

MINUTES OF THE
SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF
**South Grand
River Association**
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS



When Convened August 18-20, 1960, at
South Grand River Association Grounds,
Wagoner, Oklahoma



ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Rev. Howard Gage, Moderator
Rev. Ray Gwartney, Assistant Moderator
Rev. Danny Farmer, Clerk
Rev. Melvin Burns, Assistant Clerk
Rev. J. D. Stepp, Promotional Secretary
Sister Ruth Peterson, Reporter



Includes proceedings of:

South Grand River Association,
South Grand River Youth Encampment,
South Grand River Ass'n. Women's Auxiliary,
South Grand River Sunday School Convention



South Grand River Association is a member of
State and National Associations of
Free Will Baptists.

1960-61 OFFICERS

SOUTH GRAND RIVER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

MODERATOR—Howard Gage, 712 N. Broadway, Checotah
ASS'T MODERATOR—Ray Gwartney, Box 666, Bixby
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REPORTER—Ruth Peterson, Rt. 2, Broken Arrow
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EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. J. D. Stepp, Chairman, and Rev. Kenneth Brandon, 1 year men; Rev. Ray Blevins, Clerk, and Rev. Danny Farmer, 2 year men; Rev. Ray Gwartney, acting Clerk, and Rev. Eugene Riddle, 3 year men.

EXAMINING BOARD

Rev. Thurlow Schauffer, 3 years; Rev. Ale Reynolds, 2 years; and Rev. Howard Gage, 1 year.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Oscar Reed, 5 years; Bill Grass, 4; Carl Hembree, 3; Paul Martin, 2; and Dennis Kern, clerk, 1 year.

OFFICERS OF YOUTH CAMP

President—Ray Gwartney, **Vice President**—Dalton Beene, **General Sponsor**—Kenneth Brandon, **Camp Clerk**—Erma Beene, **Camp Treasurer**—Frances Stepp, Jr. **Boys Sponsor**—Kenneth Jones, **Senior Boys Sponsor**—Calvin Morgan, **Girls Sponsor**—Vernie Morgan, **Kitchen Chairman**—Billye Gwartney, **Assistant K. Chairman**—Oneta Brandon, **Recreation Director**—J. D. Stepp.

DISTRICT WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OFFCERRS

President—Billye Gwartney, **Vice-President**—Willie Gage, **Recording Secretary**—Joyce Farmer, **Assistant**—Kathleen Phillips, **Corresponding Grove, Field Secretary**—Oneta Brandon, **Youth Chairman**—Wanda Key, **Study Course Chairman**—Roberta Hembree, **Stewardship Prayer Chairman**—Irene Welch, **Personal Service Chairman**—Verna Morgan, **Song Leader**—Vada McElroy, **Pianist**—Willie Gage.

Proceedings of the Sixty-Seventh Annual Session of the

South Grand River Association of Free Will Baptists

Thursday Evening, August 18, 7:30 p.m.

Evening services were begun with prayer led by Rev. Ray Gwartney. Singing led by Howard Gwartney accompanied by Sue Mahan. The Clerk declared the body in Conference and introduced associational Moderator Howard Gage who took charge of the services. Bro. Gage gave opening remarks concerning the seriousness of the work ahead. He asked for prayer that he might have the wisdom of Solomon and the grace of Abraham and admonished the congregation to be careful of each others feelings in the business sessions. J. D. Stepp led two more congregational songs and Bill Mann led again in prayer. A men's quartet sang "My Thanks to Him". The evening speaker was Rev. Dalton Beene. Scripture: Matt. 25:31-40; Text: 2 Timothy 4:2; Subject: "Preach the Word". After a stirring message an invitation was given, ending with an altar of prayer.

Organization of the District Masters Men—Howard Gwartney read the the preamble and article of District Masters Men Organization. Motion Carried that local Masters Men organize into a District Masters Men Organization. Election of officers, each by acclamation. President—Coy McElroy; Program Chairman—Ulyss James; Attendance Chairman—Cliff Trimble; Promotion Chairman—Charles Osborn, Chorister—Benny Cole; Secretary-Treasurer—J. C. Morgan. Three ministers to assist on Executive Committee elected were: Howard Gage, Jess Stepp, Ray Gwartney. Installation of officers by Howard Gwartney. Payer of dedication by Howard Gage.

Friday Morning, August 19, 10:00 o'clock

Singing led by Rev. Melvin Burns accompanied by Sharon Gwartney. Prayer by Rev. Major Followwill. Scripture lesson and devotional by Rev. Ray Gwartney. Scripture read was Luke 2:40-49; "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's Business." Admonition by Moderator Melvin Burns elected by acclamation as temporary assistant clerk. Motion carried that Moderator and Assistant be empowered to appoint all necessary temporary committees.

Devotional Com. V. E. Moses, Lucille Littlefield, Ralph Mahan. Letters read from the following churches: Bixby, Checotah, Coweta, Duck Creek, Greenbrier, Little Rock, Locust Grove, Pensacole, Proctor Ford, Pryor, Salina, Shahan, Shellenbarger, Smith Chapel, Spavinaw, Trinity Muskogee, Wagoner. Motion carried to receive letters and seat delegates.

Motion carried to adjourn business until 1:30. Prayer by E. C. McIntire.

Friday, 11:00 o'clock Services

Bro. V. E. Moses led the singing. Special by Bro. Dave Grass and Nadine Fogleman and a quartett. Rev. Bill Grass used St. John 13:17: "If ye know these things happy are you if you do them." A good reviving message concerning one of the neglected ordinances. Invitation song "Just as I Am". Dismissed by Rev. Bill Condit.

Friday Afternoon, 1:30 Business Session

Song Services opened with "Near the Cross" being sung. Rev. Raymond Hunton led in prayer. Rev. Ale Reynolds read St. Luke 24:1-5 for a devotional and prayed.

Committees appointed:

Obituary: DeWayne Schauffler, Raymond Hunton, Maudie Pollard.
Sunday School: Lila Faye Morgan, Hazel Cook, Marie Wright.

Temperance: Mae Walker, Albert Key, Bert Clark.

Literature: Judy Morgan, Myrtle Willis, Sue Mahan.

Estimate of Church Property: Vela Scott, Velma McElroy, Elva Hembree.

Finance: Marie Mahan, Gerald Arnold, Sister Davis.

Resolution: Carl Hembree, Boyer Davis, Calvin Morgan.

Request read by delegates of Trinity Muskogee Church that Rev. Melvin Burns and Ronnie Burns (licensed) be examined by Credentials Committee in that they are coming into the association. Motion carried to grant request in adding this to Trinity Muskogee Letter.

Report of Sunday School Board and Board of Christian Education. Motion and second to receive report and grant requests. Request made that this be divided and discussed. Request No. 1—We would like to have permission of the association to have two Sunday School workshops this coming year, one in the Northeast end of the association and one in the southwest end of association area. Motion carried to grant this request. Request No. 2—We would also like to have permission to have a Ministers and Deacons Institute here at the Camp Ground some time this coming year. Motion carried to accept and grant this request. Request No. 3—This Board is asking for an allocation from the cooperative fund of what ever the association can afford us. Part of recommendation of the General Board read. Motion carried that we grant this request. Motion carried to receive entire report.

Motion carried that Oscar Reed be re-elected to Board of Christian Education.

Report of Promotional Secretary of South Grand River Home Missions.

Motion carried to re-instate Bro. Stepp as Promotional Secretary. Partial Report of Examining Committee. (See reports).

Rev. Thrlow Schauffler elected to Examining Board.

Executive Board minutes read and received.

Motion carried to retain Rev. Ray Gwartney and Rev. Eugene Riddle on Executive Board.

Report of Secretary of Women's Auxiliary received by Motion Carried.

General Board Report read and received (See reports).

Mrs. A. A. Welch, Orval Hymes, Gene Green nominated and elected as Landscaping Committee.

Motion carried that the Officers of the League Rally meet with the Board of Christian Education in planning of the program.

Motion carried that business be adjourned until 10:00 o'clock Saturday morning. Dismissed by Rev. Bill Mann.

Evening Services, August 19, 1960, 7:30 p.m.

Singing began with song "Jesus Saves" led by V. E. Moses. Sharon Gwartney accompanying. A visiting minister, Rev. Hamm, led in prayer. Special singing included "Jesus knows just what I need" by Sharon and Brenda Gwartney and Sue Gage; a men's quartett. sang "Have You Heard"; and Bro. Moses sang a solo, "I See Jesus." Rev. Ray Gwartney introduced Rev. Thurlow Schauffler, pastor of Shahan church as the evening speaker. The Scripture: I Kings 18:30; the text: "Repairing the altar of the Lord that is broken down." Rev. Schauffler stressed that we could erect altars anywhere and that many are neglected today. A challenging message closed with special prayer for Rev. Ray Blevins led by J. C. Morgan. Dismissed by Rev. Ronnie Burns.

Saturday Morning, August 20, 10:00 a.m.

After congregational singing prayer was led by Rev. Louis Maxwell. Specials by Rev. Grass and Mr. and Mrs. Don Jones, and others. Devotional read by J. C. Morgan. Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:1-5; 2:1-3.

Motion carried to receive oral report to be given by delegate from Northside Broken Arrow church and allow them to send a letter later. Motion carried that we receive the letter from Lowery church and the oral report and seat delegates.

Motion carried that District Masters Men meet on Thursday evening preceeding the Association and quarterly meetings.

Rev. Louis Maxwell elected as Introductory Speaker for next Association. Rev. Carl Hembree elected as Memorial Service Speaker.

Motion carried that Executive Board see about a charter and new plate for seal.

Motion carried that Rev. Dalton Beene be appointed to see that grass is kept mowed. Motion and second that Bro. Beene be allowed gas as travel expense on our charge account at service station. Ammendment. Motion and second that Bro. Beene see that tractor is serviced and properly cared for. Ammendment carried. Motion carried..

Motion that we adjourn business until 1:30 p.m. this afternoon. Rev. Bob Ketchum dismissed in prayer.

Saturday Morning Memorial Service, August 20, 1960

Singing opened with "Nearer My God to Thee". Specials: "When God shall wipe all tears away" and "Heaven". Rev. Louis Maxwell read the Obituary Report and led in prayer. Rev. J. W. Gage and granddaughters, Ruth and Sue, sang "What will I Leave Behind". Rev. Gages text was Revelations 14:13 "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord". He made personal remarks about many who had already gone on and plead with the congregation to consider the kind of life people are living. Those over 60 years old were asked to line up across the front of the stage while the rest came by and shook hands with them. Eighteen people came forward realizing that much of their lives were spent and may have only a short time remaining. The congregation sang "In the Sweet By and By" and then were dismissed after singing "Amazing Grace".

Afternoon Business Session, Saturday, August 20, 1:30 p.m.

After opening song Rev. Mashburn led in prayer. Devotional from John 14:1-3 given by Rev. Melvin Burns.

Motion carried that we have an Annual Sunday School Convention.

Rev. Kenneth Brandon elected to Executive Board to fill vacancy.

Standing vote of thanks given to Rev. Bill Ketchum for a job well done.

Motion carried to accept associational clerks report with pledges made to clear indebttness.

Motion carried that indebttness of allocations to S G R Home Missions and Youth Camp be dropped.

Committee Reports read and accepted. (See reports).

Report on broadcasting of program over KOLS by one committee member, J. D. Stepp. Motion carried that we accept report. New Broadcast Committee elected: J. W. Gage, Dalton Beene, J. D. Stepp.

Motion carried to give these small churches participating in broadcast a standing vote of thanks.

Rev. and Mrs. Howard Gage elected as delegates to Eureka Association.

Rev. and Mrs. Ray Gwartney elected to go to First Mission Ass'n.

Holy Echo report given by Rev. Louis Maxwell. Motion carried that we receive his report and accept his resignation.

Motion carried that Rev. and Mrs. Farmer be elected as editors.

Part of Youth Camp Minutes read concerning suggestions and election of officers. Motion carried that we receive this partial report.

Motion carried that we receive partial report of Examining Committee. (See Reports).

Election of officers: each elected by acclamation

Assistant Clerk—Melvin Burns, 509 South 24th, Muskogee

Clerk—Danny Farmer, 503 W. Cherokee, Wagoner

Assistant Moderator—Ray Gwartney, Box 666, Bixby

Moderator—Howard Gage, 712 North Broadway, Checotah

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

Motion Carried that Sunday School Convention report be included in Minutes.

Report and announcements concerning Oklahoma Bible College.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Dismissed in prayer by DeWayne Schauffler.

PROCEEDINGS OF SOUTH GRAND RIVER YOUTH CAMP

June 5-10, 1960

Sunday Evening, June 10

The 133 young people who enrolled during the afternoon gathered at 7:30 for the evening service. Rev. Ray Gwartney, President of Youth Camp was in charge. Bro. Condry led the singing, accompanied by Donna Reed. V. E. Moses led in prayer. Ruth Gage was elected to be Secretary to record minutes being kept temporarily by Eyuone James. Special singing by Sharon and Brenda Gwartney, June Marler and Linda Thomas, and Nadene Fogelman. DeWayne Schauffler asked the blessing on the offering of \$35.17. The Messenger for the evening was Reverend Paul Martin. His text: "Belief and Unbelief" from Matt. 13:15-58. After the message a Devotional Committee was appointed consisting of Evelyn Schauffler, Judy Morgan, Larry Tuttle. Nadene Fogelman was elected as reporter. The service was dismissed by the group repeating "the Lords Prayer."

Monday, 9:00 a.m.

General assembly opened with songs. Rev. Howard Gage led prayer. Devotional by Sue Mahan from Psalms 47. Classes.

Monday 11:00 o'clock Service

Group singing. Prayer by Rev. Dalton Beene. An offering for flowers for Sister Ketchum was received. After a special song Rev. Brandon brought the message. It was based on Ephesians 3:14. His subject "Growth in Christ through Christ". Rev. Kenneth Jones asked the blessing on the meal and dismissed.

Monday, 2:00 p.m.

General assembly. Singing led by Bro. Condry accompanied by Joyce Tuttle. Nadene Fogelman led prayer and Glenda Watkins read the devotional from Psalms 121. Classes dismissed.

Monday Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.

After a rewarding grove prayer service the evening worship began with singing. Rev. Jess Stepp led prayer and the following specials were rendered: a double duet from Pryor, duet from Locust Grove and Salina, two from Bixby and the Fogelman sisters. One young lady came forward during the singing and prayer was offered with her. The evening speaker was Rev. Calvin Morgan. He spoke from Ephesians 2:20. Nineteen young people came during the invitation to the altar to find Christ. After prayer and hand shake services were dismissed. Truly, God walked among us that night for each person left with renewed strength.

Tuesday Morning Assembly, 8:45 a.m.

Singing led by Howard Osborn accompanied by Sharon Gwartney. At 9:00 a.m. the singing was stopped by Rev. Gwartney and Rev. Danny Farmer led us all in a prayer for Sister Ketchum who went into surgery this morning at 9 o'clock. Nadene Fogelman read the mornings devotional chosen especially for this occasion, the 23rd Psalm. Sherry Beene led in prayer. A motion was made and carried that Rev. Stepp be made Recreation Chairman. Bro. Ray Gwartney read some suggestions and a motion carried that we select a king and queen, a prince and princess of the camp week. Classes dismissed.

Morning Worship, Tuesday, 11:00 a.m.

Singing led by Bro. Northcut accompanied by Sue Osborn. Judy James sang a solo and a group from Bro. Northcut's class furnished a song. The message was brought by Rev. Howard Gage. The Scripture, Genesis 42:21 and I Timothy 4:12. His subject, "The Power of Conscience". During the invitation two young ladies came forward seeking a closer walk with Christ. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Beene.

General Assembly, Tuesday 2:00 p.m.

The assembly opened with group singing led by Bro. Northcut and accompanied by Sharon Gwartney. Joyce Condry read a devotional from Psalms 1 and Larry Tuttle led in prayer. Dismissed to classes.

Tuesday Night Services, 7:30 p.m.

Singing led by Bro. Condry accompanied by Mrs. Riddle. Rev. Eugene Riddle led in prayer. Howard Osborn asked the blessing on the evening offering. The Brandons and Condrys sang a special. Judy Marler arranged a trio. The messenger for the evening was Rev. Don Payne. The message, "This the Christ, The Son of God" based on the scripture Matt. 27:39-43. Bro. Roy Nipps dismissed in prayer.

General Assembly, Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.

Services opened with singing. Donna Reed led in prayer and Suzy Baker read Matt. 26:24-26 as the morning devotional. Suggestions read and discussed. Special prayer for Sister Condit by Rev. Gwartney. Classes dismissed.

Morning Worship Services, Wednesday, 11:00 a.m.

Services opened with group singing. Prayer by Sue Osborn. Specials by Bro. Condry's class and a trio. Morning message by Rev. Danny Farmer based on John 1:35-39 and Phillipians 1:21. His subject, "Why are you here?"

General Assembly, Wednesday, 2:00 p.m.

Services opened with prayer and singing. Camelia Exendine sang a solo. Classes dismissed.

Wednesday Night, 7:30 p.m. Services

Began with prayer by Rev. J. W. Gage. After congregational singing Rev. Luther Jones led in prayer. Offering received. The Creekmore family, Rev. Stepp's quartet and Rev. Brandon's octette furnished the special singing. The message from John 19:28-34 was brought by Rev. Adrain Condit, pastor of the Airport Church in Tulsa. His subject: "A Drink of Water." Nineteen came forward during the invitation to drink of the living water and dedicate their lives to Christ. During the evening 10 more accepted Christ with much prayer and weeping.

General Assembly, Thursday Morning

Bro. Gwartney called the assembly together, gave instructions concerning the election of the prince and princess and king and queen. Judy Morgan read the devotional from I John 1:7-10 and led in prayer. Classes dismissed.

Morning Worship Service, Thursday, 11:00 a.m.

Singing from Bro. Northcutt's class, Judy James, and the Gates sisters. Special silent prayer for Mrs. Bennie Cole. Rev. J. D. Stepp brought the message based on Isaiah 6:1-2 and Psalms 46:10. His text was "Be still and know thee I am God." During the invitation the altar was filled with those who feel that God has called them for some special service. Dismissed by Rev. Don Payne.

General Assembly, Thursday, 2:00 p.m.

Services open by repeating of the Lord's Prayer led by Sue Gage. After singing Rev. Brandon led special "Power in the Blood". Voting on contest.

Evening Services, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

After singing Bro. Bill Mann led prayer.. Those nominated by each age group for the contest were as follows: 10-year olds nominated for princess, Linda White and for prince David Brandon. The 11 year olds nominated for princess Brenda Gwartney and for prince Memphis Thompson. The 12 year olds nominated for princess Elaine Hutchenson and for prince Randy Rush. The 13 year old group nominated for queen Sharon Gwartney and for king Howard Osborn. The 14 year old group nominated for queen Kay Lambert and for king Eddie Palmer. The 15 year old group an up nominated for queen July Morgan and for king Glen Tremble. Those elected by the group and crowned by Bro. Brandon were: Princess—Linda White and Prince—David Brandon; Queen—Judy Morgan and King—Glen Tremble. At the end of the crowning ceremony the singing resumed and once more minds were centered on worshipping God with all reverence and respect. Specials were by Sharon Gwartney's trio, Bro. Condry's afternoon class and Nadine Fogelman. The minister for the evening was Rev. Thurlow Schauffler, pastor of Shahan. His message for the evening was "Gather up the fragments, that nothing be lost" from John 6:5-12. Two came forward during the invitation. Dismissed by Bro. Don Payne. A short time of refreshment and relaxation was held consisting of weiner roast and games. Soon the sponsors called us to the cabins where before retiring the Bible was read and prayer was offered.

General Assembly, Friday, 9:00 a.m.

Opened with singing. Devotional read by Yvonne James from Ecclesiastes 6:10-18. DeWayne Schauffler led in prayer. The camp clerk, Sister Erma Beene read her report. Bro. Stepp gave his report on equipment. Nadine Fogelman read her report. A motion carried that this report be published in the state and local F.W.B. papers and other periodicals. The camp treasurer, Sister Frances Stepp gave her report. Total offerings during camp, \$112.42. Report accepted by motion carried. Motion carried to pay \$25 on printing minutes. The recording secretary, Ruth Gage, read the minutes of the camp which were accepted. Officers elected: President—Ray Gwartney, Vice-President—Dalton Beene, General Spon-

sor—Kenneth Brandon. Camp Clerk—Erma Beene, Camp Treasurer—Frances Stepp, Boy's Sponsor—Howard Gage, Girls Sponsor—Vernie Morgan. Senior Boys Sponsor—Calvin Morgan. Motion carried that we recommend a constitutional change permitting us to add officers to our Youth Camp Officials as the need arises. Jess Stepp elected as Recreational sponsor. Billye Gwartney elected as Kitchen Chairman. Motion carried that hereafter the South Grand River Youth Camp to begin the third Sunday in June. Payne, Gage, Farmer, and Ketchum elected as Bible teachers. Condry and Moses elected as Music teachers. Bro. Northcutt assistant. Bro. Howard Gage resigned as boys sponsor. Bro. Kenneth Jones elected. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Jones.

Friday Morning Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.

Services opened by singing. Prayer by Bro. Brandon. The first messenger for the morning was Rev. Dalton Beene. His text was "Watch and Pray". Rev. Ray Gwartney concluded with James 4:3. His text, "Prayer". Several came during the invitation to pray for strength and removal of doubts. Rev. Brandon instructed them about spiritual growth. The group sang Happy Birthday to Bro. Stepp. Dismissed by Bro. Condry.

Minutes of the First District Sunday School Convention of South Grand River Association of Free Will Baptists

When Convened on August 17, 1960

Convention called to order by Rev. Carl Hembree, Chairman of the Christian Board of Education. Song by Bro. Moses. Prayer by Bro. Oscar Reed. Song by Bro. Moses. Devotional by Rev. Bill Grass, II Timothy 2:1-16. Introduction of guests. Call for letters by Rev. Hembree. The following churches represented by letter: Shellenbarger, Bixby, Wagoner, Smith Chapel, Coweta, Little Rock, Trinity Muskogee, Salina, Lowery, Pryor, Checotah, Locust Grove. Call for letters of churches other than Ass'n. Letter presented by Haskell Free Will Baptist Church. Motion made to accept letters as read. Motion seconded, carried. Dismissed for recess. Total Sunday School enrollment of churches participating in Sunday School Convention, 1504. Total average attendance for the year Aug. 1959-Aug. 1960 of Sunday Schools participating in Sunday School Convention, 1094.

Meeting resumed with a Song Service led by Bro. Moses. Message by Rev. Earnest Harrison, II Timothy 2:16. Dismissed at noon by Rev. Burns. Afternoon service opened by song service by Bro. Moses. Prayer by Rev. Ray Gwartney. Special number by Men's Quartet picked from convention. Welcome address by Rev. Hembree. Rev. Ernest Harrison discussed State Sunday School Program, followed by a question and answer session. Bro. Reeds, National Sunday School Board representative discussed the National Sunday School program, followed by a question and answer session.

BUSINESS: Discussion held in regard to money received by Sunday School Convention in the total amount of \$65.00. Motion made by Rev. Rev. Gwartney to give \$30.00 to Bro. Reeds, National S. S. Board Representative for expense; \$15.00 to Rev. Ernest Harrison, State S. S. Board Representative for expenses and the balance of \$20.00 to Christian Board of Education for expense. Motion seconded by Bro. Gage, carried. Rev. Gwartney moved to show appreciation to Christian Board of Education for excellent program by a standing vote. Motion made, seconded and carried asking that the Ass'n. approve of future Sunday School Conventions. Meeting adjourned.

DENNIS KERN, CLERK

Christian Board of Education

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August 18, 1960

THEME: "Being Busy Doing God's Business." Luke 2:49.

Song "Will Jesus Find Us Watching" sung by the congregation and led by Vada McElroy. Welcome given by president Jessie Ketchum. Devotional by Verna Morgan. Special prayer requests given, prayer by Rev. Carl Hembree.

Special number in song by the Checotah trio. Motion carried that we give President authority to appoint vice president for this session in the absence of Mrs. Watkins, and that we give them power to appoint committee. Motion carried that we leave it up to the body to elect officers for the coming year instead of having a committee. Dismissed in prayer by Sue Burns. Business adjourned until 1:30 p.m.

11:00 Worship

Congregational singing led by Vada McElroy. Special singing by the Bixby Woman's Auxiliary quartet.

Message by Rev. Melvin Burns, Muskogee Trinity Church brought the message from Luke 2:49, and I Corinthians 3:9. Dismissed in prayer by Oneta Brandon

1:00 P. M.

Congregational singing led by Vada McElroy. Special by Checotah Trio. Special feature by Pryor G.T.A.'s, Woman's Trio, and concluded with a talk by Mrs. Welsh. Talk upon Mexico Missions given by Billye Gwartney.

Committee Reports:

Registration: 90 registering for the day.

Resolutions:

1. Be it resolved that we have a kitchen committee consisting of three women to keep the kitchen clean for one year. Ammendment: that we have different women quarterly.

Motion carried to adopt resolution with ammdement.

The churches following volunteered to the job for this year. September, Bixby. December, Shellenbarger, March, Greenbrier. June, Pryor.

Officers elected for the coming year:

President: Billye Gwartney, Bixby—Vice President; Willie Gage, Checotah, Recording Secretary; Joyce Farmer, Wagoner—Assistant Rec. Secy; Kathleen Phillips, Bixby—Corresponding Secretary; Bobbie Denton, Coweta—Treasurer; Erma Lee Beene, Locust Grove—Field Secretary; Oneta Brandon, Shellenbarger—Youth Chairman; Wanda Key, Locust Grove—Study Course Chairman; Roberta Hembree, Coweta—Stewardship Prayer Chairman; Irene Welsh, Pryor—Personal Service Chairman; Verna Morgan, Greenbrier—Song Leader; Vada McElroy, Bixby—Pianist; Willie Gage, Checotah.

Treasurers report read and approved. Recording Secretary's report read and approved. Minutes of this meeting read and approved.

Delegates to the State Convention volunteered: Erma Lee Beene, Frances Stepp, Lila Faye Morgan, Cordie McKenzie, Kathleen Phillips.

Motion carried that we give \$25.00 for printing of our minutes with the Associational minutes.

Motion carried that we give Sister Ketchum a standing vote of thanks for the marvelous job she has done as President for the past year.

Installation of officers by out-going President Jessie Ketchum. Prayer of dedication by Verna Morgan.

Recording Secretary Report:

I. Enlistment Dept.

Number of Auxiliaries Reporting	9	Representation Fee	\$25.50
Enrollment beginning of year	120	Present enrollment	127
Number of new members	21	Number lost	14

II. Youth Dept.

No. G.T.A.s	6	Y.P.A.'s	2	B.A.'s	2
Enrollment	G.T.A. 75	Y.P.A.	16	B.A.	10

Number active church libraries: 1

Number of vacation Bible schools assisted in: 8

Other activities: Coweta adopted retired minister.

III. Study Course Dept.

Courses conducted	Attendance
Missions _____	7
Stewardship _____	18
Manual _____	23
Evangelism _____	32
Prayer _____	19
Number Reading Circles	12
Daily Bible Readers	34

IV. Program Prayer Dept.

Number of weeks of prayer conducted _____	23
Total amount of self-denial offering _____	\$68.21
Family Altars 20 Number observing Prayer Fellowship:	38

V. Personal Service Dept.

Number making soul winning efforts	37	No. souls won	21
Number active in community missions _____			42
Contributions to childrens homes _____			\$7.29

VI. Publicity Dept.

Number subscribers to F. W. B. Papers _____	40
Articles written for Publication _____	12
Other publicity work done _____	2

VII. Personal Gifts.

Special offerings			
Missions _____	\$204.38	Superannuation _____	5.00
F.W.B. Bible College _____	2.00	Other _____	78.75
Children's Homes _____	7.29		

Joyce Farmer, Recording Secy.
503 W. Cherokee,
Wagoner, Oklahoma

Treasurer's Report:

I. Stewardship of Possessions:

Number of Auxiliary members contributing to Missions _____	101
Number of tithers on roll beginning of Convention year _____	48
Number of tithers as a result of Stewardship Study Courses _____	1
Number of New tithers this convention year _____	6
Present number of tithers _____	54

II. Financial Report:

Amount of offering sent to W.N.A.C. Co-Labor fund	\$125.00
Amount of Easter offerings for Foreign Missions _____	50.75
Amount of Christmas offering for National Home Missions	23.11
Amount of Thanksgiving offering for S. Home Missions	54.21
Cash gifts to orphanages _____	2.29
Total gifts to missions sent to W.N.A.C. treasurer this conv. yr.	
Auxiliary _____	\$170.38
G.T.A.'s _____	\$ 6.00

Total per capita Representation fee sent to W.N.A.C. Treas 25.50
 Total spent for Auxiliary literature 262.46
 Total spent for local church activities \$849.81

Respectfully submitted,

Erma Lee Beene
 R. 1, Box 125
 Locust Grove, Oklahoma

Examining Committee:

SUNDAY SCHOOL: We your Sunday School Committee join with the Sunday School board encouraging teachers training courses in local churches. We also recommend each church use six point record system. Chairman: Lila Faye Morgan

TEMPERANCE: We your temperance committee urge all members of the South Grand River Association to be temperate in all things and follow the teachings of the Holy Scriptures on temperance. Chairman: Mae Walker

LITERATURE: We your committee on Literature recommend the Bible as our basis of study. We recommend the "Contact" printed in Nashville, Tenn., as good reading. We recommend the "Promoter" printed in Okla. City, and the "Holy Echoes" our South Grand River Association paper good reading also. Chairman: Judy Morgan

OBITUARY: We your obituary committee report as follows; it is with sadness of heart we submissively bow to the call of our Heavenly Father, who removed from our midst, Bro. Bob Jones, Sis. Fannie Thorton, and Sis. Bertha Rhodes, of Bixby; Sis. Miriam Cassell and Sis. Susie Leffler of Checotah; Bro. Bill Whitaker of Little Rock; Sis. Mollie Canfield, and Sis. Maud McElroy of Pryor; Sis. Etta Johns of Shellenbarger; Bro. Millard Schaufler of Shahan; Bro. Jerald Jones of Spavinaw; and Bro. Ed Kennedy of Trinity Muskogee. Chairman: DeWayne Schaufler

FINANCE: We your committee on finance received the following amounts: Association minutes, \$91.50, State minute fund: \$15.00, National minute fund; \$10.00; Youth Camp Minutes \$25.00; Woman's Auxiliary minutes \$25.00, total \$166.50. Chairman, Marie Mahan

ESTIMATE OF CHURCH PROPERTY: We your committee on Esitmate of Church property beg leave to report information received from delegates that church property totals \$243,930. Total evaluation of Association property \$55,000, Grand Total \$298,930. Chairman, Vela Scott

EXAMINING COMMITTEE: We your examining committee beg leave to report we find Bro. Melvin Burns sound in doctrine, and recommend we endorse his ordination as he is already ordained. We your examining committee beg leave to report we find Bro. Ronnie Burns sound in doctrine and recommend his license be recognized dating Feb., 1960. Bro. Raymond Hunton was passed by

board for ordination at the pleasure of his church and himself.

RESOLUTION No. 1 Be it resolved that Sabbath School Committee be changed to Sunday School Committee. Carried.

GENERAL BOARD REPORT: The General Board met at the Camp Grounds on August 18, 1960, at 2:15 P.M., meeting called to order by moderator, Rev. Howard Gage. Reading of 1959 minutes of the resolution concerning the meeting. Prayer by Bro. S. W. Mackey. Letters read by Bro. Ralph Mahan from: Duck Creek, Shahan, Locust Grove, Shellenbarger, Bixby, Checotah, Pryor, Green-Brier, Wagoner. Recommendations to association: No. 1—Motion carried that the landscaping committee bring a plan or drawing to the next quarterly meeting of the planting of trees and shrubbery. No. 2—Motion carried that we recommend that the allocation of the cooperative plan be changed to read as follows: State office—50%, Grand River Home Missions—5%, Youth Camp—5%, Association—30%, State Delegate Fee—5%, Sunday School Board and Board of Christian Education together—5%.

State and National Delegates—Norma Davidson, Icle Christian, Irene Welch, Marie Mahan and Billye Gwartney.

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. Ajournment 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. Motion 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 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 South 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 minutes of the National Association, and are in favor of all 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 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 them-

selves 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.

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH COVENANT

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

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

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligation in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotion, and social worship, and by self-denial, faith and good works endeavor to "grow in the 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 ordinance 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 bond of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and to 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 the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprise supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling, that the kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprise, the support of missions, the suc-

cess of Sabbath schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of souls and the conversion 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 bretheren 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 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 saith, "Look unto me and be saved all

the 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 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 birthright. Let a man examine himself and so let him eat. The washing of feet was instituted by our Lord at the same time that the supper was instituted as an act of humility to show our love for each other, and both ordinances should be perpetuated by all Christians until His coming. Luke 22:19-20; I Cor. 11:20-29; St. John 13:1-8; Matt. 26:26-29.

9. We believe in a divine call of ministry, that God in His goodness and power of grace impresses His ministers with the burden of lost souls; to the extent the call becomes irresistible with personal conviction so that they yield to the call and exercise their native gifts according to the scripture 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 that He is that door, and he that cometh in by that door shall have full fellowship and equal rights with 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; 1 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 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 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 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 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 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 (1 Cor. 10:17). By partaking we exhibit a oneness of that body. What is meant by we? It certainly means all Christians of all ages when you come together 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 truly baptized as anyone. It is the duty of the preacher to baptize and the applicant to be baptized. When this is done each has performed a personal duty. If I had never been baptized and had to wait until I found one whom I knew to be a legal administrator I would never be baptized at all as I cannot know the heart of man. Two acting in concert, acting in good faith and the other not—the one is blessed and the other is not. Every Christian is strictly responsible for his acts and not for another. Simon the sorcerer believed and was baptized, and that by a legal administrator and yet it is discovered that he is not a Christian. So we see that baptism by a legal administrator does not confer any claims upon him to any Christian rights as this case proves to be a personal matter, as we clearly see that the apostle did his duty and Simon did not, or 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 opinions of men and the ways we account for them in the capacity of men; and if we should use the capacity that God has given I do not think that we should be eternally condemned for what we cannot help. The church of Christ is divided into many members, but it is one spiritual body and Christ the head, and they should have the same care for the other, as the natural body has for its members, yet they do not perform the same office, yet they should observe the same interest of the body.

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

We have fifty states in the Union. They are equally free and independent states and yet they are one united, and have one great central point at which to meet and testify that they are free and independent states and yet but one nation. All Christians should have one central point at which to meet and let the world know that they are one. Let that be the Lord's table. Christians feel, alike if they do not think alike. They can preach together, pray together, sing together and love together, and should they not commune together? 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 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 South Grand River Association speaking disrespectfully of one another and anyone found guilty of such conduct shall be liable to charge and dealt with as 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 acknowledgements to this body or stand suspended.

Be it resolved that 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 South 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 South Grand River Association.

Be it resolved that our Moderator represent South 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 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	
Checotah.....	Rev. Howard Gage, 712 N. Bwy.	Checotah	
	Rev. J. P. Green.....	Checotah	
Coweta.....	Rev. Carl Hembree.....	Coweta	
Duck Creek.....	Rev. Paul Martin.....	Rt. 1, Bixby	
	Rev. Anle Masburn.....	Sand Springs	
Greenbrier.....	Rev. Calvin Morgan.....	Rt. 2, Adair	
	Rev. Chris Schilt.....	Strang	
Little Rock.....	Rev. Bill Grass.....	Locust Grove	
	Rev. Earl Willis.....	Tahlequah	
Locust Grove.....	Rev. Cecil Bowen.....	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 9-5905

	Rev. M. W. Ogelvie	Pryor
	Rev. Dixon Gurley	Pryor
Lowery	Rev. Troy McCrary	624 N. Cedar, Broken Arrow
Northside		
Broken Arrow	Rev. Ray Blevins	706 N. Cedar, Broken A. PI8-4090
	Rev. Sy Mashburn	Tulsa
	Rev. Walter Dobbs	420 N. Birch Broken Arrow
	Rev. Marvin Summers	unordained, Broken Arrow
	Rev. Elmo Able	Broken Arrow
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
	Rev. Ray Hunton	Siloam Springs
Pryor	Rev. J. D. Stepp	213 N. Ora, Pryor VA 5-3532
	Rev. J. W. Gage	18 N. Bailey, Pryor VA 5-2773
	Rev. W. C. Condit	Bailley, Pryor
Salina	Rev. Kenneth Jones	54 Irving, Pryor VA 5-1788
Shahan	Rev. Thrulow Schaufler	Rt. 1 Coweta IV 6-5592
	Rev. Jack Hausam	unordained, Coweta
	Rev. Kenneth Brandon	Rt. 2 Bixby
Shellenbarger	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	Rev. Louis Maxwell	Locust Grove
	Rev. Virgil Reynolds	Broken Arrow
Spavinaw	Rev. Jim Haas	Claremore
Trinity Muskogee	Rev. Melvin Burns	509 S. 24, Muskogee MU 2-7615
	Rev. Eugene Riddle	Haskell
	Rev. Ronnie Burns	unordained, Muskogee
Wagoner	Rev. Danny Famrer	503 W. Cherokee HU 5 3507

ROLL OF DEACONS AND CLERKS

Bixby	Bro. Coy McElroy	Bixby
	Bro. Leroy Roberts	Bixby
	Bro. Ulyss James	Bixby
	Bro. Eril Watkins	Bixby
	Bro. John Caldwell	Bixby
	Clerk, Bro. J. C. Morgan	Bixby
Checotah	Bro. Ellery Lemley	Checotah
	Bro. Sidney Mackey	Checotah
	Bro. Walter Wood	Checotah
	Bro. Jess Ferguson	Checotah
	Bro. Ulmont Farmer	Checotah
	Bro. Oscar Dunlap	Checotah
	Bro. Hervey Lemley	Checotah
	Bro. Hubert Davidson	Checotah
	Clerk, Norma Davidson	Checotah
Coweta	Bro. Dave Rickner	Coweta
	Bro. Leonard Morgan	Coweta

	Bro. Woodrow Denton	Coweta
	Clerk, Viola Rickner	Coweta
Duck Creek	Bro. Charles Wood	R. 1 Mounds
	Bro. Vester Cowell	Mounds
	Bro. Howard Exendine, unordained	R. 1 Mounds
	Clerk, Wanda Exendine	R. 1 Mounds
Greenbrier	Bro. Adam Gay	R. 2. Adair
	Bro. Troy Owens	R. 2. Adair
	Bro. Flan Harris	R. 2. Adair
	Bro. Ed Kinion	Fayetteville, Ark.
	Clerk, Cleta Hopper	R. 2. Adair
Little Rock	Bro. Owen Walters	R. 1. Salina
	Bro. Buster Littlefield	E. Star Rt., Locust Grove
	Bro. Roy Cleveland, unordained	Twin Oaks, Okla.
	Bro. Warren Bales	unordained Salina
	Bro. Harold Neal	Locust Grove
	Bro. Jack Grass	Locust Grove
	Clerk, Edna Whitaker	Locust Grove
Locust Grove	Bro. Dennis Kern	Locust Grove
	Bro. Frank Rogers	Locust Grove
	Bro. Mayes Key	Locust Grove
	Clerk, Darlene Mercer	Locust Grove
Lowery	Bro. Edmond Gwartney	Star. Rt., Kansas
	Bro. Elmer Carrol	unordained
	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. 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
	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. Orr, Pryor
	Clerk, Pauletta Wilson	512 SW 1st, Pryor

Salina	Bro. W. T. Parsons	Salina
	Bro. Carley 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
	Bro. Ralph Mahan	Coweta
	Clerk, Ruth Peterson	Rt. 2, Brokne 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. Charles Eaton	Spavinaw
	Bro. Raymond Hicks	Eucha
	Bro. Floyd Hicks	Vinita
	Bro. Ides Newby	Eucha
	Bro. Cleo Jones	Pryor
	Bro. Marion Zickafoose	Spavinaw
Trinity		
Muskogee	Bro. Forest Hayes	319 S. 8th, Muskogee
	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, Nellie Bays	Wagoner

Letter from a church to a quarterly meeting, yearly meeting, ass'n.
 To the _____ of Free Will Baptist
 when convened with the _____
 church at _____, 19____
 We send as delegates, our beloved brethren _____
 who we pray you will 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 \$ _____
 Home Missions _____ 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 Ass'n. _____
 Value of 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 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 Ressurrection? _____
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

DELEGATES TO CONVENTION

Bixby—Lila Faye Morgan, Myrtle Willis, Zadio Roberts.
 Checotah—Albert Key, Vela Scott, Lora Jennings.
 Coweta—Olen Mahan, Ruby Mahan, Mae Walker
 Duck Creek—Jewel Hinkel, Icle Christian, Wanda Exendine.
 Greenbrier—Lexie Palmer, Judy Morgan, Wanda Gage.
 Little Rock—Lucille Littlefield, Charline Littlefield, Clestie Johnson.
 Locust Grove—Mayes Key, Nadine Fogleman, Donna Reed.
 Lowery—Bobby Cramer, Sister Johnson, Mattie McCrary.
 Northside Broken Arrow—Jess Miller, Elbert Nichols, Sister Ogle.
 Pensacola—Roy Timmons, Hazel Timmons.
 Proctor Ford—Raymond Hunton, May Carnes, Jim Fain.
 Pryor—A. G. Osborne, Pearl Osborne, Mrs. H. C. Neil.
 Salina—Hugh Pollard, Maudie Pollard, Bill Parsons.
 Shellenbarger—Marie Wright, Mr. Wright, Betty Grantham.
 Shahan—DeWayne Schauffler, Ruth Peterson, Sue Mahan.
 Smith Chapel—Esther Bell, Della Thomas, Ada Neal.
 Spavinaw—Pat Henson, Berdenia Hicks, Shirley Hicks.
 Trinity Muskogee—Hazel Cook, Wynema Lee, Betty Gaither.
 Wagoner—Charley Center, Zelma Presley, Bert Clark.

MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCE

	Number received	Number Dismissed	Number Died	Total Membership	Minute Fund	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Cooperative Plan and Association	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Literature and Education	For Building and Repair	Value of Church Property
Bixby	15	5	3	215	\$7.50	\$4,724.34	\$284.22	\$263.79	150.29	\$103.00	\$304.92	\$1634.46	\$25,000.00
Checotah	5	4	2	162	5.00	2,405.00	77.00	390.50			135.31	80.78	15,000.00
Coweta	2			57	4.00	810.00		10.00			204.29	677.07	
Duck Creek		1		53	3.00	516.45	51.03	120.00		14.00	295.02	560.69	1,200.00
Greenbrier	15				5.00	1,200.00	288.00	70.00		35.00	199.88		13,200.00
Little Rock	17	4	1	81	4.00	1,665.82	100.00	168.00	50.00	54.55	128.30	2100.00	14,000.00
Locust Grove	19	1		85	5.00	1,252.00	69.15	110.00	25.50	26.70	300.00	900.00	11,400.00
Lowery	1			42	5.00	800.00	120.00	145.61	100.00	24.60			7,500.00
Northside Broken Arrow	23	13	61		5.00		112.00	117.00				25.62	21,000.00
Pensacola	3	2	42		3.00	585.56	243.25						
Proctor Ford					3.00		112.00						
Pryor	35	11	2	188	5.00	3,240.00	248.82	300.00	11.29	131.29	328.73	260.00	15,000.00
Salina	4			36	4.00	590.23	186.62	42.40			76.48	586.86	2,500.00
Shahan	9	1	1	105	5.00	1,400.00		216.50		45.00	107.80	1140.31	16,830.00
Shellenbarger	16	6	1	88	10.00	3,365.50	225.00	110.00			97.09	2568.60	15,000.00
Smith Chapel	6			61	3.00	1,169.10	74.74	156.40				482.00	12,000.00
Spavinaw	17	2	1	54	5.00	570.00	250.00		75.00	207.00	50.00		5,000.00
Trinity Muskogee	18	10	1	95	5.00	2,880.00	165.51	343.50			195.55	1082.03	38,000.00
Wagoner	7	3		34	5.00	12.90	120.16	10.77		82.25	75.66	860.86	12,500.00
Youth Camp WDAC					50.00						Association Grounds		50,000.00
TOTAL	209	63	12	1259	141.50	27,186.90	2705.50	2574.47	412.00	723.39	2499.03	12,959.18	275,130.00

