

Minutes

of the

South Grand River Association

of

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

1961



PROCEEDINGS OF THE
68th ANNUAL SESSION



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ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

**Rev. Howard Gage, Moderator
Rev. Ray Gwartney, Assistant Moderator
Rev. Dan Farmer, Clerk
Rev. Joe Blair, Assistant Clerk
Rev. J. D. Stepp, Promotional Secretary
Sister Willie Gage, Clerk**

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**Includes proceedings of:
South Grand River Association
South Grand River Youth Encampment
South Grand River Women's Auxiliary
South Grand River Master's Men**

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State and National Associations of
Free Will Baptists**

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SESSION OF THE SOUTH GRAND RIVER
ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Thursday Evening, August 17, 1961, 7:30 p.m.

Services began with prayer by Rev. Cecil Bowen. Singing led by Bro. Dennis Kern accompanied by Myrtle Willis. Specials by the Farmer sisters and Men's Quartet.

Speaker was Rev. Louis Maxwell. Scripture, Eph.4:1. Text, "Walking where God wants you to walk".

District Master's Men Meeting

Bro. Coy McElroy had charge of the meeting. Officers were elected for the coming year at this time. They are as follows: President—Howard Gwartney; Membership Chairman—Coy McElroy; Program Chairman—Dennis Kern; Activity Chairman—Don Allen; Chorister—Floyd Simons; Secretary-Treasurer—Cliff Trimble; The Executive Committee—Rev. Joe Blair, Rev. Cecil Bowen, Rev. Danny Farmer.

Finance report given and accepted.

Body declared in conference for the Sixty-Eighth Annual Session of the South Grand River Association of Free Will Baptists.

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Coy McElroy.

Friday Morning, August 18, 1961, 10:00 a.m.

Services began with singing led by Bro. McEntire. Scripture lesson, John 3:3-7, read by Tony Smith. Prayer by Rev. Cecil Garrison. Admonition by Moderator. Rev. Ale Reynolds appointed as assistant moderator, temporarily. Bro. Danny Littlefield appointed as temporary assistant clerk.

Letters read by the clerk from the following churches: Bixby, Checotah, Northside Broken Arrow, Duck Creek, Greenbrier, Locust Grove, Pensacola, Proctor Ford, Porter, Pryor, Salina, Shellenbarger, Smith Chapel, Shahan, and Wagoner. Motion carried that we receive these letters as read and seat the delegates.

Motion carried that Moderator and Ass't. Moderator be empowered to appoint all necessary temporary committees.

Sunday School: Icle Christian, Vera Matzek, Ella Watkins.

Temperance: Judy Morgan, Ace Osborne, Mrs. Allen George.

Literature: E. C. McEntire, Sidney Mackey, Hugh Pollard.

Obituary: Lila Faye Morgan, Pearl Osborne, Ella Yochum.

Finance: Bro. Moyer, Albert Key, Lora Jennings.

Estimate of Church Property: Sis. Copeland, Lexie Palmer, Emma Goines.

Resolutions: Leota Rubarts, Calvin Morgan, Cordie McKenzie.

Pulpit Committee: Maudie Pollard; Sis. Kincaid, Irene Faught.

Home Missions report given by Rev. J. D. Stepp. Motion carried to accept report.

Youth Camp report given by Frances Stepp. Motion carried to receive this financial report.

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

Dismissed in prayer by Ellis Lemarr.

Friday, 11:00 o'clock Services

Services opened with singing led by Rev. J. D. Stepp. Special prayer led by Rev. Bill Ketchum. Special song by Ruth and Sue Gage. Speaker for the morning was Rev. Cecil Garrison from Springdale, Ark. His Scripture was Ephesians 6:10-20. Topic, "The Armour of God".

Dismissed with a handshake with all ministers. Prayer and blessing on the food by Rev. Major Followill of Stigler,

Friday Afternoon, 1:30 Business Session

Rev. Mel Burns led the congregation in singing, beginning the afternoon session.

Scripture Reading by Rev. Joe Blair, Ephesians 2:19-22. Prayer by Ralph Mahan.

Moderator read letter concerning Oklahoma Free Will Baptist Bible College urging our support.

Executive Board report given by Rev. Stepp in the absence of Bro. Blevins, board clerk. Motion carried that executive board report be tabled momentarily.

Partial report given by examining board. Motion carried that we receive this report concerning receiving Rev. Joe Blair.

Motion carried that we take Resolution No. 2 of June Quarterly Meeting off the table.

Motion carried that we receive Executive Board's report. (see reports)

Resolutions report: (see resolutions 1, 2, 3) Resolution No. 1 received and tabled until Saturday afternoon. Resolution No. 2 received and amended; amendment carried; resolution carried. Resolution No. 3 received and carried.

Motion carried that we elect Rev. Stepp and Rev. Blair as the three-year men on the Executive Board.

Motion carried that discussion of hiring a man to mow grounds be referred to officers of association, and they bring back a report to association.

Holy Echoes report given by Rev. Dan Farmer.

Motion carried to receive report and give a standing vote of thanks to editors.

Motion carried that we retain our editors and raise the subscription fee to \$1.25, with 25¢ going to the editors.

Motion carried that we elect Rev. Howard Gage by acclamation to the Examining Board.

Motion carried to adopt recommendation concerning Ministers and Deacons questionnaires. They were divided and read.

Motion carried to accept questionnaire for licensing Ministers.

Motion carried to accept report from the General Board (see General Board report)

Motion that we adjourn-until 9:30 Saturday morning.

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Sidney Mackey.

Saturday Morning, August 19, 1961, 9:30 a.m.

Congregational singing led by Rev. Stepp. Rev. Dalton Beene led in prayer. Devotional read by Rev. Jack Grass, Matt. 7:13,21.

Rev. Howard Gage, Moderator, had charge of business.

Letters read from Spavinaw, Little Rock, and Coweta churches. Motion carried to receive letters and seat the delegates.

Petitionary letter read from Keefton church. Motion

carried we receive this church into our association.

Letter from the Vian church read and received and delegates seated.

Motion carried that representatives from Keefton church be recognized as their delegates.

Bro. Clayton Armstrong and Joe Grass were appointed to help on the Estimate of Church Property committee.

Bro. Louis Maxwell appointed to help on Resolutions committee.

Women's District Auxiliary Treasurers report given by Sis. Erma Lee Beene. Motion carried to accept report.

Youth Camp minutes read by Sis. Beene. Motion carried to receive report and accept their recommendations concerning boys dormitory.

Motion carried that chairman of the building of the dormitory also serve as Treasurer.

Letter from Lowery church read. Motion carried to accept letter and seat delegates.

Clerks report given concerning finances of association.

Motion carried to receive this report.

Motion that delegate fees be sent only for delegates attending State Association.

Amended: That each church send \$5.00 delegate fee along with delegates name if sending a delegate.

Amendment carried; motion carried.

Motion carried that we adjourn until 1:30 business session.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Dale Cramer.

Saturday Morning Memorial Service, August 19, 1961

Services opened by singing "The Glory Land Way", led by Rev. Maxwell. Rev. Ray Gwartney, assistant moderator in charge.

Rev. and Mrs. Louis Maxwell sang "I Will Not a Stranger Be". Obituary report read. A moment of silent prayer in memory of the dead, and submission to our Heavenly Father.

Speaker for the hour, Rev. J. C. Morgan. His text.

John 14:1, Jesus promise to us. 1 Thes., Words of comfort, hope and promise.

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

Congregational singing was led by Bro. Roy Cleveland. Prayer by Bro. Sequoyah Mouse.

Finance Committee report read. Motion carried to receive report with correction concerning National delegate fee. Motion carried that churches that did not send minute money be granted opportunity to send it later.

Following reports read and received: Motion carried to receive report of Committee on Literature; Sunday School Committee; Temperance Committee; Estimate of Church Property read but referred back to committee until completed. (see reports)

Motion carried that we take two items of business tabled yesterday from the table and they be voted upon without discussion.

Motion carried that the Associational Officers be empowered to hire a man to mow the grounds and each church be requested to send \$2.00 monthly to cover this expense.

Examining Committee report read concerning Bro. Mayes Key, Bro. Beavers, Bro. Tommy D. Smith Jr., Rev. Roy Bryant. Motion carried to receive this report.

Speaker for Friday morning service of next association, Rev. Joe Blair, with alternate, Rev. Roy Bryant. Memorial speaker Saturday morning, Rev. Howard Gage elected, with Rev. Dan Farmer, alternate.

Motion carried that churches who forgot to send delegate be given the privilege to send name of delegate for state and national delegates.

Master's Men report given by Bro. Don Allen; report received.

Motion carried that Porter Church be refunded half of their minute money of \$5.00, as they had paid twice.

Motion carried that 5% that has gone for state delegate fee be added to the general fund instead of delegate.

Estimate of value of church property read. Motion carried that we receive report and dismiss committee. Amendment: that we include the property value listed in minutes for Trinity F.W.B. Church, Muskogee, be included.

Motion carried. (see reports)

Pledges were taken to help in support of Vian Church and pastor. Eight pledges were given in to be sent to Home Mission secretary, and then sent to Vian clerk to go to pastor for travel expenses, etc. Pledges were taken to help to pay off current indebtedness of South Grand River Association.

Motion carried that we accept partial report from the Examining Committee concerning Bro. C. B. Parks.

Motion carried to retain Bro. J. D. Stepp as Promotional Secretary. 38 people promised that they would send \$1.00 monthly, God willing, to help in expenses for associational work, to go into Association Fund.

Motion carried to re-elect Bro. Dennis Kern to Board of Christian Education.

Motion carried to elect Rev. Louis Maxwell to serve on Board of Christian Education.

Election of Officers—

Motion carried to keep same Moderator and Assistant Moderator for another year. Moderator—Rev. Howard Gage, 712 N. Broadway, Checotah; Assistant Moderator—Rev. Ray Gwartney, Pryor; Clerk—Rev. Dan Farmer, Wagoner; Assistant Clerk—Rev. Joe Blair, Box 542, Bixby; Reporter—Willie Gage, 722 W. Broadway, Checotah; each elected by acclamation.

Motion carried to give Cecil Lane a vote of thanks for work done in helping the clerk.

Each church encouraged to send news to Sister Willie Gage in time for State Paper by the 15th of each month.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Examining Committee—

SUNDAY SCHOOL: We, your Sunday School Committee, join with the Sunday School Board encouraging Teachers Training Courses in our local churches. We also encourage each Sunday School teacher to be well acquainted with the six point record system.

—Icle Christian, Chairman

TEMPERANCE: We, your Temperance Committee, urge all members of South Grand River Association to be temperate in all things and follow the teachings of the Holy Scriptures on temperance.

—Judy Morgan, Chairman

LITERATURE: We, your committee on Literature, recommend the Bible as our basis of study. We recommend the "Contact", our national paper printed in Nashville, Tenn., the "Promoter", our state paper printed in Oklahoma City, and the "Holy Echoes", our district paper, as good reading material. We recommend to those who aren't using the Sunday School Literature printed in Oklahoma City to do so. To those of you who are using it to continue.

—E. C. McEntire, Chairman

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, Sis. Betty Roberts, of Duck Creek; Bro. Jess Musgraves and Bro. J. R. Rhodes of Locust Grove; Sis. Flora Goss, Sister Myrtle Deer and Bro. Joe Watkins of Pryor; Sister Ruth Peterson; Bro. John Kincaid of Shahan; Bro. W. G. Bullock and Sister Rose Lawson of Bixby; Bro. Jess Palone, Proctor Ford; Bro. William Parrish, Shellenbarger; Bro. Harry Crittendon, Greenbrier; and Sister Allie Horn, Coweta.

FINANCE: We, your Finance Committee, received the following amounts; Association minutes, \$100.50. Youth Camp for minutes, \$25.00. Women's Auxiliary for minutes, \$25.00, National Delegate fee, \$30.00.

ESTIMATE OF CHURCH PROPERTY: We, your committee on Estimate of Church Property, reports information received from delegates that church property totals \$256,730.00. Total evaluation of association property \$51,000.00. Grand total—\$307,730.00.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE: We, your Examining Committee, beg leave to report we find Bro. Joe Blair sound in

doctrine and recommend him to full fellowship as he is already ordained.

We, your Examining Committee, report we find Bro. Mayes Key sound in doctrine and recommend him for ordination as deacon at his pleasure.

We, your Examining Committee, beg leave to report we find Bro. Tony D. Smith Jr. sound in doctrine and recommend him for license to preach dating from Aug. 18, 1961, to Aug. 18, 1962. We report Bro. Beavers sound in doctrine and recommend him to full fellowship to be ordained as deacon. We report we find Bro. Roy Bryant sound in doctrine and recommend him to full fellowship as an ordained minister. We report Bro. C. B. Parks sound in doctrine and recommend him for license.

RESOLUTIONS: Resolution No. 1. Be it resolved that we drop resolutions numbers 9 and 18 from our bill of arrangements now recorded in the minutes. Carried.

Resolution No. 2. Be it resolved that we select our yearly speaker for Friday night rather than Thursday night. Amended: to read Friday morning instead of Friday night. Amendment carried. Resolution carried.

Resolution No. 3. Be it resolved we build a side walk from one rest room to the other five feet wide and steps for the two doors entering the building. Carried.

GENERAL BOARD REPORT:

General Board met Aug. 17. Motion carried in this meeting that inactive deacons names not appear on deacons roll in minutes.

PARTIAL REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD: In regards to Resolution No. 2 from June Quarterly Meeting, the Executive Board recommends that every effort be made to contact inactive members and see what their desire would be as to whether they wish to have their names remain on the church roll. We also recommend that every church have an active and inactive member list (article 6, paragraph 3; Discipline of the Church in the Treatise).

STATE AND NATIONAL DELEGATES: Bro. E. J. Nichols, Sis. Phyllis Blair, Sis. Gearldine Schauffler, Sis. Maudie Pollard, Sis. Icle Christian, Sis. Billye Gwartney, Sis. Willie Gage, Sis. Nelda Gwartney, Patricia Watkins, Billye Gwartney, and Edith Bowen, National.

PROCEEDINGS OF
SOUTH GRAND RIVER YOUTH CAMP

JUNE 18-23

Sunday Evening, June 18

The 178 young people enrolled during the afternoon and gathered at 7:30 for the evening service. Bro. V. E. Moses led the singing with Patty Burns, accompanist. Sharon and Brenda Gwartney, Creekmore sisters and Bro. Moses' quartet rendered specials. Prayer led by Rev. Dalton Beene. Offering received was \$25.00. Rev. Ray Blevins brought a very inspiring message from John 6:1-13. Judy Morgan volunteered as camp secretary. Patricia Watkins elected as camp reporter. Sue Mahan, Sue Gage and Wayne Hyams served as devotional committee. Rules of camp were read by Rev. Gwartney, camp president. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Mel Burns.

Monday Morning, June 19, 8:45

General assembly for raising of flag. Singing led by Bro. Condry. Devotional by Brenda Gwartney, Psalms 23; she also led in prayer.

11:00 o'clock Service

Service opened with singing led by Bro. Condry. Prayer by Sue Osborne. Special singing by Pryor Trio and Men's Quartet. Rev. Mel Burns brought the morning message from 1 Peter 1:10-11. Special prayer for a sick mother of one of the camp children. Dismissal prayer and blessing of food by Rev. Don Payne.

Monday, 1:30 p.m.

General Assembly. Singing led by Bro. Moses. Prayer by Bro. Condry. Classes dismissed.

Monday Evening Services, 6:45 p.m.

General Assembly for lowering of flag, then grove services. Evening services opened with singing led by Rev. Burns. Rev. Don Payne led in prayer. Congregational singing led by Bro. Condry. Specials by Pryor Trio, Checotah Trio, Rev. Burns and Gwartney Girls, and a men's quartet. Evening speaker was Rev. Danny Farmer. Text, Psalms 27:14. Nine souls came to the altar. Announcements made and dismissed with handshake. During the

night, seven more accepted Christ.

Tuesday, 8:45 a.m. Assembly

Group gathered in assembly for raising of flag. Announcements made. After singing, devotional was given by Sue Gage, Psalms 1. Classes dismissed.

Tuesday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.

Services opened with singing. Bro. Danny Farmer led in prayer. Specials by Gwartney Sisters and Bro. Burns quartet. Rev. Dalton Beene brought the morning message. His text was taken from Gen. 33:5. Dismissed and blessing on food asked by Rev. Ray Gwartney.

General Assembly, Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.

Assembly opened with Rev. Burns and Gwartney girls singing special. After singing by congregation and prayer by Patricia Watkins, classes were dismissed.

Tuesday Night Services, 6:45 p.m.

General Assembly for lowering flag and grove services. Evening services opened with prayer by Sue Mahan. Specials by Pryor Trio, Gwartney Girls and Suzie Baker, Burns family and Gwartney Girls and Bro. Burns.

We received an offering of \$31.53. Rev. J. C. Morgan brought the message with his text from Matt. 18:1-6. Two came and gave their hearts to Christ. Dismissed with handshake.

Wednesday Morning Assembly, 8:45

General Assembly for raising of flag. After singing, Bro. Farmer led in prayer. Classes dismissed.

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Congregational singing. Prayer by Rev. Bill Grass. Specials by Thornton sisters, Pryor Trio, men's quartet, and Shellenbarger Trio. Rev. Calvin Morgan brought the message, his text being Proverbs 20:11. One came to the altar for prayer. Dismissed in prayer and blessing asked upon the food by Rev. Stepp.

General Assembly, Wednesday 1:30 p.m.

Bro. Farmer made talk upon going to State League Rally. Four delegates elected. They were Patricia Watkins, Judy Morgan, Sherian Gwartney and Evelyn Schaffler.

After singing classes dismissed.

Wednesday Night, 6:45 p.m.

General Assembly for lowering of flag, and Grove Services. Evening services opened with prayer by DeWayne Schaffler. Singing led by Bro. Condry. We received an offering of \$24.30. Special singing by Bonnie Callison and Debby Thornton, Bro. Moses, Creekmore sisters, Gwartney sisters and Bro. Burns, men's quartet and Pryor trio. Rev. Don Payne was the speaker, with a very inspiring message. Fifteen to the altar, four dedicated their lives to the Lord for a special work. Dismissed with hand shake.

Thursday Morning General Assembly, 8:45

General Assembly for raising flag. Bro. Moses led group in singing. Devotional by Doris Creekmore, 1 John 1:4-10. Prayer by Rev. Gwartney. Classes dismissed.

Thursday Morning Worship Service, 11:00

Services opened by the children singing, "Feeling Mighty Fine". Bro. Moses led congregational singing. Specials by Pryor trio, men's quartet, Bro. Burns solo. Bro. Stepp was the morning speaker, his text was Mark 5:14. Three young people to the altar. Dismissal prayer and blessing of food by Rev. Howard Gage.

General Assembly, Thursday, 1:30 p.m.

Opened with singing, prayer by Glen Trimble. Voting on contest by secret vote.

Thursday Evening Service, 6:45

General Assembly for lowering flag. Combined Grove Service. After congregational singing the crowning of Prince and Princess, and King and Queen. Debbie Kinion and George Caldwell were ten year old candidates; eleven year olds were Jeannie Riddle and Eddie Pulliam; twelve year olds, Larry Lee and Brenda Gwartney; thirteen year olds, Jimmie Hand and Linda Woodruff; fourteen year olds Sherian Gwartney and Larry Burns; fifteen years and up, Yvonne James and Wayne Hyams.

Those elected by group were Debbie Kinion, princess, and George Caldwell, prince. King and Queen were Wayne Hyams and Yvonne James. They were crowned by last year's Prince and Princess, and Queen and King. Services resumed with singing and worship. Specials by Gwartney sisters and Bro. Burns,

Burns family, men's quartet and solo by Bro. Burns. Rev. Howard Gage was speaker, his text from Proverbs 27:1. Two came to the altar making Youth Camp 100% Christians. Dismissed with handshake. After services we had a short time of refreshments with a weiner roast and games.

General Assembly, Friday, 3:45 a.m.

Opened with singing. Devotional was by Yvonne James from Psalms 111 and Matt. 16:18. Prayer by Sue Osborne. Testimony service led by Yvonne James, everyone witnessing for God had a chance to do so. Sis. Erma Beene gave report as camp clerk. Sis. Frances Stepp gave treasurers report. Motion carried to accept reports. Bro. Stepp gave report as recreational director. Patricia Watkins gave her report. Motion carried to send her report to Holy Echoes, Promoter, and any other paper. Motion carried to send \$25.00 for printing of minutes, and use the remainder on boy's dormitory. Motion carried to send Bro. Oscar Dunlap a Card of Thanks for the refrigerators, flag and flag pole.

Motion carried to keep same officers and teachers as this year for another year. (see Youth Camp Officers)

Motion carried to elect Sis. Stepp as supervisor of the concession stand. Motion carried to elect four supervisors for recreation. They were elected by acclamation as follows: Don Allen, Howard Gwartney, Bob Massey and J. C. Morgan, chairman. Motion carried that these four men help in sponsoring boys at night.

Motion carried to check and see if any officer cannot be here in preceding quarterly meeting of Youth Camp.

Motion carried to elect Lila Morgan as assistant Kitchen chairman. Motion carried to have the three senior officers check and see if we could get lots for boy's dormitory. Motion carried that each league be contacted to see if they would help pay for the dormitory. Motion carried that Bro. Gwartney be elected as chairman of committee to help build dormitory, and appoint committee. Motion carried that the three senior officers contact the various leagues to see if they would help with the dormitory.

Motion carried to have camp the first Sunday in June. Motion carried to send Bro. Howard Gwartney Card of Thanks for refreshments alloted the young people.

Motion carried to adjourn business.

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

Opened with singing. Bro. Moses led in prayer. Offering received \$75.61, with 35 decisions for Christ during our camp. Specials by Checotah trio, all four music classes, Gwartney sisters and Bro. Burns, and Bro. Stepp and Pryor trio. Bro. Bay Gwartney was morning speaker. His theme, "Encouraged for Prayer". After the message Bro. Burns sang a solo.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Farmer.

THIRD ANNUAL SESSION
of the
WOMEN'S AUXILIARY DISTRICT CONVENTION
of

SOUTH GRAND RIVER ASSOCIATION
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

August 17, 1961

Theme: "HARVEST TIME" John 4:35

Session opened by singing led by Vada McElroy, Velma Reynolds, pianist.

Devotional given by Nathalie Allen, "Must I go Empty Handed?"

Motion carried to adopt program with necessary changes.

Special music by Mrs. Matzek, "I Will Pilot Thee".

Appointment of committees by President and Vice-President.

FINANCE: Erma Beene, chairman, Azalea Fogleman, Lillian Lemley, Sis. Caldwell.

CREDENTIALS: Marguerite Kern, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. George Carter.

APPRECIATION: Sis. Britton, Lavanda Brown, Vera Matzek.

RESOLUTIONS: Phyllis Blair, Pauletta Wilson, Edith Bowen.

Special talk by Birdie Stevens, "Sowing to Reap".

Report was given by Lila Faye Morgan on National Convention. This was very good.

11:00 a.m. service opened with singing. Special sang by trio from Locust Grove.

Special by Brenda Gwartney.

The sermon was brought by Rev. Bill Ketchum.

Dedication Prayer was brought after the message. The altar was filled with women praying.

Lunch time and fellowship.

1:30 p.m. session opened by singing.

The GTA's of Pryor gave a special feature.

The Checotah GTA's sang a special.

The Wagoner trio, little Farmer girls, sang specials.

Chalk talk given by Mrs. Matzek.

Reports of Committees: Registration—47 members, 41 visitors.

9 Auxiliaries reporting; 12 churches with a total of 88 present.

Credentials Committee: The Women's Auxiliary of North Side Broken Arrow was received into our district.

Appreciation Committee report given by Vera Matzek.

Finance Committee: \$23.29 morning offering.

Resolutions Committee:

1. Be it resolved we give Bro. Ketchum \$5.00 for expenses and also a standing vote of thanks. Billye Gwartney. Adopted.

2. Be it resolved we order \$10.00 worth of tracts to aid in planning local programs and gain new ideas. Adopted.

3. Since the Medical Mission project is complete, Be it resolved the waist measure pennies go on the project for the new year. Adopted.

4. Be it resolved that different auxiliary groups meet just before quarterly meetings to clean building. Adopted.

5. Be it resolved that we continue to send \$1.50 per auxiliary member to support some phase of mission work since there is no project for the coming year. Adopted.

Volunteers to clean building. September, Checotah; December, Locust Grove; June, Shellenbarger; August, Greenbrier.
New Business:

Motion carried to elect Rev. Joe Blair as September speaker. J. C. Morgan, alternate.

The Penny Per Inch waistline project brought in \$25.45.

Election of Officers:

President—Lila Faye Morgan

Vice-President—Billye Gwartney

Recording Secretary—Marguerite Kern

Ass't. Recording Secretary—Nelda Gwartney

Corresponding Secretary—Frances Stepp

Treasurer—Erma Lee Beene

Field Secretary—Willie Gage

Youth Chairman—Cordie McKenzie

Study Course Chairman—Phyllis Blair

Stewardship Prayer—Verna Morgan
Personal Service Chairman—Sue Burns
Pianist—Velma Reynolds
Song Leader—Vada McElroy

Treasurers report by Erma Beene. Motion carried to accept report.

Recording Secretarys report by Joyce Farmer. Motion carried to accept report.

Candle lighting service for installation of officers by Billye Gwartney.

Motion carried to have our minutes printed with association minutes and pay whatever they ask.

Motion carried that we not read minutes because of lack of time.

Motion carried to adjourn. Prayer by Zella Sewell.

—Billye Gwartney, President

—Joyce Farmer, Recording Secretary

WDAC Recording Secretary's Report

Annual report of the Free Will Baptist Women's Auxiliary of South Grand River Association.

President—Lila Fay Morgan, Adair, Oklahoma

Treasurer—Erma Lee Beene, Locust Grove, Oklahoma

Number of auxiliaries reporting:8; amount per capita of representation fee sent to treasurer\$33.00; enrollment beginning of convention year, 100; present enrollment, 91; number of new members, 25; number lost, 34; average attendance, 58; number of youth organizations: GTA, 4; YPA, 4; BA, 2; total membership: GTA, 35; YPA, 42; BA, 14.

Number of VBS assisted in, 7; number of active church libraries, 1.

Study Course Department:

Courses Conducted		Attendance
Missions	3	15
Stewardship	2	19
Manual	3	25
Evangelism	3	22
Prayer	4	34

Number of daily Bible readers, 23; number of weeks of prayer conducted 16; total amount of self-denial offering resulting

from weeks of prayer, \$136.36; total number family altars, 16; total observing prayer fellowship, 27; number making soul winning efforts, 61; number souls won, 54; number active in community missions, 46; subscribers to FWB papers, 33; articles written for publication, 39.

Special Offerings:

Missions	\$142.25
Others	\$165.00

Recording Secretary, Marguerite Kern,
Box 141, Locust Grove, Oklahoma

Treasurer's Report

Stewardship of Possessions:

Number of auxiliary members contributing to missions, 91
Present number of tithers, 38

Financial Report:

Amount of offering sent to WNAC Co-Laborer fund, \$115.50
Amount of Easter offering for Foreign Missions, \$48.35
Amount of Thanksgiving offering for State Home Missions,
\$70.31
Amount of Christmas offering for National Home Missions,
\$18.35
Total gifts to Missions sent to WNAC treasurer this convention year, \$125.38
Total per capita representation fee sent to WNAC treasurer this convention year, \$33.00
Total amount spent for auxiliary literature, \$140.17.
Total amount spent this convention year for local church activities, \$165.00

Respectfully submitted,

Erma Lee Beene, Treasurer
Rt. 1, Locust Grove, Oklahoma

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. 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 any time, upon application by vote of this body, become a member thereof.

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

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 success 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 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, 1 Cor. 8:6, 1 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. 11 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. 11 Peter 1:19-21; 11 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; Psalms 37:23-34; Heb. 2:9,10.

4. We believe that Jesus Christ by His birth, death, burial and resurrection purchased our pardon and offered it freely to all mankind upon the 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 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. 10:13-22; 11 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. 11 Cor. 9:10; Peter 1:4-8; 1 Peter 2:2; Romans 8:35-39; 1 Cor. 10:1-13; Hebrews 12:15-17; 1 John 5:16; Heb. 6:6; 1 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; 1 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 remembrances 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; 1 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. 1 Cor. 6:11; 11 Thes. 2:13; St. John 17:17; Heb. 12:14; Phil. 3:21; 1 Thes. 5:19-23; 11 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; 1 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 23:42; Rev. 6:9; Luke 16:19-25; Matt. 10:28.

13. We believe that the invisible or spiritual church is the re-deemed 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; 1 Peter 2:5; Acts 2:47; Eph. 2:20-22 1 Thes. 1:1; Acts 16:5; John 1:10; Matt. 18:17.

14. We believe that there will be a general universal judgment when all men shall be judged according to their works, whether they be good or bad, and that immediately thereafter the wicked shall enter into everlasting punishment, and the righteous into eternal happiness. 11 Thess. 1:4-9; Rev. 14:3-23; Luke 16:23; Rev. 21:1-8; 11 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 (1 Cor. 12:23) This is not a water baptism but a spiritual baptism. Again Christ

says, "I am the door, by me if any man enter in he shall be saved," St. John 10:9. "He that entereth not by the door of the sheepfold but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber." John 10:1. Christ is not water baptism, and yet He is the door. There is but one door and Christ says 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. 1:17). 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 table be guarded as some attempt to guard it, God would have endowed the Judges with wisdom to discern the pure from the impure. But the standpoint from which they judge is water baptism and a legal administration of the same, so if baptism by immersion is a legal administration this settles the matter and Christian character is left entirely out, by which some made 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 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 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 con-

sidered 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 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 3¢ per mile while in service for the 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 the year, and this board be called the General Board.

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR MINISTERS TO BE ORDAINED

1. Do you have license?
2. If you have license, how long have you carried it?
3. By what Association were they issued?
4. How many sermons have you preached?
5. Where are you preaching now?
6. Why do you want to be ordained?
7. Are you married? How many times?
8. If you have been married more than once, is a former companion living?
9. How many children do you have?
10. Is your wife a member of a F.W.B. church?
11. How long have you been a Christian?
12. How long have you been a Free Will Baptist?
13. Is your wife willing that you be ordained?
14. Do you or your wife have any habits that would hinder your ministry?
15. If you have belonged to other denominations, give name of each and length of time with each.
16. In your opinion, what is God's plan for financing his work?
17. Do you tithe to the church in which you are a member?
18. Are you willing to make any sacrifice that may be involved in this ministry?
19. Are you willing to abstain from any indulgences that might hinder your effective influence in the ministry?
20. Will your financial circumstances hinder you in taking the pastoral care of a church?
21. How much education do you have?
22. Have you had any special training in doctrinal and pastoral theology?
23. Have you had any courses of study in Homiletics?
24. Do you have plans to better qualify yourself for the ministry?
25. If so, what are your plans?
26. Are you resolved to devote yourself wholly to the ministry?
27. Would you be willing to continue preaching under license should this committee feel it best?
28. Have you completed the ministers preparation course?

QUESTIONS ON DOCTRINE

1. Do you believe that the Scripture, the Old and New Testament, are the infallible word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you believe in the Trinity?
3. Name the God Head.
4. Is salvation obtained through the Blood of Christ?
5. Name the conditions of salvation.

6. Do you believe that speaking in an unknown tongue is evidence of having received the baptism of the Holy Ghost?
7. Do you believe that speaking in a second definite work of grace or Baptism of the Holy Ghost separate and apart from regeneration?
8. What composes the body of Christ?
9. Does the Bible teach that God has an organized visible church on this earth?
10. Do you believe that Baptism is a Gospel ordinance?
11. Who are the proper subjects for baptism?
12. Do you believe that immersion is the proper of water Baptism?
13. Do you believe that the Lord's Supper and feet washing are divine ordinances and should be observed repeatedly?
14. (a) Do you teach and practice these ordinances?
(b) Do you practice these ordinances at night?
15. Do you believe in the possibility of apostasy?
16. Do you believe in the resurrection of the bodies of all men?
17. Do you believe that there will be a judgment when time and man's probation will close forever and then all will be judged according to their works?
18. Do you believe that immediately after the judgement the righteous will enter into eternal life, and the wicked into a state of endless punishment.
19. Do you believe that Christ, at his second coming, will close the gospel dispensation, glorify His saints, and judge the world?
20. I pledge myself to teach 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

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR DEACONS TO BE ORDAINED

1. How long have you been on trial?
2. Are you the husband of one wife?
3. Do you believe that both the Old and New Testaments to be the infallible word of God?
4. Do you believe that there are three persons in the God Head?
Name them. 1. FATHER 2. SON 3. HOLY GHOST
5. Is salvation obtained 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? NO

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' Supper, and feet washing are church ordinances or Gospel ordinances?
11. Do you believe that a believer can apostise 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?
14. Is your wife a member of the Free Will Baptist church?
15. Is your wife willing for you to be ordained?
16. How much education do you have?

I,, pledge myself to teach 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.

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	Bro. Ellery Lemley	Checotah
	Bro. Sidney Mackey	Checotah
	Bro. Hubert Davidson	Checotah
	Bro. Walter Wood	Checotah
	Bro. Jess Ferguson	Checotah
	Bro. Ulmont Farmer	Checotah
	Bro. Oscar Dunlap	Checotah
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	No. Received	No. Dismissed	No. 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	17	6	1	221	\$ 7.50	\$ 4,410.96	\$ 117.08	\$ 307.93	\$ 18.19	\$ 42.76	\$ 226.77	\$ 1,461.31	\$ 25,000.00
Cherokee	18	1		178	5.00	2,600.00	149.03	390.00	244.85		159.29		20,000.00
Coweta	6	1		61	4.00	1,087.50	65.69		25.44				2,500.00
Duck Creek	2	5	1	54	3.00	510.00	66.24	120.00	18.00	11.28	201.22	550.00	1,200.00
Gresham	6	2	1	110	5.00	1,500.00	190.00	110.00		45.00	189.85	133.14	13,200.00
Little Rock	8	4		81	4.00	862.19	205.00	97.00	628.00	18.60	118.20	1,340.56	14,000.00
Keelson				13	3.00								5,000.00
Locust Grove	11	3	2	91	5.00	2,121.76	75.00	150.00	25.00		270.00	1,257.95	12,500.00
Lower	2	2		30	5.00	974.21	85.96	120.00			64.05	1,388.43	7,500.00
Northside Broken Arrow ...	5	2		52	5.00	952.38	140.00	20.50	127.09				21,000.00
Pensacola	3	4		43	3.00	600.00	178.36			52.00			10,000.00
Porter				16	5.00								500.00
Proctor Ford	4	2	1		3.00								
Pryor	15	5	3	190	5.00	3,078.00	120.00	285.00	26.92	120.00	337.20	2,528.17	17,000.00
Salina	5			22	4.00	705.26	70.90	56.95			55.36	552.90	5,000.00
Shahan	2	2	105		5.00	1,351.77		160.00	21.93		125.85	1,043.11	16,830.00
Shellmenger	23	4	1	106	10.00	3,495.00	296.21	40.00	111.10		135.00	1,171.44	15,000.00
Smith Chapel	5	2		66	3.00	1,147.14	121.51	146.60				294.26	13,000.00
Spavnaur	11	5		60	5.00	454.00	92.23				54.83		5,000.00
Trinity Muskogee	(no report)				5.00								38,000.00
Wagoner	16	1		50	5.00	214.24	125.00	98.41	3.00	195.00	103.76	1,071.53	12,500.00
Vian	2	1		17	4.00	100.00							3,200.00
TOTALS	161	49	13	1,566	\$103.50	\$26,164.41	\$2,098.21	\$2,122.39	\$1,116.39	\$506.57	\$1,997.58	\$12,792.80	\$257,930.00
					For Minutes:	Youth Camp \$25.00			Association Grounds				51,000.00
					W.L.A.C.	\$25.00							\$308,930.00

