----	19	10	3	207	4,845.36	333.60	29.84		120.00	300.73	5.00	1,879.15	25,000.00
Checotah -----	34	10		157	2,445.00	131.72			150.00	110.85	5.00	1,295.43	15,000.00
Coweta -----	19	1	2	65	1,011.00	24.74			25.00	42.53	4.00	85.11	4,000.00
Duck Creek -----	11	3		85	273.01	54.28			130.00		3.00		
Greenbrier -----	2	4		82	1,200.00		120.00	60.00	90.00	170.00	5.00		13,200.00
Little Rock -----	29	3	1	84	1,543.26	200.00		25.00	58.60	172.31	5.00	5.94	5,500.00
Locust Grove -----	5	2	1	75	1,200.00	115.00				179.00	5.00	600.00	10,000.00
Lowrey -----	1	1	1	38	752.10	92.08	25.00	57.46	120.00	55.65	5.00		7,500.00
Northside Broken Arrow	20	3		59		134.00				25.00	5.00		21,000.00
Pensacola -----	13			41	600.00	448.00		38.00	15.00		3.00		10,000.00
Proctor Ford -----	2												
Pryor -----	18	7		167	1,580.00	120.00		120.00	120.00	411.31	5.00	257.96	15,000.00
Salina -----	6		1	33	640.01	182.00				55.56		287.63	2,500.00
Shahan -----	1	2		99	1,401.10	74.00	10.00	35.00	60.00	154.20	5.00	1,968.42	16,830.00
Shellenbarger -----	15	3		80	3,152.00	84.05				10.00		204.75	10,000.00
Smith Chapel -----	4		2	56	591.90	97.65			110.00	67.50	3.00	113.00	12,000.00
Spavnav -----	5	4		38							5.00		5,000.00
Trinity Muskogee -----	17	4	1	89	2,963.53	431.18		406.98	120.00	248.40	5.00	1,976.00	38,000.00
Wagoner -----	24			24						25.00	5.00	4,500.00	9,500.00
TOTAL -----	245	57	12	1479	24,198.27	2,522.30	184.84	742.44	1,118.60	2,018.04	86.00	13,173.39	270,030.00

Association Grounds ----- 50,000.00

