

MINUTES
of the
THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
**TEXAS STATE ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

which convened with
BRYAN FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Bryan, Texas
OCTOBER 27-29, 1953

The Fortieth Annual Session of the Texas State Association will convene at the Jameson Memorial Free Will Baptist Church, Henderson, Texas, in the Texas Association, beginning on Tuesday night before the first Sunday in November, 1954.

General Officers

TEXAS STATE ASSOCIATION, 1953-54

Rev. Gaston Clary, 115 South High, Henderson, Texas..... Moderator
 Rev. Everett Hellard, 7518 Garden, Houston, Texas..... Assistant Moderator
 Rev. Herbert Richards, 314 Guthrie, Dallas, Texas..... Clerk
 Mrs. W. W. Winters, Vernon, Texas..... Assistant Clerk
 Rev. Charles Sapp, 109 South Baylor, Bryan, Texas..... Treasurer
 Rev. Noah Tuttle, 305 Truman Dr., Henderson, Texas..... Publicity Director
 Rev. R. E. Conner, Route 2, Bellevue, Texas..... Statistician
 Rev. A. F. Halbrook, Route 3, Bryan, Texas..... Parliamentarian

Chairman or Secretary of Boards

Mr. N. C. Cole..... Home Missions' Treasurer
 Route 3, Bryan, Texas
 Rev. James F. Minor..... Foreign Missions' Treasurer
 900 North Johnson, Amarillo, Texas
 Rev. Troy L. McDonald..... FWB League Chairman
 North Zulch, Texas
 Mr. Clyde Goen..... Superannuation Treasurer
 Route 3, Bryan, Texas
 Rev. R. E. Conner..... Orphanage Chairman
 Route 2, Bellevue, Texas
 Mrs. Huey Gower..... Woman's Auxiliary President
 Star Route, Henderson, Texas
 Mrs. H. Ray Berry..... Christian Education Chairman
 1031 East 14th, Houston, Texas
 Rev. B. F. Rogers..... Sunday School Chairman
 7242 Springdale, Houston, Texas

Boards

Christian Education—Rev. C. B. Thompson, 1954; Rev. H. Z. Cox, 1955; Mrs. H. Ray Berry, 1956.
Free Will Baptist League—Rev. E. A. Hobbs, 1954; Rev. J. M. Goode, 1955; Rev. Troy McDonald, 1956.
Woman's Auxiliary—Mrs. Huey Gower, 1954; Mrs. J. F. Minor, 1955; Mrs. R. E. Conner, 1956.
Sunday School—Rev. B. F. Rogers, 1954; Rev. Huey Gower, 1955; Mrs. Ray T. Trant, 1956.
Foreign Missions—Rev. Herbert Richards, 1954; Rev. A. F. Ferguson, 1955; Rev. James F. Minor, 1956.
Home Missions—Rev. Tiff Covington, 1954; Mrs. N. C. Cole, 1955; Rev. M. L. Sutton, 1955; Rev. C. B. Thompson, 1956; Rev. Burt Rogers, 1956.
Superannuation—Rev. Jack Turrentine, 1954; Rev. J. E. Marecle, 1955; Rev. J. A. Brooks, 1955; Rev. W. W. Winters, 1956; Mr. Clyde Goen, 1956.
Orphanage—Rev. L. J. Forman, 1954; Rev. R. E. Conner, 1955; Mr. Ray T. Trant, 1955; Rev. H. Z. Cox, 1956; Rev. Huey Gower, 1956.

PROCEEDINGS

The Thirty-Ninth Annual Session of the Texas Association of Free Will Baptists convened Tuesday evening, October 27-29 at the First Church, Bryan, Texas, in the Central Texas Association.

Tuesday Evening

The service opened with singing led by Rev. Charles Sapp, after which prayer was led by the Moderator, Rev. C. B. Thompson.

Rev. Thompson called the meeting to order, and appointed Rev. Charles Sapp, Mr. Ray Trant, and Mr. Clyde Goen to serve on the Divine Service Committee to select the speaker of the evening due to the absence of Rev. M. L. Sutton, who was on the program to preach.

The Moderator welcomed visitors and called attention to the importance of the business to be conducted.

The Divine Service Committee reported that Rev. Charles Sapp had been chosen to bring the evening message.

Rev. Everett Hellard led in more singing; then Miss Virginia Williams rendered a special number in song.

Rev. Sapp read Isaiah 6:1-8, and brought a very spiritual message on the Vision of Isaiah.

The Moderator appointed Rev. Huey Gower, Rev. Troy McDonald, and Rev. A. F. Halbrook to serve on the Credential Committee.

Delegates were assigned to homes and then the session was dismissed with prayer by Rev. Noah Tuttle.

Wednesday Morning

The session was opened with singing led by Rev. Everett Hellard.

The Moderator welcomed the delegates and visitors, then introduced Rev. Everett Hellard, who brought the morning devotion. Rev. Hellard used II Corinthians 2:12, 13 as the basis of his message. Prayer by Rev. Damon Dodd.

A partial report of the Credential Committee was received.

The Moderator introduced Rev. Damon Dodd, our National Home Mission Director from Nashville, Tenn., who gave a report on the National Home Mission work.

The Credentials Committee gave a farther report which was accepted and delegates were recognized and seated.

The following officers were elected at this time: Moderator, Rev. Gaston Clary; Assistant Moderator, Rev. Everett Hellard; Clerk, Rev. Herbert Richards; Treasurer, Rev. Charles Sapp; Publicity Director, Rev. Noah Tuttle; Statistician, Rev. R. E. Conner, Parliamentarian, Rev. A. F. Halbrook; Assistant Clerk, Mrs. W. W. Winters.

Motion to amend the constitution to provide for an Assistant Clerk was tabled.

Motion carried to adopt program.

Dismissed for recess with prayer by the Moderator.

Assembled after recess with singing led by Rev. Hellard.

The Moderator introduced Rev. A. F. Halbrook, pastor of the Bright Light Church, who brought the eleven o'clock message. Prayer was offered by Rev. Halbrook. The message pointed out our obligations and duties to the living Christ, and was based on Acts 1:8 and Mark 16:15.

The Moderator appointed Rev. R. E. Conner, Rev. Noah Tuttle, and Rev. H. Z. Cox to serve on the Committee on Committees. Announcements by Rev. Charles Sapp, host pastor.

Blessings were asked on the food and we were dismissed until after lunch by Mrs. Lizzie McAdams.

Wednesday Afternoon

After a wonderful lunch, we again assembled to singing led by Rev. Hellard. Mrs. W. W. Winters of Vernon brought the devotion, using II Corinthians 5:1, 10 as basis for some timely remarks.

The following committees were appointed by the Committee on Committees:

Resolutions: Rev. H. Z. Cox, Rev. Huey Gower, and Rev. J. F. Minor.

Temperance: Rev. E. A. Hobbs, Rev. H. M. McAdams, and Rev. J. E. Marecle.

Obituary: Rev. Troy McDonald, Rev. B. F. Rogers, and Rev. E. J. Vaughn.

Motion carried to elect board members which were elected as follows:

Christian Education: Mrs. H. Ray Berry, 1956.

Free Will Baptist League: Rev. E. A. Hobbs, 1954; Rev. Everett Hellard, 1956.

Woman's Auxiliary: Mrs. R. E. Conner, 1956; Mrs. J. F. Minor, 1954.

Sunday School: Mrs. Ray Trant, 1956.

Foreign Missions: Rev. James F. Minor, 1956.

Home Missions: Rev. C. B. Thompson, 1956; Rev. B. F. Rogers, 1956.

Superannuation: Rev. W. W. Winters, 1956; Mr. Clyde Goen, 1956.

Orphanage: Rev. H. Z. Cox, 1956; Rev. Huey Gower, 1956.

Motion to amend Article No. 7 of the By-Laws to provide for only one office in the State Association per person was tabled.

Dismissed by Moderator with prayer.

After a short recess, Rev. Hellard led a good congregational hymn.

Report of the Home Mission Board was given by Rev. Noah Tuttle and was adopted.

Report of the Orphanage Board was given by Rev. R. E. Conner and was adopted.

Report of the League Board was given by Rev. Troy McDonald and was adopted.

Report of the Treasurer was given by Rev. H. Z. Cox and was adopted.

Mrs. H. Ray Berry gave the report on Christian Education which was adopted.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Prayer by Rev. H. M. McAdams.

Wednesday Evening

Congregational singing was led by Rev. Charles Sapp, and prayer by Rev. E. J. Vaughn.

The Moderator introduced Rev. Damon Dodd who gave a report on the National Home Mission Board.

A special message in song, "The Love of God," was rendered by Rev. Everett Hellard.

Rev. Dodd brought a soul stirring message using the journey of the Children of Israel from Egypt. The text was Josh. 6:5.

An offering was taken for Home Missions which amounted to \$101.07.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Dodd.

Thursday Morning

Singing was led by Rev. B. F. Rogers.

Rev. C. B. Thompson, the Moderator, called attention to some wonderful truths in Psalms 23; after which he led in prayer.

Report of the Woman's Auxiliary was given by Mrs. Huey Gower and was adopted.

Motion carried to bring articles which were tabled on previous day off the table for vote.

Both articles on changes in constitution and by-laws were adopted.

Mrs. W. W. Winters of Vernon was elected Assistant Clerk.

Report of the Temperance Committee was given by Rev. E. A. Hobbs and was adopted.

Final report of the Credentials Committee was given by Rev. Huey Gower and was adopted.

An oral report of the Sunday School Board was given by Rev. B. F. Rogers and was adopted.

Motion carried that the Clerk be authorized to prepare forms and make them available to chairmen of different boards for use in securing reports from different departments of churches or associations.

Report of Resolutions Committee was given by Rev. James Minor and voted on item by item with all items being adopted.

Report of Foreign Mission Board was given by Rev. Gaston Clary and was adopted.

Motion carried to keep the Calvary Fund open and that we continue to work under the same system for another year.

After a short recess, the Moderator introduced Rev. James Minor, pastor of the First Church of Amarillo, Texas, who brought the morning message. Rev. Minor read from Ephesians 3:19-21 and spoke on The Abundant Love of God.

After announcements by the host pastor, the session was dismissed and blessings asked on the food by Rev. Noah Tuttle.

Thursday Afternoon

Singing was led by Rev. Noah Tuttle.

The evening devotion was conducted by Rev. J. E. Marecle, pastor of the First Church of Waco. Rev. Marecle brought some wonderful thoughts from the first chapter of 1 John.

Report of the Obituary Committee was given by Rev. Troy McDonald and was accepted.

We followed the request to have prayer for the bereaved who had lost loved ones through death as Mrs. Lizzie McAdams led the prayer.

Rev. Everett Hellard resigned as a member of the Free Will Baptist League Board in favor of Rev. Troy McDonald.

The resolution which was tabled last year concerning the rejection of the new revised standard version of the Bible as being authentic to the true word of God was called off the table and adopted.

The place of the next session was chosen by vote to be the Jameson Memorial Church of Henderson, Texas.

By vote, Resolution No. 3, which was passed at last session—calling for each minister to make a report to the State Association on the merits of his life and works and designating the state body to issue cards of good standing—was rescinded and the matter relegated to the various associations.

Further resolutions were presented by the Resolutions Committee and passed item by item.

The minutes were read by Herbert Richards, Clerk, and approved.

Motion carried that the Moderator appoint delegates to the National Association. Those appointed were: Mrs. Ovie Brimberry, Mrs. John Gary, Mr. John Gary, Mr. Clyde Goen, Mrs. Clyde Goen, Mrs. James Minor, Miss Jane Berry, Mrs. Jim Vance, Mrs. Charles Sapp, and Mrs. Huey Gower.

Motion carried to have 1,000 minutes printed.

Motion carried that Rev. C. B. Thompson have authority to fill any vacancy in the delegation at the National Association.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Rev. C. B. Thompson, Moderator

Rev. Herbert Richards, Clerk

Committee's Reports

Resolutions Committee

1. Be it resolved that the Free Will Baptists of Texas refrain from patronizing any place of business that sells alcoholic beverages in any form.
2. Be it resolved that our State Associations programs be planned, using a theme.

3. Be it resolved that a worship offering be received in each worship service of our State Association.

4. We recommend that State Association programs be distributed through the District Association clerks to the pastor of each church.

5. Be it resolved that this body give to the host church and all who helped to entertain this association a rising vote of thanks.

Rev. Huey Gower, Chairman

Rev. H. Z. Cox

Rev. James F. Minor

Committee on Committees

We, your Committee on Committees, recommend the following: Resolutions Committee—Rev. Huey Gower, Rev. H. Z. Cox, and Rev. J. F. Minor. Obituary Committee—Rev. Troy McDonald, Rev. B. F. Rogers, and Rev. E. J. Vaughn. Temperance Committee—Rev. E. A. Hobbs, Rev. H. M. McAdams, and Rev. J. E. Marecle.

Rev. R. E. Conner, Chairman

Rev. Noah Tuttle

Rev. H. Z. Cox

Obituary Committee

We, your Committee on Obituary submit the following report: Nine deaths in the Central Texas Association, five in the Texas Association, ten in the West Fork Association.

There are no deaths reported in any of the other Associations.

The total number of deaths is twenty-four.

We request that the state body stand and have prayer for all of the bereaved ones.

Rev. Troy McDonald, Chairman

Rev. E. J. Vaughn

Rev. B. F. Rogers

Temperance Committee

We, your Temperance Committee beg to submit the following report:

By way of commendation, we are happy to report that our people, as a whole, believe in and practice temperance and true holiness; for this we are truly grateful. However, we are greatly disturbed over the rapid outburst of intemperance in our land during the past twenty years. We feel that our people need to be called to an active program of exposing the evils of intemperance as well as being charged to constant prayer.

We further recommend that our people adhere to our church covenant in shunning the very appearance of evil.

Rev. E. A. Hobbs, Chairman

Rev. H. M. McAdams

Rev. J. E. Marecle

Credentials Committee

Associations reporting:

Central Texas Association	\$ 15.00
Northwest Brazos Association	12.00
Southeast Texas Association	15.00
Texas Association	16.00
West Fork Association	15.00

Total \$ 73.00

Churches reporting:

Easley Chapel, Comanche	\$ 5.00
North Zulch	5.00
Evergreen, Keith	5.00
Good Hope, Henderson	5.00
First Church, Comanche	5.00
First Church, Amarillo	5.00
First Church, Wichita Falls	5.00
Pine Prairie	5.00
First Church, Vernon	5.00
Blue Lake	5.00
First Church, Weatherford	2.00
First Church, Odessa	5.00
Cross	5.00
First Church, Bowie	5.00
First Church, Ft. Worth	5.00
Huntsville	5.00
Mt. Olive	5.00
Pleasant Mound	5.00
First Church, Waco	5.00
Jameson Memorial	5.00
Rosewood, Houston	5.00
Bryan	5.00
First Church, Dallas	5.00
Bright Light	5.00

Total-24 Churches \$117.00

Rev. Huey Gower, Chairman

Rev. A. F. Halbrook

Rev. Troy McDonald

Report of Boards

Free Will Baptist League

We recommend that each District Association continue their work on the League Conference.

The Texas State League Conference met at Piney Woods Encampment, August 14, 1953. The theme of the program was **Forward With Christ** from Matthew 16:24.

Miss Judy Eagleton from the West Fork Association won the sword drill and will be the contestant at the National League Conference in 1954.

There are 21 leagues with a membership of 714.

Rev. Troy McDonald

Rev. J. M. Goode

Woman's Auxiliary

The State Woman's Auxiliary Convention of Texas met at the Bright Light Church on June 9, 1953.

There was a good attendance with a very interesting and inspiring program.

There was a stewardship declamation contest with two contestants participating—Barbara Williams of Bryan and Mary Ellen Williams of Mt. Olive. Barbara Williams was winner and was sent to the National Convention where she finished only one point behind the winner.

We have two District Conventions in the state with about ten auxiliaries.

Number on roll	128
New Members	26
Number of Phone Calls	47
Personal Visits	47
Tracts and Leaflets Distributed	88
Mission Study Classes Conducted	11
Number Attending Classes	38
Stewardship Study Classes Conducted	5
Auxiliaries Having Week of Prayer	5
Number Attending Week of Prayer	64
Number Contributing to Missions	42
Number of Tithers	41
Offering to Co-Laborer Fund	\$ 58.02
Thanksgiving Offering to Home Missions	\$ 66.05
Easter Offering to Foreign Missions	\$131.94
Cash Gift to Orphanage	\$ 88.05
Value of Boxes to Orphanage	\$ 38.85
Gifts to Bible College	\$211.50
Total Amount Spent this Year for Local Church Activities	\$700.86

The next convention will meet with the Jameson Memorial Church of Henderson on the second Tuesday in June, 1954.

Mrs. Huey Gower, President

Home Missions Report

The National Home Mission Board appointed Rev. C. B. Thompson as State Home Mission Director subject to the approval of the state body. The suggested state quota for 1953-1954 will be \$500.00; subject to the approval of the state body.

We suggest that Wednesday night's service be designated as "Home Mission Night" and that an offering be taken which will be applied on our state's National Home Mission quota.

Mr. C. F. Goen

Rev. Noah Tuttle

Home Mission Treasurers' Report

Balance in Treasury from 1952	\$544.00
Collections for 1953	426.18
Total	\$970.18
Expenses for 1953: Henderson Church on salary for Rev. Noah Tuttle—Dec., Jan., Feb.	150.00
Balance in Treasury October 28, 1953	\$820.18

Treasurer's Report

Receipts:

Balance Left From 1952	\$ 97.05
Dues From Churches	114.00
Dues from Associations	76.00
Total	\$287.05

Disbursements:

12-12-52—Mrs. Huey Gower for Postage	\$ 2.58
12-12-52—Mrs. Huey Gower—Clerical Service	10.00
12-12-52—Mrs. Huey Gower to pay for minutes	101.25
5-21-53—Rev. Herbert Richards—Postage	2.11
7- 2-53—National Association Dues	35.00
Total	\$150.94

Balance in Treasury October 28, 1953	\$136.11
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Rev. H. Z. Cox, Treasurer

Orphanage Report

The State of Texas contributed \$1,334.92 to the Free Will Baptist Children's Home at Ringland, Oklahoma during the year 1952-1953. In addition to the cash money, several boxes of food and clothing was also sent to the home.

Rev. R. E. Conner

Rev. Herbert Richards

Christian Education Report

Four of our districts reported Daily Vacation Bible Schools. There was a complete report concerning gifts to the Bible College, Central Texas District reported cash gifts to the college amounting to \$576.58. Christian Education Literature from Central and East Texas amounted to \$972.48.

There are five students attending the college this year from Texas: Misses June Goode and Marvis Nell Anderson from East Texas; Miss Jane Berry and Rev. Bobby Joe Davis from Central Texas, and Rev. Kenneth Eagleton from the West Fork.

Central Texas reports an active student loan fund of \$1,800.00 which is used, interest free, to help students to obtain a Christian education.

Two encampments were held in the state in the summer. West Fork held one at Camp Holland near Weatherford and Central and East Texas held a B 1-District encampment at Piney Woods near Groveton. Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Executive Secretary to the National Association, was youth speaker for this encampment. Both encampments reported good attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. H. Ray Berry

Foreign Missions Report

Contributions to Calvary Fund	\$1,155.28
Contributions to General Fund	614.87
On Hand to be disbursed	139.27
Total Paid to Foreign Missions	\$1,909.42

Note: All receipts forwarded to Rev. Raymond Riggs, 242 Victor Ave., Highland Park, Mich.

Rev. Gaston Clary, Treasurer

Minister's Directory

Central Texas

Berry, H. Ray, 1031 E. 14th St., Houston, Texas
 Bounds, J. L., 412 E. 28th St., Houston, Texas
 Davis, Bobby Joe, 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
 Halbrook, Alvin F., Box 208, Route 3, Bryan, Texas
 Handy, J. W., 7837 Baltimore Ave., Houston, Texas
 Hellard, Everett D., 7518 Garden St., Houston, Texas
 McAdams, H. M., Huntsville, Texas
 McAdams, Lizzie, Huntsville, Texas
 McDonald, Troy, North Zulch, Texas
 Payne, J. L., 6708 Ave. C, Houston, Texas
 Richards, Herbert, 314 Guthrie, Dallas, Texas
 Sapp, Charles, 109 South Baylor, Bryan, Texas

Texas Association

Clary, Gaston, 115 South High St., Henderson, Texas
 Goode, J. M., Laird Hill, Texas
 Gower, Huey, Star Route, Henderson, Texas
 Griffin, S. P., Big Sandy, Texas
 Kester, Mrs. Amanda, Arp, Texas
 Newberry, John, Kilgore, Texas
 Page, J. A., Kilgore, Texas
 Smith, T. W., Henderson, Texas
 Tuttle, Noah, 305 Truman Drive, Henderson, Texas
 Vaughn, E. J., Bryan, Texas
 Williams, A. A., Laneville, Texas
 Williams, Dewey, 1911 Erie Ave., Texas

Northwest Brazos

Curley, T. P., address unknown
Estes, Mrs. Lelia, Memphis, Texas
Florence, T. L., Canyon, Texas
Garrett, G. G., Vernon, Texas
Harp, Troy, 104 Monroe, Amarillo, Texas
Haston, H. H., Route 2, Paducah, Texas
Haston, W. D., Armed Forces
Hobbs, E. A., Odessa, Texas
Holley, M. T., New Deal, Texas
Johnson, Heber, Memphis, Texas
Jones, Omer, 713 N. E., Amarillo, Texas
Minor, James F., 900 N. Johnson, Amarillo, Texas
Nall, B. R., Benjamine, Texas
Rogers, J. E., Vernon, Texas
Stephenson, Vernon, Texas
Winters, W. W., Vernon, Texas
Wooten, Plainview, Texas

West Fork Association

Almond, C. C., 2628 E. Rosedale, Fort Worth (Licd.)
Armstrong, J. C., Andrews, Texas
Bennett, Frank, Fort Worth (Licensed)
Brooks, J. A., Box 236-B, Michita Falls, Texas
Brown, Will, Bowie, Texas
Chaffin, Braxton, Fort Worth, Texas (Licensed)
Conner, R. E., Route 2, Bellevue, Texas
Covington, Tiff, 412 Small St., Bowie, Texas
Cox, H. Z., 3312 Michigan, Dallas, Texas
Emerson, Kenneth, Decatur, Texas
Ferguson, A. F., Route 1, Box 218-A, Weatherford, Texas
Ferguson, Mrs. A. F., Route 1, Box 218-A, Weatherford, Texas
Ferguson, Norman, Route 1, Box 218-A, Weatherford, Texas
Fielding, A. J., 2206 Vilbig Road, Dallas, Texas
Gilley, J. M., 2108 Cavitt, Bryan, Texas (Licd.)
Guthrie, J. W., Dallas, Texas
Haney, J. H., 1002 S. College, Bryan, Texas
Hearron, C. J., 2326 N. Riverside Dr., Fort Worth, Texas
Hudson, A. L., Decatur, Texas
Hughes, J. A. C., Route 1, Midland, Texas
Hughes, Burton, Midland, Texas
Kennedy, W. V., 817 Gray Road, Dallas, Texas
Marecle, J. E., Route 9, Box 2179, Waco, Texas
Parton, L. M., Rosebud, Texas
Patton, Ted, Route 1, Comanche, Texas (Licensed)
Reid, H. E. Fort Worth, Route 4, Box 298
Rogers, R. H., Comanche, Texas
Savage, Alford, Midland, Texas

Sheets, Harold, Argyle, Texas
Slakey, Larry, Dallas, Texas (Licensed)
St. John, H. C., Fort Worth, Texas (Licensed)
Sutton, M. L., 2605 Skyline Drive, Fort Worth, Texas
Thompson, C. B., 2003 Prairie, Fort Worth, Texas
Turrentine, C. J., 4300 Ave. 2, Fort Worth, Texas
Walker, Mrs. Verda, 316 Eureka, Weatherford, Texas
Washburn, O. H., 1516 33rd St., Wichita Falls, Texas
Zoellars, E. E., Dallas, Texas
McLain, A. G., 1021 Cleveland, Denton, Texas

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, Assistant 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. The election of officers and board members shall become the next item of business following the seating of delegates. The Moderator shall have authority to appoint members to fill the unexpired time of any member or members vacating their positions between sessions of the Association.

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 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. The Assistant Recording Secretary shall assist the Recording Secretary in all the duties of Recording Secretary in keeping records, etc. 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 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 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.

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. No person shall hold more than one office in the State Association at any time.

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 12—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.

CHURCH LETTER

Greetings from _____ Church to
the _____

(State whether Quarterly or 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

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Done by order of church assembled in conference this _____ day of _____

_____, 19____

Moderator

Clerk

