

MINUTES

OF THE
FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE
**Texas State Association of
Free Will Baptists**

When Convened With
**First Free Will Baptist
Church of Dallas**

3314 Michigan Avenue
DALLAS, TEXAS
October 29, 30 & 31, 1956

Theme: "The Field Is The World"

The 1957 session will be held in the West Side
Free Will Baptist Church in Midland, Texas
OCTOBER 30, 31 and NOVEMBER 1, 1957

Moderator ----- Rev. H. Z. Cox
 3312 Michigan Ave., Dallas, Texas

Assistant Moderator ----- Rev. M. L. Sutton
 2605 Skyline Dr., Fort Worth, Texas

Clerk ----- Mrs. C. B. Thompson
 Box 98, Iola, Texas

Assistant Clerk ----- Rev. C. J. Hearron
 2003 Prairie Ave., Fort Worth, Texas

Statistician ----- Rev. Gaston Clary
 Route 3, Henderson, Texas

Parliamentarian ----- Rev. Herbert Richards
 Iola, Texas

Executive Secretary-Treasurer ----- Rev. E. D. Hellard
 78 Reid St., Houston, Texas
 CHAIRMAN OF BOARDS

Home Missions — Rev. C. B. Thompson, Box 98, Iola, Texas

Foreign Missions — Rev. Alvin Halbrook, Rt. 3, Box 250,
 Bryan, Texas

Free Will Baptist League — Mrs. W. O. Withers
 Beck and Cedar, Bryan, Texas

Superannuation — Rev. J. A. Brooks, Box 8, Lobbin Lane,
 Wichita Falls, Texas

Children's Home — Rev. H. Ray Berry, 405 Park St.,
 Bryan, Texas

Christian Education — Mrs. H. Ray Berry, 405 Park St.,
 Bryan, Texas

Sunday School — Mrs. O. D. Breedlove, Henderson, Texas

Woman's Auxiliary — Mrs. Huey Gower, Rt. 3, Huntsville,
 Texas

B O A R D S

HOME MISSIONS

Rev. Tiff Covington, 1957; Rev. E. E. Zoellers, 1957;
Rev. J. M. Goode, 1958; Mr. J. C. Carter, 1958; Rev.
C. B. Thompson, 1959.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Mr. Ed Morris, 1957; Rev. A. F. Halbrook, 1958; Rev.
Fred King, 1959.

FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE

Mr. Raymond Guthrie, 1957; Mrs. W. O. Withers, 1958;
Rev. C. E. Isom, 1959.

SUPERANNUATION

Rev. B. M. Daniel, 1957; Mrs. H. Z. Cox, 1957; Mr.
Louis Lawson, 1958; Rev. J. A. Brooks, 1958; Rev. Huey
Gower, 1959.

CHILDREN'S HOME

Rev. L. J. Foreman, 1957; Mr. Forest Berry, 1958; Mr.
Jim Vance, 1958; Mr. C. T. Coolidge, 1959; Rev. H. R.
Berry, 1959.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rev. A. F. Ferguson, 1957; Rev. Charles Sapp, 1958;
Mrs. H. R. Berry, 1959.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Rev. Braxton Chaffin, 1957; Mrs. N. T. Kinne, 1958;
Mrs. O. D. Breedlove, 1959.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Mrs. Huey Gower, 1957; Mrs. Jake Fears, 1958; Mrs.
S. R. North, 1959.

PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY EVENING

The forty-second annual session of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas on Tuesday evening, October 30, 1956 at 7:30.

The service was opened with Mr. Mackie Adams of the host church leading the congregation in singing "He Keeps Me Singing." Rev. Fred King, pastor of the Concord church of Dallas, offered the opening prayer.

The session was formally opened by the clerk who presented the moderator, Rev. E. D. Hellard, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist church of Houston. Rev. Hellard made some timely remarks on the importance of good business and good judgment in carrying on the work of the Lord and urged the group to endorse only those things which can be done; he also stressed the fact that the entire program depends on the local churches and pastors.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Credentials: Rev. J. A. Brooks, Rev. H. Ray Berry, Rev. E. E. Zoellers.

Committee on committees: Mrs. H. Ray Berry, Mrs. E. E. Zoellers, Mrs. Huey Gower.

Rev. A. F. Ferguson, the song leader chosen by the program committee for the Association, to be accompanied by Mrs. Edward Jackson at the piano and Mr. Monty Boren at the organ, led the group in singing, "Whosoever Will." Rev. Homer Willis, Promotional Secretary-Treasurer of the National Home Missions Board, led in prayer. The moderator introduced Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, National Executive Secretary-Treasurer, as speaker of the evening. Rev. Mooneyham read Mark 6:34-44 and chose as the theme of his message, "The Field is the World," which was the theme of the Association. He brought a soul stirring message on the necessity of dedicating our all to Christ if we would evangelize the world.

The host pastor called for a report of the local placement committee and recognized those who had served on the entertainment committees. Rev. M. L. Sutton, pastor of the Trinity Church of Fort Worth, very kindly used his equipment to show the film, "All for Him," which was a good lesson in stewardship.

The prayer of benediction was offered by Rev. Raymond Riggs, Promotional Secretary-Treasurer of the National Foreign Missions Board.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

The Wednesday morning session opened with Rev. Ferguson leading the congregation in singing "I Love To Tell the Story." Rev. H. Ray Berry brought the devotion using II Thess. 3:1-5 and Matt. 9:37-39 for his scripture.

The program was adopted with any necessary changes.

Report of Committee on Committees was read and received.

Rev. E. E. Zoellers read a partial report of the Credentials Committee which was received and the delegates seated.

Visitors were recognized and invited to enjoy all the privileges of the Association except that of voting. Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Isom of the Central Texas Assn. were welcomed as new members.

Credentials Committee read the second partial report which was received and delegates seated. Included in this report was that of one church and two associations which had sent in Petitionary letters. The church is the Faith Church of Wichita Falls, Texas with Rev. R. E. Conner as pastor. The Associations are Fellowship and Permian Basin, all were received as members of the body.

Election of officers was the next item of business (see page 1)

Motion to adjourn for recess followed by the morning worship service carried.

The congregation was called to order by the song leader, Rev. Ferguson, who lead "Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us." Prayer by Rev. C. J. Hearron. A quartet composed of Rev. Ferguson, Rev. Hearron, Rev. Sutton, and Rev. Tiff Covington sang "Face To Face" which was an inspiration to all.

Rev. W. S. Mooneyham was presented as the speaker of the morning who chose I Cor. 12:18-27 as his scripture and spoke on, "The Vital Things Which Face Us as a Denomination and as a State," after which he offered prayer.

The host pastor made an announcement concerning lunch then prayed a prayer of dismissal and asked the lord's blessings on the food.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon session was opened by Rev. Hearron, leading the congregation in singing "The Solid Rock."

Rev. Fred King conducted the devotion and read Luke 9:62 for the basis of his remarks then lead in prayer.

Rev. H. E. Willis gave us some interesting facts about our Home Missions work, the workers, and the amount of funds necessary to keep the work going.

Final report of the Credentials Committee was read and received; delegates were seated.

Rev. Herbert Richards offered a proposed revision to the Constitution which was placed on the table until the next day.

Rev. E. D. Hellard was elected Executive-Secretary-Treasurer by acclamation. Board members were elected. See Page 2, those whose terms expire in 1959 are the ones elected at this time with the exception of Rev. A. F. Ferguson who was elected to the Christian Education Board to fill an unexpired term.

The Children's Home Board was charged with the responsibility of looking into the possibility of establishing a Home in Texas.

Report of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer was read by the clerk. See reports. Motion carried to receive the report and employ an auditor to audit the books.

Motion carried that Rev. C. E. Isom audit the books.

Report of Board of Christian Education was read and received.

Motion to adopt the recommendations contained in the report of the Christian Education Board carried.

Report of the Home Missions Board was read and received.

Moderator requested that all Boards meet and organize during this session of the Association.

Report of the Woman's Auxiliary Board was read and received.

Report of the Resolutions Committee was read by Rev. Cox and received.

Motion to adopt items 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 carried.

Item 4 was adopted as amended.

Motion to adjourn until evening service carried.

Benediction by Rev. M. L. Sutton.

The host pastor announced that the evening meal would be served at 6 p. m.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Rev. Jesse Hensarling of Dallas led the congregation in an uplifting song service; "Send The Light" and "O, Zion Haste" were sung.

Prayer by Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook.

The host church favored the group with several special numbers in song which were enjoyed by all.

Rev. Raymond Riggs, who has been a member of our National Foreign Missions Board for 12 years, was introduced by the moderator as the speaker of the hour. Bro. Riggs based his sermon on Ecclesiastes 11:1 "Cast Thy Bread Upon the Waters," and caused us to think of the flood waters of Communism, Socialism and Heathenism which are threatening the world today. He also gave us some interesting facts about our own mission fields.

Prayer by Rev. Riggs.

The moderator asked that an offering be taken and divided equally between Home and Foreign Missions. The offering amounted to \$74.50.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Palmer of the Trinity Church in Fort Worth surrendered to the call of the Lord to the Mission field. They bowed at the altar while Brother Riggs prayed a prayer of thanksgiving for their surrender and of dedication in their behalf. They plan to enter the Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee in January 1957.

Brother Sutton again favored us with a film, "That They May Hear," which was missionary in spirit.

Benediction by Rev. Don Ellis of Henderson.

THURSDAY MORNING

Song led by Rev. Ferguson.

Devotion by Rev. J. M. Goode using Genesis 13:1-10 and John 5:35.

Motion to remove the proposed constitutional change from the table carried.

Motion to accept the amendment carried.

Motion to adopt change of Article 4 of the Constitution as amended carried. Article 4 to read: election of officers and board members shall become the first item of business on Wednesday afternoon, having been presented through a nominating committee with all the democratic privileges of nominating from the floor.

Report of the Obituary Committee read, received, and a moment of silent prayer observed.

Temperance Committee report received.

Motion to adopt all recommendations in Temperance Committee Report carried.

The clerk read a recommendation from the Executive Department regarding the budget.

Item 1 of the report of Executive Department adopted as amended; items 2 and 3 adopted as read.

Motion that Brother C. T. Coolidge help Brother Isom audit the books of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer carried.

Report of the Foreign Missions Board was read and received.

Brother Riggs talked a few minutes on the National plan for Foreign Missions and explained what Texas has done this year.

Motion to adopt the Foreign Missions Board report carried.

Motion that the Executive Committee make up report blanks for the District Association to use in reporting to the State Association carried.

Motion that we accept the invitation of the West Side church in Midland to meet with them in 1957 carried.

We dispensed with business and went into a worship service.

Brother Ferguson lead in singing "Bread of Heaven."

Prayer by Bro. Alvin Halbrook.

Rev. Riggs was again presented as the speaker of the hour and spoke from Prov. 9:1-6 "Seven Pillows of Wisdom."

Rev. Ferguson made a motion that the clerk be given an honorarium of \$15. Carried.

The clerk read the minutes of the entire session; motion to receive carried.

Motion to adjourn carried.

Benediction by Rev. E. E. Zoellers.

R E P O R T S

ASSOCIATION	No. Delegates	Fee Paid
West Fork	10	\$20.00
Central Texas	11	20.00
East Texas	5	15.00
South East Texas	0	10.00
North West Brazos	0	0.00
Fellowship	5	15.00
Permian Basin	1	15.00

CHURCHES

West Side, Midland	2	5.00
New Salem, Decatur	1	5.00
First, Wichita Falls	2	5.00
Waco	0	5.00
First, Dallas	3	5.00

Concord, Dallas -----	2	5.00
Easley Chapel -----	2	5.00
Pleasant Mound -----	2	5.00
Bowie -----	2	5.00
Gainesville -----	2	5.00
Houston -----	0	5.00
Evergreen -----	2	5.00
Bryan, First -----	2	5.00
Blue Lake -----	1	5.00
Bright Light -----	0	5.00
Fellowship, Bryan -----	2	5.00
Huntsville -----	2	5.00
Cross -----	1	5.00
Pine Prairie -----	2	5.00
Good Hope -----	2	5.00
Mt. Olive -----	2	5.00
Denton -----	1	5.00
Trinity, Fort Worth -----	2	5.00
Bethel, Fort Worth -----	2	5.00
First, Fort Worth -----	2	5.00
Faith, Wichita Falls -----	1	5.00
TOTALS:		
Associations Reporting -----		6
Churches Reporting -----		26
Fees Collected -----		\$225.00

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. Brooks, Chairman
H. R. Berry
E. E. Zoellers

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

We, your Committee on Committees, recommend the following:

Resolutions Committee: Rev. H. Z. Cox; Rev. Herbert Richards; Rev. E. E. Zoellers.

Temperance Committee: Rev. H. Ray Berry; Rev. Huey Gower; Mrs. J. A. Brooks

Obituary Committee: Mrs. M. L. Sutton; Mrs. Wm. H. Johnson; Mrs. W. O. Withers

Program Committee: Executive Committee with the host pastor.

Signed:

Mrs. H. Ray Berry, Chairman

Mrs. E. E. Zoellers

Rev. Huey Gower

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Temperance, wish to recommend:

1. That the Free Will Baptists of the State of Texas go on record as against all sale and use of alcoholic beverages.

2. That the Executive Secretary of this body register a protest with the Governor of the State of Texas, or the proper authority, against desecration of the Lord's Day by promotion of rodeos and carnivals in connection therewith.

3. We further protest the issuance of license for the operation of liquor stores, beer taverns, and other public places which are detrimental to the moral and spiritual well being of our younger generation, as well as the older group.

4. We further recommend that christians be taught specifically against buying on the Lord's Day. Further, that we patronize stores which do not handle beer and other intoxicating beverages, even to the extent of fasting if need be.

5. We further recommend that the Executive Department of this Association set in motion an aggressive campaign of publicity exposing the evils connected with strong drink; further, that our ministers speak out against it.

Signed:

Huey Gower, Chairman
H. Ray Berry
Mrs. J. A. Brooks

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

1. Be it resolved that all churches in the state body have their church letters in on the opening session, by mail if necessary.

2. Be it resolved that we strive to achieve full support of the cooperative plan by all our churches.

3. Be it resolved that the minutes be printed and distributed as soon as possible.

4. Be it resolved that we invite the National Association to meet in Texas in 1959; (amendment) that we carry the National Association to College Station if our invitation is accepted.

5. Be it resolved that the State Executive Secretary-Treasurer, and all state officers responsible for the handling of money of any sizeable amount, be bonded according to

the amount of money handled; with the State Association or Board represented paying for bonds.

6. Be it resolved that a rising vote of thanks be extended to the host church and all the other churches that assisted in entertaining this Association.

Signed

H. Z. Cox

H. R. Richards

E. E. Zoellers

REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Obituary, beg to make report of the following number of deceased in our State Association:

Central Texas -----	4
West Fork -----	11
South East Texas -----	4

The loss of these followers of Christ is truly our loss, but victory gained for those departed.

May the Lord bless and comfort each of these families.

We recommend that the body reverently stand in a moment of silent prayer in behalf of these bereaved.

Signed:

Mrs. M. L. Sutton, Chairman

Mrs. W. O. Withers

Mrs. W. H. Johnson

REPORT OF TEXAS FOREIGN MISSIONS BOARD

During the past year 22% of the cooperative fund to the National Executive Secretary was in the Foreign Missions Treasury. This coming year, as of January 1, 1957, the percentage will be 27%.

The past year \$789.62 from the cooperative fund and \$331.05 as designated funds, a total of \$1120.67, were paid by Texas into the National Foreign Missions Treasury. Our Foreign Missions quota the past year was \$3500.00; we have failed to raise \$2,056.79 of this amount.

As it costs approximately \$8,000.00 per month to operate the Foreign Missions program and only about \$700.00 comes in through the cooperative program, it is essential that the cooperative fund be supplemented by other means.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

No. I. Whereas, the State of Texas lacks approximately \$2000.00 having met the suggested foreign missions quota for the calendar year, we recommend that churches composing the Texas State Association designate Sunday, November 18, as Foreign Missions Sunday with special emphasis being given to this work and a special Thanksgiving offering for Foreign Missions be received.

No. II. In keeping with the financial policy of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, and realizing the increased responsibilities of the Foreign Missions Department, we recommend that each of our pastors and each of our churches promote the interest of Foreign Missions through Missionary Conferences, itinerate services of missionaries on furlough, film services, etc., and that special offerings for Foreign Missions be received as a supplement to the cooperative plan of support.

No. III. We recommend that the State of Texas underwrite the personal salaries of Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery, missionaries to Japan, from our designated gifts; this amount is \$150.00 per month.

No. IV. For the calendar year of 1957 we recommend that the suggested quota for Foreign Missions be prorated among the different District Associations, and that the district associations pro-rate their suggested quota among the different churches, taking into consideration the numerical and financial strength of each church. We further recommend that each district association elect a Foreign Missions Director who shall promote this work in his association.

No. V. We recommend that all ear-marked money for Foreign Missions be sent to the State Executive Secretary-Treasurer for his records, and that he forward all ear-marked money directly to the National Foreign Missions Board.

Signed,

Herbert Richards
Alvin H. Halbrook

REPORT OF HOME MISSIONS

At the beginning of the church year I was employed by the Home Missions Board to do full time work at a salary of \$250.00 per month and traveling expense, but I was not able to carry out this agreement due to the fact that the

cooperative plan was so interpreted as to preclude taking special offerings. Therefore, I thought it better to take some other work and give what time I could to our mission work. The board agreed that this would be the best we could do under present conditions and agreed to pay \$8.00 per day and traveling expense for what time I worked; we continued under this agreement for the remainder of the year. I traveled 5820 miles, visited 14 churches, visiting some of them more than once.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Amount brought forward -----\$1260.59

RECEIPTS:

Good Hope Church -----	\$ 21.47
Cross church -----	110.00
First church, Midland -----	28.00
Trinity Church, Fort Worth -----	30.00
Bowie Church -----	50.58
Pleasant Mound church -----	17.88
Central Texas Aux. Convention -----	18.16
State Executive Sect. Rev. -----	
Oliver 5-5 -----	193.61

Total to account for -----\$ 1730.29

DISBURSEMENTS:

Salary Promotional Secretary ----	\$ 250.00
Prom. Sect. 22 days at \$8.00 ----	176.00
John Moehlman — Supply at Cross	20.00
Travel — Prom. Secretary -----	291.00
West Side Church, Midland -----	200.00
Fellowship church, Bryan -----	200.00
Telephone calls — regarding work in Wichita Falls -----	3.41

TOTAL -----\$ 1140.41

Balance on hand Oct. 30, 1956 -----\$ 589.88

C. B. Thompson
Promotional Secretary

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

This year a report blank was made up and sent to all the Texas pastors I found on a mailing list secured from Headquarters in Nashville, Tenn., at the Bible Conference in the spring. Some addresses must have undergone change for I did not hear from several churches.

From the 20 churches I did hear from I have compiled the following statistics:

All but 3 reported Vacation Bible Schools held with an average attendance of 954. David C. Cook, Scripture Press, Southern Baptist, Union, Gospel Light and Free Will Baptist Literature was reported used; mostly Scripture Press.

Projects were Calvery Fund, Orphanage, Visual Aid Equipment, Literature and refreshments, and helping the church.

Twelve churches represented at camp.

Four churches have students attending Bible Colleges.

There was an average attendance in Sunday School of 1176; Leagues listed 11 with an average attendance of 443. Total expenditure for both was \$2202.09.

Fourteen churches reported using the Co-operative plan for their support of the Bible College.

One Encampment was reported which was the East-Central Bi-District Encampment at Pineywoods where the Rev. C. F. Bowen of Nashville, Tenn., was camp evangelist. From the group of 185 attending, 14 young people accepted Christ by profession of faith. Pineywoods appointment for next summer is set for the week of August 12-17, 1957. The Rev. Bobby Jackson is to be the Camp Evangelist.

Central Texas District has an active Student Loan Fund with assets amounting to some \$2200.00.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the prompt cooperation and courtesy of all those who received the information blanks and filled them out for me in order to make this report from almost a third of the churches in the state possible.

May I recommend that the State Executive Committee compile information blanks to be used by the Christian Education Committee in reporting this work?

Signed,

Mrs. H. Ray Berry

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Item 1. — Proposed budget of \$7,000.00 for the state with 10% going to State Home Missions; 15% to the State Executive Department; 5% to State Superannuation; and 70% to the Co-operative Fund.

Item 2. — Ten percent of district Home Missions money shall be allocated to State Home Missions; 10% of State Home Missions money to be allocated to National Home Missions.

Item 3. —

I. All money from local church channeled through your district association.

11. District association to channel all money through State Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

111. State treasurer to send all money to National Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

IV. National Executive Secretary-Treasurer to allocate money to all phases of the work.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY BOARD

Statistical Report, June 12, 1956

Number of Auxiliaries reporting—11. Per Capita tax sent to Treasurer \$29.00. No. "A-1" Standard Auxiliaries 1. No. "B" 8. Number "C" 2.

1. ENLISTMENT CHAIRMAN — Enrollment at beginning of year 138; present 145; number new members 26; number lost 18; average attendance 43.

2. YOUTH DEPARTMENT — Number of Youth Organizations: G. T. A. 5; Y. P. A. 3; membership G. T. A. 60; Y. P. A. 39; number of vacation Bible Schools assisted 9. Number of Active Church libraries 2. Other Activities: T.B. Milk Fund and Education Fund.

3. STUDY COURSE DEPARTMENT — Courses Conducted:

Missions 8; Attendance 58

Stewardship 7; Attendance 54.

Manual 6; Attendance 56.

Evangelism 1; Attendance 22.

Prayer 8; Attendance 43.

Reading Circles 13; Daily Bible Readers 43.

IV PROGRAM PRAYER DEPARTMENT — Number of specific programs held 4. Number of weeks of prayer conducted 18. Amount of self denial offering \$56.22. Number of family altars, 33. Number observing prayer fellowship 62.

V. PERSONAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT — Number making soul winning efforts 40. Number active in community missions 31. Total value of contributions to Children's Home \$165.00; 1000 pounds of clothing plus one box of underwear and socks.

VI. PUBLICITY REPORT — Subscriptions to Free Will Baptist Papers 63. Number of Articles written for publication 5. Personal gifts — Missions \$142.29; Free Will Baptist College \$116.00. Children's Home \$112.00; Other \$491.61.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand, June 14, 1955 ----- \$ 90.98

Receipts:

Offering June 14, 1955 ----- 21.33

Donation ----- 18.98

\$ 131.29

Co-Laborer Fund ----- \$ 59.28

Calvary Fund ----- 50.50

Visual Aid Fund ----- 33.00

National Home Missions ----- 12.70

State Home Missions ----- 18.16

Children's Home ----- 10.00

Donations ----- 3.25

Per Capita Tax ----- 29.00

Offering June 12, 1956 ----- 10.05 225.94

TOTAL RECEIPTS ----- \$357.23

DISBURSEMENTS

Outstanding check June 14, 1955 ----- \$ 27.40

Calvary Fund ----- 25.00

Mrs. McAdams (Field Worker) ----- 14.40

Diane Clary (Declamation) ----- 3.50

Balance on National dues (received late) ----- 3.50

Mrs. W. O. Withers (Programs) ----- 2.00 75.80

Co-Laborer Fund ----- \$ 59.28

Calvary Fund ----- 50.50

Visual Aid ----- 33.00

National Home Missions ----- 12.70

State Home Missions ----- 18.16

Children's Home ----- 10.00

Per Capita Tax (National) ----- 14.50 198.14

Reverend Everett Hellard (Message)-----	\$ 10.00	
Calvery Fund -----	15.00	
Youth Encampment -----	25.00	
Visual Aid -----	17.00	
Mrs. Berry (Programs etc.) -----	3.25	70.25
		\$ 344.19
Total Receipts -----	\$357.23	
Disbursements -----	3.44.04	
Balance on Hand -----	\$ 13.04	

TEXAS STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OFFICERS 1956-1958

The State Woman's Auxiliary Convention, in its June Meeting at the Good Hope Church at Henderson, Texas elected the following as their new officers:

President -----	Mrs. C. B. Thompson
Enlistment Chairman -----	Mrs. O. E. Fulton
Youth Chairman -----	Mrs. Gaston Clary
Personal Service Chairman -----	Mrs. T. V. Kankey
Study Course Chairman -----	Mrs. Bob Trant
Program Chairman -----	Mrs. A. F. Halbrook
Secretary-Treasurer -----	Mrs. H. Ray Berry
Field Worker -----	Mrs. Huey Gower

The resolutions, unanimously adopted by the body, are as follows:

1. Be it resolved that this Convention pay \$25.00 into the Youth Encampment Fund.
2. That we pay \$15.00 to the Wesley and Aileen Calvery Fund, and also urge the women of our auxiliaries to pray for the Calverys and write to them.
3. That we give our speaker of the morning, Rev. Everett D. Hellard, an honorarium of \$10.00.
4. That our ministers be urged to attend our Conventions. We welcome their counselling and their prayers.
5. That the new list of officers and copy of resolutions be mailed to each Auxiliary in the State.
6. That we extend a rising vote of thanks to the host church for splendid hospitality shown Convention.

OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Amount sent to state office:

CENTRAL DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Association Alone -----\$ 573.07

CHURCHES

Blue Lake -----	67.93
Cross -----	181.93
Bayshore -----	177.59
First Church (Houston) -----	360.59
Pine Prairie -----	80.00
Evergreen -----	59.00
First Church Bryan -----	661.19
Fellowship, Bryan -----	273.74
First Church, Huntsville -----	5.00
Bright Light -----	135.00

EAST TEXAS DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Association Alone ----- 75.00

CHURCHES

Mount Olive -----	170.69
Good Hope -----	160.80
Youngblood -----	10.00

SOUTHEAST TEXAS ASSOCIATION

District Alone ----- 38.05

CHURCHES

Bonami -----	6.00
Friendship -----	6.72

WEST FORK ASSOCIATION

First Church, Dallas ----- 365.00

West Side, Midland ----- 465.76

TOTAL -----\$3589.19

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

CHILDREN'S HOME

First Church, Houston -----\$ 100.00

Central Texas Association ----- 26.25 \$126.25

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

First Church, Houston -----\$ 10.00

Stewart ----- 10.16

Evergreen ----- 10.00

Huntsville ----- 5.00 \$ 35.16

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Buncombe -----	\$ 30.00	
First Church, Fort Worth -----	75.00	
Mount Olive -----	22.42	
Evergreen -----	66.42	
Good Hope -----	5.37	
First Church Bryan -----	55.11	
First Church, Huntsville -----	11.73	
Edge -----	30.00	
Central Texas Association -----	35.00	\$331.05

DISBURSEMENTS

National Association -----	\$2,410.59
State Fund -----	1178.60
Home Missions -----	352.58
Children's Home -----	200.36
Misc. Account -----	200.36
Executive Secretary -----	200.36
Superannuation -----	200.36

DISBURSEMENTS

STATE FUNDS

Telephone Company -----	\$ 17.40
Printing Co., Stationary, etc. -----	21.75
FWB Press — State minutes -----	105.00
North Side Printing Co. — Programs -----	17.50
Board members to executive com. meetings	
Rev. Hellard -----	24.00
Mrs. Thompson -----	10.29
Rev. E. C. Oliver -----	75.00
(Expense to Artesia, New Mexico, to meet with Northwest Brazos Association as voted by the Executive Committee exclud- ing Rev. Hellard, Mrs. Thompson, and Mr. Trant.)	
State Home Missions -----	193.61
Children's Home -----	172.28
National dues -----	35.00
Stamps -----	6.00

BALANCE IN STATE FUND:

Miscellaneous Account ----- \$ 28.06
Superannuation ----- \$ 153.45
Necessary checks mailed on October 30, 1956 to make
all accounts paid as of the above date.

Signed,

Rev. Clinton E. Oliver

A S S O C I A T I O N S

WEST FORK:

Moderator — Rev. Tiff Covington, Bowie, Texas
Clerk — Rev. E. E. Zoellers, 803 S. Mineola, Midland
Texas

Churches 13; Membership 1,157

Sunday Schools 13; Membership 934

Woman's Auxiliaries 8; Membership 235; income
\$2,233.94

Leagues 2; Enrollment 125

Total Income \$44,634.27

Value of church property \$149,500

Amount paid to Foreign Missions \$335. 51

Amount paid to Home Missions \$408.63

MINISTERS

Ordained:

C. C. Almond, 2628 E. Rosedale, Fort Worth, Texas.

J. A. Brooks, Box 8, Lobbin Lane, Wichita Falls, Tex.

R. E. Conner, 2111 Tenth Street, Wichita Falls, Texas

Tiff Covington, Bowie Texas

H. Z. Cox, 3314 Michigan Avenue, Dallas, Texas

A. F. Ferguson, Bellevue, Texas

Mrs. A. F. Ferguson, Bellevue, Texas

A. J. Fielding, Dallas, Texas

A. L. Hudson, Midland, Texas

Fred King, 9404 Concord, Dallas, Texas

J. E. Miracle, Rt. 9, Box 2179, Waco, Texas

R. H. Rodgers, Comanche, Texas

E. E. Zoellers, 803 S. Mineola, Midland, Texas

E. J. Vaughn, 1800 11th, Waco, Texas

L. M. Parton, Temple, Texas

Joe Honey, Overseas

H. W. Davis, Denison, Texas

J. K. Wally, Gainesville, Texas

John Newberry, Wichita Falls, Texas

Roy N'orie, Jr., Denison, Texas

Licensed:

Ted Patton, Comanche, Texas
G. E. Melton, Midland, Texas
Clayton Moore, Midland, Texas
Lee Garrett, Midland, Texas
Elvis Fielding, Comanche, Texas
Bob Morrison, Dallas, Texas

CENTRAL TEXAS:

Moderator — Rev. A. F. Halbrook, Rt. 3, Box 250,
Bryan Texas
Clerk — Mrs. Huey Gower, Rt. 3, Huntsville, Texas
Churches 11 resident members, 1019; non-resi-
dent 178.
Conversions 65; Members Received 161
Sunday School Enrollment 857; Average attend-
ance 519.
League Enrollment 263; Average attendance 190
Woman's Auxiliary Members 101.
Amount Paid Pastors \$21,307.22.
Paid Evangelist \$2,088.03.
Paid to Co-operative program \$2,840.88.
Paid to Bible College \$265.70.
Paid to Foreign Missions \$615.55.
Paid to Home Missions \$89.20.
Paid to Children's Home \$417.47.
Total Received \$47,619.51.

MINISTERS

Ordained:

H. Ray Berry, 504 Park Street, Bryan, Texas
J. L. Bounds, Navasota, Texas
Wesley Calvery, Shinmachi 19, Abashiri Hokkaido.
Japan
Bobby Joe Davis, Columbia Bible College, Greenville,
South Carolina.
Bobby Ferguson, FWB Bible College, Nashville, Tenn.
Miss Tommie Franklin, Huntsville, Texas
Huey Gower, Route 3, Huntsville, Texas
A. F. Halbrook, Rt. 3, Box 250 Bryan, Texas
J. W. Handy, Masonic Home, Arlington, Texas
E. D. Hellard, 78 Reid Street, Houston, Texas
Bill Jones, FWB Bible College, Nashville, Tenn.
H. M. McAdams, Rt. 3, Huntsville, Texas
Mrs. H. M. McAdams, Route 3, Huntsville, Texas
Troy McDonald, Houston, Texas

John Moehlman, Columbia Bible College, Greenville,
South Carolina

J. L. Payne, Houston, Texas

Herbert Richards, Iola, Texas

Charles Sapp, Bryan, Texas

James F. Timmons, Pearsall, Texas

C. B. Thompson, Box 98, Iola, Texas

Licensed:

Clyde Burney, North Zulch, Texas

C. E. Isom, 607 N. College, Bryan, Texas

EAST TEXAS:

Moderator — J. M. Goode, Rt. 1, Carthage, Texas

Clerk — Mrs. Gladys Berry, Rt. 1, Laneville, Texas

Churches 12; resident members 569; non-resident
members 170.

Sunday School 11; enrollment 508; average at-
tendance 411; offerings \$343.50.

Leagues 7; enrollment 275; offerings \$590.31.

Woman's auxiliaries 5; members 32; dues \$105.23
special offerings \$150.29.

Young People's Auxiliaries 1; members 6; Go-Tell
Bands 1; members 9.

Total Amount Collected \$20,187.12.

Paid Pastors \$9,335.25; Evangelistic work
\$1,181.50; buildings and repairs \$48,840.03; in-
cidentals \$826.59; benevolences \$202.93; for-
eign missions \$116.88; Home missions, \$162.00;
children's home, \$401.95; co-operative program,
\$443.02;

Total Expenditures, \$18,099.26.

Value of Church Buildings & Equipment, \$64,000.

MINISTERS

Ordained:

L. K. Brashier, Box 301, Garrison, Texas.

Gaston Clary, Rt. 3, Henderson, Texas.

C. F. Ferguson, Star Route, Laneville, Texas.

J. M. Goode, Route 1, Carthage, Texas.

S. P. Griffin, Big Sandy, Texas

Robert Kimbrell, Rt. 6, Henderson, Texas

C. E. Oliver, Box 42, Henderson, Texas

C. D. Stegall, Marshall, Texas

Wm. Travis, Bible College, Nashville, Texas

Licensed:

W. H. Bailey, Rt. 3, Henderson, Texas

Frank Breedlove, Bible College, Nashville, Tenn.
James D. Crank, Tatum, Texas

SOUTHEAST TEXAS:

Moderator — Austin Withers, Kirbyville, Texas

Clerk — Evie Phelps, Kirbyville, Texas

Churches 4; Members 75.

Sunday Schools 2; Members 55; Offerings \$188.29.

Paid Pastors \$1,487.63; Evangelist \$247.50; miscellaneous \$333.87; Co-operative plan \$44.72.

MINISTERS

Ordained:

Bob Sheffield, Rt. 2, Newton, Texas

S. R. Spears, Box 55, Baycliff, Texas

Licensed:

L. G. Sweat, Rt. 2, Kirbyville, Texas

-FELLOWSHIP (Petitionary Letter)

Moderator — C. J. Hearn, 2003 Prairie Dr., Fort Worth, Texas

Clerk — M. L. Sutton, 2605 Skyline Drive, Ft. Worth, Texas

Churches 6; members 689; Sunday School 6; members 465; Leagues 4; members 129;

Woman's Auxiliaries 4; members 60.

Total offerings \$24,025.08.

Value of church property \$127,000.00.

MINISTERS

Ordained:

Doc Baber, Fort Worth, Texas

M. F. Bennett, Fort Worth, Texas

J. B. Estes, 408 Edna Street, Weatherford, Texas

C. J. Hearn, 2003 Prairie, Fort Worth, Texas

J. H. Measures, Weatherford, Texas

A. G. McClain, Argyle, Texas

Harold Sheets, 5117 Old Handley Rd., Ft. Worth, Tex.

M. L. Sutton, 2605 Skyline Dr., Ft. Worth, Texas

C. J. Turrentine, 4300 Avenue H, Fort Worth, Texas

Licensed:

Owen Barger, 7432 Mohawk Street, Fort Worth, Tex.

R. H. O'Dell, Rt. 1, Box 381-R, Irving, Texas

Lonnie Palmer, Jr., 3513 N. Hampton, Fort Worth, Texas

PERMIAN BASIN (Petitionary Letter)

Moderator — Bailey Thompson, Odessa, Texas

Clerk — Mrs. Burton Hughes, 1001 West Griffin, Midland, Texas

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MINISTERS

Ordained:

Jake Armstrong, Andrews, Texas

J. A. C. Hughes, Midland, Texas

Jim Rogers, Big Spring, Texas

Alfred Savage, Kermit, Texas

Bailey Thompson, Odessa, Texas

No report from Northwest Brazos Association.

The next session of the Texas State Minister's Conference is scheduled to meet Thursday night and Friday before the first Sunday in May 1957 at the Bonami Free Will Baptist Church, Kirbyville, Texas.

All ministers are requested to send their address to the clerk of this conference, H. R. Berry, 405 Park Street, Bryan, Texas, if your complete address is not in this minute.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 2—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 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, executive secretary-treasurer, statistician and parliamentarian and publicity director; 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 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 first item of business on Wednesday afternoon, having been presented through a nominating committee with all the democratic privileges of nominating from the floor. 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 association. 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 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.

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

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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

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

Moderator

Clerk

