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ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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Thirty-Third Annual Session

CONVENED AT
Pleasant Mound F. W. B. Church
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The Thirty-fourth Annual Session of The Texas State Association will convene at the New Hope F. W. B. Church, Henderson, Texas, beginning on Tuesday night before the first Sunday in November, 1948.

Free Will Baptist Gem, Monett, Missouri

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GENERAL OFFICERS OF THE TEXAS STATE ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR 1947-48

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

Assistant Moderator, Mr. C. F. Goen, Bryan, Texas, Rt. 3.

Clerk, Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook, Bryan, Texas, Rt. 3, Box
208.

Treasurer, Mrs. Alvin F. Halbrook, Bryan, Texas, Rt. 3,
Box 208.

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

Statistician, Rev. R. E. Conner, Buffalo Springs, Texas.

Parliamentarian, Rev. Tiff Covington, Bellevue, Texas.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS OF BOARDS

Home Missions — Mr. N. C. Cole, Bryan, Texas, Rt. 3.

Superannuation — Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook, Bryan, Texas, Rt. 3, Box 208.

Orphanage — Rev. R. E. Conner, Buffalo Springs, Texas.

BOARDS

Home Missions — Rev. A. F. Ferguson, 1948; Mr. N. C. Cole, 1949; Rev. J. L. Blandon, 1949; Mr. C. F. Goen, 1950; Rev. Tiff Covington, 1950.

Superannuation — Rev. Mrs. H. M. McAdams, 1948; Rev. T. W. Smith, 1949; Rev. J. A. Brooks, 1949; Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook, 1950, Rev. B. A. Grant, 1950.

Orphanage — Mrs. M. L. Sutton, 1948; Rev. Tiff Covington, 1949; Rev. R. E. Conner, 1949; Rev. J. H. Measures, 1950; Rev. B. A. Grant, 1950.

DIRECTORS

Christian Education — Rev. R. E. Conner, Buffalo Springs, Texas.

F. W. B. League — Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook, Bryan, Texas, Rt. 3, Box 208.

Woman's Auxiliary — Rev. Mrs. A. F. Ferguson, Weatherford, Texas, Rt. 1, Box 218A.

Layman's Work — Mr. George Smith, Henderson, Texas, Rt. 4.

Denominational Literature — Rev. B. A. Grant, Henderson, Texas, Box 962.

Sunday Schools — Rev. J. L. Brandon, 616 Liberty St., Weatherford, Texas.

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

PROCEEDINGS

The Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists met in its Thirty-third Annual Session on Oct. 28, 1947 with the Pleasant Mound Free Will Baptist Church, Buffalo, Springs, Texas.

The session was opened with a song service conducted by Rev. A. F. Ferguson of Weatherford, Texas. The opening invocation was by Rev. Henry Melvin, Nashville, Tenn.

At this time a Credentials Committee was appointed as follows:

Rev. J. A. Brooks, Rev. R. E. Conner, and Mr. C. F. Goen.

The song service continued followed by a quartet number, "Hide Me Rock of Ages".

Prayer was offered by Rev. H. M. McAdams.

Opening remarks were given by the Moderator, Rev. M. L. Sutton.

The Introductory Sermon was by Rev. T. W. Smith, reading 1 Cor. 13. Subject, "Faith, Hope and Charity".

After singing a hymn, the Credential Committee gave a partial report which was adopted. Delegates were seated, and visiting ministers were seated with all rights and privileges of the Association except that of voting. Motion carried that the right hand of fellowship be given to the delegates and ministers by the Moderator.

Motion carried that the program be adopted.

Motion carried to adjourn.

The benediction was by Rev. M. L. Sutton.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

The Wednesday morning session opened with singing. The invocation was by Rev. Virgil Bradford. The Moderator read for the scripture reading, Rom. 8:1-14.

Appointment of Committee on Committees:

Rev. T. W. Smith, Chairman; Rev. H. M. McAdams and Rev. A. J. Fielding, Members.

A report on the F. W. B. Bible College, Nashville, Tenn. was given by the Business Manager, Rev. Henry Melvin. Adopted.

A special prayer for the Bible College and for the support of the College was led by Rev. Mrs. H. M. McAdams. An offering in cash of \$130.60 was given for the Bible College.

The Program Committee appointed the Moderator to give the report on Sunday School, which was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Committees was given and adopted. (See Reports).

A partial report of the Temporary Credentials Committee was given and adopted. (See Reports). Delegates were given the right hand of fellowship.

The session was recessed until the worship hour with the benediction by the Moderator, Rev. M. L. Sutton.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

The eleven o'clock worship service began with singing, and prayer was offered by Mrs. M. L. Sutton.

The devotional was by Rev. Mrs. J. B. Estes, reading Psalm 23, with inspiring comments.

The morning message was brought by Rev. B. A. Grant. Scripture, Acts 20:24.

The offering of thanks for the noon lunch was by Rev. J. L. Payne.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon began with singing, and prayer was offered by Mr. W. D. Phillips.

The devotional was by Rev. Heber Johnson; scripture, Luke 4:1-18.

A duet, "A Mansion For Me", was given by the two Johnson children, Sonny Ray and June.

The Treasurer's report was given and adopted. (See Reports).

OFFICERS ELECTED WERE:

Moderator	Rev. M. L. Sutton
Assistant Moderator	Mr. C. F. Goen
Clerk	Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook
Treasurer	Rev. Alvin Halbrook
Publicity Director	Rev. A. F. Ferguson
Statistician	Rev. R. E. Conner
Parliamentarian	Rev. Tiff Covington

STATE BOARDS

Home Missions—

Mr. C. F. Goen	1950
Rev. Tiff Covington	1950
Rev. A. F. Ferguson	1948

Superannuation—

Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook	1950
Rev. B. A. Grant	1950
Rev. T. W. Smith	1949
Rev. Mrs. H. M. McAdams	1948

Orphanage—

Rev. J. H. Measures	1950
Rev. B. A. Grant	1950

The financil report of the Sec.-Treas. of the Home Mission Board was read and adopted. (See Reports).

Motion carried to convene at the New Hope Church in the Texas District Association, Henderson, Texas in the 1948 session of the Texas State Association.

The report of the Temperance Committee was read adopted. (See Reports).

Motion carried that the Publicity Director send a copy of the Temperance Committee's report to the Governor of the State of Texas, and to the President of the United States.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was read and adopted. (See Reports).

The report of the Obituary Committee was read and adopted. (See Reports). Upon the recommendation of the Obituary Committee, the body stood a moment in silient prayer; followed by a prayer led by Rev. W. V. McPhail.

New ministers were given a hand of welcome and a pledge of full support in their work in the State of Texas.

The report of the League Director was given and adopted. (See Reports).

Motion carried to adjourn.

The benediction was by Rev. Virgil Bradford.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

The Wednesday evening service opened with singing;

followed by a solo, "Its Real".

The invocation was by Mrs. V. B. Stone.

A quartet number, "The Old Ship of Zion", was given.

There was a class song, "If We Never Meet Again".

Again a quartet number, "Take a Look at the Cross", was given.

A solo, "I'm Going Higher Some Day", was given.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Henry Melvin.

The evening message was delivered by Rev. Henry Melvin; scripture, John 19:13-18; 20:1-4. Subject, "The Fundamentals of Christianity".

The message was followed by a solo number, "Why Did He love Me So".

At this time an invitation was given to any unsaved person to accept the Christ.

Another quartet number, "I Can Tell You the Time", was given.

A handshake with Revs. Henry Melvin B. A. Grant, T. W. Smith, and with one another was enjoyed; accompanied with shouting.

The benediction was by Rev. M. L. Sutton.

THURSDAY MORNING

The Thursday morning service opened with singing and prayer by Rev. Mrs. A. F. Ferguson.

A solo number, "I Won't Have to Cross Jordan Alone", was given.

The devotional was conducted by Rev. Mrs. H. M. McAdams with scripture reading, 1 Cor. 1:1-6.

The report of the Woman's Auxiliary Director was given adopted. (See Reports).

Directors for 1947-48 were named.

The report of the Foreign Missions Director was read and adopted. (See Report).

Instead of the report of the Orphanage Board, Rev. Virgil Bradford, State Field Worker for the Oklahoma F. W. B. Children's Home, Ringlin, Okla., gave a report of the Children's Home which was adopted. (See Reports)

Motion carried anyone wishing to give an offering to the Children's Home give it personal to Rev. Bradford. Rev. Bradford received a total of \$100 from various sources.

ces for the home.

Motion carried to recess for ten minutes.

The benediction was by Rev. R. E. Conner.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

The eleven o'clock worship service began with singing, and a prayer by the Moderator.

The morning message was delivered by Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook; Text, Eze. 22:30. Subject, "The Man God Uses".

The body was dismissed for lunch by Rev. Tiff Covington.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The Thursday afternoon session opened with singing, and a prayer by Rev. Claude Land.

The devotional was by Rev. Luther Payne, reading Psalms 116.

A special prayer for Foreign Missions and the Children's Home was led by Mrs. Maggie Cox

A brief report of the Superannuation Board was given by the Moderator. Adopted.

A report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws was given by the Moderator.

Motion carried to elect a committee of Five (5) to rewrite the Constitution and By-Laws.

Motion carried to elect this Committee by nominations from the floor.

Elected were: Rev. Tiff Covington, Rev. M. L. Sutton, Mr. C. B. Wier, Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook, and Rev. J. A. Brooks.

Motion carried to authorize the making and printing of a statistical report blank for District Associations reporting to the State Association. The Statistician is to do this.

Motion carried to elect and send, with expenses paid, a representative to serve on the Revision Committee of the Faith and Practices of Free Will Baptists.

Rev. M. L. Sutton was elected as the representative and Rev. Tiff Covington as alternate.

The final report of the Credentials Committee was

read and adopted. (See Reports).

Motion carried that the Moderator appoint five (5) delegates from the Texas State Association to the National Association. They were: Mrs. M. L. Sutton, Mr. C. F. Goen, Mrs. Rueben Hayes, Mrs. E. E. Adams, Mrs. Lounie Scott.

Motion carried to ask that District Associations help pay the expense of our representative on the Revision Committee of the Treatise of the Faith and Practices of Free Will Baptists. The amounts to be: West Fork Association, \$50.00; Central Texas Association, \$50.00; Texas Association, \$25.00; S. E. Texas Association, \$10.00; N. W. Brazos Association, \$15.00.

Motion carried that the State Association Treasurer be charged with securing this money.

The report of the Home Mission Board was read and adopted. (See Reports).

A report of the 1947 session of the National Association was given.

The minutes were read and approved.

Motion carried to adjourn.

The benediction was by Mrs. Alvin F. Halbrook.

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the year 1946-47

Amount received at 1946 session.	\$174.20
Disbursements	
Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook, Clerk	10.00
To B. B. Trant for printing Hi Pts. of Ass'n.	6.30
Free-Will Baptist Press for Minutes	75.00
Express shipment of minutes	6.96
Mailing of 1946 minutes	1.12
National Ass'n. fee.	35.00
Printing of programs.	6.00
Total disbursements	\$140.38

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Alvin F. Halbrook

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following: Whereas, realizing the urgent need of the whole world's deliverance from the terrible curse of drink (intoxicating liquors) that enslaves our people, wrecks and ruins lives, breaks our homes, fills our penitentiaries, and sends the souls of our people to everlasting torment away from God;

Conscious of this grave situation, we recommend that every preacher, deacon, delegate, official of any kind, and every member of every church of this Association rededicate their lives to God in being used under the direction of the Holy Spirit to stamp out this great curse;

We further recommend that meetings be held, tracts distributed, setting forth the evil effects of alcohol on the body, especially the brain, and ask God for leadership in doing something definite against this curse of the age.

Be it further resolved that our people refrain from any other forms of intemperance that would hinder the full work of the Holy Spirit in their bodies. from carrying forward this blessed salvation to a lost world.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Mrs. Lilly Yelly

Rev. Tiff Covington

Mrs. V. B. Stove

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

1. We, your Committee on Resolutions recommend that each church adopt the Unified Program as a means of giving for the great cause of our Lord.

2. We recommend that each church adopt and maintain a good prayer meeting.

3. We further recommend that each church will continue in Sunday School work until the Sunday School becomes the center of their religious activities.

4. We recommend that all of our ministers be more zealous in preaching against the use of alcohol and narcotics.

5. We recommend that each church take an offer-

ing as deemed necessary to take care of the cause of our Lord.

6. We recommend that each church give the Mission field a large place in their program, especially Christian Education.

7. We recommend that this body give to this church and community a rising vote of thanks for the lovely way in which they have entertained this Association.

Elizabeth Brandon

Mrs. Gus Smith

Alvin Young

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We received letters from the following churches: Memphis Church, \$2.00; Mt. Olive Church, two delegates, \$5.00; First Church, Fort Worth, two delegates, \$5.00; Bonnie View Church, one delegate, \$5.00; New Hope Church, two delegates, \$5.00; Salt Creek Church, two delegates, \$5.00; Vernon Church, two delegates, \$5.00; Pleasant Mound Church, two delegates, \$5.00; Huntsville Church, two delegates, \$5.00; First Church Comanche, two delegates, \$5.00; Bright Light Church, two delegates, \$5.00; Fellowship Church, two delegates, \$5.00; Houston Church, one delegate, \$5.00; Bryan Church, \$5.00; Evergreen Church, two delegates, \$5.00; Weatherford Church, two delegates, \$5.00; South Side Church, Comanche, two delegates, \$5.00; Trinity Church, two delegates, \$5.00; Waco Church, two delegates, \$5.00; First Church, Henderson, one delegate, \$5.00; North Zulch Church, \$5.00; Good Creek Church, two delegates, \$5.00; Gartman's View Church, two delegates, \$5.00.

We received letters from the following Associations:

Texas Association, eleven delegates, \$16.00; Central Texas Association, six delegates, \$15.00; North West Brazos Association, one delegate, \$5.00; Southeast Texas Association, three delegates, \$7.00; West Fork Association, twelve delegates, \$20.00.

We find the various Associations recommending delegates to the National Association as follows:

Texas — Mrs. Troy McDonald

West-Fork — Mr. W. D. Philips

Central Texas — Mrs. Mollie Lawless

N. West Frazes — Mrs. T. A. Blackwood
S. East Texas — Mr. E. E. Adams

Rev. J. A. Brooks
Rev. R. E. Conner
Mr. C. F. Goen

REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, the Obituray Committee, find that the following members from the various Associations have departed from our midst during the year: Texas, 2; Central Texas, 9; West Fork, 10; Northwest Brazos, 1; S. E. Texas, 0.

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 reward.

Henry Measures
C. C. Lamb

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

TEMPERANCE

Mrs. V. B. Stone
Rev. Tiff Covington
Rev. Mrs. Lilly Kelley

RESOLUTIONS

Mrs. Gus Smith
Rev. Alvin Young
Mrs. Elizabeth Brandon

PROGRAM

Rev. J. H. Payne
Rev. R. E. Conner
Mr. W. D. Phillips

CREDENTIALS

Rev. B. A. Grant
Rev. J. A. Brooks
Rev. A. F. Ferguson

OBITUARY

Rev. M. R. Gains
Rev. Claude Lamb
Rev. Henry Measures

REPORT OF F. W. B. LEAGUE DIRECTOR

Last year, upon assuming the office of State League Director, I had a keen desire to see a Texas League Convention organized. This would require the merging of at least two District League Conventions into a State organization. There were no District organizations.

With the State League Convention the objective in mind, I encouraged the League Director in the West Fork Association to organize a District League Association. I encouraged the League Director in the Central Texas Association in a similar course, and on December 29, 1947 met with him in a League Rally at the Bryan Church with the aim of organizing a Central Texas District League Convention. Insufficient representation prevented this plan's materialization.

According to District Association reports coming to this State Association, there are in the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists, seven F. W. B. Leagues with a total membership of one hundred, sixty-four.

These figures show an increase of four organizations during the past year, and an increase of eleven members.

I urge the organization, at the earliest possible date, of District League Conventions, which then could be organized into a Texas State League Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

Alvin F. Halbrook

REPORT OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY DIRECTOR

No. Auxiliaries	5
No. of members	90
Dues collected	\$ 40.85
Sick calls made	291
Social calls made	240
Trays given	244
Flowers sent	185
Dues to Dist. Convention.....	\$ 15.50
Vacation Bible Schools Con.	1
Study courses in Missions	3
Weeks of prayer	3
No. tithers	19
Daily Bible Readers	18

Special Mission Programs	2
Christmas boxes sent to Cuba	7
No. engaged in personal work	25
Given to Students Loan	\$ 10.00
No. gift boxes to F. W. B. Children's Home	1
Benevolence	\$ 14.00
For Foreign Missions	\$ 34.50
Special offering	\$219.90
Unified Program	\$ 9.00

Mrs. Alvin F. Halbrook

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS DIRECTOR

We praise and thank God for the progress made in the past year in the Foreign Mission fields.

God has wonderfully opened up the way, and provided the necessary things on Foreign Mission Fields. we regret losing Rev. C. B. Thompson in our field of labor as he labored and promoted both Home and Foreign Missions.

We now have an Association of Free Will Baptists in Cuba.

Missionaries have gone on the field the past year, and others are ready to go when funds are sufficient.

I earnestly urge that we all give as God leads, and support our missionaries with prayers and offerings. If we support our unified program, the funds will come in as needed.

Prayerfully submitted,
A. F. Ferguson

REPORT OF STATE HOME MISSION BOARD

The State Home Mission Board of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists met in session at Pleasant Mound Church October 29-30, 1947 and transacted the following business.

Rev. Tiff Covington was elected as Chairman of the Board.

Motion carried that \$206.66 be granted to the Bonnie View F. W. B. Church of Dallas, Texas for the building of a church edifice from the State Home Mission Fund.

Motion carried that a man be put on the field in the

interest of Home Missions.

Motion carried that Rev. R. E. Conner be put on the field as Texas State Home Mission Field Worker, giving as much time as possible, for a period of three months at a salary of \$100. per month.

Benediction.

REPORT OF SEC.-TREAS. OF STATE HOME MISSION BOARD

To the State Association:

I submit the following report:

Check from Rev. T. W. Smith (11-9-46)	\$1,114.69
Collected to date (10-27-47)	272.53
Total collected	\$1,387.22
Expenses	
Rev. C. B. Thompson (part time Missionary)	\$ 109.40
To Huntsville Church	600.00
Rev. C. B. Thompson	64.00
Total expenses	\$ 773.90
Balance on hand	\$ 613.32

Noah C. Cole

Sec.-Treas. Home Mission Board

REPORT OF TEXAS STATE ORPHANAGE BOARD

We are happy to report on the Free Will Baptist Children's Home at Ringling, Okla.

We own 308 acres of land and all buildings thereon including a beautiful two-story well furnished and strictly modern.

On the farm we own 14 head of cattle, 28 head hogs, chickens, tractor and equipment, and a nice spotted pony for the children's pet.

At the home, we now have nine precious children who are well cared for and happy. Best of all they are being trained in the way that they should.

We have Rev. Rex Weatherman and wife in charge of the home who are able to teach lead and train the children.

This home is looking to Free Will Baptists for support.
Orphanage Board

Note: This report was given for the Texas State Orphanage Board by Rev. Virgil Bradford of Wetumka, Okla., Field Worker for the Children's Home.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Association	No. Churches	Mbrs. Received	Deceased	Total Members	No. in S. S.	No. in F. W. B. L.	No. In Auxiliary
E. Texas	15	81	6	2	946	265	...
C. Texas	9	43	20	9	604	335	87
S. E. Texas	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
West Fork	14	119	43	10	1,120	548	...
N. W. Brazos	5	...	...	...	149	...	15
Total	47	243	69	21	2,819	1,148	102

Benevolence

Incidentals

Bldg. & Repairs

Paid Evangelist

Paid Pastor

Other Purposes

Total Offering

Association

E. Texas ..	\$.....	\$.....	\$ 3,579.73	\$ 193.45	\$ 7,163.05	\$.....	\$.....
C. Texas ..	24,102.92	2,220.26	8,630.85	1,252.64	5,569.81	1,012.25	308.36
S. E. Texas ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
W. Fork ..	19,865.65	.....	10,862.24	1,689.20	6,118.20	.....	68.56
N. W. Brazos ..	.....	.....	400.80	128.00	1,248.76	.....	.....
Total	\$43,968.57	\$2,220.26	\$23,473.62	\$3,263.29	\$20,099.82	\$1,012.25	\$376.92

Orphanage

Superannuation

Home Missions

Foreign Missions

Education

Unified Program

Publications

Value Property

Association

E. Texas ..	\$.....	\$144.60	\$.....	\$133.25	\$ 52.80	\$224.26	\$.....	\$.....
C. Texas ..	50,500.00	.....	576.85	240.00	.....	.....	.....	33.00
S. E. Texas ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
W. Fork ..	49,800.00	310.00	628.00	.....	50.00	.....	.....	100.00
N. W. Brazos ..	4,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	150.00	.....	.....
Total	\$104,300.00	\$454.60	\$1,204.85	\$373.25	\$102.80	\$174.26	\$.....	\$133.00

PIANISTS & THOSE RENDERING SPECIAL NUMBERS

Pianists—

Miss Ramona Covington
Miss Jane Reeder
Mrs. B. A. Grant
Rev. Henry Melvin

Quartets—

Miss Ramona Covington
Rev. M. L. Sutton
Mr. M. C. Covington

Miss Ramona Covington
Rev. Tiff Covington
Mr. Arnold Reeder
Mr. M. C. Covington

Male Quartet—

Rev. L. D. Sutton
Rev. A. F. Ferguson
Rev. Tiff Covington
Mr. Carlos McGuire

Duet—

Sonny Ray Johnson
June Johnson

Solos—

Mrs. Gladys F. Beane

Rev. Henry Melvin

Music Director for the Session -

Rev. A. F. Ferguson

MINISTERS DIRECTORY

CENTRAL TEXAS ASSOCIATION

- Rev. Bruce Barrow, 109 S. Baylor Ave. Bryan, Texas
Bryan Church — Phone 2-7749
- Rev. H. Ray Berry, 1031 E. 14th St. Houston, Texas
- Rev. Miss Tommie Franklin, Calvert, Texas
- Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook, Rt. 3, Bryan, Texas
Bright Light Church — Rt. 3 Bryan
Evergreen Church
- Rev. J. W. Handy, 7837 Baltimore Ave., Houston, Texas
- Rev. H. M. McAdams, 1304 10th St., Huntsville, Texas
Huntsville Church —
- Rev. Mrs. Gladys F. Beane, 1304 10th St. Huntsville, Texas
- Rev. Mrs. Lilly Kelley, Huntsville, Texas
- Rev. J. L. Payne, 6708, Ave. C., Houston 9, Texas
- Rev. Astin Pegues, Houston, Texas
- Rev. J. W. Smith, Iola, Texas, Rural Route
Pine Prairie Church — Huntsville,
Fellowship Church — Henderson
- Rev. W. F. McDuffie, North Zulch, Texas
North Zulch Church —
- Rev. Gus Turbyfill, 12628 Yaner Drive, Houston, Texas

WEST FORK ASSOCIATION

- Rev. J. L. Brandon, 616 Liberty St. Weatherford, Texas
Gartman's View Church — Comanche
- Rev. J. A. Brooks, 2001 Prairie Ave., Fort Worth, Texas
- Rev. Wesley Calvary, F. W. B. Bible College, 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
- Rev. R. E. Conner, Buffalo Springs, Texas
- Rev. Zurl Cox, Bellevue, Texas
New Salem Church — Decatur
- Rev. Tiff Covington, Rt. 2, Bellevue, Texas
Plesant Mound Church — Buffalo Springs
- Rev. A. F. Feruson, Rt. 1, Box 218A, Weatherford, Texas
First Church — Weatherford
- Rev. Mrs. A. F. Ferguson, Rt. 1, Box 218A, Weatherford
- Rev. A. J. Fielding, 2206 Villig Rd., Dallas, Texas
- Rev. L. J. Foreman, 2109 Gould Ave., Dallas, Texas
- Rev. M. R. Gaines, Box 132, Comanche, Texas

First Church — Comanche

Rev. Ralph Hampton, 222 E. Hull St., Denison, Texas

Frist Church — Denison

Rev. J. A. C. Hughs, Comanche

South Side Church — Comanche

Rev. J. H. Measurers, 204 York Ave., Weatherford, Texas

Rev. J. W. Nelson, 2117 ½ Browder, Dallas, Texas

Bonnie View Church — Dallas

Rev. Challis Parris, 815 W. Chestnut St., Denison, Texas

Rev. R. H. Rogers, Box 740, Comanche, Texas

Rev. H. C. St. John, 1816 Bessie St., Fort Worth, Texas

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

Trinity Church — Fort Worth

Rev. F. E. Walling Jr., 4049 Buena Vista, Dallas, Texas

Rev. Mrs. Verda Walker, 416 Eureka St., Weatherford...

Rev. W. W. Winters, New Port, Texas

Rev. E. A. Walters, 1904 McFerrin Ave., Waco, Texas

First Church of Waco

TEXAS ASSOCIATION

Rev. W. H. Dickinson, Henderson, Texas

Rev. J. M. Goode, Overton, Texas

Mt. Olive Church — Compton

Rev. B. A. Grant, Rt. 4, Box 962, Henderson, Texas

First Church — Henderson

Rev. Jess Johnson, Tyler, Texas

Rev. Mrs. Amanda Kester, Wright City, Texas

Rev. John Newberrq, Longview, Texas

Rev. Troy McDonald, Laneville, Texas

Rev. E. J. Vaughn, Tatum, Texas

Rev. E. S. Jameson, Tatum, Texas (Superannuated)

Rev. Houston Hicks,

Rev. J. L. Bounds, 1903 S. 12th St. Waco, Texas

NORTHWEST BRAZOS ASSOCIATION

Rev. T. P. Curly, 1229 E. 1st St., Tulsa, Okla.

Rev. Mrs. J. B. Estes, Box 1302, Memphis, Texas

Rev. A. A. Green, Seagraves, Texas

Rev. R. E. Gunn, 1808 Eagle St., Vernon, Texas

First Church — Vernon

Rev. H. H. Haston, Rt. 2, Paducah, Texas

Rev. M. T. Holley, Cozy Camp, Rt. 2, Lubbock, Texas

Rev. Heber Johnson, Rt. 2, Vernon, Texas
Rev. C. C. Lamb, Rt. 5, Vernon, Texas
Good Creek Church — Rt. 1, Ford City

SOUTHEAST TEXAS ASSOCIATION

Rev. Alvin Young, Kirbyville, Texas

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 anyone 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

setting of Association.

Article 9. The following committees shall be appointed at each sitting of the Association: Temperance, Resolution, Program, Credentials, Obituary, and Committee on 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 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 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 mem-

bers 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, Publicity Director, Statistician, and Parliamentarian; all of whom shall be elected 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 recording Secretary to make a record of all proceedings of the Association, to prepare manuscripts for having minutes printed and negotiate deal for 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 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 or Yearly Meeting or Ass'n.)

when convened with Church at

We send as delegates, our beloved:

Delegates

Alternates

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

Pastor's name and address

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NAMES OF MINISTERS AND DEACONS

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

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Moderator

Clerk

