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OF THE
South Grand River Association
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
1970



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77th ANNUAL SESSION



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3 Year Man: Rev. Berton Perry, 226 E. Jefferson, Bixby, Okla. 746-3286
2 Year Man: Marguerite Kern, Box 41, Locust Grove, Okla. 479-5941
1 Year Man: Billye Gwartney, 1220 E. Graham Ct., Pryor, Okla. VA 5-2428

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

FRIDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 18, 1970

Session opened by singing hymn "Blessed Assurance". Led in prayer by Rev. Ernest Harrison, Sr.

Moderator gave devotion from Psalms 20:7 and called for an alter of prayer.

Motion carried to adopt program as it is.

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

Motion carried to table the Articles of Faith and Constitution until called for.

Rev. Ernest Harrison Jr. was asked to assist the Moderator to appoint the following committees.

Resolution: Rev. Burton Perry, Wanda Exendine, Sidney Mackey and E. E. Long.

Finance: Rev. Ray Gwartney, Ronnie Garrett, Herbert Limley, Maudie Pollard and Cleora Williams.

Estimate of Church Property: Jane Harrison, Cora Williams, Ernest Harrison, Jr., and Billye Gwartney.

Sunday School: Rev. Ernest Harrison, Sr., Nelda Gwartney, Rev. James Spears and Kermit Hayes.

Temperance: Marguerite Kern, Sue Morgan and Betty Arnold.

Literature: Rev. Rick Duncan, Margie Kinion, Louis Maner and Oma Puckett.

Obituary: Faye Armstrong, Bertha Hayes, Lexie Palmer and Verna Morgan.

Motion carried to accept treasurer's report given by Rev. Ray Gwartney.

Motion carried to give \$200.00 from the general treasury to the Gage's for needed supplies on the field.

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

FRIDAY, 11:00 O'CLOCK WORSHIP SERVICE

Service began by singing "He Lives" led by Rev. Rick Duncan. Prayer by Rev. Lynn Wood. Special singing by the Ministers Quartet. Message by Rev. Ernest Harrison, Sr. from Bethany church, scripture from I Timothy 6:1 "Keeping Thy Trust". Dismissed in prayer.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION, 1:30 P.M.

Session called to order by Moderator. An altar of prayer was led by Rev. Delbert Akin. Song "Victory in Jesus" led by Rev. Rick Duncan. Devotion by Marguerite Kern from Matthew 28:19.

Motion carried to accept the report of Oklahoma Bible College by Rev. Lynn Wood with the recommendation for each church to increase their giving to the College.

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

Motion carried to accept report of State Mission Board from Rev. Delbert Akin.

Motion carried to accept the partial report of Credentials Committee to accept Rev. Ollie Wright into full fellowship of the association.

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

Motion carried to release the Sunday School Committee.

Motion carried to accept the Temperance Committee report.

Speaker for 11 o'clock introductory message, 1971, Rev. J. D. Stepp, alternate Rev. Ollie Wright. Speaker for Memorial service, 1971, Rev. Oren Estes, alternate Rev. F. A. McCage.

Motion carried to place Rev. Carl Hembree as 5 year man on Examining Board.

Partial report given by the Resolutions Committee. Resolution No. 1 - Be it resolved that the co-operative percentage of this association be changed and more be sent to outside causes.

Motion carried that the Moderator and Assistant appoint a committee to meet with the treasurer and report to next quarterly meeting concerning a percentage. Appointed were Rev. Berton Perry, Rev. Ernest Harrison, Sr. and Rev. Rick Duncan.

Motion carried to accept the report of the Literature committee and release the committee.

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

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. James Spears.

FRIDAY EVENING MISSION SERVICE, SEPTEMBER 18, 1970

Service opened with congregational singing led by Rev. Rick Duncan. Message by Rev. Jerry Rhoades of Southeast Free Will Baptist Church of Tulsa. Dismissed with prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE, SEPTEMBER 19, 1970

Service began by singing "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" led by Rev. Rick Duncan. Devotion by Rev. Richard Callison from Revelation 2:25.

New obituary Committee appointed for Saturday service, Ruby Condit, Sonny Pucket and Pat Towery.

Report of suggested constitution changes given by Rev. Berton Perry.

Motion carried to adopt the constitution.

Motion carried to amend Article 5 to read - The Examining Board have 5 ordained men as members.

Motion carried to amend Article 11 by adding, such alterations lay on table at least one day.

Motion carried that the Executive Board terms be as follows: 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1 years.

Motion carried to accept partial report of Examining Board.

Don Allen from Bethany Church elected as 7 year member on Executive Board.

Motion carried to amend Article 6 to read repentance and instead of repentance or.

Motion carried to amend Article 7 to read - all who should to all who would.

Dismissed for 11 o'clock service.

SATURDAY, 11:00 O'CLOCK WORSHIP SERVICE

Service opened by singing "When The Roll is Called Up Yonder". Prayer by F. A. McCage. Message by Rev. Carl Hembree I Timothy 6:18, 19.

Dismissed by Rev. Cy Mashburn.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 1:30 P.M.

Opened services with an altar of prayer led by Brother Garrett. Devotion by Rev. James Spears I Timothy 6:1, 2.

Motion carried to change Article 6 section 5 to read safe instead of saved.

Motion carried to accept articles of Faith with amendments.

Motion carried to accept Estimate of Church Property report.

Motion carried to accept report of Obituary Committee, and release the committee.

Motion carried to accept report of Resolution Committee.

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

Motion carried to accept Executive Board report.

Motion carried to accept resignation of Rev. Cy Mashburn from Board of Trustees.

Rev. Ollie Wright elected to 5 year man and Rev. Cecil Cornett to 1 year man on the Board of Trustees.

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

Motion carried to accept report of Board of Christian Education.

Motion carried to elect Rev. Rick Duncan to 5 year term on Board of Christian Education.

Motion carried to accept report of Mission Board.

Motion carried to elect Rev. Gerald Mazingo to 5 year term on Mission Board.

Motion carried to accept report of youth camp clerk and treasurer.

Motion carried to accept final report of Examining Board.

Motion carried for the Examining Board to call a Ministers Seminar.

Report given by Rev. Ernest Harrison, Sr. on Retirement and Insurance.

Motion carried to retain the present officers of the Annual Association of South Grand River.

Motion carried to add Resolution number 1 and number 2 to the standing resolution.

Motion carried to amend resolution to delete adding to minutes.

Motion carried to give Brother Maner authority to build a concrete walk along the front of auditorium from the wall to extend four feet and send the bill to the treasurer.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Dismissed with prayer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL: We recommend that our association try to have one or more Sunday School institutes so that all of the association could participate. Have them in two or more general areas under the direction of the State Sunday School Board.

We recommend that our people acquaint themselves with the National Sunday School Standard and if possible departmentalize their Sunday Schools accordingly. W. K. Hayes, James Spears, Ernest Harrison, Sr., and Nelda Gwartney.

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 pleasures or pastimes keep us from assembling ourselves together. We encourage 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." Marguerite Kern, Sue Morgan and Betty Arnold.

LITERATURE: We your committee on literature recommend that the teachers of the churches of South Grand River use the Bible as the supreme source in preparation and in presentation of their lessons. We further recommend that they avail themselves of Free Will Baptist literature as an aid in studying and presenting their lessons. Rick Duncan, Louis Maner, Margie Kinion and Oma Puckett.

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 Janey Stepp from Shellenbarger, Brother Ronnie Walters and James Walters from Haskell, Bennie Bell from Smith Chapel, Audie Lenox and Jim Thomas from Pryor, Flora Cantwell, Dovie Grant and Vela Scott from Checotah, Alice Harris from Hillcrest, Ezra McClain and Jim Goins from Bixby; J. V. Duncan from Locust Grove; Anne Hembree, Arthur Cope land and Sister Victory from Coweta; Robert Sitsler from Little Rock; Rudean King from Keefeton; John Davis and Sister Newman from Porter; Bob Woodward from Shahan; Jim Gilmore from Wagoner; Walter Stephens from Pensacola. There was a total of 23 deceased from our churches and they will be greatly missed. Ruby Condit, Richard Puckett and Pat Towry.

FINANCE: We your finance committee received the following amounts: Association Minutes - - - - \$213.50; Youth Camp for minutes, \$25.00; Women's Auxiliary for minutes, \$25.00; State Delegate fees, \$90.00. Ray Gwartney and Maudie Pollard.

ESTIMATE OF CHURCH PROPERTY: We your committee on Estimate of Church Property wish to report from information received from delegates and church letters the following totals: Church property, \$807,408.50; Association property, \$55,000.00; Grand Total \$862,408.50. Corie Williams, Jane Harrison and Ernest Harrison, Jr.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE: We your Examining Committee recommend the Rev. Ollie Wright and Rev. John L. Wood be accepted into this association as ordained ministers. We recommend that Foster Haikey and Hurshel Miller be licensed to preach for one year. We recommend that Tony Smith's license to preach be extended for one year. F. A. McCage, Ernest Harrison, Sr., Carl Hembree and Louis Maxwell.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: No resolutions passed.

South Grand River Association

CO-OPERATIVE BREAKDOWN

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

QUARTERLY MEETING BUSINESS

December 20, 1969

Be it resolved that the association buy two coffee percolators. One 60 cup and one 30 cup.

March 14, 1970

Be it resolved that we install privacy panels between stools in rest rooms.

June 20, 1970

No resolutions passed.

SOUTH GRAND RIVER ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

September 10, 1969 To September 14, 1970

RECEIPTS

Balance brought forward \$984.41

Churches	Co-Op	Earmarked	Ass'n.	Total
Bethany	\$ 1,424.59	\$ 691.77	\$	\$ 2,116.36
Bixby	764.20	1,918.37	30.00	2,712.52
Carmel	891.18	468.31		1,359.49
Central Miami	164.00	184.00		349.00
Checotah	441.34	356.05		797.39
Coweta	60.00	140.00		200.00
Duck Creek	110.00	160.50	33.00	303.50
Grant Ave.	27.22	117.21		144.43
Greenbrier	110.00	618.82		728.82
Haskell		1,466.94		1,466.94
Hillcrest Wagoner	313.51	40.25		353.76
Hitchita	235.11	522.52		757.63
Keefeton	510.96	363.79	10.00	884.75
Little Rock	120.00	120.44		240.44
Locust Grove	966.79	2,827.60	36.00	3,830.39
Lowery	120.00	505.00	36.00	661.00
N.S. Broken Arrow	50.00	65.00		115.00
Pensacola	206.94	344.24	70.00	621.18
Porter	158.78	122.56		271.34
Pryor	2,279.89	3,261.03		5,540.92
Salina		345.30	30.00	375.30
Shahan	180.00	697.18	36.00	913.18
Shellenbarger	500.65	914.65		1,415.30
Smith Chapel	399.88	327.04		726.92
Spavinaw		100.06	10.00	110.06
Tahlequah	302.00	45.00		347.00
Trinity Muskogee		191.24		191.24
Wagoner First	117.10	10.00		127.10
S.G.R. Master Men		35.00		35.00
S.G.R. Auxiliary		25.00	4.80	29.80
S.G.R. Youth Camp				
Individual		20.00		20.00
Offering		187.12		187.12
Reimburse for fans			40.00	40.00
S.G.R. Mission Board		390.00		390.00
St. Minister Qt. Rec.		55.00		55.00
 Subtotal	 \$10,455.14	 \$17,626.94	 \$355.80	 \$28,417.88
Total Receipts				\$29,402.29
Bal. Board Christian Ed.	718.20	869.74	752.38	

DISBURSEMENTS

State Office	\$22,885.79
Utilities	232.62
South Grand River Missions	522.73
Scholarships (OBC & FWBBC).	675.00
Muskogee Civic Center Rent for State Meeting.	672.00
Commercial Printing	62.08
Honorarium Clerk & Treasurer.	50.00
S.G.R. Youth Rally	8.00
Postmaster	60.00
Executive Board Mileage & Committees	249.00
Schaefer's Office Supply	36.59
Raymond D. Wilson Agency (Ins. 1969 & 1970).	416.00
A.A.A. Business Service - Minutes	256.50
The Landon Co.	31.94
Lena Mac Head (Stove)	10.00
Okla. Tire & Supply	28.27
Montgomery Ward (Coffee Pots).	39.07
OBC Harvest	40.00
Safeway	9.12
State Minister's QT Records	55.00
American National Bank (Checks)	6.00
Ray Keller (Tractor Gas).	19.00
J. B. Harris.	2.00
A. B. Dick (Ink)	17.15
Harvey Auto	11.75
Gilbert Tractor Co.	2.32
Gibson Discount (Fans)	43.88
Dr. W. D. Chambers (George Roberts)	10.00
Marvion Spitler (Barrels).	12.00
Wagoner Lumber Co.	7.50
Rogers Plumbing Supply.	13.44
Wilkey & Moore Co.	5.50
Tumble Inn (Fan)	19.88
Woman's Auxiliary.	10.41
Rev. Howard Gage (Hospital Expense & Medical Supplies).	291.43
Total Disbursements	\$27,061.97
Balance.	\$ 2,340.32

INFORMATION

Total Receipts	Increase
1967 -- \$19,225.72	Increased \$3,434.37
1968 -- 23,735.53	Increased 4,509.81
1969 -- 30,680.28	Increased 6,944.75
1970 -- 29,402.29	Decreased 1,277.99

Our gifts were down this year in some areas. As your treasurer, I would encourage you delegates to go home and encourage your churches to increase their giving if at all possible.

STATE EXPENSE ACCOUNT (MUSKOGEE) \$266.20
 BOY'S DORM AND PLAY GROUND ACC. \$598.54
 Ray Gwartney -- 1220 E. Graham Ct. Pryor, Oklahoma 74361

SOUTH GRAND RIVER ASSOCIATION

YOUTH CAMP

June 21 - 26, 1970

SUNDAY, JUNE 21:

The first services of Camp were opened by Bro. Herb Smith, President, on Sunday, June 21st at 7:30 p.m., with a few announcements. Rev. McCage led in Prayer.

Brenda Gwartney, Song Leader, led in some Congregational numbers, accompanied by Marian Kern, Camp pianist. Brenda also presented a solo, "He Cared That Much For Me".

Bro. Smith introduced our Camp Evangelist for the week, Rev. Dale Smith.

Bro. Dale gave his message for the evening on Luke 10:30-36, and Matt. 23:23-25.

Bro. Herb read the schedule and rules for the week.

Bro. Ernest Harrison, Jr., prayed the dismissal prayer.

MONDAY, JUNE 22:

At 8:30 a.m., General Assembly was started by gathering to salute the Flag.

Bro. Ed Jenkins gave the morning devotion from Gen. 28:20-22.

Brenda Gwartney led in some choruses.

Bro. Herb assembled and dismissed the classes.

Bro. Ernest Harrison, Sr., opened the Morning Worship with prayer.

Marguerite Kern, Assistant Song Leader, led in songs.

Cheryl Kinion and Elaine Allen presented a special duet, "Count Your Blessings".

Bro. Dale took his text from Gen. 3:8-14.

Bro. Herb made a few announcements, then services were dismissed for lunch with prayer by Bro. Leon Hargrove.

Missionary Prayer Band was opened with some songs, led by Marguerite Kern.

Pam Hargrove told us about the Missionaries in Brazil.

Bro. Ernest Harrison, Jr., led the dismissal prayer.

Prayer Circles were held on each side of the Auditorium before the Evening Service.

The Evening Service was opened by singing some Congregational songs, led by Brenda Gwartney.

The Greenbrier Youth Choir presented some special songs.

A group of Senior Camp Teens presented a song, "I've Set My Feet on God's Road".

Bro. Dale took his text for the evening from Ezekial 36:26-27.

Brenda Gwartney, Cheryl Kinion, and Marguerite Kern sang the Invitational number, "Wherever He Leads I'll Go".

Bro. Jimmy Goins led in the dismissal prayer for Evening Services.

Fun-Time was presented after Church Services by some of the Campers.

TUESDAY, JUNE 23:

General Assembly was opened by saluting the Flag.

Bro. Ernest Harrison, Sr. led in prayer.

Brenda Gwartney led in some choruses.

Bro. Ray Gwartney gave the morning devotion.

Bro. Herb dismissed us to our classes.

Morning Worship was opened with prayer by Bro. Farmer.

Marguerite Kern led in songs.

Bro. Ricky Duncan led in prayer.

Bro. Dale took his text from John 9:1-7.

Bro. Ernest Harrison, Sr. led in prayer.

Bro. Herb made some announcements, after which Bro. Ernest Harrison, Jr. dismissed in prayer.

Marguerite Kern opened Missionary Prayer Band, by leading in a chorus.

Howard and Willie Gage talked to us about their Mission work on the Ivory Coast.

Bro. Dale Smith prayed the dismissal prayer.

Prayer Circles were formed in the evening before Services.

Bro. Berton Perry prayed the opening prayer for the Evening Services.

Brenda Gwartney led in songs.

Bro. Ricky Duncan led in prayer.

Byron McCrayer presented a solo, "Jesus is Coming Soon".

The Junior Choir sang a medley of songs.

The Senior Choir sang "All Creatures of Our God and King".

Bro. Dale took his sermon for the evening from Daniel 5.

Brenda Gwartney, Cheryl Kinion, and Marguerite Kern sang the Invitational song, "Lord, I'm Coming Home".

Bro. Leon Hargrove dismissed in prayer.

A group of campers presented a Fun-Time under the direction of Brenda Gwartney.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24:

General Assembly was opened by saluting the Flag.

Bro. Smith made some announcements, after which Brenda Gwartney led in a few choruses.

Bro. Johnny Graves led in prayer.

Bro. Ricky Duncan gave the morning devotion on Romans 12:1.

Classes were assembled and dismissed.

Bro. Herb opened the morning service with a few announcements.

Bro. Ed Jenkins led in prayer.

Marguerite Kern led in some choruses.

Bro. Dale took his sermon from Luke 13:1-9.

Marguerite Kern and Cheryl Kinion sang the Invitational number.

Bro. Dale dismissed us in prayer.

At 1:00, Elaine Allen opened Missionary Prayer Band, by leading in a song.

Cheryl Kinion and Elaine Allen, accompanied by Beverly Smith, sang "Win the Lost at Any Cost".

Pat Duncan told us about the Missionaries in Africa.

Bro. Leon Hargrove dismissed us in prayer.

Prayer Circles were formed in the evening.

Sister Billye Gwartney prayed the opening prayer for the Evening Services.

Brenda Gwartney led in songs.

Terry Wood, Byron McCrary, Earl Jenkins, David Chartier, and Jerry Mize sang "I've Been to Calvary".

The Junior Choir sang "We Can Know".

Bro. Leon Hargrove, Pam Hargrove, Cheryl Kinion and Brenda Gwartney sang "Had It Not Been".

Bro. Dale took his text for the evening from Isaiah 55.

Cheryl Kinion, Brenda Gwartney, and Marguerite Kern sang "Just As I Am" for the Invitation.

Bro. Howard Gwartney dismissed in prayer.

After the Evening Services, a group of campers presented a Fun-Time.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25:

General Assembly started with the Pledge to the Flag.

Bro. Ernest Harrison, Jr. led in prayer, and Brenda Gwartney led in some choruses.

Bro. Ernest Harrison, Sr. brought the morning devotion.

Bro. Herb dismissed us to our classes.

Bro. Herb opened the Morning Worship with a few announcements.

Bro. Carl Hembree led in prayer.

Marguerite Kern led in songs.

Kay Glass, from Lowry, sang "Then I Met The Master".

Bro. Dale took his sermon from Proverbs 2:1-9.

Bro. Herb made announcements, then we were dismissed for the noon meal with prayer by Bro. Ed Jenkins.

Marguerite Kern opened Missionary Prayer Band by leading in singing "Untold Millions".

Bro. Ernest Harrison, Sr. led in prayer.

An offering was taken for the Missionaries.

Prayer Circles were formed before Evening Services.

Services were opened by Bro. Herb Smith.

Bro. Ernest Harrison, Jr. led in prayer.

Brenda Gwartney led in songs.

Four teenage girls presented a special song, "He's Everything to Me".

The Junior Choir sang a medley of songs.

The Senior Choir sang "Redeemed".

Brenda Gwartney, Marguerite Kern, and Bro. Ricky Duncan sang, "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah".

Bro. Dale took his text from Acts 9:1-6 and Romans 1:14.

Many souls were saved or rededicated, and also many young people were called to preach or to go to the Mission Field.

After the services, the Best-All-Around Junior and Senior Campers were presented. The

After the services, the Best-All-Around Junior and Senior Campers were presented. In the Junior Division, the Prince was Kevin Brown, and the Princess, Vickie Kindrid. In the Senior Division they were Earl Jenkins and June Dunegan.

Bro. Ricky Duncan showed a film entitled "Blessed Enemy", after the services also.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26:

Bro. Herb opened the Assembly with announcements.

It was acknowledged that the enrollment in Camp was 132 young people, and 29 teachers and sponsors. Of these, there were 13 saved for the first time, 26 rededications and nine decisions for service.

Brenda Gwartney led in choruses.

Bobby Littlefield led in prayer.

Bro. Ernest Harrison, Jr. gave the morning devotion.

Bro. Herb opened Morning Services with announcements.

Bro. Ed Jenkins led in prayer, after which Marguerite Kern led in songs.

Earl Jenkins and Kathy Matlock sang "Unworthy".

Laura Clay presented a Reading, "Wild Oats in Harvest".

Cheryl Kinion sang a song of her own composition, entitled "He is my All".

Bro. Dale offered an invitation after the song.

Marguerite Kern, Cheryl Kinion and Leon Hargrove sang "Only Trust Him".

There was a short testimony service.

Bro. Herb made some announcements, then asked Bro. Ernest Harrison, Sr. to dismiss in prayer.

Many Blessings were received at Camp, and most everyone went home happy, because Christ had given them a New Life that they wanted to share with others.

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.
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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.

CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH GRAND RIVER ASSOCIATION

Article 1. NAME: This yearly meeting or Association shall be called, "South Grand River Association of Free Will Baptist."

Article 2. COMPOSITION: This Association shall be composed of such duly organized Free Will Baptist Churches agreeing to abide by this constitution.

Article 3. REPRESENTATION: Section 1: The acting members or standing delegates of this body shall be: Ordained and Licensed Ministers and their wives, Deacons and their wives, and church clerks belonging to any church composing this Association.

Section 2: The regular meetings of this association shall also consist of three delegates from each church chosen by the respective churches composing this body and properly seated by the standing delegates.

Section 3: Each church shall be expected to represent by letter, with or without delegates. Such reports should meet the requirements of the Association, using the forms provided by the Association.

Article 4. OFFICERS: The officers of this Association shall consist of a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, an Assistant Clerk, a Treasurer and an Assistant Treasurer, and a Reporter. These shall be elected by the body at the close of each session.

Article 5. STANDING BOARDS AND THEIR DUTIES:

EXECUTIVE BOARD: This Association shall have an Executive board, consisting of seven members elected to serve terms of 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1 years. It shall be the duty of this board to act in behalf of the Association when it is not in session.

It shall have authority to elect such officers as might be necessary for its own government, and to carry out the plan and undertakings of the Association. It shall have authority to act on any business submitted by any other board or church between sessions of the Association.

This board shall keep a record of all work done, meetings held, and make a full and complete report to all regular meetings of this body.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: This Association shall have a board of trustees consisting of five members elected to serve terms of 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1 years. It shall be the duty of this board to sign their signature to any and all papers concerning properties, indebtedness, bonds or other legal documents pertaining to and as authorized by this Association. It also shall report to the Association any need for building, repair, or general maintenance.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: This Association shall have a board of Christian education consisting of five members elected to serve terms of 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1 years.

It shall be the duty of this board to promote Christian education in every church of this Association. Every available means should be used to promote Sunday School Clinics, Seminars, and Institutes either on a Church or area basis. It shall assist in sustaining a strong Church Training Service in each church, and help plan and promote C.T.S. rallies in this Association when called on. This board shall also serve as a nominating committee for youth camp teachers, workers, and officers.

EXAMINING BOARD: This Association shall have an examining board consisting of five ordained men elected to serve terms of 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1 years. It shall be the duty of this board to meet with all Ministers and Deacons desiring either ordination, license, or membership into the Association; request having been made by the Church of which the candidate is a member. They shall examine all candidates by a set of questions approved by the Association, and if the examination proves satisfactory, recommendation is made to the body.

This board shall act on all matters of credentials pertaining to individuals or churches.

MISSION BOARD: This Association shall have a Mission Board consisting of five members elected to serve terms of 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1 years.

It shall be the duty of this board to establish and assist Missions and Churches within the bounds of this association wherever needed, and according to means provided by the Association.

It shall also promote Missionary conferences and assist Missionaries in their itineraries.

GENERAL BOARD: This Association shall have a General Board con-

sisting of the officers of the Association and a representative from each church composing the body.

This Board shall meet before the regular meetings of the Association and quarterly meetings to compile the reports, lay out a suggested plan of work, or make any recommendations for the betterment of the Association. In the absence of the Moderator, any officer of the Association may preside, and three shall constitute a quorum.

Article 6. MEMBERSHIP: Section 1: Newly organized churches may petition for membership by letter and delegates. Upon examination if they are found to be orthodox and orderly they may be received in the Association by vote of the majority present, the Moderator may give the right hand of fellowship.

Section 2: Any Church coming from another Association or quarterly meeting, may upon examination and vote of this body become a member providing a letter of recommendation is furnished by the Association or quarterly meeting from which they come. Such a letter shall be required before they are considered a full pledged member with all the rights and privileges thereof.

Article 7. DISCIPLINE: This Association shall have the right to settle any question of discipline, doctrine or practice, that properly comes before it from any church of which it is composed, and to exclude them for disorderly conduct if labor proves unsuccessful; but in no case to reverse their decisions, nor to interfere with any of their internal regulations.

Article 8. TIME: The regular annual meetings of this Association shall begin on Thursday night before the third Sunday in September each year. The quarterly meetings shall begin on Friday night before the third Sunday of December, March and June.

Article 9. BUSINESS: The business of the Association while in session shall include questions and topics as may be referred to it by the churches in their letters, resolutions and recommendations presented by its boards, committees, or individual members.

Article 10. PREROGATIVE: 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 regulations of its sessions.

Article 11. AMENDMENTS. This constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present at any regular yearly meeting of this Association, and such alteration lay on the table at least 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 minuted 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

I. THE BIBLE: We believe the Bible to be composed of both the Old and New Testament scriptures and were given by the inspiration of God, 2 Tim. 3:16-17, 2 Tim. 3:14-17; Dan. 10:21; Acts 1:16-17; Matt. 21:42.

II. THE TRINITY:

A. GOD: We believe in one true and living God; and He is represented in the Scriptures as the Father, Son and Holy Ghost equal in divine essence, Power and glory, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore and obey. John 1:1; John 10:30; 1 John 5:7; 1 Cor. 8:6.

B. CHRIST: We believe Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. He is the Mediator between God and Man, and is our ever-present Saviour and Lord. John 10:30.

C. THE HOLY GHOST: We believe the Holy Ghost (Spirit) to be the Third person of Trinity. The scriptures assigns to the Holy Ghost all the attributes of God. He is the reprover, comforter, guide and sanctifier of all men. Heb. 9:14; Psalms 139:7-10; Luke 1:35; 1 Cor. 2:10-11.

III. THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD: We believe that God by His wise and benevolent acts exercises providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the Constitution and Laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace, not otherwise provided for as highest welfare of man requires.

IV. MAN: We believe that God created man innocent, and gave him the power of free moral agency to choose the right and reject the wrong, but by his disobedience he fell into a state of sin and condemnation. With all his posterity (future generations) under the just penalty of the same, and were unable, of their own power to extricate (set free) or save themselves from the great dilemma onto which they had fallen. God gave them the hope of salvation through the coming of Christ. Gen. 1:27; Gen. 2:16-17; Rom. 11:11-35; Psalms 37:23-34; Heb. 2:9-10.

V. THE WORK OF CHRIST. We believe that Jesus Christ by His birth, life, suffering, death, burial and resurrection purchased for all a free redemption from sin that is full and is the ground of salvation by faith. Matt. 1:21; Luke 2:10-11.

VI. THE TERMS OF SALVATION: We believe the conditions of salvation are:

1. Repentance and sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it.
2. Faith or the complete submission of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord with the purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith, the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin, and becomes a child of God.
3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

4. When the lost person acts upon these terms he passes through the ordeal of regeneration, they are washed in the blood of the lamb and are planted in the Kingdom of Christ.
5. We also believe that all persons dying in infancy and all persons who have been mentally incompetent from birth are safe by the atoning merits of the Son of God without any acts on their part. John 3; Matt. 10:13-22; II Cor. 7:10; Luke 18:16-17; Psalms 98:3; Col. 1:13.

VII. ELECTION: We believe that it was not, and is not God's will that any should be lost. II Peter 3:9, Romans 10:11-13. Therefore we believe that God determined from the beginning to save all who would comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ, men became His elect.

VIII. FREEDOM OF WILL: We believe God created man innocent, and gave him the power of free moral agency to choose the right and reject the wrong, therefore the Human Will is free and self controlled having power to submit to the truth and the Spirit and live, or to resist them and perish. Deuteronomy 30:19; Joshua 24:1; Deuteronomy 30:15.

IX. SALVATION FREE: We believe Salvation is not obtained by the Merits of a person, but is the free gift of God. Eph. 2:8-9. God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, and the Holy Spirit strives with all. Rev. 22:17.

X. PERSEVERANCE: We believe that all true believers in Christ, who through the divine grace and in the knowledge of the truth that God's grace is sufficient to help them overcome all the obstacles of life, persevere in holiness to the end, have the promise of eternal salvation. I Peter 1:4-8, Romans 8:35-39. Tim. 4:12. See appendix to chapter xiii, pages 41 and 42 of the National Treatise adopted July 1969.

XI. GOSPEL ORDINANCES:

A. BAPTISM: We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of believers in water, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. In which is represented the burial and resurrection of Christ, the death of the Christian to the world, and is administered by an ordained minister and may be assisted by ordained deacons. Matt. 3:14-16; I Peter 3:21; John 3:23; Acts 10:47; Matt. 28:19.

B. THE LORD'S SUPPER: We believe the Lord's Supper was instituted by our Saviour to commemorate His broken body and shed blood for the sins of the world, and to show our remembrance of Him until He comes. It is the privilege and duty of all who have spiritual union with Christ to commemorate His death and no man has a right to forbid it. Luke 22:19-20; I Cor. 11:20-29; Matt. 26:26-29.

C. FEET WASHING: We believe that feet washing was also 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. It is the happy prerogative and duty of every

believer to observe this sacred ordinance. John 14:1-16.

XII. THE MINISTRY: 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. This is also a call to preparation.

XIII. JUSTIFICATION AND SANCTIFICATION

A. JUSTIFICATION: We believe justification is a change in a person's relation or standing before God. In justification, all our sins are forgiven, and the guilt and punishment thereof removed. Acts 13:38; Romans 8:1. God sees the Christian as without sin and guilt in Christ. Romans 8:33-34.

B. SANCTIFICATION: 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 is the continuing of God's grace by which the Christian may constantly grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. It takes place in regeneration. I Cor. 6:11; II Thes. 2:13; John 17:17; Heb. 12:14; I Thes. 5:19-23; II Tim. 2:20.

XIV. THE CHURCH: We believe that the invisible or spiritual Church is composed of all the truly redeemed Christians of every congregation from every kindred, nation, tongue and people. Scripturally the visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful men and women, having obtained proper relationship with the Lord and fellowship with each other, agreeing to keep up a good discipline and doctrine according to the rule of the Gospel. Eph. 3:16-21; Heb. 12:22-23; I Peter 2:5; Acts 2:47; Eph. 2:20-22; I Thes. 1:1; Acts 16:5; John 1:10; Matt. 18:17.

XV. TITHES AND OFFERINGS: We believe that God has a financial plan for the Church, this is tithes and offerings. God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorsed it in the Gospel. Gen. 14:20; Gen. 28:22; Lev. 27:30-34; Numbers 18:21; Neh. 12:44; Neh. 13:12; Mal. 3:7-10; Matt. 23:23; Luke 18:12; I Cor. 16:2; Heb. 7.

XVI. THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH: We believe the scriptures teach that one day in seven should be set apart from secular employment and amusements, for sacred rest and holy service. Under the Gospel teaching this is the first day of the week. It is a time to refrain from our secular labor and devote ourselves to personal worship and service of God. Gen. 2:2; Ex. 20:8-11; Luke 24:1-6; Acts 2:1; Acts 20:8, I Cor. 16:2; Rev. 1:19.

XVII. THE SOUL: We believe the soul is endless, hence it does not die with the body, but immediately after death enters into a conscious state of

happiness or misery according to the spiritual character here possessed. Phil. 1:23, Luke 23:43; Rev. 6:8; Luke 16:19-25; Matt. 10:28.

XVIII. RESURRECTION, JUDGMENT, AND FINAL RETRIBUTION:

A. THE RESURRECTION: We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the righteous and the unrighteous; they that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life and be with God forever, but those who have done evil to the resurrection of damnation with everlasting punishment. John 5:28-29; Acts 24:15; I Cor. 15:22-58; Rev. 20:15, Mark 9:43-44.

B. THE JUDGMENT: We believe that there will be a judgment, when time and man's probation will close forever. Then all men will be judged according to their works. Acts 17:31; Rev. 10:6; Rev. 22:11; II Cor. 5:10; Matt. 12:36-37.

C. RETRIBUTION: Immediately after the judgment the righteous shall enter into eternal happiness (life) and the wicked shall enter into everlasting punishment. Matt. 25:46; II Thess. 1:7-9; Rom. 6:23; Rev. 14:7-11; Matt. 13:41-43.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS

1. Be it resolved that this association reaffirm its belief in God calling laborers for a particular task and when this calling is to a wider field of endeavor, such as evangelism, missions, christian education, etc. the association shall endeavor to assist and support the candidate with whatever means that are essential to insure his success in this calling.

2. Be it resolved that the Association suggest to the saints of God who comprise the membership of the churches of the association that they engage in leisure time pursuits which would become followers of Christ. All activities that bear the imprint of Satan should be carefully avoided. It is suggested that the Biblical precept contained in I Corinthians 10:31 serve as a guide for individual conduct.

3. Be it resolved that since a minister who accepts the pastoral care of a church in South Grand Association assumes obligations of a divine nature which makes service primary and remuneration secondary, the local church which calls him should minister to his financial support in accordance with their ability to do so. It is suggested that the church consider such items as health insurance, retirement funds, social security tax, and car expense as part of its financial responsibility to the pastor.

4. Be it resolved that since the South Grand River Association is a fellowship of believers of like faith who have joined together to promulgate the gospel, our churches should call those ministers to labor with them who adhere to the principles and beliefs which Free Will Baptists endorse and uphold.

5. Be it resolved that the South Grand River Association follow the Biblical precept contained in I Timothy 3:2 & 12 and refuse ordination to any person, whether candidate to the deaconship or the ministry, who has a former living wife, or wives.

6. Be it resolved that we follow the Biblical precept contained in I Timothy 3:10 wherein the deacon is first be proved, then ordained to the office of deacon after being found blameless. Accordingly, the candidate to the deaconship shall serve a period of trial service to the local church for a period of one year. It is further recommended that each candidate to the ministry be issued a ministerial license upon the recommendation of the candidate's local church and the recommendation of the Associational Examining Board. This ministerial license shall be in full force and effect until the ministerial candidate is called into a capacity of service which requires ordination to the ministry. However, when under license, the candidate's status shall be reviewed annually by the Examining Board of the association. It is understood that it is the responsibility of the local church to request this annual examination for the candidate. The purpose of this annual review is to extend the license for the ensuing year.

7. Be it resolved that any one member of the South Grand River Association shall not serve on more than one standing Board or committee at any one time; the above is exclusive of the Executive Board.

8. Be it resolved that when an ordained Free Will Baptist minister unites with a member church coming from a church outside the fellowship of the association, the minister must be examined by the Examination Board of the South Grand River Association before he is received as an ordained Free Will Baptist minister and carried on the ministerial rolls of the South Grand River Association. It is understood that the responsibility for recommending the incoming ministers examination rests with the local church. Also, all Free Will Baptist deacons who unite with member churches shall comply with the above. It is expressly understood that an ordained deacon who unites with a member church does not become active in the local church as a deacon until the church votes him active, recommends his examination by the association and he successfully passes said examination.

9. Be it resolved that all examination which pertain to ministers and deacons be reproduced in each annual published edition of the minutes.

10. Be it resolved that our association reaffirm its position on tithing as Biblical precept contained in both the Old (Gen. 14:20; Gen. 28:22; Deut. 14:22; Mal. 3:7-10) and the New (Matt. 23:23; I Cor. 16:22; I Cor. 9:9-14; Heb. 7:9-17; II Cor. 9:6-8) Testaments. It is further recommended, however, that the local church teach the tithe as God's financial plan in a manner that is in keeping with Biblical precepts, e.g. as a measure of stewardship (I Cor. 4:1-2) (I Tim. 1:11); as a revelation of love for Christ (I John 4:16-18); as a means of participating in the promulgation of the gospel (Matt. 28:19-20) and as a manifestation of the consecration of the believers total life to Christ (Rom. 12:1-2).

11. Be it resolved that all boards and officers who travel on official business for the association be paid a mileage fee of 10 cents per mile.
12. Be it resolved that our Moderator represent South Grand River Association in the State Association's General Board.
13. Be it resolved that we designate Friday night of each Association as Missionary Night, with a missionary speaker and provide the finance.
14. Be it resolved that a Credentials Committee for Letters be formed; said committee shall consist of all elected officers of the association who shall meet on the evening prior to the Quarterly Meeting and the Annual Meeting to examine the church letters and report on their contents (either in written or verbal form) to the body at the opening of the business session the next day.
15. 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.
16. Be it resolved that all ministers and deacons register at each quarterly meeting and annual association.

The Twelfth Annual Meeting of the South Grand River

Woman's Auxiliary

September 17, 1970 the South Grand River District Woman's Auxiliary convened at the Association camp ground in Wagoner, Oklahoma. Opening song led by Sue Perry. Sister Betty Callison gave the devotion from the book of Matthew the 4th chapter and the 19th verse. Prayer by Sister Morgan. The theme - - "Ministering Unto Christ", the watchword - "Bring them hither to me," and the thought, "The Harvest is Come".

The President, Billy Gwartney, and Margarite Kern appointed committees. They are as follows:

Finance committee, Velma Moore, Bessie Riddle, and Lillian Lemley.
Credentials committee, Pat Duncan, Roberta Hembree, and Betty Hargrove.

Nomination committee, Coy Williams, Marie Wright and Nita Trotter.

Adopted program with changes subject to change.

Sue Perry gave a report on missionaries. Powells have a new baby girl. Ken Eagleton's hearing has been recovered. The McCoys have seen 36 souls saved.

Prayer request. August 21, 1970 Alisha Willie died. Cousineau's need prayer for their two children. Gages are waiting for the boat to Africa.

Margarite Kern. Proverbs 10:4.

Treasurer's report, Velma Moore.

Secretary's report, Margarite Kern, tithers 55, active members 105. \$140. Home Missions . . . \$85.12, S.P. \$134.08, incomplete report as Louise Mozingo had been ill and there was a mix-up of addresses.

Short recess.

Offering taken.

Special music. "I'm Free", "If It Had Not Been for a Man Called Jesus".

Guest speaker, Bro. Howard Gage, missionary to Africa. Scripture Matt.

25.

Song - "Love Lifted Me".

Sister Willie Gage speaker.

New Business.

Committee report:

Registration members 44, visitors 15 total 59 present. Offering \$8.70.

Credentials committee recommended that we give \$50.00 to Howard Gage as a "love offering", carried.

Oma Puckett and Pat Duncan in charge of nursery at the State Meeting.

Motion made to buy flowers for State meeting \$25., Pat Duncan to check on flowers.

Speaker for December - Ollie Wright, alternate Jess Stepp.

Motion made to continue to give \$5.00 to the McCoys and Bryans.

Nominating Committee. Chairman Elizabeth Miller (Bixby), Faye Armstrong (Muskogee), Wanda Key (Locust Grove), Nita Trotter (Shellenbarger), Coy Williams (Haskell), Alta Jones (Checotah), Margie Kennon (Greenbriar), Faye Roberts (Pryor), Betty Callison (Spavinaw), Betty Burgess (Carmel).

Initiation of officers by Carol Carner.

Theme "Near the Cross".

President - Billy Gwartney

Vice President - Nelda Gwartney

Recording Sec. - Pat Duncan

Assistant Rec. Sec. - Edith Gross

Corresponding Sec. - Wanda Gage

Treasurer - Velma Moore

Field Sec. - Margarite Kern

Mission Chairman - Sue Perry

Study Course - Nadeen Voss

Steward - Vernie Morgan

Historian - Frances Stepp

Personal Service - Sue Coleman

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? -----
19. Does the Bible teach that God has an organized visible church on this earth? -----
20. Do you believe that Baptism is a Gospel Ordinance? -----
21. Who are the proper subjects for Baptism? -----
22. Do you believe that immersion is the proper method of water Baptism? -----
23. Do you believe that the Lord's Supper and Feet Washing are Divine Ordinances and should be observed repeatedly? -----
24. (a) Do you teach and practice these ordinances? -----
(b) Do you practice the ordinances at night? -----
25. Do you believe in the possibility of apostasy? -----
26. Do you believe in the resurrection of the bodies of all men? -----
27. Do you believe that there will be a judgment when time and man's probation will close forever and then all will be judged according to their works? -----
28. Do you believe that immediately after the judgment the righteous will enter into eternal life, and the wicked into a state of endless punishment? -----
29. Do you believe that Christ at His Second Coming will close the gospel dispensation, glorify His Saints, and judge the world? -----

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

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1970	CHURCH			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
	No. Received	No. Dismissed	No. Deceased										
Bethany	23	8	0	85	5.00	4,765.00	125.00	1,470.04	517.72		437.12	196.22	67,000.00
Bixby	29	12	2	169	25.00	6,312.50	565.30	741.35	443.39	824.50	1,592.53	7,054.37	55,000.00
Carmel	6	7	0	65	10.00	5,076.80	80.00	887.79	169.00	24.00	654.61		21,000.00
Central Miami	0	0	0	19	5.00	175.00	50.00	40.00	20.00	9.00	48.07	644.78	25,000.00
Checotah	26	11	3	276	12.50	4,527.75	526.03	459.79	150.00	101.05	715.86	32,145.61	75,000.00
Coweta	6	4	3	29	3.00	750.00	75.00	90.00	62.00		208.07	668.02	7,500.00
Duck Creek	2	6	0	35	5.00	772.25		172.00	115.00		340.02	1,200.00	1,200.00
Grant Ave.	14	2	0	52	10.00	600.00		143.33	44.82	401.00	141.50	1,006.99	10,000.00
Greenbrier	10	0	0	103	10.00	2,375.00	2,375.00	151.00	44.82	930.97	38.00	2,206.49	17,000.00
Haskell	15	5	2	148	10.00	6,090.80	100.00	40.00	771.11	694.82	930.97	468.84	67,825.50
Hillcrest Wagoner	11	2	1	40	5.00	827.50	50.67	25.00			112.10		20,000.00
Hitchita	6	0	0	45	5.00	1,410.00	262.00	235.11	125.04	143.83	300.31	3,099.45	10,500.00
Keefeton	5	1	0	72	10.00	2,485.00	105.00	539.17	76.79	46.61	147.50	10.57	15,000.00
Little Rock	3	1	1	53	6.00	4,240.00	416.72	1,074.00	125.04	938.00	846.00	2,306.00	45,000.00
Locust Grove	2	1	1	144	5.00	2,400.00	100.00	208.00	1,157.00	140.00	451.88	636.00	16,000.00
Lowery	4	1	1	32	5.00	3,290.00			262.03		66.65	369.00	25,000.00
Northside B. Arrow	6	2	0	28	5.00	1,591.79	112.00	235.76	245.65	131.10	111.25	25.45	16,200.00
Pensacola	2	2	1	45	3.00						154.91		
Porter	5	3	2	44	3.00	7,051.10	596.29	2,451.06	1,856.08		1,947.21	6,392.88	72,000.00
Pryor	28	3	2	398	20.00	1,018.82	32.11	64.00	60.00		362.37	852.13	10,000.00
Salina	5	0	0	28	3.00	1,627.05	180.00	291.73	247.50	185.90	424.59	59.51	17,683.00
Shahan	3	1	1	130	10.00	5,380.00	112.81	1,111.30	225.49	100.00	385.94	19,247.95	66,000.00
Shelbenbarger	17	11	1	110	15.00	1,050.00	130.00	399.88	90.00	73.41	448.99	572.63	19,000.00
Smith Chapel	1	1	1	38	3.00	1,267.22	57.34	65.00	105.86		242.16	1,595.17	10,000.00
Spavshaw	5	3	0	74	5.00	650.00	15.00	342.00	25.00		184.99	1,516.93	20,000.00
Tahlequah	38	10	0	80	5.00	5,880.00	80.00	100.00	93.00	28.00	403.40	4,770.60	72,500.00
Trinity Muskogee	33	1	0	96	5.00	600.00	33.15	117.10	64.50		190.08	364.28	12,000.00
Wagoner First	4	4	1	68	5.00								
Woman's Auxiliary				25.00									
Youth Camp				25.00									
TOTALS	309	103	23	2,506	263.50	72,213.58	3,955.42	11,468.23	7,221.16	3,478.22	12,648.44	85,848.59	862,408.50

Associational Property

