

MINUTES
OF THE
South Grand River Association
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
1971



PROCEEDINGS OF THE
78th ANNUAL SESSION



When Convened September 16 - 18, 1971 at
South Grand River Association Grounds
Wagoner, Oklahoma

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF
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ASSOCIATION OFFICERS—

*Rev. J. D. Stepp, Moderator
Rev. Berton Perry, Assistant Moderator
Don Allen, Clerk
Howard Smith, Assistant Clerk
Rev. Ray Gwartney, Treasurer
Wesley Abbott, Assistant Treasurer
Nathalie Allen, Reporter*

INCLUDES PROCEEDINGS OF—

*South Grand River Association
South Grand River Woman's Auxiliary*

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

1971 - 1972 Officers

South Grand River Association of Free Will Baptist

Moderator: Rev. J. D. Stepp, Box 52, Rt. 2, Bixby, Okla.	369-2381
Ass't Moderator: Rev. Berton Perry, 226 E. Jefferson, Bixby, Okla.	366-3286
Clerk: Don Allen, Rt. 1, Bixby, Okla.	366-3167
Ass't Clerk: Howard Smith, Rt. 2, Bixby, Okla.	369-2960
Treasurer: Rev. Ray Gwartney, 1220 E. Graham Ct., Pryor, Okla.	VA5-2428
Ass't Treasurer: Wesley Abbott, 305 S. E. 15th, Pryor, Okla.	
Reporter: Nathalie Allen, Rt. 1, Bixby, Okla.	366-3167

Caretaker: Lewis Maner, 1004 S. W. 3rd St., Wagoner, Okla.	485-3255

EXECUTIVE BOARD

7 Year Man: Rev. E. E. Jenkins, Rt. 9, Box 527C, Tulsa, Okla.	245-6802
6 Year Man: Don Allen, Rt. 1, Bixby, Okla.	366-3167
5 Year Man: Rev. Ray Gwartney, 1220 E. Graham Ct., Pryor, Okla.	VA5-2428
4 Year Man: Rev. Richard Callison, Rt. 2, Box 102, Pryor, Okla.	VA5-3358
3 Year Man: Wesley Abbott, 305 S. E. 15th, Pryor, Okla.	
2 Year Man: Rev. Berton Perry, 226 E. Jefferson, Bixby, Okla.	366-3286
1 Year Man: Rev. Ernest Harrison, Rt. 1, Box 271, Broken Arrow, Ok.	252-2734

EXAMINING BOARD

5 Year Man: Rev. Oren Estes, Box 464, Haskell, Okla.	482-5646
4 Year Man: Rev. Carl Hembree, Box 183, Locust Grove, Okla.	479-5640
3 Year Man: Rev. Ernest Harrison, Rt. 1, Box 271, Broken Arrow, Ok.	252-2734
2 Year Man: Rev. Louis Maxwell, Box 144, Rose, Okla.	479-5935
1 Year Man: Rev. F. A. McCage, 712 N. Broadway, Checotah, Okla.	473-5446

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

5 Year Man: Rev. R. C. Kisse, Box 386, Salina, Okla.	434-5831
4 Year Man: Rev. Ollie Wright, Rt. 2, Adair, Okla.	785-2675
3 Year Man: V. E. Moses, Rt. 4, Box 31, Muskogee, Okla.	682-0118
2 Year Man: Jim Wilson, 512 S. W. 1st, Pryor, Okla.	VA5-0797
1 Year Man: Rev. Calvin Morgan, Box 146, Adair, Okla.	785-2539

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

5 Year Man: Rev. E. E. Jenkins, Rt. 9, Box 527C, Tulsa, Okla.	245-6802
4 Year Man: Rev. Gary Dodson, Box 452, Haskell, Okla.	482-5646
3 Year Man: Rev. Buddy Drake, Box 31, Oaks, Okla.	868-2719
2 Year Man: Rev. Randal Johnson, 1004 North 3rd, Jenks, Okla.	299-9194
1 Year Man: Rev. Ernest Harrison, Jr., 515 S. 24th, Muskogee, Okla.	251-5939

MISSION BOARD

5 Year Man:	Billye Gwartney, 1220 E. Graham Ct., Pryor, Okla.	VA5-2428
4 Year Man:	Rev. Gerald Mazingo, Star Rt. East, Box 36, Locust Grove, Okla.	GR9-5665
3 Year Man:	Rev. Clayton Crafton, Rt. 2, Box 136, Bixby, Okla.	369-2381
2 Year Man:	Rev. Berton Perry, 226 E. Jefferson, Bixby, Okla.	366-3286
1 Year Man:	Marguerite Kern, Box 41, Locust Grove, Okla.	479-5941

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SEVENTH-EIGHTH

ANNUAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH GRAND RIVER

ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

FRIDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 17, 1971

Session opened with prayer and devotion led by Rev. Buddy Drake.

Assistant Moderator admonished us to work for the Master as we are chosen by Him.

Statistics given from letters also names of delegates by clerk protem, Rev. Ernest Harrison, Jr.

Motion carried to receive report from Churches and to seat the delegates.

Visiting Brethren were recognized by the Moderator.

Motion carried that the Moderator and Assistant appoint the following committees.

Resolution: Ollie Wright, Buddy Drake and Rue Riddle

Estimate of Church Property: Ed Jenkins, Vernie Morgan, Lester Borum

Finance: Maudie Pollard, Marguerite Kern, Coy Williams

Obituary: V. E. Moses, M. D. Cantwell, Pete Haynes

Literature: Burton Perry, Bessie Riddle, Kermit Hayes

Temperance: Elvie Gilbert, Jane Harrison, Sister Bronson

Sunday School: Oren Estes, Louis Maner, Frank Holden

Motion carried to grant the request of Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church that their name be dropped from South Grand River Association since they have united with the Sand Springs Free Will Baptist Church which is a member of the Arkansas River Valley Association.

Motion carried to refer the petitionary letter from Valley Heights Free Will Baptist Church to the Credential Board.

Motion carried to adjourn until 1:15 with prayer by V. E. Moses.

FRIDAY, 11:00 O'CLOCK WORSHIP SERVICE

Service began by singing "I Love To Tell The Story" led by Rev. Burton Perry. A special was rendered by Rev. Buddy Drake. Message by Rev. Jess Stepp from Matthew 4:19. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Homer Young.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION, 1:15 P.M.

Met for special prayer at 1:15. 1:30 session opened by singing "Amazing Grace", led by Rev. Burton Perry. Devotion by Rev. Carl Hembree.

Motion carried to accept report from State Office and Hillsdale Bible College by Rev. Homer Young, State Executive Secretary.

Motion carried to accept report from Rev. Bob Duncan, mission worker from Oklahoma City.

Motion carried to accept report of Youth Camp Treasurer, Rev. F. A. McCage.

Motion carried to accept report of Executive Board given by Rev. Ray Gwartney.

Motion carried to accept resignation of Rev. F. A. McCage from Executive Board due to ill health and commend him for his work on this board.

Motion carried to accept partial report of Credentials Committee to accept Bro. Gary Dodson into full fellowship of this Association.

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

Motion carried to accept partial report and recommendations of Christian Board of Education chairman Rev. Ed Jenkins.

Motion carried to adjourn business until 9:30 A.M. Saturday morning. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Rue Riddle.

FRIDAY EVENING MISSION SERVICE, SEPTEMBER 17, 1971

Service opened with prayer by Rev. Jim Goins. Congregational singing led by Dennis Kern. Offering taken for the Fred McCoy account. Special music by Locust Grove Trio, Dennis Kern, Howard Gwartney and Marguerite Kern. Message by Rev. Bob Ketchum of Owasso Free Will Baptist Church from Matthew 28:18-20. Dismissed with prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE, SEPTEMBER 18, 1971

Service began by singing "Bring Forth The Royal Diadem". Devotion given by Rev. Hershel Miller from John 21:5-7. Prayer led by Rev. Randall Johnson.

Rev. Gerald Mozingo was elected as Assistant Moderator in the absence of Rev. F. A. McCage.

Examining board and the candidates were dismissed for examination.

Youth Camp report given by Sister Stepp.

Motion carried to accept partial report of the General Board.

Motion carried to buy an electric printing machine not to exceed \$600.00.

Motion carried to accept the report of the Literature Committee.

Motion carried to accept the report of the Finance Committee.

Motion carried to accept petitionary letter and seat the delegates from the Valley Heights Free Will Baptist Church.

Request granted the delegates of the Hillcrest Free Will Baptist Church to send Bro. Clyde Bronson to be examined for a license to preach the Gospel.

Motion carried to pay a maximum of \$75.00, if needed, from the Associational Treasury for printing of Minutes and this be added to the standing resolutions.

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

Motion carried to accept the report of the Committee that estimated the cost to build a Tabernacle, and dismiss this Committee.

Motion carried to table question of building the Tabernacle until the afternoon session.

Dismissed with prayer until 1:30.

SATURDAY, 11:00 O'CLOCK WORSHIP SERVICE

Services opened by singing "We Will Work" and "When We All Get To Heaven". Led in prayer by Rev. Cordell Coppin. Special "Jesus Is Coming" by the Bronson family. Special "I Will Meet You In The Morning" by Jess Stepp, Marguerite Kern, Berton Perry, and Clayton Crafton. Report from the Obituary Committee given. Morning message by Rev. Oren Estes from John 21:12 "Come and Dine". Dismissed with prayer and blessing on noon meal by Rev. Calvin Morgan.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 1:30 P.M.

Opened by singing "Oh, How I Love Jesus". Devotion and prayer by Rev. Ray Gwartney from Acts 10:39-41.

Motion carried to accept the Examining Board report.

Motion carried to accept the National Retirement Board report given by Rev. Ernest Harrison, Sr.

Motion carried to accept the report of the Board of Christian Education given by Rev. E. E. Jenkins.

Motion carried that we vacate the Board of Christian Education, fill the vacancies, and commend Bro. Jenkins for his faithful service.

Members elected were Rev. E. E. Jenkins as 5 year man, Rev. Gary Dotson as 4 year man, Rev. Buddy Drake as 3 year man, Rev. Randall Johnson as 2 year man, and Rev. Ernest Harrison, Jr. as 1 year man.

Motion carried that the Board of Christian Education update the rules for Youth Camp, especially the dress code.

Motion carried to accept the report of the Temperance Committee.

Motion carried to accept the report of the Resolutions Committee.

Motion carried to retain Bro. Lewis Maner as caretaker and give him a standing vote of thanks for a good job in the past.

Motion carried to dismiss all committees.

Motion carried that the Associational Executive Board investigate the possibility and the cost of the following: 1. Air conditioning the present sanctuary. 2. Bring sewer system up to State Health specification. 3. Needed paint and repair of all Associational owned buildings. 4. Rental of other youth camp facilities. 5. The sale of the South Grand River Associational Grounds and recommendation for the distribution of the money to the various owners of the property. These possibilities, cost, and recommendations to be presented at the next Quarterly meeting. Item 5 voted on separately and passed as originally stated.

Motion carried that any business except the election of annual officers can be taken care of at the Quarterly meeting and that this be placed in the standing resolutions.

Motion carried to accept the Mission Board report given by Rev. Gerald Mozingo.

Motion carried to elect Sister Billye Gwartney to 5 year term on Mission Board.

Motion carried to elect Rev. R. C. Kissee to 5 year term on Trustee Board.

Motion carried to elect Oren Estes to 5 year term on Examining Board.

Motion carried to elect Wesley Abbott to 3 year term on Executive Board, and Rev. E. E. Jenkins to 7 year term.

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 the State Association.

Rev. Louis Maxwell elected as 11:00 o'clock introductory speaker and Rev. Gary Dodson as alternate for 1972 Annual meeting.

Rev. Carl Pollard elected as speaker for Memorial service 1972 and Rev. Berton Perry as alternate.

Sister Nathalie Allen elected as reporter. Bro. Wesley Abbott elected as ass't. treasurer. Rev. Ray Gwartney elected as treasurer. Bro. Howard Smith elected as ass't. clerk. Bro. Don Allen elected as clerk. Rev. Berton Perry elected as ass't. moderator. Rev. Jess Stepp elected as moderator.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Buddy Drake.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL: We recommend that our association try to have one or more Sunday School institutes 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. Oren Estes, Lewis Maner and Frank Holden.

TEMPERANCE: Be it resolved that the churches be more strict about any form of dancing, and that the children be taught this in the church. Elvie Gilbert, Jane Harrison and Maudie Brunson.

LITERATURE: 1. We your committee on literature recommend that our churches buy Free Will Baptist treaties for distribution to all members and urge each Pastor to have a study course of the treaties. 2. We also recommend that our churches patronize Free Will Baptist book stores when possible. 3. We recommend that all pastors encourage their people to have daily family Bible devotions, availing themselves of devotional literature for daily spiritual guidance. 4. We recommend that the associational clerk send each pastor of the association a copy of these recommendations to be read to the congregation, urging each member to participate. Berton Perry, W. K. Hays, and Bessie Riddle.

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 called from our midst; E. C. McIntire, Newt Ragin, and Lois Bourland of Haskell, Rufus Presley of Wagoner First, Venie Roberts of Shellenbarger, Claud Jennings of Checotah, Fannie Adams of Bixby, Donna Garman of Hillcrest Wagoner, W. A. McUllah, Matilda Keifar, Myrtle Wood, Mary Patterson, and Maudine Emerson of Hitchita, Hannah Holman, and Ike Van Loon, of Locust Grove, Sister Stephens of Pensacola, I. L. Rogers, Myrtle Ward, Ida Packard, and Verna Turner of Salina, Ted Sloan of Trinity Muskogee. There was a total of 21 deceased from our churches and they will be greatly missed. V. E. Moses, M. D. Cantwell, and Pete Haynes.

FINANCE: We your finance committee received the following amounts: Association Minutes - - - \$257.50; Women's Auxiliary for minutes - - - \$25.00; Youth Camp for minutes - - - \$25.00; State Delegate fee - - - \$90.00. Maudie Pollard, Coy Williams, and Marguerite Kern.

ESTIMATE OF CHURCH PROPERTY: We your committee on Estimate of Church Property wish to report the following information: Church property, \$792,675.50; Associational property, \$51,000.00; Grand Total \$843,675.50. E. E. Jenkins, Vernie Morgan and Lester Borum.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE: We your Examining Committee recommend that Rev. Gary Dodson, Rev. Randall Johnson, and Rev. R. C. Kissebe accepted into this association as ordained ministers. We recommend that Bro. Emil Calburn and Bro. Owen Walters be accepted into this association as ordained deacons. We recommend that Bro. Zane Blackford, and Bro. Tony Smith's license be extended one year. We recommend that Bro. Clyde Brunson be licensed for one year to preach. We recommend that Bro. James Brunson, and Bro. Roy Timmons be ordained as deacons.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: Be it resolved that the name and telephone number of the caretaker of the associational grounds be placed in the minutes.

SOUTH GRAND RIVER ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL TREAS. REPORT
SEPT. 14, 1970 to SEPT. 13, 1971

RECEIPTS

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD

\$2,340.32

CHURCH	CO-OP	EARMARKED	ASS'N	TOTAL
BETHANY	\$1,604.98	\$ 790.63		\$2,395.61
BIXBY	728.57	1,816.01		2,544.58
CARMEL	714.61	282.70		997.31
CENTRAL MIAMI	175.02	160.00		335.02
CHECOTAH	566.94	328.04		894.98
COWETA	60.00	63.00		123.00
DUCK CREEK	130.00	211.16	38.50	379.66
GRANT AVE.	102.27	128.25		230.52
GREENBRIER	90.00	867.14	5.00	962.14
HASKELL		1,592.61		1,592.61
HILLCREST WAGONER	404.28	5.00		409.28
HICHTA	241.43	402.00		643.43
KEEFTON	687.91	225.55	10.00	923.46
LITTLE ROCK	120.00	102.87		222.87
LOCUST GROVE	1,109.83	2,731.59	36.00	3,877.42
LOWERY	120.00	423.50	36.00	579.50
N.S. BROKEN ARROW	100.00	5.00		105.00
PENSACOLA	159.93	212.36	55.00	427.29
PORTER	119.35	103.82		223.17
PRYOR	2,319.69	3,752.11		6,071.80
SALINA		365.50	24.00	389.50
SHAHAN	180.00	725.25	36.00	941.25
SHELLENBARGER	716.82	943.99		1,660.81
SMITH CHAPEL	448.63	183.00		631.63
SPAVINAW		96.27	10.00	106.27
TAHLEQUAH	374.00	15.00		389.00
TRINITY MUSKOGEE	362.78	59.74		422.52
WAGONER FIRST	189.85	209.25		399.10
S.G.R. Miss. Bd.		722.12		722.12
S.G.R. AUXILIARY		25.00		25.00
S.G.R. YOUTH CAMP		60.00	187.00	247.00
VALLEY HEIGHTS SALINA	85.00	51.00		136.00
INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT			10.00	10.00
INDIVIDUAL		50.00		50.00
OFFERING		26.73		26.73
SUBTOTAL	\$11,911.89	\$17,736.19	\$447.50	\$30,095.58
TOTAL RECEIPTS				32,435.90
BAL. BD. CHRISTIAN ED.	138.70	13.00	585.69	

DISBURSEMENTS:	
STATE OFFICE	26,478.62
UTILITIES	222.71
SO. GRAND RIVER MISSIONS	595.46
CARETAKER	1,048.00
Grocery Stores	9.29
Pony Express	10.00
AAA Printing	263.50
Schaefer's Office Supply	77.52
Postmaster (Postage)	90.00
Wagoner Lumber Co.	651.07
Derial Moore (Sidewalk)	100.00
F. J. Stine Concrete	356.32
Nursery Attendants State Meeting	82.50
Harvester O.B.C.	50.00
Tractor Gas	18.75
Mack & T.J's. Auto Service	7.60
Clerk & Treasurer's Honorarium	50.00
Otasco	6.83
Oklahoma School Supply	58.26
Hope Lumber & Adair Building Supply (for Gages)	204.98
Board Mileage	125.60
Commercial Printing	41.50
Gilbert Tractor Co.	38.90
Dr. E. L. Leonard	5.00
Watts Lawn Mower Shop	12.00
Rosson Lumber Co.	61.58
Howard Discount (fans)	113.00
Bucks Sporting Goods	58.90
Raymond D. Wilson Agency	208.00
F.W.B. Book Store	7.48
Hillsdale F.W.B.C. Scholarships	625.00
A.B. Dick Co.	20.14

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$31,698.51
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Balance on Hand	\$ 737.39
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INFORMATION

TOTAL RECEIPTS

1968----	23,735.53	Increased	4,509.81
1969----	30,680.28	Increased	6,944.75
1970----	29,402.29	Decreased	1,277.99
1971----	32,435.90	Increased	3,033.61

Ray Gwartney----	1220 E. Graham Ct., Pryor, Oklahoma 74361
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South Grand River Association

CO-OPERATIVE BREAKDOWN

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

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. Ordained and licensed ministers and their wives, deacons and their wives, and church clerks 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 tolling, 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; I John 5:7; I 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; I 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 and a representative from each church 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.

17. Be it resolved that we pay a maximum of \$75.00, if needed, from the associational treasury for printing of the minutes.

18. Be it resolved that any business except the election of annual officers can be taken care of at the Quarterly meeting.

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

The annual meeting of South Grand River Woman's Auxiliary opened with singing "Praise Him", led by Sue Perry.

President Billye Gwartney called the meeting to order, and led in singing "Fill My Cup Lord". Devotion by Lucille McCoy, text Psalms 119-105.

Appointment of Committees by President and Vice President:

CREDENTIALS: Birdia Smith, Bessie Riddle, Nathalie Allen

FINANCE: Velma Moore, Nadine Voss, Billy Ragsdale

RESOLUTION: Janie Harrison, Lexie Palmer, Viola Carter. Field Secretary's report given by Marguerite Kern. Motion carried to accept report as given.

Treasurer's report was given by Velma Moore, approved as read.

Secretary's report given by Edith Gross, approved as read.

Mission Chairman's report given by Sue Perry, approved as read.

Adjourned for Worship Service

The worship service opened with singing "In The Cross", led by Sue Perry. Special music from Locust Grove, "I Know He Loves Me". Buddy Drake sang "My Wonderful Lord".

Message by Bro. Buddy Drake, Scripture Psalms 119-11. Dismissed for lunch.

Afternoon session opened with singing "He Keeps Me Singing". Devotion by Sis. Billye Gwartney using text Ps. 119-11.

Registration Committee reported 36 members, 18 visitors, total 54.

Finance Committee reported an offering of \$21.67.

Credentials - We the credentials committee have examined the petitionary letters from Coweta (7 members) and Pensacola (11 members) Auxiliaries and find them in order with their officers and membership fees.

We recommend they be accepted into South Grand River District Auxiliary.

Speaker for December - Bro. Ollie Wright, alternate Gary Dodson.

Motion made to empower the treasurer to order Secretary and Treasurer report blanks for the entire district. Second and carried.

Motion carried to send \$20.00 to the Minister's Retirement Fund.

Motion carried to take the nominations for offices one by one.

Elected:

President	Nelda Gwartney
Vice President	Billye Gwartney
Secretary	Brenda Harrison
Ass't. Secretary	Edith Gross
Treasurer	Velma Moore
Field Worker	Marguerite Kern
Mission Prayer	Verna Morgan
Mission Study	Phyllis Wright
Mission Action	Sue Perry
Pianist	Dorothy Hudson
Song Director	Sue Morgan

Motion carried to pay \$25.00 to have our minutes printed and this be a standing amount until changed later by vote.

Moved to adjourn.

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? --
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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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Coweta -----	Elvie Gilbert, Box 334, Coweta, Ok.	486-2270
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Greenbrier -----	Adam Gay Flan Harris Eddie Peters Don Kinion Zelma Reynolds, Rt. 2, Adair, Ok.	785-2604
Haskell-----	R. L. Riddle Robert Points Doyle Points Bessie Riddle, Box 452, Haskell, Ok.	482-5441

Hillcrest Wagoner-----	Cleo Jones Lewis Maner Willie Moore Emil W. Cobarn Ada Moore, 907 S.W. 4th, Wagoner, Ok.	485-3996
Hitchita -----	Lillian Sessions, Rt. 3, Box 238 Henryetta, Ok. 74437	446-2236
Keefeton -----	Kenneth Lowe William Rains Alvin Beavers Gwen Fuller, Rt. 2 Box 225B, Muskogee, Ok.	463-5233
Little Rock -----	H. C. Littlefield Pigeon Rogers, Rt. 1 Box 200, Salina, Ok.	
Locust Grove -----	Dennis Kern Oscar Reed Mack Estep Frank Rogers Howard Gwartney Mayes Key Nelda Gwartney, Box 293, Locust Grove, Ok.	479-5456
Lowery-----	Leroy Trimble Russell Ferguson J. C. Eagleton Edmond Gwartney Buck Carter Carolyn Trimble, Rt. 1 Box 97, Rose Ok.	868-2625
Northside Broken Arrow --	Marvin Summers Cecil Ragan Bessie Ogle, 212 E. Freeport, Broken Arrow, Ok.	251-3363
Pensacola-----	Frank Brixey Lewis Clapper Elijah Gay Mrs. Vernon McDaniel, Rt. 1, Big Cabin, Ok.	785-2620
Porter-----	Dee Gorgan Fred George Thelma Cole, Box 722, Porter, Ok.	
Pryor -----	Harris Gurley Marvin Coats Joe Roberts Wesley Abbott Melvin Wallace Pauletta Wilson, 512 S.W. 1st, Pryor, Ok.	825-0797
Salina -----	Hugh Pollard Dolph Morgan Joyce Haikey, Box 538, Locust Grove, Ok.	
Shahan-----	Delbert Hand Ralph Mahan, Sr. Wesley Faught Ronald Garrett Lee Massey Bob Kelley Altha Carter, Rt. 2 Box 123A, Broken Arrow, Ok.	486-5614
Shellenbarger -----	Leonard Terry Ulysses James Tommy Gibson Eugene Green	

	Cloyd Wright	
	Verlin Bogle	
	Walter Hilton	
	John Walker, Rt. 1 Box 153, Bixby, Ok.	366-3876
Smith Chapel -----	Troy Gwartney	
	Cecil Clifton	
	Wattie Bell	
	Dorothy Maxwell, Box 144, Rose, Ok.	
Spavinaw -----	Jess Newby	
	Ides Newby	
	Raymond Hicks	
	Geneva Creekiller, Box 282,	
	Spavinaw, Ok.	589-2467
Trinity Muskogee-----	Bill Conrad	
	V. E. Moses	
	Forest Hayes	
	Gary Horton	
	Edith Faye Gross, 2402 Elgin St., Muskogee	683-2012
Wagoner First-----	Velmont Farmer	
	Albert Jones, Jr.	
	Nellie Bays, 703 N. Gertrude, Wagoner, Ok.	485-2451
Valley Heights-----	Owen Walters	
	Sharon Kisse, Box 386, Salina, Ok.	434-5831

1971 CHURCH	No. Received	No. Dismissed	No. Deceased	Total Membership	Minute Fund	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Co-op Plan & Association
Bethany	10	0	0	85	10.00	5,670.00	100.00	1,605.00
Bixby	4	4	1	172	25.00	4,180.00	653.13	579.92
Carmel	4	15	0	40	10.00	3,155.00	80.00	662.00
Central Miami	0	0	0	18	10.00	780.00	-	215.01
Checotah	32	2	1	306	12.50	4,629.03	311.83	834.37
Coweta	0	0	0	27	10.00	950.00	112.50	60.00
Duck Creek	2	0	0	35	10.00	836.00	40.00	156.00
Greenbrier	7	3	0	107	10.00	3,676.40	150.00	90.00
Haskell	25	2	3	195	10.00	6,690.40	270.00	-
Hillcrest Wagoner	9	0	1	48	8.00	1,300.00	73.66	395.72
Hitchita	3	10	5	33	15.00	1,370.00	-	241.43
Keefeton	19	0	0	86	10.00	2,940.00	150.00	-
Little Rock	2	2	0	52	5.00	360.00	80.00	120.00
Locust Grove	18	3	2	162	10.00	4,240.00	73.00	1,177.00
Lowery	8	0	0	45	5.00	4,921.00	187.47	156.00
Northside Broken Arrow	23	0	0	47	10.00	3,610.00	100.00	100.00
Pensacola	9	0	1	52	3.00	1,178.70	167.80	180.99
Porter				37				
Pryor	10	1	0	408	20.00	6,625.00	410.00	2,353.98
Salina	8	8	4	28	3.00	1,686.25	342.42	24.00
Shahan	0	2	0	128	10.00	1,641.73	195.00	216.00
Shellenbarger	28	2	1	136	20.00	5,720.00	465.44	1,424.06
Smith Chapel	0	0	0	76	6.00	1,575.00	125.00	448.63
Spavinaw	2	7	0	68	5.00	1,216.12	-	-
Tahlequah								
Trinity Muskogee	9	2	1	110	15.00	8,605.00	356.00	258.12
Wagoner First	11	0	1	53	10.00	650.00	40.00	187.35
Valley Heights	11	0	0	11	10.00	-	-	85.00
Woman's Auxiliary					25.00			
Youth Camp					25.00			
Associational Property								
TOTALS	254	63	21	2,565	322.50	78,205.63	4,483.25	11,570.58

Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Literature & Education	Building & Repair	Value of Church Property	
467.13	-	871.59	455.00	67,000.00	Bethany
210.50	505.96	1,975.73	364.23	55,000.00	Bixby
219.00	31.00	259.30	88.00	25,000.00	Carmel
80.00	-	113.63	2,890.38	25,000.00	Central Miami
180.50	46.46	937.59	1,486.98	65,000.00	Checotah
60.00	39.00	226.79	515.66	7,500.00	Coweta
192.42	21.25	423.57	-	1,200.00	Duck Creek
382.71	171.74	519.36	1,854.84	17,000.00	Greenbrier
1,549.50	-	1,290.41	1,624.35	67,825.50	Haskell
-	-	126.23	-	20,000.00	Hillcrest Wagoner
121.52	125.63	322.53	-	13,000.00	Hitchita
86.00	-	12.00	378.83	20,000.00	Keefeton
-	96.87	124.56	43.58	14,000.00	Little Rock
1,141.00	674.00	1,632.00	-	47,000.00	Locust Grove
365.10	-	542.15	1,066.23	21,000.00	Lowery
-	-	114.56	586.40	25,000.00	Northside Broken Arrow
139.10	78.12	204.87	388.35	16,200.00	Pensacola
2,303.18	90.00	3,532.76	7,382.34	72,000.00	Porter
245.00	-	320.59	884.44	10,000.00	Pryor
385.00	140.00	274.94	25.99	19,950.00	Salina
					Shahan
193.25	40.00	420.18	10,794.77	66,000.00	Shellenbarger
198.63	20.00	420.18	115.15	18,000.00	Smith Chapel
60.00	-	150.93	-	12,000.00	Spavinaw
					Tahlequah
36.89	44.74	609.69	1,163.56	70,000.00	Trinity Muskogee
30.00	5.00	208.63	-	13,000.00	Wagoner First
17.00	17.00	-	-	5,000.00	Valley Heights
					Woman's Auxiliary
					Youth Camp
				51,000.00	Associational Property
8,663.43	2,146.77	15,634.77	32,109.08	843,675.50	TOTALS

