

Minutes
OF THE
South Grand River Association
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST
1965

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
72nd ANNUAL SESSION

When Convened September 16-18, 1965, at
South Grand River Association Grounds
Wagoner, Oklahoma

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ASSOCIATION OFFICERS —

Rev. Howard Gage, Moderator
Rev. J. D. Stepp, Assistant Moderator
Rev. Fred McCoy, Clerk
Billye Gwartney, Assistant Clerk
Rev. Gerald Chester, Promotional Secretary
Rev. Richard Callison, Assistant Promotional Secretary
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

1965-1966 OFFICERS

SOUTH GRAND RIVER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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

ASS'T MODERATOR: Rev. J. D. Stepp, Box 133, Bixby, Oklahoma

CLERK: Rev. Fred McCoy, 509 S. 24th, Muskogee, Okla.

ASS'T CLERK: Billye Gwartney, 1220 E. Graham Ct., Pryor, Okla.

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

ASS'T TREASURER: Jim Wilson, 512 W. First St., Pryor, Okla.

REPORTER: Emma Lee Goines, Bixby, Oklahoma

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

ASS'T PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY: Rev. Richard Callison, Pryor, Okla. Rt. 2

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Carl Hembree, Rev. Virgil Florence, 3 year men

Rev. J. A. Haynes, Rev. Gerald Chester, 2 year men

Rev. Ray Gwartney, Rev. J. D. Stepp, Rev. Thurlow Schauffler, 1 year men

EXAMINING BOARD

Rev. Roy Bingham, 3 years; Rev. Howard Gage, 2 years; Rev. Dalton Beene, 1 year

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Rev. D. C. Rubarts, 5 years; Rev. Fred McCoy, 4 years; Jim Wilson, 3 years;

Rev. Calvin Morgan, 2 years; Rev. Sy Mashburn, 1 year

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rev. Earl Judd, 5 years; Rev. J. D. Stepp, 4 years; Rev. Louis Maxwell, 3 years;

Rev. Paul Martin, 2 years; Dennis Kern, 1 year

MISSION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Sister Willie Gage, Sister Geraldine Schauffler, Sister Marguerete Kern, Sister

Billye Gwartney, Rev. C. C. Manes, Rev. Gerald Chester, Chairman

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

THURSDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 16, 1965—7:30 P. M.

Masters men services began with prayer and congregational singing led by Bro. V. E. Moses.

Locust Grove Masters Men presented the program with a panel discussion on tithing.

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

FRIDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 17, 1965

Opened in prayer by Sister Jewel Young. Song "Blessed Assurance" was led by Bro. V. E. Moses.

Devotional given by Rev. Howard Gage, from Psalms 1.

Rules of order was given by Moderator Rev. Howard Gage.

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

Report from Executive Secretary Rev. N. R. Smith was given. Motion carried to accept this report.

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

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Alfred Corsey.

FRIDAY, 11:00 O'CLOCK SERVICES

Service began with singing "Here am I Send Me" and "He Leadeth Me" led by Bro. V. E. Moses. Prayer by Rev. Dalton Beene.

Special Singing by Bro. J. D. Stepp. "Fellowship in Peace" and Bro. V. E. Moses sang "Did you think to Pray".

Rev. Fred McCoy was speaker for the morning service. Using scripture Eph. 1-6, title "The Oneness of the Church".

Prayer by Rev. Howard Gage. Song of invocation by Bro. Moses "The Nail Scared Hand."

Dismissed in prayer by Sister Helen Cunningham.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION 1:30 P. M.

Services began by singing "Saviour, Like a Shepherd". An altar of prayer was called of all ministers. "Amazing Grace" was sung by all.

"The Lord is my Shepherd" was sung by Rev. Virgil Florence, Rev. J. D. Stepp, Rev. Carl Hembree and Sister Marguerite Kern.

Rev. Sy Mashburn gave a devotional using Psalms 77:13.

Letter of information was read from the Wagoner Mission. Motion carried to accept this report.

Motion carried to give the Moderator and Ass't Moderator power to appoint all temporary committees.

TEMPERANCE: Pat Proctor, Jewel Young and Sarah Lowery.

LITERATURE: Lawrence Lemby, Geneva Hamm and Charlotte Lindsey

OBITUARY: Velma Moore, Leota Rubarts and Lixie Palmer.

ESTIMATE OF CHURCH PROPERTY: Retha Armstrong, Sister Rundell and Jean Garrett.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: D. C. Rubarts, Cecil Fogleman and Margie Kinion.

RESOLUTIONS: Carl Hembree, Lora Jennings and Cora Kemby.

FINANCE: V. E. Moses, Helen Cunningham and Daisy Smart.

Report of Holy Echoes was given by Sister Billye Gwartney. Motion carried to accept this report.

Bro. and Sister Fred McCoy was elected as editors of the Holy Echoes and Bro. and Sister Ray Gwartney as Ass't.

Report of Board of Christian was given by Rev. J. D. Stepp. Motion carried to accept this report.

Report of Executive Board given by Rev. Ray Gwartney. Motion carried to accept report and to elect new members to this board.

Rev. Carl Hembree and Rev. Virgil Florence as 3 year men on the Executive Board.

Part report given by examining. Motion carried to accept this report.

Motion carried for clerk to write letter of recommendation for Bro. Kenneth Elledge to First Mission Association.

Motion carried to elect Rev. Dalton Beene as 1 year man for Examining Board.

Motion carried to re-elect Rev. Roy Bingham as 3 year man on Examining Board.

Motion carried to elect Rev. Earl Judd as 5 year man on Board of Christian Education.

Report from Bro. Florance as Corresponding delegate to Eureka and 1st Mission Association was given and accepted.

Treasurers report given by Rev. Ray Gwartney. Motion carried to accept this report.

Motion carried to retain Bro. Gwartney as Assn. Treasurer.

Motion carried to retain Bro. Jim Wilson as Asst. Treasurer.

Motion carried to give our clerk and treasurer \$25.00 each for preparing our minutes.

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

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Maner.

FRIDAY EVENING MISSION SERVICE, SEPTEMBER 17, 1965

Services opened by singing "Brethren, we have met to worship" and "Anywhere with Jesus", led by Bro. V. E. Moses.

Led in prayer by Rev. Roy Bingham.

Congregational song "Jesus Saves", led by Bro. V. E. Moses.

Special song "Heaven will surely be worth it all", by Wagoner Mission.

Special song "The Wayfaring Stranger", by Bro. V. E. Moses.

Special song "How Great Thou Art", by Locust Grove trio.

Message brought by Rev. Don Payne from Acts 1-8. Theme "The Mission of the Church".

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Don Allen.

SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE, SEPTEMBER 18, 1965

Services began by singing "Tell It To Jesus", led by Bro. V. E. Moses.

Led in prayer by Rev. D. C. Rubarts.

Devotional given by Rev. Gerald Chester from II Timothy 3:12-17.

Late letters from churches were read. Motion carried to accept letters and seat delegates.

Additional information was given on Bethany's letter. Motion carried to accept.

Promotion secretary report given by Rev. Gerald Chester. Motion carried to accept.

Motion carried to retain Rev. Gerald Chester as promotional secretary.

Rev. Richard Callison was elected as ass't. promotional secretary.

Motion carried to extend invitations to Rev. Homer Willis to bring service and report from Home Missions Dept. November 1, 1965 (Monday night) at 7:30.

Motion carried to elect Rev. D. C. Rubarts as 5 year man on board of trustees.

Motion carried to accept report on estimate of church property and release committee.

Motion carried to accept temperance report and release committee.

Motion carried to accept Sunday School report and release committee.

Motion carried to accept literature committee's report and release committee.

Motion carried that the Board of Trustees meet with applicant for caretaker of grounds and go over requirements and report back in this meeting.

Rev. Virgil Florence elected as Friday morning speaker for 1966 meeting, and Rev. Alfred Coursey as alternate.

Memorial service speaker for 1966, Rev. Ray Gwartney, and Rev. C. C. Manes as alternate.

Motion carried to give churches a grace period in which to elect a state delegate and send name and fee to clerk.

Rev. C. C. Manes elected as 5 year member of Mission Conference Committee.

Oral report was given by moderator Rev. Howard Gage, concerning the Vian church. They have asked that they be dropped as members of South Grand River Assn. Motion carried that this be postponed until Executive Board meets with this church.

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

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Cliff Goines.

SATURDAY, 11:00 O'CLOCK, SEPTEMBER 18, 1965

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Service began with singing "Work for the Night is Coming" led by Rev. Gerald Chester. Led in prayer by Rev. Oren Estes. Special songs "When I Cross the Great Divide" and "What Will I Leave Behind". Obituary report read by Rev. Alfred Coursey. Message brought by Rev. Jake Gage. Dismissed in prayer by Brother Walters.

SATURDAY, 1:30 P. M.

Opened by singing "Make Me a Blessing" led by Bud Cox. Led in prayer by Rev. Eugene Riddle. Devotional by Rev. C. C. Manes from Rom. 12:1-21.

Motion and second to accept the report of the trustee board and accept all recommendations. Motion carried.

Oral report from O.B.C. given by Dr. O'Donnell. Motion carried to accept this report.

Resolution number (1) accepted to elected Committee on Committees to plan State Meeting 1966 at Pryor. Committee elected are Rev. Ray Gwartney, Howard Gage and Carl Hembree. This committee granted power to appoint all other committees.

Resolution number (2) accepted.

Resolution number (3) accepted.

Resolution number (4) accepted.

Motion carried to release Resolution Committee.

Motion carried to accept Examining Board partial report.

Motion carried to accept Finance Committees report.

Motion made that when the Association helps a Church financially and later the church wishes to withdraw from the Association said Church shall reimburse the Association all money given by the Association.

Amendment to motion that the property stand good for this until money is reimbursed. Motion, second and carried to accept ammdment.

Motion carried to accept Youth Camp Treasure/s report.

Motion to accept Youth Camp Clerks report and act upon their recommendations.

Rev. Gerald Chester declined office of President.

Rev. Fred McCoy elected as President and Rev. Carl Hembree to replace him as Vice President.

Motion carried to accept Youth Camp Officials recommendation for teachers.

Motion carried that Board of Christian Education be nominating committee for our Youth Camp officers and teachers.

Motion carried to accept Youth Camp Officers suggestion for Evangelist.

Motion carried to have our P A System fixed.

Motion carried for Association to assist in expense of our State Association.

Motion carried to have Rev. J. D. Stepp paint trim on our main buildings.

Woman's Auxiliary report given by Sister Willie Gage. Motion carried to accept report.

Motion carried to send \$50.00 for OBC Harvest Day, \$25.00 for Youth Camp Evangelist and \$25.00 for Association Minutes from Youth Camp Treasurer.

Motion carried we send \$150.00 from Mission Account to the Wesley Calvary's.

Sister Billye Gwartney elected as Assistant Clerk.

Rev. Fred McCoy elected as Clerk.

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

Rev. Howard Gage elected as Moderator.

Rev. Virgil Florence elected as General Board member to State Association.
Sister Emma Lee Goines elected as Association Reporter.
Motion carried to adjourn.
Dismissed in prayer by Brother Gene Burgess.

Committee Reports

SUNDAY SCHOOL: We also join with the Sunday School Board encouraging using our Free Will Baptist Sunday School literature.

We also encourage reading our Daily Bible readings in our Sunday School Books. Bro. D. C. Rubarts, Sister Cecil Fogleman, Sister Marjorie Kinion.

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

LITERATURE: We your literature committee recommend the Bible as our basic study. We recommend as good reading material the following:

National—The Contact and Heartbeat, also Attack.

State—The promoter,

District—Holy Echoes.

We recommend the use of Free Will Baptist Sunday School literature and also C. T. S. literature. Charlottee Lindsey, Geneva Haynes, Lawrence Lemley.

OBITUARY: We your Obituary Committee, report as follows: it is with sadness of heart that we submissively bow to the call of our Heavenly Father who has removed from our midst, Bro. James P. Carroll, Trinity; Baby Cheryl Lea Polone, Pryor; Baby Paul Bengie, Pryor; Bro. Walter Trogdon, Pryor; Bro. Allen Jenkins, Little Rock; Sis. Florence Weaver, Locust Grove; Sis. Berniece Adair, Greenbrier, Baby Janell Ervin, Greenbrier; Bro. Elbert Creason, Duck Creek; Bro. Dave Rickner, Coweta; Baby Kimberly Gilbert, Coweta; Bro. Doyal Hall, Keifton; Bro. Easton Bixby; Bro. Ted Young, Bethany-Wagoner Mission. Velma Moore, Leota Rubarts.

FINANCE: We, your Finance Committee, received the following amounts; Assoc. minutes, \$116.00; Youth Camp for Minutes, \$25.00; Women's Auxiliary for Minutes, \$25.00; State Delegate Fees, \$40.00.

Bro. V. E. Moses, Helen Cunningham, Sis. Daisy Smart.

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 \$378,850.00; Association property, \$51,000.00; Grand Total, \$429,850.00.

Sis. Retha Armstrong, Sis. Loretta Rundell, Sis. Jean Garrett.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE: We, your credentials Committee beg leave to report we find Bro. D. C. Rubarts sound in doctrine and as he has preached for Free Will Baptist more than one year, and is now pastoring one of our Churches we recommend him for ordination at his convenience.

Bro. Howard Gage, Bro. Ray Gwartney, Bro. Virgil Florence.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: Recommendation No. 1: Be it resolved that we elect a committee on committee's for preparation of State Convention, which will meet in Pryor October 11-13 1966. Recommendation No. 2: Be it resolved that we change our youth camp fee to \$6.50 and prepare all food at the camp grounds, letting the kitchen director and her helpers prepare the menu. Recommendation No. 3: Be it resolved that we adhere to Section 2 article 8 in our Treaties page 49. In our annual meeting as well as our quarterly meeting. Recommendation No. 4: Be it resolved that the Association make a \$50.00 monthly gift to O. B. C.

STATE AND NATIONAL DELEGATES: Willie Gage, Nelda Gwartney, Billy McCoy, Ed Pulliam, Billy Gwartney.

CO-OPERATIVE BREAKDOWN

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

PROCEEDINGS OF SOUTH GRAND RIVER YOUTH CAMP 1965

The 1965 South Grand River Youth Camp convened at the Camp Grounds, Sunday, June 20, 1965 for their five days of Youth encampment.

Enrollment began at 1:30 p. m. There were fifteen churches with children enrolled. There were 97 children enrolled, 21 sponsors and 4 children under 6 years of age, with a total of 122 enrolled. The enrollment came to \$305.00 the evening offerings were \$56.13.

The Monday morning assembly was spent in organizing classes. Junior Class I—Rev. Howard Gage, teacher and Willie Gage, helper. Junior Class II—Rev. Ray Gwartney, teacher and Billye Gwartney, helper. Intermediates Class—Rev. Kenneth Elledge, Teen Class—Bro. Wesley Jarmen. A Teen Class on Christian dating was taught by Rev. Don Payne. Music Director—Sue Gage, Pianist—Brenda Gwartney and Evangelist—Rev. Adrain Condit.

The spirit of the Lord blessed in each service and souls were in the altar daily. We were privileged to have Bro. Wesley Calvery's children with us, Rebecca, 11 years old and Jonathan 8 years old. Jonathan gave his heart and soul to Christ in the Wednesday night service.

Our last meeting was the 11:00 o'clock worship service on June 25, 1965. Bro. Condit talked on dedication. The 1965 Youth camp closed with prayer by Rev. Howard Gage.

The following officers were presented by the nominating committee and approved by the quarterly meeting of the South Grand River Association.

President	Rev. Fred McCoy
Vice-President	Rev. Carl Hembree
General Sponsor	Rev. Calvin Morgan
Clerk	Billy McCoy
Treasurer	Frieda Smith
Recreation Director	Phillip Voss
Boys Sponsor	Herb Smith and Howard Exendine
Kitchen Director	Wanda Exendine
Music Director	Marguerite Kern
Teachers: Dr. J. D. O'Donald, Rev. Ray Gwartney, Rev. Howard Gage, Rev. Kenneth Elledge, and Bro. Wesley Jarmen	

The association elected the Board of Christian Education to be the nominating committee for the yearly officers.

Motion made to change the enrollment fee to \$6.50, this eliminating the children from bringing anything but their fee.

SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY DISTRICT CONVENTION OF SOUTH GRAND RIVER ASSOCIATION SEPTEMBER 16, 1965

The Seventh Annual Meeting of the South Grand River Woman's Auxiliary opened by singing "I Want To Be A Worker", "Bring Them In", led by Sister Marguerite Kern, Pianist Sister Irene Wallace. Prayer by Sister Erma Beene.

Thought for the day given by our President, Sister Willie Gage. Devotion by Sister Helen Cunningham, Carmel Church. Prayer by Sister Billye Gwartney. Special skit by Checotah Auxiliary—Missions, "Help the Chocolate Drops". Highlights of National Convention by Sister Gwartney.

Appointment of Committees by President and Vice President:

CREDENTIAL: Lodena Crabtree, Mamie Brown and Helen Cunningham.

RESOLUTION: Velma Moore, Vernie Morgan and Maxine Haynes.

FINANCE: Elsie Judd, Betty Arnold and Sister Lemly.

APPRECIATION: Birdie Smith, Nadine Voss and Roberta Hembree.

Dismissed to the 11:00 o'clock worship hour by singing "Work For The Night Is Coming". Eleven o'clock worship opened by singing "The Call For Reapers". Special music by Pensacola, "Bring in the Sheaves". Prayer by Rev. Fred McCoy. Special speaker Rev. Lonnie DeVault—Jer. 8-20. Worship hour closed by singing "Have Thine Own Way" and an altar of prayer.

One o'clock business opened by singing "He Is Able To Deliver Thee". Devotion by Sister Maxine Haynes, Carmel Church using 1 Cor. 9:10. Special music by Coweta Ladies "What A Friend".

Report of Committees.

Sister Jessie Coursey gave an oral report on the Wagoner Mission.

RESOLUTION REPORT: Be it resolved that we give \$15.00 to the Lonnie Palmer Fund. Be it resolved that we send Rev. Lonnie DaVoult \$10.00 to pay his gas bill with a Thank You card.

FINANCE: The offering was \$31.71.

APPRECIATION: We, the Appreciation Committee of the Ladies Auxiliary of the South Grand River Association want to thank the ones who prepared our program and the beautiful floral arrangements. We thank Sister Helen Cunningham for the good devotional, Checotah for their touching skit. We would enjoy more about the National Auxiliary Convention. We enjoyed the special music by the Pensacola women. The missionary message by Rev. DaVoult was very challenging. The afternoon devotional was also very challenging and touched each of us.

We loved the singing of the grand old song "What a Friend" by the Coweta Church.

REGISTRATION: There were 43 auxiliary members and 30 visitors for a total of 73 present. There were eight auxiliaries and six churches present. Motion made to accept all reports. Seconded.

Motion made and seconded to elect a mission chairman.

Speakers elected for December meeting. Speaker—Rev. Carl Hembree. Alternate—Rev. J. D. Stepp.

Recording Sec. report by Sister Marguerite Kern. Motion made and seconded to accept report. Treasurers report given by Sister Erma Beene. Balance in bank \$32.95. Motion made and seconded to accept report.

Election of officers for coming year.

President.....	Billy McCoy
Vice President.....	Frances Stepp
Recording Secretary.....	Marguerite Kern
Ass't Recording Secretary.....	Lodema Crabtree
Treasurer.....	Billye Gwartney
Corresponding Secretary.....	Willie Gage
Field and Mission Secretary.....	Betty Arnold
Study Course Chairman.....	Pearl Coughran
Stewardship and Prayer Chairman.....	Evelyn Hayes
Personal Service Chairman.....	Vernie Morgan
Songleader.....	Wanda Gage
Pianist.....	Dorothy Hudson

Officers were installed.

Closed with prayer by Sister Vernie Morgan.

ANNUAL REPORT of the RECORDING SECRETARY

Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary of South Grand River Association
President: Billy McCoy; Address: 509 South. 24th, Muskogee, Oklahoma;
Treasurer: Billye Gwartney; Address: 1220 East Graham Court, Pryor, Okla.
Present Enrollment 96; New Members 7; Number Lost 20; Average Attendance 50.

No. of Auxiliaries reporting 8.

Number of Bible College Students Assisted 2.

Number V. B. S. Conducted 6.

STUDY COURSE DEPARTMENT

	Courses Conducted	Attendance
Missions	4	40
Stewardship	4	37
Manual	4	28
Evangelism	1	10
Prayer	4	36
Christian Living	2	18
Daily Bible Readers	40	

PROGRAM - PRAYER DEPARTMENT

Number Special Programs held 1.

Number Weeks of Prayer conducted: Easter 5; Christmas 5; Thanksgiving 5.

Total amount of Self-Denial Offering resulting from weeks of prayer \$160.04.

Total Number of Family Altars 26.

Total members observing Prayer Fellowship 21.

PERSONAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT:

Number making Soul-Winning Efforts 47; Number of souls won 22.

Number active in Community Missions 57.

PUBLICITY DEPARTMENT:

Number subscribers to Free Will Baptist Papers 49.

Number articles written for publication 56.

Other publicity work done 6.

PERSONAL GIFTS:

Special Offerings\$80.00

Missions\$76.00

Free Will Baptist Bible College

Superannuation

Other\$59.73

Marguerite Kern, Recording Secretary

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TREASURER'S REPORT

September 16 to September 17, 1965

STEWARDSHIP OF POSSESSION:

Number of Auxiliary members contributing to missions.....96

Number of Tithers on roll at beginning of convention year.....46

Present number of Tithers.....18

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Receipts—

Literature\$ 16.30

Co-Laborer 119.50

Foreign Missions 317.57

National Home Missions 238.12

State Home Missions 71.58

Oklahoma Bible College 132.34

National C. T. S. Contestant 10.00

Representation Fee 28.80

Gifts for Missionaries Wesley Calverys and Dick Shade 36.54

Tithes 31.57

Offerings 101.74

Balance Brought Forward 123.63

Total Receipts\$1,227.69

Disbursements—

Literature 16.30

Co-Laborer 119.50

Foreign Missions 332.57

National Home Missions 247.12

State Home Missions 89.58

Oklahoma Bible College 132.34

National C. T. S. Contestants 10.00

Representation Fee to State 19.20

Printing of Minutes 25.00

Tithes to State Treasurer 3.00

Furnishing for W. N. A. C. Office 10.00

Sanford Florist Shop 3.50

Gift for Missionaries Wesley Calverys 33.64

Speaker Rev. Earnest Harris 10.00

Speaker Rev. Bob Ketchum 5.00

Speaker Rev. Lonnie DaVoult 15.00

Expenses for Bro. N. R. Smith at V. B. S. Workshop	15.82
Locust Grove Post Office for Stamps	4.00
Total Disbursements	\$1,091.57
Balance on Deposit, Bank of Locust Grove	\$ 136.12
Erma Lee Beene	
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 standing, 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 unholy 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 reference 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; Psal. 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; I 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 millstone 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 (1 Cor. 10:17). By partaking we exhibit a oneness of that body. What is meant by we? It certainly means all Christians of all ages when you come together tarry for another; be of one mind, but let the word of God control the mind. If it had been intended by the 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 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.

Be it resolved that we do not ordain any minister until he has a work.

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 form of water Baptism?.....
13. Do you believe that the Lord's Supper and foot 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 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?.....

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 foot 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 do teach tithes and offerings as God's financial plan?.....
14. Do you tithe to the church you are a member of?.....
15. Is your wife a member of the Free Will Baptist church?.....
16. Is your wife willing for you to be ordained?.....
17. 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?.....
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	Rev. Ronnie Smallen, Twin Oaks	
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Spavinaw		
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	Rev. Garland Davidson, Muskogee Rev. Eugene Riddle, Box 284, Haskell	

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Coweta	Bro. Woodrow Denton Bro. Dave Rickner Bro. Johnny Beller Bro. Mervle Peck Bro. Elba Walker Bro. Mervle Peck, Clerk
Duck Creek	Bro. Vester Cowell Bro. Howard Exendine Sis. Wanda Exendine, Clerk
Greenbrier	Bro. Adam Gay Bro. Troy Owens Bro. Flan Harris Bro. Eddie Peters Sis. Zelma Reynolds, Clerk
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SOUTH GRAND RIVER ASSOCIATION ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

Sept. 14, 1964 to Sept. 14, 1965

Treasurer, Ray Gwartney, 1220 E. Graham Ct., Pryor, Oklahoma

RECEIPTS —

Balance Brought Forward	\$325.13
Offerings	88.00
Sale of Pop	23.40
Refund of Check Lost by First National Bank of Tulsa	18.26

CHURCHES

	Co-op	Earmarked	Camp Ground
Bethany	\$ 585.51	\$ 84.35	
Bixby	395.11	269.81	
Carmel	610.26	92.30	
Checotah	150.00	957.17	264.00
Coweta	25.00	11.04	
Duck Creek	69.00	47.70	21.00
Greenbrier	70.00	614.96	20.00
Keefton		5.00	
Little Rock	100.00	149.00	
Locust Grove	820.44	1,208.56	36.00
Lowery	120.00	56.30	36.00
N. S. Broken Arrow		56.31	
Pensacola		58.43	25.00
Porter	153.55	84.85	
Proctor Ford		3.00	112.00
Pryor	1,360.27	730.36	
Salina	20.00	10.00	10.00
Shellenbarger	110.00	63.41	
Smith Chapel	182.37	88.72	
Spavinaw		15.80	
Shahan	180.00	403.72	36.00
Tahlequah	174.00	3.00	
Trinity Muskogee	318.50	232.68	
Wagoner	115.30	10.00	
Vian		5.00	
Individuals		183.00	
S Grand River Youth Camp		25.00	
S. Grand River Woman's Aux.		30.00	
S. Grand River Cts. Rally		50.00	
S. Grand River Missions		152.72	
	\$5,559.31	\$5,702.19	\$560.00
SUBTOTAL			\$11,821.50
TOTAL RECEIPTS			\$12,276.71
BALANCE		\$280.52	\$221.79

DISBURSEMENTS —

State Office	\$ 8,305.11
South Grand River Missions	277.84
Martha Jennings	1,924.82
Utilities	236.39
Schaefer's Office Supplies	22.03
Raymond D. Wilson Agency	476.00
Pryor Daily Times (minutes and paper)	156.00
FWB Bible College Nashville	150.00
Judy Morgan (Gifts)	50.80
Sue Gage (Gifts)	30.80
Ray Blevins (Ex. Board Clerk for Phone Bill)	3.34
State Sunday School Board (From Trinity Muskogee)	8.75
Lost Check by First National Bank of Tulsa	18.26
OBC Harvester	40.00
Oklahoma Tire and Supply	1.53
Gilbert Tractor Co.	22.77
Stewarts 66 Station (Tractor Gas)	4.50
Grand Valley Lumber of Locust Grove	45.46
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$11,774.40
BALANCE ON HAND	\$ 502.31

	No. Received	No. Dismissed	No. Deceased	Total Membership	Minute Fund	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Co-Op Plan & Association	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Literature & Education	Building & Repairs	Value of Church Property
Bethany.....	1			31	3.00	850.00		659.48	41.00	25.00	181.17	8,000.00	25,000.00
Bixby.....	21	7	1	235	7.50	2,450.00	70.00	395.11	20.25	22.45	455.47	2,596.17	30,000.00
Carmel.....	3	11		116	5.00	3,560.00	56.11	567.06	40.00	51.30	292.94	946.93	15,000.00
Checoch.....	16	4		216	12.00	2,650.00	104.02		117.08	211.06	618.50	310.56	24,500.00
Coweta.....	12	1	1	98	5.00	1,079.00	75.00	25.00	7.04		148.67	1,042.51	5,000.00
Duck Creek.....	3		1	55	3.00	390.00	21.50	54.00		39.70	365.00	85.00	12,000.00
Greenbriar.....	7	8	2	119	5.00	1,800.00		70.00	456.63	70.51	243.89		17,000.00
Keefeton.....		3	1	32	2.00	802.00			25.00		88.64	375.79	9,000.00
Little Rock.....	9	5	1	62	4.00	780.00		120.00		140.00	115.90		14,000.00
Locust Grove.....	3	3	2	127	7.50	5,052.00	80.00	879.00	1,281.00	286.00	571.00	2,307.00	27,000.00
Lowery.....	3	1		30	5.00	756.75	125.00	120.00	8.60	61.35	153.29	265.36	7,500.00
N.S. Broken Arrow.....													20,000.00
Pensacola.....		1		42	3.00	1,246.31	108.84	20.00	89.75	205.37	141.40	36.89	16,200.00
Porter.....	15			59	6.00	470.00	45.00	145.42	20.09	20.04	221.37	237.10	7,500.00
Proctor Ford.....				32	3.00	36.00	49.16	72.00			32.00		5,000.00
Pryor.....	26	6	1	268	15.00	5,140.00	273.66	1,382.27	519.77	136.61	1,341.36	6,655.67	52,500.00
Salina.....	11	3		46	5.00	861.76	36.00	56.00			147.53	93.63	5,000.00
Shahon.....	11	2		111	5.00	1,603.83	108.19	231.00	212.72	163.00	205.15	511.33	16,830.00
Shellenbarger.....	9	2		106	5.00	4,080.00	220.00	110.00	58.41		193.91	2,845.95	20,000.00
Smith Chapel.....	7			36	5.00	780.00	87.00	182.37	142.44		213.71	216.04	12,500.00
Spavinaw.....													8,000.00
Tahlequah.....	9	2		26	5.00	600.00	50.00	174.00		6.00	180.00	120.00	5,120.00
Trinity, Muskogee.....	8	5	1	105	5.00	960.00	200.00	383.10	48.06	96.59	281.33	1,681.79	35,000.00
TOTAL.....	174	64	11	1952	116.00	35,947.65	1,709.48	5,645.81	3,087.84	1,534.98	6,192.23	28,327.72	389,650.00

