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**OF THE**  
**TEXAS STATE ASSOCIATION**  
**OF**  
**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

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**1949**

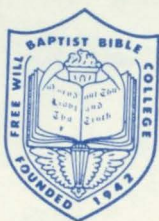
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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE**  
**35TH ANNUAL SESSION**

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**CONVENED AT**  
**Trinity Free Will Baptist Church**  
**Fort Worth, Texas**  
**November 1-3, 1949**

**THE FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM, MONETT, MO.**



FREE WILL BAPTIST  
BIBLE COLLEGE

*Presented by*

Rev. Damon Dodd

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The 1950 Session will meet with the Bryan F. W. B. Church, Bryan, Texas, beginning Tuesday night before the first Sunday in November, 1950.

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## GENERAL OFFICERS OF THE TEXAS STATE ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR 1949-1950

|                                      |                    |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Rev. A. F. Ferguson.....             | Moderator          |
| Rt. 1, Box 218-A, Weatherford, Texas |                    |
| Rev. N. B. Barrow.....               | Ass't. Moderator   |
| 109 S. Baylor Ave., Bryan, Texas     |                    |
| Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook.....          | Clerk              |
| Rt. 3, Box 208, Bryan, Texas         |                    |
| Rev. R. E. Conner.....               | Treasurer          |
| Buffalo Springs, Texas               |                    |
| Rev. Noah Tuttle.....                | Publicity Director |
| 1710 Fifth Ave., Ft. Worth, Texas    |                    |
| Rev. Wesley Calvary.....             | Statistician       |
| W. 29th Street, Bryan, Texas         |                    |
| Rev. H. Z. Cox.....                  | Parliamentarian    |
| 1412 Beaumont St., Dallas, Texas     |                    |

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## CHAIRMAN OR SECRETARY OF BOARDS

### Home Missions

Mr. N. C. Cole.....Rt. 3, Bryan, Texas

### Foreign Missions

Rev. Gaston Clary.....210 W. 24th St., Bryan, Texas

### Orphanage

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

### F. W. B. League

Rev. Noah Tuttle.....1710 Fifth Ave., Ft. Worth, Texas

### Superannuation

Rev. J. A. Brooks.....2003 Prairie Ave., Ft. Worth, Texas

### Woman's Auxiliary

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

## **BOARDS**

### **Christian Education**

1 Yr., Rev. N. B. Barrow; 2 Yr., Rev. M. L. Sutton;  
3 Yr., Rev. R. E. Conner.

### **F. W. B. League**

1 Yr., Rev. Troy McDonald; 2 Yr., Rev. Noah Tuttle;  
3 Yr., Mrs. H. Ray Berry.

### **Woman's Auxiliary**

1 Yr., Mrs. R. E. Conner; 2 Yr., Mrs. A. F. Halbrook;  
3 Yr., Mrs. A. F. Ferguson.

### **Sunday School**

1 Yr., Rev. H. Z. Cox; 2 Yr., Rev. J. A. Brooks; 3 Yr.,  
Rev. J. L. Bounds.

### **Foreign Missions**

1 Yr., Rev. Gaston Clary; 2 Yr., Rev. Wesley Calvary;  
3 Yr., Rev. J. M. Goode.

### **Home Missions**

Mr. C. F. Goen, 1950; Rev. Tiff Covington, 1950; Rev.  
A. F. Ferguson, 1951; Rev. M. L. Sutton, 1952; Mr. N. C.  
Cole, 1952.

### **Superannuation**

Rev. A. F. Halbrook, 1950; Rev. B. F. Grant, 1950;  
Rev. Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, 1951; Mr. C. F. Goen, 1952;  
Rev. W. F. McDuffie, 1952.

### **Orphanage**

Rev. J. H. Measures, 1950; Rev. B. A. Grant, 1950;  
Mrs. M. L. Sutton, 1951; Rev. R. E. Conner, 1952; Rev.  
M. L. Sutton, 1952.

## **STATISTICAL REPORTS—DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS**

### **Central Texas:**

Nine churches, 786 members, 18 dismissed, 10 members deceased, 69 members received this year, 25 baptised, paid pastors \$9,626.47, paid for evangelistic services \$1,372.88, paid for incidentals \$1,315.52, for building and repairs \$2,725.26, for Student Loan \$534.26, value of church property \$51,500.00, number Sunday Schools 8, number members 561, number Woman's Auxiliaries 5, number members 95, number F. W. B. Leagues 4, members 69, for unified program \$496.95.

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### **West Fork:**

Members received this year 147, by baptism 59, by letter and statement 88, dismissed 71, died 10, total membership 1,076, average Sunday School attendance 631, teachers 42, officers 29, classes 41, number auxiliaries 4, members 60, number Leagues 3, paid pastors \$10,662.40, paid evangelist \$671.50, for building and repairs \$8,094.73, Home Missions \$242.28, Foreign Missions \$20.00, unified program \$39.40, Children's Home \$15.00, Bible College \$30.00, miscellaneous \$2,279.93, total income \$20,744.16, total expenditures \$23,049.68, balance in treasury of churches \$1,547.28, in associational treasury \$110.66, value of property \$61,000.00.

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### **Texas Association:**

Members received 45, baptised 23, died 8, total membership 767, number Sunday Schools 11, average number pupils 235, number officers 19, teachers 26, number of Leagues 2, Number Auxiliaries 1, paid pastors \$4,489.54, paid evangelists \$493.88, Home Missions \$154.64, Foreign Missions \$135.00, building and repairs \$859.56, education \$320.73, publication \$148.39, parsonages 1 and 1 incomplete, value of church property \$24,800.00.

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### **Northwest Brazos:**

Value church property \$4,000.00, paid pastors \$960.51, evangelistic services \$136.51, building and repairs \$274.31, incidentals \$134.03, Home Missions \$50.00, Foreign Missions \$50.00, publications and literature \$25.25, orphanage \$45.00, total received \$2,098.55, total membership 137.

### **Southeast Texas:**

Number churches 4, new members 15, deceased 2, total membership 99, number Sunday Schools 4, enrolled in Sunday School 151, paid pastors \$586.36, paid evangelist \$31.12, paid for building and repairs \$555.81, for benevolence \$34.00, other purposes \$40.00, value church property \$8,000.00.

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## **ASSOCIATIONAL PROCEEDINGS**

The Thirty-Fifth Annual Session of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the Trinity F. W. B. Church of Fort Worth, Texas on November 1, 2, 3, 1949.

### **Tuesday Evening**

The Session was called to order by the Assistant Moderator, Rev. M. L. Sutton. A Credentials Committee was appointed as follows: Rev. J. L. Foreman, Rev. Troy McDonald, and Rev. M. T. Holley.

Song service was led by Rev. A. F. Ferguson.

Prayer by Bro. A. Sullins.

Two special numbers in song were rendered.

Rev. A. F. Ferguson was elected Moderator pro-tem.

Rev. J. M. Goode was appointed to deliver the associational message. He used as a subject, "The Fruits of Faith," reading from Hebrews 11:5-28.

Partial report of Credentials Committee given, received and delegates seated.

Prayer offered by Rev. J. L. Bounds.

Benediction by Rev. Henry Melvin.

### **Wednesday Morning**

The Association reassembled at nine o'clock with singing led by Miss Lucille Cozart.

Prayer by Rev. B. A. Grant.

Letters called for by Credentials Committee.

Mrs. A. F. Ferguson led the devotions, reading Matt. 7:7-12.



The following Committee on Committees was appointed: Bro. John Gary, Bro. A. Sullins, Rev. J. A. C. Hughes.

Mrs. A. F. Ferguson was elected Clerk pro tem.

Motion made that someone be appointed to give a report of the Woman's Auxiliary work since Mrs. Halbrook could not be present. Mrs. John Gary appointed.

Song led by Rev. Henry Melvin.

Prayer by Rev. Harry Ritenour.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved (see reports).

Rev. Henry Melvin gave a report of our Bible College at Nashville, Tennessee.

Report of Committee on Committees was accepted (see reports).

Partial report of Credentials Committee was read.

The body voted to accept the invitation to meet with the Central Texas Association for the 1950 session.

Dismissed for recess by Rev. Paul Purcell.

### **Eleven O'clock Service**

The morning worship service began with singing led by Rev. Wesley Calvary.

Prayer by Rev. Herbert Richards.

A duet number, "I Remember Calvary," was rendered by Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvary.

Mrs. Emma Eagleton led the devotional, speaking on the subject, "Obedience."

The morning message was brought by Rev. Tiff Covington speaking on the subject, "The Corner Stone," based on Psalm 118: 22, 23.

### **Wednesday Afternoon**

After a delightful hour of dinner and fellowship the Association assembled with singing led by Rev. Wesley Calvary.

Prayer by Mrs. Paul Purcell.

A solo number, "Nor Silver, Nor Gold," was sung by Rev. Henry Melvin.

Devotional led by Mrs. Sybil Gilchrist, reading the 88th Psalm.

A report on Woman's Auxiliary was given by Mrs. John Gary. Report received.

A report of the National Association was given by

Mr. C. F. Goen. Report received.

Rev. Rex Weatherman, Superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home of Ringling, Oklahoma, gave a report on the Children's Home. An offering was received for the Home amounting to \$50.50.

Report of Secy.-Treas. of the State Home Mission Board was given and was received.

Rev. Tiff Covington, pastor of the Bowie Church, gave a report of the church.

Special prayer for Home Missions was offered by Rev. Covington.

A prayer of thanks for the offering for the Children's Home was given by Rev. J. M. Goode.

Motion carried to complete the business as outlined by the program for the day.

Final report of the Credentials Committee given and received. Delegates were seated.

A report of the Treasurer of the State Board of Superannuation was given and received.

Report of League Director given and received.

Report of the Foreign Missions Director given and received. An appeal for funds for Foreign Missions from Rev. Winford Davis, Treasurer of the National Foreign Mission Board, was read.

Following the appeal, Rev. Wesley Calvary offered himself as a foreign missionary.

Motion carried to receive an offering for Foreign Missions, which amounted to \$28.97. A prayer of blessing for the offering was led by Rev. Wesley Calvary.

Benediction by Rev. Noah Tuttle.

### **Wednesday Evening Service**

The evening service began with singing led by Mr. Jess Hensarling.

Prayer by Mrs. H. Ray Berry.

Solo, "There's No Friend to Me Like Jesus," by Mrs. Noah Tuttle.

Devotionals led by Mr. Frank Parham using, "A Tribute to Ministers."

Quartet number, "I Remember the Time," by Revs. Sutton, Ferguson, Covington, and Calvary.

Prayer by Rev. Alvin Halbrook.

Duet, "Hand In Hand With Jesus," by Mrs. H. Ray Berry and Mrs. Noah Tuttle.

Rev. J. L. Bounds brought the evening message, read-

ing Matt. 25:31-46, and used as a subject, "What Is Your Life," based upon James 4:14.

At the close of the message the following business was transacted:

Report of Director on Denominational Literature was given and received.

The report of the Revision Committee on Constitution and By-Laws was read.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. M. L. Sutton.

### **Thursday Morning**

The morning session opened with singing led by Rev. Wesley Calvary.

Prayer by Rev. Zirl Cox.

The devotional was led by Mrs. Eva Mae Rogers, reading James 1.

Solo, "Grace Greater Than All Our Sins," by Rev. Wesley Calvary.

The following officers were elected:

|                          |                        |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Moderator.....           | Rev. A. F. Ferguson    |
| Assistant Moderator..... | Rev. N. B. Barrow      |
| Clerk.....               | Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook |
| Treasurer.....           | Rev. R. E. Conner      |
| Publicity Director.....  | Rev. Noah Tuttle       |
| Statistician.....        | Rev. Wesley Calvary    |
| Parliamentarian.....     | Rev. H. Z. Cox         |

Report of the Resolutions Committee given and received (see reports).

Report of Publicity Director given and received.

The report of the Revision Committee was read and received unanimously.

Motion carried to proceed with election of boards (see list of Boards in front of Minutes).

### **Eleven O'clock Service**

Song service led by Rev. Wesley Calvary.

Prayer by Rev. M. L. Sutton.

Special song by the Cozart Sisters.

Special song by Marcia Allen.

Prayer by Rev. A. F. Halbrook.

Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook brought the message, reading II Corinthians 5:14, 15 and using as a subject, "For Christ's Sake."

Motion carried to complete the business of the Association.

Delegates to National Association elected by acclamation: Mr. C. F. Goen, Mrs. T. A. Blackwood, Mrs. John Gary, Mr. Jim Vance (alt.—Mrs. H. Ray Berry), Mrs. Lucille Cozart, Mrs. C. R. Maxwell, Mrs. M. L. Sutton, Mr. Earl Eagleton, Mrs. Gus Smith, Mrs. W. W. Winters.

Motion carried to empower the Clerk to make out an obituary report for the Obituary Committee.

Motion carried to recommend Rev. H. E. Ritenour in his work and give this information to the proper authorities.

Amendment to above motion: That this body elect a committee to investigate Rev. H. E. Ritenour and if he is worthy and efficient, the Executive Committee be authorized to indorse his work. Carried.

Motion carried the Home Mission Board be authorized to examine Rev. H. E. Ritenour.

The report of the Executive Committee was read and approved.

Motion carried the Clerk be empowered to compile a report blank for District Associations to report to the State Association.

Motion carried that the Sunday School report be received with the stipulation that each District send in their reports to the State Clerk in time for him to have it ready to go in the Minutes, when the Executive Committee meets to approve same.

Motion carried the Program Committee be requested to set up a Sunday School Program for the Wednesday night session of the State Association.

Motion carried to pay the Clerk \$25.00 for his services.

Motion carried to adjourn until 2:00 o'clock.

Benediction by Rev. A. F. Ferguson.

### Thursday Afternoon

Singing led by Mr. C. F. Goen.

Prayer led by Mrs. J. E. Maricle.

Scripture—Phil. 2:1-11, read by Moderator.

Motion carried the committees serving at this session be retained as standing committees for the year.

Motion carried to approve the Minutes.

Motion carried to authorize the Clerk to print the Minutes.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Benediction by Mr. John Gary.

## REPORT OF BOARDS

### Home Missions:

Rev. Tiff Covington, Chairman of the Home Mission Board, was asked to be our Field Worker for the coming year (1948-1949). He was unable to accept the work. The newly organized church at Bowie, Texas ran into difficulties and the Home Mission Board offered these suggestions: The Home Mission Board give \$100.00 more on the purchase of a lot, making a total of \$300.00 having given \$200.00 before. Also paying \$50.00 per month on Bro. Covington's salary for six months. These suggestions were accepted by the Bowie Church and the amounts so paid by the Board. I understand the work in Bowie is going forward. A report from the church is expected.

|                                              |          |
|----------------------------------------------|----------|
| Starting balance—Nov. 3, 1949.....           | \$323.67 |
| Collected during year—until Nov. 3, 1949.... | 376.74   |
| Total Nov. 3, 1949.....                      | \$700.41 |
| Expenses Bowie Church—May.....               | \$100.00 |
| Rev. Covington, \$50.00 for 6 months.....    | 300.00   |
| Total Expenses.....                          | \$400.00 |
| Balance in Treasury.....                     | \$300.41 |

Our collections from most of the churches and Q. M. are holding up fairly well.

There should be three members elected to the Home Mission Board. Bro. Covington resigned during the year. N. C. Cole and Bro. Brandon's time expire this year.

N. C. Cole, Secy-Treas.

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### Superannuation:

|                                       |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Amount in treasury Dec. 1, 1948.....  | \$ 73.47 |
| Rec'd. during Associational year..... | 151.36   |
| Total .....                           | \$224.83 |
| Disbursements .....                   | \$155.00 |
| Balance in treasury.....              | \$ 69.83 |

Recommendation: That all of our churches keep this very worthy cause in their minds and hearts, and support it loyally.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. J. A. Brooks, Chairman

## Free Will Baptist Children's Home:

November, 1948—

|                                               |         |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------|
| Vernon Church by W. O. Kennedy.....           | \$ 5.00 |
| Bryan Church by Rev. Barrow.....              | 8.00    |
| New Hope Church, Henderson, Rev. R. E. Conner | 22.00   |
| Friendship Church, Clayton.....               | 3.30    |
| Pleasant Mound Church, Buffalo Springs.....   | 15.00   |
| Friendship Church, Clayton.....               | 3.30    |
| West Fork, by Mrs. M. L. Sutton.....          | 4.50    |

December—

|                                                 |       |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Mr. & Mrs. Ray McMullen, Shamrock.....          | 3.00  |
| Trinity Church, Ft. Worth, by M. L. Sutton..... | 18.00 |
| Huntsville Church by Lizzie McAdams.....        | 8.00  |
| Weatherford Church by Rev. A. J. Ferguson.....  | 21.86 |
| Clayton Church by Mrs. Ethel Carmichael.....    | 3.30  |

January, 1949—

|                                     |       |
|-------------------------------------|-------|
| Laneville by John F. Gary.....      | 2.00  |
| Friendship Church, Clayton.....     | 3.30  |
| First Church, Bowie.....            | 4.30  |
| Vernon Church by W. O. Kennedy..... | 10.00 |
| Huston Church by M. L. Lawson.....  | 5.00  |

February—

|                                              |      |
|----------------------------------------------|------|
| Vernon Church by W. O. Kennedy.....          | 5.00 |
| West Fork Assn. by M. L. Sutton.....         | 2.25 |
| Clayton Church by Mrs. Ethel Carmichael..... | 3.30 |
| Woman's Auxiliary, Huston ch. ....           | 5.00 |

March—

|                                              |      |
|----------------------------------------------|------|
| Clayton Church by Mrs. Ethel Carmichael..... | 3.30 |
| Vernon Church by W. O. Kennedy.....          | 5.00 |

April—

|                                               |       |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------|
| Ft. Worth Church by Bernice Holding.....      | 35.55 |
| Vernon Church by W. O. Kennedy.....           | 5.00  |
| Bowie Church by R. E. Conner.....             | 2.00  |
| Friendship Church, Clayton.....               | 3.00  |
| Mt. Olive, Laneville, by Louise Marshall..... | 13.14 |

May—

|                                      |       |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Friendship Church, Clayton.....      | 3.30  |
| West Fork Assn. by M. L. Sutton..... | 10.00 |

June—

|                                                   |      |
|---------------------------------------------------|------|
| Friendship Church, Clayton, by E. Carmichael..... | 3.00 |
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|--------------------------------------|----------|
| West Fork Q. M. by M. L. Sutton..... | 10.00    |
| Vernon Church by W. O. Kennedy.....  | 5.00     |
| Ft. Worth by Rev. J. A. Brooks.....  | 3.00     |
| July—                                |          |
| Vernon Church by W. O. Kennedy.....  | 5.00     |
| August—                              |          |
| Vernon Church by W. O. Kennedy.....  | 5.00     |
| Friendship Church, Clayton.....      | 3.30     |
| Woman's Aux. 1st Church, Houston, by |          |
| Mrs. J. E. Christan.....             | 10.00    |
| Mrs. Icy Adams, Tatum.....           | 1.00     |
| September—                           |          |
| Friendship Church, Clayton.....      | 3.30     |
| Vernon Church by W. O. Kennedy.....  | 5.00     |
| Total for year.....                  | \$289.30 |

## REPORT OF DIRECTORS

### Woman's Auxiliary:

Number Auxiliaries reported 11, members enrolled 190, number active members 173, meetings held 166, dues collected 25.00. Special offerings: Missions \$166.70, orphanage \$257.78, Bible College & Student Loan \$140.75, aged ministers \$27.00, church budget \$116.00, other \$730.61, Co-Laborer Fund \$4.00. Number Auxiliaries observing Week of Prayer 6, number attending 100, mission study courses held 10, number auxiliaries sponsoring Vacation Bible Schools 7, stewardship studies held 5.

Personal Service: Sick visits made 300, cards and letters 200, flowers 300, trays 200, funeral designs 7, phone calls 81, sunshine showers given 2, Bible chapters read 1,000, box to Miss Barnard valued at \$50.00, two boxes clothing and home made soap to Children's Home, gallons of milk given 50, boxes of clothing given to the needy 7. Miscellaneous Activity: Evangelism classes conducted 1, Manual of Methods study classes conducted 5, number Auxiliary members subscribing to F. W. B. church papers 35, number tithers in Auxiliary organizations 8, number Auxiliaries sponsoring Y. W. A's. 1.

This report, though good, is incomplete. However, it

is the best I could compile with the reports I had. I believe it is the best we've had yet. Let's make it better this new year.

In Him,

Mrs. Alvin F. Halbrook, Director

### **Denominational Literature:**

What we need today is better cooperation among each one. We need to stress the fact that each Free Will Baptist should read our own literature first of all, that each church in the State of Texas use our own Sunday School and League literature instead of literature of different denominations which are being used in some of the churches.

We would like to report that we can see a great improvement of the advancement of both paper and literature.

Rev. B. A. Grant

### **Foreign Missions:**

It is with regret that I make this report of the indifference and non-support of many of our people. Yet in the face of these things God has wonderfully blessed the efforts of our mission work. We now have more missionaries on the field than ever before in history. The call goes out and we are challenged to arise to the need of the hour with our pennies, dimes and dollars for the support of our missionaries.

A recent letter received from our National Secretary-Treasurer is in the form of an SOS appealing to all concerned in our missionary program, stating that something must be done immediately as our funds were very low. I therefore appeal to every minister and church that we present these facts before our people and ask that they arouse and awaken to a sense of support.

The State of Texas gave to Foreign Missions \$1,385.33 from July 1, 1948 to June 30, 1949. Only \$19.40 was contributed in the month of August. Our suggested quota for the ensuing year is \$1,600.00. May we reach forth and gain our goal. There are 2,250 Free Will Baptists in Texas. Should each one contribute 62¢ we would go over the top.

Humbly submitted for Christ's sake,

A. F. Ferguson



## Publicity Director:

More and more we are learning that it "Pays to Advertise." Jesus told a man to go tell what great things the Lord hath done for thee, and he did so. One of the greatest needs among Free Will Baptist is to publicize our work. May we urge our people to subscribe to Free Will Baptist publications so that they may be informed as to our activities, meeting places, dates and needs. The Small Voice will receive and appreciate any and all news from our churches and associations, as well as the other publishing houses.

Radio, local newspapers, sign boards, church bulletins will serve as great advertisements to get our work before the world. Each church should have a church reporter.

Yours for the Cause of Christ,

A. F. Ferguson

## League Director:

Instituted a summer Youth Encampment with 10 churches participating, three districts represented. There were 61 registered for the week, with a good number of parents and friends visiting through the week. There were 12 young people dedicated their lives to the Lord at the end of the week.

A State League Conference was organized at the camp and the following officers were elected to serve with the three members to comprise the State Board to be set up at this Association:

|                     |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| President.....      | June Goode      |
| Vice President..... | Miriam Barrow   |
| Secretary.....      | Jane Berry      |
| Treasurer.....      | Emma Jane Perry |

There were 23 Leaguers from Texas attended the Nationwide League Conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma in June.

There are 16 organized local Leagues in the state, from three districts with 263 members.

Reading of Constitution and By-Laws.

Report from Nominating Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. H. Ray Berry, Director

## OTHER REPORTS

### State Treasurer:

|                                           |          |          |
|-------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Balance in treasury 1948.....             | \$107.62 |          |
| Rec'd. at Association 1948.....           | 185.00   |          |
| Total receipts.....                       |          | \$292.62 |
| Disbursements for 1949—                   |          |          |
| Trav. exp. for State Board meeting        |          |          |
| at Bryan, Texas.....                      | \$ 16.50 |          |
| F. W. B. Gem—printing Minutes.....        | 108.53   | 113.64   |
| W. H. Mooneyham—half interest in          |          |          |
| Small Voice paper.....                    | 85.00    |          |
| Dues to National Association.....         | 35.00    |          |
| Total paid out.....                       |          | \$245.03 |
| Balance in treasury November 1, 1949..... | \$ 47.62 |          |
| R. E. Conner, Treasurer                   |          |          |

### Delegates to National Association:

Delegates to the National Association convening in Richmond, California, beginning Tuesday evening following the second Sunday in July, 1950: Mr. C. F. Goen; Mrs. T. A. Blackwood, Mrs. John Gary, Mr. Jim Vance (alt. Mrs. H. Ray Berry), Mrs. Lucille Cozart, Mrs. C. R. Maxwell, Mrs. M. L. Sutton, Mr. Earl Eagleton, Mrs. Gus Smith, Mrs. W. W. Winters.

### Executive Committee:

Buffalo Springs, Texas  
April 7, 1948

1. Motion carried that the State Association Treasurer pay seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) for co-ownership in The Small Voice paper, West Fork Quarterly Meeting having given twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), making one hundred dollars (\$100.00) as per agreement.

2. Motion carried that the State Association Treasurer send ten dollars (\$10.00) to the Small Voice for special mailing permit and a copy of The Small Voice to each pastor and each church in Texas.

|                   |                |
|-------------------|----------------|
| N. B. Barrow      | M. L. Sutton   |
| A. F. Ferguson    | Tiff Covington |
| R. E. Conner      | Noah Cole      |
| Alvin F. Halbrook |                |

December 30, 1948  
Bryan, Texas

In response to a called meeting by the Moderator of the Texas State Association, Rev. N. B. Barrow, the following persons met at the Bryan F. W. B. Church Friday, December 30, 1948. Rev. N. B. Barrow and Rev. Alvin Halbbrook. Mrs. H. Ray Berry was present as a visitor. Due to the lack of a quorum of the members of the Executive Committee being present, no business was transacted. Dismissed by the Moderator.

Bryan, Texas  
January 7, 1949

In response to a call of the Texas State Association Moderator, Rev. N. B. Barrow, the Texas State Executive Committee met at the Bryan Church January 7, 1948, at 1:30 p. m. Present were: Rev. N. B. Barrow, Rev. A. F. Ferguson, Rev. R. E. Conner, Rev. Tiff Covington, Rev. M. L. Sutton and Rev. Alvin F. Halbbrook. The meeting opened with each person quoting a scripture. Prayer was led by Rev. Tiff Covington.

The following business was transacted: The Minutes of the 1948 session of the Texas State Association were read. A motion carried that the Minutes be adopted as read and publication of the Minutes be authorized. A motion carried that the Texas delegation to the National Association convening at Columbus, Georgia, July, 1949, be given authority to fill any vacancy at the National Association in the Texas delegation.

Motion carried we invite any state body to have its Minutes published under the cover of the Minutes of the Texas State Association and each body pay its proportionate part of having the Minutes printed.

Delegates were appointed to the National Association convening at Columbus, Georgia, July, 1949: Mrs. M. L. Sutton, Mrs. R. T. Trant (alt. Mrs. N. C. Cole), Mrs. T. A. Blackwood, Mrs. E. E. Adam, Mrs. Bill Berry, Mr. Bert Moore, Mrs. Val Stone, Mrs. R. C. Cloud, Mrs. J. B. Estes, Mrs. J. L. Vance.

The Chairman of the Executive Committee asked Rev. M. L. Sutton to compile church report blanks and Rev. A. F. Ferguson was authorized to prepare directors report blanks.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Rev. A. F. Ferguson led the group in one stanza of "Blest Be the Tie." The meeting was dismissed in prayer by Rev. M. L. Sutton.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Credentials Committee:

| CHURCH                        | CONTRIBUTION |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Comanche .....                | \$5.00       |
| Center Point .....            | 5.00         |
| Gartman View .....            | 5.00         |
| New Hope .....                | 5.00         |
| First Church, Ft. Worth ..... | 7.00         |
| Houston .....                 | 5.00         |
| Bonnie View .....             | 5.00         |
| Dennison .....                | 5.00         |
| Young Blood .....             | 5.00         |
| Bright Light .....            | 5.00         |
| Vernon .....                  | 5.00         |
| Mt. Olive .....               | 5.00         |
| Good Hope .....               | 5.00         |
| Trinity .....                 | 5.00         |
| Bryan .....                   | 5.00         |
| Harpers Grove .....           | 5.00         |
| Weatherford .....             | 5.00         |
| Pleasant Mound .....          | 5.00         |
| First Church, Henderson ..... | 5.00         |
| Waco .....                    | 5.00         |
| Midland .....                 | 5.00         |
| First Church, Dallas.....     | 5.00         |
| N. Zuleh .....                | 3.00         |
| ASSOCIATION                   |              |
| Texas Association .....       | \$11.00      |
| Northwest Brazos .....        | 10.00        |
| W. Fork .....                 | 20.00        |
| Central Texas .....           | 15.00        |

Committee { Rev. J. L. Foreman  
Rev. Troy McDonald  
Rev. M. T. Holley

### Obituary Committee:

We, the Obituary Committee, find that the following have departed from our midst during the year: Texas, 8; Central Texas, 10; Southeast Texas, 2; West Fork, 10; Northwest Brazos, —; total, 30.

We extend our sympathy to those bereaved.

Prayerfully Submitted,

Committee { Rev. J. A. Brooks  
Rev. A. J. Fielding  
Rev. B. A. Grant

### Resolutions Committee:

1. Be it resolved that the Free Will Baptist of Texas pledge loyalty to their Associational and State work.

2. Be it resolved that we give the host church a rising vote of thanks for the splendid way in which they entertained.

Committee { Rev. H. Z. Cox  
Mrs. J. A. Brooks  
Mrs. John Gary

### Committee on Committees:

Temperance—Rev. M. L. Sutton, Mr. Lee Fears, Mrs. Gus Smith.

Obituary—Rev. J. A. Brooks, Rev. A. J. Fielding, Rev. B. A. Grant.

Program—Rev. J. L. Bounds, Rev. B. A. Grant, Rev. J. M. Goode.

Resolution—Rev. H. Z. Cox, Mrs. John Gary, Mrs. J. A. Brooks.

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## MINISTER'S 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. J. L. Bounds, Houston, Texas, Houston Church

Rev. Miss Tommie Franklin, Huntsville, Texas

Rev. W. F. McDuffie, N. Zuleh, Texas, N. Zuleh Church

Rev. H. M. McAdams, Huntsville, Texas



Rev. Joe Haney, Ft. Worth, Texas  
 Rev. Frank Bennett, Ft. Worth, Texas  
 Rev. C. J. Turrentine, Ft. Worth, Texas  
 Rev. A. F. Ferguson, Rt. 1, Box 218-A, Weatherford,  
 Texas, First Church of Weatherford  
 Rev. Mrs. Jessie Ferguson, Rt. 1, Box 218-A Weatherford,  
 Texas  
 Rev. Mrs. Verda Walker, 416 Eureka, Weatherford, Texas  
 Rev. J. L. Brandon, 416 Eureka, Weatherford, Texas  
 Rev. Henry Measures, 304 York Ave., Weatherford, Texas  
 Rev. R. H. Rogers, 704, Comanche, Texas, South Side  
 Church of Comanche  
 Rev. Mrs. Mae Rogers, Box 704, Comanche, Texas  
 Rev. J. A. C. Hughes, Comanche, Texas  
 Rev. M. R. Gaines, 507 S. Mary, Box 132, Comanche, Texas  
 First Church, Comanche  
 Rev. R. E. Conner, Rt. 2, Bellevue, Texas, Pleasant Mound  
 Church of Buffalo Springs  
 Rev. J. C. Harris, Buffalo Springs, Texas  
 Rev. R. E. Maricle, Rt. 2, Lorena, Texas, First Church  
 of Waco  
 Rev. C. J. Hearron, 1705 S. 11th, Waco, Texas  
 Rev. W. H. Coonrod, 611 E. Acheson, Denison, Texas,  
 First Church of Denison  
 Rev. Bob Sampson, Denison, Texas  
 Rev. M. L. Sutton, Rt. 3, Box 75, Arlington, Texas,  
 Trinity Church of Ft. Worth

### **Southeast Texas Association**

Rev. A. A. Young, Kirbyville, Texas  
 Rev. Cecil Durmon, Buna, Texas

### **Northwest Brazos Association**

Rev. T. P. Curley, 1229 E. First St., Tulsa, Oklahoma  
 Rev. 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  
 Rev. C. C. Lamb, Vernon, Texas  
 Rev. Clark Brown, Rt. 1, Foard City, Texas  
 Rev. B. Rufus Nall, Gen. Del., Benjamin, Texas

## CHURCH LETTER

Greetings from ..... Church to  
the .....  
(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

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## 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 \$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 Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity Director, Statistician, and Parliamentarian. Boards of three members each shall be elected for the following departments: Christian Education, F. W. Baptist League, Woman's Auxiliary, Sunday Schools, and Foreign Missions. Their term of office shall be one year, with members to be elected alternately.

The body shall elect boards of five members each for the following departments: Home Missions, Superannuation, and Orphanage. The members to be elected on the following basis: two members for a term of one year, two members for a term of two years, and one member to serve a term of three years; after which all members shall be elected to serve terms of three years.

Article 5. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Association, 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 Four.

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 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.

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### 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, with-

out 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 standing committees shall be appointed at each setting of the Association: Temperance, Resolution, Program, Credentials, Obituary, and Committee on Committees.

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 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.

