

MINUTES

of the

Thirtieth Annual Session

of the

TEXAS STATE
FREE WILL BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

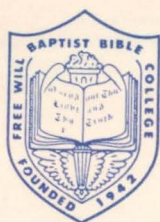
held with the

First Free Will Baptist Church

Waco, Texas

October 31 - November 2, 1944

The thirty-first Annual Session of the Association will be held with the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church in Henderson, Texas, beginning Tuesday night before the first Sunday in November, 1945.



FREE WILL BAPTIST
BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Rev. Damon Dodd

NAMES OF OFFICERS FOR 1945 SESSION

Rev. M. L. Sutton	Moderator
Rev. J. O. Fort	Vice-Moderator
Bro. Chas. B. Wier	Clerk
Rev. C. B. Thompson	Treasurer
Rev. J. B. Lovering	Publicity Director
Rev. J. B. Lovering	Statistician
Rev. H. Ray Berry	Parliamentarian

NAMES ON COMMITTEES

TEMPERANCE—Mrs. B. Wells, Mrs. John Hasting and Mrs. T. A. Blackwell.

RESOLUTIONS—Rev. H. Ray Berry, Rev. J. O. Fort and Rev. T. W. Smith.

CREDENTIALS—Rev. J. A. Brooks, Rev. B. A. Grant and Rev. C. B. Thompson.

OBITUARY—Mrs. Jessie Ferguson, Mrs. Thelma Fawks and Mrs. M. L. Sutton.

PROGRAM—Rev. B. A. Grant, Bro. Floyd Dollar and Bro. A. J. Caston.

PROCEEDINGS OF

The Thirtieth annual session of the Texas State Free Will Baptist Association held with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Waco, Texas, October 31. - November 2. 1944.

TUESDAY NIGHT OCTOBER 31. 1944

Services began with singing led by Rev. E. J. Vaughn, Waco, Texas. Devotional also by Rev. E. J. Vaughn pastor of the host church.

The introductory sermon was very ably brought by Rev. C. B. Thompson, Fort Worth, Texas.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Services began with singing led by Rev. J. O. Fort.

Prayer: Rev. B. A. Grant.

Devotional: Rev. Mrs. Jessie Ferguson. Text, Matthew 6th. and a portion of the 7th. chapter.

Prayer, Rev. J. O. Fort.

Motion carried that program be adopted as prepared by committee in 1943 minutes with changes that become necessary.

Enrollment of ministers.

Business session adjourned with a song by Rev. M. I. Sutton.

Moderator's message. Rev. J. O. Fort, preaching at 11 o'clock. Text Matthew 21:1-16 and 23-32. Subject. "The King Judges."

Dismissed for lunch with singing.

Prayer, Rev. J. L. Bounds.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The business session convened with singing led by Rev. J. O. Fort.

Devotional, Rev. T. W. Smith.

Report on christian education by Rev. J. B. Lovering.

Partial report of credential committee. See committee reports.

Motion carried that the partial report of the credential committee be accepted and that the delegates from the bodies so named, be seated.

Report on Sunday schools by Rev. M. L. Sutton.

Motion carried that the report on Sunday schools, be received.

Motion carried that we accept recommendation No. 1.

Motion carried that we institute a State Sunday School Convention to convene on Monday evening before the State Association.

Motion carried to continue with business until 4:30 P. M.

Reading of By-Laws.

Motion carried that we go into the business of selecting a home for

the 1945 session of this body.

Invitation: Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church, Henderson, Texas.

Motion carried that the invitation be accepted and that the Association will convene with the Fellowship Church at Henderson, Texas, on Tuesday night before the first Sunday in November, 1945.

Nominations for Minister to preach the introductory sermon.

Rev. B. A. Grant and Rev. J. B. Lovering were the nominees.

Motion carried that nominations cease.

By popular voting of the body, Rev. J. B. Lovering was elected to preach the introductory sermon.

Motion carried that we enter into a round table discussion on the subject of Home Missions.

Motion carried to elect a Home Missions Board and to invite all local associations to pool their resources and cooperate.

Motion carried that the above motion be tabled until tomorrow afternoon.

Motion made and carried that Article 9. of By-Laws be changed to read as follows.

Article 9. The following committees shall be appointed at each sitting of the association: Temperance, Resolutions, Program, Credentials, Obituary and Committee of Committees; and the following directors shall be elected. Christian Education, Free Will Baptist League, Woman's Auxiliary, Orphanage, Layman's Work, and Denominational Literature, Sunday Schools and Foreign Missions. The body shall elect boards of five members each for Superannuations and Home Missions.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Song service led by Rev. E. J. Vaughn.

Prayer: Rev. M. L. Sutton.

Devotional: Rev. B. A. Grant. Psalms, 85:6.

Prayer: Rev. T. W. Smith.

Special quartet, "In The Shadow of the Cross," by Rev. M. L. Sutton, Rev. R. B. Crawford, Rev. J. R. Davidson and Mrs. Della Lawlis, and Mrs. C. B. Thompson at the piano

Special duet, "The Royal Telephone."

Evening sermon by Rev. Robert B. Crawford. Text: Mark, 10:17-22.
"Come, take up the cross, and follow me."

THURSDAY MORNING

The business of the day began with singing led by Rev. J. O. Fort.

Prayer: Rev. M. T. Holley.

Devotional, Rev. M. T. Holley.

Report of Foreign Mission work by Rev. C. B. Thompson.

Motion carried that the report of Foreign Mission work be adopted as read.

Report of Free Will Baptist School by Rev. J. R. Davidson.

Special in song, by Rev. M. L. Sutton, "I Won't have to Cross Jordan Alone."

Prayer: Bro. Clyde Goen.

Special solo, "Satisfied With Jesus," Miss Tommie Rae Brooks.

Rev. J. A. Brooks broke the bread of life at the hour for the morning sermon. Text, 2 Timothy, 2:4. Subject, A Good Soldier.

The message was so ably delivered that a call from the floor was made that we have a song and the right hand of fellowship be extended to Bro. Brooks. Onward Christian Soldiers, was sung.

Prayer: Rev. J. O. Fort.

Noon recess.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Business session convened with singing led by Rev. J. O. Fort.

In the absence of Rev. Miss Tommie Franklin who was on program for devotions, our moderator read from Matthew, 25:31-46.

Prayer: Rev. C. B. Thompson.

Report on Orphanage Work by Rev. T. W. Smith

Motion carried to accept the report on Orphanage Work. See reports.

Report on Woman's Work by Mrs. Charles Moehlman.

Motion carried to accept the report on Women's Work. See report.

Rev. Robert Crawford made comments on 50,000 co-laborers campaign of the National Women's Auxiliary.

Motion carried that the statistician be authorized to continue his work until it is as near complete as possible before sending his report to clerk.

Motion carried that the report of the treasurer be accepted. See reports.

Report of Temperance Committee.

Motion carried that the report of the Temperance Committee be accepted. See report.

Report of Obituary Committee.

Motion carried that the report on obituaries be recommitted to the committee.

Report on Resolutions.

Motion carried that the report on resolutions be received.

Motion carried that the revised report on obituaries be accepted.

Nomination of Officers.

Rev. J. O. Fort and Rev. M. L. Sutton were duly nominated for the office of Moderator.

Brother Fort recognized Rev. C. B. Thompson as Moderator pro tem.

Rev. M. L. Sutton having received a majority of votes for the office

of Moderator of the 1945 session, was elected by acclamation.

Rev. J. O. Fort was elected as vice-moderator, by acclamation.

Bro. Chas. B. Wier was re-elected Association Clerk, by acclamation.

Rev. C. B. Thompson was nominated for the office of Treasurer and having no opposition, was elected by acclamation.

Publicity Director. Nominations, Rev. B. A. Grant and Rev. J. B. Lovering.

Motion carried that nominations cease.

Rev. J. B. Lovering was elected Publicity Director by a majority vote.

Nominations for Statistician. Bro. Clyde Goen, Rev. B. A. Grant and Rev. J. B. Lovering. Bro. Lovering was elected by a majority vote.

Rev. H. Ray Berry was elected Parliamentarian.

Motion carried that the moderator appoint delegates to the National Association.

Mrs. Charles Moehlman, Bryan, Texas.

Mrs. M. L. Sutton, Route 3. Box 48. Arlington, Texas.

Mrs. T. A. Blackwood, Box 1168. Vernon, Texas.

Mrs. B. A. Grant. Box 962. Henderson, Texas.

Mrs. T. W. Smith, Iola, Texas.

Special offering of \$20.00 was taken to defray expenses of delegates to the National Association, last year.

Motion carried that each District Association send \$5.00 to the State Association Treasurer for delegates expense to the National Association.

Motion carried that the motion tabled on Home Missions Board, be opened for discussion.

Motion carried to elect a Home Missions Board.

Motion carried that the Home Missions Director serve as Chairman of Home Missions Board.

Motion carried that the Moderator appoint the Home Mission Board for another year.

Nominations:

Rev. Tiff Covington, Rev. M. T. Holley, Rev. B. A. Grant and Rev. T. W. Smith.

Motion carried that Article 9. of the By-Laws, be changed to read as follows. The words, Superannuation and Home Missions be stricken out and that the following new sentence be added.

"The body shall elect boards of five members each for Superannuations and Home Missions."

Report of Superannuation Board. See reports.

Motion carried that the report of the Superannuation Board be adopted.

Motion carried that the Moderator shall elect Directors of the Superannuation Board.

Motion carried that Rev. M. L. Sutton be re-elected our Texas Page Editor in The Free Will Baptist Press.

Motion carried that the names of all Officers of the Association, as well as names of Committees, be printed on the fly leaf of the minutes.

Motion carried that Resolution No. 1. be adopted.

Motion carried that Resolution No. 2. be adopted.

Motion carried that Resolution No. 3. be adopted.

Motion carried that Resolution No. 4. be adopted.

Motion carried that Resolution No. 5. be adopted.

Motion carried that Resolution No. 6. be rejected.

Motion carried that Rev. T. W. Smith be authorized to contact all donors to the orphanage fund and refund to each, or turn the funds over to the Home Mission Board.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Till We Meet Again was sung while an old time handshake progressed.

Benediction: Rev. Robert B. Crawford.

Rev. J. O. Fort, Moderator
Bro. Chas. B. Wier, Clerk

ASSOCIATION LETTERS

NORTH WEST BRAZOS ASSOCIATION. To the State Association when convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, we send greetings.

In our letter to the association last year, we reported under the name of the Friendship Association. However, the original name, Northwest Brazos Association has been decided upon to be used hereafter.

We send as delegates, our beloved, Bro. Rurl Scott and Sisters May Haston, Lou Blackwood and Gilcress. We enclose \$5.00.

There is four churches in our association and one mission sponsored by Rev. C. C. Lamb. We have two church buildings. Total membership, 167.

Ministers belonging to our association. Ordained ministers, Rev. Troy Harp, Rev. Heber Johnson, Rev. S. M. Zigler, Rev. M. T. Holley, Rev. H. H. Haston, Rev. A. A. Green and Rev. Sister Estes. Licensed ministers, Rev. Emmett Jordan and Rev. G. G. Garrett.

Rev. M. T. Holley, Moderator
Mrs. Alma Eaton, Clerk

SOUTH EAST TEXAS ASSOCIATION. We send greetings to the State Association. We are unable to send a delegate, however, we are sending \$2.00 to help defray expenses.

We have four churches in the association, two of which have called a minister for the ensuing year.

Brethren, pray for us. We need to be revived.

Rev. T. W. Smith is our pastor, and we believe that he is doing his best in the Masters Work.

Yours for the great cause.

M. K. Withers, Moderator
Mrs. M. K. Withers, Clerk

WEST FORK ASSOCIATION. To the State Association when convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church in Waco, Texas, we send greetings.

We are steadily growing and making some progress in our churches. There are thirteen churches in the association now, three of them coming this past year from other associations.

We send the following delegates to represent us in your Godly deliberations. Bro. Willis Hasley, Bro. Leroy Conaway, Bro. J. M. Inman, Sister J. H. Measures, Sister Julia Brouer, Sister Sylvia Burks, Bro. R. J. Melton, Bro. Fred Anderson, Sister R. J. White, Sister Sadie White, Sister R. E. Conner, Sister Maud Wier and Sister C. B. Thompson.

Rev. C. B. Thompson, Moderator
Mrs. Naomi Stom, Clerk

CENTRAL TEXAS ASSOCIATION. To the State Association when convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church in Waco, Texas. We send as delegates our beloved Brethren and Sisters, with Christian greetings. Bro. Charlie Rogers, Mrs. Lizzie Trant, Mrs. Della Lawlis, Mrs. Kate McMillian, Mrs. Mabel Singletary, L. M. Adams, Mrs. Charles Moehlman and J. W. LeFevre.

Names of ministers belonging to association. Reverends H. M. McAdams, Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, J. B. Lovering, Earl Wyche, Asten Pegues, J. H. Dowell, T. W. Smith, J. O. Fort, H. Ray Berry, J. L. L. Payne, J. W. Handy and Earl Hahn.

We are sending \$15.00 to the association:

Rev. H. Ray Berry, Moderator
J. W. LeFevre, Clerk

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

We, your committee on committees, beg to report the following brethren have been appointed to serve as stated.

1. TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE. Mrs. B. Wells, Mrs. John Hasting and Mrs. T. A. Blackwell.

2. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE. Rev. H. Ray Berry, Rev. J. O. Fort and Rev. T. W. Smith.

3. CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE. Rev. J. A. Brooks, Rev. B. A. Grant and Rev. C. B. Thompson.

4. OBITUARY COMMITTEE. Mrs. Jessie Ferguson, Mrs. Thelma Fawks and Mrs. M. L. Sutton.

5. PROGRAM COMMITTEE. Rev. B. A. Grant, Bro. Floyd Dollar and Bro. A. J. Castor.

Committee on Committees

C. F. Goen

J. H. Measures

M. T. Holley

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, your committee on temperance, submit the following report.

Temperance is a very grave problem because of the fact that intemperance is so destructive in many ways. We therefore recommend to our people to be temperate in all things. Also that intoxicating beverages be condemned from every view point because of its disastrous effect on the lives of our people. Therefore, be it resolved that our people abstain from intemperance of all forms.

Committee

B. A. Grant

Della Lawlis

T. W. Smith

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS

We, your committee on resolutions, submit under the leadership of the Lord, the following recommendations.

1. Resolved: That this body extend a rising vote of thanks to the host church, and neighboring brethren, for the splendid manner in which this meeting has been entertained.

2. Resolved: That we plan a Christian Workers Institute, and that all ministers and churches in the state cooperate to make it a success, and that an Institute Committee of three be appointed to set a time and place to meet.

3. Resolved: That we support the National Association through the unified program. To make remittance to the quarterly meetings where it shall be divided and sent to the different treasurers as follows. Forty per cent for Christian Education, to Rev. J. R. Davidson, 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tenn. Thirty per cent for Foreign Mission, to Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo. Twenty per cent for Home Mission, to your local Home Missions treasurer, and ten per cent for Superannuations to your local Superannuations treasurer.

4. Since it appears to be impractical at this time to continue the Orphanage Home Program, be it resolved that we discontinue the work.

Rev. C. B. Thompson

5. Resolved that, because we realize the great value of accurate statistical reports, and that we have felt very keenly the absence of these reports in our State Association, be it resolved that we adopt a uniform and complete statistical letter form. Be it further resolved that we require each association to present their letter on this form complete, as far as possible, before receiving seats in this body.

Be it further resolved that this association furnish these letter forms to all district associational clerks at least thirty days before each session of this association, along with a reminder of the first paragraph of this resolution.

Be it further resolved that these statistical reports be published in the minutes of this association.

Rev. M. L. Sutton

6. Be it resolved that the funds of the Orphanage Board of \$293.26 be loaned to the Home Mission Board, evidenced by a note to bear interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, until such time as possible to proceed with the establishment of an orphanage.

7. Resolved that the congregation rise and face west in silent prayer in honor of those who have given their lives in the present war, as a service to our country in safeguarding the sacred privilege of worship.

J. H. Measures

Mrs. H. G. Moore

H. Ray Berry

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Southeast Texas Association with a letter of greeting and \$2.00.
Central Texas Association with letter, eight delegates, and \$15.00.
West Fork Association represented by delegates and \$13.00.
Texas Association represented with one delegate and \$11.00.
North West Brazos Association sends letter and delegates with \$5.00.
North Zulch Church, no delegate, and \$2.00.
First Church of Houston, Texas, no delegates and \$5.00.
Trinity Church of Fort Worth, Texas, two delegates and \$2.00.
First Church of Weatherford, Texas, two delegates and \$2.00.
Pine Grove Church of Huntsville, Texas, two delegates and \$2.00.
Cross Church of Iola, Texas, one delegate and \$2.00.
First Church of Comanche, Texas, two delegates and \$2.00.
First Church of Vernon, Texas, one delegate and \$2.00.
Gartman's View Church, Comanche, Texas, two delegates and \$2.00.
Bright Light Church, Bryan, Texas, two delegates and \$2.00.
Pleasant Mound Church, Buffalo Springs, Texas, two delegates and \$2.00.
First Church, Fort Worth, Texas, two delegates and \$2.00.
First Church, Dallas, Texas, one delegate and \$2.00.
Bryan Church, Bryan, Texas, one delegate and \$10.00.

Committee

Rev. M. L. Sutton

Rev. C. B. Thompson

Rev. B. A. Grant

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, your committee on obituaries, report the following.

Sister W. H. Calvery, Dott Church.

Sister A. J. Measures, New Hope Church. Parker County.

Bro. T. H. Newsom, Unity Church, Parker County.

Bro. J. W. Knight, Waco Church.

Bro. Mack Andrews, Fellowship Church. (Killed in action)

Bro. Emmett Holland, Edge Church.

Sister Louise Harrison, Trinity Church.

Bro. S. C. Dowling, Bryan Church.

Bro. A. S. McSwain, Bryan, Texas.

Bro. Franklin I. Wood, First Church, Memphis, Texas.

Sister Mary E. Scott.

Bro. David Haston, Paducah Church. (Killed in action)

Sister J. W. Massey. (Mother Broom, of Waco)

C. H. B. Graham, Sister John Carroll and Sister Frances Clayton, all of Bright Light Church.

We wish to extend our sympathy to loved ones left bereaved. May

God comfort you in your dark hours.

Committee
Rev. J. A. Brooks
Mrs. Mable Singletary
Mrs. B. A. Grant

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE WORK

We have on hand \$293.26. We pray for your cooperation in this work. We are pleading with every church and pastor, that we go forward in this work. This fund is bonded and filed with the moderator of the Association.

Rev. T. W. Smith, Director-Treasurer, Iola, Texas

REPORT OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Number of Auxiliary societies, 8. Number of members, 68. New members, 12. Total present membership, 80.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Amount of money raised for Home Missions, \$42.85; Foreign Missions, \$15.00; National Educational Program, \$40.00; Unified Program Fund, \$284.40; Miscellaneous Purposes. \$411.55.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORT

Number Stewardship Classes conducted, 7; Number Mission Study Classes conducted, 3; Number Auxiliaries observing Week of Prayer, 2; Number Auxiliaries sponsoring Young People's Auxiliaries, 2; Number Auxiliary members subscribing to church papers, 10; Number of Bibles given, 12; Number Auxiliaries using Jehoiada Chests, 3.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received from Bro. C. B. Wier	\$ 3.25	
Fees collected	72.50	
Total cash	<u>\$75.75</u>	\$75.75

DISBURSEMENTS

Entry Fee to National Association	\$10.00	
Printing Programs	3.50	
Printing 1,000 Minutes	50.00	
Clerks Fee	<u>10.00</u>	
Total disbursements	\$73.50	\$73.50
Balance cash to Rev. C. B. Thompson, Treasurer elect	\$ 2.25	

Rev. M. L. Sutton

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK

To the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptist Churches when

convened with the First Church of Waco, Texas, Greetings.

Brethren permit me to make my report to you which is as follows.

While the war has taken a great many of our boys and men out of Sunday school, and we are not growing very fast in numbers, there are a number of other ways we find our work progressing. This year we have seen more perfect attendance pupils in our Sunday schools than ever before. This is due to the fact that our people are learning the valuable lesson that Sunday school is a great business, and that for any business to succeed we must invest some capital. This we find is being done to a good advantage in the purchase of valuable helps such as leaflets, christian magazines, reward pins, greeting cards, etc.

There is also the desire on the part of many of our teachers and officers to better equip themselves for the places they endeavor to fill. Many have expressed a desire to have help that they can avail themselves of. Many are finding some help in studying the methods of schools outside of our denomination and by attending their study classes. This we believe to be good, but the methods and means used by other denominations do not always prove satisfactory for use in our schools.

Also there is a great move toward financing the church through the Sunday school and in so doing our Sunday schools are doing what they should have done several generations ago, that is, teach our children the duty of church finance. We find that the number of tithers in our denomination is steadily getting larger. This is due many times to the example of tithers putting their tithe into the church through the Sunday school.

And too, many of our schools are divided into classes according to the rule of the standard Sunday schools, to wit. Beginners, Primaries, Juniors, Intermediates, Seniors, young people and Adults. Where we find schools so partitioned we also find that they either have Sunday school rooms or they are striving to get them. A number of our churches have building funds with which they intend to build Sunday school buildings. They see the urgent need for this and are even now partitioning their churches with curtains.

Seeing then that this is one of the most profitable fields of endeavor we have both to the church and to the denomination, and seeing also that so many of our people are deeply interested in the success of this work, it is my humble opinion that this association should do something constructive in advancing this department of our work.

As one of those who is deeply interested in the advancement of this part of our work, and in line with my duty, as I see it, I would like to recommend the establishment of a school to be held at least two weeks each year for the benefit of Sunday school officers, teachers and secretaries. I would also like to recommend that we organize a state wide Sunday school rally to be held each year at the same place where the State Association is to be held and one day before the association and that this body appoint a committee to meet some time in the immediate future to draft

the constitution and by-laws for the Sunday school rally.

Your servant for Jesus' sake.

Rev. M. L. Sutton, Director

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The truths of the bible and things concerning Christ that are stowed away in the minds of young christians today by way of education are well preserved. They shall come forth in later years having been enriched by the experiences and reasoning of the pure souls in which they have been awaiting their day of fruit bearing. May we who enjoy the abundance of His grace beyond measure do our part in the great work of Christian Education by paying regularly and liberally to so worthy a cause.

Rev. J. B. Lovering, Educational Director

SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Of the regularly elected members of this body at the 1943 State Association, there was present in this Association, four out of five members.

Rev. J. O. Fort, was acting as Administration Officer for the National Board.

Election of Officers,

Nominations: Rev. B. A. Grant, and Bro. Chas. B. Wier.

Motion carried that nominations cease, and the following election cast.

Bro. Grant was elected Chairman-Treasurer, and Bro. Wier, Secretary.

The first meeting of the board was set for Wednesday, November 15, 1944, at 10:00 A. M. at the First Church, Waco, Texas.

Chas. B. Wier, Secretary

REPORT OF STATISTICIAN

The statistical report for this year is very incomplete. Only two Associations reported any statistics. May we, as christian stewards, keep better records and make better reports that we may know what we are doing for the Master.

Rev. J. B. Lovering, Statistician

STATISTICAL REPORT

Membership

Association	Membership	Received	Dismissed	Died	S.-S.	F. W. B. L.	W. A.
Central Texas	811	56	11	5	241	84	59
Texas							
S. E. Texas							
West Fork	924	85	2	4	533		
Friendship							
Total	1,735	141	13	9	774		

FINANCIAL, LOCAL ASSOCIATION

Association	Paid Pastor	Evangelist	Repairs	Incidental	Charity	Value Property
Central Texas	\$ 4,038.74	\$ 948.90	\$2,204.12	\$ 212.26	46.00	\$36,075.00
Texas						
S. E. Texas						
West Fork	6,386.74	866.72	3,887.90	967.93		37,650.00
Friendship						
Total	\$10,435.48	\$1,815.62	\$6,182.02	\$1,180.19		\$73,725.00

FINANCIAL, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Association	Educational	F. Missions	H. Missions	Superannuation
Central Texas	\$436.25	\$317.89	\$158.22	\$50.68
Texas				
S. E. Texas				
West Fork	61.00	356.00	173.00	12.00
Friendship				
Total	\$497.25	\$673.89	\$331.22	\$62.68

J. B. LOVERING, Statistician.

BY-LAWS

Article 1. The President or Vice President, or in their absence, the senior minister in years shall call the association into conference, and if a quorum is known to be present the body may proceed with business according to outlined program.

Article 2. All persons declared by the credentials committee to be eligible to represent in the association are hereby made and constituted members of this body, and are authorized to act in all respects according to the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws under which this association is governed.

Article 3. Delegates from corresponding bodies and brethren invited to seats in the association shall be entitled to all privileges of the association except voting.

Article 4. No person shall speak more than twice on the same question, nor over ten minutes at the time, without special permission of the association; neither shall any one be recognized by the presiding officer without first rising and addressing the chair; and shall not proceed with discussion or statement until recognized by the chair.

Article 5. It shall not be considered regular for any member of the body to leave its session without special permission of the presiding officer, and those who do such lay themselves liable to public censure. No member shall take final leave from any regular or called session without special permission from the association.

Article 6. The business of this association shall be governed by good parliamentary regulations at all times.

Article 7. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee, provided the person nominated be elected.

Article 8. The program of each annual meeting shall be prepared by the regularly elected, or appointed, Program Committee, programs to be distributed thirty days in advance of date of sitting of the association.

Article 9. The following committees shall be appointed at each sitting of the association: Temperance, Resolutions, Program, Credentials, Obituary and Committee of Committees; and the following directors shall be elected: Christian Education, Free Will Baptist League, Woman's Auxiliary, Orphanage, Layman's Work, and Denominational Literature, Sunday Schools, and Foreign Missions. The body shall elect boards of five members each for Superannuations and Home Missions.

Article 10. Each session shall be opened by reading a portion of the Bible and prayer, and shall be closed with prayer.

Article 11. Minutes of each session shall be carefully read and corrected before final adjournment.

Article 12. The associational year shall be from November first to November first of the following year.

Article 13. These By-Laws may be amended at any regular session of the association by a two-thirds majority vote of the body, provided

proposed amendment has been read before the body and placed on the table one day in advance of the time the vote is to be taken.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This organization shall be known as the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists, and shall be composed of all regularly appointed delegates from well organized and well disciplined, associations; with all regular, and orderly, ordained and licensed ministers and ordained deacons who hold membership in some regular church and district association of the State of Texas.

Article 2. The purpose of this association shall be to edify and mutually uplift the Free Will Baptist denomination, the spreading of the gospel to the end of saving the lost and the general advancement of the Kingdom of Christ in the earth.

Article 3. This association shall consist of the various associations and churches which are known to be orthodox and orderly, and shall have representation on the following basis to-wit: each association shall be represented on the basis of one delegate per each one hundred members or fractional part thereof, and each church shall be allowed two delegates regardless of number of members. Each association shall send with its representatives and letter one dollar for each delegate it is allowed, and each church shall send the minimum of two dollars.

Article 4. The officers of this association shall consist of a president, vice president, recording secretary, treasurer, publicity director, statistician and parliamentarian; all of which shall be elected by the body at the close of the annual session in which their term expires. One year shall be considered a term for all officers and standing committees.

Article 5. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at all meetings of the association, to appoint committees not otherwise provided for, and to strive to promote the general interest of the association. It shall be the duty of the vice president to serve in all capacities of the president in his absence, and to associate with him all the duties of the office upon the call of the president. It shall be the duty of the recording secretary to make a record of all proceedings of the association, to prepare manuscripts for having minutes printed and negotiate deal for the same, to keep files of minutes of all previous sessions and to carry on all necessary correspondence for the body. He shall be allowed \$10.00 annually for his services. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to be custodian of all funds of the association and disburse same, only on authority of the body; and he shall be required to make a full report at each annual session. His books must be kept in balance with those of the recording secretary at all times. It shall be the duty of the publicity director to have charge of all advertising matters correlated with the work of the association. It shall be the duty of the statistician to endeavor to compile the statistics of all work done by

Free Will Baptists in the state, and to report on the general status of the work over the state at each annual session of the association; also to communicate such statistics as he shall be able to assemble to the National Statistician annually. It shall be the duty of the parliamentarian to keep before him at all times during an assembly of the body good rules of parliamentary usage, and when it is deemed necessary he shall call attention to any irregular procedure. It shall be the privilege of the presiding officer to call upon the parliamentarian for rules of order at any time he finds it necessary.

Article 6. Representation from a majority of the District Associations of the State of Texas shall be declared a quorum at any regular or called meeting of the association.

Article 7. Any well organized and well disciplined Free Will Baptist Association within the State of Texas, composed of such churches as have adopted the doctrines, and as conform to the usages of the Free Will Baptist denomination as set forth in the Treatise of Faith of the National Association, may upon proper application become a member of this Association. Any church conforming to such regulations as above set forth may also become a member of this body even though the local Association of which it is a member is not a regular member of the State body.

Article 8. It shall be required of all District Associations and churches composing this Association to represent themselves by delegates and communicate by letter, their standing, prospects and statistics.

Article 9. At each session of this assembly it shall act on all questions and matters referred to it, and transact such business as tends to promote the interests of our denomination and the cause of Christ, in the bounds of this association.

Article 10. This Association shall have the authority to discipline any Association or church holding membership herewith, for disorderly walk and to exclude same if efforts prove unavailing; but in no case shall it have a right to reverse decisions.

Article 11. This Association shall have an executive committee composed of all the officers designated in Article 4.

Article 12. The functions of the executive committee shall be to have supervision of all associational work and shall act for the Association between sessions, minutes of all transactions to be read before the annual session of the Association and printed in the Minutes should the body deem it wise.

Article 13. The Constitution may be altered or amended in any regular session of the Association by a vote of two-thirds majority of the body, provided proposed amendment has been read before the body and placed on the table one day in advance of the time the vote is to be taken.

MINISTERS PRESENT

Rev. J. H. Measures, 304 York Avenue, Weatherford, Texas.
Rev. T. W. Smith, Iola, Texas
Rev. B. A. Grant, Box 962. Henderson, Texas.
Rev. W. L. Douglas, 1417 South 11th Street. Waco, Texas.
Rev. E. J. Vaughn, 1908 South 12th. Street. Waco, Texas.
Rev. J. L. Bounds, 1903 South 12th. Street Waco, Texas
Rev. J. O. Fort, 808 West 27th. Street. Bryan, Texas
Rev. J. B. Lovering, Box 105. North Zulch, Texas.
Rev. C. B. Thompson, 2001 Prairie Avenue. Fort Worth, Texas.
Rev. M. T. Hollis, Route 4. Levelland, Texas.
Rev. J. A. Brooks, Route 1. Comanche, Texas.
Rev. R. E. Conner, 1412 Beaumont Street. Dallas, Texas.
Rev. M. L. Sutton, Route 3. Box 48, Arlington, Texas.
Rev. H. Ray Berry, 1008 Peddie Street. Houston 9, Texas.
Rev. J. R. Davidson.
Rev. Sister Jessie Ferguson, Route 2, Box 203-A. Fort Worth, Texas.

MINISTERS ABSENT

Rev. H. H. Haston, Route 2. Paducah, Texas.
Rev. Troy Harp, Vernon, Texas.
Rev. Heber Johnson, Vernon, Texas.
Rev. Sister Lelia Estes, Box 1302. Memphis, Texas.
Rev. J. B. Eberson, Memphis, Texas.
Rev. S. M. Zigler, Memphis, Texas.
Rev. Marion Gaines, Comanche, Texas.
Rev. A. F. Ferguson, Route 2, Box 203-A, Fort Worth, Texas.
Rev. E. S. Jammerson, Tatum, Texas.
Rev. Ira Harper, Tatum, Texas.
Rev. J. H. Johnson, Tyler, Texas.

Letter from.....Church to the

(Please state whether Quarterly meeting, Yearly meeting or Association)

when convened with.....church at

We send as delegates, our beloved:

Delegates

Alternates

whom we pray you will receive to sit with you, to aid you in your Godly deliberations.

State of religion.....Members received this year,.....by
letter.....by baptism.....dismissed.....number died.....total
membership.....Condition of prayer meeting.....Condition of
Sunday School.....Average number of pupils.....Number of Officers
.....Teachers.....Classes..... Amount of offering \$.....
Paid Pastor \$.....Paid Evangelist \$.....Paid for Building
and Repair.....Paid for Publication.....Paid for sup-
plies \$.....Miscellaneous Expenditures \$.....For Mission \$.....
To Association \$.....Total Income \$.....Total Expenditures \$.....
Balance \$.....Value of Church Property \$.....
Pastor's name and address.....

NAMES OF MINISTERS AND DEACONS

Ministers

Deacons

Done by order of the church assembled in conference, this.....day
of.....19.....

Moderator

Clerk

