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South Grand River Association

OF

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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Rev. Ed Sunday, Assistant Moderator

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Rev. Clyde Cain, Promotional Secretary

Sister Willie Gage, Reporter

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Dennis Kern, Assistant Treasurer



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South Grand River Association

South Grand River Youth Encampment

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EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Ray Blevins, Rev. Danny Farmer, 3 year men;
Rev. Louis Maxwell, Rev. Ed Sunday, 2 year men;
Rev. Ray Gwartney, Chairman, Rev. Eugene Riddle, 1 year men.

EXAMINING BOARD

Rev. J. D. Stepp, 3 years; Rev. Howard Gage, 2 years; Rev. Thurlow Schauffler,
1 year.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Rev. Calvin Morgan, 5 years; Rev. Sy Mashburn, 4 years; Ralph Mahan, 3
years; Rev. Eugene Riddle, 2 years; Bro. McIntire, 1 year.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rev. Paul Martin, 5 years; Dennis Kern, 4 years; Oscar Reed, 3 years; Rev.
Bill Grass, 2 years; Louis Maxwell, 2 years.

OFFICERS OF YOUTH CAMP

President: Rev. Joe Blair; Vice President: Danny Farmer; General Sponsor:
Melvin Burns; Camp Clerk: Phyliss Blair; Camp Treasurer: Frances
Stepp; Girls Sponsor: Lila Faye Morgan, Lura Mae White, Sue Burns;
Boys Sponsors: Herbert Smith, J. C. Morgan, J. D. Stepp; Concession
Stand Supervisors: Frances and J. D. Stepp; Teachers: Don Payne,
Danny Farmer, Howard Gage, R. B. Condry, V. E. Moses and Ray
Gwartney.

DISTRICT WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President: Lila Morgan; Vice President: Willie Gage; Field Secretary: Billye
Gwartney; Recording Secretary: Marguerite Kern; Ass't Recording
Secretary: Nelda Gwartney; Treasurer: Erma Lee Beene; Corres-
ponding Secretary: Natalie Allen.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SIXTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE SOUTH GRAND RIVER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

THURSDAY EVENING, AUGUST 16, 1962, 7:30 P. M. —

Services began with prayer by Rev. Howard Gage. Singing led by Bro. Dennis Kern. Specials by The Master's Men Quartet from New Home Free Will Baptist Church, Berryhill. Rev. Don Payne spoke on the Oklahoma Bible College with emphasis on prayer and support.

Speaker was Rev. Clayton Crafton, Scripture, Neh. 2:12, 13. Text Nehemiah and just a few men.

SOUTH GRAND RIVER MASTER'S MEN MEETING

Bro. Howard Gwartney had charge of the meeting. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Leo Ragsdale; Membership Chairman, Howard Gwartney; Program Chairman, Don Allen; Activity Chairman, Dennis Kern; Chorister, Neal Crabtree; Secretary-Treasurer, Oscar Reed; The Executive Committee, Howard Gage, Ray Gwartney, Clyde Cain.

Motion carried to adjourn business.

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

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Jim Wilson.

FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 17, 1962, 10:00 A. M. —

Services began by singing "Blest Be The Tie That Binds" led by Bro. V. E. Moses. Prayer for Divine Guidance led by Rev. Thurlow Schauffler. Rev. Ed Sunday read the Devotional John 1:40-42 and commented on two phrases "Thou art" and "Thou shall be". He closed his remarks with prayer.

The Moderator read the Rules of Order and the Church Covenant from the Annual minutes.

Letters read by the clerk from the following churches: Bixby, Checotah, Coweta, Duck Creek, Greenbrier, Keefton, Little Rock, Locust Grove, Lowery, Northside Broken Arrow, Pensacola, Porter, Proctor Ford, Pryor, Salina, Spavinaw, Trinity Muskogee, Vian, Wagoner.

Motion carried to receive letters and seat delegates. The right hand of fellowship was given them by the Moderator and Assistant Moderator.

Motion carried that delegates be given permission to correct and fill in important things omitted.

Motion carried that we adjourn Conference until 1:30.

Dismissed by Rev. J. D. Stepp.

FRIDAY, 11:00 O'CLOCK SERVICES —

Services began with singing of "Praise Him" led by Bro. V. E. Moses. Rev. Oren Estes, Pastor of the Haskell Free Will Baptist Church led in Prayer. A quartet consisting of V. E. Moses, Ed Sunday, J. D. Stepp and Geraldine Schauffler sang "Glory Will Be Mine".

Rev. Joe Blair was the speaker for the morning introduced by Rev. Ray Gwartney. His text was Exodus 16:15, his subject "Lesson From the Giving of the Manna".

Dismissed in prayer and blessing asked on the food by Rev. Ed Sunday.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION —

Afternoon services began with singing of "What A Friend We Have In Jesus". Rev. John West, Pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Tulsa, led in prayer. Rev. Jake Gage read Matthew 7:1-8 as a devotional.

Motion carried that Moderator and Assistant Moderator be empowered to appoint all necessary temporary committees.

Literature: Irene Faught, Viola Carter, Winifred Littlefield

Finance: Henry Creekmore, Leota Rubarts, Orela Lowe

Temperance: Judy Morgan, Lura Jennings, Pauletta Wilson

Sunday School: Nema Lee, Grace Peterson, Betty Arnold

Obituary: Linda Boston, Lois Bridges, Carroll Mann

Estimate of Church Property: V. E. Moses, E. C. McIntire, Sidney Mackey
Resolutions: Rev. Jake Gage, Rev. Ed Sunday, Rev. Thurlow Schauffler

Recommendation of General Board read.

Resolutions 1, 2, 3 and 4 read and accepted. (see resolutions)

Motion carried that we elect a Scholarship Committee and the committee arrive at the amount of assistance that could be given to these this year. Rev. Joe Blair, Dan Farmer and Dennis Kern. Motion that nominations cease and we elect these by acclamation.

Motion carried that Brother Sunday be 3 year man, Bro. Dan Farmer 2 year man, Bro. Dennis Kern 1 year man.

Youth Camp Report given by Sister Frances Stepp. Motion carried that we receive this good report and cancel the indebtedness of \$50.00 to the Masters Men and \$110.00 of the Boys Dormitory. Amended to include \$100.00 back debt of the association.

Report of Building Committee given by Chairman Rev. Ray Gwartney. Motion carried that we accept the report as read.

Report of Home Missions given by Promotional Secretary, read and accepted.

Motion carried that we have a Missionary Conference next year. A committee appointed to make the arrangements.

The Promotional Secretary as Chairman, Rev. Ed Sunday, Sister Lila Faye Morgan, Sister Marguerite Kern, Rev. Dan Farmer, Sister Verna Morgan.

Don Payne, President of Oklahoma Bible College, read Matthew 28:19-20 and other scriptures emphasizing the need of teaching and preparation for service.

Partial report from Examining Committee by Bro. Fred George. Motion carried that we receive the report.

Motion that the General Board meet on Thursday afternoon at 1:30 before the Annual association and the Board meet on Friday at 1:30 before the quarterly meetings.

Request that we take an item of business from the table. Item from September 16, 1961 meeting. Motion and second that we have four quarterly meetings instead of five.

Motion and second that the Annual Association be moved to the same week in September. Motion carried we table this until tomorrow.

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

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Delbert Hand.

FRIDAY EVENING MISSION SERVICE, AUGUST 17, 1962 —

The service began with singing led by Bro. Moses and Bro. Cole. Prayer led by Rev. Robert Furr of Tulsa. The Gwartney girls sang a special and two other quartets sang three numbers.

The messenger for the evening was Rev. Bob Ketchum, pastor of the Central Free Will Baptist Church in Tulsa. His Scripture was Isaiah 54:1-2, his subject was "Four Reasons Why People Don't Believe in Missions".

At the close of his stirring message the altar was filled with souls moved for missions, young people surrendering for service and ministers and others who desired to do more for Jesus and Missions. An offering was received and it was voted to designate it for the Lonnie Palmer Vehicle Fund. Amount \$114.82.

Dismissed by Rev. Clayton Crafton in prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE, AUGUST 18, 1962 —

Service began with singing of "Oh How I Love Jesus" led by Bro. Floyd Simons with Sharon Gwartney at the piano. Devotional given by Rev. Paul Martin. Scripture Psalm 20.

Letters from Coweta and Shellenbarger read and delegates seated.

Motion carried that Rev. Ed Sunday be the speaker at the 11:00 o'clock service on Friday morning next year.

Brother Ray Gwartney elected as alternate.

Motion made that Rev. Jake Gage be the Memorial speaker for Saturday

morning next year. Rev. Melvin Burns elected as alternate.

Motion carried that the Moderator and Assistant Moderator select missionary speaker for Friday night.

Letter from Smith Chapel read and delegates seated.

Motion removed from table concerning changing Annual meeting and carried.

Bro. Milford Haws appointed to complete the Finance Committee.

Rev. J. D. Stepp appointed on the Resolution Committee to fill vacancy.

Report given by the President of Ladies Auxiliary.

Report of Master's Men given by Bro. Don Allen.

Motion carried that the Board of Trustees be empowered to assign each church a designated time to mow and clean the camp ground. Tabled.

Committee on Sunday School Report read and accepted.

Temperance Committee Report read and accepted.

Literature Committee Report read and accepted.

Motion carried that donation of lot by Bro. and Sister Welch be given a standing vote of thanks.

Motion carried that \$50 each be given to Judy Morgan and Patricia Watkins for their tuition in Nashville Bible College. Donations were received in the amount of \$102.00.

Motion carried to adjourn business until 1:30.

SATURDAY MORNING MEMORIAL SERVICE, AUGUST 18, 1962 —

Singing led by Bro. Moses with Sister Riddle at the piano. Prayer by Rev. Sy Mashburn of Coweta. Special singing by Judy Morgan, Sharon Gwartney, Brenda Gwartney and Sue Gage. Another special by Rev. Mel Burns, Bro. Floyd Simons, Rev. J. D. Stepp and Bro. V. E. Moses.

Obituary Committee Report presented and read.

Memorial message brought by Rev. Howard Gage using Psalm 23.

A handshake of fellowship was given to all people over 65 years of age. Dismissed for lunch in prayer.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION, 1:30 —

Conference convened with singing led by Bro. Moses with Sister Riddle at the piano.

Scripture reading by Rev. J. C. Morgan.

Report of Committee on Value of Church Property read and accepted.

Report of Resolution Committee:

We recommend that the ministers of our association report annually of their activities in written form or verbally.

We recommend that a Board of Trustees be elected at this session. That the terms of office for each member run 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 year(s) respectively.

Examining Committee passed Bro. John H. Maxwell by recognizing his license from First Mission Association.

Motion carried that each church send three dollars per month for upkeep of camp grounds.

Motion carried that Trustees hire man to mow grass and keep up ground.

Clerks report given by Rev. Dan Farmer. Motion carried to accept this report.

Holy Echoes report read and accepted.

Finance Committee report read and accepted.

Motion carried to continue the Dollar a Month Club and to have some cards printed.

Motion carried that the camp ground minutes be printed and the recommendations be tabled until December quarterly meeting.

Amendment No. 1 that the executive board either approve or disapprove the recommendation.

Motion carried that we have a work day at the camp grounds.

Motion carried that Trustees set day for work and announce to our churches.

Election of Officers: Board of Christian Education, Rev. Paul Martin.

Board of Trustees: Rev. Calvin Morgan, 5 years; Rev. Sy Mashburn, 4 years;
 Bro. Ralph Mahan, 3 years; Rev. Eugene Riddle, 2 years; Bro. E. C.
 McIntire, 1 year.
 Examining Board: Rev. J. D. Stepp
 Executive Board: Rev. Dan Farmer, Rev. Ray Blevins
 Promotional Secretary: Rev. Clyde Cain
 Associational Reporter: Sister Willie Gage
 Clerk: Bro. Dan Allen; Assistant Clerk: Rev. J. C. Morgan
 Treasurer: Rev. Dan Farmer; Assistant Treasurer: Bro. Dennis Kern
 Moderator: Rev. Howard Gage; Assistant Moderator: Rev. Ed Sunday
 Holy Echoes Editors: Rev. and Mrs. Ray Gwartney
 Motion carried to adjourn

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL: We, your Sunday School Committee, join with the Sunday School Board encouraging Teacher Training Courses in the local Churches. We recommend each Church in our Association to order Sunday School literature from our National office.

Nema Lee, Grace Peterson, Betty Arnold, Committee

TEMPERANCE: We, your Temperance Committee, wish to present the following report. In noting the ever-increasing scene of intemperance among church people of moral character, in the appearance of dress, habits, time, activities and service. We recommend that they be taught, preached and practiced. In as much as we are taught to let our light so shine before men that they might see our good works and glorify our Father which is in heaven.

Judy Morgan, Pauletta Wilson, Laura Jennings, Committee

LITERATURE: We, your Committee on Literature, recommend the Bible as our basic study. We recommend "The Contact" printed in Nashville, Tenn. We recommend also "The Promoter". "The Holy Echoes", our Grand River Association paper, as good reading material and should be in each home. We recommend to those who aren't using Free Will Baptist Sunday School literature to start using it soon and to those who are using it to continue.

Irene Faught, Winifred Littlefield, Viola Carter, Committee

OBITUARY: We, your Obituary Committee, report as follows: It is sadness of heart we submissively bow to the call of our Heavenly Father, who removed from our midst Bro. Allen Arnold, Pensacola; Sister Carol Sue Wagon, Duck Creek; Bro. Jess Knight, North Side Broken Arrow; Bro. Theo Haynes, Greenbrier; Sister David, Vian; Bro. Houston Johnson, Wagoner; Sister Elsie Alexander, Pryor; Sister Nancy Lawson, Pryor; Bro. W. F. Charles, Pryor; Sister Mary Davis, Porter; Sister Browing, Checotah; Bro. Dave Grass, Little Rock; Bro. W. D. Bullock, Bixby; Sister Lena Bell, Smith Chapel; Bro. John Horn, Coweta; Sister Maude Hayman, Lowery; Bro. John Harriman, Keefeton.

Lois Briggs, Carroll Mann, Linda Boston, Committee

FINANCE: We, your Finance Committee, received the following amounts: Association minutes, \$98.50; Youth Camp for minutes, \$25.00; Women's Auxiliary for minutes, \$25.00; National Delegate fee, \$20.00.

ESTIMATE OF CHURCH PROPERTY: We, your Committee on Estimate of Church Property, report information received from Delegates that church property totals \$283,730.00; Total evaluation of Associational property, \$51,000.00; Grand Total, \$334,730.00.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE: We, your Examining Committee, beg leave to report we find Bro. Fred George sound in doctrine, and recommend him for ordination as Deacon at his convenience.

We, your Examining Committee, beg leave to report we find Bro. John H. Maxwell sound in doctrine and recommend we approve his license that was issued by the First Mission Association, May 25, 1962.

Bro. Howard Gage, Bro. Ray Gwartney, Ale Reynolds, Committee

RESOLUTIONS: Resolution No. 1: Be it resolved that we paint seats because

of the varnish ruining clothing. Carried.

Resolution No. 2: Be it resolved that the General Board read all Church letters and present a compiled report for our association. Carried.

Resolution No. 3: Be it resolved we ask each church to diligently try to send \$3.00 each month toward the upkeep of the grounds. Carried.

Resolution No. 4: We recommend that a Board of Trustees be elected at this session, that the terms of each office for member run 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1 year respectively. Carried.

Resolution No. 5: We recommend that the ministers of our Association report annually of their activities in written form or verbally. Carried.

GENERAL BOARD REPORT: General Board met August 16, 1962. The following recommendations were discussed and passed by the General Board be presented to the association.

Recommendation No. 1: We recommend that this body establish a Treasurer's office separate and apart from the Clerk's office.

Recommendation No. 2: We recommend that we discuss the possibility of helping the students from our association who are entering Bible College.

Recommendation No. 3: We recommend that since we feel the Youth Camp is a self-supporting organization, that we add the 5% allocation they have been receiving to the association allocation.

STATE AND NATIONAL DELEGATES: Sis. Phyllis Blair, Sis. Willie Gage, Sis. Nelda Gwartney, Sis. Geraldine Schauffler, Sis. Cloy Hilton, Bro. Charles Wood, Sis. Pauletta Wilson, State; Sis. Leta Cain and Sis. Velma Moore, National.

PROCEEDINGS OF

SOUTH GRAND RIVER YOUTH CAMP JUNE 3-8, 1962

The South Grand River Youth Encampment of 1962 began June 3, 1962. The first service was the Sunday night worship service. Rev. Ray Gwartney gave a hearty welcome to each one enrolled in camp and to the visitors. Sis. Sherian Gwartney played the piano and Bro. Condry directed the singing. Bro. Thurlow Schauffleur led the opening prayer.

Rev. Ray Gwartney, camp president, talked about the youth camp theme and text. He also explained to the pupils what they would be studying while at camp.

Special singing was rendered and then four boys were appointed by Bro. Ray Gwartney to act as deacons for the youth encampment. An offering of \$30.57 was taken and thanks for it were given by Bro. Russell Pierce. Rev. Bill Ketchum, the youth camp evangelist, gave his text as Romans 13:1. The Lord blessed in this service; the camp spirit broke out with five souls in the altar who renewed their faith or found the Lord as their saviour for the first time.

After the message a short business meeting was conducted. Sis. Tish Watkins was elected secretary of youth camp and Judy Morgan was elected reporter. A devotional committee was appointed by the president to choose the speakers for the 11 o'clock worship hour. Those serving on the committee were Evelyn Schauffleur, Dwight Faulkner, and Carolyn Dunn.

After some time had been spent discussing the rules and regulations of the camp, the first service was dismissed with victory in the hearts of each and every Christian.

MONDAY SERVICES, 9:00 —

Monday morning services began by the raising of the American and Christian flags. After the flag raising, general assembly was held in the auditorium. Bro. Moses directed the singing and Sis. Sherian Gwartney played the piano. The devotion was given by Sis. Sharon Watkins. Her text was Psalms 117. Sis. Judy Morgan led in prayer.

The pupils were arranged in age groups and dismissed to their classes.

11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE —

"Oh How I Love Jesus" opened the 11 o'clock morning worship hour. Sis. Sue Gage played the piano and Bro. Condry directed the singing. Bro. Melvin Burns, pastor of the Shellenbarger Church, was the speaker of the hour. His message followed prayer led by Sis. Ruth Gage.

1:30 GENERAL ASSEMBLY —

"Loyalty to Christ" opened the afternoon assembly. Singing was led by Bro. Moses and Sis. Sherian Gwartney played the piano. A devotion was given by Sis. Sue Gage, who chose Psalm 24:1-4 as her text. After prayer led by Bro. Howard Gage the classes were dismissed.

7:30 NIGHT SERVICE —

Services were opened by prayer led by Rev. Ed Sunday. Bro. Moses directed the singing and Sis. Sherian Gwartney played the piano. Bro. Ray Gwartney gave thanks for the evening offering which amounted to \$13.22. After the special singing Bro. Bill Ketchum read his text which was John 10:7-11. The Lord blessed in this service and thirteen souls were won to the Lord.

TUESDAY SERVICES, 9:00 —

The raising of the American and Christian flags was followed by general assembly. Bro. Condry led the singing and Sis. Joyce Tuttle was the pianist. Classes were dismissed by prayer.

11:00 WORSHIP HOUR —

"There Is Power In The Blood" directed by Bro. Condry opened the morning worship service. Pianist for the service was Sis. Brenda Gwartney. Prayer was led by Bro. Don Payne. Prayer led by Sis. Willie Gage was preceeded by announcements and special singing. Bro. Joe Blair of the Bixby Church was chosen as the speaker of the hour. Proverbs 14:12 was his text. The benediction and thanks for the noon meal was led by Bro. Melvin Burns.

1:30 GENERAL ASSEMBLY —

Bro. Joe Blair opened the general assembly with prayer. Serving as director and pianist for the assembly were Bro. Condry and Sis. Sherian Gwartney. Following some announcements the classes were dismissed.

6:45 GENERAL ASSEMBLY —

Announcements by Bro. Joe Blair were followed by a newscast which was given by Bro. Melvin Burns. Three roving reporters, who remained secret throughout the youth encampment, supplied the news for the newscast. The assembly was dismissed for grove service after the newscast.

7:30 WORSHIP SERVICE —

Bro. Condry directed the congregation in singing "Send The Light" as the opening song. Sis. Sherian Gwartney accompanied at the piano. Opening prayer was led by Bro. Jake Gage. Bro. Howard Gage, who had charge of the services, gave thanks for an offering of \$18.93. The special singing preceeded the evening message given by the youth camp evangelist. Rev. Bill Ketchum chose Acts 4:19-31 as his text. Thirteen souls made their way to the altar during the altar call to accept Jesus as their personal savior.

WEDNESDAY SERVICES, 9:00 —

Following the raising of the flags, Bro. Condry directed "The Glory-Land Way". Sis. Joyce Tuttle accompanied Bro. Condry at the piano. A devotion was given by Sis. Patricia Blevins, whose text was II Thess. 2:1-4. Following the devotion Bro. Ray Gwartney led in prayer. The various classes then elected sponsors to aid them in selecting a King and Queen and Prince and Princess. Those who were elected are: Class No. 1, Bro. Howard Gage; No. 2, Bro. Melvin Burns; No. 3, Bro. Ed Sunday; No. 4, Bro. Don Payne; No. 5, Sis. Lura Mae White, and No. 6, Bro. Herbert Smith. Requirements for the election were read by the youth camp president, Bro. Ray Gwartney. Classes were then dismissed.

11:00 WORSHIP HOUR —

The morning worship service was opened with prayer by Bro. Bill Grass. Linda Bridges was the pianist, Bro. Moses was director of the singing, and Bro. Melvin Burns was the moderator of the service.

Bro. Don Payne led in prayer after the congregational and special singing. The speaker of the hour, Rev. Ed Sunday, gave his text as John 11:16-29. The benediction and blessing of the food were given by Bro. Moses.

1:30 GENERAL ASSEMBLY —

The nominations for King and Queen and Prince and Princess were read and then the nominees stood before the assembly. Nominees for Prince and Princess were Joy Mahan and Mark Morgan, Jackie Dixon and Kelly Mintzer, and Lana Morrow and Jack Kirk. Nominees for King and Queen were Carolyn Pierce and Memphis Thompson, Carolyn Dunn and Jimmy Hand, and Dwight Faulkner and Brenda Clapper. The assembly was dismissed to classes with prayer by Bro. Howard Gage.

6:45 GENERAL ASSEMBLY —

The reading of the newscast by Bro. Melvin Burns preceeded the grove service. Sis. Phyllis Blair was in charge of the girls and Bro. Don Payne was in charge of the boys.

7:30 WORSHIP SERVICE —

Rev. Ray Blevins opened the evening worship hour with prayer. Bro. Moses directed the singing with the help of Sis. Patty Burns at the piano. Rev. Ray Gwartney gave thanks for the \$30.25 offering after the congregational and special singing. Rev. Bill Ketchum used Psalms 119:105 as the text for his sermon. The Lord also blessed in this service with seventeen conversions. Bro. Ray Gwartney dismissed the service with prayer.

THURSDAY SERVICES, 9:00 —

The voting of the King and Queen and Prince and Princess which followed the flag raising climaxed the morning assembly. Bro. Condry led the singing and Sis. Mary Creekmore played the piano. The assembly was dismissed to classes with prayer by Bro. Howard Osborne.

11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE —

"Jesus Puts A Song In My Heart" led by Bro. Condry opened the morning worship service. Sis. Sherian Gwartney played the piano. Prayer was led by Bro. Joe Blair. Announcements and special singing preceeded the message. Bro. Don Payne used as his text for his message Mark 8:34-38. Bro. Howard Gage blessed the food and gave the benediction.

1:30 GENERAL ASSEMBLY —

Sis. Marily Pierce used Matthew 5:1-12 as the text for her devotion. Bro. Condry directed the singing and Sis. Sherian Gwartney played the piano. Prayer was led by Sis. Evelyn Schaufleur. Classes were dismissed after the announcing of a few announcements.

7:30 WORSHIP SERVICE —

The last night service of the youth encampment opened by Bro. Moses directing "Praise Him". Sis. Sherian Gwartney played the piano. Following the opening song the following honors were received: 1962 Youth Camp King, Dwight Faulkner; Queen, Brenda Clapper; Prince, Mark Morgan; Princess, Joy Mahan; Outstanding Boy of the Week, Eddie Crafton, and Outstanding Girl of the Week, Ruth Gage. The special singing preceeded Bro. Bill's last message for the 1962 youth encampment. Bro. Ketchum took his message from Acts 4:7-12. The Lord blessed the youth camp each night with souls in the altar; there were twelve tonight. Following the regular altar service, a special altar call was given. Bro. Ketchum asked for those who felt that they had a certain job to do for the Lord to come to the front. There were several boys and girls that answered this call. Pray for these young people that they will continue to answer the Lord's calling.

FRIDAY SERVICES, 9:00 — BUSINESS MEETING —

The annual business meeting of the youth encampment was opened by Bro. Moses leading the congregation in "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms". Sis. Sherian Gwartney assisted in the service by playing the piano. A devotion taken from Hebrews 13:6-8 was given by Sis. Judy Morgan. Prayer was led by Sis. Ruth Gage. Bro. Burns and Bro. Gwartney awarded the young people with their certificates. A report of the enrollment by Sis. Judy Morgan and the secretary's report by Sis. Tish Watkins were given and accepted as read. Sis. Frances Stepp gave the treasurer's report which was accepted. Motion carried that the minutes of the 1962 Youth Camp be printed in the association minutes and for the youth camp to send \$25 for the printing of the minutes. Bro. Ray Gwartney gave a financial report on the boys' dormitory which was accepted. The Shahan Ladies' Mission pledged \$25 to the Boys' Dormitory.

Motion carried that shutters be put on windows of the Boys' Dormitory by next year. Motion carried that the present building committee be retained. Motion carried that each church give \$10 to build shutters for the boys' dormitory. Motion carried that Bro. Calvin Morgan be elected to the building committee to replace Bro. Dalton Beene. Motion carried that Sister Lila Faye Morgan and Sister Electea Morgan be kitchen sponsors. Motion carried that the youth camp have an evangelist for next year. Motion carried that Bro. Bill Ketchum be the evangelist for the 1963 Youth Camp. The following officers were elected to serve during the 1963 Youth Camp: President, Bro. J. C. Morgan; Vice-President, Bro. Danny Farmer; General Sponsor, Bro. Melvin Burns; Boys' Dormitory Sponsors, Bro. Herbert Smith, Bro. Oscar Reed and Bro. Jess Stepp; Girls' Dormitory Sponsors, Sis. Lura Mae White, Sis. Sue Burns and Sis. Nathalie Allen; Treasurer, Sis. Frances Stepp; and Camp Clerk, Sis. Joyce Farmer. Motion carried that we retain the same teachers and add such teachers as necessary. Motion carried that we elect one more Bible teacher. Motion carried that Bro. Ray Gwartney be the additional Bible teacher. Motion carried that Bro. and Sis. Jess Stepp be in charge of the concession stand. Motion carried that the 1962 session of Youth Camp be adjourned. Bro. Ray Gwartney dismissed the 1962 South Grand River Youth Camp by prayer.

FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY DISTRICT CONVENTION OF SOUTH GRAND RIVER ASSOCIATION FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Theme: "FAMILY ALTAR" Ephesians 6

Session opened by singing led by Ruth Gage and Sis. Joyce Farmer, pianist. Scripture Psalms 96 read and prayer by Sis. Lila Faye Morgan, President. Devotional by Sis. Marguerite Kern "Family Relations (Family Altar)" Ephesians 6. Special song by Checotah Trio "Lord Teach Me To Pray". Prayer led by Jessie Ketchum. Appointment of Committees: Registration: Billye Gwartney, Joyce Farmer; Finance: Ethel Gage, Ilene Reed, Betty Arnold; Appreciation: Lucy Key, Cloy Hilton, Vada McElroy; Resolutions: Zella Sewell, Leota Rubarts, Edna Gay.

Report of Auxiliary by Edna Gay of Pensacola. Special feature on "Family Altar" by Erma Beene.

11:00 A. M. service opened with singing led by Vada McElroy. Special song by Wagoner women "Will It Do". Offertory. Special song by Bixby women "He Bought My Soul at Calvary". Special by Farrel Prater from the Airport F. W. B. Church, Tulsa, singing "In Times Like These". Bro. Ed Sunday brought the message "Family Altar in the Christian Home". Dismissed

for lunch by prayer by Joe Blair. Lunch time and fellowship.

Afternoon session opened by singing. Prayer led by Icle Christian. Missions report given by Billye Gwartney. Stewardship and Prayer report by Birdie Wilson. Reports of Committees: Registration: 41 members, 34 visitors; Appreciation: Report accepted. Resolutions: 1. Be it resolved we support our Bible College students as a district, amount and source to be decided by the body. Amended by adding the amount of \$1.50 per auxiliary member. "This amount to be raised as soon as possible".

2. Be it resolved we support the Roy Thomas' and Lee Whaley's as a part of our project by paying \$1.00 per auxiliary member for each.

Motion carried for churches to volunteer to clean building at Camp Grounds: Checotah, first quarterly meeting; Pryor, second; Wagoner, third; Bixby, fourth; Locust Grove, Annual.

Election of Officers:

President: Lila Faye Morgan
Vice-President: Willie Gage
Recording Secretary: Marguerite Kern
Assistant Recording Secretary: Nelda Gwartney
Corresponding Secretary: Nathalie Allen
Stewardship-Prayer: Ethel Gage
Youth Chairman: Joyce Farmer
Personal Service: Phyllis Blair
Study Course: Zella Sewell
Treasurer: Erma Beene
Field Secretary: Billye Gwartney
Pianist: Velma Reynolds
Song Leader: Vada McElroy

Speaker for next meeting, Bro. Jake Gage; Alternate, Opal Lee from Lawnwood. Treasurer's Report by Erma Beene, motion carried to accept report. Motion carried to pay \$25.00 to Association to print Minutes. Motion carried to give Erma Beene authority to pay representation fee to the state. Minutes read by Nelda Gwartney. Installation of Officers by Lila Faye Morgan. Motion carried to adjourn.

Lila Faye Morgan, President
Marguerite Kern, Recording Secretary

WDAC RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

President: Lila Faye Morgan, Route 3, Vinita, Oklahoma
Treasurer: Erma Lee Beene, Locust Grove, Oklahoma

Number of auxiliaries reporting, 8; amount per Capita Representation fees sent to treasurer, \$18.20; Enrollment beginning of convention year, 100; present enrollment, 91; number of new members, 20; number lost, 29; average attendance, 59; number of youth organizations: GTA, 3; YPA, 4; BA, 2; total membership: GTA, 21; YPA, 39; BA, 6; number of VBS assisted in, 7; number of active church libraries, 1.

Study Course Department:

	Courses Conducted	Attendance
Missions -----	3	20
Stewardship -----	4	22
Manual -----	4	35
Evangelism -----	2	20
Prayer -----	4	28

Number of daily Bible readers, 30; number special programs held, 10; number weeks of prayer conducted, 22; total amount of self-denial offering resulting from weeks of prayer, \$194.19; total number of family altars, 15; total observing prayer fellowship, 14; number making soul-winning efforts, 50; number souls won, 37 in VBS; number active in community missions, 59; sub-

scribers to FWB papers, 46; articles written for publication, 57. Special offerings: Missions, \$251.74; Free Will Baptist College, \$97.38.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT — AUGUST 17, 1961 TO AUGUST 16, 1962

Stewardship of Possession:

Number of Auxiliary members contributing to Missions	91
Number of Tithers on roll at beginning of Convention year	25
Number of Tithers as a result of Stewardship Study Courses	1
Number of New Tithers this Convention year	3
Present number of Tithers	29

Financial Report:

Receipts—	
Literature	\$ 81.59
Postage	4.30
Co-Laborer	66.00
Foreign Missions	227.78
National Home Missions	152.80
State Home Missions	65.35
Arizona and Mexico Missions	7.00
Oklahoma Bible College	97.38
Student Loan Fund	12.00
South Grand River Association	71.00
Offerings	87.96
Representation Fees	27.30
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$946.00

Disbursements—

Literature	\$ 90.56
Postage	4.75
Co-Laborer Fund	66.00
Foreign Missions	227.78
National Home Missions	152.80
State Home Missions	65.35
Arizona and Mexico Missions	13.00
Oklahoma Bible College	97.38
Student Loan Fund	12.00
Representation Fees	18.20
State Home Mission Board	10.00
Printing of Programs for Missionary Conference	12.00
Expenses of Missionaries	10.00
South Grand River Association	71.00
Minute Fee	25.00
Miscellaneous	8.50
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$884.32
Balance on Deposit Locust Grove Bank	\$111.14

Respectfully submitted,

Erma Lee Beene, Treasurer, Rt. 1, Box 125, 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 September 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, 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; 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; 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 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; 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 Thes. 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 23:42; 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 Thes. 1:1; Acts 16:5; John 1:10; Matt. 18:17.

14. We believe that there will be a general universal judgment when all men shall be judged according to their works, whether they be good or bad, and that immediately thereafter the wicked shall enter into everlasting punishment, and the righteous into eternal happiness. II Thess. 1:4-9; Rev. 14:3-23; Luke 16:23; Rev. 21:1-8; II Cor. 5:10; Matt. 12:36, 37; Rev. 20:12, 13.

LAO 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. 12:23). 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; I Cor. 10:30; Mk. 9:42.

It is contended that they of the same faith and order should be entitled to partake of the Lord's Supper. I admit that the true faith is the means by which men become Christians. If this is what is meant by the same faith, I shall not object. We are agreed, but if sect is to be inferred, I object. As to order, if nothing but gospel order is meant, very well, but I do not think that one child of God could dictate just what another should believe or to what church he should belong in order that he may be in the right church, for the church is but an organic body of Christians and simply placing your name on the roll book of the best church on earth does not make you a Christian, neither will a like process in the worst church make 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 had 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 (I 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 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 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 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 min-
istry? -----
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 minister's 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 judgment 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.----- 2.----- 3.-----
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? -----
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 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.

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR MINISTERS DESIRING LICENSE

1. Are you the husband of one wife? -----
2. Is your wife a member of the Free Will Baptist Church? -----
3. How long have you been a Christian? -----
4. How long have you been a Free Will Baptist? -----
5. Is your wife willing that you be licensed? -----
6. Do you or your wife have any habits that would hinder your ministry? ---
7. In your opinion, what is God's plan for financing His work? -----
8. Do you tithe to the church you are a member of? -----
9. How much education do you have? -----
10. Do you have plans to better qualify yourself for the ministry? -----
11. 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? -----
12. Do you believe in the Trinity? -----
13. Name the God Head -----
14. Is Salvation obtained through the Blood of Christ? -----
15. Name the conditions of Salvation -----
16. Do you believe that speaking in an unknown tongue is evidence of having received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost? -----
17. Do you believe in a second definite work of Grace of Baptism of the Holy Ghost separate and apart from regeneration? -----
18. What composes the body of Christ? -----
19. Does the Bible teach that God has an organized visible church on this earth? -----
20. Do you believe that Baptism is a Gospel Ordinance? -----
21. Who are the proper subjects for Baptism? -----
22. Do you believe that immersion is the proper method of water Baptism? --
23. Do you believe that the Lord's Supper and Feet Washing are Divine Ordinances and should be observed repeatedly? -----
24. a. Do you teach and practice these ordinances? -----
b. Do you practice the ordinances at night? -----
25. Do you believe in the possibility of apostasy? -----
26. Do you believe in the resurrection of the bodies of all men? -----
27. 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? -----
28. Do you believe that immediately after the judgment the righteous will enter into eternal life, and the wicked into a state of endless punishment? -----
29. Do you believe that Christ at His Second Coming will close the gospel dispensation, glorify His Saints, and judge the world? -----

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ROLL OF MINISTERS

(* indicates pastor of church)

Churches	Ministers	Address	Phone
Bixby-----	Rev. Cecil Cornett, Box 542,	Bixby	PI 6-3286
	Rev. Ale Reynolds, Rt. 1, Broken Arrow		
	Rev. Clayton Crafton, Rt. 2, Bixby		
	Rev. Ezra McClain, Rt. 1, Bixby		PI 6-3215
Checotah-----	Rev. Howard Gage, 712 N. Broadway,	Checotah	Phone 473-5446
	Rev. J. P. Green, Checotah		
Coweta-----	Rev. Fred H. Redfearn*, Coweta		
	Rev. Cy Mashburn*	Tulsa	WE 6-9192
	Rev. Carl Hembree, Coweta		
Duck Creek-----	Rev. Paul Martin*, Rt. 1, Bixby		
Greenbrier-----	Rev. Warren Bales*, Locust Grove		
	Rev. Chris Schilt, Strang		
Keefeton-----	Rev. Roy Bryant, 712 S 59 W. Ave.,	Tulsa	
	Rev. John Maxwell*, 1216 N. Vandalia,	Tulsa	
Little Rock-----	Rev. Bill Grass, Locust Grove		
	Rev. Calvin Morgan*, E. St. Rt.,	Locust Grove	
	Rev. Earl Willis, Tahlequah		
Locust Grove-----	Rev. Cecil Bowen, Claremore		
	Rev. Clyde Cain*, Locust Grove		
	Rev. Dalton Beene, Locust Grove		
Lowery-----	Rev. Ronnie Smallen*, 2216 N. Evanston,	Tulsa	
	Rev. Troy McCrary, Tulsa		
Northside Broken Arrow-----	Rev. Charles Bigger, 706 N. Cedar,	Broken Arrow	Phone 748-7345
	Rev. J. D. Stepp, 507 W. College,	Broken Arrow	
	Rev. Ray Blevins, 408 E. Washington,	Broken Arrow	Phone 748-3826
	Rev. Bill Johndrow (licensed),	Broken Arrow	
	Rev. Elmo Ables, Broken Arrow		
Pensacola-----	Rev. J. C. Morgan*, Rt. 3, Vinita	Ketchum	2-3464
	Rev. Joe Eddings, Pryor		
	Rev. C. B. Parks (licensed), Vinita		
Porter-----	Rev. C. J. Stump*, 2504 Lawrence St.,	Muskogee	
Proctor Ford-----	Rev. Ted Turner*, Rt. 2, Westville		
	Rev. Howard Daniels, Rt. 5, Siloam Springs,	Ark.	
	Rev. Raymond Hunter, 1124 E. Harvard,	Siloam Springs, Ark.	
Pryor-----	Rev. Ray Gwartney*, 1220 E. Graham Ct.,	Pryor	VA 5-2428
	Rev. Jake Gage, 18 N. Bailey, Pryor,		VA 5-2773
	Rev. W. C. Condit, Pryor		VA 5-1747
	Rev. Tony Smith (licensed), 22 S. Indianola,	Pryor	VA 5-0545
Salina-----	Rev. Jack Grass*, Locust Grove		
	Rev. Kenneth Jones, Broken Arrow		
Shahan-----	Rev. Thurlow Schauffler*, Rt. 1, Coweta		
Shellenbarger-----	Rev. Melvin Burns*, Rt. 2, Bixby		
	Rev. Doyle Bullock, Rt. 2, Bixby		
	Rev. Virgil Reynolds, Broken Arrow		
Smith Chapel-----	Rev. Louis Maxwell*, Rose		
Spavinaw-----	Rev. Luther Jones*, Pryor		
Trinity Muskogee-----	Rev. Ed Sunday*, 509 S. 24th St.,	Muskogee	
	Rev. Eugene Riddle, Box 284,	Haskell	

Vian-----Rev. Garland Davidson*, Henryetta
 Rev. Virgil Davis, Vian
 Wagoner-----Rev. Dan Farmer, Box 442, Wagoner

ROLL OF DEACONS AND CLERKS

Bixby-----	Bro. Coy McElroy -----	Bixby
	Bro. Don Allen -----	Bixby
	Bro. Howard Smith -----	Bixby
	Bro. Earl Fine -----	Bixby
	Bro. Wesley Jarman -----	Bixby
	Bro. Cliff Goines -----	Bixby
	Bro. Gene Burgess -----	Bixby
Checotah-----	Bro. Hervey Lemley -----	Checotah
	Bro. Ellery Lemley -----	Checotah
	Bro. Sidney Mackey -----	Checotah
	Bro. Hubert Davidson -----	Checotah
	Bro. Walter Wood -----	Checotah
	Bro. Jess Fergeson -----	Checotah
	Bro. Ulmont Farmer -----	Checotah
	Bro. Oscar Dunlap -----	Checotah
	Sis. Norma Davidson, Clerk -----	Checotah
Coweta-----	Bro. Dave Rickner -----	Coweta
	Bro. Leonard Morgan -----	Coweta
	Bro. Woodrow Denton -----	Coweta
	Bro. Pete Taylor (unordained) -----	Coweta
	Sis. Rosie Taylor, Clerk -----	Coweta
Duck Creek-----	Bro. Charles Wood -----	Mounds
	Bro. Vester Cowell -----	Mounds
	Bro. Howard Exendine -----	Mounds
	Sis. Wanda Exendine, Clerk -----	Mounds
Greenbrier-----	Bro. Troy Owens -----	Adair
	Bro. Flan Harris -----	Adair
	Bro. Adam Gay -----	Adair
	Bro. Ed Kinion -----	Pryor
	Sis. Marguerite Billings, Clerk -----	Pryor
Keefeton-----	Bro. Alvin Bevers -----	Oktaha
	Bro. W. M. Rains -----	Muskogee
	Bro. Clyde Rodgers -----	Muskogee
	Sis. Eliza Rains, Clerk -----	Muskogee
Little Rock-----	Bro. Buster Littlefield -----	Locust Grove
	Bro. Allen M. Jenkins, Clerk -----	Locust Grove
Locust Grove-----	Bro. Dennis Kern -----	Locust Grove
	Bro. Frank Rogers -----	Locust Grove
	Bro. Howard Gwartney -----	Locust Grove
	Bro. Oscar Reed -----	Locust Grove
	Bro. Mayes Key -----	Locust Grove
	Bro. Mack Estep -----	Locust Grove
	Sis. Ilene Reed, Clerk -----	Locust Grove
Lowery-----	Bro. Elmer Carroll -----	Leach
	Bro. Russel Ferguson -----	Kansas
	Bro. Edmond Gwartney -----	Kansas
	Sis. Marie Gwartney, Clerk -----	Kansas
Northside Broken Arrow-----	Bro. Leroy Roberts -----	Broken Arrow
	Bro. Marvin Summers -----	Broken Arrow
	Bro. Frank Slankard -----	Broken Arrow
	Bro. Billy J. Johndrow, Clerk -----	Broken Arrow

Pensacola	Bro. Frank Brixey	Big Cabin
	Bro. Lewis Clapper	Big Cabin
	Bro. Elijah Gay	Big Cabin
	Bro. Bill Stephens (unordained)	Big Cabin
	Sis. Edna Gay, Clerk	Big Cabin
Porter	Bro. Freddy George	Muskogee
	Bro. Glen Tebbs	Muskogee
	Bro. Arnold Thomas	Muskogee
	Sis. Lon H. Newman, Clerk	Muskogee
Proctor Ford	Bro. Lewis Nichols	Watts
	Sis. Irene Williams	Watts
Pryor	Bro. Rabe Boys	Pryor
	Bro. Garland Charles	Pryor
	Bro. Harris Gurley	Pryor
	Bro. Clifford Trimble	Pryor
	Bro. Marvin Coats	Pryor
	Bro. Russell Pierce	Pryor
	Sis. Pauletta Wilson, Clerk	Pryor
Salina	Bro. W. T. Parsons	Salina
	Bro. Charlie Tuttle	Salina
	Bro. Hugh Pollard	Salina
	Sis. Alma Bristol, Clerk	Pryor
Shahan	Bro. Delbert Hand	Coweta
	Bro. Ralph Mahan	Coweta
	Bro. John Meadows	Coweta
	Bro. Lee Massey	Coweta
	Bro. Wesley Faught (unordained)	Coweta
	Sis. Lee Massey, Clerk	Coweta
Shellenbarger	Bro. Eugene Green	Bixby
	Bro. Tom Gibson	Bixby
	Bro. Walter Hilton	Bixby
	Bro. Leonard Terry	Bixby
	Bro. Ulyssess James	Bixby
	Bro. Verlin Bogle	Jenks
	Bro. Cloyd Wright	Jenks
	Doyle Bullock, Clerk	Bixby
Smith Chapel	Bro. Troy Gwartney	Rose
	Bro. Watie Bell	Rose
	Bro. Cecil Clifton	Rose
	Sis. Rubye Bell, Clerk	Rose
Spavinaw	Sis. Ides Newby, Clerk	Spavinaw
Trinity Muskogee	Bro. V. E. Moses	Muskogee
	Bro. Loyd Ary	Muskogee
	Bro. Norman Lee (unordained)	Muskogee
	Sis. Orela Lowe, Clerk	Muskogee
Vian	Bro. J. B. Smith	Vian
	Bro. Joe Marris	Vian
	Sis. Maxine Smith, Clerk	Vian
Wagoner	Bro. Jim Gilmore	Wagoner
	Bro. Clyde Freeman	Wagoner
	Sis. Zelma Presley, Clerk	Wagoner

	No. Received	No. Dismissed	No. Died	Total Membership	Minute Fund	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Co-operative Plan and Association	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Literature and Education	Buildings and Repair	Value of Church Property
Bixby	23	23	1	220	\$12.50	\$ 4,179.51	\$ 365.52	\$ 303.09	\$ 13.36		\$ 183.91	\$ 240.57	\$ 25,000.00
Checotah	16	1	1	191	5.00	2,600.00	146.08	414.00	185.00		186.98	20.61	20,000.00
Coweta	27	3	2	83	4.00	945.00	21.00				229.81	17.72	3,000.00
Duck Creek	4	0	1	57	3.00	685.00	65.00	120.00	80.22	20.91	364.00	166.00	1,200.00
Greenbrier	5	0	1	114	5.00	1,500.00	111.00		5.00	5.00	132.49	1,400.00	13,200.00
Little Rock	10	7	1	83	4.00	815.46	200.00	132.00		25.00	146.30	641.18	14,000.00
Keefeton	2	2	1	17	3.00	1,000.00	25.00			50.00	32.00		5,000.00
Locust Grove	13	2	0	102	5.00	2,356.48	250.00	599.23	129.01	100.81	448.92	1,139.71	15,000.00
Lowery	6	2	1	25	5.00	1,350.00	80.60	66.25	50.00	26.10			7,500.00
Northside Broken Arrow	11	6	1	68	5.00	1,818.65	215.00	84.00	222.95	25.00	108.43	1,203.17	21,000.00
Pensacola	3	4	0	44	3.00	1,036.34	25.00		17.63	205.11	142.93	2,761.48	15,000.00
Porter	12	1	1	23	3.00	247.48	22.02					7,000.00	7,500.00
Proctor Ford	0	2	0	54	3.00	510.00	157.20	84.00			32.00	25.00	500.00
Pryor	22	0	3	215	10.00	4,390.00	246.48	324.00	293.51	120.00	891.98	2,361.74	31,000.00
Salina	11	3	0	51	5.00	929.92	139.91	44.35			96.80	394.07	2,500.00
Shahan	0	4	0	101	5.00	1,369.85		170.00	275.00	21.93	142.66	709.12	16,830.00
Shellenbarger	27	10	0	120		3,075.00	120.00		76.00	12.00	168.00		15,000.00
Smith Chapel	3	3	1	37	3.00	1,156.64	110.50		100.00		150.00	89.57	2,500.00
Spavinaw	0	0	0	64									
Trinity Muskogee	6	3	0	95	5.00	3,120.00			7.50	4.05	99.52	121.68	38,000.00
Wagoner	10	1	1	58	5.00	576.00	113.09	150.00	17.27	232.27	139.00	3,000.00	20,000.00
Vian	5	1	1	21	5.00	240.00	61.00				115.00	760.00	10,000.00
TOTAL	216	78	17	1843	\$98.50	\$33,921.33	\$2,474.40	\$2,490.92	\$1,472.45	\$ 848.48	\$3,810.73	\$ 22,051.62	\$283,730.00

