

MINUTES
OF THE
South Grand River Association
of
Free Will Baptists
1973



PROCEEDINGS OF THE
80th ANNUAL SESSION



When Convened September 13-15, 1973 at
South Grand River Association Grounds
Wagoner, Oklahoma

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ASSOCIATION OFFICERS—

Rev. Charles Bigger, Moderator
Rev. E. E. Jenkins, Assistant Moderator
Sue Wilcox, Clerk
Billye Gwartney-Assistant Clerk
Rev. Ray Gwartney-Treasurer
Wesley Abbott-Assistant Treasurer
Nathalie Allen-Reporter

INCLUDES PROCEEDINGS OF—

South Grand River Association
South Grand River Women's Auxiliary
South Grand River Youth Camp

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

DATES TO REMEMBER OF SOUTH GRAND RIVER ASSOCIATION

First Quarterly Meeting - Dec. 14-15, 1973
Second Quarterly Meeting - March 15-16, 1974
Third Quarterly Meeting - June 14-15, 1974
Annual Meeting, Sept. 12-14, 1974
Youth Camp - August 5-9, 1974

C.T.S. RALLIES

First C.T.S. Rally - Dec. 4, 1973
Second C.T.S. Rally - March 5, 1974
Third C.T.S. Rally - June 4, 1974
Fourth C.T.S. Rally - Sept. 3, 1974

All these meetings will be at the Camp Ground, one mile north of Wagoner, Oklahoma.

1973 - 1974 OFFICERS

SOUTH GRAND RIVER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Moderator: Rev. Charles Bigger, 712 N. Broadway, Checotah, Okla.	473-5446
Asst. Moderator: Rev. Ed. Jenkins, Rt. 9, Box 527C, Tulsa, Okla.	245-6802
Clerk: Sue Wilcox, 104 S. Mayes, Pryor, Okla.	825-4965
Asst. Clerk: Billye Gwartney, 1220 E. Graham Ct., Pryor, Okla.	825-2428
Treasurer: Rev. Ray Gwartney, 1220 E. Graham Ct., Pryor, Okla.	825-2428
Asst. Treasurer: Wesley Abbott, Rt. 2 Box 185D, Pryor, Okla.	825-1764
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: Rev Berton Perry, 226 E. Jefferson, Bixby, Okla.	366-3286
6 - Year: Rev. Howard Gage, Route 2, Box 100, Pryor, Okla.	825-4919
5 - Year: Rev. Ed Jenkins, Rt. 9, Box 527C, Tulsa, Okla.	245-6802
4 - Year: Don Allen, Rt. 1, Bixby, Okla.	366-3176
3 - Year: Rev. Ray Gwartney, 1220 E. Graham Ct., Pryor, Okla.	825-2428
2 - Year: Rev. Richard Callison, Rt. 2, Box 102, Pryor, Okla.	825-3358
1 - Year: Wesley Abbott, Rt. 2, Box 185D, Pryor, Okla.	825-1764

EXAMINING BOARD

5 - Year: Rev. Lewis Maxwell, Box 144, Rose, Okla.	479-5935
4 - Year: Howard Smith, Rt. 2, Bixby, Okla.	369-2960
3 - Year: Oren Estes, Box 464, Haskell, Okla.	482-5646
2 - Year: Carl Hembree, Box 183, Locust Grove, Okla.	479-5640
1 - Year: Rev. Cordell Coppin, Rt. 2, Box 290, Muskogee, Okla.	463-2249

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

5 - Year: Jim Wilson, 512 S.W. 1st, Pryor, Okla.	825-0797
4 - Year: Rev. Richard Callison, Rt. 2, Box 102, Pryor, Okla.	825-3358
3 - Year: Rev. R. C. Kissee, Box 386, Salina, Okla.	434-5831
2 - Year: Rev. Ollie Wright, Rt. 2, Bixby, Okla.	369-2381
1 - Year: V. E. Moses, Rt. 4, Box 31, Muskogee, Okla.	682-0118

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

5 - Year: Barbar Pollard, Box 757, Blue Jacket, Okla.	784-2378
4 - Year: Glenn Trimble, 324, S.E. 15th, Pryor, Okla.	825-4852
3 - Year: Rev. Francis Berka, Twin Oaks, Okla.	
2 - Year: Rev. Gary Dodson, Box 452, Haskell, Okla.	482-3410
1 - Year: Rev. Johnnie Walker, Rt. 1, Box 153, Bixby, Okla.	366-3876

MISSION BOARD

5 - Year:	Rev. Howard Gage, Rt. 2, Box 100, Pryor, Okla.	825-4919
4 - Year:	Marguerite Kern, Box 41, Locust Grove, Okla.	479-5941
3 - Year:	Billye Gwartney, 1220 E. Graham Ct., Pryor, Okla.	825-2428
2 - Year:	Rev. Gerald Mozingo, 1242 S. 120th E. Ave., Tulsa, Okla.	437-5471
1 - Year:	Rev. Joe Wilson, Salina, Okla.	434-5858

PROCEEDINGS OF THE EIGHTIETH ANNUAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH GRAND RIVER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

THURSDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 13

The Master's Men met for a program given by Bro. Jeff Lemley on "Let Your Light Shine."

FRIDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 14

Session opened by a congregational song led by Brother Berton Perry.
Devotion by Rev. E. E. Jenkins.

Comments by moderator, Rev. Jess Stepp.

Reading of letters.

Motion carried to receive the letters and seat the delegates.

Visiting Brethern invited to speak.

Sunday School Committee: Sharon Gibson, Mrs. Casey Adams, Susie Black.

Temperance Committee: Jeff Lemley, Glen Sessions, Lodema Crabtree.

Literature Committee: Olga Biffle, Maude Pollard, Ollie Wright.

Obituary Committee: Jake Gage, Pequita Crabtree, Eva Lankford.

Finance Committee: Howard Gage, Carolyn Parker, Patty Marc.

Estimate of Church Property: Lewis Maner, Juanita Withrow, Cleo Hembree.

Resolution Committee: Casey Adams, Charles Black, Ralph Withrow.

Carl Hembree, Chairman of the Examining Board.

Presented the new examination form for the body's approval.

Changes include a change in Numbers 7, 8, and 12.

Motion carried to accept the changes and adopt the new form.

Report on the Youth Camp given by Bro. Berton Perry.

Motion carried to accept the report of the Youth Camp and accept recommendations.

Request made to separate recommendations.

Motion carried to ammend recommendation to read "first week in August.

Recommendation that the Youth Camp be changed to the first week in August. (August 5, 74)

Recommendation that the Youth Camp pay \$25.00 for printing of minutes so that the Youth Camp minutes may be included.

Standing vote of thanks for treasurer.

Motion to adjourn for 11:00 service.

FRIDAY 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Service opened by singing, "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder," and prayer by Bro. Grady Cunningham. After the second song, "Standing on the Promises". All joined in an altar prayer.

Special music was given by Sis. Willie Gage, Bro. Stepp, and Bro. Jake Gage.

The message from James 1:5a was by Bro. Jake Gage.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION, 1:30 P. M.

Open by singing of "Bringing in the Sheaves."

Themo: Wisdom for Real Living.

Devotional: Bro. Charles Biggers

Report of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College by it's president, Bro. Bill Jones. Invitation to Pastors and Laymans retreat Jan. 7-11 at the college.

Report of Examining Board accepted.

Treasurer's Report given by Bro. Ray Gwartney. Report accepted.

State Report given by Bro. Lonnie DaVoult.

Temperance report given and accepted.

Sunday School Report given. Motion to ammend recommendation to include the average attendance. Motion carried.

Partial report given by the resolutions committee. Motion to refer item 1 to the Board of Christian Education. Motion Carried.

Motion made to adjourn until Saturday morning 9:00 A. M. Motion carried.

FRIDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 14

The Missions Service opened with singing led by Bro. Allen Wilcox. Special music was by the Kinsmen from Pryor. The message was brought by Rev. Howard Gage.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 15, 9:30 A. M.

Opened by moderator, Rev. Jess Stepp. Song, "Victory in Jesus" led by Rev. Perry. Devotional from I John 5:14-15 and prayer by Rev. Ronnie Smallen.

Motion carried to accept reading of letters and seat delegates as read by clerk.

Rev. Cordell Coppin appointed on Resolution committee for this meeting today.

Motion carried to accept oral report of executive Board and the resignation of Bro. Earnest Harrison. Motion carried to elect Bro. Howard Gage as 6 year man on the executive board and 7 year man Bro. Berton Perry.

Examining Board. 5 year man, Bro. Louis Maxwell. Bro Cordell Coppin, 1 year man.

Rev. Cordell Coppin resigned from Board of Trustees. 4 year man elected: Bro. Richard Callison. 5 year man, Bro. Jim Wilson.

Women's Auxiliary report given by Sister Billye Gwartney.

Motion carried to accept the report.

Bro. Ollie Wright and Bro. Berton appointed temporarily to Board of Christian Education.

Treasurer's Report given by Rev. Ray Gwartney. Motion carried to accept the report.

Motion carried to seat delegates from Coweta and Porter Churches.

Oral report given by Rev. David Sutton, Church Extension Program Worker at Jenks. Motion carried to accept the report.

Mission report given by Rev. Mzingo and Sister Kern. Motion carried to accept the reports.

Motion carried to give Jenks Mission \$200.00 out of the Mission Treasurer.

Rev. Howard Gage elected 5 year man on the Mission Board.

Motion carried to accept report from committee on Literature.

Motion carried to accept report from committee on value of Church property.

Motion carried to adjourn for 11:00 service.

SATURDAY 11:00 MEMORIAL SERVICE

Obituary report given by the clerk. Message from James 1:6 by Rev. Earnest Harrison, Sr.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 1:30

Opened by singing, "O How I Love Jesus." Special music by Sister Sue Wilcox. Devotional and prayer by Rev. John Walker. Scripture John 14:13.

Motion carried to give churches 1 week to send in State delegate and minute fee.

Motion carried to accept finance committee report and dismiss the committee.

Motion carried to accept resolution committee report and take each resolution, item by item. Item No. 1, No. 2, and No. 3 accepted. Items No. 4 and No. 5 accepted. (See Committee report)

Motion carried to accept Board of Trustee's report. The caretaker's salary was raised to \$100. per month.

Motion carried to accept Board of Christian Education report and consider item by item. No. 1, and No. 2 accepted. No. 3 enrollment fee for youth camp \$9.50 ammended to \$10.00. No. 3 accepted.

The following officers and teachers for the 1974 Youth Camp were recommended by the Board of Christian Education:

Camp Director: Rev. Ollie Wright

Assistant Director: Rev. Berton Perry

Teachers: Marguerite Kern

Billye Gwartney

Nelda Gwartney

Rev. Charles Bigger

Rev. Ray Gwartney

Gary Dodson

Evangelist: Rev. Bob Ketchum

Rev. Roy Thomas

Counselor: Rev. Ray Gwartney

General Sponsor: Jess Stepp

Senior Boy's Sponsors: Johnnie Graves

Rev. Francis Berka

Music Director: Sue Wilcox

Secretary-treasurer: Francis Stepp

Concession: Bro. and Sis. Stepp

Cook: Alene Goines

Missions Highlights: Marguerite Kern

Recreational Director: Berton Perry

Recommendation accepted.

Sister Barbara Pollard elected to 5 year term on Board of Christian Education.

Bro. John Walker elected to 1 year term on Board of Christian Education.

Motion carried to accept Bro. Ed Jenkins resignation from Board of Christian Education. Rev. Francis Berka elected to 3 year term on Board of Christian Education.

Motion carried to accept report of Examining Board. All items accepted.

Motion carried to pay balance of bill for printing of minutes from associational Treasurer.

Motion carried to give Rev. Earnest Harrison a letter of recommendation to the Progressive association.

Annual Speaker: Ollie Wright; alternate Gary Dodson.
Memorial Speaker: Carl Hembree; alternate Ronnie Smallen.
Officers for next year elected:
Caretaker - Lewis Maner
Reporter - Nathalie Allen
Assistant Treasurer - Wesley Abbott
Treasurer - Rev. Ray Gwartney
Clerk - Sue Wilcox
Assistant Clerk - Billye Gwartney
Moderator - Rev. Charles Bigger
Assistant Moderator - Rev. Ed. Jenkins

Motion carried to accept resignation of Bro. Charles Bigger from Examining Board. Howard Smith elected to 4 year term on the Examining Board.

Motion carried to issue new license after 2 years.

Motion carried that all standing meetings be printed in the yearly minutes.

Motion carried to give Clerk and Treasurer an honorarium of \$25.00 each.

Pastor of Keefton Church offered thanks to the association for all the help and prayers for the Keefton church whose building was struck by a tornado.

Motion carried to adjourn.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL: We recommend all churches, pastors, and church leaders to make available training programs for Sunday School teachers that they may be better prepared to teach and train our children. We recommend the average attendance from total enrollment be put on church letters. Susie Black, Sharon Gibson, and Juanita Adams.

TEMPERANCE: We your temperance committee wish to present the following report: We believe in total abstinence of strong drink, and that women dress modestly, as becoming to a Christian, that we abstain from all habits that are harmful to the body or would be a bad example to others, not to let worldly pleasures or pastimes keep us from assembling ourselves together. We encourage family altars 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. Jeff Lemley, Glenn Sissions, and Lodema Crabtree.

LITERATURE: We, your committee on literature, recommend that the Bible be used as the basic source of teaching and training materials. II Tim 2:15, Eccles. 12:13-14; that Free Will Baptists use our own bookstores as a source of reading materials; that Free Will Baptist parents continue to voice their opinion against the filthy literature and materials that are flooding our newsstands; that the District Association send a letter of commendation to the Tulsa County Attorney, Buddy Fallis, for the stand he has taken against pornography; that magazines published by our State and National Associations such as Promoter, Contact, Heartbeat, Missiongram, and Hillsdale College Newsletter be brought into our homes. Olga Biffle, Maudie Pollard and Ollie Wright.

OBITUARY: We report as follows; Sister Audry Baldrige from Carmel; Brother Charles (Chalk) Wood, Sister Ollie Tanner, Brother Frank Maxwell, Brother John Young, and Brother John Caldwell from Shellanbarger; Brother Marvin Coats, Sister Debra O'Bar, Sister Bertha Pitts from Pryor; Sister Maudy Turner from Smith Chapel; Rev. Coleman

Kirk, Sister Ollie Foster, and Rev. Thomas Dixon from Haskell; Brother Frank Brixey and Rev. C. B. Parks from Pensacola; Sister May Branscum and Sister Janie Able from Trinity Muskogee; Adeline Garrison from Wagoner 1st; Brother Raymond Lasley from West Side-Pryor; Sister Eva Schauffler from Shahan; Sister Francis Gay and Sister Irene Britton from Greenbrier. Committee members; Pequita Crabtree, Eva Lankford, and Rev. Jake Gage.

FINANCE: We your finance Committee report the following figures from letters all churches reporting; Minute fund — \$331.50; State Delegate Fee — \$110.00; State Expense — \$80.00. Total \$521.50, Howard Gage, Patsy Moore, and Odis Butler, Jr.

CHURCH PROPERTY: We, the committee on Estimate of Church property, wish to report the following information: Church property — \$1,114,400; Associational property — \$55,000; Grand total \$1,169,400. Lewis Maner, Juanita Withrow, and Cleo Hembree.

EXAMINING: We, the Examining Committee recommend that Brother Tony Smith's license be extended for 1 year and a new license be issued; we recommend that Brother Foster Haikey be licensed to preach for one year; we recommend that Brother Otis Freeman be licensed to preach for one year; we recommend that Brother Francis Berka be accepted into South Grand River Association and the church ordain him; we recommend that Bro. Allen Wilcox's license be extended for one year; we recommend that Bro. Ulmont Farmer be ordained as a minister; we recommend that Bro. Eugene Smithson and Bro. Wilburn Carter be ordained as deacons; we upon receiving Bro. Richard Wesley's Questionnaire, find it necessary to be denied at the present time; we recommend that Brother David Demo's license be extended for 1 year. Charles Bigger, Oren Estes, Carl Hembree, Earnest Harrison, and Louis Maxwell.

RESOLUTIONS: 1. Be it resolved that we consider the Evangelist for Youth Camp; 2. Be it resolved that we enclose the class rooms and use as little boys dorm and have classes in the back rooms of the Auditorium; 3. Be it resolved that the Association have a Vent-a-hood installed in the kitchen over the stoves for insurance reasons; 4. Be it resolved that we discontinue the fellowship service of all churches at the camp ground on the third Friday night of the second month after the Quarterly Meeting; 5. Be it resolved that resolutions 19 & 20 be removed from the standing resolutions; Be it resolved that we dismiss the committee in charge of the Fellowship Service.

SOUTH GRAND RIVER ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

DATE: Sept. 9-72 to Sept. 10-73

RECEIPTS

Balance Brought Forward ----- 2,948.17

CHURCHES	Co-Op	Earmarked	Camp Ground	Totals
Bethany -----	1,691.46	1,670.68		3,362.14
Bixby -----	1,437.19	1,809.75		3,246.94
Carmel -----	1,146.44	724.00		1,870.44
Central Miami -----	328.36	360.00	15.00	703.36
Checotah -----	743.65	1,651.90		2,395.55
Coweta -----	172.87	32.58		205.45
Duck Creek -----	150.00	302.45	36.00	488.45
Greenbrier -----	110.00	1,082.35		1,192.35
Haskell -----	1,023.84	1,770.76		2,794.60
Hillcrest Wagoner -----	751.23	143.00		894.23
Hitchita -----	195.24	308.36		503.60
Keifton -----	1,403.21	315.16		1,718.37
Little Rock -----	110.00	234.00	150.00	494.00
Locust Grove -----	1,707.00	4,213.94	36.00	5,956.94
Lowery -----	1,086.10	109.50		1,195.60
N. S. Broken Arrow -----	188.35	146.00		334.35
Pensacola -----	184.31	215.90		460.21
Porter -----	209.98	195.58		405.56
Pryor -----	2,734.80	4,163.49		6,898.29
Salina -----		3.00	24.00	27.00
Shahan -----	180.00	644.61		860.61
Shellenbarger -----	919.65	2,273.73		3,193.38
Smith Chapel -----	476.10	684.57		1,160.67
Spavinaw -----		243.92		243.92
Tahlequah -----	472.00	5.00		477.00
Trinity Muskogee -----	313.93	121.63		435.56
Valley Heights -----	584.23	423.36		1,007.59
Wagoner First -----	198.60	185.65	5.00	389.25
Westside Pryor -----	240.00	166.00		406.00
S.G.R. Master Men -----		23.26		23.26
S.G.R. Auxiliary -----		25.00		25.00
S.G.R. Youth Camp -----		1,508.25		1,508.25
S.G.R. Mission Bd. -----		937.00	12.00	949.00
Offering -----		104.10	119.81	223.91
Subtotal -----	18,758.54	26,798.48	493.81	46,050.83
Total Receipts -----				48,999.00
Bal. Bd. Chr. Ed. -----	585.84	40.00	381.30	
Youth Camp -----		183.01		

DISBURSEMENTS—

State Office ----- 36,095.42

Utilities ----- 367.36

So. Grand River Missions ----- 937.90

Caretaker ----- 600.00

American Bank of Pryor, Payments ----- 2,851.44

AAA Printing ----- 367.50

A. B. Dick -----	23.50
Keller Tractor Gas -----	42.73
Clerk and Treasurer Honorariums, \$25.00 each -----	50.00
Commercial Printing -----	78.00
Board of Christian Education, mileage -----	33.35
Kern Ins. Agency -----	726.00
Hillsdale College Scholarship (last year and this year) -----	1,240.00
Postmaster (postage) -----	170.20
Scott Rice (file cabinet) -----	107.10
Mack and T. J.s Auto Service -----	44.80
State Office (delegate fees) -----	120.00
Farmer Produce -----	3.60
Schaefers Office Supply -----	38.34
Harvey Auto Supply -----	1.45
Goodwill Industries (paper) -----	8.90
Jack's T V (projector and speaker) -----	11.75
Executive Board, mileage -----	143.33
Gospel Film (reel) -----	2.50
Oklahoma Tire and Supply -----	14.31
The Flower Bazaar -----	10.30
Raska Nursery -----	297.50
Gilbert's Roofing -----	150.00
Oklahoma School Supply -----	98.00
J's Cycle Shop (lawnmower) -----	450.00
Wagoner Lumber -----	17.00
Kentucky Fried Chicken -----	22.52
Independent Lumber -----	1.50
Sherwin Williams Paint -----	124.75
Wagoner Hardware -----	14.11
Locust Grove Lumber -----	23.85
Wagoner Community Hospital -----	10.00
Alene Goines (Youth Camp cook) -----	250.00
Rev. J. C. Morgan (Evangelist, Youth Camp) -----	150.00
Pepsi Cola -----	97.60
Page Milk Co. -----	44.42
Wonder Bread -----	29.04
Tayloe Paper -----	113.63
Noblen Wholesale Candy -----	129.25
Doc's Thrifty Wise -----	506.52
Carnel Church (part payment on seats) -----	150.00
Haskell Church (phone calls) -----	3.49
Pryor Truck and Tractor -----	6.48
Keifton Church (special offering) -----	1,001.31
Eldridge Gross Shop -----	2.00
West Side Lumber -----	26.10
Total Disbursements -----	47,808.85
Balance on Hand -----	1,190.15

Rev. Ray Gwartney, 1220 East Graham Ct., Pryor, Okla. 74361
Home phone: 825-2428 Office phone: 825-0198

TOTAL RECEIPTS—

1970-----	29,402.90	
1971-----	32,435.90	Increased 3,033.61
1972-----	49,236.28 (less loan 12,000.00)	Increased 4,800.38
1973-----	48,999.00	Increased 11,762.72

South Grand River Association

CO-OPERATIVE BREAKDOWN

State Association -----	50%
District Association -----	40%
Scholarship -----	5%
Home Mission -----	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 minutes of previous meeting.
- III. Invite visiting brethren to sit in council.
- IV. Call for business items in the following order:
 1. Treasurer's Report
 2. Report of all standing boards in the church
 - a. Trustees Board
 - b. Deacon Board
 - c. Christian Education Board
 - d. Mission 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 of 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 undertaking 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 consisting 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-fledged 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

1. 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 per-

sonal 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 board 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 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 FIFTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOUTH GRAND RIVER WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The 15th Annual Meeting of the So. Grand River District Woman's Auxiliary convened at the Associational grounds at Wagoner, Okla. Sept. 13, 1973.

President Neida Gwartney presiding. Theme for the annual meeting was, "Proclaim His Name."

Service opened with prayer by Rev. Howard Gage. Wanda Gage led the group in singing, "I want to Be a Worker," accompanied by Sue Wilcox. Prayer offered by Vernie Morgan followed by a Devotion by Nathalie Allen using scripture from I Tim. 4:16.

The following committees were appointed:

FINANCE - Lillian Lemley, Pat Dodson.

CREDENTIALS - Lodema Crabtree, Marguerite Kern, Nathalie Allen.

RESOLUTIONS - Nadine Voss, Bessie Riddle, Sue Wilcox.
Field Sec. Report - Marguerite Kern, accepted as read.
Treasurer's Report - Velma Moore, accepted as read.
Rec. Sec. Report was given by Marguerite Kern in absence of secretary.

Auxiliary reporting 87 members.

Recess.

Service opened with group singing led by Wanda Gage, followed with prayer by Rev. Ray Gwartney. Special Music - Duet by Marguerite Kern, Sue Wilcox, singing "The Cleansing Wave."

11:00 Service Sis Willie Gage using scripture Rev. 14:6, Acts 1:8
Prayer - Rev. Carl Hembree.

1:00 Session:

Congregation singing, "Jesus Saves."

Devotion - Nadine Voss, "Ye Shall Be Witnesses", Acts 1:8b; Isaiah 64:6b.

Prayer - Pat Dodson.

New Business:

Finance - offering \$11.91.

Registration - 20 members, 10 visitors.

Credentials - Marguerite Kern, accepted as read.

Resolutions:

- (1) Be it resolved we continue our support of \$5.00 per month to the Robert & Judy Bryans account.
- (2) Be it resolved we have a workshop here at the Camp grounds to help our Local officers in their reporting to the District, and that this be under the leadership of our President and that the workshop be held the first part of Nov. with all information given from the State Meeting. Date agreed upon for Nov. 8. Committee for Workshop: Billye Gwartney, Sis. Black, Nathalie Allen.
- (3) Be it resolved we continue our support of \$5.00 per month to the Fred McCoy's account.

Motion carried on all resolutions.

Election of officers 73-74

President	-----	Nelda Gwartney
Vice President	-----	Billye Gwartney
Rec. Sec.	-----	Wanda Gage
Assit. Rec. Sec.	-----	Lodema Crabtree
Treasurer	-----	Velma Moore
Field Worker	-----	Marguerite Kern
Mission Prayer Chairman	----	Vernie Morgan
Mission Study Chairman	-----	Pat Dodson
Mission Action Chairman	-----	Birdie Smith

The officers were installed with a prayer of dedication by Vernie Morgan.

The called meeting for the District Woman's Auxiliary for 1973 - 1974.

1st Quarterly Dec. 14, 1973
2nd Quarterly March 15, 1974
3rd Quarterly June 14, 1974
Annual Sept. 12, 1974

YOUTH CAMP, 1973

The South Grand River Associational Youth Camp was held at the camp ground June 18-22, 1973. The theme for the camp was "Rejoice Evermore" from I Thessalonians 5:16.

The officers for the camp were as follows:

Director: Rev. Berton Perry

Assistant Director: Rev. J. D. Stepp

General Sponsor: Rev. Charles Bigger

Youth Counselor: Rev. Ray Gwartney

Evangelist: Rev. J. C. Morgan

Music Director: Cheryl Kinion

Secretary: Francis Stepp

Treasurer: Rev. Buddy Drake

Cook: Alene Goines

Teachers: Marguerite Kern

Billye Gwartney

Gary Dodson

Nelda Gwartney

Ray Gwartney

Buddy Drake

Recreational Directors: Rev. Joe Wilson

Rev. Earnest Harrison

Rev. Charles Bigger

There was a total enrollment of 147: 124 children and 23 teachers, officers, and sponsors. "Lives of Patriarchs" and "Missions" was taught to the Juniors, "My Bible and I" and "Mark of Maturity" was taught to the Junior Highs and Seniors.

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR MINISTERS TO BE ORDAINED

- Name _____ Date _____
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? _____

QUESTIONS ON DOCTRINE

Name _____ Date _____

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 DEACONS TO BE ORDAINED

Name _____ Date _____

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 are the infallible Work of God? _____
4. Do you believe that there are three persons in the God-Head? _____
If so name them _____
5. Is salvation obtained through the blood of Christ? _____
6. Name the conditions of salvation _____
7. Do you believe the doctrine and practice of the unknown tongues as it is taught by the Pentecostal churches? _____
8. Do you believe in the baptism of the Holy Ghost separate and apart from regeneration? _____
9. Does the Bible teach that God has an organized church here on earth?

10. Do you believe that Water Baptism, The Lord's Supper, and Feet Washing are Church Ordinances or Gospel Ordinances? _____
11. Do you believe that it is possible for a believer to apostatize and be lost? _____
12. Do you believe in the resurrection of all men? _____
13. Do you believe the Old and New Testaments teach tithing and giving of offerings as God's financial plan? _____
14. Is your wife a member of the Free Will Baptist Church? _____
15. Is your wife willing for you to be ordained as a deacon? _____
16. 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 time I cannot endorse and practice Free Will Baptist Doctrine according to the Articles of Faith, I will surrender my credentials to the Quarterly Meeting of which I am a member.

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR MINISTERS DESIRING LICENSE

1. Are you the husband of one wife? _____
2. Is your wife a member of the Free Will Baptist Church? _____
3. How long have you been a Christian? _____
4. How long have you been a Free Will Baptist? _____
5. Is your wife willing that you be licensed? _____
6. Do you or your wife have any habits that would hinder your ministry? _____
7. In your opinion, what is God's plan for financing His works? _____
8. Do you tithe to the church you are a member of? _____
9. How much education do you have? _____
10. Do you have plans to better qualify yourself for the ministry? _____
11. Do you believe that the scripture, the Old and New Testaments, are the infallible Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice? _____
12. Do you believe in the Trinity? _____
13. Name the God Head _____
14. Is Salvation obtained through the Blood of Christ? _____
15. Name the conditions of Salvation _____
16. Do you believe that speaking in an unknown tongue is evidence of having received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost? _____
17. Do you believe in a second definite work of Grace of Baptism of the Holy Ghost separate and apart from regeneration? _____
18. What composes the body of Christ? _____
19. Does the Bible teach that God has an organized visible church on this earth? _____
20. Do you believe that Baptism is a Gospel Ordinance? _____
21. Who are the proper subjects for Baptism? _____
22. Do you believe that immersion is the proper method of water Baptism? _____
23. Do you believe that the Lord's Supper and Feet Washing are Divine Ordinances and should be observed repeatedly? _____
24. (a) Do you teach and practice these ordinances? _____
(b) Do you practice the ordinances at night? _____
25. Do you believe in the possibility of apostasy? _____
26. Do you believe in the resurrection of the bodies of all men? _____
27. Do you believe that there will be a judgment when time and man's probation will close forever and then all will be judged according to their works? _____
28. Do you believe that immediately after the judgment the righteous will enter into eternal life, and the wicked into a state of endless punishment? _____
29. Do you believe that Christ at His Second Coming will close the gospel dispensation, glorify His Saints, and judge the world? _____

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

ROLL OF MINISTERS

(* indicates Pastor of Church)

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COWETA -----	*Rev. Troy McCrary Bixby, Ok. Rev. Sy Mashburn Coweta, Ok.	486-2375
DUCK CREEK -----	*Rev. Paul Martin Rt. 1 Bixby, Ok. 74008	366-3246
GREENBRIER -----	*Rev. Charles Black Rt. 2 Adair, Ok. 74330	785-2675
HASKELL -----	*Rev. Gary Dodson Box 584 Haskell, Ok. 74436 Rev. Eugene Riddle Box 284 Haskell, Ok Rev. W. C. Rupp Rev. Earl Cope Rev. Don Payne	482-3410 483-5431 482-3519 482-5636 437-1292
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KEEFTON -----	*Rev. Cordell Coppin Rt. 2 Muskogee, Ok. 74401	463-2249
LITTLE ROCK -----	*Rev. Everett Peace Box 36, Star Rt. E. Locust Grove, Ok. 74352 Rev. W. C. Condit Rt. 1 Box 200 Salina, Ok. 74365	479-5607 479-5538
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COWETA -----	Lucille Lamberson	
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1973 Church	No. Received	No. Dismissed	No. Deceased	Total Membership	Minute Fund	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Co-Op Plan and Assn.
Bethany -----	31			91	15.00	5,670.00	225.00	1,691.46
Bixby -----	27	22		176	10.00	7,885.66	676.88	1,473.19
Carmel -----	8		1	58	15.00	5,800.00	100.00	1,146.44
Central Miami -----	4			23	15.00	360.00		328.36
Checotah -----	8	7	1	334	12.50	7,654.47	375.00	743.65
Coweta -----	3	3		22	10.00	1,150.00	75.00	172.87
Duck Creek -----	2	4		39	10.00	1,560.00		150.00
Greenbrier -----	9	3	2	80	10.00	3,830.00	352.50	110.00
Haskell -----	18	6	3	206	10.00	7,800.00	170.00	1,023.84
Hillcrest Wagoner --	19	2		51	10.00	1,990.00	136.29	751.23
Hitchita -----	2	2	1	35	5.00	1,650.00	368.72	195.24
Keifton -----	9	1		112		3,120.00		1,403.21
Little Rock -----	1	19		27	5.00	520.00		110.00
Locust Grove -----	16	2	1	196	10.00	5,520.00	80.00	1,707.00
Lowery -----								1,086.10
N. S. Broken Arrow	4	2		50	10.00	3,500.00	175.00	188.35
Pensacola -----		9	2	37	5.00	1,011.40	67.00	184.31
Porter -----		5		37	10.00	1,250.00	240.00	209.98
Pryor -----	25	4	3	434	20.00	7,904.00	643.97	2,734.80
Salina -----	4	1		22	6.00	820.21		
Shahan -----	19		1	154	10.00	2,042.39	255.00	180.00
Shellenbarger -----	16	8	5	109	10.00	7,440.00	470.31	919.65
Smith Chapel -----			1	82	29.00	1,950.00	790.00	476.10
Spavinaw -----	6			50	5.00	2,648.67	100.00	
Tahlequah -----	6	3	1	110	10.00	2,460.00	100.00	472.00
Trinity Muskogee --	10	5	2	119	15.00	6,050.00	148.10	313.93
West Side Pryor --	13	4	1	55	10.00	414.45		240.00
Wagoner First -----	1	2	1	47	10.00	800.00	68.83	198.60
Valley Heights -----	9			23	10.00	4,266.00	258.00	584.23
Women's Auxiliary								
Youth Camp -----					25.00			
Assn. Property -----								
TOTALS -----	239	145	26	2779	322.50	97,067.25	5,875.60	18,758.54

Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Literature and Education	Building and Repair	Value of Church Property	1973 Church
413.83	86.39	1,545.43	600.00	88,000.00	Bethany
252.00	505.42	1,477.80	7,964.42	100,000.00	Bixby
196.00	62.00	245.62	15,330.15	25,000.00	Carmel
195.00	120.00	155.45	3,400.00	45,000.00	Central Miami
364.24	156.03	2,324.66	3,642.62	75,000.00	Checotah
		242.10	72.00	7,500.00	Coweta
124.42	81.95	307.41	774.70	1,200.00	Duck Creek
	100.01	3,548.48	1,903.81	17,000.00	Greenbrier
819.15	819.15	1,239.92	700.00	80,000.00	Haskell
45.00		200.29	555.62	12,000.00	Hillcrest Wagoner
103.13	103.49	273.55		13,000.00	Hitchita
90.00		2,256.00	15,784.36	40,000.00	Keefton
	107.00	136.95	158.55	14,000.00	Little Rock
1,250.00	1,551.00	1,254.00	2,557.00	47,000.00	Locust Grove
					Lowery
	39.00	225.57	1,231.24	25,000.00	N. S. Broken Arrow
104.82	88.32	165.65	1,001.54	16,200.00	Pensacola
71.50	108.00	1,080.00		15,000.00	Porter
1,511.42	1,511.42	1,428.39	11,113.39	76,200.00	Pryor
		127.68	1,631.00	10,000.00	Salina
300.00	201.61	320.53	1,034.76	20,800.00	Shahan
120.00	375.80	526.53	4,204.27	66,000.00	Shellenbarger
136.00	136.00	283.57	15.53	18,000.00	Smith Chapel
233.64		180.12	129.96	12,000.00	Spavinaw
		152.04	626.89	30,000.00	Tahlequah
81.63	32.75	438.46	3,941.10	70,000.00	Trinity Muskogee
35.00	40.00	225.00		10,000.00	West Side Pryor
41.50	28.90	169.32	148.03	16,000.00	Wagoner First
92.56	92.56	397.93	217.77	50,000.00	Valley Heights
					Women's Auxiliary
					Youth Camp
				55,000.00	Association Property
6,580.84	6,346.80	20,928.45	78,738.71	1,054,900.00	

