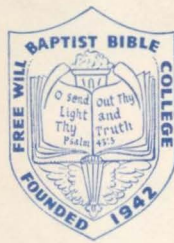


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**OFFICERS OF THE TEXAS STATE ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR
1946-1947**

Moderator, Rev. M. L. Sutton, Rt. 3, Box 48, Arlington, Texas.

Asst. Moderator, Rev. C. B. Thompson, 4406 Brady St., Houston 11,
Texas.

Clerk, Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook, Rt. 3, Bryan, Texas.

Treasurer, Mrs. Alvin F. Halbrook, Rt. 3, Bryan, Texas.

Publicity Director, Rev. A. F. Ferguson, Rt. 1, Box 218 A, Weatherford,
Texas.

Statistician, Rev. J. B. Lovering, 2001 Prairie Ave., Ft. Worth, Texas.

Parliamentarian, Rev. J. O. Fort, 109 S. Baylor Ave., Bryan, Texas.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS OF BOARDS

Superannuation—Rev. C. B. Thompson, 4406 Brady St., Houston 11, Texas.

Home Missions—Rev. J. O. Fort, 109 S. Baylor Ave., Bryan, Texas.

Orphanage—Not organized.

STATE BOARDS

Home Missions—Mr. B. F. Payne, 1947; Rev. Tiff Covington, 1947; Rev. J. O. Fort, 1948; Mr. N. C. Cole, 1949; Mr. J. L. Brandon, 1949.

Superannuation—Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook, 1947; Rev. Miss Tommie Franklin, 1947; Rev. C. B. Thompson, 1948; Rev. L. A. Norris, 1949; Rev. J. A. Brooks, 1949.

Orphanage—Rev. J. H. Measures, 1947; Rev. B. A. Grant, 1947; Mrs. M. L. Sutton, 1948; Rev. Tiff Covington, 1949; Rev. R. E. Conner, 1949.

STATE DIRECTORS

Christian Education—Rev. Jas. F. Miller, 1304 Tenth St., Huntsville, Texas.

F. W. B. League—Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook, Box 115, N. Zulch, Texas.

Woman's Auxiliary—Mrs. H. R. Berry, 1031 East 14th St., Houston, Texas.

Layman's Work—Mr. George Smith, Henderson, Texas.

Denominational Literature—Mrs. C. B. Thompson, 4406 Brady St., Houston 11, Texas.

Sunday Schools—Rev. J. B. Lovering, 2001 Prairie Ave., Ft. Worth, Texas.

Foreign Missions—Rev. A. F. Ferguson, Rt. 1, Box 218, Weatherford, Texas.

COMMITTEES

Temperance—Rev. J. O. Fort, Miss Velma Moody, Mr. N. C. Cole.

Obituary—Mrs. H. R. Berry, Rev. J. L. Payne, Mrs. Maude Wheeler.

Resolutions—Rev. L. A. Norris, Rev. R. E. Conner, Mrs. J. A. Brooks.

Credentials—Rev. C. B. Thompson, Rev. J. W. Hardy, Rev. J. A. Brooks.

Program—Rev. Tiff Covington, Mr. W. D. Phillips, Rev. J. B. Lovering, and deacons of Pleasant Mound Church.

Proceedings

The Thirty-Second Annual Session of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the N. Zulch Free Will Baptist Church, N. Zulch, Texas, October 29, November 1, 1946.

TUESDAY NIGHT SERVICE

The opening service of the Association began with the Association Clerk, Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook, calling the Association to order.

Rev. J. A. Brooks was elected Moderator pro-tem in the absence of the Moderator, Rev. M. L. Sutton, who arrived before the evening message.

The singing was led by Rev. L. A. Norris, Music Director for the association.

Prayer was led by Rev. Robert B. Crawford. The Devotional was conducted by Rev. J. B. Lovering. Scripture read from Luke 24:49; Text: Luke 24:49.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. J. A. Brooks, Scripture Heb. 2:6, Text: Heb. 2:6.

Benediction by Rev. A. F. Ferguson.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

Congregational singing was followed by prayer by Rev. A. F. Ferguson. The devotional was conducted by Rev. Clarence J. Hearron, Scripture Ps. 84:9-12.

Motion carried that the moderator appoint a Credentials Committee: Rev. Clarence J. Hearron, chairman; Rev. J. B. Lovering; Rev. R. E. Conner.

The Credentials Committee received the associational and church letters.

Motion carried that all visiting ministers be seated in the body with all rights and privileges except voting.

Rev. and Mrs. Jas F. Miller, coming from Missouri to assume work in Huntsville, Texas, were recognized and welcomed.

Corresponding messengers were recognized.

Motion carried to recess.

Benediction by Rev. Robert B. Crawford.

ELEVEN A. M. SERVICE

Congregational singing was followed by prayer by Rev. C. B. Thompson. The Associational Sermon was preached by Rev. C. B. Thompson, Scripture: Ex. 14:15; Subject: "Go Forward."

At the close of the message there was given an invitation to consecration to which five responded.

Benediction by Rev. S. M. Zeigler.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

After singing, prayer was led by Rev. J. O. Fort. The devotional was conducted by Rev. Harry Cox; Scripture: Ps. 90:1-4; Text: Ps. 90:1.

Partial report of the Credentials Committee was read. Motion carried to adopt the report.

Report of the Bible College was given by Rev. Robert B. Crawford.

Motion carried that the moderator appoint a person to conduct a round-table discussion on Christian Education. Rev. Robert B. Crawford was appointed. Rev. M. L. Sutton and Rev. J. O. Fort entered into the discussion.

Report of Director of Sunday Schools was given by Rev. J. B. Lovering. Motion carried to adopt the report.

Motion carried to elect association officers.

Rev. M. L. Sutton was elected Moderator by acclamation.

Rev. C. B. Thompson was elected Assistant Moderator by majority vote.

Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook was elected Clerk by acclamation.

Mrs. Alvin F. Halbrook was elected Treasurer by majority vote.

Rev. A. F. Ferguson was elected Publicity Director by majority vote.

Rev. J. B. Lovering was elected Statistician by acclamation.

Rev. J. O. Fort was elected Parliamentarian by acclamation.

Motion carried that the moderator appoint persons to fill vacancies in committees. The following were appointed:

Temperance—Rev. Jas. F. Miller.

Obituary—Mrs. Maggie Vaughn, Mrs. B. A. Grant, Mrs. Verna Lucas, Mrs. R. T. Trant.

Resolutions—Rev. C. B. Thompson, Rev. R. E. Conner.

State Home Mission Board—Rev. J. L. Payne, Rev. C. B. Thompson.

Final report of Credentials Committee was given. Motion carried to adopt the report.

Motion carried to adjourn. Benediction given by Rev. A. F. Ferguson.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Service opened with singing, followed by prayer by Rev. Troy McDonald. The Devotional was conducted by Rev. A. F. Ferguson; Scripture: 2 Cor. 4:104; Text: 2 Cor. 4:3. Prayer was offered by Rev. M. L. Sutton, followed by singing.

A solo, "I'd Rather Have Jesus," was rendered by Rev. Robert B. Crawford.

The evening message was by Rev. Robert B. Crawford; Scripture: Roms. 1:14-19; Text: Roms. 1:16.

At the conclusion of the message an invitation to accept Christ or to consecration was given during which Mr. Alvin Young acknowledged his call to the ministry.

A special prayer for Bro. Young was led by Rev. J. O. Fort.

A brief business session was held for the purpose of electing two persons to fill vacancies on the Home Mission Board. Mr. N. C. Cole and Mr. J. L. Brandon were elected by acclamation.

Benediction by Mr. W. L. Sutton.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

The session opened with congregational singing. A quartet "If We Never Meet Again" was rendered by Rev. Clarence J. Hearron, Mrs. Odie Simmons, Rev. M. L. Sutton, Rev. A. F. Ferguson. Prayer was led by Rev. J. B. Lovering. The devotional was conducted by Rev. J. L. Payne; Scripture: Eph. parts of 4th and 6th chapters.

Report of National Executive Secretary given by Rev. Robert B. Crawford.

Motion carried, report of Director of F. W. B. League be postponed until the night service.

Motion carried to recess five minutes.

Benediction by Rev. M. L. Sutton.

ELEVEN A. M. SERVICE

Singing followed by prayer by Rev. Jas. F. Miller. Sermon by Rev. Jas. F. Miller; Scripture: Eph. 4:13-14.

Benediction by Rev. Clarence J. Hearron.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened meeting with singing, followed by prayer by Rev. M. T. Holley. The Devotional was conducted by Rev. M. T. Holley; Scripture: Jn. 14:27.

Report of Home Mission Board given by Rev. T. W. Smith. Motion carried to adopt the report.

Report of the State Home Missionary given by Rev. C. B. Thompson. Motion carried to adopt the report.

Report of Home Missions Board chairman, Rev. J. O. Fort, was given. Motion carried to adopt the report.

Report on Foreign Missions was given by Rev. C. B. Thompson.

Motion carried that at this time there be special prayer for our Free Will Baptist Missionaries. Mrs. M. L. Sutton led the prayer.

Two verses of "Amazing Grace" were sung.

Report of Director of Woman's Auxiliary, Mrs. H. R. Berry, was given. Motion carried to adopt the report.

Partial report of Resolutions Committee was given. Motion carried to adopt the report.

Report of Obituary Committee given. Motion carried to adopt the report.

In compliance with the recommendation of the Obituary Committee, the body stood for a moment of silent prayer, after which Rev. R. E. Conner led in prayer.

Report of Director of F. W. B. L., Rev. L. A. Norris, was given.

Motion carried to adjourn. Benediction by Mrs. A. F. Ferguson.

THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Congregational singing followed by prayer by Rev. J. A. Brooks. The evening sermon was preached by Rev. R. E. Conner; Scripture: Lk. 10:30-37.

After the message the moderator called the body into business session. There were nominations to fill two vacancies on the Superannuation Board. Elected were: Rev. L. A. Norris and Rev. J. A. Brooks.

The moderator appointed State Directors. (See Directors)

Report on Orphanage given by Mrs. T. W. Smith.

Rev. Tiff Covington, Rev. R. E. Conner and Mrs. M. L. Sutton were elected to serve on the Orphanage Board.

Appointment of Committee on Committees by moderator as follows: Rev. T. W. Smith, Rev. L. A. Norris, Mrs. Verna Lucas.

Minutes of Superannuation Board meeting read by Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook.

Report of State Superannuation Board given by Rev. C. B. Thompson.

Motion carried to adopt the report.

Motion carried to adjourn until 9:30 A. M., Friday.

Benediction by Mrs. Verna Lucas.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The meeting opened with singing. The devotional was conducted by reading responsively Roms. 8:1-14. Prayer offered by Rev. T. W. Smith.

Motion carried that the Texas State Association convene at the Pleasant Mound F. W. B. Church, Buffalo Springs, Texas.

Motion carried, the Executive Committee of the Texas State Association be charged with the revision of our Constitution and By-Laws, to be presented for approval to the 1947 session of the Texas State Association.

Report of Statistician, Rev. J. B. Lovering, was made. Motion carried to adopt the report.

Report made by Committee on Committees. (See Committees). Motion carried to adopt the report.

Final report of Resolutions Committee was read. (See reports). Motion carried to adopt Resolution No. 2. Motion carried to adopt Resolution No. 3.

Motion carried to extend a rising vote of thanks to our Moderator, Rev. M. L. Sutton, for his efficient and tireless service.

Motion carried, the delegates recommended by the District Associations as delegates to the National Association serve as delegates to the National Association. They were: Mrs. Reuben Hays, Mrs. T. A. Blackwood as alternate; Mrs. B. F. Payne; Mrs. M. L. Sutton; Mr. B. B. Trant; Mrs. H. Ray Berry.

Nominated and elected as delegates to the National Association were: Mr. Jack Lucas, Mrs. P. K. Trant, Mrs. Jas. F. Miller, Mrs. C. B. Thompson, Mrs. B. F. Payne.

Report made by Committee on Temperance. Motion carried to adopt the report.

Report made on Home Missionary work in Huntsville, Texas, of Rev. Miss Tommie Franklin. Motion carried the report be included as part of the Home Mission report.

Motion carried, the State Association permit the State Sunday School Convention to publish its Minutes under the cover of the State Association Minutes.

Motion carried, the State Treasurer be authorized to draw on the treasury to pay State Association dues to the National Association.

Report made by Treasurer, Rev. C. B. Thompson. Motion carried to adopt the report.

Report of Publicity Director, Rev. A. F. Ferguson, given. Motion carried to adopt the report and of latter secretary read the minutes to the minutes of the State Association Clerk read. Motion carried to approve the minutes.

Motion carried that the body express its thanks with a standing vote to Rev. H. A. Norris for his splendid work in directing the singing during the association.

Motion carried to revise the State Ministerial record.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Closing hymn, first verse of "Onward Christian Soldiers."

Benediction by Mrs. J. O. Fort.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Texas State Association Fund—1946

Amount received at 1945 session \$145.65

Disbursements

Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook, Clerk \$10.00

Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C., 1045 Minutes 60.00

Reg. fee to National Association 35.00

Printing of 1946 programs 5.80

Mailing of 1945 Minutes 1.65

Total **\$112.45**

Balance in Treasury **\$ 33.20**

Respectfully,

C. B. Thompson, Treasurer.

REPORT OF PUBLICITY DIRECTOR

Realizing the great need of keeping our churches and their activities before the public, we can accept the motto: That it pays to advertise. Of course the Spirit of God in our pulpits is the greatest advertisement and

power to draw men to Christ. Reports, announcements, ads in our own papers, daily newspapers and signs on the highways or lots, advertising our churches and their activities. One of our churches has started a fund to purchase a tent, seats and public address system to carry the Gospel to lost humanity. Good progress has been made toward obtaining these things by next summer.

Humbly submitted,
Rev. A. F. Ferguson.

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

Whereas the manufacturers of alcoholic beverages are using large amounts of sugar and other products vital to human health and happiness; and whereas nothing but sorrow, want and deprivation can come from the use of beer, wine and other alcoholic drinks:

Be it resolved, that we as Free Will Baptist in the State of Texas join ourselves in prayer to God for a nation-wide campaign against the manufacture and sale of alcoholic drinks in any form.

We would further recommend a teaching ministry against the use of narcotics.

Rev. James F. Miller, Chairman.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

1. Be it resolved that the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists adopt a Unified Program for support of our State and National work to wit:

That each church take an offering once each month for this work and carry all proceeds to its District Quarterly Meeting to be distributed by the Clerk of the Quarterly Meeting to the different phases of our work on the following basis:

40% to Christian Education (Free Will Baptist Bible College, 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tenn.)

30% to Foreign Missions (Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri)

20% to Home Missions (Treasurer of State Home Missions Board)

10% to Superannuation (Treasurer of State Superannuation Board)

The State Home Missions Board shall send 25% of its allocation to the National Home Missions Board. The State Superannuation Board shall send 25% of its allocations to the National Superannuation Board.

2. Whereas the National Board of Education has launched an Expansion Program, asking for the amount of one hundred thousand dollars for building purposes: And said Board is asking the State of Texas to raise five thousand dollars by July, 1948 over and above regular contributions to the maintenance of the Bible College; there being a large amount of the above stated sum in the hands of the treasurer of the college:

Be it resolved that we accept the challenge by the following allocations: Central Texas Association \$3,000; West Fork Association \$2,000; East Texas Association \$1,000; Southeast Texas Association \$100; and Northwest Brazos Association \$100.

J. B. Lovering.

3. Be it resolved that this body extend a rising vote of thanks to this church, also to this association and all who have helped in caring for this association in such a fine way.

C. B. Thompson,

C. F. Goen,

R. E. Conner.

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, the Credentials Committee, beg leave to report as follows:

1. We received letters from the following churches and find them in order: Evergreen Church, two delegates, \$5.00; Huntsville Church, two delegates, \$5.00; Dot Church, two delegates, \$5.00; Bright Light Church, two delegates, \$5.00; Bryan Church, two delegates, \$10.00; Trinity Church, two delegates, \$5.00; North Zulch Church, two delegates, \$5.00; Dallas Church, two delegates, \$5.00; Waco, 1st Church, two delegates, \$5.00; Pleasant Mount Church, two delegates, \$5.00; Houston, 1st Church, two delegates, \$5.00; Weatherford Church, one delegate, \$5.00; New Hope Church, two delegates, \$5.00; Ft. Worth, 1st Church, by letter, \$5.00; Henderson, 1st Church, two delegates, \$5.00.

2. We received letters from the following Associations and find them in order: Central Texas, seven delegates, \$15.00; East Texas, eleven delegates, \$11.00; West Fork, eleven delegates, \$20.00; South East Texas, one delegate, \$10.00; North West Brazos, one delegate, \$5.00.

We recommend that these reports be received and the delegates be seated.

3. In regards to the report of the church at Memphis, Texas, consisting of Rev. S. M. Ziegler and his followers, we find them out of order. We recommend, therefore, that their report be rejected, and that the report of the Committee on Investigation be accepted, which report follows:

Report of the Special Committee appointed by the Thirty-First Annual Session of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists to investigate the Church troubles at Memphis, Texas.

After due investigation and examination of the Memphis Church trouble we submit our findings as follows:

1. That the Northwest Brazos Association of Free Will Baptists has withdrawn fellowship from Reverend S. M. Zeigler and his congregation from the Memphis Church, and has demanded that Reverend Zeigler surrender his credentials to preach the Gospel as a Free Will Baptist minister.

2. That Reverend Zeigler and his congregation from the Memphis Church have violated the Usages and Practices of the Free Will Baptist Church as laid down in our "Treatise of the Faith and Practices of Free Will Baptists" in that they have excommunicated certain members from the Church without giving them due and legal trial.

3. That the Northwest Brazos Association of Free Will Baptists has recognized the excommunicated members as legally the Free Will Baptist Church of Memphis, Texas.

We therefore offer the following recommendation to the Thirty-Second Annual Session of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists:

That this State Association endorse and sustain the Actions of the Northwest Brazos Association as enumerated in this report.

Signed:

Rev. J. A. Brooks,
J. O. Fort,
B. A. Grant,

4. We find the various associations recommending delegates to the National Association as follows:

East Texas: Mrs. Reuben Hays, Mr. B. F. Payne,
West Fork: Mrs. M. L. Sutton,

Central Texas: Mr. B. B. Trant, Mrs. H. Ray Berry,
Chairman:

Rev. Clarence J. Hearron.

REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, the Committee on Obituary, find the following members from the various associations have departed from our midst during the year: Texas 5; Central Texas 4; West Fork 12; N. W. Brazos 3.

The going of these our loved ones increases our relationship with Heaven, and strengthens our hope for that which we too shall inherit.

We extend our sympathy to the bereaved ones and recommend that this body stand in a moment of silent prayer for more light to understand the sorrows of this life as we labor for our own reward.

Mrs. H. Ray Berry,
Mrs. E. J. Vaughn,
Mrs. B. A. Grant,
Mrs. J. M. Lucas,

REPORT OF LEAGUE DIRECTOR

As Director of Free Will Baptist Leagues I wish to report that League work is coming to the front, but I am unable to give the report as I would like to.

Report for three churches:

First F. W. B. Church of Fort Worth 38 Leaguers.
Bryan F. W. B. Church of Bryan 69 Leaguers.
Bonami F. W. B. Church 46 Leaguers.

Total 153 Leaguers.

Rev. L. A. Norris.

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

The Women's Auxiliaries of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists wish to submit the following report:

Number of Auxiliaries, 8; Number of Members, 95; Money taken in, \$529.17; Money paid out for different phases of the work, \$484.90; Bible chapters read, 3,604; Sick calls made, 673; Social calls made, 1,069; Trays given, 292; Flowers sent, 375; Dues to District Convention, \$11.40; Vacation Bible Schools Conducted, 2; Stewardship Courses, 2; Study Courses in Missions, 1; Week of Prayer observed, 3; Number of Tithers, 15.

Signed:

Mrs. H. Ray Berry.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR

The Sunday School work of the State of Texas is moving forward with great strides for the glory of our Lord. Several important steps have been taken during the last year to bring about better organization and that manifest more interest.

Through the State Convention we are able to make our efforts more effective to promote our blessed Lord's cause in reaching souls. During the year there has been two district conventions organized; one in the Central Texas Association and one in the West Fork. The schools in these two districts have a greater opportunity to work for one common cause with such a link to bind them together.

For want of news direct from the field in the other associations there is not much to be said, except the South East Texas Association has reported great growth in membership; which, of course, means more people being reached.

Let us pray God's blessings on this most worthy auxiliary of our beloved church. Through this channel lies our greatest opportunity for growth in churches now existing, and also in establishing new. God's people must be "apt to teach."

Prayerfully,

J. B. Lovering.

MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING OF THE TEXAS STATE BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION

June 28, 1946, Huntsville, Texas

The meeting was at the home of Rev. Miss Tommie Franklin, with the following members present: Rev. C. B. Thompson, Rev. Miss Tommie Franklin and Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook. Also present was Rev. J. O. Fort, Secretary-Treasurer of the National Board of Superannuation.

Among other items of business discussed was the decision of the board to begin payments to all eligible retired ministers.

Basis of payment for retired ministers:

Continual service of 30 years or more—100% participant; 21-30 years—75% participant; 10-20 years—50% participant; less than 10 years service—left to the discretion of the board.

Motion carried to set \$10.00 as maximum pay for ministers who qualify.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook,
Secretary.

REPORT OF STATE HOME MISSIONARIES

To the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptist I submit the following report:

After my ten months work as your State Home Missionary I can truly say that it has been one of the happiest experiences of my ministry. God has set His seal of approval upon the work by blessing in such a marvelous way. I have visited most of the churches and it did my soul good to see the people hunger for the Word and so eager to learn of the work being done by the denomination. The presenting of our program to the churches often resulted in a real revival; a number of souls were saved and many consecrated their lives to God and His service as a result of the messages brought by your missionary.

I traveled approximately 14,000 miles, preached 198 sermons and raised \$1,447.33, collected \$1,703.00, salary, \$1,350.00, expenses, \$240.

I have organized 2 churches; Huntsville and El Paso. Other groups are ready to go into the organization as soon as pastors are available. There is no doubt in my mind but that God is in the Home Mission program and for this reason I say we must continue the work. I do not think it will be practical to keep a man on the field to do organizational work, since there are no pastors to take charge of the work at this time, but I do think that someone should keep in touch with the field and organize churches when all things are ready, also keep the work before the people and solicit their support. It will greatly help our Home Mission program if we will use some of the money to aid our new churches.

I recommend that someone be placed in charge of the Home Mission

work, working under the Home Mission board, and that he be paid by the board for the time necessary to do this work.

Texas State Home Missionary,
Rev. C. B. Thompson.

To the Texas State Association of F. W. B. which convened with the North Zulch Free Will Baptist Church, at North Zulch, Texas, October 29, November 1, 1946.

Greetings in Jesus Name:

Report of Home Missionary work in Huntsville, Texas, from April 26, 1945, to July 31, 1946.

Organization of a spiritual Sunday School with an average of 20. Conversions, 14. Distribution of several hundred tracts. House to house visitation very profitable. Covered a large portion of city. Cottage prayer meetings conducted; 62. 15 month salary at \$35.00, \$425.00. Love offerings, \$532.79. Paid \$20.00 per month for apartment, \$300.00. Tithed out of entire amount received.

Received a bountiful grocery shower sponsored by three auxiliaries; namely, North Zulch, Bryan and Bright Light. God bless our dear women for same.

The little group was organized into a F. W. B. Church with 18 charter members with three additions, making a total of 21 when Bro. Miller, our pastor, came on the field.

Left with over \$400.00 in our church treasury, a little over \$2,000 in Building Fund. I can't give the exact amount since in moving I lost exact figures.

Submitted,

Tommie Franklin.

REPORT OF STATE HOME MISSIONS BOARD

The State Home Missions Board of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists met in session at North Zulch Church October 31, 1946, and transacted the following business:

The officers of the Board were elected for the 1946-47 year: J. O. Fort, Chairman; N. C. Cole, Secretary-Treasurer; J. L. Brandon, Executive Committee Member.

Motion passed to recommend payment of \$40.00 per month to the Huntsville Church in 1946-1947 year and \$50.00 per month to El Paso Church during 1946-1947 year. This money to be placed in building funds of these new churches. Motion passed to empower the Board to employ such part-time workers during the year as it may deem needful. Such workers to be paid at the rate of \$150.00 per month plus traveling expenses. Motion passed to employ Reverend C. B. Thompson as a part-time worker for the Board.

Motion passed to adjourn.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF ORPHANAGE BOARD

Pine Prairie Church—Texas Association -----	\$ 10.85
Evergreen Auxiliary—Central Texas Association -----	7.00
Camble Church—By B. A. Grant—Central Texas Association -----	2.50
Mt. Olive Church—By Mrs. J. H. Ferguson—Texas Association ----	17.50
Cross Church—Central Texas Association -----	6.60
By Rev. B. A. Trant—Texas Association -----	3.25
Bryan Church—By Mrs. J. O. Fort—C. T. Association -----	5.00
Fellowship F. W. B. Church—Texas Association -----	42.00
Buncombe Church—Carthage, Texas, Texas Association -----	33.00
	\$127.70
Spent for money order and postage -----	.75
Sent to Mrs. Ethel Armstrong, Secretary and treasurer of the Oklahoma Orphanage -----	\$126.95

Mrs. T. W. Smith, Treasurer.

Available

Remaining Balance

ORPHAN EXPOSURE SHOW AFFAIRS TO THE

The State of Texas Association of the Texas State Orphanage, Inc., was organized on October 11, 1901, for the purpose of raising money for the support of the orphanage. The association has since that time been actively engaged in this work, and has been successful in raising a large amount of money for the support of the orphanage. The association has also been successful in securing the cooperation of the various churches and societies in the state, and has been able to secure a large amount of money for the support of the orphanage. The association has also been successful in securing the cooperation of the various churches and societies in the state, and has been able to secure a large amount of money for the support of the orphanage. The association has also been successful in securing the cooperation of the various churches and societies in the state, and has been able to secure a large amount of money for the support of the orphanage.

STATISTICAL REPORT Membership

Association	No. Churches	Mem. Received	Mem. Dismissed	Mem. Died	Total Members	No. in S. S.	No. in F.W.B.L.	No. in Auxiliary
E. Texas -----	15	33	5	5	601	163	---	---
Cen. Texas -----	10	73	31	4	641	257	69	57
S. E. Texas -----	4	21	1	---	59	50	46	---
West Fork -----	13	121	35	12	1094	520	20	38
N. W. Brazos -----	5	10	---	3	125	80	12	---
Totals -----	47	258	72	24	2520	1070	147	95

Association	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Building Repairs	Incidentals	Charity	Value Property
E. Texas -----	\$ 1,787.53	\$ 243.51	\$ 526.75	\$ 105.94	\$ ---	\$ ---
Cen. Texas -----	5,297.30	689.47	3,230.23	391.77	100.00	42,000.00
S. E. Texas -----	502.00	10.00	20.00	---	---	3,400.00
West Fork -----	8,092.21	1,273.06	1,417.06	1,994.46	12.00	56,500.00
N. W. Brazos -----	182.50	---	527.90	---	---	---
Totals -----	\$15,861.54	\$2,216.04	\$5,721.94	\$2,492.17	\$112.00	\$101,900.00

Association	Education	F. Missions	H. Missions	Superannuation	Orphanage
E. Texas -----	\$ 343.10	\$ 85.40	\$ 85.80	\$ ---	\$ 31.43
Cen. Texas -----	1,092.26	273.88	880.20	62.46	---
S. E. Texas -----	50.00	---	50.75	---	---
West Fork -----	279.55	441.03	461.04	45.00	315.72
N. W. Brazos -----	---	---	---	---	---
Totals -----	\$1,764.91	\$ 800.31	\$1,477.79	\$ 107.46	\$ 347.15

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, Layman's Work, and Denominational Literature, Sunday Schools, and Foreign Missions. The body shall elect boards of five members each for Superannuation, Home Missions and Orphanage.

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 with a membership of 500 or less shall send with its representatives and letter a minimum of \$10.00; each Association with more than 500 members shall send an additional \$5.00 for each additional 500 members or fractional part thereof, and that each church send a minimum of \$5.00.

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.

CHURCH LETTER

Greetings 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.

Pastor's name and address _____

NAMES OF MINISTERS AND DEACONS

Ministers and Addresses

Deacons

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

Moderator

Clerk

MINISTER DIRECTORY

Central Texas Association

Rev. H. Ray Berry, 1031 E. 14th St., Houston.
Clayton Church, Clayton.

Rev. J. H. Dowell.

Rev. J. O. Fort, 109 S. Baylor Ave., Bryan.
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Blue Lake Church, Piedmont.

Rev. Miss Tommie Franklin, Calvert.

Rev. Alvin F. Hallbrook, Rt. 3, Bryan.

Bright Light Church, Rt. 3, Bryan.

Evergreen Church, Keith.

Rev. J. W. Hardy, 7837 Baltimore Ave., Houston.

Rev. Jas. F. Miller, 1304 10th St., Huntsville.
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Rev. J. L. Payne, 6708 Ave. C., Houston 9.

Rev. Astin Pegues.

Rev. T. W. Smith, Dola, Texas.

Cross Church, Cross.

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Rev. C. B. Thompson, 4406 Brady St., Houston 11.

First Church, Houston, Phone Wayside 0-600.

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West Fork Association

Rev. J. A. Brooks, Rt. 5, Weatherford.

Dot Church, Dot, Texas.

Gaitman's View, Comanche.

Rev. R. E. Conner, 1412 Beaumont St., Dallas.

First Church, Dallas.

Rev. Tiff Covington, Rt. 2, Bellevue, Texas.

Pleasant Mount, Buffalo Springs.

New Salem, Decatur.

Rev. A. F. Ferguson, Rt. 1, Box 218 A, Weatherford.

First Church, Weatherford.

Rev. M. R. Gains, Box 132, Comanche.

First Church, Comanche.

Rev. C. J. Hearn, 1721 S. 11th St., Waco.

First Church, Waco.

Rev. C. C. Hood, 222 E. Hull St., Denison, Texas.

First Church, Denison.

Rev. J. A. C. Hughs, Comanche.

South Side Church, Comanche.

Rev. J. B. Lovering, 2001 Prairie, Ft. Worth.

First Church, Ft. Worth.
 Rev. J. H. Measures, 304 York Ave., Weatherford.
 New Hope, Weatherford.
 Rev. M. L. Sutton, Rt. 3, Box 48, Arlington.
 Trinity, Ft. Worth.

Texas Association

Rev. W. H. Dickinson, Henderson, Texas.
 Rev. J. M. Goode, Overton, Texas.
 Rev. B. A. Grant, Box 962, Henderson, Texas.
 Rev. Jesse Johnson, Tyler, Texas.
 Rev. Mrs. Armanda Kester, Arp, Texas.
 Rev. Troy McDonald, Henderson, Texas.
 Rev. John New Bury, Kilgore, Texas.
 Rev. E. J. Vaughn, Tatum, Texas.
 Rev. E. S. Jamerson, (Superannuated), Tatum, Texas.

North West Brazos Association

Rev. T. P. Curly, 1229 East 1st St., Tulsa, Okla.
 Rev. Mrs. J. B. Estes, Box 1302, Memphis, Texas.
 Rev. H. H. Haston, Rt. 2, Paducah, Texas.
 Rev. M. T. Holley, Rt. 2, Cozy Camp, Lubbock, Texas.
 Rev. Heber Johnson, Rt. 2, Vernon, Texas.

South East Texas Association

Rev. L. A. Norris, Box 356, Kirbyville, Texas.

MINUTES
OF THE
SECOND ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
TEXAS STATE
FREE WILL BAPTIST
SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Proceedings

THURSDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 15, 1946

The State Sunday School Convention of the Free Will Baptist Churches met with the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church of Ft. Worth, Texas.

Services began Thursday night with singing led by Bro. C. B. Wier of Ft. Worth. Bro. J. B. Lovering, President of the Convention and Pastor of the First Church, opened the services and appointed Rev. Connor of Dallas to bring the Introductory Sermon Thursday night. Rev. Connor chose as his text the 2nd chapter of 2nd Thess., which was very ably brought and enjoyed by everyone present.

At this time Bro. Lovering appointed the committee on Divine Service, as follows: Bro. Earl Eagleton, Jr., Sisters C. B. Wier and Rubly Lee Lucas.

Motion made and adopted to meet Friday morning at 9:30.

We were dismissed with prayer by Bro. A. F. Ferguson.

FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 16, 1946

Services began with congregational singing led by Bro. Ferguson.

Prayer by Bro. Will Phillips of the New Salem Church.

Bro. Lovering brought the Devotional, reading the 1st Psalms.

Prayer—Bro. Lovering.

The letters from 10 churches were read.

Motion made and adopted to accept the letters and set the delegates and also to receive the delegates from other churches who do not have church letters. The right hand of fellowship was extended the delegates.

Motion made and adopted to read the proposed Constitution and By-Laws of the State Sunday School Convention. Rev. M. L. Sutton read the Constitution. Motion made and adopted to receive this report for adoption. Motion made and adopted to accept the Preamble as read. Motion made and adopted to accept Article 1 of the Constitution, which is the name of the Convention. Motion made and adopted to accept Article 2 by using the word purpose instead of object. Motion made and adopted to accept Article 3 of the Constitution as read. Motion made and adopted to accept Article 4 as read. Motion made and adopted to amend the above motion and leave out Denominational Enterprise Officer.

Motion made and adopted to have a five minute recess to prepare for the morning service.

Sister Pat Lucas brought the Devotional.

Bro. Clarence Herron preached at the 11:00 o'clock hour, taking his text from the 18th chapter of John.

In Article 5 a motion was made and adopted that the Executive Board should be composed of the President, Vice-President, and Secretary and Treasurer.

Motion made and adopted to accept Article 6 as read with the exception of a few minor changes.

Motion made and adopted to accept Article 7 as read.

Motion made and adopted to proceed with the election of officers.

Bro. Lovering was nominated for President. Motion made and adopted that nominations cease. Bro. Lovering was elected.

Motion made and adopted to elect Bro. Clarence Herron for Vice-President by acclamation.

Motion made and adopted to retain the present Secretary and Treasurer, Helen Lowery, for another year.

Motion made and adopted for the chair to appoint Directors for another year.

Motion made and adopted to accept the By-Laws as read with any necessary changes.

Motion made and adopted for the corrections to be made by the committee.

Mrs. Robinson of Comanche and Miss Jaunita Fitzpatrick of Ft. Worth were nominated for Assistant Secretary and Treasurer. Mrs. Robinson received 3 votes, Miss Fitzpatrick 9; thereby Miss Fitzpatrick was elected.

Motion made and adopted to use the six-point record system as a Standard of Excellence for the Sunday School.

Motion made and adopted to buy a banner to be presented to the Sunday School or District Convention with the highest record for the year.

Bro. Lovering appointed as Directors Rev. M. L. Sutton for Organization; Mrs. A. F. Ferguson for Literature; Mrs. A. F. Halbrook for Records and Reports; Mrs. B. B. Trant for Education; Mr. L. A. Norris for Publicity.

Motion made and adopted to accept the report of Sister M. L. Sutton for the work she has done.

Motion made and adopted for the Sunday School Convention to meet on Thursday night before the 1st Sunday in June, 1947.

An invitation was extended from the New Salem Church and the Trinity Church to meet with them in June. The Trinity Church receiving the majority of votes the convention will meet there.

Motion made and adopted for the chair to appoint a committee to draft a form letter. Revs. M. L. Sutton, R. E. Connor and J. O. Fort were appointed.

Motion made and adopted to extend a rising vote of thanks to the Trinity Church for their hospitality.

Motion made and adopted for Rev. A. F. Ferguson to bring the Introductory Sermon at the next meeting.

Sisters Verna Lucas, Barbara Collens and Kathleen Samen were appointed on the Program Committee.

Motion made and adopted to ask the State Association to permit us to have our minutes printed when they print theirs.

Motion made and adopted for the Secretary to buy the banner to be given as a reward for the highest record.

Motion made and adopted to adjourn until the next meeting in June, 1947.

Prayer by Bro. Lovering.

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE TEXAS STATE SUNDAY
SCHOOL CONVENTION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
CONSTITUTION**

Preamble

Whereas, we, the Sunday School workers of the Free Will Baptist denomination in Texas, have caught the vision of dying souls who need the word of God taught them; have been inspired to a definite plan of work to labor together in unity and to coordinate our efforts for a more successful plan for teaching His word. Thus we resolve to keep the rules of the organization according to the following plan.

Article 1.—Name

This organization shall be known as the Texas State Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention.

Article 2—Purpose

Section 1. The purpose of this organization is the encouragement and promotion of efficient Sunday School management through the churches of the Free Will Baptist denomination of the State of Texas.

Section 2. Efficient Sunday School Management shall include a more definite objective, uniformity of system, a fraternal interchange of ideas and the bringing together of Christian workers to transact business to the glory of God.

Article 3—Standing Delegation

The standing delegation of this convention shall be the general officers of the convention, the presidents and secretaries of all local conventions, together with all Free Will Baptist ministers in good standing whether licensed or ordained.

Article 4—Officers

Section 1. The officers of this convention shall be a President, Vice-President, a Secretary-Treasurer to be one person, an Assistant Secretary, a Director of Organization, Director of Literature, Director of Records and Reports, Director of Education and Director of Publicity.

Section 2. All officers shall be elected at the beginning of each regular session of the convention and shall be installed by retiring officer or secretary.

Article 5—Boards

The Executive Board shall be composed of the President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer.

Article 6—Meeting

This convention shall meet annually at a time and place selected by the convention while in regular session.

Article 7—Amendments

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting.

