

MINUTES
OF THE
FORTIETH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
TEXAS STATE ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

which convened with
JAMESON MEMORIAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
HENDERSON, TEXAS
November 2-4, 1954

The Forty-First Annual Session of the Texas State Association will convene at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, in the Central Texas Association, beginning on Tuesday night before the first Sunday in November, 1955.

General Officers

TEXAS STATE ASSOCIATION, 1954-55

Rev. Everett Hellard, 7518 Garden, Houston, Texas.....Moderator
 Rev. Gaston Clary, Route, Henderson, Texas.....Assistant Moderator
 Rev. Herbert Richards, 2937 Larry Drive, Garland, Texas.....Clerk
 Rev. E. E. Zoellers, North Zulch, Texas.....Assistant Clerk
 Mr. C. E. Oliver, Henderson, Texas.....Executive Secretary
 Rev. Floyd Ferguson, Route 2, Box 150, Kilgore, Texas.....Parliamentarian
 Mrs. Gaston Clary, Route, Henderson, Texas.....Statistician

Chairman or Secretary of Boards

Mr. N. C. Cole.....Home Missions' Treasurer
 Route 3, Bryan, Texas
 Rev. James F. Minor.....Foreign Missions' Treasurer
 623 N. Vine, Odessa, Texas
 Mrs. Bill Berry.....FWB League Secretary
 Henderson, Texas
 Mr. Clyde Goen.....Superannuation Treasurer
 Route 3, Bryan, Texas
 Rev. R. E. Conner.....Orphanage Chairman
 Route 2, Bellevue, Texas
 Mrs. H. Ray Berry.....Christian Education Chairman
 1908 Avenue M, Huntsville, Texas
 Rev. Charles Sapp.....Sunday School Chairman
 109 S. Baylor, Bryan, Texas
 Mrs. C. B. Thompson.....Woman's Auxiliary President
 2003 Prairie, Ft. Worth, Texas

Boards

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Rev. H. Z. Cox, 1955; Mrs. H. Ray Berry, 1956; Mrs. Finis Rogers, 1957.
 FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE—Rev. J. M. Goode, 1955; Mrs. Bill Berry, 1956; Mr. Raymond Guthrie, 1957.
 WOMAN'S AUXILIARY—Mrs. James Minor, 1955; Mrs. R. E. Conner, 1956; Mrs. C. B. Thompson, 1957.
 SUNDAY SCHOOL—Rev. Charles Sapp, 1955; Mrs. Ray Trant, 1956; Rev. Braxton Chaffin, 1957.
 FOREIGN MISSIONS—Rev. A. F. Ferguson, 1955; Rev. James F. Minor, 1956; Mr. Ed Morris, 1957.
 HOME MISSIONS—Mr. N. C. Cole, 1955; Rev. M. L. Sutton, 1955; Rev. C. B. Thompson, 1956; Rev. Tiff Covington, 1957.
 SUPERANNUATION—Rev. J. E. Marecle, 1955; Rev. J. A. Brooks, 1955; Rev. W. W. Winters, 1956; Mr. Clyde Goen, 1956; Rev. B. M. Daniels, 1957.
 ORPHANAGE—Rev. R. E. Conner, 1955; Mr. Ray Trant, 1955; Rev. H. Z. Cox, 1956; Rev. H. Ray Berry, 1956; Rev. L. J. Forman, 1957.

PROCEEDINGS

The fortieth annual session of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists convened Tuesday evening, November 2, 1954, at the Jameson Memorial Church, Henderson, Texas, in the East Texas Association.

TUESDAY EVENING

The service opened with singing led by Rev. Everett Hellard who was in charge of the music for the session.

The Moderator read Exodus 14:13-18 which was to be the theme for the session, followed with prayer by Rev. James Minor, pastor of the church at Odessa, Texas.

Further congregational singing was enjoyed.

The Moderator, Rev. Gaston Clary, introduced the officers of the State Association, and Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, executive secretary of the National Association.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE—Rev. C. B. Thompson, chairman; Rev. J. M. Goode; Mr. C. E. Oliver.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES—Rev. Herbert Richards, chairman; Rev. A. A. Williams; Rev. Charles Sapp.

After another hymn was enjoyed, we worshiped the Lord with a free will offering, with Brother Tuttle leading the offeratory prayer.

A special message in song was rendered by Rev. Everett Hellard.

Church and associational letters were called for.

Rev. W. S. Mooneyham brought the evening message, using parts of the 6th and 7th chapters of Judges as a Scriptural lesson.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. E. E. Zoellers to convene Wednesday morning at 9:30.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

The Wednesday morning session opened with congregational singing led by Brother Lawson.

Rev. H. Z. Cox, pastor of the First Church of Dallas, was introduced by the Moderator. Brother Cox brought an inspiring devotional on the subject of "Advancing with Christ through Consecration," using 2 Corinthians 8:5 as the basis of his message.

A partial report of the Credentials Committee was given with a motion to seat the delegates; and that a committee be appointed to investigate the legality of the East Texas Association in calling for the credentials of Rev. Noah G. Tuttle and Rev. Huey Gower. This motion failed to pass.

Motion made and carried to seat the delegates who were present.

The report of the Committee on Committees was given and accepted. Those appointed were:

RESOLUTIONS—Rev. James F. Minor, Rev. R. E. Conner, and Rev. B. M. Daniels.

OBITUARY—Rev. R. E. Sheffield, Rev. M. T. Holley, and Mrs. C. B. Thompson.

TEMPERANCE—Rev. E. E. Zoellers, Rev. L. K. Brashier, and Rev. H. Z. Cox.

The program was accepted by the body with any necessary changes.

The following officers were elected at this time: Moderator, Rev. Everett Hellard; Assistant Moderator, Rev. Gaston Clary; Clerk, Rev. Herbert Richards; Assistant Clerk, Rev. E. E. Zoellers; Treasurer, Rev. Charles Sapp; Publicity Director, Rev. H. Ray Berry; Statistician, Mrs. Gaston Clary; Parliamentarian, Rev. Floyd Ferguson.

The following Board members were elected at this time:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Mrs. Finis Rogers.

Motion made to accept the resignation of Rev. Troy McDonald from the Free Will Baptist League Board.

FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE—Mrs. Bill Berry, 1956; Raymond Guthrie, 1957.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY—Mrs. C. B. Thompson.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—Rev. Braxton Chaffin.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Ed Morris.

HOME MISSIONS—Rev. Tiff Covington.

SUPERANNUATION—Rev. B. M. Daniels.

ORPHANAGE—Rev. L. J. Forman.

A short song service was led by Rev. W. S. Mooneyham.

A morning worship offering was then taken.

Rev. Everett Hellard brought the morning message, using portions of Matthew 8 and 9, and speaking on the subject, "Advancing with Christ."

Rev. R. E. Conner dismissed the congregation and asked the Lord's blessings on the food.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

After a wonderful lunch, we again assembled to singing led by Rev. Everett Hellard, followed with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. Gaston Clary.

Rev. Hellard led the congregation in the singing of several choruses.

The Moderator introduced Rev. L. K. Brashier who read Philippians 4:13, and brought a timely devotion on "Advancing with Christ through Prayer."

A special prayer for Bill Berry who was injured in an automobile accident was led by Rev. Herbert Richards.

There was a discussion on Home Mission work in which suggestions were made to advance this work.

An oral report of the State Orphanage Board was given by Rev. R. E. Conner.

The Treasurer's report was given by Rev. Charles Sapp and was accepted.

A solo number was rendered by Rev. Everett Hellard.

Dismissed for recess with prayer by Rev. W. S. Mooneyham.

Assembled with singing led by Rev. Everett Hellard.

Report of the Resolutions Committee was given by Rev. James Minor and was disposed of as follows:

Resolution No. 1, carried.

Resolution No. 2, carried.

Resolution No. 3, tabled.

Resolution No. 4, carried.

Rev. W. S. Mooneyham gave a report on the Co-operative Plan.

A motion was made and carried to adjourn.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. H. Z. Cox.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

The evening services opened with singing by Rev. Hellard, followed with prayer by Rev. N. Bruce Barrow.

Further singing by the congregation.

Rev. Everett Hellard sang a solo, "My Father Watches Over Me."

Rev. Bruce Barrow was introduced by the Moderator. Brother Barrow read Isaiah 6:1-8, and brought a wonderful message on "The Vision of the Lord."

The Lord was worshiped through the giving of tithes and offerings.

Prayer by Rev. H. M. McAdams as the evening service came to a close.

THURSDAY MORNING

The morning service opened with singing led by Rev. Charles Sapp, followed with prayer by Rev. A. L. Hudson, pastor of Easley's Chapel Church of Comanche.

Rev. Charles Sapp brought a wonderful devotional on "Advancing with Christ on the Home Front."

Report of the Statistician was given and accepted.

Report of the Foreign Mission Board was given and accepted.

Motion carried to have a special prayer for Wesley and Ailene Calvery which was led by Rev. Gaston Clary.

Motion for the State of Texas to underwrite the salary and expenses of the Calverys was offered by Rev. Herbert Richards and carried.

Rev. Bruce Barrow brought a report on National Superannuation and the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C.

Final report of the Resolutions Committee was given and accepted.

Dismissed for a short recess with prayer by Brother Charles Jamerson.

Convened after recess with congregational singing, followed with prayer by Rev. C. B. Thompson, pastor of the First Church of Ft. Worth.

Rev. Everett Hellard, Assistant Moderator, introduced Rev. C. B. Thompson who brought the morning message. Brother Thompson read 1 Corinthians 3 and 2 Corinthians 5:16, and challenged our hearts with God's message.

A worship offering was taken at this time.

Blessings were asked on the food and session dismissed with prayer by Noah Tuttle.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon session opened with singing led by Rev. Hellard, followed with a special prayer for the mother of Mrs. Amanda Kester and for the leadership of God upon the evening session by Rev. J. M. Goode.

Rev. James Minor was introduced by the Moderator and he brought a much needed message on "Advancing with Christ through Soul Winning."

The Credentials Committee gave its final report which was accepted.

The report of the Temperance Committee was given by the Moderator, due to the absence of all three members of the committee, and was accepted. There was quite a bit of discussion on the need of a deeper concern over the intemperance of our people and our failure to recognize the danger and try to do something about it.

The report of the Obituary Committee was given by Mrs. C. B. Thompson, and a special prayer for the bereaved families was led by Rev. A. A. Williams.

The resolution which was tabled concerning changing the Constitution was called for and a vote was taken and passed.

A motion was made and carried to elect an Executive Secretary for Texas, and that a committee be appointed to work out any changes in the Constitution or By-Laws to provide for such an office.

Mr. C. E. Oliver was elected to the office of State Executive Secretary.

The Moderator appointed the State Executive Committee as the committee to work out the changes in the Constitution.

Two invitations to entertain the 1955 session of the State Association were given from the floor: Bryan and Houston. Houston was chosen by vote.

The host pastor of the next session was given the authority to work out a program for the next session.

Motion passed to give the Moderator authority to appoint delegates to the National Association.

Motion carried to authorize the Executive Committee to correct the minutes.

Motion carried to adjourn with prayer by the Moderator.

Committee's Report

Resolutions Committee

1. Be it resolved to place the matter of the East Texas District's canceling the credentials of Noah Tuttle and Huey Gower in the hands of the ordained ministers and ordained deacons of the State Association. The legal aspects of the action of said district to be investigated and disposed of by the committee. This meeting to take place immediately after the regular session adjourns Wednesday afternoon.

2. Be it resolved that the State Association adopt the Co-operative Plan of support as outlined by the National Association.

3. Be it resolved that we amend the Constitution to combine the office of Treasurer and Publicity Director, who will be charged with the duties of both these

offices in addition to serving as Promotional Director for any programs which the State Association may adopt.

4. Be it resolved that the host church and association be given a standing vote of appreciation for the splendid hospitality that has been shown.

REV. JAMES F. MINOR, *Chairman*

REV. R. E. CONNER

REV. B. M. DANIELS

Committee on Committees

We, your Committee on Committees, submit the following report:

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE—Rev. James F. Minor, chairman; Rev. R. E. Conner, Rev. B. M. Daniels.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE—Mrs. C. B. Thompson, chairman; Rev. K. E. Sheffield, Rev. M. T. Holley.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE—Rev. E. E. Zoellers, chairman; Rev. L. K. Brashier; Rev. H. Z. Cox.

REV. HERBERT RICHARDS, *Chairman*

REV. A. A. WILLIAMS

REV. CHARLES SAPP

Obituary Committee

We, your Committee on Obituaries, report the following:

God, in His wisdom, has seen fit to call from this life 34 of our brothers and sisters from the following associations: East Texas, 7; Central Texas, 16; West Fork, 9; and Northwest Brazos, 2.

We bow in humble submission to the will of our heavenly Father and commend our bereaved loved ones to Him who is able and willing to supply comfort, grace, and all that is needed to carry us through all trials and sorrows.

May we stand and look up to Him in a prayer of thanksgiving for His concern for us and ask for special care for our loved ones in this time of sorrow.

MRS. C. B. THOMPSON, *Chairman*

REV. M. T. HOLLEY

REV. K. E. SHEFFIELD

Special Report of the Committee of Ordained Ministers And Deacons

The purpose of the committee was to investigate the legality of the action of the East Texas Association in canceling the credentials of Noah Tuttle and Huey Gower.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. C. B. Thompson. Rev. Everett Hellard acted as chairman. Both parties involved gave their evidence and a vote was called for.

A motion carried to table the matter as it stood indefinitely; the state body accepting the decision of the East Texas Association as it stood.

Credentials Committee

ASSOCIATIONS REPORTING:

East Texas Association, 8 Delegates	\$ 15.00	
West Fork Association, 14 Delegates	15.00	
Southeast Texas Association, No Delegates	15.00	
Northwest Brazos Association, 2 Delegates	10.00	
Central Texas Association, 10 Delegates	15.00	
Total—5 Districts, 34 Delegates	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00

CHURCHES REPORTING:

Pine Prairie, Huntsville, 2 Delegates	\$ 5.00	
Odessa, Odessa, 1 Delegate	5.00	
Denton, Denton, No Delegate	5.00	
Evergreen, Keith, 2 Delegates	5.00	
Good Hope, Henderson, 2 Delegates	5.00	
North Zulch, North Zulch, 2 Delegates	5.00	
Fellowship, Carthage, 2 Delegates	5.00	
First Church, Ft. Worth, 2 Delegates	10.00	
Mt. Olive, Henderson, 2 Delegates	5.00	
Blue Lake, Anderson, No Delegates	5.00	
Jameson Memorial, Henderson, 2 Delegates	5.00	
First Church, Dallas, 2 Delegates	5.00	
Bay Shore, Houston, 2 Delegates	5.00	
Pleasant Mound, Buffalo Springs, 2 Delegates	5.00	
Mt. Union, Henderson, 2 Delegates	5.00	
Huntsville, Huntsville, 1 Delegate	5.00	
New Salem, Decatur, 1 Delegate	5.00	
Youngblood, Henderson, 2 Delegates	5.00	
First Church, Comanche, 2 Delegates	5.00	
Stewart, Henderson, 2 Delegates	5.00	
Union Arbor, Henderson, 2 Delegates	5.00	
Dirgin, Henderson, 2 Delegates	5.00	
First Church, Bryan, 2 Delegates	5.00	
Bright Light, Bryan, No Delegate	5.00	
Vernon, Vernon, No Delegate	5.00	
(One church reported but gave no name)	5.00	
Totals—26 Churches, 39 Delegates	\$135.00	\$135.00
Grand Totals—73 Delegates		\$205.00

Report of Boards

Woman's Auxiliary Convention Report

The State Woman's Auxiliary Convention of Texas met at the Jameson Memorial Church of Henderson on June 8, 1954. The president, Mrs. Huey Gower, presided over the convention.

Two district auxiliaries were represented and a very inspirational program was given.

Maxine Jimmerson of Henderson won first place in a Stewardship declamation contest.

Present Enrollment	130
Number Members Making Phone Calls	40
Number Members Making Personal Visits	36
Number Members Mailing Letters or Cards	20
Tracts, Leaflets, etc., Distributed	278
Mission Study Classes Held	3
Stewardship Study Classes Held	13
Evangelism Study Classes Held	2
Manual of Method Classes Held	2
Number of Vacation Bible Schools Sponsored	8
Weeks of Prayer Held	9
Number of Tithers	55
Number Giving to Co-Laborer Fund	28
Self-Denial Offering Taken	\$ 69.70
Amount Sent to Co-Laborer Fund	59.55
Easter Offering for Foreign Missions	83.78
Gifts to Missions Sent to W.N.A.C. Treasurer	45.84
Amount Sent Children's Home	111.58
Commodities Sent Home	200.50
Gifts to Needy Ministers	16.05
Cash Sent to Bible College	116.75
Auxiliary Literature	97.65
Local Churches Activities	562.00

The auxiliary convention held an Officers Clinic on August 19, at Youth Camp, Woodlake, Texas. Nine auxiliaries were represented.

The next convention will meet with the Free Will Baptist Church in Bryan on the second Tuesday in June, 1955.

MRS. J. L. VANCE, *Secretary*

Treasurer's Report for 1953-54

Brought Forward November 1, 1953\$136.11

RECEIVED:

Association Contributions

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

Church Contributions

Easlie Chapel	5.00
North Zulch	5.00
Evergreen	5.00
Good Hope	5.00
First Church of Comanche	5.00
First Church of Amorillo	5.00
First Church of Wichita Falls	5.00
Pine Prairie Church	5.00
Vernon Church	5.00

Blue Lake Church	5.00
First Church of Weatherford	2.00
First Church of Odessa	5.00
Cross Church	5.00
Bowie Church	5.00
First Church of Ft. Worth	5.00
Huntsville Church	5.00
Mt. Olive	5.00
Pleasant Mound	3.00
First Church of Waco	5.00
Jameson Memorial	5.00
Rosewood	5.00
Bryan Church	5.00
First Church of Dallas	5.00
Bright Light Church	5.00
Home Mission Offerings	103.54
Total Received	293.54
Total to Account For	\$429.65

PAID OUT:

Home Missionary Offering, D. C. Dodd	\$103.54
Rev. Gaston Clary, Postage	3.00
Rev. Herbert Richards, Clerk	10.00
Charge for Making Checks	4.12
National Association Dues	35.00
Henderson Times, State Programs	9.75
Free Will Baptist Press, State Minutes	84.00
Rev. Herbert Richards, Postage	2.53
Total Paid Out	251.94
Balance Carried Forward November 1, 1954	\$177.71

Foreign Missions Report

Contributions to Calvery Fund	\$ 482.97
Contributions to General Fund	1,454.73
Total Paid to Foreign Missions	\$1,937.70

(Note: All receipts forwarded to Foreign Missions headquarters.)

JAMES F. MINOR, *Treasurer*

Report of Statistician

Number of Associations	5
Number of Churches	54
Total Membership	4,500
Number Ordained Ministers	80
Number Licensed Ministers	10
Number Sunday Schools	54
Sunday School Enrollment	2,540
Number Leagues	12
League Enrollment	650

Number Woman's Auxiliaries	12
Amounts Raised for All Purposes	\$ 80,141.90
Total Value of Church Property	\$181,761.00

R. E. CONNER, *Statistician*

Ministers' Directory

CENTRAL TEXAS ASSOCIATION

H. Ray Berry, 1908 Avenue M, Huntsville, Texas
 Wesley Calvery, Japan
 B. M. Daniels, Baycliff, Texas
 Alvin F. Halbrook, Route 3, Bryan, Texas
 L. J. Bounds, 4212 E. 28th Street, Houston 9, Texas
 Charles Sapp, 109 S. Baylor, Bryan, Texas
 H. M. McAdams, 1304 Tenth Street, Huntsville, Texas
 Lizzie McAdams, 1304 Tenth Street, Huntsville, Texas
 E. E. Zoellers, North Zulch, Texas
 Herbert Richards, 2937 Larry Drive, Garland, Texas
 Everett Hellard, 7518 Gordon, Houston, Texas
 Bobby Joe Davis, Bible College

Licensed Ministers

Bill Marion Jones, Bible College
 John Moehlman, Bible College

EAST TEXAS ASSOCIATION

Gaston Clary, Route 3, Henderson, Texas
 Floyd Ferguson, Route 2, Kilgore, Texas
 J. M. Goode, Route 2, Carthage, Texas
 Amanda J. Kester, Arp, Texas
 Robert Kimbrell, Route 6, Henderson, Texas
 A. A. Williams, Route 1, Laneville, Texas
 Troy L. McDonald, Route 1, Laneville, Texas
 C. D. Stegall, Marshall, Texas

NORTHWEST BRAZOS ASSOCIATION

W. V. McPhail, 900 North Johnson, Amarillo, Texas
 Kenneth Walker, 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tennessee
 W. W. Breeding, 900 North Johnson, Amarillo, Texas
 Edd Abbott, 111 W. Poplar, Sayre, Oklahoma
 James F. Henley, 111 W. Poplar, Sayre, Oklahoma
 L. C. Pinson, 601 E. Skelly, Hobbs, New Mexico
 Nolen Robinson, 1017 W. Campbell, Kermit, Texas
 W. W. Winters, Box 1888, Vernon, Texas
 G. G. Garrett, Route 4, Vernon, Texas
 R. G. Stevenson, General Delivery, Vernon, Texas
 James C. Sutton, General Delivery, Vernon, Texas

H. H. Haston, Route 2, Paducah, Texas
 M. T. Holley, Box 146, New Deal, Texas
 Leila Estes, 1401 W. Noel Street, Memphis, Texas
 J. R. Wooten, Crowell, Texas
 Heber Johnson, General Delivery, Memphis, Texas
 Roy Thomas, 802-A N. Missouri, Roswell, New Mexico
 James F. Minor, 623 N. Vine, Odessa, Texas

WEST FORK ASSOCIATION

C. C. Almond, 2628 E. Rosedale, Fort Worth, Texas
 Frank Bennett, Fort Worth, Texas
 — J. A. Brooks, Box 236-B, Wichita Falls, Texas
 Will Brown, Bowie, Texas
 Braxton Chaffin, Fort Worth, Texas
 — R. E. Conner, Route 2, Bellevue, Texas
 — Tiff Covington, 412 Small Street, Bowie, Texas
 — H. Z. Cox, 3312 Michigan, Dallas, Texas
 — A. F. Ferguson, Denison, Texas
 Mrs. A. F. Ferguson, Denison, Texas
 A. J. Fielding, 2206 Vilbig Road, Dallas, Texas
 — C. J. Hearron, Weatherford, Texas
 — A. L. Hudson, Comanche, Texas
 — J. A. C. Hughes, Route 1, Midland, Texas
 Burton Hughes, Midland, Texas
 — J. E. Marecle, Route 9, Box 2179, Waco, Texas
 Ted Patton, Route 1, Comanche, Texas
 R. H. Rogers, Comanche, Texas
 Harold Sheets, Argyle, Texas
 H. C. St. John, Fort Worth, Texas
 — M. L. Sutton, 2605 Skyline Drive, Fort Worth, Texas
 — C. B. Thompson, 2003 Prairie, Fort Worth, Texas
 — C. J. Turrentine, 4300 Avenue 2, Fort Worth, Texas
 Mrs. Verda Walker, 316 Eureka, Weatherford, Texas
 O. H. Washburn, 1516 33rd Street, Wichita Falls, Texas
 A. G. McLain, 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 will be the duty of the Moderator 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 Assistant Moderator to serve in all capacities of the Moderator in his absence, and to associate with him all the duties of the office upon the call of the Moderator. It shall be the duty of the Clerk 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 carry on all necessary correspondence for the body. He shall be allowed \$10.00 annually for his services. The Assistant Clerk shall assist the Clerk in all the duties of the Clerk in keeping

records, etc. It shall be the duty of the Executive Secretary to be custodian of all funds of the association and disburse same for routine expenses. Major items of expense are to be disbursed only on authority of the body. The expenditures are to be presented at each annual session. His books must be kept in balance with those of the Clerk at all times. It shall be his duty to have charge of all advertising matter correlated with the work of the association. He shall serve as a contact between the State and National Associations. He shall be a source of state information in all fields such as missions, ministerial relief, local churches, districts, historian, etc. He shall promote the co-operative program by encouraging all to support it. All co-operative money shall be sent to this office where in turn some will be sent to the National Association co-operative program. 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 Moderator or Assistant Moderator, 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

