

Minutes
OF THE
South Grand River Association
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST
1964

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
71st ANNUAL SESSION

When Convened September 17-19, 1964, at
South Grand River Association Grounds
Wagoner, Oklahoma

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OF
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ASSOCIATION OFFICERS—

Rev. Howard Gage, Moderator
Rev. J. D. Stepp, Assistant Moderator
Don Allen, Clerk
Rev. Fred McCoy, Assistant Clerk
Rev. Gerald Chester, Promotional Secretary
Rev. Kenneth Elledge, Assistant Promotional Secretary
Rev. Ray Gwartney, Treasurer
Jim Wilson, Assistant Treasurer

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INCLUDES PROCEEDINGS OF—

South Grand River Association
South Grand River Youth Encampment
South Grand River Women's Auxiliary
South Grand River Master's Men

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**SOUTH GRAND RIVER ASSOCIATION IS A MEMBER OF
STATE AND NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

1964 - 1965 Officers

South Grand River Association of Free Will Baptists

MODERATOR: Rev. Howard Gage, 712 N. Broadway, Checotah, Okla.

ASS'T MODERATOR: Rev. J. D. Stepp, Rt. 9, Box 527C, Tulsa, Okla.

CLERK: Don Allen, Rt. 1, Bixby, Okla.

ASS'T CLERK: Rev. Fred McCoy, 509 S. 24th, Muskogee, Okla.

TREASURER: Rev. Ray Gwartney, 1220 E. Graham Ct., Pryor, Okla.

ASS'T TREASURER: Jim Wilson, Pryor, Okla.

REPORTER: Nelda Gwartney, Locust Grove, Okla.

PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY: Rev. Gerald Chester, Rt. 2, Adair, Okla.

ASS'T PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY: Rev. Kenneth Elledge, Box 183,
Locust Grove, Okla.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. J. A. Haynes, Rev. Gerald Chester, 3 year men

Rev. Ray Gwartney, Rev. J. D. Stepp, Rev. Thurlow Schauffler, 2 year men

Rev. Roy Bingham, Rev. Ray Blevins, 1 year men

EXAMINING BOARD

Rev. Howard Gage, 3 years; Rev. Kenneth Elledge, 2 years; Rev. Ray
Blevins, 1 year

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Rev. Fred McCoy, 5 years; Jim Wilson, 4 years; Rev. Calvin Morgan,
3 years; Rev. Sy Mashburn, 2 years; Ralph Mahan, 1 year

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rev. J. D. Stepp, 5 years; Rev. Louis Maxwell, 4 years; Rev. Paul Martin,
3 years; Dennis Kern, 2 years; Oscar Reed, 1 year

DISTRICT WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President, Willie Gage; Vice President, Frances Stepp; Recording Secre-
tary, Marguerite Kern; Ass't Recording Secretary, Billy
McCoy; Corresponding Secretary, Oneta Chester; Field Sec-
retary, Pat Elledge; Study Course Chairman, Nelda Gwart-
ney; Stewardship Chairman, Jessie Coursey; Personal Ser-
vice Chairman, Verna Morgan; Pianist, Irene Wallace; Song
Leader, Wanda Gage

Proceedings of the Seventy-First Annual Session of South Grand River Association of Free Will Baptists

THURSDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 17, 1964, 7:30 P.M.

Services began with prayer and congregational singing, Bro. Neal Crabtree. Our guest speakers were Rev. and Mrs. Bill Jones, our missionaries on furlough from Africa.

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

FRIDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 18, 1964

Services began with singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" led by Bro. E. C. McIntire. Prayer by Rev. Eugene Riddle. Devotional given by Rev. Alfred Coursey, from Romans 12:1-2.

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

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

FRIDAY, 11:00 O'CLOCK SERVICES

Services began with singing of "Higher Ground" led by E. C. McIntire. Prayer by Rev. N. R. Smith. Special song "My Thanks to Him" rendered by the Greenbrier Church.

Rev. J. D. Stepp was the speaker for the morning. His scripture was taken from Luke 9:57-62 and Matthew 12:30. His theme, "God's Problem Children".

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Hugh Pollard.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Afternoon services began by singing "Joy Unspeakable" led by Bro. E. C. McIntire. Rev. Oren Estes led in prayer. Rev. Kenneth Elledge gave a devotional using Nehemiah 1:1-4 as his scripture.

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

Estimate of Church Property: Sis. Fogleman, Sis. Denton, Sis. Chester
Obituary: Sis. Kinion, Bro. Mackey, Bro. Boyer
Temperance: Sis. Hilton, Sis. Proctor, Sis. Palmer
Sunday School: Sis. Gage, Sis. McCoy, Sis. Voss
Literature: Bro. Horn, Sis. Morgan, Sis. Pollard
Finance: Bro. Manard, Sis. Stepp, Sis. Jennings
Resolution Committee: Bro. Wood, Bro. McIntire, Bro. Walters

Motion carried to accept report of Promotional Secretary.

Motion carried to accept report on Holy Echoes as read.

Motion carried to transfer one hundred dollars (\$100) from the Promotional Secretary fund to the Association Treasurer's fund.

Motion carried to retain Bro. and Sis. Elledge as editors of the Holy Echoes.

Motion carried to accept report of scholarship committee including all recommendations.

Rev. N. R. Smith gave report from State Headquarters Office.

Motion carried to accept report of Rev. Smith.

Motion carried to accept treasurer's report.

Motion carried to adjourn business until Saturday at 9:30 A.M.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. J. A. Haynes.

FRIDAY EVENING MISSION SERVICE, SEPTEMBER 18, 1964

Service began with congregational singing led by Bro. John Caldwell. Prayer by Sis. Willie Gage. A special song "I've Been to Calvary" by Rev. J. D. Stepp.

The messenger for the evening was Rev. Gerald Chester, pastor of the Greenbrier Church. His Scripture was Joshua 1:1-9, 16-18. Dismissed with a handshake.

SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE, SEPTEMBER 19, 1964

Services began with congregational singing led by Bro. E. C. McIntire. Prayer by Rev. Sy Mashburn. Devotional by Rev. Calvin Morgan, his scripture St. John 14:1-2.

Motion carried to accept remaining letters and seat the delegates.

Motion carried to Rev. and Mrs. Virgil Florence as corresponding delegates to the First Mission and Eureka Association.

Motion carried to accept Obituary report.

Motion carried to accept Sunday School report.

Motion carried to accept report on Literature.

Motion carried to accept Temperance report.

Motion carried to accept Scholarship Committee report.

Motion carried that the Scholarship Committee be abandoned, and the Board of Christian Education resume the duties.

Rev. J. D. Stepp was elected as five year man on the Board of Christian Education.

Motion carried to accept Youth Camp Treasurer's report.

Motion carried to accept report on Estimate of Church Property.

Motion carried to accept Finance Committee report.

Rev. Don Payne gave report from Oklahoma Bible College.

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

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Julian Hawkins.

SATURDAY 11:00 O'CLOCK MEMORIAL SERVICES, Sept. 19, 1964

Service began with singing "Standing on the Promises" led by Bro. E. C. McIntire. Special songs "When God Shall Wipe Away All the Tears From My Eyes" by Rev. J. D. Stepp, Bro. John Caldwell, Sis. Marguerite Kern, Bro. Jim Wilson, and "When I Stroll Over Heaven With You" by Bro. J. D. Stepp.

Obituary report was given by Rev. Howard Gage.

Memorial message brought by Rev. Virgil Florence. His scripture was I Corinthians 15:1-4.

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Chris Shilt.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION, 1:30

Service began with singing "Higher Ground" led by Bro. E. C. McIntire. Prayer by Rev. Earl Judd. Devotional by Rev. Ted Turner, his scripture was Psalms 46:1-12.

Motion carried to accept partial report of Examining Committee.

Motion carried to give churches short time to elect a state delegate and send the delegate fee to the Associational Treasurer, Rev. Ray Gwartney.

Motion carried to retain our Missionary Conference Committee and that they be graduated in time served as to their listing in our 1963 Minutes.

Motion carried to replace Rev. J. D. Stepp with Rev. Earl Judd as 1 year man on the Missionary Conference Committee.

Motion carried that the Missionary Conference Committee get the Missionary Speaker for our Annual Association.

Rev. J. W. Gage elected as Memorial Speaker for 1965 Annual Meeting. Rev. Alfred Coursey as Alternate.

Speaker for Friday 11:00 o'clock services in 1965 will be Rev. Fred McCoy and Rev. Dalton Beene as Alternate.

No resolutions were made so committee was dismissed.

Report on work in Oklahoma Bible College given by Rev. J. C. Morgan.

Motion carried that Associational Treasurer's Report be printed in the Association Minutes.

Motion carried that we sponsor a page in our Bible College Annual "Harvester".

Rev. Fred McCoy was elected as 5 year man on the Board of Trustees.

Bro. E. C. McIntire resigned as 4 year man on the Board of Trustees due to failing health. Bro. Jim Wilson was elected to replace him.

Rev. Howard Gage elected to 3 year man on the Examining Board.

Motion carried to accept Rev. Virgil Florence's resignation as 2 year man on Examining Board.

Rev. Kenneth Elledge was elected to replace him.

Rev. Gerald Chester and Rev. J. A. Haynes were elected to 3 year positions on the Executive Board.

Rev. Gerald Chester was elected Promotional Secretary.

Rev. Kenneth Elledge was elected as Assistant Promotional Secretary.

Nelda Gwartney was elected Reporter.

Rev. Ray Gwartney was elected Treasurer.

Bro. Jim Wilson was elected Assistant Treasurer.

Bro. Don Allen elected as Associational Clerk.

Rev. Fred McCoy elected as Assistant Clerk.

Rev. Howard Gage elected as Moderator.

Rev. J. D. Stepp elected as Assistant Moderator.

Motion carried that a breakdown of our Co-Operative giving be listed in our Associational Minutes.

Motion made and tabled until December quarterly meeting that our voting bar be changed to include all district officers.

Motion carried to send Assistant Moderator as delegate on State General Board for 1965.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. J. A. Haynes.

Committee Reports

SUNDAY SCHOOL: We also join with the Sunday School Board encouraging Teachers Training Courses in the local churches.

We also encourage the churches to use the six point system and order their literature from the National Free Will Baptist Office.

Ethel Gage, Billy McCoy, Nadine Voss

TEMPERANCE: We your Temperance Committee urge all members of the South Grand River Association to be more temperate in all things concerning the church, family alters, and family devotions, and urge more time spent in prayer and studying God's Holy Word. We also desire that all Christian people get a greater burden for lost souls and remember our missionaries on foreign soil.

Lexie Palmer, Cloy Hilton, Pat Proctor

LITERATURE: We, your Committee on Literature, recommend the Bible as our basic study. We recommend the Contact, our national paper, The Promoter, our state paper, and The Holy Echoes, our district paper, as good reading material. We also recommend to use Free Will Baptist Sunday School Literature.

W. E. Horn, Vernie Morgan, Maudie Pollard

OBITUARY: We your Obituary Committee, report as following: it is of sadness of heart we submissively bow to the call of our Heavenly Father who called from our midst Bro. Bert Clark, Wagoner; Bro. Jess McGee, Carmel; Sis. Nora Franklin, Sis. Tiny Cotton, Pamela Smith, Bro. Ace Osborne, Pryor; Sister Tucker, Checotah; Bro. Henry Burkett, Bro. Clyde Cain, Sis. Florence Weaver, Locust Grove; Sis. Lucy Knight, Broken Arrow; Bro. Ed Kinion, Bro. J. T. Johnson, Bret Thomison, Greenbrier; Sister Hicks, Spavinaw.

Margie Kinion, Charles Moyer, S. W. Mackey

FINANCE: We, your Finance Committee, received the following amounts: Assoc. Minutes, \$120.50; Youth Camp for Minutes, \$25.00; Women's Auxiliary for Minutes, \$25.00; State Delegate fees, \$50.00; Kitchen fund, \$15.00;

Sis. Frances Stepp, Bro. Manard, Sis. Jennings

ESTIMATE OF CHURCH PROPERTY: We, your Committee on Estimate of Church Property, report from information received from delegates that Church Property totals \$348,730.00; Association property, \$51,000.00; Grand Total, \$399,730.00.

Azalea Fogleman, Lucille Denton, Onetta Chester

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

Howard Gage, Ray Gwartney, Virgil Florence

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: Recommendation No. 1: We, the Scholarship Committee, recommend that applications be made for the scholarship for Bible College; Recommendation No. 2: Any student participating in the scholarship fund not completing the semester work shall reimburse the fund according to the time spent in college.

Lodema Crabtree, J. D. Stepp, Dennis Kern

STATE AND NATIONAL DELEGATES: Lavenia Bingham, Elsie Judd, Willie Gage, Pat Elledge, Billye Gwartney, Hugh Pollard, Billy McCoy, Geraldine Schauffler, Jessie Coursey, Frances Stepp.

CO-OPERATIVE BREAKDOWN

STATE ASSOCIATION	50%
DISTRICT ASSOCIATION	40%
SCHOLARSHIP	5%
HOME MISSION	5%

SOUTH GRAND RIVER ASSOCIATION TREASURER'S REPORT

Sept. 1963 to Sept. 1964

Balance Brought Forward	\$801.96
Offerings	104.86
Sale of Pop	27.42
State Mission Board	332.12

RECEIPTS—	Co-Op	Earmarked	Camp Gr.
Bethany	\$ 549.93	\$ 120.12	
Bixby		29.13	
Carmel	804.58	65.92	100.00
Checotah	184.50	552.05	264.00
Coweta			
Duck Creek	85.00	10.00	33.00
Greenbrier	100.00	150.69	
Keifton			
Little Rock	70.00	7.50	
Locust Grove	834.53	768.67	36.00
Lowery	120.00	39.00	39.77

N. S. Broken Arrow -----	46.00	10.00	
Pensacola -----	120.14	60.00	
Porter -----	140.51	119.67	
Proctor Ford -----			56.00
Pryor -----	881.07	338.91	54.00
Salina -----	28.85	5.00	36.00
Shellenbarger -----		15.00	
Smith Chapel -----	149.49	80.28	
Spavinaw -----			
Shahan -----	150.00	313.00	99.00
Tahlequah -----	99.18	29.60	
Trinity Muskogee -----		38.90	
Vian -----		10.00	
Wagoner -----		36.00	
Individual -----		138.50	60.00
So. G. R. Woman's Auxiliary --			40.00
So. G. R. Master's Men -----		42.00	
So. G. R. Youth Camp -----			65.00
So. G. R. Missions -----		30.00	
	\$4,197.64	\$3,106.08	\$ 952.77
SUBTOTAL -----			\$8,256.47
TOTAL RECEIPTS -----			\$9,522.85
BALANCE -----		\$ 213.13	\$ 112.00

DISBURSEMENTS—

State Office -----	\$5,621.58
South Grand River Missions -----	735.08
Martha Jennings -----	2,100.00
Utilities -----	249.69
Raymond D. Wilson Agency -----	120.20
Rosson Lumber Company -----	4.60
Minutes -----	160.00
Tractor Expense -----	39.96
Schaefer's Office Supply -----	8.01
Lewis Perry and Gerald Chester, \$10.00 each -----	20.00
Executive Board Clerk Expense -----	6.00
Harvester (OBC Yearbook) -----	40.00
J. D. Stepp (drinking fountain) -----	65.00
Pepsi Cola -----	12.60
Cancer Fund (In Memory of Mrs. Adams) -----	10.00
Error in Entry P. 10 of Treasurer's Book -----	5.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS -----	\$9,197.72
BALANCE ON HAND SEPT. 14, 1964 -----	\$ 325.13
Treasurer, Ray Gwartney, 1220 E. Graham Ct., Pryor, Okla.	

Proceedings of South Grand River Youth Camp 1964

The South Grand River Youth Camp convened June 7, 1964. There were 158 pupils and 26 officers, teachers and sponsors enrolled. Each worship service was a joyful experience with victory in Jesus at the altar. Many young people came to the altar to rededicate, renew, be converted and pray for lost loved ones, especially parents. Our speaker each service was Rev. Joe Grizzle. The theme of Youth Camp was "Assurance", lessons being from I John. The teachers were Rev. Howard Gage, Sis. Willie Gage, Rev. Ray Gwartney, Sis. Billye Gwartney and Rev. Don Payne. The music was very ably conducted by Judy Morgan. She taught the young people the "Boys and Girls Assurance March" for their theme

song. Each day at 1:30 the young people met for missionary prayer bond. Here they learned the latest needs of our missionaries and prayed for them. Each evening at 7:00 the boys and girls met separately for grove services. Several different young people conducted them and did a good job. Next year the age limit will be lowered to 9 years. The following officers were presented by the nominating committee and approved by the quarterly meeting of the South Grand River Association:

President	Rev. Roy Bingham
Vice-President	Rev. Fred McCoy
General Sponsor	Rev. Calvin Morgan
Clerk	Marguerite Kern
Treasurer	Geraldine Schaffler
Recreation Director	J. C. Phillips
Boys Sponsors	Herbert Smith and Cliff Goins
Kitchen Director	Frances Stepp
Music Director	Judy Morgan
Teachers:	Rev. Danny Farmer, Rev. Don Payne, Rev. Ray Gwartney, Rev. Howard Gage, Rev. Kenneth Elledge, Ilene Reed, Wesley Jarman, Willie Gage and Marguerite Kern

**SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
Woman's Auxiliary District Convention
SOUTH GRAND RIVER ASSOCIATION
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
WAGONER, OKLAHOMA**

The meeting opened with singing led by Wanda Gage and Pianist Leta Cain. Prayer by Jessie Ketchum. Devotional by Lavenia Bingham entitled "Thru Consecration".

Appointment of Committees by President and Vice President:

CREDENTIALS: Nelda Gwartney, Chairman; Billye Gwartney, Birdie Smith and Ilene Reed

FINANCE: Velma Moore, Billie McCoy and Edna Gay

RESOLUTIONS: May Florence, Pat Elledge and Sister Coursey

APPRECIATION: Onetta Chester, Lillian Lemley and Zella Sewell

Declamation contest conducted by Betty Arnold. Contest winners were Marian Kern, GTA; and Shirley Arnold, YPA; both from Locust Grove. Sister Joy Jones gave a wonderful and inspiring talk on the mission field of Africa. Closed with altar of prayer. Morning worship opened with singing. An offering was received. A special was sung by Pensacola women. Rev. Bill Jones, Missionary to Africa, was our speaker, giving us a wonderful message. Dismissed with prayer led by Rev. Joe Haas. Afternoon session opened by singing. Special song by Ilene Reed and Marguerite Kern. A devotional was given by Sister Coursey. Prayer by Sister Gilmore. Special report given on project by field secretary, Pat Elledge.

Special song by Pryor entitled "It Will Be Worth It All". Report on National Association by Nelda Gwartney. Credentials Committee report accepted. Wagoner Woman's Auxiliary was accepted. Registration Committee report, 51 members, 89 total registration. Finance report, \$32.46 offering. A gift of a Presto cooker was given to the Bill Jones' by our district auxiliary. Appreciation Committee report accepted. Resolutions: No. 1. Be it resolved we accept the state project, amount and recipient. No. 2. That we make up the deficit in the 1964 project money by each auxiliary sending in \$5.00 before September 28, 1964.

No. 3. That we give each declamation contest winner \$5.00. All carried. Those to clean the auditorium for the year are Pensacola, December; Wagoner, March; Pryor, June; Checotah, September. National Delegate, Pat Elledge. Treasurer's report given by Erma Beene. Motion carried to accept same. Motion carried to pay \$25.00 for printing of Minutes. The following officers were elected for the coming year:

President	Willie Gage
Vice-President	Frances Stepp
Recording Secretary	Marguerite Kern
Assistant Recording Secretary	Billie McCoy
Treasurer	Erma Beene
Corresponding Secretary	Onetta Chester
Field Secretary	Pat Elledge
Study Course	Nelda Gwartney
Stewardship-Prayer	Jessie Coursey
Personal Service	Vernie Morgan
Song Leader	Wanda Gage
Pianist	Irene Wallace

Installation of officers by Sister Willie Gage. Announcements. Dismissed in prayer.

Recording Secretary's Report 1963 - 1964

PRESIDENT: Willie Gage, 712 North Broadway, Checotah, Okla.
TREASURER: Erma Beene, Rt. 1, Locust Grove, Okla.

Number of auxiliaries reporting, 9; amount per capita representation fees sent to Treasurer, \$30.90; Enrollment at beginning of convention year, 101; present enrollment, 109; number of new members, 19; number lost, 11; average attendance, 63; number of youth organizations: GTA, 3; YPA, 3; MM, 2; total membership: GTA, 22; YPA, 28; MM, 29; number of declamation contests held, 1; number of vacation Bible schools assisted in, 7; total enrollment of vacation Bible schools, 584; souls saved in VBS, 28; number of active church libraries, 1; number of Bible College Students assisted, 6.

STUDY COURSE DEPARTMENT:

	Courses Conducted	Attendance
Missions	13	42
Stewardship	5	27
Manual	4	30
Evangelism	7	36
Prayer	8	36
Youth	3	18

Number of daily Bible readers, 50; number of special programs held, 11; number of weeks of prayer conducted, 17; total amount of Self-Denial offering resulting from weeks of prayer, \$142.67; total number of family altars, 25; total members observing prayer fellowship, 19; number making soul-winning efforts, 67; number of souls won, 31; number active in community missions, 36; number of subscribers to Free Will Baptist papers, 46; number articles written for publication, 63; other publicity work done, 30. Special offerings:

Missions	\$307.56	(\$499.50)
Free Will Baptist College	\$ 98.00	(\$ 65.00)

Marguerite Kern, Recording Secretary

Treasurer's Report

September 12, 1963 to September 17, 1964

STEWARDSHIP OF POSSESSION:

Number of Auxiliary members contributing to Missions ----	109
Number of Tithers on roll at beginning of convention year --	39
Number of Tithers as a result of Stewardship Study Courses	18
Number of new Tithers this convention year -----	7
Present number of Tithers -----	46

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Receipts—

Literature -----	\$ 58.30
Postage -----	3.15
Co-Laborer -----	90.00
Foreign Missions -----	281.55
National Home Missions -----	74.80
State Home Missions -----	19.67
Oklahoma Bible College -----	198.00
South Grand River Association -----	40.00
Representation Fee -----	30.90
Offerings -----	140.26
Tithes -----	15.61
Balance Brought Forward -----	106.58
Total Receipts -----	\$1,058.82

Disbursements—

Literature -----	\$ 58.30
Postage -----	3.15
Co-Laborer -----	90.00
Foreign Missions -----	294.64
National Home Missions -----	86.80
State Home Missions -----	34.67
Oklahoma Bible College -----	202.00
South Grand River Association -----	45.00
Due Representation Fee of 1963 -----	2.10
Representation Fee -----	21.80
Gift for Missionaries Bill and Joy Jones -----	12.07
District Auxiliary Workshop Speaker and Teachers ---	21.00
Printing of Minutes -----	25.00
Tithes -----	25.66
Declamation Contestants -----	10.00
Miscellaneous -----	3.00
Total Disbursements -----	\$ 935.19
Balance on Deposit, Bank of Locust Grove -----	\$ 123.63

Respectfully submitted,
Erma Lee Beene, Treasurer
Route 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. 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 discussion on all subjects and vote.
3. Those who speak shall rise and address the Moderator, personal reflections shall be avoided in all discussions.
4. No motion shall be discussed without being seconded.
5. When motion has been made and seconded and a member opposes the discussion, the Moderator shall put the question: "Shall it be discussed?" If negative the question shall not be discussed.
6. If any proposition or motion under discussion contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and a vote taken.
7. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded.
8. No one shall speak more than twice on any question without special leave of the Moderator.
9. All questions decided by a majority of the members present.
10. No member shall absent himself without 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 the benevolent

enterprises of the denomination, may at anytime, upon application by vote of this body, become a member thereof.

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

Article 6. The sessions of this Yearly Meeting or Association shall begin on Thursday night before the third Sunday in 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 sinful amusements and unholly conformity to the world, from all sanctions of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men".

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in references to the study of the scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ".

We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences; public worship and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able to promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and 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 their posterity under the just penalty of the same, and was unable of their own power to extricate or save themselves from the great dilemma into which they had fallen. God gave them the hope of salvation through the coming of Christ. Gen. 1:27; Gen. 2:16-17; Rom. 11:11-35; 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 saith, "Look unto me and be saved all the ends of the earth, for I am God and there is none else". Matt. 4:17; Isa. 45:22; Acts 20:21.

5. We believe that all persons dying in infancy and all idiots are saved by the atoning merits of the Son of God without any acts on their part. That persons coming to years of accountability, transgressing the law of God must upon their part exercise faith in Jesus Christ through repentance toward God, at the completion of which pardon takes place in the mind of the Father and by the Holy Spirit they pass through the ordeal of regeneration, are washed in the blood of the lamb and are planted in the kingdom of Christ. St. John 3; Matt. 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 Savior to commemorate His broken body and shed blood for the sins of the world, and to show our remembrance of Him until He comes. All Christians have a right to the Lord's Supper, and that right is a 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 scriptures with a full reliance upon Him. He accompanies them in the person of the Holy Spirit to guide them in the way of truth and bless their labors according to His purpose. Jonah 1:1; Jer. 1:5; Mark 3:14; Acts 13:42-48; Matt. 28:19.

10. We believe that sanctification is the work of God's grace by which the soul is cleansed from all sin and wholly consecrated to Christ. It takes place in regeneration, and the Christian can and should abide in this state to the end of life, constantly growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. I Cor. 6:11; II Thes. 2:13; St. John 17:17; Heb. 12:14; Phil. 3:21; I Thes. 5:19-23; II Tim. 2:20-21.

11. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the 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 Thess. 1:1; Acts 16:5; John 1:10; Matt. 18-17.

14. We believe that there will be a general universal judgment when all men shall be judged according to their works, whether they be good or bad, and that immediately thereafter the wicked shall enter into everlasting punishment, and the righteous into eternal happiness. II Thess. 1:4-9; Rev. 14:3-23; 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 baptized into one body (I Cor. 12-13). This is not a water baptism but a spiritual baptism. Again Christ says, "I am the door, by me if any man enter in he shall be saved". St. John 10:9. "He that entereth not by the door of the sheepfold but 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 He is that door, and he that cometh in by that door shall have full fellowship and equal rights with all other Christians. Let a man examine himself and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup, for he that eateth and drinketh unworthily eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not to the church, but to himself. It is a personal matter in judging and eating.

The church that does judge and exclude any of God's people is not acting in keeping with the instructions given the church at Corinth. To thus judge and exclude one of the children of God is to offend the child so judged and excluded. Now listen to Christ: "He that offends one of these little ones that believe in me, it were better for him that a mill-stone were hanged about his neck and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea". Matt. 18:6; I Cor. 10:30; Mk. 9:42.

It is contended that they of the same faith and order should be entitled to partake of the Lord's Supper. I admit that the true faith is the means by which men become Christians. If this is what is meant by the same faith I shall not object. We are agreed, but if sect is to be inferred, I object. As to order, if nothing but gospel order is meant, very well, but I do not think that one child of God could dictate just what another should believe or to what church he should belong in order that he may be in the right church, for the church is but an organic body of Christians and simply placing your name on the roll book of the best church on earth does not make you a Christian, neither will a like process in the worst church make a sinner. The Eunuch believed and was baptized. What church did he join? Here is faith and here is order. Now I ask if the Eunuch were to wish to commune with some of the churches, would he be allowed the right? No, he is not of the same faith and order; yet he is admitted to heaven. But, nay, he could not be admitted to a sectarian table. At the Lord's table all His people have a perfect right, be he whom he may and when the supper is set and all of God's people are not invited, it is not the Lord's Supper but a sectarian supper, so we, being many, are one body in Christ; and every member one of another (Romans 12:5). And the way we become one body is by being baptized into that body and of course that is by spiritual baptism. He that gets in by water baptism, the same is a thief and a robber; and when anyone gets into that body in a legal way he has a legal right to all the benefits and privileges of that body, for, we, being many, are one bread and one body, for we are all partakers of that one bread (I Cor. 10:17). By partaking we exhibit a oneness of that body. What is meant by we? It

certainly means all Christians of all ages when you come together tarry for another; be of one mind, but let the word of God control the mind. If it had been intended by the Savior 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 as truly baptized as anyone. It is the duty of the preacher to baptize and the applicant to be baptized. When this is done each has performed a personal duty. If I had never been baptized and had to wait until I found one whom I knew to be a legal administrator I would never be baptized at all as I cannot know the heart of man. Two acting in concept, acting in good faith and the other not—the one is blessed and the other is not. Every Christian is strictly responsible for his acts and not for another. Simon the sorcerer believed and was baptized, and that by a legal administrator and yet it is discovered that he is not a Christian. So we see that baptism by a legal administrator does not confer any claims upon him to any Christian rights as this case proves to be a personal matter, as we clearly see that the apostle did his duty and Simon did not, or vice versa.

The apostle, inspired as he was, did not discern the evil in Simon's heart, neither can we know the heart of a man. When we do our duty it is ours. When an applicant, it is his. So we find that faith, repentance, baptism and the Christian duties are all personal and accountable to God and not unto man. Various are the opinions of men and the ways we account for them in the capacity of men; and if we should use the capacity that God has given I do not think we should be eternally condemned for what we cannot help. The church of Christ is divided into many members, but it is one spiritual body and Christ the head, and they should have the same care for the other, as the natural body has for its members, yet they do not perform the same office, yet they should observe the same interest of the body.

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

We have 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 all ages will sit around one communion table in heaven. As we find ourselves assembled around the Lord's table in heaven, so should it be on earth.

Arrangements

We, your Committee on Arrangements, beg to report as follows: taking into consideration the surrounding circumstances and seeing the necessity of a rule governing the ministry and members.

Be it resolved that the Association forbid the ministers of the 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 the 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 ministry? -----
19. Are you willing to abstain from any indulgences that might hinder your effective influence in the ministry? -----
20. Will your financial circumstances hinder you in taking the pastoral care of a church? -----
21. How much education do you have? -----
22. Have you had any special training in doctrinal and pastoral theology? -----
23. Have you had any courses of study in Homiletics? -----
24. Do you have plans to better qualify yourself for the ministry? -----
25. If so, what are your plans? -----
26. Are you resolved to devote yourself wholly to the ministry? -----
27. Would you be willing to continue preaching under license should this committee feel it best? -----
28. Have you completed the 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.

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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? -----

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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 works? -----
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 Testaments, are the infallible Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice? -----
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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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		Sis. Nellie Bays, Clerk

	No. Received	No. Dismissed	No. Deceased	Total Membership	Minute Fund	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Co-Op Plan & Assoc.	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Literature & Education	Building & Repairs	Value of Church Property
Bethany -----	0	3	0	30	5.00	953.70	83.34	667.43	120.12		65.75	400.76	15,000.00
Bixby -----	29	4	0	222	7.50	3,290.00	255.00	30.00	13.00		218.22	296.95	25,000.00
Carmel -----	21	11	1	123	5.00	4,505.00	142.46	734.98	39.59	10.33	288.78	1,095.51	15,000.00
Checotah -----	21	7	1	211	10.00	2,650.00	410.17	448.50	346.95	175.10	399.38	7,772.84	24,500.00
Coweta -----	2	3	0	96	4.00	844.00					118.64	843.17	5,000.00
Duck Creek -----	0	2	0	53	3.00	435.00	42.46	90.00			364.00	66.00	1,200.00
Greenbrier -----	7	0	3	123	5.00	981.00	220.00	120.00	54.83	92.02	258.56	1,089.31	16,500.00
Keefton -----	12	0	0	39	5.00	1,300.00	78.00		40.00		95.00	665.00	9,000.00
Little Rock -----	5	7	1	58	4.00	651.00	60.00	60.00	7.50	90.00	117.19	701.75	14,000.00
Locust Grove -----	8	2	2	133	5.00	5,132.00	120.00	835.00	380.00	394.00	421.00	2,446.00	27,000.00
Lowery -----	0	0	1	30	5.00	1,250.00	215.84	156.00	25.79	60.40	174.12	175.68	7,500.00
N. S. Broken Arrow -----	8	16	0	36	3.00	65.00			10.00		158.92	170.80	20,000.00
Pensacola -----	5	2	0	43	3.00	1,222.34	55.00	60.00	121.19	123.22	27.42	887.86	16,200.00
Porter -----	14	2	0	44	3.00	497.97	25.00	140.51	13.73	13.72	32.00	81.52	7,500.00
Proctor Ford -----	0	0	0	32	3.00	480.00	78.15	96.00					5,000.00
Pryor -----	20	1	4	242	10.00	4,990.00	290.00	881.07	22.70	58.00	958.25	7,789.68	50,000.00
Salina -----	4	1	0	47	5.00	638.56	88.40				135.30	60.97	5,000.00
Shahan -----	0	0	0	102	5.00	1,320.00	35.00	135.00	56.00	311.00	183.37	887.25	16,830.00
Shellanbarger -----	6	46	0	99	5.00	4,160.00	120.00		42.00	1.56	307.70	505.54	20,000.00
Smith Chapel -----	0	0	0	33	3.00	998.83	44.78	169.14		76.72			12,500.00
Spavinau -----	6	9	1	72	5.00	1,140.00					152.22	300.00	8,000.00
Tahlequah -----	4	2	0	17	3.00								4,000.00
Trinity Muskogee -----	7	4	0	102	5.00	715.00	50.00				74.36	1,646.70	35,000.00
Vian -----	9	0	0	35	5.00	400.00					70.00	200.00	6,000.00
Wagoner -----	6	12	0	58	5.00	1,010.00	146.39				196.47	147.51	20,000.00
TOTAL -----	204	14		2080	121.50	38,628.50	2,659.99	4,623.63	1,539.40	1,430.07	4,816.95	28,250.80	385,730.00
Youth Encampment -----					25.00								
Woman's Auxiliary -----													
Association Grounds -----					171.50								51,000.00
													436,730.00

