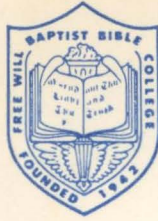


MINUTES
of the
FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION
of the
TEXAS STATE ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

which convened with
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Houston, Texas
November 1-3, 1955

The forty-second annual session of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists will convene at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas in the West Fork District Association, beginning on Tuesday night before the first Sunday in November, 1956.



FREE WILL BAPTIST
BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented By

Rev. Jim Williams

General Officers

TEXAS STATE ASSOCIATION, 1955-56

Moderator: Rev. Everett Hellard, 7518 Garden, Houston, Texas
Assistant Moderator: Rev. Gaston Clary, Route 3, Henderson, Texas
Executive Secretary: Rev. Clinton E. Oliver, Box 42, Henderson, Texas
Clerk: Mrs. C. B. Thompson, 313 Loving, Ft. Worth, Texas
Assistant Clerk: Mr. Ray T. Trant, General Delivery, Iola, Texas
Statistician: Mrs. Gaston Clary, Route 3, Henderson, Texas
Parliamentarian: Rev. C. F. Ferguson, Star Route, Laneville, Texas

Chairman or Secretary of Boards

Home Missions Chairman: Rev. C. B. Thompson, 313 Loving, Ft. Worth, Texas
Foreign Missions Chairman: Rev. Herbert Richards, 2937 Larry, Garland, Texas
Free Will Baptist League Secretary: Mrs. Forest Berry, Route 1, Laneville, Texas
Superannuation Secretary: Mr. Clyde Goen, Route 3, Bryan Texas
Children's Home Chairman: Rev. H. Z. Cox, 3312 Michigan, Dallas, Texas
Christian Education Chairman: Mrs. H. Ray Berry, Box 132, Bryan, Texas
Sunday School Chairman: Mrs. N. T. Kinne, Bryan, Texas
Woman's Auxiliary President: Mrs. R. E. Conner

Boards

Home Mission Board: Rev. C. B. Thompson, 1956; Rev. Tiff Covington, 1957; Rev. E. E. Zoellers, 1957; Rev. J. M. Goode, 1958; Mrs. C. H. Moehlman, 1958.
Christian Education: Mrs. H. Ray Berry, 1956; Mrs. Finis Rogers, 1957; Rev. Charles Sapp, 1958.
Free Will Baptist League: Mrs. Forest Berry, 1956; Mr. Raymond Guthrie, 1957; Mrs. Ruby Withers, 1958.
Woman's Auxiliary: Mrs. R. E. Conner, 1956; Mrs. Jake Fears, 1958; Mrs. Huey Gower, 1957.
Sunday School: Mrs. Ray Trant, 1956; Rev. Braxton Chaffin, 1957; Mrs. N. T. Kinne, 1958.
Foreign Missions: Rev. Herbert Richards, 1956; Rev. A. F. Halbrook, 1958; Mr. Ed Morris, 1957.
Superannuation: Mr. Clyde Goen, 1956; Rev. B. M. Daniels, 1957; Mrs. H. Z. Cox, 1956; Mr. Lewis Lawson, 1958; J. A. Brooks, 1958.
Orphanage Board: Mr. Forest Berry, 1958; Mr. Jim Vance, 1958; Rev. H. Z. Cox, 1956; Rev. H. Ray Berry, 1956; Rev. L. J. Forman, 1957.

PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the forty-first session of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists which convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church at Houston, Texas, on November 1, 2, 3, 1955.

Tuesday Evening

In the absence of the state clerk, the moderator called the meeting to order. Rev. Charles Sapp was called on to lead the congregation in that fine old hymn, "Send the Light." At this time the moderator gave his address, followed by prayer. The moderator then appointed the credentials committee consisting of Rev. Charles Sapp, Rev. H. Z. Cox, Rev. C. B. Thompson, Rev. A. A. Williams and Rev. C. M. Whitfield.

A special song was enjoyed at this time by a quartet from the host church. The speaker for the opening session, Rev. Gaston Clary, was called for and introduced at this time, using Romans 1:16-20 as his text. After a very inspiring message the moderator then called for prayer requests and then led in prayer. After personalities had been recognized and announcements made, Rev. H. Z. Cox dismissed with prayer until the Wednesday morning session.

Wednesday Morning

Rev. E. E. Zoellers opened the Wednesday morning session by leading the congregation in song. He selected "Bring Them In." Rev. L. J. Forman was called on by the assistant moderator to lead us in our opening prayer, following another song. Rev. James Minor, superintendent of Children's Home, Ringling, Oklahoma, brought our morning devotional. He used Hebrews 13:2 for his text. At the close of his devotional he led us in prayer. At this time the committee on committees was appointed. Those appointed were Mr. Forest Berry, Rev. J. M. Goode and Mr. Ray T. Trant.

Many visitors were recognized at this time. Rev. Charles Sapp gave a partial report of the credentials committee. This report was accepted and those delegates were seated. A delayed letter from the First Church of Huntsville was read and accepted at this time with their delegates being seated. Motion passed to retain all state officers with the exception of the state clerk. Mrs. C. B. Thompson was elected as clerk for the following year. The resignation of Rev. E. E. Zoellers as assistant clerk was accepted and Mr. Ray T. Trant was elected to this office.

A further report was made by the credentials committee. This report was accepted and late delegates were seated. Rev. E. E. Zoellers and Rev. J. M. Goode were elected to serve on the home mission board. Rev. A. F. Halbrook was elected as a member of the foreign mission board. Rev. Herbert Richards, who had been appointed by executive committee to fill the unexpired term of Rev. James Minor on the foreign mission board, was confirmed at this time by a vote of the body.

Mrs. Ruby Withers was elected to serve on the state league board. Mr. Lewis Lawson was elected to serve on the superannuation board. Rev. J. A. Brooks was re-elected to serve on the superannuation board. Motion passed to declare the office held on the superannuation board by Rev. W. W. Winters as vacant. Mrs.

H. Z. Cox was elected to serve this unexpired term. Mr. Forest Berry and Mr. Jim Vance were elected as members of the orphanage board. Rev. Charles Sapp was elected to serve on the Christian education board. Mrs. N. T. Kinnie was elected to the Sunday school board.

Mrs. C. B. Thompson resigned as a member of the woman's auxiliary board and Mrs. Huey Gower was elected to fill this unexpired term. Motion passed to adopt program with any necessary changes. The committee on committees gave their report at this time. The report was accepted.

Rev. B. M. Daniels dismissed us with prayer for a short recess. The session was again called to order by congregational singing. Hymn selected was "Jesus Saves." Rev. A. F. Halbrook led us in prayer. Rev. Damon C. Dodd, national home mission secretary, was introduced by the moderator at this time for the morning message, using as his text Mark 6:31-44. Our hearts were challenged with the need that exists. Following the message he led us in a prayer of consecration. The moderator made announcements concerning the noon meal. Rev. Charles Sapp dismissed us until the afternoon session.

Wednesday Afternoon

The Wednesday afternoon session got under way with congregational singing led by Rev. A. F. Halbrook. Rev. C. F. Ferguson brought our devotional using Acts 16:13. Rev. J. O. Fort spoke on superannuation along with Rev. C. B. Thompson. A further report of the credentials committee was given and accepted at this time.

Rev. James Minor gave a report on behalf of the orphanage board. The report was accepted. Motion passed to take an offering to buy a stove for the Children's Home at Ringling, Oklahoma. The offering, in the amount of \$58.87, was given to Rev. James Minor. Rev. H. Z. Cox led us in prayer at this time.

Rev. Charles Sapp gave a report on the Sunday school at this time. This report was accepted. The moderator led the congregation in song at this time. Mrs. Bessie Vance gave a report on the woman's auxiliary. This report was accepted. Mrs. Jake Fears gave the obituary report and this report was accepted. Mrs. C. B. Thompson led us in a memorial prayer. Motion passed that the executive committee, along with the host pastor, constitute the program committee. Rev. Herbert Richards gave a report of the foreign mission board. This report was accepted. Motion passed to adjourn.

Wednesday Evening

Evening services were started by congregational singing led by Rev. Everett Hellard. Rev. C. M. Whitfield then led us in prayer. The host church favored us with another special song. Rev. E. E. Zoellers led the congregation in another song. Rev. Gaston Clary then led in a special prayer for the churches that this body represented. Rev. Hellard led his choir in a very beautiful song. Rev. Damon C. Dodd was again introduced to bring the evening message, using as his text 1 Timothy 5:8. After a wonderful message Rev. Dodd led us in prayer. An offering was then taken in the amount of \$56.67 for home missions. Rev. Dodd then dismissed us until Thursday morning.

Thursday Morning

Congregational singing opened Thursday's session with Rev. E. E. Zoellers leading us. Rev. Gaston Clary led us in our opening prayer. The assistant moderator then called on Rev. Smith, business manager of Mount Allen Free Will Baptist Junior College, Mount Olive, North Carolina, to bring our morning devotional. The letter from the First Church of Houston was accepted at this time and delegates seated. Rev. H. Z. Cox then gave the temperance committee's report. This report was accepted. Mrs. Gaston Clary then gave the statistician's report. This report was accepted.

Mrs. H. Ray Berry gave a report on Christian education. Along with her report she asked Rev. C. B. Thompson to comment on the camp site purchased by the West Fork District Association. This report was accepted.

Rev. C. B. Thompson then gave a report on home missions and the report was accepted.

The executive secretary gave his report on the meetings of the executive committee. This report was accepted. Activities of the executive secretary were then given to the body along with explanation of the cooperative program. A motion was made to accept full responsibilities of the national executive department in adopting an annual state budget of \$16,000.00. Motion passed to table this motion until afternoon session. The moderator then dismissed with prayer for a short recess. The congregation was then led in the singing of "Blessed Assurance" by Rev. E. E. Zoellers, followed with prayer by Rev. H. Ray Berry.

Rev. J. O. Fort, editor at Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, North Carolina, was then introduced as speaker for the morning message. He used for his text Luke 16:18, his subject was "My Church." We then adjourned.

Thursday Afternoon

Motion was passed to remove from the table the motion pertaining to the state budget. Motion made to break the budget down on the following basis:

\$1,020.00—Executive Officer
\$1,000.00—Children's Home
\$2,000.00—State Home Missions
\$1,000.00—Miscellaneous Account
\$1,000.00—Superannuation

This is to be prorated on the percentage-wise basis as indicated by the above figures. Motion carried.

There was a general discussion of the funds held in the different departments and boards of the state association. Attention was called to Article V of the constitution. Article V of the constitution provides that the executive secretary shall be custodian of all funds of the association.

Rev. J. M. Goode then gave a report on the league board. Report was accepted. Mrs. C. M. Moehlman was elected to serve on the home mission board. Rev. Charles Sapp was elected to represent Texas on the general board. Motion passed that the state executive secretary would deliver the state minutes report of the resolutions committee. This was given and accepted as follows: Resolutions

No. 1, accepted; No. 3, accepted; No. 5, accepted; No. 2, accepted; and No. 4, accepted.

Motion passed that the executive committee read and correct the state minutes.
Motion passed to adjourn.

Respectively submitted,
Clinton E. Oliver,
State Executive Secretary

**Report of the State Executive Secretary
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meetings for 1954-55**

December 6, 1954

The executive committee of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists met at the home of Rev. C. E. Oliver on December 6, 1954.

Members present were Rev. Oliver, Gaston Clary, Everett Hellard, C. F. Ferguson, Herbert Richards and Mrs. Gaston Clary.

The executive committee, acting upon the power delegated by the body at its 1954 session, revised the constitution and bylaws to eliminate conflict with action in regard to the office of the executive secretary and his duties.

Motion carried that \$100.00 be set aside for personal expense of the executive secretary.

Motion made that Rev. Oliver or Clary go to Nashville to attend the general board meeting of the National Association.

Motion carried to pay expenses of the executive committee members to meetings.

May 23, 1955

Rev. Everett Hellard, state moderator, called a special meeting of the executive committee for the purpose of preparing state programs as to speakers and business.

All speakers were selected and the state secretary was directed to contact all out of state speakers. The executive secretary was also directed to contact Rev. M. L. Sutton pertaining to showing of films at the state association. Executive secretary complied with this directive and these participants were contacted as to their availability.

Executive committee also voted that Rev. Clary be instructed to make up information packets and mail to all pastors. This also was complied with.

October 5, 1955

The executive committee met on October 5, 1955, at the home of Rev. C. E. Oliver, executive secretary of the state association. This meeting was called by Everett D. Hellard for the purpose of making final plans for the state association. Original plans included Rev. W. S. Mooneyham as a speaker. It was learned that W. S. Mooneyham could not be present at the state association and Rev. Dodd was selected to replace Mooneyham in addition to the place he had already been given on the program. Rev. Oliver and Rev. Clary were directed by the executive com-

mittee to prepare a tentative budget for the state of Texas for the 1955, 1956 church year.

Respectively submitted,

Yours in His service

C. E. Oliver

Report of Executive Secretary

Treasury Department

Brought Forward November 1, 1954\$163.53

Received

Five Associations Contributing:

East Texas	\$15.00
West Fork	15.00
Southeast Texas	15.00
Northwest Brazos	10.00
Central Texas	15.00

Twenty-Seven Churches Contributing:

Pine Prairie	5.00
Odessa First	5.00
Denton First	5.00
Evergreen	5.00
Good Hope	5.00
North Zulch	5.00
Fellowship	5.00
Ft. Worth First	10.00
Mt. Olive	5.00
Blue Lake	5.00
Jameson Memorial	5.00
Dallas First	5.00
Bay Shore	5.00
Pleasant Mound	5.00
Mt. Union	5.00
New Salem	5.00
Huntsville First	5.00
Youngblood	5.00
Easley's Chapel	5.00
Stewart	5.00
Union Arbor	5.00
Dirgin	5.00
Bryan	5.00
Bright Light	5.00
Vernon First	5.00
Houston First	10.00
One Church no Name	5.00

Freewill Offering 52.11

Total Receipts 267.11

Total to Account For \$430.64

Expenditures

Office Supplies, Nov. 11, 1954 \$23.95

Rev. Everett Hellard, Dec. 6 12.00

Rev. Herbert Richards, Traveling Expenses, Dec. 6 9.00

Rev. Gaston Clary, Traveling Expenses, Jan. 11, 1955 44.00

Office Supplies and Stamps, Jan. 15 6.00

Telephone Company, Feb. 20 7.50

Telephone Company, April 20 2.48

Free Will Baptist Press, Minutes, May 24 84.00

Rev. E. E. Zoellars, Traveling Expenses, May 24 11.90

Rev. Everett Hellard, Traveling Expenses, May 24 12.00

National Association Dues, July 5 35.00

Rev. Clinton E. Oliver, Traveling Expenses and Phone Calls 25.00

Rev. Everett Hellard, Traveling Expenses, Oct. 5 12.00

Park Printing Co., Supplies, Oct. 11 6.10

Telephone Company, Oct. 20 6.46

Houston First Church, Printing State Programs, Oct. 31 7.69

Peggy Washburn, Assisting in Printing Programs, Oct. 31 5.00

Total Expenditures 310.00

Balance \$125.61

Deposited for Co-operative Program, Central Texas Asso., Nov. 1 343.65

Total in Bank \$469.25

Respectively submitted,

C. E. Oliver

Associations Reporting

Central Texas District, 8 Delegates \$15.00

West Fork Association, 6 Delegates 15.00

East Texas District, 5 Delegates 15.00

Southeast Texas Association, 1 Delegate 10.00

Northwest Brazos Association, No Delegates 15.00

Totals: 5 Districts, 20 Delegates \$ 70.00

Churches Reporting

Fellowship, Bryan, 2 Delegates \$ 5.00

Friendship, Ft. Worth, 2 Delegates 5.00

Waco First, Waco, 2 Delegates 5.00

Good Hope, Henderson, 2 Delegates 5.00

New Salem, Decatur, 2 Delegates	5.00
Mt. Olive, Laneville, 2 Delegates	5.00
Caro Springs, Newton, 2 Delegates	5.00
Bonami, Kirbyville, 2 Delegates	5.00
Bryan, Bryan, 2 Delegates	5.00
First Church, Dallas, 2 Delegates	5.00
West Side, Midland, 2 Delegates	5.00
Bowie, Bowie, 2 Delegates	5.00
Cross Church, Iola, 2 Delegates	5.00
Trinity, Ft. Worth, 2 Delegates	5.00
Blue Lake, Anderson, 2 Delegates	5.00
Pine Prairie, Huntsville, 2 Delegates	5.00
Denton, Denton, 2 Delegates	5.00
Huntsville First, Huntsville, 2 Delegates	5.00
Mt. Union, Garrison, 2 Delegates	5.00
Bay Shore, Houston, 2 Delegates	5.00
Stewart, Tatum, 2 Delegates	5.00
Brightlight, Bryan, 2 Delegates	5.00
Easley's Chapel, Comanche, 4 Delegates	5.00
Buncombe, Carthage, 2 Delegates	5.00
Evergreen, Keith, 2 Delegates	5.00
First Church, Houston, 2 Delegates	5.00
First Church, Amarillo, 2 Delegates	5.00
Totals: 27 Churches, 54 Delegates	\$135.00
Grand Totals: 74 Delegates	\$205.00

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Woman's Auxiliary Convention Report

The Texas State Woman's Auxiliary Convention held its annual meeting at the Bryan Free Will Baptist Church, June 14, 1955. The president, Mrs. Huey Gower, presided over the convention and used as her theme "Occupy 'Til I Come."

Request for membership was presented by the Northwest Brazos Association and by the First Free Will Baptist Church of Ft. Worth. Both requests were unanimously granted.

An interesting program was rendered throughout the meeting. Miss Diane Clary of Good Hope Church won the stewardship declamation contest.

Number Auxiliaries Reporting	10
Number "A-1" Auxiliaries	0
Number "B" Auxiliaries	8
Number "C" Auxiliaries	4
Number G. T. A. Bands	6

Membership	86
Number Y. P. Auxiliaries	3
Membership	57
Number Bible Schools Sponsored	10
Number Bible College Students Assisted	6

Study Courses Conducted:

Missions	6
Attendance	40
Stewardship	8
Attendance	30
Evangelistic	3
Attendance	17
Weeks of Prayer	17
Number Family Altars	34
Number making Soul Winning Efforts	60
Number Active in Community Missions	24

Gifts:

Amount of Self Denial	\$63.20
Co-Laborer Fund	43.70
Missions	82.86
Children's Home (Cash)	69.80
Children's Home (Boxes)	60.00
Calvary Fund	38.25
Superannuation	8.90
Free Will Baptist Bible College	67.50
Local Church Activities	784.50

The next convention will meet with Good Hope Church, Henderson, Texas, on the second Tuesday in June, 1956.

Mrs. J. L. Vance, Secretary

Committee Reports

Resolutions Committee

1. We feel that we need more interest among our local churches in regard to home mission work; therefore, be it resolved that each pastor preach at least once during the year on home missions.

2. Be it resolved that the executive secretary contact the Northwest Brazos Association advising of the cause of the body not reporting and furthermore offer any assistance that might be given if assistance is needed.

3. Be it resolved that each pastor preach at least one time each year on our church covenant.

4. We recommend that each district association contribute financially to the host church entertaining the State Association to help care for the expenses.

5. Be it resolved that the host church and host pastor be given a standing vote of appreciation for their splendid hospitality shown the association.

Rev. C. F. Ferguson, Chairman
Rev. A. A. Williams
Rev. C. B. Thompson

Obituary Committee

We, your committee on obituaries, report the following:

God in His wisdom has seen fit to call from this life twenty of our brothers and sisters from the following associations: East Texas, 5; Central Texas, 7; Southeast Texas, 5; West Fork, 4. 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 their time of sorrow.

Mrs. Jake Fears, Chairman
Mrs. J. M. Goode
Mrs. George Lawless

Committee on Committees

We, your committee on committees, submit the following report:

Resolutions Committee: Revs. C. F. Ferguson, chairman; A. A. Williams and C. B. Thompson.

Obituary Committee: Mrs. Jake Fears, chairman; Mrs. Molly Lawless and Mrs. J. M. Goode.

Temperance Committee: Revs. H. Z. Cox, chairman; L. J. Forman and Charles Sapp.

Mr. Forest E. Berry, Chairman
Rev. J. M. Goode
Mr. Ray T. Trant

Temperance Committee

We, your committee on temperance, wish to make the following report and recommendations:

1. We recommend that all churches teach and abide by the church covenant.
2. We recommend that each church member exercise his privilege as a voter.
3. We recommend that all churches cooperate with the state in dealing with the problem of alcohol.

Rev. H. Z. Cox, Chairman
Rev. L. J. Forman
Rev. Charles Sapp

Home Missions Report

The home mission board has not functioned properly during 1955. Most of

the money raised has gone directly to the national treasurer and not through our board; therefore, we cannot make a complete report.

We are greatly encouraged by the renewed interest in our home mission work on the field, and we are looking forward in great hope for some real work to be done on the field in 1956.

Treasurer's Report

Balance Brought Forward November 1, 1954	\$ 978.12
Receipts for 1955	270.78
Total	\$1,248.90
No Disbursements in 1955	
Balance November 1, 1955	\$1,248.90

Rev. C. B. Thompson, Treasurer

Report of Statistician

Number of Associations	5
Number of Churches	60
Total Membership	4,573
Number Ordained Ministers	82
Number Licensed Ministers	8
Number Sunday Schools	59
Sunday School Enrollment	3,165
Number Leagues	26
League Enrollment	1,392
Woman's Auxiliaries	22
Auxiliary Enrollment	480

Money Raised:

For All Purposes	\$144,816.13
Free Will Baptist Bible College	3,382.40
Foreign Missions	1,962.60
Home Missions	413.32
Value of Church Property	407,000.00

Mrs. Gaston Clary, Statistician

Ministers' Directory

Central Texas Association

H. Ray Berry, Box 132, Bryan, Texas
 Herbert Richards, 2937 Larry Drive, Garland, Texas
 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
 Everett Hellard, 7518 Garland, Houston, Texas
 E. E. Zoellers, 832 W. Mineola, Midland, Texas
 H. M. McAdams, 1304 10th Street, Huntsville, Texas
 Lizzie McAdams, 1304 10th Street, Huntsville, Texas
 Bobbie Jo Davis, Bible College
 Wesley Calvery, Japan

Licensed Ministers

Bobby Ferguson, Bible College
 Bill Marion Jones, Bible College
 John Moehlman, Bible College

East Texas Association

X J. M. Goode, Route 1, Carthage, Texas
 XC Robert Kimbrell, Route 6, Henderson, Texas
 C. D. Stegall, Route 4, Marshall, Texas
 C. E. Oliver, Box 42, Henderson, Texas
 XC L. K. Brashier, General Delivery, Garrison, Texas
 Gaston Clary, Route 3, Henderson, Texas
 (C. F. Ferguson, Star Route, Laneville, Texas)
 A. A. Williams, Route 1, Laneville, Texas
 Troy McDonald, Route 4, Box 27-B, Beaumont, Texas
 X S. P. Griffin, General Delivery, Big Sandy, Texas

*4 Mrs. Claud Tompkins
 Beckville Texas,*

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*Mr. Bill Berry
 Laneville Tex.
 Route 11.*

Licensed Ministers

Chester Lee Sachtelben, General Delivery, Garrison, Texas

West Fork Association

J. W. Arnold, 805 Wine Street, Gainesville, Texas
 R. E. Conner, Route 2, Denison, Texas
 M. L. Sutton, 2605 Skyline Drive, Fort Worth, Texas
 H. E. Reid, Route 13, Box 700, Fort Worth, Texas
 Tiff Covington, Bowie, Texas
 J. E. Marecle, Route 9, Box 2179, Waco, Texas
 Fred C. King, Dallas, Texas
 W. V. Kennedy, 817 Gray Road, Dallas, Texas
 H. P. Griffin, Dallas, Texas

Roy Norie Jr., 630 W. Day Street
C. B. Thompson, 2003 Prairie, Fort Worth, Texas
Frank Bennett, Fort Worth, Texas
J. C. Scott, Denton, Texas
A. G. McLain, Denton, Texas
Billie Daniels, Denton, Texas
L. M. Parton, 204 South 29th Street, Temple, Texas
C. J. Turrentine, 4300 Avenue H, Fort Worth, Texas
W. W. Brown, Bowie, Texas
C. C. Almond, 3222 Montague Street, Fort Worth, Texas
A. L. Baber, 1607 N. W. 21st Street, Fort Worth, Texas
W. B. Chaffin, 1215 W. Elizabeth, Bronsville, Texas
J. A. Brooks, Route 1, Box 38, Wichita Falls, Texas
John Newberry, Wichita Falls, Texas
H. Z. Cox, 3312 Michigan, Dallas, Texas
A. J. Fielding, 1650 Vilbig, Dallas, Texas
A. M. Gibson, Dallas, Texas
Bob Morrison, 2327 Stovall, Dallas, Texas
J. A. C. Hughes, 910 S. Mineola, Midland, Texas
Jack Horton, 1605 S. Lorraine, Midland, Texas
C. J. Hearron, 2003 Prairie, Fort Worth, Texas
J. L. Brandon, Weatherford, Texas
J. B. Estes, Weatherford, Texas
J. H. Measures, Weatherford, Texas
L. J. Forman, Decatur, Texas
A. L. Hudson, Route 1, Comanche, Texas
E. E. Zoellers, Midland, Texas

Southeast Texas Association

S. R. Spears, Box 55, Baycliff, Texas
C. M. Whitfield, Route 2, Box 196, Kirbyville, Texas
R. E. Sheffield, Route 2, Box 26-A, Newton, Texas

Northwest Brazos Association

E. J. Wilson, 2205 W. 7th, Odessa, Texas
Edd Abbott, 900 N. Johnson, Amarillo, Texas
James F. Henley, Route 3, Sayre, Oklahoma
G. G. Garrett, Route 4, Vernon, Texas
B. R. Nall, Route 1, Seymour, Texas
R. G. Stevenson, Vernon, Texas
J. E. Rogers, Big Springs, Texas
A. D. Spangler, 4501 N. E. 8th, Amarillo, Texas
W. T. Harp, 1415 Trigg Street, Amarillo, Texas
M. T. Holley, New Deal, Texas
V. A. Thompson, 2308 N. W. 5th, Amarillo, Texas
H. H. Haston, Guthrie, Puducah, Texas
A. F. Pierce, Box 3551, Station A, El Paso, Texas

H. W. Breeding, Route 2, Dimmit, Texas
Leilo Estes, 1402 W. Noel, Memphis, Texas
W. V. McPhail, Amarillo, Texas
L. C. Pinson, Artesia, New Mexico
Roy L. Thomas, 214 W. Chism, Artesia, New Mexico
Kenneth Walker, Bible College
Bernice Nichols, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Buddy Spangler, Amarillo, Texas
H. H. Bradshaw, Amarillo, Texas
Alford Savage, General Delivery, Andrews, Texas
J. H. Olds, 412 S. 4th Street, Lamesa, Texas

Licensed Ministers

Troy Haston, Dillion, Montana
W. P. McDonald, Kermit, Texas
S. M. Aragon, 907 W. Chism, Artesia, New Mexico
Bill Miller, Amarillo, 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 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 4.

Article 12—The functions of the executive committee shall be to have supervision of all associational work and shall act for the association between sessions; minutes of all transactions to be read before the annual session of the association and printed in minutes, should the body deem it wise.

Article 13—The constitution may be adtered 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.

BYLAWS

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 bylaws 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, resolutions, 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 bylaws 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 _____ when con-
(State whether Quarterly or Yearly Meeting or Association)
vened 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 deliveries.

Pastor's name and address _____

Names of Ministers and Deacons

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
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_____	_____

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

Moderator

Clerk

