

**MINUTES**  
OF THE  
**South Grand River Association**  
OF  
**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**  
**1963**

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
70th ANNUAL SESSION

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When Convened September 12-14, 1963, at  
South Grand River Association Grounds  
Wagoner, Oklahoma

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ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Rev. Howard Gage, Moderator

Rev. J. D. Stepp, Assistant Moderator

Don Allen, Clerk

Rev. J. C. Morgan, Assistant Clerk

Rev. Clyde Cain, Promotional Secretary

Nelda Gwartney, Reporter

Rev. Ray Gwartney, Treasurer

Jim Wilson, Assistant Treasurer



INCLUDES PROCEEDINGS OF:

South Grand River Association

South Grand River Youth Encampment

South Grand River Women's Auxiliary

South Grand River Master's Men



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

**1963-64 OFFICERS**  
**SOUTH GRAND RIVER ASSOCIATION**  
**OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

MODERATOR: Rev. Howard Gage, 712 N. Broadway, Checotah, Oklahoma  
ASS'T. MODERATOR: Rev. J. D. Stepp, Route 9, Box 527, C. Tulsa, Okla.  
CLERK: Don Allen, Route 1, Bixby, Oklahoma  
ASS'T. CLERK: Rev. J. C. Morgan, Route 3, Vinita, Oklahoma  
TREASURER: Rev. Ray Gwartney, 1220 E. Graham Ct., Pryor, Oklahoma  
ASS'T. TREASURER: Jim Wilson, Pryor, Oklahoma  
REPORTER: Nelda Gwartney, Locust Grove, Oklahoma  
POMOTIONAL SECRETARY: Rev. Clyde Cain, Box 183, Locust Grove, Okla.  
ASS'T. PROMOTIONAL SECT.: Rev. Ray Gwartney, 1220 E. Graham Ct.,  
Pryor, Oklahoma

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Rev. Ray Gwartney, Rev. J. D. Stepp, Rev. Thurlow Schaufler, 3 year men  
Rev. Roy Bingham, Rev. Ray Blevins, 2 year men  
Rev. Louis Maxwell, Rev. J. C. Morgan, 1 year men

**EXAMINING BOARD**

Rev. Virgil Florence, 3 years; Rev. Ray Blevins, 2 years; Rev. Howard Gage,  
1 year

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

E. C. McIntire, 5 year; Rev. Calvin Morgan, 4 year; Rev. Sy Mashburn, 3  
year man; Ralph Mahan, 2 year; Fred McCoy, 1 year

**BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Rev. Louis Maxwell, 5 year; Rev. Paul Martin, 4 year; Dennis Kern, 3 year;  
Oscar Reed, 2 year; Rev. Bill Grass, 1 year

**OFFICERS OF YOUTH CAMP**

President: Rev. J. C. Morgan, Vice President: Rev. Fred McCoy; General  
Sponsor: Calvin Morgan; Clerk: Marguerite Kern; Treasurer: Geraldine  
Schaufler; Boys' Sponsor: Herbert Smith and Jess Stepp; Recreational  
Sponsor: Jess Stepp; Kitchen Sponsors: Lila Faye Morgan and Lura Mae  
White; Teachers: Don Payne, Roy Bingham, Ray Gwartney, Howard Gage,  
V. E. Moses and Judy Morgan.

**DISTRICT WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OFFICERS**

President: Willie Gage; Vice President: Frances Stepp; Recording Secretary:  
Marguerite Kern; Ass't. Recording Secretary: Nelda Gwartney; Corre-  
sponding Secretary: Billye Gwartney; Field Secretary: Lila Faye Morgan;  
Youth Chairman: Betty Arnold; Study Course: Helen Cunningham; Stew-  
ardship Prayer: Pat Elledge; Personal Service: Edna Gay; Treasurer:  
Erma Beene; Song Leader: Marguerite Kern.

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE SEVENTIETH ANNUAL SESSION OF  
THE SOUTH GRAND RIVER ASSOCIATION  
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

**THURSDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 12, 1963, 7:30 P.M.**

Services began with prayer and congregational singing. Rev. Roy Bingham brought the message. His text was "How To Be a Success in Life."

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

**FRIDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 13, 1963, 9:30 A.M.**

Services began by singing "I Am Thine O Lord." A Devotional was given by Rev. Fred McCoy from John 14:1-6.

Motion carried to accept reading of letters and seat the delegates.

Motion carried that we accept the petitionary letter from The Bethany Free Will Baptist Church.

Motion carried to accept Bethany Free Will Baptist Church letter as read and receive their delegates.

Rev. Ray Gwartney elected by acclamation as Assistant Moderator for this session of business.

Motion carried to adjourn business until 1:30.

**FRIDAY, 11:00 O'CLOCK SERVICES**

Services began with singing of "Leaning On the Everlasting Arms" led by Bro. V. E. Moses. A special song "In Times Like These" rendered by Bro. V. E. Moses.

Rev. Ray Gwartney was the speaker for the morning. His scripture was Revelation 2:9-10, his theme, "Faithfulness".

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. J. D. Stepp.

**FRIDAY AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION**

Afternoon services began with singing of "Heavenly Sunlight". Rev. Bill Condit led in prayer. Rev. Kenneth Elledge gave a devotional using Joshua 1:6-8 as his scripture.

Motion carried to give the Moderator and Assistant Moderator power to appoint all necessary temporary committees.

Estimate of church property: M. D. Cantrel, Bro. Center, Billie McCoy

Obituary: Sis. Arnold, Sis. Cornett, Sis. Peterson

Temperance: Sis. Lowe, Sis. Pollard, Sis. Faught

Sunday School: Sis. Electra Morgan, Sis. Walker, Sis. Leona Asher

Literature: Sis. Baldrige, Sis. Littlefield, Sis. Cantrel

Finance: Sis. Kinkaid, Sis. Adams, Sis. Norma George

Resolution Committee: Rev. J. D. Stepp, Rev. Cecil Cornett, Rev. Bill Condit

Devotional Committee: Bro. Sidney Mackey, Bro. Hugh Pollard, Bro. W. A. McLaughlin

Motion carried to accept report from Examining Committee.

Motion carried to accept the Youth Camp report.

Motion carried to accept report from Tahlequah Mission.

Motion carried to accept report of Promotional Secretary.

Bro. Clyde Cain was re-elected to Promotional Secretary's office.

Bro. Ray Gwartney elected to be Assistant Promotional Secretary.

Motion carried to accept report on Holy Echoes as read.

Rev. and Sister Kenneth Elledge elected as editors of Holy Echoes.

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. W. A. McLaughlin.

**FRIDAY EVENING MISSION SERVICE, SEPTEMBER 13, 1963**

The service began with prayer led by Rev. Leonard Crowder. The singing was led by Bro. V. E. Moses. A missionary offering was taken in the amount of \$47.17. A special song "O The Glory Did Roll" was sung by Rev.

J. D. Stepp, Rev. Leonard Crowder, Bro. Eugen Riddle and Bro. V. E. Moses.

The messenger for the evening was Rev. Harry Staires, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Drumright. His Scripture was Isaiah 6. His theme, "Here Am I".

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Forrest Hayes.

#### SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE, SEPTEMBER 14, 1963

Service began with singing of "I Want to Know More". Rev. Sy Mashburn led in prayer. A devotional was given by Rev. J. D. Stepp. Scripture Matthew 6:25,26-33,34.

Motion made and carried that we adopt resolution number 1, that we have a Missionary conference in March, with District Promotional Secretary as Chairman and a committee appointed by the Moderator and Assistant Moderator.

Motion carried to amend Resolution No. 1 that we make this an annual affair.

Committee appointed by Moderator and Assistant.

Sis. Willie Gage, Sis. Geraldine Schauffler, Sis. Marguerite Kern, Sis. Billie Gwartney, Rev. J. D. Stepp and Rev. Clyde Cain as Chairman.

Speaker for Friday 11:00 O'Clock service in 1964 will be Rev. J. D. Stepp with Rev. Everett Buchanan as alternate.

Motion carried that Moderator and Assistant Moderator secure Missionary speaker.

Rev. Virgil Florence elected as Memorial speaker for 1964 Annual Meeting. Rev. Kenneth Elledge as alternate.

Scholarship committee elected, Sis. Lodema Crabtree, 3 year, Rev. J. D. Stepp, 2 year, Bro. Dennis Kern, 1 year.

Motion carried to accept the report of the Executive Board.

Motion carried that we abide by the resolution that no one can serve on more than one committee or board at one time exclusive of the Executive Board.

Motion carried to accept Rev. Dan Farmer's resignation from the Executive Board.

Rev. J. D. Stepp and Rev. Ray Gwartney elected as 3 year men on Executive Board.

Rev. Roy Bingham elected for 2 year man on Executive Board. Rev. J. C. Morgan elected as 1 year man on Executive Board and Rev. Thurlow Schauffler as 3 year on Executive Board.

Rev. Virgil Florence elected as 3 year man on Examining Board.

Motion carried to adjourn business until 1:30.

#### SATURDAY MORNING MEMORIAL SERVICE, SEPTEMBER 14, 1963

Singing was led by Bro. V. E. Moses. Songs "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be", "Nearer My God to Thee" and "Precious Memories". An accordin solo "I Cannot Find the Way Alone" by Loretta Gurston. Obituary report was read by Rev. Dan Farmer.

Memorial message brought by Rev. Calvin Morgan. Scripture I Thessalonians 4:13-14. His theme "They Which Sleep in Jesus". Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Don Payne.

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION, 1:30

Service began with singing "My Jesus I Love Thee" led by Bro. V. E. Moses. Devotional by Rev. Don Payne using Acts 16:10-16.

Rev. Doyle Dipboye spoke for us concerning Super-Annuation Board.

Motion carried that this Association Body recommend that each church systematically support the Oklahoma Bible College.

Amendment that each church bring or send at least \$10.00 to December Quarterly meeting for Oklahoma Bible College for purchasing land.

Motion carried that we accept report from Examining Committee, that we receive Bro. Forrest Hayes as sound in doctrine and recommend him to

full fellowship as he is already ordained. We also receive Bro. Doyle Morgan as sound in doctrine and recommend him for ordination as deacon.

Motion carried to accept Treasurer's report as read.

Rev. Ray Gwartney elected as treasurer.

Bro. Jim Wilson elected as assistant treasurer.

Rev. Ray Blevins elected as 2 year man on Examining Committee.

Bro. E. C. McIntire re-elected as 5 year man on Board of Trustees.

Motion carried to accept Bro. Eugene Riddle's resignation from Board of Trustees.

Rev. Fred McCoy elected to 1 year man on Board of Trustees.

Motion carried to re-elect Rev. Louis Maxwell to 5 year man on Board of Christian Education.

Rev. Fred McCoy elected as Vice President of Youth Camp.

Motion carried to accept the report of Obituary Committee.

Motion carried to accept report of Youth Camp treasurer as read.

Motion carried to accept the report of the Literature Committee.

Motion carried to accept the report of the Estimate of Church Property Committee.

Motion carried to accept the report from Sunday School Committee.

Motion carried to accept the report from Temperance Committee.

Motion carried to accept the report from Finance Committee.

Motion carried that each church be given a short time to send in their State Delegate Fee and Minute Fund money.

Motion carried that the Executive Board present a form for a yearly report of Ministers.

Motion carried that we send a letter of recommendation to the Eureka Association for Rev. Charles Bigger.

Motion carried that Rev. Gerald Chester be made an honorary member of South Grand River Association.

Election of officers:

Reporter: Nelda Gwartney

Clerk: Don Allen

Assistant Clerk: J. C. Morgan

Assistant Moderator: J. D. Stepp

Moderator: Howard Gage

Motion carried that Assistant Moderator represent South Grand River Association on General Board at State Association.

Motion carried to adjourn.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** We, your Sunday School Committee, believe in using the Bible or Free Will Baptist literature and that officers and teachers be members of a Free Will Baptist Church. We recommend each church order their Sunday School literature from our State Office.  
Elector Morgan, Frances Walker, Leona Asher, Committee.

**TEMPERANCE:** We, your Temperance Committee, wish to accept last year's report which is as follows. 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 shine before men that they might see our good works and glorify our Father which is in heaven.

Ola Lowe, Maudie Pollard, Irene Faught, Committee.

**LITERATURE:** We, your Committee on Literature, recommend the Bible as our basic study. We recommend "The Contact" printed in Nashville, Tenn. The Promoter and The Holy Echoes our South Grand River Association paper. We also recommend The Free Will Baptist Story by

Dodd. We recommend all Free Will Baptist Sunday School literature to be used in all Free Will Baptist Churches of South Grand River Association. Andry Baldrige, Flora Cantwell, Winifred Littlefield, 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 Sis. Carrie Brashiers, Little Rock, Bro. Charlie Brashiers, Little Rock, Bro. Arlie Jewitt, Locust Grove, Bro. Lon Newman, Porter, Sis. Sara Charles, Pryor, Sis. Alta Cole, Bixby, Sis. Sally (Townsend) Lamarr, Shahan, Bro. Roy Cleveland, Lowery, Sister Marie Smullen, Lowery, Sis. Zonie James, Lowery, Sis. Flora McMath, Wagoner, Sis. Willie Doshier, Bixby, Bro. Zicafoose, Spavinaw, Bro. Harold Neal, Little Rock, Bro. Robert Davis, Keefeton, Bro. Walter Dobbs, North Side Broken Arrow. Betty Arnold, Grace Peterson, Gressie Cornett, Committee.

**FINANCE:** We, your Finance Committee, received the following amounts: Association minutes, \$112.50; Youth Camp for minutes, \$25.00; Woman Auxiliary for minutes \$25.00; State Delegate fee, \$55.00.

**ESTIMATE OF CHURCH PROPERTY:** We, your Committee, on Estimate of Church Property, beg leave to report from information received from delegates that Church Property totals, \$346,220.00. Total evaluation of Associational property, \$51,000.00; Grand Total, \$397,220.00.

**EXAMINING COMMITTEE:** We, your Examining Committee, beg leave to report we find Bro. Forest Hayes sound in doctrine, and recommend him to full fellowship as he is already ordained. As Deacon we find Bro. Dolph Morgan sound in doctrine and recommend him for ordination as Deacon at his convenience. Calvin Morgan, Howard Gage, Ray Gwartney.

**RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:** Resolution No. 1: Be it resolved that we have a Missionary Conference in March with the District Promotional Secretary as Chairman of a committee to be appointed by Moderator and Assistant Moderator to contact speakers and plan the program. Committee J. D. Stepp, C. C. Cornett, W. E. Condit. Authors Lila F. Morgan, Willie Gage, Billye Gwartney.

**GENERAL BOARD REPORT:** General Board met September 12, 1963. Motion carried that we recommend to the churches to turn off water and completely winterize their cabins.

**STATE AND NATIONAL DELEGATES:** Lavenia Bingham, Gressie Cornett, Willie Gage, Bernice Price, Billye Gwartney, Marie Mahan, Diana Maxwell, Angie Riddle, Fred McCoy, Patricia Elledge, State: Lavenia Bingham, Willie Gage, Patricia Elledge, Donna Buchanan, Billye Gwartney, Geraldine Schauffler, National.

## **PROCEEDINGS OF**

### **SOUTH GRAND RIVER YOUTH CAMP JUNE 2-7, 1963**

The South Grand River Youth Encampment of 1963 began June 2nd. The first service was Sunday night, opened with congregational singing led by Bro. Moses, accompanied by Sherian Gwartney. Special singing was rendered.

"The Tony Fontaine Story" was shown for the evening service. Many souls surrendered their lives to God after seeing this film.

After the film a short business meeting was conducted. Sis. Judy Morgan was elected as secretary of youth camp and Sis. Tish Watkins was elected as reporter. Four boys were appointed by Bro. J. C. Morgan to act as deacons of camp. The Devotional committee was appointed by camp President.

Those serving on this committee were: Brenda Clapper, Diane Van Brunt and Rebecca Hightower.

The rules were read by the President and the first service was dismissed by Bro. Howard Gage.

#### **Monday Services 9:00**

Monday morning services began by the raising of the American flag. Then assembled into the auditorium for general assembly. The assembly opened with the congregation singing choruses, led by Judy Morgan. The devotion and prayer were given by Tish Watkins. Her text was taken from Romans 12:1,2.

Bro. Ray Gwartney was elected recreational sponsor and Oscar Reed was elected as General Sponsor.

The pupils were divided into classes and dismissed.

#### **11:00 Worship Service**

The service was opened by congregational singing led by Bro. Moses. The opening prayer was by Bro. Calvin Morgan.

After the special singing, Bro. Jess Stepp brought the morning message using Hebrews 9:24-28. Many decisions were made. Bro. Don Payne dismissed and asked the blessing on the noon meal.

#### **1:15 Missionary Prayer Band**

Prayer band was conducted by Judy Morgan and Tish Watkins. They met in one of the classrooms and prayed for the needs of our missionaries.

#### **1:30 General Assembly**

Congregational singing opened the assembly, led by Bro. Moses. Prayer by Bro. Danny Farmer. Devotion was given by Sue Gage. She used Psalms 119:113-115. Dismissed to classes.

#### **7:00 Grove Service**

Bro. Moses opened the evening service by leading the congregation in songs of worship. Bro. Gerald Chester gave thanks on the offering which amounted to \$24.41. After the special singing, Bro. Bill Ketchum, our Youth Camp Evangelist brought the evening message using Genesis 4:6-10. His thought was "A Door." Seven gave their life to Christ. Bro. Biggers gave the dismissal prayer.

#### **Tuesday Services 9:00**

The raising of the American flag was followed by general assembly. Judy Morgan led the group in choruses accompanied by Sue Gage. Sherian Gwartney brought the morning devotion which was followed by prayer by Sue Gage.

#### **11:00 Worship Hour**

The morning worship service opened with singing led by Bro. Moses, accompanied by Sherian Gwartney. Prayer by Ed Sunday which followed with special music. Rev. Danny Farmer brought the morning message. His text "Lack of Security", from Psalms 119. Dismissal prayer by Bro. Moses.

#### **1:15 Missionary Prayer Band**

Judy Morgan led the group in choruses with Sue Gage accompanying. Evelyn Schaufler brought the devotion using Romans 10:9-18. Prayer by Sue Gage. Classes were dismissed.

#### **7:00 Grove Service**

The service opened with congregational singing led by Bro. Moses, accompanied by Sherian Gwartney. Prayer by Bro. Bob Ketchum. Offering for tonight was \$20.35. After the special singing Bro. Bill Ketchum, Camp Evangelist brought a wonderful message. His main thought was "Why Spend Another Night With the Frogs?" He used Exodus 8:1-10. Many decisions



were made with one soul saved. The service was dismissed by Bro. Jess Stepp.

### **Wednesday Services 9:00**

The raising of the American flag which followed with congregational singing led by Judy Morgan, Sue Gage accompanied. Devotion given by Joyce DeBoard from Psalms 103. Prayer by Judy Morgan. Dismissed to classes.

### **11:00 Worship Service**

The service opened with prayer by Bro. Ed Sunday. Bro. Moses led the congregation in some songs which followed with special singing. Bro. Gerald Chester brought the morning message using Nehemiah 5:14-19, "The Mighty Motto." Bro. Bill Condit dismissed.

### **1:15 Missionary Prayer Band**

The Assembly opened with singing led by Judy Morgan. Loretta Gorton brought the devotion which followed with prayer by Joyce DeBoard.

Sponsors were appointed to help elect the King and Queen and Prince and Princess. Pupils were dismissed to their classes.

### **7:00 Grove Service**

The evening service opened with congregational singing with Bro. Moses as director and Sue Gage accompanying. Special singing was given and followed with prayer by Bro. Danny Farmer. Offering for tonight amounted to \$23.68. Bro. Bill Ketchum used, as his text tonight "Have you done what God has told you to do?" Taken from John 2:1-5. Several souls were dedicated to God. Dismissed with a hand shake.

### **Thursday Services 9:00**

The group assembled for the raising of the American flag. Judy Morgan led the group in choruses. Devotion and prayer were given by Brenda Gwartney. She used Romans 10:8-13. Dismissed to classes.

### **11:00 Worship Service**

The service opened with singing led by Bro. Moses. Special singing was given which followed with prayer by J. C. Morgan. Bro. Don Payne was the message bearer. He used Hosea 1:17. Dismissed by Bro. Ed Sunday.

### **1:15 Missionary Prayer Band**

The assembly opened with singing. Prayer by J. C. Morgan. Dismissed to classes.

### **7:00 Grove Service**

Opened with congregational singing. Prayer by Bro. Howard Gage. Bro. J. C. Morgan crowned the King and Queen and Prince and Princess. They were King Jimmy Hand, Queen Lynette Kinion and Prince Nick Smith and Princess Jolene Dixon.

Special singing was given by the music classes. Bro. Ketchum's message tonight was "Journeying through the Halls of Hell." Taken from Luke 16:19-24. Many decisions were made to live for Christ.

After the regular evening service, all that were enrolled in camp gathered back in the auditorium for a fellowship service. There were singing, testifying, and some souls were saved. You could certainly feel the Holy Spirit in this service. This fellowship service helped climax the Youth Camp. Each person there received the greatest of all. It was dismissed with a hand shake.

### **Friday Services 9:00 Business Meeting**

The raising of the American flag opened the meeting. Congregation was led in some choruses by Judy Morgan. Prayer by Bro. Ray Gwartney. The devotion was given by Judy Morgan, Hebrews 13:1-8. Bro. Morgan, Bro.

Gage and Bro. Gwartney awarded the young people with their certificates. A report of the enrollment by Sis. Tish Watkins and the secretary's report by Sis. Judy Morgan were given.

Motion carried to put Youth Camp minutes in Association Minutes.

Motion carried to accept Bro. Ray Gwartney's report on the Boys' Dormitory.

Motion carried to send \$25 to put Youth Camp minutes in association minutes.

Motion made and seconded to extend length of youth encampment. Motion carried to postpone previous motion indefinitely.

Motion carried for camp to replace Bro. Gwartney's windshield.

Motion carried for youth camp to pay for film shown by youth camp.

The following officers were elected to serve during the 1964 Youth Camp:

President, J. C. Morgan, Vice President, Danny Farmer, Clerk, Marguerite Kern, Treasurer, Geraldine Schauffler, Boys' Sponsors, Herbert Smith and Jess Stepp, Recreational Sponsor, Jess Stepp, General Sponsor, Calvin Morgan, Kitchen Sponsors, Lila Faye Morgan and Lura Mae White (Assist.).

Motion carried that we retain the same teachers.

A plea made for help for Youth Camp for next year.

Motion carried for 1964 officers to be nominating committee for 1965 officers and present the nominations at '64 business meeting.

Motion carried to have choir singing instead of music theory.

Motion carried to adjourn business meeting. Bro. Moses dismissed with prayer.

#### 11:00 Worship Service

The service opened with prayer by Howard Gage. Congregational singing led by Bro. Moses with Judy Morgan as accompanist. Bro. J. C. Morgan was the speaker. His text was taken from Acts 15:25,26. This was a very soul searching message. Announcements were made. The 1963 Youth Camp of South Grand River was dismissed with prayer by Bro. Clyde Cain.

## FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY DISTRICT CONVENTION OF THE SOUTH GRAND RIVER ASSOCIATION FREE WILL BAPTISTS

The Woman's Auxiliary District Fifth Annual Convention of South Grand River Association was convened at the Campgrounds, Wagoner, Oklahoma, September 12, 1963.

Theme: "The Fruit of Her Hands," Proverbs 31:31.

Services opened with singing led by Sis. Marguerite Kern and Sis. Lavenia Bingham playing the piano

A very inspiring devotional given by our President, Lila Faye Morgan who also led in prayer.

A report on the National Convention held in Detroit, Michigan, given by Sis. Billye Gwartney.

A welcome was given to all visitors.

Appointment of Committees:

RESOLUTIONS: Winifred Littlefield, Lillian Lemley, Lodema Crabtree

APPRECIATION: Carmen Buchanan, Edna Gay, Betty Arnold

**FINANCE:** Viola Carter, Vela Scott, Wanda Key

Song "There Is a Fountain" followed by an altar of prayer led by Bro. Howard Gage.

Dismissed for recess with prayer led by Bro. Jess Stepp.

The 11:00 O'Clock worship hour opened by singing "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" and "I Love to Walk With Jesus". An offering was received by the Finance Committee. A special song "Too Far Upon My Journey" sung by Sis. Janie Hurley. Bro. Gerald Chester sang "I See Jesus". Bro. & Sis. Howard Gage sang "Bringing in the Sheaves". Bro. Gerald Chester brought the message using Mark 5:25-34, "Who Touched Me." A very inspiring challenge. Dismissed for lunch by Bro. Fred McCoy.

Afternoon session opened with singing. A devotional and prayer was given by Sis. Oneta Chester. Our State and District Project Report was given by Sis. Billye Gwartney.

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| Registration: | Auxiliaries          | 36      |
|               | Missionaries         | 7       |
|               | Ministers & visitors | 13      |
|               | Children             | 11      |
|               | Total                | 67      |
| Finance:      |                      | \$21.78 |

**Resolutions:**

1. Be it resolved that we adopt the state project with the \$3.00 per member gift.
2. Be it resolved we give an Achievement Chart grade and urge each auxiliary to use the chart.

Appreciation report accepted. Treasurer's report given by Sis. Beene was accepted as read. Recording Secretary's Report was accepted as read.

Motion carried that we send \$1.00 to the Perry's instead of Arizona-Mexico Missions.

Motion carried that we pay \$25.00 on the printing of our minutes.

Delegates to State Meeting: Helen Cunningham, Nelda Gwartney, Lila Faye Morgan, Leta Cain.

Speaker for December: Rev. Kenneth Elledge; Alternate: Rev. Freddie McCoy.

Churches to clean for quarterly and annual meetings: Checotah, Pryor, Wagoner and Locust Grove.

Motion carried we have a planning committee. Amended to read. This committee be composed of all district officers. Motion carried that the corresponding secretary notify all officers of the date.

Officers elected were:

President—Willie Gage; Vice President—Frances Stepp; Recording Secretary—Marguerite Kern; Ass't. Recording Secretary—Nelda Gwartney; Corresponding Secretary—Billye Gwartney; Field Secretary—Lila Faye Morgan; Youth Chairman—Betty Arnold; Study Course—Helen Cunningham; Stewardship Prayer—Pat Elledge; Personal Service—Edna Gay; Treasurer—Erma Beene; Song Leader—Marguerite Kern.

Motion carried that we do not read the minutes.

Installation of officers by Sis. Billye Gwartney using the "Whole Armor of God".

Motion Carried to adjourn.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST**

**WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OF SOUTH GRAND RIVER ASSOCIATION**

**PRESIDENT:** Willie Gage, Checotah, Oklahoma

**TREASURER:** Erma Lee Beene, Rt. 1, Locust Grove, Oklahoma

**NUMBER OF AUXILIARIES REPORTING:** 8

AMOUNT PER CAPITA REPRESENTATION FEES SENT TO TREASURER:  
\$20.20.

I. ENLISTMENT DEPARTMENT:

1. Enrollment at beginning of Convention year: 91  
Present enrollment: 101
2. Number new members: 23; Number lost: 13  
Average attendance: 65

II. YOUTH DEPARTMENT:

1. Number Youth Organizations: GTA 2, YPA 2, BA 1, MM 1
2. Total Membership: GTA 24, YPA 24, BA 4, MM 15
3. Number Vacation Bible Schools assisted in: 8
4. Number Active Church Libraries: 1
5. Number Bible College students assisted: 2

III. STUDY COURSE DEPARTMENT:

| Courses Conducted | Attendance |
|-------------------|------------|
| Missions          | 4 _____ 27 |
| Stewardship       | 4 _____ 29 |
| Manual            | 1 _____ 10 |
| Evangelism        | 1 _____ 9  |
| Prayer            | 4 _____ 36 |

2. Number Daily Bible Readers: 46

IV. PROGRAM-PRAYER DEPARTMENT:

1. Number Special Programs held: 5
2. Number Weeks of Prayer Conducted: 24
3. Total Amount Self-Denial Offering resulting from weeks of prayer  
\$147.50
4. Total Number Family Altars: 30
5. Total Members Observing Prayer Fellowship: 24

V. PERSONAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT:

1. Number Making Soul-Winning Efforts: 60
2. Number Souls Won: 30
3. Number Active in Community Missions: 41

VI. PUBLICITY DEPARTMENT:

1. Number Subscribers to Free Will Baptist Papers: 36
2. Number Articles Written for Publication: 41

VII. PERSONAL GIFTS (Contributed through other channels)

Special Offerings:

MISSIONS \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 18.00  
FREE WILL BAPTIST COLLEGES \_\_\_\_\_ \$142.50

MARGUERITE KERN, Recording Secretary  
Box 141, Locust Grove, Oklahoma

# TREASURER'S REPORT — AUGUST 16, 1962 to SEPTEMBER 12, 1963

## Stewardship of Possession:

|                                                                  |     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Number of Auxiliary members contributing to Missions .....       | 101 |
| Number of Tithers on roll at beginning of Convention year .....  | 36  |
| Number of Tithers as a result of Stewardship Study Courses ..... | 0   |
| Number of New Tithers this Convention year .....                 | 6   |
| Present number of Tithers .....                                  | 42  |

## Financial Report:

|                                          |           |
|------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Receipts—                                |           |
| Literature .....                         | \$ 105.82 |
| Postage .....                            | 5.58      |
| Co-Laborer .....                         | 93.00     |
| Foreign Missions .....                   | 207.31    |
| National Home Missions .....             | 186.61    |
| State Home Missions .....                | 50.17     |
| Arizona & Mexico Missions .....          | 12.00     |
| Oklahoma Bible College Library .....     | 138.00    |
| Student Loan Fund .....                  | 2.00      |
| South Grand River Association .....      | 50.00     |
| South Grand River College Students ..... | 142.50    |
| Representation Fees .....                | 27.00     |
| Offerings .....                          | 93.38     |
| Tithes .....                             | 20.00     |

**TOTAL RECEIPTS** ..... \$1,133.37

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| Disbursements—                                   |          |
| Literature .....                                 | \$105.82 |
| Postage .....                                    | 5.58     |
| Co-Laborer .....                                 | 93.00    |
| Foreign Missions .....                           | 207.31   |
| National Home Missions .....                     | 186.61   |
| State Home Missions .....                        | 65.17    |
| Arizona & Mexico Missions .....                  | 18.00    |
| Oklahoma Bible College Library .....             | 138.00   |
| Student Loan Fund .....                          | 2.00     |
| South Grand River Association .....              | 60.00    |
| South Grand River College Students .....         | 142.50   |
| Value of Gifts to Missionaries .....             | 17.04    |
| Cash Gift to Rev. Wade Jernigan .....            | 4.00     |
| Speakers for District Quarterly Conference ..... | 10.00    |
| Printing of Minutes .....                        | 25.00    |
| Representation Fee .....                         | 20.20    |
| Miscellaneous .....                              | 16.32    |

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS** ..... \$1,116.55

Balance on Deposit — Bank of Locust Grove ..... \$ 106.58

Respectfully submitted,  
Erma Lee Beene, Treasurer  
Route 1, Locust Grove, Okla.

## 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. Call for reports of Committees.
8. Election of Officers.
9. 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; Psa. 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 redeemend 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.

## LAW OF THE SUPPER

The Lord's Supper was instituted for God's people. They all have equal rights to the supper and that right is birthright. For by one spirit are we all baptised into one body (I Cor. 12:23). 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 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? \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, pledge myself to teach and defend the Free Will Baptist Doctrine to the best of my ability. If at any 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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