

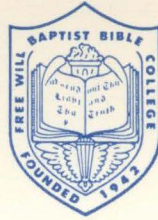
MINUTES
OF THE
South Grand River Association
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
1972



PROCEEDINGS OF THE
79th ANNUAL SESSION



When Convened September 14 - 16, 1972 at
South Grand River Association Grounds
Wagoner, Oklahoma



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented By

Rev. Ernest Harrison

MINUTES OF THE
SEVENTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF
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ASSOCIATION OFFICERS –

Rev. J. D. Stepp, Moderator

Rev. Charles Bigger, 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

1972 - 1973 Officers

South Grand River Association of Free Will Baptist

Moderator: Rev. J. D. Stepp, 515 S. 24th, Muskogee, Okla.	687-9549
Ass't. Moderator: Rev. Charles Bigger, 712 N. Broadway, Checotah, Okla.	473-5446
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, Ok.	VA5-2428
Ass't. Treasurer: Wesley Abbott, 305 S. E. 15th, Pryor, Ok.	
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. Ernest Harrison, Rt. 1, Box 271, Broken Arrow, Okla.	252-2734
6 Year Man: Rev. E. E. Jenkins, Rt. 9, Box 527C, Tulsa, Okla.	245-6802
5 Year Man: Don Allen, Rt. 1, Bixby, Okla.	366-3167
4 Year Man: Rev. Ray Gwartney, 1220 E. Graham Ct., Pryor, Okla.	VA5-2428
3 Year Man: Rev. Richard Callison, Rt. 2, Box 102, Pryor, Ok.	VA5-3358
2 Year Man: Wesley Abbott, 305 S.E. 15th, Pryor, Okla.	
1 Year Man: Rev. Berton Perry, 226 E. Jefferson, Bixby, Okla.	366-3286

EXAMINING BOARD

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

5 Year Man: Rev. Cordell Coppin, Rt. 2, Box 290, Muskogee, Ok.	463-2249
4 Year Man: Rev. R. C. Kisse, Box 386, Salina, Okla.	434-5831
3 Year Man: Rev. Ollie Wright, Rt. 2, Bixby, Okla.	369-2381
2 Year Man: V. E. Moses, Rt. 4, Box 31, Muskogee, Okla.	682-0118
1 Year Man: Jim Wilson, 512 S.W. 1st, Pryor, Okla.	VA5-0797

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

5 Year Man: Bro. Glen Trimble, 324 S.E. 15th, Pryor, Okla.	825-4852
4 Year Man: Rev. E. E. Jenkins, Rt. 9, Box 527C, Tulsa, Okla.	245-6802
3 Year Man: Rev. Gary Dodson, Box 452, Haskell, Okla.	482-3410
2 Year Man: Rev. Buddy Drake, Box 31, Oaks, Okla.	868-2719
1 Year Man: Rev. Randal Johnson, 1004 N. 3rd, Jenks, Okla.	299-9194

MISSION BOARD

5 Year Man: Marguerite Kern, Box 41, Locust Grove, Okla.	479-5941
4 Year Man: Billye Gwartney, 1220 E. Graham Ct., Pryor, Ok.	VA5-2428
3 Year Man: Rev. Gerald Mozingo, 1242 S. 120th E. Ave, Tulsa, Okla.	437-5471
2 Year Man: Rev. Clayton Crafton, Rt. 2, Box 136, Bixby, Ok.	369-2381
1 Year Man: Rev. Berton Perry, 226 E. Jefferson, Bixby, Ok.	366-3286

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SEVENTY-NINTH

ANNUAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH GRAND RIVER

ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

FRIDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 15, 1972

Session opened with song, "He Included Me" led by Brother V. E. Moses.

Devotion and prayer by Rev. Ernest Harrison Sr.

Comments by Moderator, Rev. Jess Stepp.

Letters read by clerk.

Motion carried to accept request of Smith Chapel to extend license of Zane Blackfort to be added to their letter.

Motion carried to seat the delegates.

Visiting Brethren were recognized by the Moderator.

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

Sunday School Committee: Jane Harrison, Pauletta Wilson and Maxine Baldridge

Temperance Committee: Glenn Sessions, Birdie Smith and Odis Butler, Jr.

Literature Committee: Anna Mae Gibson, Katherine Hunter and Howard Gage.

Obituary: V. E. Moses, Melissa Farmer and Jake Gage.

Finance: Phylis Wright, Marie Wright and Linda Butler.

Estimate of Church Property: Ed Hanes, Rachel Forbes and John Peck.

Report from State Executive Secretary, Rev. Lonnie DaVoult. Motion carried to accept report.

Motion carried to accept Youth camp and treasurer's report from Rev. Ray Gwartney.

FRIDAY, 11:00 O'CLOCK WORSHIP SERVICE

Service began by singing led by V. E. Moses. Message by Rev. Louis Maxwell from Numbers 13:29. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Charles Bigger.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION, 1:15 P.M.

Met for special prayer at 1:15. 1:30 session opened by singing led by Rev. J. D. Stepp. Devotion by Rev. Lonnie DaVoult.

Motion carried to accept partial report of Examining Board. That Rev. Charles Bigger be accepted into South Grand River Association as an ordained minister. That Glen Trimble be ordained as a deacon and Ulmont Farmer be licensed to preach.

Motion carried to accept report from Hillsdale Free Will Baptist Bible College by Rev. Jerry Rhoades.

Motion carried to accept report of Sunday School Committee.

Motion carried to accept report of Literature Committee.

Motion carried to accept report of Temperance Committee.

Motion carried to accept partial report of Board of Christian Education and to replace the member that is leaving.

Motion carried to give the remaining \$200.00 scholarship from the Board of Christian Education to a student at Hillsdale Free Will Baptist Bible College that has a special need.

Motion carried to elect Glen Trimble to the Board of Christian Education.

Motion carried to accept Executive Board report and re-elect Rev. Ernest Harrison, Sr. for seven year term.

Motion carried to adjourn business until 9:30 Saturday morning. Dismissed with prayer by Grady Cunningham.

SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE, SEPTEMBER 16, 1972 9:30 A.M.

Opened by singing led by V. E. Moses. Devotion and prayer by Rev. Howard Gage.

Motion carried to receive clerks' reading remaining church letters and seating of the delegates.

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

Marguerite Kern elected to 5 year term on Mission Board.

Motion carried to receive the report on Estimate of Church Property and release the committee.

Rev. Charles Bigger elected to 5 year term on Examining Board.

Rev. Cordell Coppin elected to 5 year term on Board of Trustees.

Motion carried to receive report from committee on Finance and release the committee.

Motion carried to receive partial report from Examining Board.

Rev. Bill Walker of Bixby elected as speaker for December Quarterly meeting.

Rev. Charles Bigger elected as alternate speaker.

Motion carried to retain Br. Lewis Maner as caretaker for South Grand River Association for 1972-73 year.

Rev. Jake Gage elected as introductory speaker and Rev. Gary Dotson as alternate for Annual meeting.

Rev. Ernest Harrison elected as Memorial speaker and Rev. Gerald Mozingo as alternate for Annual Meeting.

Motion carried that the clerk have the authority to write a letter for anyone who wants to attend another association as representative from South Grand River Association.

Motion carried that we temporarily change the constitution and elect officers in the morning service and not wait until the close of the meeting.

Motion carried that an honorarium of \$25.00 each be given to the clerk and treasurer.

Association officers elected for 1972-73 year are: Moderator: Rev. J. D. Stepp, Assistant Moderator: Rev. Charles Bigger, Clerk: Don Allen, Assistant Clerk, Howard Smith Treasurer: Rev. Ray Gwartney, Assistant Treasurer: Wesley Abbott, Reporter: Nathalie Allen.

Moderator elected for December Quarterly meeting Rev. Oren Estes.

Motion carried to accept report and recommendations of officers from the Board of Christian Education.

SATURDAY, 11:00 O'CLOCK WORSHIP SERVICE

Services opened by singing. Obituary report given by the clerk. Message by Rev. Berton Perry from Numbers 13:26-30. Dismissed with prayer.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 1:30 P.M.

Services opened with special singing. Moderator called for an altar of prayer. Devotion and prayer by Rev. Gerald Mozingo.

Motion carried to allow churches one week to send money and name of delegate to clerk for state association.

Motion carried to accept resolutions committee report and recommendations.

Motion carried to elect a committee to be in charge of Fellowship meeting each quarter.

Rev. Jake Gage, V. E. Moses and Hugh Pollard elected on Fellowship committee.

Motion carried to accept the Examining Board's Report.

Motion carried to accept Woman's Auxiliary report by Phylis Wright.

Motion carried to adjourn.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL: We recommend that our Sunday Schools order all of their literature from our book store at 4801 S. Walker, Oklahoma City, Okla. Sunday school average for year was 84, with 24 Sunday Schools reporting. Jane Harrison, Pauletta Wilson and Maxine Baldrige.

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 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 past times keep us from assembling ourselves together. We encourage the daily family altar and home training. Remember the Bible says in Proverbs 22-6 "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it." We also encourage that churches be more strict about any form of dancing and that the children be taught this in the church. Glenn Sessions, Birdie Smith and Odis Butler, Jr.

LITERATURE: We, your committee on literature, recommend that the Bible be used as the basic source of teaching and training materials. We recommend that Free Will Baptists use our own bookstores as a source of reading materials. Note: We have observed a dangerous trend of filthy materials flooding our newsstands. We recommend that Free Will Baptist parents check the newsstands in their local markets for such material and voice their opinion on such literature being made available for young and old. We also recommend that the magazines published by our National Association and State Association such as: Promoter, Contact, and Heart-beat be brought into our homes. Howard Gage, Catherine Hunter and Anna Mae Gipson.

OBITUARY: We, your obituary committee, report as follows: It is with sadness of heart we bow to the call of our Heavenly Father who removed from our midst; Brother Jim Falls from Checotah, Sister Jean Harris from Greenbrier, Brother Beatah Phillpot, Brother John Hampton and Brother Dan Kelly from Haskell, Sister Verna McUllah from Hitchita, Rance Howard Wilcox from Pryor, Sister Bannie Kincaid from Shahan, Sister Bessie James from Shellenbarger, Sister Lou Willyard from West Side Pryor, Brother Jess Warner from Trinity Muskogee, Brother Claud Moore from Wagoner First, Brother Harry Bristol and Sister Susie Tuttle from Salina, Sister Barbara Wisely, Brother Dick Manes, Brother John Smith and Sister Berttie Marell from Tahlequah. V. E. Moses, Melissa Farmer, Jake Gage.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: We, your finance committee, received the following amounts: Association minutes - - - \$280.00; State delegate fees - - - \$110.00; Youth Camp minutes - - - \$25.00; Woman's Auxiliary minutes - - - \$25.00. Total \$440.00. Phyllis Wright, Marie Wright and Linda Butler.

ESTIMATE OF CHURCH PROPERTY: We, the committee on Estimate of Church Property, wish to report the following information: Church property, \$876,600.00; Associational property, \$55,000.00; Grand Total \$931,600.00. Ed Hanes, Rachel Forbes and John Peck.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE: We, your examining committee, recommend that John D. Bemo be licensed to preach for one year. We recommend that Brother Roger P. Davis be licensed to preach. We recommend that Brother Howard Ray Gwartney's license be extended one year. Rev. Louis Maxwell, Rev. Oren Estes, Rev. Ollie Wright and Rev. Ernest Harrison, Sr.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: Be it resolved that we have a fellowship service of all churches at the camp grounds on the third Friday night of the second month after the quarterly meeting and association meeting. All other churches being welcome if they so desire to come and worship with us. Be it further resolved that our associational clerk send out letters or cards to each church of the association at least two weeks before this meeting to remind them. Be it resolved that all churches act upon request for letters from other churches as soon as possible and this be done by calling a special church conference if necessary. Be it resolved that each church take up a special offering sometime in April to offset Youth Camp expense over and above individual enrollment fee.

SOUTH GRAND RIVER ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL TREAS. REPORT
SEPT. 13, 1971 to SEPT. 9, 1972

RECEIPTS

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD

\$737.39

CHURCHES	CO-OP	EARMARKED	ASS'N.	TOTAL
BETHANY	1,363.91	854.00		\$2,217.91
BIXBY	1,034.62	1,444.70		2,479.32
CARMEL	905.18	608.67		1,513.85
CENTRAL MIAMI	261.66	285.00		546.66
CHECOTAH	344.98	608.57		953.55
COWETA	86.90	96.90		183.80
DUCK CREEK	120.00	278.95	36.00	434.95
GREENBRIER	120.00	1,176.80		1,296.80
HASKELL	625.28	1,307.43		1,932.71
HILLCREST WAGONER	538.70	126.55		665.25
HITCHITA	239.49	411.28		650.77
KEEFTON	1,085.92	454.65	10.00	1,550.57
LITTLE ROCK	80.00	70.00		150.00
LOCUST GROVE	1,327.00	3,349.62	36.00	4,712.62
LOWERY	356.15	329.26	24.00	709.41
N.S. BROKEN ARROW	137.50	109.00		246.50
PENSACOLA	289.37	190.92	55.00	535.29
PORTER	281.40	143.06		424.46
PRYOR	2,468.97	4,259.99		6,728.96
SALINA		73.00		73.00
SHAHAN	180.00	566.00	36.00	782.00
SHELLENBARGER	704.35	1,446.46		2,150.81
SMITH CHAPEL	513.16	595.06		1,108.22
SPAVINAW		111.69		111.69
TALEQUAH	542.00			542.00
TRINITY MUSKOGEE	408.72	377.97		786.69
VALLEY HEIGHTS	585.02	372.26		857.28
WAGONER FIRST	197.45	166.50		363.95
WEST SIDE PRYOR	60.00	66.00		126.00
S.G.R. MASTER MEN		60.01		60.01
S.G.R. AUXILIARY		25.00		25.00
S.G.R. YOUTH CAMP		811.81		811.81
MISSION BOARD		550.00	20.00	570.00
MISCELLANEOUS			21.95	21.95
OFFERING		45.00		45.00
HARTFORD INC.			5.00	5.00
AMERICAN BANK LOAN		12,000.00		12,000.00
CLAREMORE REMB.			25.10	25.10
SUBTOTAL	\$14,857.73	\$33,372.11	\$269.05	\$48,498.89
TOTAL RECEIPTS				49,236.28
BAL. BD. CHRISTIAN ED.	881.46	1,788.95	277.76	

INFORMATION

TOTAL RECEIPTS

1970----29,402.90

1971----32,435.90

1972----49,236.28 less loan (12,000.00)

Increased 3,033.61

Increased 4,800.38

DISBURSEMENTS:

STATE OFFICE	\$30,653.92
UTILITIES	186.12
SO. GRAND RIVER MISSIONS	742.77
CARETAKER	600.00
AAA PRINTING	350.00
TERRY JONES ELECTRIC	3.61
SCHAFER'S OFFICE SUPPLY	39.23
POST MASTER	48.00
EXECUTIVE BOARD MILEAGE	127.60
EARL YOUREE	40.00
COMMERCIAL PRINTING	53.50
LEWIS MANER (labor)	327.00
MARTIN TRACTOR CO.	10.00
DARRIAL MOORE (labor)	327.00
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH (phone)	10.00
BILL KELLER (tractor gas)	23.08
AMERICAN BANK LOAN (loan payments)	1,188.10
OTASCO	66.88
CHAPMAN TIRE SERVICE	22.50
VANCE & SON INC.	6,550.00
WAGONER LUMBER CO.	620.48
F. J. STINE	2,150.00
WAGONER COUNTY ABSTRACT CO.	140.00
J. B. HARRIS SHOP	25.00
OKLAHOMA SCHOOL SUPPLY	64.65
SAFEWAY	9.28
BOB KITCHUM	20.00
RAY KELLER (tractor gas)	12.25
HENSON ELECTRIC	12.50
CLERK & TREASURER (Honorium) \$25.00 each	50.00
A.B. DICK CO. (memo machine)	591.11
FRED McCOY (special Christmas offering from Smith Chapel)	40.00
HARVESTER (Hillsdale Annual)	50.00
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH PRYOR (difference on memo mach.)	50.00
GILBERT TRACTOR CO.	18.73
SMITH PLUMBING	23.40
DON'S ELECTRIC CO.	150.00
DOC'S THRIFTY WISE	371.47
PAGE MILK CO.	50.40
WONDER BREAD	31.21
TAYLOE PAPER CO.	109.28
BIXBY CHURCH	24.90
DENNIS KERN AGENCY, INC.	91.80
JOHNNY GRAVES & J. D. STEPP MILEAGE	30.00
WAGONER TRUCK STOP	1.30
JACK'S T.V. (P.A. System Repair)	21.28
ROGERS PLUMBING	129.32
HARVEY AUTO SUPPLY	8.95
PEPSI	15.95
AMERICAN BANK OF OKLAHOMA (checks)	5.54

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$46,288.11
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Balance on Hand	2,948.17
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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. 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.

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.

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 it's 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.

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; Psa. 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.

19. Be it resolved that we have a fellowship service of all churches at the Camp Grounds on the third Friday night of the second month after the quarterly meeting and association meeting. All other churches being welcome if they so desire to come and worship with us.

20. Be it further resolved that our association clerk send out letters or cards to each church of the association at least two weeks before this meeting, reminding them of the meeting.

21. Be it resolved that all churches act upon request for letters from other churches as soon as possible and this be done by calling a special church conference if necessary.

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

The South Grand River District Women's Auxiliary convened at the associational campgrounds in Wagoner, Okla. President Nelda Gwartney opened with prayer. Theme for the annual meeting was "Power Of The Spirit."

Sue Morgan led the congregation in singing "I Love To Tell The Story" and "Kneel At The Cross." Prayer by Marguerite Kern.

Nominating Committee:

Lodema Crabtree - Chairman
Verna Morgan
Dorothy Bigger
Wanda Gage
Wanda Key
Elvie Gilbert
Coy Williams
Jane Harrison
Frances Stepp
Floy Hilton

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: Chairman Marguerite Kern, Phyllis Wright, Viola Peck.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Velma Moore, Billye Ragsdale.

RESOLUTION: Birdie Smith, Lilian Lemly, Roberta Hembree.

REGISTRATION: Billye Gwartney, Willie Gage.

Devotion and Prayer by Lodema Crabtree, using scripture Romans 8:26.

Field Secretary's report - Marguerite Kern - 1 Thess. 4:9-12.

Report on the Carrs - in need of 12,000 S & H Green Stamp Books, toward purchasing an airplane, which costs \$24,000.00.

Treasurer's Report - Velma Moore - 12 auxiliaries reporting.

Acting Secretary - Faye Armstrong - 12 auxiliaries reporting, 119 members.

Missions Prayer - Verna Morgan.

11:00 Service opened with Sue Morgan leading "Heavenly Sunlight", "Are You Washed In The Blood". Prayer Bro. Howard Gage.

Special Music "Thank God I Am Free" - Jess Stepp, Howard Gage, Marguerite Kern.

Message Bro. Calvin Morgan - Scripture Rom. 8:26.

1:00 Service

Congregation singing "Power In The Blood".

Devotion - Ann Shipp - 1 Cor. 13:12.

New Business:

Finance - offering \$24.12.

Registration - 36 members, 10 visitors.

Credentials: We recommend that each local auxiliary be sure to send in names and addresses of their officers to the recording secretary. If your report was not in at this meeting, go home and make sure it is in. Make sure that for each member reported a \$1.25 representative fee.

Resolution - Be it resolved that we encourage each auxiliary to support the Carr's in every way possible, especially with Green Stamps and/or money.

Nominating Committee 1973-73

Lodema Crabtree, Verna Morgan, Dorothy Bigger, Wanda Gage, Ann Shipp, Ailene Goines, Coy Williams, Jane Harrison, Sue Coleman, Nita Trotter, Sue Perry, Lilian Palmer.

New Officers '72-73

President	Nelda Gwartney
Vice President	Billye Gwartney
Secretary	Phyllis Wright
Ass't. Secretary	Sue Coleman
Treasurer	Velma Moore
Field Worker	Marguerite Kern
Mission Prayer	Verna Morgan
Study Mission	Pat Dotson
Pianist	Wanda Gage
Song Leader	Sue Morgan
Mission Action	Berdie Smith

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. _____
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6. Name the conditions of salvation _____
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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? _____

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(* Indicates Pastor of Church)

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Carmel -----	Darrel Buchannan Baxter Hill J. D. Buchannan Paul Palmer Bill Persall, 1533 E. 50th, Tulsa, Ok.	743-0090
Central Miami-----	Billie Marshall, 613 K N.W., Miami, Ok.	542-9520
Checotah -----	Ellery Lemley Sidney Mackey Walter Woods Oscar Dunlap Hubert Davidson	

	Jess Ferguson	
	Hervie Lemley	
	Phi Voss	
	Norman Davidson, West Star Rt.,	
	Checotah, Ok.	473-5465
Coweta -----	Lucille Lamberson, Coweta, Ok.	486-5572
Duck Creek -----	Howard Exendine	
	Icle Christian, Rt. 2, Mounds, Ok.	827-3913
Greenbrier -----	Adam Gay	
	Flam Harris	
	Eddie Peters	
	Don Kinion	
	Darrell Ragsdale	
	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 -----	William Rains	
	Alvin Beavers	
	Gwen Fuller, Rt. 2 Box 225B, Muskogee	
	Ok.	463-5233
Little Rock -----	H. C. Littlefield	
	Claude Rowbotham	
	Zaundra Peace, Star Route East Box 36	
	Locust Grove, Ok.	479-5607
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	

	Glen Tibbs	
	Thelma Cole, Box 722, Porter, Ok.	483-4465
Pryor -----	Harris Gurley	
	Marvin Coats	
	Joe Roberts	
	Wesley Abbott	
	Melvin Wallace	
	Leo Ragsdale	
	Glen Trimble	
	Sue Trimble, 324 S.E. 15th, Pryor, Ok.	825-4852
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	
	Ronnie Gibson, Rt. 1, Bixby, Ok.	
Smith Chapel -----	Troy Gwartney	
	Cecil Clifton	
	Wattie Bell	
	Dorothy Maxwell, Box 144, Rose, Ok.	
Spavinaw -----	Jess Newby	
	Ides Newby	
	Geneva Creekkiller, Box 282,	
	Spavinaw, Ok.	589-2467
Tahlequah -----	Carl Dill	
	James Bolinger	
	Larry Williams	
	Kathryn Hallman, Box 562,	
	Tahlequah, Ok.	456-5608
Trinity Muskogee-----	Bill Conrad	
	V.E. Moses	
	Forest Hayes	
	Gary Horton	
	Sue Coleman, Rt. 1, Box 490,	
	Ft. Gibson, Ok.	478-2164
Wagoner First-----	Ulmont Farmer	
	Albert Jones, Jr.	
	Clyde Freeman	
	Nellie Bays, 703 N. Gertrude, Wagoner	485-2451
Valley Heights -----	Owén Walters	
	Sharon Kisse, Box 386, Salina, Ok.	434-5831
West Side Pryor-----	B. O. Wright	
	Edgar Silkey	
	Ida Allen, Rt. 2 Box 185A, Pryor, Ok.	825-0591

1972 CHURCH	No. Received	No. Dismissed	No. Deceased	Total Membership	Minute Fund	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Co-op Plan & Association
Bethany	9	0	0	94	15.00	5,460.00	125.00	1,405.35
Bixby	25	27	0	171	25.00	6,890.00	359.65	1,116.65
Carmel	14	2	0	52	-	3,125.00	125.00	876.80
Central Miami	2	0	0	20	10.00	790.00	15.00	222.15
Checotah	20	1	1	325	12.50	4,616.81	581.56	628.20
Coweta	3	0	0	22	10.00	1,200.00	75.00	143.80
Duck Creek	6	0	0	41	10.00	825.70	40.00	156.00
Greenbrier	2	11	1	98	10.00	3,577.80	566.00	186.25
Haskell	15	5	3	208	10.00	675.00	441.30	316.80
Hillcrest Wagoner	2	0	0	50	8.00	1,710.00	96.38	585.70
Hitchita	1	1	1	36	5.00	1,430.00	-	239.49
Keifton	8	0	0	93	10.00	3,120.00	-	1,111.76
Little Rock	2	2	0	52	5.00	388.00	91.25	150.00
Locust Grove	20	3	0	182	10.00	4,220.00	366.00	1,363.00
Lowery	6	2	0	51	5.00	4,900.00	163.51	396.15
Northside Broken Arrow	4	0	0	51	10.00	3,475.00	125.00	126.00
Pensacola	0	5	0	47	3.00	1,612.51	54.00	304.42
Porter	6	3	0	37	10.00	1,017.61	145.61	281.40
Pryor	11	5	1	414	20.00	7,733.00	674.53	2,523.45
Salina	1	2	2	20	3.00	883.09	-	-
Shahan	4	4	1	132	10.00	1,567.57	160.00	216.00
Shellenbarger	10	8	1	96	10.00	6,190.00	372.11	1,533.93
Smith Chapel	5	0	0	38	6.00	1,950.00	215.00	513.16
Spavinaw	8	1	1	75	5.00	2,077.82	-	-
Tahlequah	25	3	3	110	5.00	1,440.00	200.00	450.00
Trinity Muskogee	19	8	1	115	15.00	5,960.00	155.00	647.02
West Side Pryor	5	8	1	45	10.00	-	-	-
Wagoner First	4	1	1	57	10.00	902.50	85.07	202.45
Valley Heights	17	0	0	17	5.00	1,600.00	100.00	780.00
Woman's Auxillary					25.00			
Youth Camp					25.00			
Associational Property								
TOTALS	254	102	18	2,749	317.50	79,337.41	5,331.97	15,475.92

Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Literature & Education	Building & Repair	Value of Church Property	1972 CHURCH
280.70	-	1,336.80	8,641.23	88,000.00	Bethany
302.26	462.01	1,916.81	56.71	75,000.00	Bixby
278.42	16.00	491.43	779.34	25,000.00	Carmel
191.47	30.00	185.19	2,822.77	25,000.00	Central Miami
150.00	188.80	789.65	47.70	65,000.00	Checotah
30.00	-	288.32	188.64	7,500.00	Coweta
14.45	-	492.02	300.00	1,200.00	Duck Creek
535.04	147.47	1,032.06	4,816.62	17,000.00	Greenbrier
1,373.96	-	1,347.09	748.20	71,000.00	Haskell
58.55	-	182.33	108.76	20,000.00	Hillcrest Wagoner
252.99	251.25	352.80	62.66	13,000.00	Hitchita
319.65	-	654.66	560.29	9,000.00	Keft on
-	20.00	174.93	110.31	14,000.00	Little Rock
1,152.00	798.00	1,827.00	2,658.00	47,000.00	Locust Grove
223.45	415.72	726.75	685.70	23,500.00	Lowery
-	105.00	99.60	1,201.00	25,000.00	Northside Broken Arrow
99.40	44.53	375.03	2,101.83	17,900.00	Pensacola
332.06	-	205.02	257.43	-	Porter
-	2,663.61	2,237.24	17,539.09	76,200.00	Pryor
98.56	5.70	180.63	163.77	10,000.00	Salina
432.00	124.00	346.24	325.10	20,800.00	Shahan
120.00	-	537.25	5,664.74	66,000.00	Shellenbarger
399.75	121.00	351.09	1,555.82	28,000.00	Smith Chapel
84.86	-	196.15	276.45	12,000.00	Spavinaw
-	-	440.66	3,823.62	20,000.00	Tahlequah
75.00	75.00	846.20	1,454.23	70,000.00	Trinity Muskogee
-	-	-	-	8,500.00	West Side Pryor
-	101.50	205.81	83.09	16,000.00	Wagoner First
156.00	156.00	296.00	-	50,000.00	Valley Heights
					Woman's Auxillary
					Youth Camp
				55,000.00	Associational Property
6,960.57	5,725.59	18,114.76	57,033.10	931,600.00	TOTALS

