

MINUTES

of the

FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

of the

Texas State Association of
Free Will Baptists

when convened with

West Side Free Will Baptist
Church

1220 W. Hicks, Midland, Texas

October 29, 30 and 31, 1957

Theme:

"The Wisdom of Soul Winning"

The next session will be held in the First Free Will
Baptist Church, 30th and Parker Streets, Bryan, Texas,
October 28, 29 and 30, 1958

TEXAS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL
BAPTISTS

1957-1958

OFFICERS

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BOARDS

Home Missions

Rev. J. M. Goode, 1958; Mr. J. C. Carter, 1958; Rev. C. B. Thompson, 1959; Rev. Tiff Covington, 1960; Rev. Allen Moore, 1960.

Foreign Missions

Rev. A. F. Halbrook, 1958; Rev. Fred King, 1959; Rev. Don Ellis, 1960.

Free Will Baptist League

Mrs. W. O. Withers, 1958; Mrs. Elvis Fielding, 1959 (unexpired term of C. E. Isom); Rev. Roy Norie, 1960.

Superannuation

Mr. Louis Lawson, 1958; Rev. J. A. Brooks, 1958; Rev. Huey Gower, 1959; Mrs. H. Z. Cox, 1960; Rev. R. O. O'Dell, 1960.

Christian Education

Rev. Charles Sapp, 1958; Mrs. H. Ray Berry, 1959; Mrs. Bill Jones, 1960.

Sunday School

Mrs. N. T. Kinne, 1958; Mrs. O. D. Breedlove, 1959; Rev. H. Ray Berry, 1960.

Woman's Auxiliary

Mrs. Jake Fears, 1958; Mrs. S. R. North, 1959; Mrs. Huey Gower, 1960.

PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY EVENING 7:30

The forty-third annual session of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the West Side Free Will Baptist Church, 1220 W. Hicks, Midland, Texas, on October 29, 30 and 31, 1957.

The session was opened on Tuesday evening, at 7:30, by Rev. A. F. Ferguson of Odessa, leading the congregation in singing, "Jesus Saves," with Rev. Charles Sapp of Bryan at the piano. Rev. Tiff Covington led in prayer.

The moderator, Rev. H. Z. Cox, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Dallas, formally declared the session open for the transaction of business.

The host pastor, Rev. E. E. Zoellers, extended a warm and gracious welcome to all.

Rev. Bailey Thompson of Odessa, led in singing, "Love Lifted Me," and "Showers of Blessings."

The moderator recognized the associations present as follows: West Fork, Permian Basin, Central Texas, East Texas, Fellowship and Northwest Brazos. Southeast Texas Association did not represent by delegate but represented by letter.

The moderator's message was based on the theme of the meeting taken from Proverbs 11:30 and James 5:20: "The Wisdom of Soul Winning." He urged the people to promote spirituality, fellowship, and an atmosphere of worship.

The following committees were appointed by the moderator:

Credentials—Rev. Charles Sapp, *Chairman*, Rev. Tiff Covington, Rev. J. A. C. Hughes

Committee on Committees—Rev. C. J. Hearn, *Chairman*, Rev. H. R. Berry, Rev. Don Ellis

The clerk read proposed changes in the constitution as recommended by the executive committee which was received by the body and placed on the table.

Rev. C. J. Turrentine, clerk of the Fellowship Association, read a resolution from that body which involved a constitutional change; it was received and placed on the table.

We were favored with special music by the host church.

Rev. M. L. Sutton, pastor of the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church in Ft. Worth, brought the message of the evening, reading Luke 5:1-11, "He that winneth souls is wise."

Rev. Bailey Thompson led in singing, "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes."

The moderator announced the prayer meeting which was to be held at the close of the service with Rev. A. F. Ferguson to be the leader.

The committee on divine service was appointed as follows: Mrs. E. E. Zoellers, Mrs. Wesley Broom and Mrs. Charles Sapp.

Benediction by Rev. Don Ellis, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Henderson, Texas.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

The house was called to order Wednesday morning at 9:35 with Rev. Bailey Thompson leading in singing, "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart."

Rev. C. J. Hearron, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Ft. Forth, brought the devotion using Matthew 20:18-20.

Motion to adopt program with any necessary changes. Motion carried.

Report of committee on committees was read by Rev. C. J. Hearron, chairman. The report included a resolution which was tabled until the delegates were seated.

A quartet composed of Rev. A. F. Ferguson, Rev. Bailey Thompson, Rev. E. E. Zoellers and Rev. M. L. Sutton sang, "Rescue the Perishing," accompanied by Mrs. Bill Jones at the piano.

Report of executive secretary was read and tabled until the delegates were seated.

Report of orphanage board was read and placed on the table until the delegates were seated.

Partial report of the credentials committee was read by Rev. Charles Sapp; motion to receive, carried and the delegates were seated.

Motion that the report of the committee on committees be taken from the table. Motion carried. Motion that we vote on the committees as named by the committee on committees. Motion carried. See report of committee on committees. Recommendation offered by the committee on committees was discussed, motion made to adopt. Motion carried. See report for recommendation.

Motion to take report of orphanage board from table. Motion carried. Report was discussed and received by vote of the body. Motion to adopt recommendation. Motion carried.

Motion to lift report of executive secretary from table. Motion carried. Report was received by vote of body.

Recessed to reconvene for morning worship service.

The body was called to order and Rev. A. F. Ferguson led in singing, "He Lives," and "I Love to Walk With Jesus."

Mrs. Bill Jones of Denison, sang, "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go," as a solo which was beautifully rendered and much appreciated by all.

The committee on divine service named the executive secretary, Rev. E. D. Hellard, who is pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Houston, to bring the morning message. Rev. Hellard read Psalm 65:8 and chose for his subject, "Christ's Missionary Emphasis."

Benediction by Rev. J. B. Estes, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Weatherford.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The body was called together Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 with singing. "Send the Light," led by Rev. A. F. Ferguson.

Prayer by Rev. Bill Jones, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Denison.

Special music by the host church, "I'm Free Again."

Devotion by Rev. Don Ellis, pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church of Henderson, who read Matthew 5:13-16 for the basis of his message. Prayer by Rev. Ellis.

Final report of credentials committee was made by Rev. Sapp, chairman. Report received.

The credentials committee reported that there were three invitations for the 1958 session of the State Association. By vote of the body the 1958 session will be held in the First Free Will Baptist Church in Bryan.

Partial report of nominating committee was read by Rev. C. J. Hearron, assistant clerk. Motion to receive the report and vote on the officers individually. Motion carried. See Page 1 for officers elected.

Report of Board of Superannuation was read by Rev. J. A. Brooks and received.

Report of Home Missions Board was read by Rev. C. B. Thompson and received.

Report of Board of Christian Education was read by Mrs. H. R. Berry and received.

Report of State League Board was read by Mrs. W. O. Withers and received.

Final report of nominating committee was read and received and the body proceeded to elect the board members. See Boards on Page 2; those whose terms expire in 1960 were elected at this session.

Report of Woman's Auxiliary was read by Mrs. C. B. Thompson, state president, and received.

Report of resolutions committee was read by assistant clerk, Rev. C. J. Hearron; motion made to receive and act on items separately. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 1—carried.

Resolution No. 2—carried.

The body extended a rising vote of thanks to the host church for its splendid hospitality and the bountiful meals served.

The moderator reported that he had been contacted by the Dallas Chamber of Commerce regarding inviting the 1960 session of the National Association to convene in Dallas. Rev. Cox said he had met with the Chamber of Commerce and the Dallas Hotel Association and both organizations are interested in having the 1960 session of our National Association come to Dallas. Motion

that we extend an invitation for the 1960 session to meet in Dallas. Motion carried.

Report of obituary committee read by Mrs. W. O. Withers, received and a short period of silent prayer was observed in behalf of the bereaved ones.

Report of temperance committee was read by Rev. Tiff Covington and received. In compliance with the recommendation of the temperance committee a motion was made that this committee be retained throughout the year. Motion carried.

Rev. Hellard, executive secretary, asked that every church send him a picture of their building.

Rev. H. R. Berry and Rev. C. B. Thompson commended the National Executive Office on the 1957 Yearbook and Directory and recommended that all purchase one from National Headquarters.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. A. C. Hughes.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Rev. E. E. Zoellers led in singing, "Oh, I Want to See Him," with Mrs. Don Ellis at the piano.

Prayer by Rev. Huey Gower.

The congregation sang, "I Feel Like Traveling On," and "There's Power in the Blood."

Special music by host church, "The Son Hath Made Me Free."

Congregation sang, "What a Gathering That Will Be."

Rev. E. D. Hellard sang, "Face to Face," as a solo with Mrs. Don Ellis as accompanist.

The message of the evening was delivered by Rev. Charles Thigpen, Dean of the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, and also moderator of our National Association. Rev. Thigpen read John 1:40-43 and used as his subject, "You Can Be What You Ought to Be." Prayer by Rev. Thigpen.

Rev. Zoellers led in singing, "Just as I Am."

An offering was taken for the Bible College with Rev. Cox praying the offertory prayer. The amount of the offering was \$100.30.

A testimony meeting followed the offering, a number of former Bible College students were in the audience and they all testified to the Christian influence in the college and the good they received from having been there; others testified to the goodness of God and His marvelous work in lives.

The congregation was led in singing the chorus, "My Lord Knows the Way Through the Wilderness."

Benediction by Rev. H. Z. Cox.

THURSDAY MORNING

Rev. C. J. Hearron led in singing, "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story."

Rev. Bailey Thompson brought the devotion reading 1 Corinthians 3:4 and James 5:20.

A quartet composed of A. F. Ferguson, C. J. Hearron, Tiff Covington, and E. E. Zoellers sang, "I Will Trade the Old Cross for a Crown."

Report of statistician, Rev. Gaston Clary, read and received.

Statistician recommended that we have a standard form for all reports so the statistician would be able to get the needed information. The clerk reported that she had received a form from the national executive secretary which had been adopted by the National Association and which had been recommended to us. Motion made and carried that we adopt the suggested report blank. The clerk was instructed to order the report blanks from the national office and send them to each association clerk who will furnish them to each church.

Report of Foreign Mission Board was read by the assistant clerk and received by the body.

Motion by Rev. Herbert Richards that we adopt recommendations 2, 3, and 4 on Page 11 of the 1956 minutes, regarding foreign missions. Motion carried. See foreign missions report.

Report of executive committee regarding the budget for 1958 was read by the clerk and received.

Motion to adopt the budget recommended by the executive committee. Motion rejected.

Motion to adopt the same budget for 1958 as was adopted for 1957 which is as follows: \$7,000.00 Budget for the State; 10% for State Home Missions; 15% for State Executive Department; 5% for State Superannuation; 70% for Cooperative Fund.

Amendment to the above motion by Rev. Sapp was that we allow the state executive secretary eight cents per mile for travel. Motion carried.

Motion as amended adopted.

Motion that we take from the table the proposed changes to the constitution. Motion carried.

Motion by Rev. Hearron that we postpone action on the proposed changes to the constitution until next year. Motion carried.

Motion by Rev. Herbert Richards that we ask each district association to select one person to represent that district on a revision committee, names to be given to the state moderator appoint a chairman to call the group together to recommend changes in the constitution and bring before this body next year. Motion carried.

• Recessed for worship service with prayer by Mr. Wesley Broom.

The body was called together with singing and prayer.

Motion that the moderator be given the privilege of appointing the delegates to the National Association. Motion carried.

The congregation sang, "Sunshine in the Soul."

Rev. C. J. Hearron sang as a solo, "Beyond All Space," accompanied by Mrs. Bill Jones at the piano.

Rev. Charles Thigpen brought the morning message, reading Mark 11:22 and using as his subject, "Faith."

Benediction by moderator, Rev. H. Z. Cox.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Resolutions: Rev. M. L. Sutton, Rev. Bailey Thompson, Mr. O. D. Breedlove.

Temperance: Rev. Tiff Covington, Rev. Huey Gower, Rev. C. N. Hall.

Program: Executive committee with the host pastor.

Obituary: Mrs. Ruby Withers, Mrs. O. D. Breedlove, Mrs. Bailey Thompson, Miss Margie White, Mrs. J. A. Brooks.

Nominations: Rev. A. F. Ferguson, Rev. Allen Moore, Rev. Bill Jones, Rev. R. O. O'Dell, Rev. Burton Hughes.

We recommend that the nominating committee be instructed to present two nominees for each position on the executive committee. Carried.

Signed:

Rev. C. J. Hearron

Rev. H. Ray Berry

Rev. Don Ellis

REPORT OF THE TEXAS STATE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills . . . The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore . . . He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (Psalmist).

Greetings to the Texas Free Will Baptist State Association:

This has been a pretty good year even though we have not reached the proposed budget. The amount, as you will notice on the financial report, was a little less than \$5,000. The proposed budget was \$7,000 for this year. Because of this all departments have been short on the percentage-wise proposal. We hope we will do better next year.

Concerning Bonds on Treasurers

May we offer this suggestion to all districts. It is good business to have your treasurer bonded. Every local church should bond its treasurer also. The price is approximately \$5.00 per every \$1,000. From the local church level through the state treasurer (and national) is the only way to insure the handling of the finances for our organizations. This will protect both parties and it is not a matter of distrust.

Office Items Needed

I recommended the purchase of: One adding machine (new) at an approximate price of \$150; one addressograph machine at an approximate price of \$60; and that this be done as soon as funds are available.

Letter to Governor

I have written our Texas governor concerning the recommendations presented to this body last year from our temperance committee. I protested liquor license, Sunday Rodeos and other violations of our government. The governor answered with gratitude for the articles from the temperance committee of our state body and expressed that he might live up to the confidence that we have in his ability to solve some of these problems.

The Monthly Letter

The monthly letter from the state office to many addresses has received many favorable comments. I want to thank you who have written expressing your gratitude.

State Property

Your state office now owns a "Gem" card printer which cost \$9.95.

COOPERATIVE PLAN OF SUPPORT OF THE TEXAS FREE WILL BAPTIST STATE ASSOCIATION

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
Year Ending October 25, 1957

Receipts:

Central Texas Free Will Baptist District	\$3,154.48
(For break down by churches see district clerk)	
East Texas District of Free Will Baptists	142.26
Permian Basin District of Free Will Baptists	204.83
Concord Free Will Baptist Church, Dallas	310.84
West Side Free Will Baptist Church, Midland	815.68
Easley Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Comanche	30.00
Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church, Laneville	113.65
Good Hope Free Will Baptist Church, Hen- derson	156.98

First Free Will Baptist Church, Carthage	41.11
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Total Receipts	<u>\$4,969.82</u>
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Disbursements:

National Association	\$3,478.87
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State Home Missions	497.94
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State Superannuation	248.48
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State Office	744.53
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Total Disbursements	<u>\$4,969.82</u>
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Balance	<u>0</u>
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Special Account

Received from Rev. C. E. Oliver from Last Year's

Balance	\$ 846.23
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Disbursements as Authorized by Executive Committee

Texas State Home Missions	\$300.00
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Texas State Superannuation	153.45
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Texas State Office	329.78
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Total Disbursements	<u>\$846.23</u>
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Balance	<u>0</u>
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TEXAS STATE OFFICE OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
FINANCIAL REPORT

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
Year Ended October 25, 1957

Receipts:

State Cooperative Plan of Support	\$ 744.53
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Balance Retained from Last Year	392.78
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State Dues	195.00
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Total Receipts	<u>\$1,332.31</u>
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Disbursements:

State Office Expense	\$ 92.53
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Office Help	46.50
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Rent on Film for Last State Meeting	18.00
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Bond on Treasurer	5.00
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Printing	212.71
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Telephone	17.71
Postage	40.00
Traveling Expenses of Board Members and Executive Secretary	290.45
National Association Dues	45.00
Overpaid on Allocations	2.59
Total Disbursements	\$ 770.49
Balance in Bank	\$ 561.81
Outstanding Bills Approximately	75.00
Balance After Payment	\$ 468.81

REPORT FOR MISSIONS CHANNELED THROUGH THE STATE OFFICE

All checks were receipted and mailed on to destination. All mission checks should be made out direct or clearly car-marked for proper destination.

Central Texas District, Free Will Baptist	\$1,065.59
First Free Will Baptist Church, Henderson (Jameson Mem.)	92.47
First Free Will Baptist Church, Carthage	65.05
Mr. Forrest Berry, Laneville	36.00
Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church, Laneville	19.29
East Texas District, Free Will Baptist	20.00
First Free Will Baptist Church, Ft. Worth	57.19
(The state office will correct a mistake of \$5.00 which was made in the early part of this year. This amount went into the state office treasury when it should have gone to missions, sorry.)	
West Fork Quarterly Meeting	100.00
Amarillo Woman's Auxiliary, Free Will Baptist Church	3.57
Evergreen Free Will Baptist Church	23.00

Total for Both Home and Foreign Missions (National)	\$1,487.16
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As of October 1, 1957

Texas quota, \$3,600; paid, \$2,641.50; balance, \$958.50 (Foreign Missions). Texas quota, \$1,500; paid, \$953.96; balance, \$546.04 (National Home Missions).

These are figured from January 1 to January 1:
 Special Allocation (Request of State Woman's Auxiliary
 Secretary and Treasurer.)

Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee	\$ 2.00
State Superannuation	2.83
National Home Missions	1.00
State Home Missions	11.76

Total Disbursements	\$17.59
Balance	0

Respectfully submitted,
 Everett D. Hellard, *Executive Secretary*

ORPHANAGE REPORT FOR 1957

We, your orphanage committee, after making investigation of the prospects of locating an orphanage in the state of Texas, wish to give the following information:

1. The cost of such an undertaking for the obtaining of buildings and grounds to meet state regulations at the present time are beyond the financial reach of this association; ranging from \$20,000 to \$85,000 per year.

2. With the trend as it is at the present time, namely, the demand for children for adoption is so great that even the fraternal organizations who are equipped to care for as high as 500 children find themselves with but very few in these facilities; some have as low as 57 to 75.

Therefore, we recommend that the Orphanage Board of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists be dissolved until such time as is deemed necessary for such undertaking in the future.

Signed:

H. Ray Berry
 Bro. Jim Vance
 Bro. C. T. Coolidge

REPORT OF BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION

Treasurer's Report:

Amount Received Since Last State Association	\$368.00
Amount Paid to Aged Ministers in 1957	150.00

Amount in Treasury	\$218.00
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Signed:

J. A. Brooks
Route 2, Box 313
Granbury, Texas

REPORT OF HOME MISSION BOARD

My service has been in a limited way, I think; however, much good has been done. We have helped three churches, financially; namely: Faith Church of Wichita Falls, First Free Will Baptist Church of Carthage, and First Free Will Baptist Church of Lake Charles, Louisiana, in the amount of \$200 each. I visited Carthage Church, preached to them and worked with them and have promised to hold a meeting for them in the near future, time to be determined by the readiness of the building. I also went to Lake Charles and spent a few days working with them and preaching for them. I believe the Lord used me in a very definite way in these services. The people of both Carthage and Lake Charles were wonderful to work with, there were many mountain-top experiences which I shall never forget. I did not visit the church at Wichita Falls but learned from Brother Covington, who is a member of the board, and from Brother Conner, who is pastor of the church, that the church qualified for the money they received.

After talking with Brother Timmons, who is working under the National Home Mission Board, I believe that by closer cooperation with the National Board more can be accomplished on our home field.

FINANCIAL REPORT

November 1, 1956—October 31, 1957

Amount Brought Forward \$589.88

Receipts:

Executive Secretary	\$ 47.33
State Auxiliary Convention	15.21
Executive Secretary	59.63
Executive Secretary	27.84
Executive Secretary	54.29
Executive Secretary	46.24
Executive Secretary	64.26
Executive Secretary	300.00

Executive Secretary	11.76
Executive Secretary	12.73
Executive Secretary	57.97
Faith Church by R. E. Conner	10.00
Executive Secretary	36.64
Executive Secretary	33.63
Executive Secretary	57.40
Total Received	834.93
Grand Total	\$1,424.81

Disbursements:

Faith Church, Wichita Falls	\$200.00
Mileage to Carthage	13.00
One Day on Field at Carthage	8.00
Mileage to Kilgore	20.00
Carthage Church	200.00
Mileage to Lake Charles	25.00
Check to Lake Charles Church	200.00
Total Disbursements	666.00

Balance on Hand October 31, 1957	\$758.81
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C. B. Thompson, Treasurer

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT

1957

This is the statistical information gleaned from correspondence with individual churches, and the district association letters to the state:

Districts Reporting, 6

Total Number Sunday Schools, 50

Enrollment, 3,088; Offerings, \$52,387.71

Number of Churches Having Leagues, 29

Enrollment, 959; Offerings, \$2,283.24

Literature for Sunday School and Leagues, \$4,274.84

Number of Vacation Bible Schools, 16

Average Number Attending, 1,005

Literature used was Scripture Press, David C. Cook, Gospel Light, and Free Will Baptist.

Projects for the schools were as follows: Foreign missions, visual aid equipment, college expansion, truck for Africa and mission station in Africa.

One encampment was held with a total attendance of 200. Some 45 decisions were made for Christ. Six of these were saved, 2 called to the ministry, 6 called to missionary service, and others to fully consecrated lives. The Rev. Bobby Jackson was youth evangelist.

Two districts reported student loan funds. Total assets amounting to \$2,500.00.

There are six students from Texas attending Bible College this year. Some churches are helping these students financially.

Gifts to the Bible College for the expansion program were \$1,733.22.

Mrs. H. Ray Berry, *Chairman*

REPORT OF STATE LEAGUE BOARD

This is the report of two districts with an average of 463. In one district three new leagues were organized. There are two district league conventions which convene quarterly.

There were 12 Leagues represented at the State League Convention at Woodlake, Texas, August 16, 1957. Diane Clary of Henderson, Texas, won in the intermediate sword drill and Louise Stewart of Keith, Texas, won in the junior sword drill.

The state officers are: Mike Fears, Henderson, president; Ned Graham, Lake Charles, Louisiana, vice-president; Jane Jones, Bryan, Secretary; Jimmy Lewis, Bryan, treasurer; and Diane Clary, Henderson, program chairman.

National project for this year is new kitchen for the Bible College. Cost of Kitchen is \$15,000, and the Texas quota is \$300.

At State Convention, Article 4, finance changed. The state organization is to be supported financially by the local and district organizations. Each department within the local league is to send \$1 per year to the state organization; also each district organization is to send 10% of its funds to the State League Conference. All

funds are to be sent to the treasurer two weeks before each annual session of the conference.

The Change:

The state organization is to be supported financially by the local and district organizations. Each department within the local league is to send \$1 per year to the state organization. Also each district organization is to send \$10 of its funds to the State League Conference; the state shall send one half of all district dues into National League Conference. All funds are to be sent to the treasurer two weeks before each annual session of the conference.

State Convention gave \$15 to project and Central Texas gave \$12.50. State also sent \$6.50 to African missions.

Recommendations:

The chairman of the State League Board recommends that the leagues of Texas strive to raise our quota of \$300 for the Bible College kitchen.

Ruby Withers, *Chairman*

REPORT OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

June 12, 1956—June 11, 1957

Number of auxiliaries reporting, 15; per capita dues sent to treasurer, \$31.10; No. "A-1" standard auxiliaries, 1; No. "B," 5; No. "C," 3.

ENLISTMENT CHAIRMAN—Enrollment, 208; average attendance, 191.

YOUTH CHAIRMAN—No. youth organizations: G. T. A., 6; membership, 67; Y. P. A., 6; membership, 63; vacation Bible schools assisted in, 8.

STUDY COURSE CHAIRMAN—

Courses Conducted	Attendance
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Missions, 13	212
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Stewardship, 7	60
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Manual, 8	79
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Evangelism, 4	54
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Prayer, 6	120
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Daily Bible Readers, 84	
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PROGRAM-PRAYER CHAIRMAN—Special programs held, 18; weeks of prayer conducted, 23; self-denial

offering resulting from weeks of prayer, \$64.12; family altars, 52.

PERSONAL SERVICE CHAIRMAN—Number making soul-winning efforts, 132; souls won, 14; active in community missions, 43; contributions to Children's Home, \$321.49.

PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN—Subscribers to Free Will Baptist papers, 89; articles written for publication, 11. Personal gifts: Missions, \$267.01; Free Will Baptist Bible College, \$121.00; other \$369.98.

STEWARDSHIP—Members contributing to missions, 105; tithers at beginning of year, 64; tithers as result of stewardship study courses, 8; present number of tithers, 75.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Offerings Sent to WNAC Co-Laborer Fund	\$ 75.25
Easter Offerings for Foreign Missions	64.70
Thanksgiving Offerings for State Home Mission	35.41
Christmas Offering for National Home Missions	27.10
Cash Gift to Orphanage	21.10
Value of Boxes to Orphanage	300.00
Cash Gifts to Free Will Baptist Bible College	121.00
Total for Missions to WNAC Treasurer this Convention Year:	
Woman's Auxiliary	193.75
YPA	5.00
Cash Gifts to Aged Ministers	3.33
Per Capita Fees Sent to WNAC Treasurer this Year by Woman's Auxiliary	18.10
Total Amount Spent for Auxiliary Literature	159.47
Total Amount Spent for Local Church Activities	274.96
Amount to National Tent Fund	82.50
Calvary's Support	147.20
Canner and Cash Gift to Calverys	35.00

Mrs. H. R. Berry, Secretary

Mrs. C. B. Thompson, President

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. I—Since the work of clerk of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists de-

mands so much work and effort, and since our clerk has done such an outstanding job in this capacity; we do resolve that she be given an honorarium of \$50 along with our heartfelt thanks and appreciation.

RESOLUTION NO. II—Whereas the National Association has given the National Sunday School Board the authority to publish all Sunday school and Bible school literature, and whereas on January 1 (1st quarter of 1958) the Sunday School Board will assume this responsibility and will offer for the first time to the Free Will Baptist people Sunday school literature that is under the direct supervision of, and is approved by the National Association,

Be it resolved that the Texas State Association go on record as recommending that each church order Free Will Baptist Sunday school and Bible school literature from the National Sunday School Board, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee.

Signed:

O. D. Breedlove
Bailey Thompson

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

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

The total number in the 5 following districts is 20:
East Texas, Central Texas, South East Texas, West Fort, Fellowship.

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. Ruby Withers
Mrs. O. D. Breedlove
Mrs. J. A. Brooks
Miss Margie White

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

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

Whereas, we have gone on record as being against the sale and use of alcoholic beverages, and whereas, the governor has replied favorably, be it resolved,

First, that we enter into an aggressive warfare against the following evils:

1. Desecration of the Lord's Day
2. Immodest dress
3. Divorce
4. Strong drink
5. Overeating, excessive spending for food, tobacco, soft drinks, elaborate dress, etc.

Second, that this body elect or appoint a standing committee on temperance whose responsibility it should be to function throughout the year. Committee retained by vote of body.

Respectfully submitted,
Tiff Covington
C. N. Hall
Huey Gower

ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 1957 TEXAS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Districts Reporting: East Texas, Central Texas, Southeast Texas and West Fork.

Dues Accompanying Report	\$65.00
No. of Churches	35
Resident Members Beginning Year	1,869
Non-Resident Members (East Texas)	139

Received:

By Baptism	173
By Letter	224
By Statement	84

Total Received 481

Dismissed:

By Letter	85
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Otherwise	3
Deceased	16
Total Lost	176
Resident Members at Present	3,020
No. Services Held in Churches	3,367
Revivals Held in Churches	41
Churches Having Prayer Meeting	32
No. Sunday Schools	33
No. Enrolled in Sunday Schools	2,364
Average Attendance in Sunday School	1,054
Amount of Sunday School Offerings	39,118.28
Churches Having F. W. B. Leagues	21
No. Leagues	21
No. Enrolled in League	746
Average Attend. in League	541
Amount League Offering	1,698.63
Churches Having Master's Men	3
No. Members	37
Masters' Men Offering	653.55
No. Churches Having Woman's Auxiliaries	22
No. Members	298
No. Days of Prayer Observed	6 wks.
Dues Collected	511.69
Amount Received Otherwise	2,610.99
No. D. V. B. S. (East Texas)	3
No. Churches Having Y. P. A.	6
No. Members	66
Churches Having G. T. A.	6
No. Members	55
No. Parsonages	4
<i>Financial Report:</i>	
Total Amount Collected	\$125,270.37
<i>Disbursements:</i>	
Pastors' Salaries	58,696.79
Evangelists	4,560.17
Cooperative Fund	4,869.82
Literature	3,483.51
Benevolences	675.50
Student Loan Fund	238.00
Bible College	1,591.16

Foreign Missions	3,270.60
Home Missions:	
State	\$ 883.23
National	1,157.88
Total	2,041.11
Superannuation	5.00
Aid of Bible College Students	100.00
Association Dues	410.00
Incidentals	5,429.68
Building and Repairs	58,720.91
Camp	133.00
Total Expense	\$121,160.64
Balance	6,448.08
Value Buildings and Equipment	444,607.00
Value Parsonages	19,000.00
Record of ministers and deacons not complete.	

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Gaston Clary, *Statician*

REPORT OF THE TEXAS STATE FOREIGN MISSIONS BOARD

During the month of March, 1957, the board, through the chairman, assisted in planning for two district-wide missionary conferences; one being held in the First Free Will Baptist Church of Bryan, and the second being held in the Jameson Memorial Free Will Baptist Church in Henderson. The guest speakers at both of these conferences were: Reverend Homer Willis, promotional-secretary of the National Board of Home Missions, Nashville, Tennessee, and Reverend Raymond Riggs, promotional-secretary of the National Board of Foreign Missions, Nashville, Tennessee. These conferences proved to be a source of genuine blessing and inspiration to all participants. It is hoped these districts will continue such conferences, and that during this coming year, other districts and local churches in the state will sponsor missionary conferences.

In keeping with the action of the Texas State Association in its sessions of 1956; namely, that the suggested state quota of \$3,600 for foreign missions be prorated among the district associations in the state for 1957, the

board recommended to the district associations the following proratas:

1. Central Texas	\$1,400.00
2. East Texas	550.00
3. Fellowship	500.00
4. Permian Basin	50.00
5. Northwest Brazos	50.00
6. Southeast Texas	50.00
7. West Fork	1,000.00
	\$3,600.00

The foreign missions quota for Texas for 1957, as indicated above, is \$3,600. As of October 1, \$2,641.50 of this amount has been raised, leaving a balance of \$958.50 to be raised during October, November and December. We sincerely believe that the Free Will Baptists of the state of Texas can reach this quota; this is our desire and prayer; so, with a renewed zeal for foreign missions, and faith in God, let us "go over the top for foreign missions."

In addition to the above duties, a circular letter was sent to the various district associations of the state, encouraging them to carry out the foreign missions recommendations adopted at the 1956 session of the Texas State Association.

Signed,

Alvin F. Halbrook, *Chairman*

Texas State Board of Foreign Misions

By vote of the body the following resolutions were adopted in connection with the report of the Foreign Missions Board:

No. 1—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. II—We recommend that the state of Texas underwrite the personal salaries of Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvary, missionaries to Japan, from our designated gifts; this amount is \$150 per month.

No. III—For the calendar year of 1958 we recommend that the suggested quota for foreign missions be prorated among the different district associations, and that the district associations prorate 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.

ASSOCIATIONS

CENTRAL TEXAS

Moderator—Rev. Herbert Richards, Iola, Texas, Route 2

Clerk—Mrs. Huey Gower, Route 3, Huntsville, Texas
Churches, 12; conversions, 72; total received, 168; resident members, 1,064.

Services held, 1,268; revivals held, 14; prayer meetings, 12.

Sunday schools, 12; membership, 884; average attendance, 608; offerings, \$17,317.37.

Leagues, 30; membership, 303; average attendance, 210; offerings, \$674.80.

Churches having Master's Men, 1; membership, 9.

Woman's auxiliaries, 9; members, 101; offerings, \$698.45.

No. YPA's, 4; members, 54; No. GTA's, 4; members, 36.

No. parsonages, 3.

Total amount collected, \$52,060.18.

Disbursements:

Pastor's salaries, \$21,955.00; evangelists, \$2,608.96; cooperative fund, \$3,443.15; literature, \$2,343.62; benevolences, \$325.01; student loan fund, \$2,300.00 (assets); Bible College, \$1,591.16; foreign missions \$1,440.72; home missions, \$393.16; superannuation \$5.00; associa-

tion dues, \$280; incidentals, \$2,804.83; building and repairs, \$7,739.75; camp, \$110; total expense, \$53,049.31; value of buildings and equipment, \$165,607; value of parsonages, \$19,000.

MINISTERS

Ordained—19

Berry, H. Ray, 107 N. Ennis, Bryan, Texas

Bounds, J. L., Anderson, Texas

Calvery, Wesley, 19 Shinmachi, Abashiri Shi, Hokkaido, Japan

Daniels, B. M., Box 226, Bacliff, Texas

Davis, Bobby Joe, (Air Force)

Franklin, Miss Tommie, Huntsville, Texas

Fry, Malcolm, 2007 Third Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana

Gower, Huey, Route 3, Huntsville, Texas

Halbrook, Alvin, Route 3, Bryan, Texas

Handy, J. W., Masonic Home, Arlington, Texas

Hellard, Everett, 78 Reid Street, Houston, Texas

McAdams, H. M., Route 3, Huntsville, Texas

McAdams, Mrs. Lizzie, Route 3, Huntsville, Texas

McDonald, Troy Lee, 6012 Highland, Houston, Texas

Moehlman, John, Columbia Bible College, Columbia, South Carolina

Payne, J. L., Houston, Texas

Richard, Herbert, Route 2, Iola, Texas

Sapp, Charles, 312 Laurel Street, Bryan, Texas

Timmons, James, Laredo, Texas

Licensed—3

Burney, C. F., North Zulch, Texas

Darnell, Charles

Ferguson, Bobby

EAST TEXAS

Moderator—Rev. J. M. Goode, Carthage, Texas

Clerk—Mrs. Gaston Clary, 405 N. Alta Vista, Henderson, Texas

Churches, 10; conversions, 23; total received, 58; lost, 39; resident members, 851; non-resident members, 139.

Services held, 906; revivals, 12; prayer meetings, 8; Sunday schools, 10; enrolled in Sunday school, 434; aver-

age attendance in Sunday school, 320; amount Sunday school offerings, \$5,292.59.

Churches having leagues, 8; No. leagues, 46; enrolled in leagues, 279; average attendance in leagues, 251; amount league offerings, \$502.39.

Woman's auxiliaries, 5; members, 37; days of prayer, 6; dues and offerings, \$304.31.

Daily vacation Bible schools, 3.

YPA's, 2; members, 12; GTA's, 2; members, 19.

Financial Report:

Total amount collected (all departments), \$19,068.-26.

Disbursements:

Pastor's salaries, \$12,696.84; evangelists, \$758.37; cooperative fund, \$593.97; literature, \$493.04; benevolences, \$332.49; student loan fund, \$238.00; foreign missions, \$238.72; home missions, \$286.03; aid to Bible College students, \$100; association dues, \$15; incidentals, \$1,397.-55; building and repairs, \$2,934.47; camp, \$133; total expense, \$20,217.48; value buildings and equipment, \$59,-500.

MINISTERS

Ordained—10

Brashier, L. K., Route 6, Nacogdoches
Clary, Gaston, 405 N. Alta Vista, Henderson
Ellis, Don, 101 Mockingbird, Henderson
Ferguson, F. C., Star Route, Laneville
Goode, J. M., Carthage
Griffin, S. P., Box 685, Big Sandy
Moore, Allen, Clayton
Oliver, C. E., 210 Maple Street, Henderson
Stegall, S. D., Marshall
Travis, William, Pinar del Rio, Cuba

Licensed—8

Bailey, W. A., Henderson
Breedlove, Frank, Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee
Cronk, James D., Henderson
Fears, Lee, Route 1, Laneville
Godwin, Allen, Henderson
Godwin, Ivan, Henderson

Golding, A. B., Henderson
Welch, F. B. Buddy, Carthage

FELLOWSHIP

Moderator—Rev. C. J. Hearron, 2003 Prairie Avenue, Ft. Worth

Clerk—Rev. C. J. Turrentine, 4300 Avenue H, Ft. Worth

Churches, 9; conversions, 24; total received, 93; lost, 31; resident members at present, 582; non-resident members, 2.

Services held in churches, 740; revivals held, 8; churches having prayer meetings, 9.

Sunday Schools, 9; enrollment, 535; average attendance, 500; offerings, \$3,073.72.

Churches having leagues, 5; enrollment, 167; average attendance, 155.

Woman's auxiliaries, 5; enrollment, 39; days of prayer, 85; collected, \$397.32.

Parsonages, 2.

Financial Report:

Total amount received (all departments), \$26,289.94.

Disbursements:

Pastor's salaries, \$10,682.92; evangelists, \$350.75; literature, \$746.57; Bible College, \$215.06; foreign missions, \$222.19; superannuation, \$30.00; aid to Bible College students, \$25.40; incidentals, \$8,003.72; value buildings and equipment, \$74,000; value parsonages, \$8,000.

MINISTERS

Ordained—19

Baber, A. L. (Dock), 1607 N.W. 21st, Ft. Worth

Bandy, James, 352 N. Henderson, Ft. Worth

Barger, Owen, 7432 Mohawk Drive, Ft. Worth

Bennett, M. F., 5304 Auburn, Ft. Worth

Brandon, Jewel, Springtown Highway, Weatherford

Chaffin, Braxton, 1215 W. Elizabeth, Ft. Worth

Daniel, Billy, Route 1, Denton

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

Griffin, H. F., Route 1, Box 311, Grand Prairie

Haney, Joe, Gulf Breeze Trailer Ct., Victoria
Hearron, C. J., 2003 Prairie Avenue, Ft. Worth
McClain, A. G., Argyle, Box 65
Measures, Henry, York Avenue, Weatherford
O'Dell, R. O., Route 1, Box 381 R, Irving
Reid, H. E., 2514 Hanna St., Ft. Worth
Sheets, H. R., 5177 Old Handley Road, Ft. Worth
St. John, H. C., 1815 Bessie Street, Ft. Worth
Sutton, M. L., 2605 Skyline Drive, Ft. Worth
Turrentine, C. J. (Jack), 4300 Avenue H, Ft. Worth
Licensed—4
Brandon, Kenneth, Weatherford
Davis, Gilbert, Ft. Worth
Hall, Chester, 6140 Anahuac, Ft. Worth
Palmer, Lonnie, Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee

NORTHWEST BRAZOS

Moderator—Rev. Edd Abbott, 900 N. Johnson, Amarillo

Clerk—Mrs. Troy Harp, 1415 Trigg, Amarillo
Churches, 5; membership, 333.

MINISTERS

Ordained—8

Abbott, Edd, 900 N. Johnson, Amarillo
Estes, Mrs. J. B., 1402 W. Noel Street, Memphis, Texas
Garrett, G. G., 1026 E. Paradise Street, Vernon
Harp, Troy, 1415 Trigg Street, Amarillo
Haston, H. H., Guthrie Route, Paducah, Texas
Hickey, Allen, Vernon
Lively, Luther, 809 S. Kentucky Street, Amarillo
Rogers, Jimmy, 2018 Bowie Street, Vernon
Stevensons, R. G., Vernon

PERMIAN BASIN

Moderator—Nolan Robinson, 1015 West Campbell, Kermit

Clerk—Mrs. Burton Hughes, Box 254, Terminal
Churches, 6; conversions, 13; total received, 68; lost, 25; resident members, 225.

No. services held in churches, 936; revivals held, 8;
No. churches having prayer meeting, 6.

No. Sunday schools, 6; enrollment, 189; average attendance, 125.

No. churches having leagues, 2; No. leagues, 2; enrollment, 46; average attendance, 39.

Churches having Master's Men, 1; enrollment, 6.

Woman's auxiliaries, 2; enrollment, 12; dues and offerings, \$375.00.

No. parsonages, 2.

Financial Report:

Total amount collected (all departments), \$10,602.-96.

Disbursements:

Pastor's salaries, \$5,922.45; evangelists, \$586.67; co-operative fund, \$150.00; foreign missions, \$137.17; home missions (state), \$118.86; building and repairs, \$2,109.53; value parsonages, \$11,000.

MINISTERS

Ordained—8

Armstrong, Jake, Box 837, Andrews

Hughes, A. B., Box 245, Terminal

Hughes, J. A. C., Route 1, Box 15, Midland

Melton, G. E., 409 S. Weatherford, Midland

Robinson, Nolan, 1015 West Campbell, Kermit

Savage, Alfred

Sullivan, Tommy, 506 West Carter, Midland

Thompson, Bailey, 623 Vine, Odessa

Licensed—3

Horton, Jack, 1001 S. Loraine, Midland

Johens, W. D., Waxahachie

Savage, B. Fred, Andrews

SOUTHEAST TEXAS

Moderator—Austin Withers, Route 1, Buna, Texas

Clerk—Mrs. Evie Phelps, Route 2, Kirbyville, Texas

Churches, 2; members received, 4; lost, 3; resident members, 50.

No. services held in churches, 182; revivals held in churches, 2; churches having prayer meetings, 1.

No. Sunday schools, 2; enrollment, 50; average attendance, 30; offerings, \$195.74.

No. leagues, 1; enrollment, 25; average attendance, 20; offerings, \$33.10.

Churches having Master's Men, 1; enrollment, 6.

Woman's auxiliaries, 1.

Parsonages, 1.

Financial Report:

Total amount collected (add departments) \$2,221.-91.

Disbursements:

Pastor's salaries, \$958.83; evangelists, \$187.60; literature, \$35.43; incidentals, \$86.40; building and repairs, \$888.40; other, \$65.00; total expense, \$2,156.23; value buildings and equipment, \$5,000; value parsonages, \$2-500.

MINISTERS

Ordained—2

Kimbrell, Robert, Route 2, Kirbyville
Sheffield, R. L., Route 2, Box 66, Newton.

Licensed—1

Sweat, T. G., Route 2, Kirbyville

WEST FORK

Moderator—Roy Norie Jr., 230 W. Day, Denison

Clerk—E. E. Zoellers, 1400 South Dallas, Midland

Churches, 11; conversions, 78; total received, 251; lost, 72; resident members, 1,073.

Services held in churches, 1,011; revivals held in churches, 13.

Sunday schools, 11; enrollment, 996; average attendance, 96; offerings, \$16,508.29.

Churches having leagues, 3; No. leagues, 14; enrollment, 140; offerings, \$521.44.

Churches having Master's Men, 1; enrollment, 22; offerings, \$653.55.

Woman's auxiliaries, 8; enrollment, 149; total received, \$2,121.92.

Financial Report:

Total amount collected (all departments) \$51,920.02.

Disbursements:

Pastor's salaries, \$23,086.12; evangelists, \$1,105.24; cooperative fund, \$832.70; literature, \$646.85; foreign missions, \$204.04; home missions (state) \$478.69; association dues, \$115; incidentals, \$1,140.90; building and repairs, \$47,158.29; total expense, \$45,537.62; value buildings and equipment, \$219,500.

MINISTERS

Ordained—17

Almond, C. C., 3222 Montague, Ft. Worth
Brooks, J. A., Route 2, Box 313, Granbury
Conner, R. E., 3313 Garfield, Wichita Falls
Covington, Tiff, Bowie
Cox, H. Z., 3312 Michigan Avenue, Dallas
Ferguson, Mrs. A. F., 2119 East 10th, Odessa
Ferguson, A. F., 2119 East 10th, Odessa
Fielding, A. J., Dallas
Fielding, E. H., 2510 South Ayers, Ft. Worth
Jones, Bill, Denison
Marecle, J. E., Route 9, Box 2179, Waco
Morrison, Bob, Dallas
Newberry, John, Wichita Falls
Norie, Roy Jr., 230 West Day, Denison
Parton, L. M., 204 29th Street, Temple
Vaughn, E. J., Waco
Zoellers, E. E., 1400 South Dallas

Licensed—1

Thomas, Freddie, Wichita Falls
Total dues collected \$255.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I—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 and churches, and all regularly ordained and licensed ministers and ordained deacons who hold membership in some regular district association of the state of Texas.

ARTICLE II—The purpose of this association shall be to edify and mutually uplift the Free Will Baptist denomination, to spread the gospel to the end of saving the lost and the general advancement of the Kingdom of Christ in the earth.

ARTICLE III—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: each association shall be represented on the basis of one delegate per each one hundred members or fractional part thereof.

Each church shall be allowed two delegates regardless of number of members.

Each association with a membership of 500 or less shall send with its representatives and letter a minimum of \$10; each association with more than 500 members shall send \$5 for each additional 500 members or fractional part thereof.

Each church shall send a minimum of \$5.00.

ARTICLE IV—The officers of this association shall consist of a moderator, assistant moderator, recording secretary, assistant recording secretary, executive secretary, statistician and parliamentarian. Boards of three members each shall be elected for the following departments: Christian Education, Free Will Baptist League, Woman's Auxiliary, Sunday School and Foreign Missions. Their terms of office shall be 3 years.

The body shall elect boards of five members each for the following departments: Home Missions and Sup-erannuation; 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 term of any member, or members, vacating their positions between sessions of the association.

ARTICLE V—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 assist with 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 the proceedings of the association, to prepare manuscript for having minutes printed and negotiate deal for same, to keep files of minutes of all previous sessions, and carry on all correspondence for the body. The clerk shall be allowed \$10 annually for his, or her, services.

The assistant clerk shall assist the clerk.

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 expenses are to be presented at each annual session of the association. 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 cooperative program by encouraging all to support it. All cooperative money shall be sent to this office where in turn some will be sent to the National Association cooperative program.

It shall be the duty of the statistician to compile the statistics of all work done in the state and report same at each annual session of the association; also to communicate annually to the national statistician such statistics as he shall be able to assemble.

It shall be the duty of the parliamentarian to keep good rules of parliamentary usage before him at all times during an assembly of the body 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 on the parliamentarian for rules of order at any time he finds it necessary.

ARTICLE VI—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 VII—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 VIII—It shall be required of all district associations composing this state association to represent themselves by delegate and communicate by letter, their standing, prospects and statistics.

ARTICLE IX—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 X—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 the right to reverse decisions.

ARTICLE XI—This association shall have an executive committee composed of all the officers designated in Article IV.

ARTICLE XII—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 the minutes, should the body deem it wise.

ARTICLE XIII—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 I—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 II—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 III—Delegates from corresponding bodies, and brethren invited to seats in the association, shall be entitled to all privileges of the association except voting.

ARTICLE IV—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 of statement until recognized by the chair.

ARTICLE V—It shall not be considered regular for any member of the body to leave its session without special permission of the presiding officer; 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 VI—The business of this association shall be governed by good parliamentary regulations at all times.

ARTICLE VII—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 VIII—The program of each annual meeting shall be prepared by the regularly elected or appointed committee; programs to be distributed 30 days in advance of setting of the association.

ARTICLE IX—The following standing committees shall be appointed at each setting of the association: temperance, resolutions, program, credentials, obituary and committee on committees.

ARTICLE X—Each session shall be opened by reading a portion of the Bible and prayer, and shall be closed with prayer.

ARTICLE XI—Minutes of each session shall be carefully read and corrected before final adjournment.

ARTICLE XII—These bylaws may be amended at any regular session of the association by a 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.

