

MINUTES
OF THE
South Grand River Association
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
1969



PROCEEDINGS OF THE
76th ANNUAL SESSION



When Convened September 18 - 20, 1969, at
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Wagoner, Oklahoma

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Rev. F. A. McCage, Assistant Moderator
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Howard Smith, Assistant Clerk
Rev. Ray Gwartney, Treasurer
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1969 - 1970 Officers

South Grand River Association of Free Will Baptists

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2 Year Man: Dennis Kern, Box 41, Locust Grove, Okla. 479-5941

1 Year Man: Rev. Ricky Duncan, 515 S. 24th, Muskogee, Okla. MU7-9549

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5 Year Man: Rev. Clayton Crafton, Rt. 2, Box 136, Bixby, Okla. 887-2381

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MINUTES OF MASTER'S MEN MEETING

SEPTEMBER 18, 1969

WAGONER, OKLAHOMA

Meeting opened by prayer led by Bro. Carl Hembree. Howard Gwartney presided in the absence of the president. Congregation singing led by Dennis Kern. Special number "What A Day That Will Be" by Carmel Church. Oral reports given by Carmel, Haskell and Pryor chapters. A motion was made to give \$25.00 to Oklahoma Bible College on the drapery project, motion seconded, carried. The following officers were elected for the coming year:

President: Howard Gwartney
Program Chairman: Leo Ragsdale
Activities Chairman: Owen Alexander
Membership Chairman: Herb Smith
Chorister: Greg Kern
Secretary-Treasurer: Dennis Kern

The following pastors elected to serve as a committee to the Executive Board: Rev. Ed Jenkins, Rev. Ricky Duncan and Rev. Ray Gwartney. Rev. Ricky Duncan spoke to 19 men and 4 women in attendance at the meeting. Meeting adjourned. 76th Annual Association declared in conference.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SEVENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION OF SOUTH GRAND RIVER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

FRIDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 19, 1969

Opened services by singing hymn "At The Cross" led by Rev. Berton Perry. Led in prayer by Rev. Ernest Harrison.

Billye Gwartney elected as temporary clerk and Nadine Voss as assistant clerk in absence of Associational clerk and assistant.

Devotion by Rev. F.A. McCage, Scripture I Peter 1:8.

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

Motion carried to seat Junior Mulkey, Lou Mulkey and Ruby Bridges as delegates from Bixby whose letter hadn't arrived.

Visiting brethren invited to sit with us.

Appointment of examining committee protem, Rev. Berton Perry, Rev. E.E. Jenkins, Rev. Jake Gage, and Rev. Don Payne.

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

FRIDAY, 11:00 O'CLOCK WORSHIP SERVICE

Service began by singing "Jesus Saves" led by Rev. Ricky Duncan. Prayer by Rev. Webb from the Stigler Church. Special song "I've Been To Calvary" by Ministers Quartet. Message by Rev. E.E. Jenkins, Scripture St. John 15:11. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Lynn Wood.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION, 1:15 P.M.

Prayer and testimony service at 1:15.

1:30 P.M. session began with Ministers Quartet singing "Oh How I Love Jesus". Devotion given by Rev. Ricky Duncan, Isaiah 12:3.

Letter read and accepted from Bixby church

Petitionary letter from Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church read and referred to Credential Committee.

Motion carried that Moderator and assistant appoint committees.

Temperance: Lillian Sessions, Ruby Bridges and Marguerite Kern
Literature: Don Payne, Coy Williams, Lodema Crabtree
Obituary: Wanda Exendine, Dorothy Hall, Thayerlene Due
Church Property: Junior Mulkey, E.L. Long, Verna Guinn, Sister Travis
Sunday School: Electra Morgan, Vela Scott, Maudie Pollard, Christine Long
Resolution: Berton Perry, Carl Hembree, Jake Gage
Finance: Frances Stepp, Lou Mulkey, Loreca McCage, Lila Mann

Motion carried to receive report from General Board and adopt recommendations item by item. Item No. 1, Revision of suggested form of Church conference. Item No. 2, That study committees be appointed to review the present bill of arrangements, articles of faith and the constitution to update their contents. Bill of arrangements committee - Don Payne, Don Allen and Lewis Maner. Articles of Faith committee - Ray Gwartney, E.E. Jenkins and Coleman Kirk. Constitution committee - Carl Hembree, Berton Perry and Hugh Pollard.

Motion carried to receive oral report from State Executive Secretary, Rev. Homer Young.

Motion carried to receive report from Oklahoma Bible College by Rev. Lynn Wood.

Motion carried to accept partial report of Credentials committee recommending Willis Mulkey, Jr., to be ordained as deacon.

Motion carried to accept Youth Camp treasurers report given by Rev. F.A. McCage.

Motion carried to adjourn business until 9:30 Saturday morning. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Webb.

FRIDAY EVENING MISSION SERVICE, SEPTEMBER 19, 1969

Service began with congregational singing led by Rev. Clayton Crafton. Prayer by Rev. Ernest Harrison. Special music by Rev. Jess Stepp, Rev. Ricky Duncan, Rev. Berton Perry and Rev. Clayton Crafton. A testimony was then given by Howard and Willie Gage. Message by Rev. Bob Duncan, member of State Board of Church Extension. Scripture from Psalms 126:5-6. Dismissed in prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE, SEPTEMBER 20, 1969

Service began by singing "Blessed Jesus" led by Bro. V.E. Moses. Devotion and prayer by Rev. Ernest Harrison, Luke 15:7.

Motion carried that temporary committees fill their own vacancies.

Reading of remaining church letters by clerk. Motion carried to seat their delegates.

Motion carried to accept Duck Creek church's addition to their letter.

Motion carried to accept partial report of Examining Board.

Motion carried to accept resignation of Rev. R.C. Kissee from the Examining Board.

Motion carried to place Rev. Louis Maxwell as five year man on the Examining Board replacing Rev. R.C. Kissee.

Motion carried to accept treasurers report given by Rev. Ray Gwartney.

Motion carried to accept report from Temperance Committee.

Motion carried to accept report from Estimate of Church Property committee and add \$1200.00 for Duck Creek Church property estimate.

Motion carried to accept Youth Camp clerk's report, given by Frances Stepp.

Motion carried to accept Woman's Auxiliary report given by Marguerite Kern and print their report in Association minutes.

Motion carried to appoint a committee consisting of elected officers of Association and elected officers of Quarterly meeting to meet at 7:30 P.M. on the evening before the Quarterly and Annual meetings to examine all church letters and make a report of their contents to present to the meetings.

Motion carried to place this resolution in our Bill of Arrangements.

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

SATURDAY, 11:00 O'CLOCK WORSHIP SERVICE

Service opened with prayer by Rev. Riddle. Singing led by Bro. Moses.

Motion carried to accept report of Obituary committee. Services turned to the speaker, Rev. Ray Gwartney. The message was from II Timothy 4:6-8. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Carl Pollard.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 1:30 P.M.

Service began with an altar of prayer. Song "We're Marching To Zion" led by Bro. V.E. Moses. Devotion and prayer by Rev. Richard Callison.

Motion carried to accept the report of the Resolution Committee.

Motion carried to accept the report of the Sunday School Committee.

Motion carried to accept the report of the Literature Committee.

Motion carried to combine the Literature and Sunday School Committees.

Motion carried that the Assistant Moderator assist all committees in the purpose of their deliberations.

Motion carried to accept the report of the Board of Christian Education.

Motion carried to refer resolutions No. 5 and 6 to the Board of Trustees for consideration.

Motion carried that the Executive Board be empowered to draw up a master plan of the development of the camp grounds.

Motion carried to accept the report of the Examining Board.

Motion carried to accept the report of the Finance Committee.

Motion carried to accept the report of the Mission Board.

Motion carried that the committee that investigated the cost of the State Convention be authorized to make all arrangements for the building at Muskogee.

Motion carried that the Moderator appoint a steering committee to make arrangements for the convention. This committee consists of Rev. Ray Gwartney, Rev. Cordell Coppin, Rev. Ricky Duncan, Rev. Ernest Harrison, Rev. Louis Maxwell, Rev. James Spears and Rev. Clayton Crafton.

Motion carried that each church send \$40.00 sometime during the year for State Convention expense to be held in Muskogee in 1970.

Motion carried that \$200.00 be set aside from the Association Treasury to take care of present convention expense.

Speaker for 11 o'clock introductory message, 1970, Rev. Ernest Harrison, alternate Rev. E.E. Jenkins. Speaker for memorial service Rev. Carl Hembree, alternate Rev. Louis Maxwell.

Motion carried to give an honorarium of \$25.00 each to the clerk and treasurer.

Motion carried to give all churches one week to send money and names of delegates to clerk for State Association.

Those elected to fill Executive Board vacancies: 3 year men, Rev. Ray Gwartney, Rev. F.A. McCage and Rev. Richard Callison.

Examining Board vacancy filled by electing Rev. Ernest Harrison.

Bro. V.E. Moses elected as 5 year man on Board of Trustees.

Rev. Ronnie Smallen elected as 5 year man and Rev. Ricky Duncan as 1 year man on Board of Christian Education.

Mission Board vacancy filled by electing Rev. Clayton Crafton.

Motion carried to invite Rev. Jack Parramore, representative from Nashville Free Will Baptist Bible College and Rev. Homer Young and Rev. Lynn Wood from Oklahoma Bible College for a meeting at the camp grounds on November 1, 1969, at 10:00 A.M.

Officers elected to serve the coming year as follows:

Moderator: Rev. J.D. Stepp

Assistant Moderator: Rev. F.A. McCage

Clerk: Don Allen

Assistant Clerk: Howard Smith

Treasurer: Rev. Ray Gwartney

Assistant Treasurer: Wesley Abbott

Reporter: Nathalie Allen

Motion carried to adjourn. Dismissed with prayer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL: We your committee wish to recommend that all of our Free Will Baptist churches use Free Will Baptist literature in Sunday School and C.T.S.

We recommend that we have more Sunday School Teachers Training Courses and that we place more emphasis on visitation and prayer. Electra Morgan, Vela Scott, Maudie Pollard and Christine Long.

TEMPERANCE: We your Temperance committee wish to present the following report: We believe in total abstinence of strong drink, that women dress modestly as becoming to a Christian, that we abstain from all habits that are harmful to the body or that would be a bad example to others, not to let worldly pastimes or pleasures keep us from assembling ourselves together. We encourage the daily family altar and home training. Remember the Bible says in Proverbs 22:6 'Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it.' Lillian Sessions, Ruby Bridges, Marguerite Kern.

LITERATURE: We your committee on literature recommend that the churches of South Grand River use the Bible as the supreme source and basis of all literature used by them. We further recommend that our churches and people avail themselves of all Free Will Baptist literature published by our national association for the church and the home. Coy Williams, Lodema Crabtree, Don Payne.

OBITUARY: We your Obituary Committee report as follows: It is with sadness of heart we submissively bow to the call of our Heavenly Father who removed from our midst: Sister Lora Jennings, Sister Banche Davidson and Sister Ed Phillips from the Checotah church; Sister Grace Perkins from the Carmel church; Sister Rachal Haws from the Coweta church; Sister Hattie Cowell from the Duck Creek church; Brother Herbert Bates from the Greenbrier church; Brother Buford Trickett, Brother Griffin Walker, Sister Rhoda Mashburn and Sister Livy Smith from the Haskell church; Sister Grace Boyd, Brother Sam Sessions and Brother Rabe Boyd from the Pryor church; Sister Vida Weaver from the Salina church; Sister Elsie Blagg, Sister Lizzie Goines and Brother Clem Rhodes from the Bixby church. There was a total of 18 deceased from 9 of our churches and they will be greatly missed. Wanda Exendine, Thayerlene Due, Fay Garrison, Dorothy Hall.

FINANCE: We your Finance Committee received the following amounts: Association Minutes, \$206.50; Youth Camp for Minutes, \$25.00; Woman's Auxiliary for minutes, \$25.00; State Delegate fees, \$130.00. Frances Stepp, Loreca McCage, Lila Mann, Lou Mulkey.

ESTIMATE OF CHURCH PROPERTY: We beg to report from information received from delegates and church letters the following totals: Church property, \$776,583.00; Association property, \$51,000.00; Grand Total \$827,583.00. Willis Mulkey, Jr., E.L. Long, Sister Travis.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE: We your Examining Committee have examined Bro. Robert D. Kelley of the Shahan church and recommend that he be ordained as a deacon. We recommend the following: Faye Green from Carmel church be accepted into the association as an ordained minister, Raymond Burgess from Carmel church be ordained as deacon, David Chartier from Carmel church be licensed to preach for one year, Earl Jenkins from Carmel church be licensed to preach for one year. That the Grant Avenue church be accepted into this association upon receipt of a letter of recommendation from First Mission Association and that their pastor, James Crow, be accepted also upon receipt of above letter. That Earl Cope be ordained to the gospel ministry, he is pastor of Hillcrest church, Wagoner. That Fred Redfearn be accepted into the association, he is pastor of Duck Creek church. Roy Bingham, Louis Maxwell, F.A. McCage, Oren Estes.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: Number 1: Be it resolved that we recommend that all pastors attend at least one service of the annual associational meeting unless providentially hindered. This will be handled by registration and each pastor will be reminded by letter yearly at the 3rd quarterly meeting from the associational clerk. Number 2: Be it resolved that all ministers and deacons register at each quarterly meeting and annual association and that this registration be added to the minutes. Berton Perry, Carl Hembree, Gerald Mozingo.

South Grand River Association
CO-OPERATIVE BREAKDOWN

State Association	50%
District Association	40%
Scholarship	5%
Home Missions	5%

QUARTERLY MEETING BUSINESS

December 14, 1968

No resolutions passed.

March 15, 1969

Be it resolved that we buy paint and paint windows in rest rooms and purchase towel racks and paper towels for rest rooms and that wash basins be installed in rest rooms before youth camp.

June 14, 1969

Resolutions passed: No. 1. Be it resolved that we install a security light at the rear of the auditorium and that the association bear the expense. We recommend that we give Bro. Maner authority to proceed with this. No. 2. Be it resolved that the association build a concrete walk along the front of the auditorium from the wall to extend four feet.

SOUTH GRAND RIVER ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT
September 8, 1968 - September 10, 1969

RECEIPTS

Balance brought forward				\$1,703.55
Churches	Co-Op	Earmarked	Camp Ground	
Bethany	1,063.01	1,139.70		
Bixby		2,960.75	130.00	
Carmel	908.36	332.37		
Central Miami	130.00	130.00		
Checotah	736.13	714.89		
Coweta	55.00	170.00		
Duck Creek	130.00	139.50	39.00	
Greenbrier	90.00	419.26		
Haskell		3,048.38		
Hillcrest Wagoner	286.58	8.00		
Hitchita	157.43	286.74	10.00	
Keefeton	111.60	309.51		
Little Rock	120.00	158.36		
Locust Grove	848.07	2,408.23	36.00	
Lowery	120.00	345.00	36.00	
N. S. Broken Arrow		5.00		
Pensacola	288.79	542.40	50.00	
Porter	141.68	176.86		
Pryor	2,137.54	2,914.11		
Salina				
Shahan	180.00	707.05	36.00	
Shellenbarger	437.81	801.25		
Smith Chapel	334.85	281.33		
Spavinaw	89.70	473.75	5.00	
Tahlequah	267.00	5.00		
Trinity Muskogee	190.30	293.77		
Wagoner First	95.38	38.45		
S. G. R. Mission Board		500.00		
S. G. R. Auxiliary		25.00		
S. G. R. Youth Camp		50.00		
Individual		50.00		
Offering		126.74		
Refund Expense Sp.Co.			105.10	
Northern & Cna Ins.			49.00	
Subtotal	\$8,919.23	19,561.40	496.10	\$28,976.73
Total Receipts				30,680.28
Bal. Board Christian Ed.	445.59	27.00	511.82	

DISBURSEMENTS

State Office	\$26,273.19
Utilities	215.57
So. Grand River Missions	445.88
Caretaker	601.00
Free Will Baptist Bible College (Gifts & Scholarships)	400.00
O. B. C. (Scholarships & Harvester)	240.00
Clerk and Treasurer (Honorarium \$25.00 each)	50.00
Executive Board Mileage	109.00
Special Committee Expense	300.00
Jennings Grocery	2.80
Schaefer's Office Supply	24.47
C. T. S. Rally	11.00
Byron Smith Printing (Minutes & Programs)	288.00
Oklahoma Tire and Supply	4.57
Chapman Tire Service	4.50
Bells Stations (Tractor Gas & Oil)	17.65
Rogers Plumbing Supply	41.15
Commercial Printing	47.26
Coast to Coast Store	4.98
The Landon Company	6.44
Spot Barber Shop (P.A. System)	140.00
National Home Mission Board	227.00
Postmaster	42.00
Wagoner Lumber	7.81
Free Will Baptist Church - Pryor (Telephone & Mower Gift)	11.85
Arhtur Billows (Gift from Haskell)	100.00
Lakeland Drug	2.50
Western Associate Store	15.13
Wilky-Moore Appliance	9.38
Gilbert Tractor Co.	8.68
Peter's Store (Gift for Gage's)	44.06
Total Disbursements	\$29,695.87
Balance on Hand	984.41

INFORMATIONS

Total Receipts	Increase
1964 -- \$ 9,522.85	\$2,753.86
1965 -- 12,276.71	3,514.64
1966 -- 15,791.35	3,434.37
1967 -- 19,225.72	4,509.81
1968 -- 23,735.53	6,944.75
1969 -- 30,680.28	

Ray Gwartney, 1220 E. Graham Ct., Pryor, Oklahoma VA5-2428

SOUTH GRAND RIVER ASSOCIATION YOUTH CAMP

JUNE 15-20, 1969

SUNDAY, JUNE 15:

Services were opened with prayer by Rev. Charles Bigger at 7:30 in the evening.

Songs were led by Carole Carner, after which Rev. R.C. Kisse led our minds in prayer.

A special song, "Calvary Conquered My Heart", was sung by Carole Carner, Cheryl Kinion, and Elaine Allen, accompanied by the camp pianist, Marian Kern.

The Camp President, Bro. Herb Smith, introduced our Evangelist for the week, Rev. Ricky Duncan. Bro. Duncan took his message for the evening from Luke 19.

Services were closed with an invitational song, "Where He Leads Me", a few announcements by Bro. Smith, and a dismissal prayer.

MONDAY, JUNE 16:

At 8:30 General Assembly the devotion was given by R.C. Kisse. The devotion was taken from I Peter.

Classes were organized and took their places.

Bro. McCage opened our Morning Worship with prayer.

Carole Carner led in a few songs.

Bro. Duncan took his text from Luke 1.

Following the Morning Message, Bro. Berton Perry led in a dismissal prayer and grace for the noon meal.

At 1:30 Missionary Prayer Band was opened with prayer by Bobby Littlefield, and a song led by Carole Carner.

Sis. Nelda Gwartney told us about the missionaries in Africa.

Larry Gwartney led our minds in a special prayer for these missionaries.

Rev. Charles Bigger dismissed our Prayer Band with prayer.

At 6:30 a few of the campers, with the help of Brenda Gwartney, presented a Fun-Time.

Bro. Smith opened with prayer. There were numerous skits and songs, and lots of laughter.

At the Evening Service Brenda Gwartney led in songs, and Bro. Lynn Wood from OBC led our minds in prayer.

David Chamberlin from the FWB Bible College in Nashville made a few comments on the college.

The Crusaders Quartet from Nashville presented a program of select gospel music. Each of the young men made a brief testimony.

Bro. Duncan took his text for the evening from Luke 16.

Brenda Gwartney sang "Wherever He Leads I'll Go", for the invitation.

Bro. Howard Gage dismissed our evening service in prayer, after a few brief announcements.

TUESDAY, JUNE 17:

At Assembly Brenda Gwartney led in a song. After the song Johnny Graves led our minds in prayer.

Bro. Ed Jenkins gave a devotional taken from Prov. 13, and dismissed us in prayer.

At Morning Worship Brenda Gwartney led in songs, and Bro. Berton Perry led our minds in prayer.

Brenda Gwartney and Marguerite Kern sang a special song, "He Cared That Much For Me".

Bro. Duncan took his message from Deut. 33.

Brenda Gwartney sang "Lord, I'm Coming Home" for the invitational number.

Bro. Lynn Wood prayed a dismissal prayer and also grace for the noon meal.

At 1:30 Marguerite Kern opened Missionary Prayer Band by leading in a few songs.

Howard Gwartney read a few verses from the Book of Mark.

There were a few requests for prayer concerning the Missionaries. Earl Jenkins, Cheryl Kinion, and Jeannette Forrest led in special prayers for these Missionaries.

We sang the chorus of "Win the Lost at Any Cost", then Marguerite Kern dismissed in prayer.

At 6:30 we met again to have Fun-Time. Carole Carner led in a few songs between skits.

The Evening Service was opened by Brenda Gwartney leading in songs. Rev. McCage led in prayer.

A group of teenagers sang "In the Shelter of His Arms".

A solo, "He Touched Me" was presented by Sharon James.

The Camp Choir sang "Kum-ba-yah".

Bro. Duncan took his message for the evening from Jonah 1.

An invitational song, "I Surrender All", was led by Brenda Gwartney.

Bro. Dixon led our minds in a dismissal prayer.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18:

At General Assembly Cheryl Kinion led in an opening song.

The devotional was given by Rev. McCage, and was taken from Matthew 5.

Rev. Ray Gwartney opened the Morning Service, and Bro. Ed Jenkins led our minds in prayer. Brenda Gwartney led in songs.

A group of teenagers sang a special song, "I've Been to Calvary".

Kurt and Larry Gwartney sang "Jesus Signed My Pardon".

Bro. Duncan took his text for the morning from Matthew 13.

Brenda Gwartney led in "Just As I Am" for the invitation.

Bro. Ed Jenkins dismissed in a prayer for the noon meal.

Our Missionary Prayer Band was opened with prayer by Bobby Littlefield, and a few songs led by Marguerite Kern.

Bro. Howard Gage spoke to us about his Mission Work in Africa.

Earl Jenkins and David Chartier led in the closing prayers for our Missionaries.

The teenagers stayed for choir practice after Prayer Band.

At the Evening Service Brenda Gwartney led in singing.

The Teenage Choir sang a special song "Like A Melody".

Bro. Fred McCoy led our minds in prayer.

Brenda Gwartney presented a solo entitled "Moment by Moment".

Bro. Duncan took his message from Luke 5:10 and Mark 1:17.

Brenda Gwartney led in an invitational number, "Just As I Am".

Many teenagers opened their hearts to Christ, and some made commitments to Him.

Hal Gwartney led our minds in a dismissal prayer.

THURSDAY, JUNE 19:

Bro. Charles Bigger gave the devotional for 8:30 Assembly, from Psalms 26.

At Morning Worship Johnny Graves opened with prayer, and Marguerite Kern led in some choruses.

A group of young girls from Greenbrier Church sang "Down on My Knees".

Bro. Duncan presented a solo, "Ten Thousand Angels".

For the Morning Message Bro. Duncan took his text from Isaiah 53.

"Near the Cross" was led by Marguerite Kern for the invitation.

Marguerite Kern opened Missionary Prayer Band with a song. She told us about some of the countries that have a great need for Missionaries. Marian Kern, Laura Clay, and Julie McCoy led in prayers for these countries.

At the Evening Service Bro. Herb Smith opened with a few announcements.

Brenda Gwartney led in songs, and R.C. Kissee led our minds in prayer.

The Teenage Choir sang "The Old Rugged Cross", with Howard Gwartney presenting a verse of the song with a trumpet solo.

Bro. Duncan took his message from I Thess. 1.

Brenda Gwartney led in "Just As I Am" for the invitation.

Bro. Ed Jenkins prayed a dismissal prayer.

After the service, a few of the campers presented a special Fun-Time. There were many songs and skits, and lots of extra laughter from our visitors.

Refreshments were served after Fun-Time in the kitchen.

After the break, we saw a Christian film "Without Onions".

The campers were allowed to stay up later than usual because this was their last night.

FRIDAY, JUNE 20:

Bro. Herb opened Assembly with a few announcements, and Bro. Stepp led our minds in prayer before dismissal.

Classes were cut short so that there would be plenty of time for the campers to load their things.

At Morning Worship it was acknowledged that there was an enrollment of 127 campers and 32 adults. We were also told that 45 of the campers had been saved or re-dedicated.

Brenda Gwartney led in a few choruses, and Sis. Osborne led our minds in prayer.

Sharon James presented a solo "What A Day That Will Be".

June Dunegan, Elaine Allen, Cheryl Kinion, and Marian Kern sang a special song, "Yes He Did".

Brenda Gwartney and Marguerite Kern sang "The Way That He Loves".

Bro. Duncan took the message for our last service from James. The message was titled "Victory Over Temptation".

Camp ended on a beautiful note for another year.

THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOUTH GRAND RIVER WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The 11th Annual Session of South Grand River Association's Woman's Auxiliary convened at Wagoner, Oklahoma, September 18, 1969. The service opened with singing, "He Lives", led by Carole Carner, pianist, Sherian Davis. President Marguerite Kern presided, prayer by Nadine Voss. Devotion was given by Billye Gwartney using scripture from Daniel 12:3 and theme, Fruitful Unto Every Good Work.

Appointment of Committees by President:

CREDENTIALS: Lillian Lemley, Wanda Key, Faye Rovers

FINANCE: Billye Gwartney, Betty Burgess, Mavis Rowbotham

REGISTRATION: Wanda Gage, Ruby Crafton

Report from the National Convention by Billye Gwartney reading Resolutions and Recommendations. Sue Perry gave Field Secretary report stating South Grand River exceeded their quota this year. Treasurers' report \$1855.10 given through the Auxiliary treasury. Recording Secretary report by Lodema Crabtree. South Grand River has 11 Auxiliaries and 112 members. Auxiliaries represented 10 with 46 members, 18 visitors, 10 children, total 74 present. Motion made, seconded, carried to accept these reports. Dismissed for recess with prayer by Bro. Eddie Payne. Service opened again singing, "Praise Him, Praise Him", and a prayer by Vernie Morgan. Offering received and a prayer by Marguerite Kern. Greenbrier duet sang, "He Cares For Me", followed by a Devotion by Sandra Payne, Gal. 5:22-23, Isaiah 55:8-9 and Fruits of the Spirit as her subject. Following was a message brought by Bro. Eddie Payne closing with a prayer. Dismissed for lunch by prayer by Lura Gebhart.

Afternoon Session opened with singing "To God Be The Glory", and prayer by Betty Hargrove. Devotion by Willie Gage using Daniel 12:3 and the Thought for the Day as topic.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE reported \$29.43 offering received and Resolutions as follows: (1) Be it resolved we give \$40.00 to our speakers Bro. and Sis. Eddie Payne. (2) We give \$5.00 to defray expenses of our installation officer, Marguerite Hinesly. (3) That we continue to give \$5.00 for a nursery attendant. Motion made, seconded, carried to accept each resolution.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE with these Recommendations: (1) Each Auxiliary have required number studies each year. (2) Each Auxiliary keep achievement chart up to date and bring to annual meeting to be graded. (3) More Reading Circles be conducted. (4) Be more accurate on report slips. (5) More Family Altars and Daily Bible Readers. Motion made, seconded, carried to accept these.

Speakers were chosen for the Quarterly Meeting. Rev. Leon Hargrove and alternate Rev. Rick Duncan. Motion made, seconded, carried to elect these by acclamation. Motion made that we buy Sandra Payne a nurses watch. An amendment to the motion was made to have each local Auxiliary give \$5.00 and if this amount wasn't needed for the watch that it be applied to the Payne's account. Motion seconded, carried.

The Delegate and Alternate were chosen for the National Convention. Motion was made, seconded, carried, by acclamation to send Billye Gwartney as Delegate, Sue Perry as Alternate.

Nominating Committee submitted following names for the offices to be filled:

President	Carole Carner
Vice President	Nelda Gwartney
Recording Secretary	Louise Mazingo
Ass't Recording Secretary	Lucille Littlefield
Corresponding Secretary	Wanda Gage
Treasurer	Velma Moore
Field Secretary	Marguerite Kern
Missions	Billye Gwartney
Study Course Prayer Chairman	Lillian Lemley
Stewardship Prayer Chairman	Vernie Morgan
Personal Service Evangelism	Betty Burgess

Historian Frances Stepp
Song Leader Sue Perry
Pianist Sherian Davis

Motion made, seconded, carried to elect by acclamation.
Installation of Officers by State President, Marguerite Hinsely.
Dedicatory prayer by Lura Gebhart.
Benediction by Marguerite Kern.

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 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 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.

SUGGESTED ORDER OF CHURCH CONFERENCE

- I. Call church into conference.
- II. Read minutes of previous meeting.
- III. Invite visiting brethren to sit in council.
- IV. Call for business items in the following order:
 1. Treasurer's Report
 2. Report of all standing boards in the church
 - a. Trustees Board
 - b. Deacon Board
 - c. Christian Education Board
 - d. Missions Board
 - e. Other Standing Boards
 3. Unfinished Business
 4. New Business
- V. The reading of the minutes for correction.
- VI. 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; Psa. 37:23-34; Heb. 2:9-10.

4. We believe that Jesus Christ by His birth, death, burial and resurrection purchased our pardon and offered it freely to all mankind upon the principles of repentance toward God and with faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He now commands all men everywhere to repent. Therefore He sayeth, "Look unto me and be saved all the ends of the earth, for I am God and there is none else". Matt. 4:17; Isa. 45:22; Acts 20:21.

5. We believe that all persons dying in infancy and all idiots are saved by the atoning merits of the Son of God without any acts on their part. That persons coming to years of accountability, transgressing the law of God must upon their part exercise faith in Jesus Christ through repentance toward God, at the completion of which pardon takes place in the mind of the Father and by the Holy Spirit they pass through the ordeal of regeneration, are washed in the blood of the lamb and are planted in the kingdom of Christ. St. John 3; Matt. 10:13-22; II Cor. 7:10; Luke 18:16-17; St. John 4:11-16; Psalms 98:3; Col. 1:13.

6. We believe that all true believers in Christ should persevere in divine grace and in knowledge of the truth that God's grace is sufficient to help them overcome all the obstacles of life and that all the combined forces of the great enemy of souls on earth and in hell or in His eternal abode are not able to pluck them from His hand so long as they walk in the path of duty, but those who sidestep and willfully refuse or neglect to perform their duty they would backslide, and if persists continually, would be eternally lost. II Cor. 9:10; Peter 1:4-8; I Peter 2:2; Romans 8:35-39; I Cor. 10:1-13; Hebrews 12:15-17; I John 5:16; Heb. 6:6; I Tim. 4:12; Heb. 3:12; Matt. 12:31-32.

7. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of believers in water, in the name of the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost. In which is represented the burial and resurrection of Christ, and only those who have come under the presbytery of elders are qualified to administer the same. Any church found guilty will be dealt with and excluded from the Association. Matt. 3:14-16; I Peter 3:21; St. John 3:23; Acts 10:47; Matt. 28:19.

8. We believe that the Lord's Supper and washing of feet are ordinances of the Gospel of Christ. The Lord's Supper was instituted by our 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. 3:21-22; I Thes. 5:19-23; II Tim. 2-20.

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 23:43; 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.

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 all Standing Boards 10c 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 that a committee consisting of elected officers of association and elected officers of quarterly meeting, to meet at 7:30 P.M. on the evening before the quarterly and annual meeting to examine all church letters and make a report of their contents to present to the meeting.

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

Be it resolved that for each minister or deacon coming to our Association from another Association our Associational Clerk shall write for a letter of recommendation from their Association.

QUESTIONS ON DOCTRINE

1. Do you believe that the Scripture, the Old and New Testament, are the infallible word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice? --
2. Do you believe in the Trinity? -----
3. Name the God Head -----
4. Is salvation obtained through the Blood of Christ? -----
5. Name the conditions of salvation -----
6. Do you believe that speaking in an unknown tongue is evidence of having received the baptism of the Holy Ghost? -----
7. Do you believe in a second definite work of grace or baptism of the Holy Ghost separate and apart from regeneration? -----
8. What composes the body of Christ? -----
9. Does the Bible teach that God has an organized visible church on this earth? -----
10. Do you believe that Baptism is a Gospel ordinance? -----
11. Who are the proper subjects for baptism? -----
12. Do you believe that immersion is the proper of water Baptism? ----
13. Do you believe that the Lord's Supper and feet washing are divine ordinances and should be observed repeatedly? -----
14. (a) Do you teach and practice these ordinances? -----
(b) Do you practice these ordinances at night? -----
15. Do you believe in the possibility of apostasy? -----
16. Do you believe in the resurrection of the bodies of all men? -----
17. Do you believe that there will be a judgment when time and man's probation will close forever and then all will be judged according to their works? -----
18. Do you believe that immediately after the judgment the righteous will enter into eternal life, and the wicked into a state of endless punishment? -----
19. Do you believe that Christ, at his second coming, will close the gospel dispensation, glorify His saints, and judge the world? -----
20. I pledge myself to teach and defend the Free Will Baptist Doctrine to the best of my ability. If at any future time I preach or teach any doctrine contrary to the Free Will Baptist articles of faith, I will surrender my credentials to the Quarterly Conference of which I am a member.

-----Signature

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR 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 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. 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? -----

I, _____, pledge myself to teach and defend the Free Will Baptist Doctrine to the best of my ability. If at any future time I preach or teach any doctrine contrary to the Free Will Baptist articles of faith, I will surrender my credentials to the Quarterly Conference of which I am a member.

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR MINISTERS DESIRING LICENSE

1. Are you the husband of one wife? -----
2. Is your wife a member of the Free Will Baptist Church? -----
3. How long have you been a Christian? -----
4. How long have you been a Free Will Baptist? -----
5. Is your wife willing that you be licensed? -----
6. Do you or your wife have any habits that would hinder your ministry? -----
7. In your opinion, what is God's plan for financing His 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? --
12. Do you believe in the Trinity? -----
13. Name the God Head -----
14. Is Salvation obtained through the Blood of Christ? -----
15. Name the conditions of Salvation -----
16. Do you believe that speaking in an unknown tongue is evidence of having received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost? -----
17. Do you believe in a second definite work of Grace of Baptism of the Holy Ghost separate and apart from regeneration? -----
18. What composes the body of Christ? -----
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20. Do you believe that Baptism is a Gospel Ordinance? -----
21. Who are the proper subjects for Baptism? -----
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24. (a) Do you teach and practice these ordinances? -----
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25. Do you believe in the possibility of apostasy? -----
26. Do you believe in the resurrection of the bodies of all men? -----
27. Do you believe that there will be a judgment when time and man's probation will close forever and then all will be judged according to their works? -----
28. Do you believe that immediately after the judgment the righteous will enter into eternal life, and the wicked into a state of endless punishment? -----
29. Do you believe that Christ at His Second Coming will close the gospel dispensation, glorify His Saints, and judge the world? -----

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ROLL OF MINISTERS

(* Indicates Pastor of Church)

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	Rev. Ezra McClain, Rt. 1, Bixby, Okla.	
	Rev. Clayton Crafton, Rt. 2, Bixby, Okla.	
	Rev. Eddie Crafton, Bixby, Okla.	
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Checotah.....	*Rev. F.A. McCage, 712 N. Broadway Checotah, Okla.	473-5446
	Rev. Howard Gage, Pryor, Okla.	
Coweta.....	*Rev. S.L. Mashburn, Coweta, Okla. Rev. Arthur Copeland, Coweta, Okla.	
Duck Creek.....	*Rev. Fred Redfearn, 6142 West 10th Tulsa, Okla.	245-3425
Greenbrier.....	*Rev. Leon Hargrove, Rt. 2, Adair, Okla. Rev. Chriss Schilts, Strang, Okla.	785-2675
Haskell.....	*Rev. Don Payne, Box 584, Haskell, Okla. Rev. T.H. Dixon, 925 W. Knisley, Checotah, Okla. Rev. Eugene Riddle, Box 284, Haskell, Okla. Rev. H.C. Kirk, Box 116, Haskell, Okla.	
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Keefeton.....	*Rev. Cordell Coppin, Rt. 2, Muskogee, Okla.	463-2249
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	Rev. W.C. Condit, Salina, Okla.	GR9-5538
Locust Grove.....	*Rev. Carl Hembree, Box 183, Locust Grove, Okla.	479-5640
	Rev. Bill Grass, Locust Grove, Okla.	
	Rev. M.W. Ogilvie, Pryor, Okla.	
	Rev. George Henderson, Locust Grove, Okla.	
Lowery.....	*Rev. James L. Spears, Kansas, Okla. Rev. Dalton Beene, Locust Grove, Okla. Rev. Mervin Hewes, Siloam Springs, Ark.	868-2867
Northside Broken Arrow....	*Rev. Oren Estes, Haskell, Okla. Rev. Cecil Cornett, Bixby, Okla.	HU2-5646
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Porter.....	*Rev. D.C. Rubarts, Box 715, Porter, Okla.	483-2441

Pryor.	*Rev. Ray Gwartney, 1220 E. Graham Ct. Pryor, Okla.	825-2428
	Rev. Jake Gage, 18 N. Bailey, Pryor, Okla.	825-2773
Salina.	*Rev. Calvin Morgan, Adair, Okla.	SU5-3246
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Shellenbarger.	*Rev. J.D. Stepp, Box 52, Bixby, Okla.	887-2381
Smith Chapel.	*Rev. Louis Maxwell, Box 144, Rose, Okla.	479-5935
Spavinaw.	*Rev. Richard Callison, Rt. 2, Box 102 Pryor, Okla.	VA5-3358
Tahlequah.	*Rev. Ronnie Smallen, 419 Bluff Tahlequah, Okla.	456-4613
Trinity Muskogee. .	*Rev. Ricky Duncan, 515 S. 24th St., Muskogee, Okla.	687-9549
Wagoner First.	*Rev. C.J. Stump, 1619 S. Aberdeen Muskogee, Okla. Rev. Doyle Hood, Wagoner, Okla.	

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Bethany.	Howard Smith Don Allen Wesley Jarman Fern Sharp, Clerk, 1007 W. "F" Street Jenks, Okla.	CY9-5287
Bixby.	Carl E. Venable Coy McElroy Glen McClain Earl Fine Dennis Horn Brooks Venable, Clerk, 201 N. Grant, Bixby, Okla.	
Carmel.	Darrell Buchanan Baxter Hill J.D. Buchanan W.A. McLaughlin Betty Burgess, Clerk, 605 S. 69th W. Ave. Tulsa, Okla.	245-2417
Checotah.	Ellery Lemley Sidney Mackey Walter Woods Jess Ferguson Ulmot Farmer Hervie Lemley Oscar Dunlap Hubert Davidson Roma Browning Phi Voss Norma Davidson, Clerk, Checotah, Okla.	
Coweta.	Mervle Peck Elvie Gilbert, Clerk, Coweta, Okla.	
Duck Creek.	Howard Exendine Berthal Ennis, Rt. 2, Mounds, Okla.	CO7-4783

Greenbrier.	Adam Gay Flan Harris Eddie Peters Don Kinion Zelma Reynolds, Clerk, Rt. 2, Adair, Okla.	785-2604
Haskell.	R.L. Riddle Robert Points Bessie Riddle, Clerk, Box 452, Haskell, Okla.	HU2-5441
Hillcrest Wagoner. .	Cleo Jones Lewis Maner Kathy Jones, Clerk, 515 W. Shawnee Tahlequah, Okla.	456-3749
Hitchita.	Lillian Sessions, Clerk, Rt. 3, Box 238 Henryetta, Okla.	466-2236
Keefeton.	Kenneth Lowe William Rains Alvin Beavers Orela Lowe, Clerk, Rt. 2, Box 223AA Muskogee, Okla.	
Little Rock.	H.C. Littlefield Louise Mazingo, Clerk, Star Rt. E, Box 36 Locust Grove, Okla.	GR9-5665
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Lowery.	Edmond Gwartney Russell Ferguson Jewel Ferguson, Clerk, Kansas, Okla.	
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Pensacola.	Frank Brixey Lewis Clapper Elijah Gay Dorothy Hudson, Clerk, Rt. 3, Vinita, Okla.	SU2-3797
Porter.	E.C. McEntire Dee Gorgan Fred George Thelma Cole, Clerk, Box 722, Porter, Okla.	
Pryor.	Harris Gurley Marvin Coats Joe Roberts Wesley Abbott Pauletta Wilson, Clerk, 512 S. W. 1st Pryor, Okla.	825-0797

Salina.	Hugh Pollard Dolph Morgan Owen Walters Jeanie Isley, Clerk, Rt. 1, Box 15, Salina, Okla.	
Shahan.	Delbert Hand Ralph Mahan Wesley Faught Ronald Garrett Lee Massey Altha Carter, Clerk, Rt. 2, Box 123A Broken Arrow, Okla.	486-5614
Shellenbarger.	Leonard Terry ✓ Ulysses James ✓ Tommy Gibson ✓ Eugene Green ✓ Cloyd Wright ✓ Verlin Bogle ✓ Walter Hilton ✓ Lee Roy Roberts ✓ Troy Jones, Clerk, Box 441, Bixby, Okla.	887-2942
Smith Chapel.	Troy Gwartney Cecil Clifton Watie Bell Harold Wolfe Dorothy Maxwell, Clerk, Box 144, Rose, Okla.	479-5935
Spavinaw.	Jess Newby Ides Newby Ruby Newby, Cler, Rt. 2, Box 82, Spavinaw, Okla.	JU9-2441
Tahlequah.	Madge Dill, Clerk, Hulbert, Okla.	
Trinity Muskogee. .	Bill Conrad V.E. Moses Forest Hayes Ruth Horton, Clerk, Rt. 1, Box 197F Muskogee, Okla.	687-5176
Wagoner First.	Clyde Freeman Jim Gilmore Velmont Farmer Nellie Bays, Clerk, 703 N. Gertrude Wagoner, Okla.	

1969		No. Received	No. Dismissed	No. Deceased	Total Membership	Minute Fund	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Co-Op Plan and Association	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Literature and Education	Building and Repairs	Value of Church Property
CHURCH														
Bethany.....	0	0	0	70	5.00	1,150.00								
Bixby.....	10	21	3	152	25.00	6,090.00								
Carmel.....	15	11	1	72	10.00	4,570.00								
Central Miami.....	1	1	0	18	5.00	780.00								
Checotah.....	21	4	3	257	12.50	3,900.00								
Coweta.....	10	12	1	58	5.00	1,220.00								
Duck Creek.....	3	1	1	77	5.00	498.38								
Greenbrier.....	2	6	1	93	5.00	1,870.00								
Haskell.....	18	5	4	213	10.00	6,200.00								
Hillcrest Wagoner.....	5	4	0	44	3.00	795.00								
Hitchita.....	3	3	0	39	5.00	1,040.00								
Keefeton.....	14	3	0	76	5.00	1,935.00								
Little Rock.....	7	3	0	51	10.00									
Locust Grove.....	3	0	0	142	5.00	4,240.00								
Lowery.....	8	0	0	32	5.00	2,050.00								
N.S. Broken Arrow...	5	0	0	23	5.00	2,640.00								
Pensacola.....	3	3	0	46	3.00	1,746.69								
Porter.....	0	0	0	59	2.00	600.00								
Pryor.....	25	3	3	308	20.00	6,210.00								
Salina.....	2	3	1	23	3.00	690.65								
Shahan.....	2	0	0	128	10.00	1,640.39								
Shellenbarger.....	10	0	0	129	10.00	5,200.00								
Smith Chapel.....	1	2	0	39	5.00	1,030.00								
Spanaw.....	0	2	0	79	5.00	1,287.28								
Tablequah.....	9	0	0	40	5.00	900.00								
Trinity Muskogee...	16	11	0	85	8.00	3,900.00								
Wagoner First.....	4	0	0	68	5.00	530.00								
Woman's Auxiliary...					25.00									
Youth Camp.....					25.00									
TOTALS.....	200	97	18	2,421	256.50	62,713.39	4,401.69	10,336.29	7,504.90	7,266.77	11,449.19	39,089.33	51,000.00	776,583.00

