

MINUTES

of the

FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the

Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists

When Convened With

First Free Will Baptist Church

Thirtieth and Parker Streets

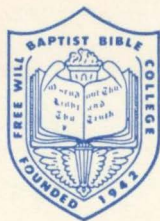
BRYAN, TEXAS

October 28, 29, and 30, 1958

Theme:

"To God Be The Glory."

The next session will be held in the First Free Will Baptist
Church, 3419 Michigan, Dallas, Texas,
October 27, 28 and 29, 1959



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented By

Rev. Jim Williams

TEXAS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

1958 - 1959

OFFICERS

Moderator.....Rev. H. Z. Cox
3312 Michigan Avenue, Dallas, Texas

Assistant Moderator.....Rev. E. E. Zoellers
1400 South Dallas, Midland, Texas

Clerk.....Mrs. Huey Gower
621 N.E. 23rd Street, Grand Prairie, Texas

Assistant Clerk.....Mrs. William H. Johnson
1201 South Terrell, Midland, Texas

Statistician.....Rev. Gaston Clary
405 North Alta Vista, Henderson, Texas

Parliamentarian.....Rev. C. J. Hearron
Fort Worth, Texas

Executive-Secretary.....Rev. E. D. Hellard
322 Ishmeal Street, Houston 18, Texas

BOARDS

Home Missions

Rev. C. B. Thompson, chairman, 1959; Rev. Tiff Covington, 1960; Rev. J. B. Estes, 1960; Rev. J. M. Goode, 1961; Rev. Roy Hearon, 1961.

Foreign Missions

Rev. Fred King, 1959; Rev. Don Ellis, 1960; Rev. Herbert Richards, 1961.

Free Will Baptist League

Mrs. Elvis Fielding, 1959; Rev. Roy Norie, 1960; Mrs. W. O. Withers, 1961.

Superannuation

Rev. Huey Gower, 1959; Mrs. H. Z. Cox, 1960; Rev. R. O. O'Dell, 1960; Rev. Elvis Fielding, 1961; Rev. A. F. Halbrook, 1961.

Christian Education

Rev. John Moehlman, chairman, 1961; Mrs. H. R. Berry, 1959; Rev. M. C. Fry, 1960 (fill unexpired term of Mrs. Bill Jones, who resigned).

Sunday School

Rev. M. L. Sutton, chairman, 1961; Mrs. O. D. Breedlove, 1959; Rev. H. R. Berry, 1960.

Woman's Auxiliary

Mrs. S. R. North, 1959; Mrs. Mozelle Franks, 1960 (fill unexpired term of Mrs. Huey Gower who is clerk); Mrs. Jake Fears, 1961.

PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY EVENING 7:30

Rev. E. E. Zoellers, Director of Music

Mrs. Bill Jones, Organist

Gordon Johnson, Pianist

The forty-fourth annual session of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church, 30th and Parker Streets, Bryan, Texas, October 28, 29 and 30, 1958, with the moderator, Rev. H. Z. Cox, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist church in Dallas, presiding.

The session was opened on Tuesday evening at 7:30 with Rev. Zoellers leading the congregation in singing, "Glory to His Name," and, "Love Lifted Me."

The host pastor, Rev. Malcolm Fry, extended a cordial welcome to all.

The moderator used Psalms 133:1 as the basis for his message emphasizing the purpose of the meeting and admonishing that we watch over each other in love; he declared that the basis of our fellowship is the Lord Jesus.

Representatives from the following associations were recognized: East Texas, Central Texas, West Fork, Southeast Texas and Fellowship. The clerk stated that the Northwest Brazos Association had sent in a report but was not represented in person. It was stated that the Permian Basin Association had dissolved and the Midessa Association had been organized and was presenting a petitionary letter to the State Association for membership. (See report of credentials committee for action taken).

The moderator appointed the following committees:

Committee on Committees—Rev. Gaston Clary, chairman; Rev. Elvis Fielding, Rev. A. G. McClain.

Credentials—Rev. H. R. Berry, chairman; Rev. J. A. Brooks, Rev. Roy Hearon.

Rev. Gaston Clary made a motion that the chair appoint the nominating committee; motion carried. The committee appointed was: Rev. M. L. Sutton, chairman; Rev. E. E. Zoellers, Rev. C. B. Thompson.

Rev. Malcolm Fry sang, "How Great Thou Art", as a solo, accompanied by Gordon Johnson at the piano.

An offering was taken for the expense of the meeting; \$42.30 was received.

Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, our National Executive Secretary, took the stand to deliver the evening message. At his request the congregation sang, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross", followed with prayer by Rev. Mooneyham. He used as the theme of his message, "The Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ", and based it on Galatians 6:7-15. In his remarks he refreshed our minds on the value of the cross and what it means in the life of christians. The message was followed by an invitation hymn played by the organist and prayer by the moderator. A short season of prayer was led by Rev. Elvis Fielding, followed by others, beseeching the Lord to guide in the actions of the association.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

At 6:30 on Wednesday morning the ladies of the host church served coffee and doughnuts in the educational building. Solo by Rev. E. D. Hellard. Rev. Charles Thigpen, dean of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee, brought a message on, "A Workable Church Program," using Luke 16:23.

At 9 a.m., the regular session was opened with Rev. A. F. Ferguson leading the congregation in singing, "Praise Him", and, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

Rev. Bill Jones, pastor of the church of Bowie, led the devotion using Romans 1:16, 17, and 3:26. Rev. Jones' thoughts were on Salvation.

A partial report of the Credentials Committee was read and received. A petitionary letter from the Midessa Association was read by the Credentials Committee; the association was received into the State Association. All delegates were seated.

Report of Executive Secretary, Rev. E. D. Hellard, was read and received. In connection with this report, Rev. W. S. Mooneyham explained that the co-operative fund money, after it leaves Texas, is received in the headquarters office

and disbursed to the different departments according to the percentages set up by the National Association.

Credentials Committee made an additional partial report which was received and delegates seated.

Report of the Executive Committee was read by Rev. Elvis Fielding, assistant clerk. Motion by Rev. Zoellers that the report be received and adopted item by item; motion carried. By vote of the body action on the budget recommended by the executive committee was to be taken later in the day.

Recess followed prayer by the moderator.

At 10:50, the song leader led in singing "Heavenly Sunlight", and, "There's Power in the Blood." Rev. Mooneyham again brought a soul-stirring message on, "The Sin of Forgetting God", and choosing for his Scripture the 6th chapter of Judges and the 15th and 16th verses of the 7th chapter. The morning service was closed with prayer by Rev. Mooneyham and the congregation singing, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus".

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon session began at 1:30; the song leader led in singing, "Sunshine in My Soul", and, "Send the Light".

Mrs. Bill Jones favored the audience with a solo, "All That Thrills My Soul," with Mrs. Dale Burden at the piano.

Rev. Owen Barger, pastor of the Rock of Ages Church in Fort Worth, read Matthew 5:14 as the basis for his devotional thoughts.

Credentials Committee made a partial report. Report received and delegates seated.

Rev. Zoellers read the report of the Nominating Committee. Motion carried that the report be received and acted on item by item. See page 1 for officers elected and page 2 for board members.

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

Report of Home Mission Board read by Rev. C. B. Thompson. Received.

Motion by Rev. M. L. Sutton that the material which

was placed on the table last year be lifted from the table and disposed of. Carried.

Moderator stated that the committee appointed to revise the Constitution had failed to make a report, according to the chairman. Rev. Zoellers made a motion that moderator appoint another committee to revise the Constitution. Carried. Committee appointed was M. L. Sutton, E. E. Zoellers, and C. J. Hearron.

Credentials Committee read invitations for the 1959 session of the Association. By vote of the body, the 1959 session will be held in the First Free Will Baptist Church in Dallas.

Report of League Board by Mrs. W. O. Withers. Received.

Report of Woman's Auxiliary by Mrs. Gaston Clary, State President. Received.

Report of Resolutions Committee was read by Rev. Bill Jones. Motion to accept report and act on resolutions item by item. Carried.

Resolution No. 1 adopted.

Resolution No. 2 adopted.

Resolution No. 3 adopted.

Report of Obituary Committee read by assistant clerk. Motion to receive carried.

Report of Temperance Committee read and received.

Rev. W. S. Mooneyham brought up the matter of entertaining the 1961 session of the National Association. The moderator stated that he had received a call from one of the largest hotels in Dallas encouraging us to try to bring the 1961 session to Dallas. Motion was made by Rev. Roy Hearon that we invite the 1961 session of the National Association to meet in Texas, with a committee to be appointed by the moderator to meet with Rev. Mooneyham to decide on the meeting place. Motion carried. The committee is composed of Rev. M. L. Sutton, Rev. Malcolm Fry and the moderator, Rev. Cox.

Rev. Miller of the Misisonary Communications Service gave us some interesting and valuable information on the

service which they offer by way of communicating with our missionaries by radio.

Motion to adjourn. Carried.

Benediction by Rev. Cox.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

The service began at 7:30 by singing, "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart", and, "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder".

Prayer by Rev. R. E. Conner, pastor of Faith Church in Wichita Falls.

Mrs. Dale Burden sang, "Submission to His Will", accompanied by Mrs. Bill Jones.

Rev. Thigpen made some announcements regarding the Bible College before beginning his message of the evening. He told us that the object of the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville is to train christian workers; two-thirds of the missionaries are Bible College graduates and 25,000 people are pastored by college graduates.

Rev. Thigpen read Luke 19:10 and Luke 15:1 & 2 and brought a wonderful message on Satan's ways of approach and means of attack.

An offering was taken for the Bible College; \$65.75 was received.

Rev. Bill Jones prayed the closing prayer after a special request for prayer for Mr. Smith, a member of the host church, who is very ill, also many who are in sin.

THURSDAY MORNING

The service began with singing, "Revive Us Again", followed by prayer by Rev. C. B. Thompson.

As a devotion Mrs. E. E. Zoellers gave a reading, "One Jungle Night", the message of which was witnessing.

Report of statistician by Rev. Clary was received.

Report of Christian Education Board was read by Mrs. H. R. Berry and received. In addition to this report, a verbal report was made of the encampment held at Camp Holland by the Fellowship Association.

The Credentials Committee made their final report. Motion to receive carried.

Moderator read the budget as recommended by the Executive Committee, which had been read and accepted by the body but had not been adopted.

Motion by Rev. Zoellers that we adopt the budget of \$7,000 for 1958 - 59. Motion carried.

Motion by Rev. Zoellers that we allocate 60 per cent to the co-operative fund. The motion met with a second and a discussion followed in which the group was reminded that the 60 per cent was 10 per cent less than we paid to the co-operative fund in 1957 - 58.

Motion by Rev. Clary that we amend the motion to give 65 per cent to the co-operative fund. Motion carried.

The original motion as amended carried.

Motion that we allocate 10 per cent to the Home Mission Board. Carried.

Motion that we allocate 5 per cent to the Superannuation Board. Carried.

Motion by Rev. H. R. Berry that we allocate 20 per cent to the State Executive Department to be used as that department sees fit. Carried.

The budget as accepted is:

BUDGET

\$7,000 total

65% to Co-operative fund

20% to State Executive Department

10% to State Home Missions

5% to State Superannuation

The moderator urged the association to put forth more effort to establish churches in more sections of our state.

Motion that the clerk read, correct and prepare the minutes for the printer. Carried.

Rev. Monneyham stated that each state is entitled to 5 lay delegates to the National Association and each local church is entitled to one delegate with a fee of \$10.00.

Motion by Rev. Sutton that the Moderator be authorized to appoint these delegates. Carried.

Motion that we extend a rising vote of thanks to the

entertaining church for their courtesy and consideration in entertaining. Carried.

Motion to adjourn for the morning worship service. Carried.

Prayer by Rev. Huey Gower.

Rev. Zoellers led in singing, "Jesus Saves", and, "There Is a Fountain." Rev. R. N. Fry, pastor of the church at North Zulch, very ably sang, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Is What the Angels Sing", accompanied by Rev. M. C. Fry at the piano.

Rev. Thigpen delivered the final message of the session. He read Psalms 11:3, I Cor. 3:11 and Isaiah 28:16. His subject was, "Foundations", and he emphasized the fact that the sure foundation is Jesus.

The hand of fellowship was extended to Rev. Thigpen and Rev. Mooneyham as an expression of appreciation for having given of their time to be with us and help us make it one of our best state associations.

Mrs. Sammye Wilkerson called attention to the fact that Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Eagleton are on the mission field in South America representing us and that they were not able to visit the churches before they had to leave, therefore, their fund is low and she urged all present to make a special effort to raise funds for them and to put them on their prayer list.

The moderator, Rev. H. Z. Cox, pronounced the final benediction.

The host church served lunch in the annex.

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Associations	Number of Delegates	Fee
West Fork	10	\$15.00
Northwest Brazos	represented by letter	—
Central Texas	12	20.00
East Texas	8	15.00
Fellowship	7	15.00
Southeast Texas	2	10.00
Midessa	5	10.00

Churches

First Church, Comanche	2	5.00
First Church, Denton	2	5.00
Gartman's View, Comanche	2	5.00
First Church, Houston	2	5.00
First Church, Dallas	2	5.00
First Church, Odessa	0	5.00
West Side Church, Midland	2	5.00
First Church, Lake Charles	2	5.00
Good Hope, Henderson	2	5.00
Rock of Ages, Fort Worth	2	5.00
Cross, Iola	2	5.00
Mt. Union, Garrison	2	5.00
Bright Light, Bryan	2	5.00
Fellowship, Bryan	2	5.00
First Church, Bowie	2	5.00
Pine Prairie, Huntsville	2	5.00
New Salem, Decatur	2	5.00
First Church, Waco	2	5.00
Friendship, Fort Worth	0	5.00
Evergreen, Keith	2	5.00
First Church, Bryan	2	5.00
Trinity, Fort Worth	2	5.00
Mt. Olive, Laneville	2	5.00
First Church, Carthage	1	5.00
North Zulch	2	5.00
Huntsville	1	5.00
Faith Church, Wichita Falls	2	5.00
First Church, Henderson	2	5.00
TOTALS:	—	
Churches	28	—
Delegates	94	
Dues		\$230.00

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Program: Executive committee and host pastor.

Resolutions: Rev. Bill Jones, Bob Harliss, Rev. L. R. Anderson

Temperance: Clyde Goen, Rev. A. F. Ferguson, Gordon Johnson

Obituary: Mrs. Alvin Halbrook, Mrs. Ola Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Dora Johnson, Rev. J. E. Marecle, Mrs. H. W. Williams.

(signed):

Gaston Clary, *Chairman*

Elvis Fielding

A. G. McClain

CO-OPERATIVE PLAN OF SUPPORT TEXAS FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
Year Ending October 25, 1958

Receipts:

Central District Association	\$2,422.39
East Texas District Association	816.05
West Side Church, Midland	1,230.41
Concord Church, Dallas	307.26
Fellowship District Association	177.99
First Church, Odessa	83.00
Offering from State Association to F.W.B.B.C.	100.30
State Dues	265.00
Permian Basin District Association	46.29
First Church, Bryan	298.75
First Church, Dallas	153.00
Total	\$5,936.59

Disbursements:

National Association	\$3,897.61
State Home Missions	594.27
State Superannuation	278.40
State Executive Committee	801.31
Total	\$5,936.59

TEXAS F.W.B. STATE OFFICE FINANCIAL REPORT

Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Explanations

Receipts:

Co-operative Plan of Support.....	\$ 801.31	
Balance from last year.....	561.81	
State Dues, Miscellaneous and Offering	398.18	
Total		\$1,761.30

Disbursements:

Office Help (Help with 1957 Publicity and Report included in this amount)	\$ 55.00	
Adding Machine	140.00	
Traveling Expenses (most of this is the Executive Secretary himself; however, five other board mem- bers have received 2 checks each this year	652.22	
Office Supplies, Printing, Publicity (this includes supplies, etc., for the State Clerk, the State Mod- erator and State Office)	172.41	
Directories, National	10.00	
Telephone	13.78	
Minutes (cost of mailing in office supplies)	173.64	
Bond on Treasurer	\$ 5.00	
Honorarium (Mrs. C. B. Thompson, State Clerk)	60.00	
Special (one church bad check on State Dues)	5.00	
Special Offerings		
Free Will Baptist Bible College..	100.30	
Total Disbursed		\$1,432.35
Balance on Hand Oct. 24, 1958..		328.95

Channeled for
National Foreign Missions ----- \$1,248.10

Channeled for
National Home Missions ----- 249.06

Channeled for Bible College ----- 142.50

Survey of Budget
Proposed Budget 1957 and 1958 ----- \$7,000.00

Amount Received ----- 5,936.59

Balance ----- \$1,063.41

Proposed Budget 1956 and 1957 ----- \$7,000.00

Amount Received ----- 4,969.82

Balance ----- 2,031.18

You will notice almost a \$1,000.00 increase for this year. A \$1,000.00 increase next year will give us our first victory on our budget if the same amount is adopted for this year.

DISBURSEMENTS TO THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, *Executive Secretary*

The monthly allocations have gone out somewhat monthly on 70 per cent basis as authorized by the State Association. Seventy per cent of the Co-operative Plan of Support money has been mailed to the National Association of Free Will Baptist this year. The reports coming through the *Contact*, monthly publication, does not publish all these figures because of the dates in which they arrive. As you will notice, I have made allocations at odd times because of my own work schedule, which sometimes prevents me from allocating the money on the same date each month. You may see the dates and amounts below.

Date	Amount Disbursed
November 22	\$ 143.05
December 30	51.46
December 30	64.60
February 4	310.86
March 3	476.13

March	24	316.48
May	5	400.55
May	27	262.28
June	24	422.51
August	4	503.97
October	13	512.01
October	20	287.73
October	23	145.97

TOTAL \$3,597.60

Total Due National Association \$.00

Respectfully submitted,
Everett D. Hellard,
Texas State Executive Secretary

REPORT OF STATE LEAGUE BOARD

This is the report of 38 Leagues. There are 2 District League Conventions which convene quarterly.

There were eleven Leagues represented at the State League Convention at Woodlake, Texas, August 15, 1958. Diane Clary of Henderson, Texas, won the intermediate sword drill and Elaine Davis of Good Hope Church won in the junior sword drill.

The state officers are: president, Ned Graham, Lake Charles, Louisiana; vice-president, Robert Cox, Dallas, Texas; secretary, Everal Hellard, Houston, Texas; treasurer, Jimmy Lewis, Bryan, Texas; program, Diane Clary, Henderson, Texas.

The national project for this year is the new kitchen for the Bible College. Cost of the kitchen is \$15,000; Texas' quota is \$300.

The State Convention gave \$50 for Mission Station in Japan; \$31.50 to Foreign Missions; \$95 to the Bible College kitchen fund; \$15 to the Calverys; \$10 to Home Missions; paid sword drill winners in State Leagues \$22 (two ways to camp).

(signed) Mrs. W. O. Withers

REPORT OF STATE HOME MISSIONS BOARD

I have continued to carry on in a limited way. I am sure, however, that much good has been done. The following churches have been given financial assistance: Irving, Kilgore, and Fellowship of Midland. I visited these churches to determine whether they qualified for help, also held preaching services and worked for the spiritual good of the committees. The people have shown much interest in the spiritual phase of the work, also in the denominational program. The work has been so very pleasant with many sweet experiences in the Lord.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Amount brought forward _____ \$ 758.81

Receipts:

Auxiliaries, state and local _____ \$ 21.77

Executive Secretary _____ 556.80

Faith Church, Wichita Falls _____ 30.00

Total received _____ 608.57

GRAND TOTAL _____ **\$1,367.38**

Disbursements:

November 17, 1957 — _____

Irving Church _____ \$200.00

January 6, 1958 — _____

Fellowship Church, Midland _____ 200.00

April 23, 1958 — _____

Kilgore Church _____ 200.00

Travel Expense for _____

Promotional Secretary, _____

2,144 miles at 5 cents per mile _____ 107.20

Three days on the field _____

at \$8.00 per day _____ 24.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS _____ **\$ 731.20**

Balance in bank, Oct. 28, 1958 _____ **\$ 636.18**

(signed) C. B. Thompson, Treasurer

REPORT OF STATISTICIAN

The statistical report is herewith submitted. As your statistician, I would like to recommend that the state report blanks be adapted to each local district and church and then a form compiled and furnished to each district and church in order to make possible an accurate statistical report. I also recommend that district letters to the State Association be made in duplicate with one copy being sent to the statistician so the report can be compiled in advance.

Number of churches	58
Number of parsonages	9
Number of ordained ministers	99
Number of licensed ministers	11
Number of ordained deacons	178
Number auxiliaries:	
Sunday schools	58
Leagues	32
Woman's Auxiliaries	32
GTAs	5
YPAs	3
Boy's auxiliaries	1
Master's Men	4
Prayer meetings	39
Church members	4,246
Resident members (incomplete)	2,453;
non-resident	429
Members received	675
By baptism	280
By letter	198
By statement of faith	169
Members dismissed:	
By letter	175
Excluded	5
Deceased	31
Sunday school enrollment	2,674
League enrollment	930
Woman's Auxiliary membership	310
Total giving in the churches	\$126,359.84
General offerings	\$ 44,233.62
Building fund	\$ 60.00
Pastors' salaries	\$ 61,652.61

Evangelistic work	\$ 4,865.12
Building and repairs	\$ 14,578.75
Literature	\$ 5,255.49
Advertising (radio programs, etc)	\$ 912.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 8,198.99
Other	\$ 4,658.67

Spent for outside causes:

Cooperative Plan	\$5,024.43
Foreign Missions	1,809.52
Home Missions	1,000.87
Education	425.50
Superannuation	100.00
Associational Projects	750.91
State and National Projects	192.99

Total outside expenditures	\$ 9,205.22
Value of associational property	\$ 14,100.00
Value of church property	\$329,227.00
Value of parsonage property	\$ 31,700.00

(Signed) Gaston Clary, Statistician

REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE

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

East Texas, Southeast Texas, Central Texas, West Fork, Fellowship and Northwest Brazos District have lost 31 members by death. 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 those bereaved.

(Signed)

Mrs. Ola Fitzpatrick

Mrs. Dora Johnson

Mrs. J. E. Marecle

Mrs. Homer Williams

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

No. I — Be it resolved, that the Texas State Association go on record as recommending that each church send a monthly (at least) report of progress and news to the Executive Secretary of the State Association that he might send to each church a report giving the progress and news of the churches in our Association for the purpose of strengthening, encouraging and challenging them to greater service in the kingdom of our Lord.

No. II — Be it resolved, that the State Association give an honorarium of \$50 to the clerk as an expression of appreciation for her service and that we extend our heartfelt thanks.

No. III — Be it resolved, that the Texas State Association contact each District Association personally concerning the co-operative program and through the district each local church for the purpose of explaining and challenging them to accept the co-operative plan wholeheartedly.

(Signed)

Bill Jones

Bob Harliss

L. R. Anderson

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT

A couple of Christians in a small town agreed to greet each other each time they met with II Tim. 2:15, instead of saying "Hello," or "Good morning." Other people, hearing this, started looking the reference up to see what they meant, and pretty soon they were greeting each other also with II Tim. 2:15, and aroused widespread interest in Bible study and discussion in their community.

Christian Education is basically this: "To study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

The importance of Christian Education is becoming more and more emphasized in our Free Will Baptist churches from Sunday School, Leagues, D.V.B.S., summer camps, on through the two colleges and two Bible institutes in our denomination.

Statistics show that in Texas this year the districts report as follows:

Central Texas District:

Sunday Schools, 12, Average Attendance 984

Leagues, 6, Average Attendance 236

V.B.S., 8, Average Attendance 488

N. W. Brazos:

Sunday Schools, 6, Average Attendance 350

Leagues, 4, Average Attendance 120

West Fork:

Sunday Schools, 14,

Leagues, 2

Fellowship:

Sunday Schools, 11, Average Attendance 549

Leagues, 8, Average Attendance 254

East Texas:

Sunday Schools, 10, Average Attendance 519

Leagues, 8, Average Attendance 300

South East Texas:

Sunday Schools, 2, Average Attendance 50

Leagues, 1, Average Attendance 20

Midessa:

Sunday Schools, 2, Average Attendance 167

Leagues, 2, Average Attendance 133

The National Sunday School Board reported that Texas ordered 1,442 quarterlies for first quarter; 1,283 for second quarter; 1,659 the third quarter, and 3,009 the fourth quarter this year

There are 11 students from Texas in the Bible College, and two districts have active student loan funds.

There were three encampments reported. One at Camp Holland, sponsored by the Fellowship District, with 37 for the week. They are in process of buying property; one at Weatherford used for camp meetings; and the East-Central Bi-District encampment at Pineywoods which registered 179 from three districts for the week, and 261 total, including part time campers and visitors.

There were 19 conversions, 29 rededications, two announced calls to the ministry and 12 to missions. The Executive Committees of the State Association and the

W.A. met at Pineywoods and the State League convention met on Friday, as usual.

Camp time at Pineywoods is scheduled for the week of August 10th, 1959, with Evangelist Bobby Jackson to be the youth speaker. Rates are to be around \$11.25 per week, including insurance.

(Signed) Mrs. H. Ray Berry

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Since our last Association in Midland, Texas, there has been a considerable amount of interest in the Sunday School; especially the source of supply of literature for our Free Will Baptist Sunday Schools.

Following the recommendation of the State Sunday School Board, a good percentage of our schools are using materials from the Sunday School Department of the National Association, in Nashville, Tennessee. During the year the following number of quarterlies have been shipped to churches in Texas:

First Quarter	1,442
Second Quarter	1,283
Third Quarter	1,659
Fourth Quarter	3,009

Since we have a Sunday School enrollment of 3,500, based on last year's figures, this would mean that only about 500 members of the schools were not getting quarterlies from the National Sunday School Department.

Your Sunday School Board would like to urge you to try the materials furnished by our National Sunday School Board for the following reasons:

1. The National Sunday School Department is under the direct supervision of your National Association of Free Will Baptists, and it is the only one that is so regulated by the Free Will Baptists, on a local, state, or national basis.
2. The profit you pay on your literature, and there is a profit in it, will be used in the development of the Denominational Sunday School Department, and not into the building of a corporation for a few private stockholders.
3. You can get graded literature from our National Sunday School Department for the smaller grades that are

greatly needed and of the highest quality.

4. You can call on the Promotional Secretary, Rev. William Mishler, and he will come, or send someone, to help you with your Sunday School problems.

5. Suggested Constitutions and By-Laws are available for the local, district and state Sunday School conventions if you would like to have them.

RECOMMENDATION: We recommend that a State Sunday School Convention be organized for the purpose of endeavoring to strengthen the Sunday School work throughout the state.

(Signed)

H. Ray Berry

Mrs. N. T. Kinne

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Whereas, according to God's Holy Word in Romans 12:1 we are to present our bodies holy and acceptable to the Lord; and,

Whereas, we have gone on record as being opposed to the sale and use of alcoholic beverages, and the patronization of places that sell such;

Be it resolved, that we enter into an aggressive warfare against the following evils:

1. Desecration of the Lord's Day.
2. Divorce.
3. Sexy and filthy literature.
4. Use of tobacco.
5. Excessive spending on temporal things.
6. Television programs of a shady nature.
7. Immodest dress.

We urge that we, as God's people, by sacrificial living and giving, support our Lord's work.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

C. F. Goen

Rev. A. F. Ferguson

Gordon Johnson

SUPERANNUATION

Amount Received	\$308.00
Amount Paid Out	360.00
Balance	\$185.55

(Signed) J. A. Brooks, *Treasurer*

TEXAS STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT, 1957-58

Number of Auxiliaries reporting — 20 (inclusive).

Amount per capita representation fees sent to Treasurer — 36.58

Number of "A-1" Standard Auxiliaries — 2; Number "B" — 3; Number "C" — 15.

Enrollment beginning of year, 227; Present enrollment, 237.

Number New Members — 58; Number lost — 40; Average Attendance — 166.

YOUTH DEPARTMENT:

1. Number Youth Organizations: G.T.A., 4; Y.P.A., 5.
2. Total Members: G.T.A., 64; Y.P.A., 67.
3. Number Mission Declamation Contests Held — 1.
4. Number V.B.S. assisted in — 15.
5. Number Active Church Libraries — 2.
6. Number Bible College students assisted — 14.
7. Other activities — 7.

STUDY COURSE REPORTMENT:

One District Reporting.

1. Courses held:

Missions, 14; attendance 71.
Stewardship, 9; attendance 65.
Manual 11; attendance 63.
Evangelism 9; attendance 92.

2. READING CIRCLES:

Circles — 1.

Number Daily Bible Readers — 57.

PRAYER PROGRAM DEPARTMENT:

1. Number special programs held — 23.
2. Number weeks of prayer conducted — 35.
3. Self-denial offerings resulting from weeks of prayer — \$206.61.
4. Number family altars — 76.
5. Number members observing prayer fellowship — 115.

PERSONAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT:

1. Number making soul winning efforts — 89.
2. Number souls won — 17.
3. Number active in community missions — 62.

PUBLICITY DEPARTMENT:

1. Number subscribers to F.W.B. publications — 132.
2. Number articles written for publication — 39.
3. Other publicity work: Making posters — 1.

PERSONAL GIFTS:

Special Offerings:

Missions: Africa, \$466.09; Calverys, \$170.10; Tent, \$29.00; Foreign, \$3.50; National Home, \$16.42; State Home, \$20.78.

Bible College — \$311.90 (contributions through other channels).

Aid to Church Building — \$890.61.

Superannuation — \$2.80 (through treasurer).

Children's Home — \$200.60.

Co-Laborer — \$65.26 (through state treasurer).

STEWARDSHIP OF POSSESSIONS:

Number members contributing to missions — 119.

Number tithers on roll beginning of year — 73.

Number tithers resulting from

Stewardship Study Courses — 3.

Number new tithers this year — 33.

Present number of tithers — 93.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Amount of Offering sent to W.N.A.C. Co-laborer Fund.....	\$148.80
Amount Easter offering for Foreign Missions...	123.75
Amount Thanksgiving offering for State Home Missions	58.36
Amount Christmas offering for National Home Missions	54.45
Value boxes sent to orphanage.....	200.60
Cash gifts to Free Will Baptist Bible College....	85.05
Total gifts to Missions sent to W.N.A.C. Treasurer.....	705.87
By G.T.A.'s — \$2.00	
By Y.P.A.'s — \$5.00	
Cash to aged ministers — \$2.50	
Total per capital representation fees sent to W.N.A.C.	\$ 23.70
Total amount spent for W.N.A.C. Literature	\$160.00

The Executive Committee of the Texas State Woman's Auxiliary met on August 14, 1958, and the following action was taken:

1. The auxiliaries of the West Side Church of Midland and the Mt. Pleasant Church were accepted into the State Convention.

2. The resignation of Mrs. Bill Berry as Personal Service Chairman was accepted and Mrs. Everett Hellard was elected to fill the vacancy.

3. The committee recommended that each local auxiliary give at least \$30 toward houses for our missionary families in Japan. This to be paid through our State Treasury by June, 1959.

4. The committee recommended that each local auxiliary pay at least \$1.50 or \$2 per month consistently for the support of the two children adopted by our missionaries, the Calverys, in Japan.

(Signed) Mrs. Gaston Clary, *President*

ASSOCIATIONS

CENTRAL TEXAS

Moderator — Rev. Malcolm Fry, 312 Laurel Street, Bryan, Texas.

Clerk — Jane Burden, 1426 Grein Avenue, Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Number of churches, 12; number of parsonages, 4; number of ordained ministers, 21; number of licensed ministers, 1; number ordained deacons, 43.

Number auxiliaries: Sunday schools, 12; Leagues, 6; Woman's Auxiliaries, 7; GTAs, 2; YPAs, 3; Master's Men, 2; Prayer Meetings, 12.

Church membership — 1,303; resident members, 1,102; non-resident, 201.

Members received — 95; by baptism, 41; by letter, 45; by statement, 21.

Members dismissed — 55; by letter, 55; deceased, 10.

Sunday School enrollment — 984.

League enrollment — 236.

Woman's Auxiliary membership — 123.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Total giving in the churches — \$53,592.82.

General Offerings — \$34,293.21.

SPENT FOR LOCAL CAUSES

Pastors' salaries, \$23,612.00; Evangelistic work, \$2,169.61; Building and repairs, \$4,951.74; Literature, \$2,227.86; Other, \$3,469.89. Total Expenditures, \$34,956.84.

SPENT FOR OUTSIDE CAUSES

Cooperative Plan, \$2,443.11; Foreign Missions, \$1,008.11; Home Missions, \$408.66; Education, \$262.50; Superannuation, \$1.00; Total outside expenditures, \$4,123.38.

Value of church property, \$155,957.00; value of parsonage property, \$27,400.00.

Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc. — \$20.00.

MINISTERS :

Berry, H. Ray, 107 North Ennis, Bryan, Texas
Bounds, J. L., Route 2, Anderson, Texas
Burney, Clyde, 412 East 28th Street, Houston, Texas
Daniels, B. M., Box 266, Bacliff, Texas
Davis, Bobby Joe, Fort Hood, Texas
Calvery, Wesley,
7 Shinmachi, Abashiri, Hokkaido, Japan
Ferguson, Bobby, Free Will Baptist Bible College,
Nashville, Tennessee
Franklin, Tommie, Huntsville, Texas
Fry, Malcolm C., 312 Laurel Street, Bryan, Texas
Fry, R. N., North Zulch, Texas
Handy, J. W., Masonic Home, Arlington, Texas
Halbrook, Alvin, Route 3, Bryan, Texas
Hellard, E. D., 322 Ishmael Street, Houston 18, Texas
McAdams, H. M., Route 3, Huntsville, Texas
McAdams, Mrs. Lizzie, Route 3, Huntsville, Texas
McDonald, Troy Lee, Houston, Texas
Payne, J. L., Houston, Texas
Richards, Herbert, Route 2, Iola, Texas
Thompson, C. B., 305 W. Duncan, Bryan, Texas
Moehlman, John, 1500 South College Ave., Bryan, Texas
Timmons, James, Laredo, Texas

EAST TEXAS

Moderator — Rev. Don Ellis, 101 Mockingbird, Henderson, Texas.
Clerk — Mrs. Gaston Clary, 405 N. Alta Vista, Henderson, Texas.
Number of churches, 10; number of ordained ministers, 11;
number of licensed ministers, 4; number of deacons, 30.
Number of Auxiliaries: Sunday Schools, 10; Leagues, 8;
Woman's Auxiliaries, 6; GTAs, 2; Prayer Meetings, 6.
Church membership — 702; resident members, 530; non-resident, 172.
Members received — 61; by baptism, 30; by letter, 22;
by statement, 9.
Members dismissed — 13; deceased, 6.
Sunday School enrollment, 519; League Enrollment, 300;
Woman's Auxiliary membership, 55.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Total giving in the churches — \$21,006.51.

SPENT FOR LOCAL CAUSES

Pastors' salaries, \$13,177.17; Evangelistic work, \$1,113.64; Building and repairs, \$2,054.23; Literature, \$630.31; Total local expenditures — \$18,119.32.

SPENT FOR OUTSIDE CAUSES

Cooperative Plan, \$1,175.38; Foreign Missions, \$291.94; Home Missions, \$188.33; Education, \$100.35; Associational Projects, \$300.00; State and National Projects, \$15.00. Total Outside Expenditures — \$1,871.00.

Value of church property — \$77,000.00.

Amount enclosed with letter for fees, minutes, etc. — \$15.00.

MINISTERS

Brashier, L. K., Route 6, Box 483, Nacogdoches, Texas

Clary, Gaston, 405 N. Alta Vista, Henderson, Texas

Ellis, Don, 101 Mockingbird, Henderson, Texas

Ferguson, C. F., Route 6, Henderson, Texas

Griffin, S. P., Route 1, Box 52X, Kilgore, Texas

Goode, J. M., Carthage, Texas

Kimbrell, Robert, Henderson, Texas

Olicer, C. E., Route 1, Laneville, Texas

Welch, F. B., Carthage, Texas

Darnell, C. W.

Travis, William

LICENSED MINISTERS

Breedlove, Frank, Alaska

Godwin, Allen, Tennessee

Godwin, Ivan, Carthage, Texas

Bailey, W. H., Henderson, Texas

Anderson, Lee Roy, 704 Elvin Street, Carthage, Texas

FELLOWSHIP

Moderator — Rev. C. J. Hearron, Fort Worth, Texas.

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

Number of churches, 11; number of parsonages, 3; number of ordained ministers, 25; number of licensed ministers, 2; number of ordained deacons, 28.

Number Auxiliaries: Sunday Schools, 11; Leagues, 8; Woman's Auxiliaries, 5; GTAs, 1; Boy's Auxiliaries, 1; Master's Men, 1; Prayer Meetings, 11.

Church membership — 607; resident, 551; nonresident, 56.

Members received — 90; by baptism, 36; by letter, 38; by statement, 14.

Members dismissed — 66; by letter, 61; excluded, 5; deceased, 1.

Sunday School enrollment, 549; League enrollment, 254; Woman's Auxiliary membership, 84.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Total giving in the churches — \$24,607.03.

General Offerings — \$9,940.41.

SPENT FOR LOCAL CAUSES

Pastors' salaries, \$12,126.54; Evangelistic work, \$543.31; Building and repairs, \$6,186.01; Literature, \$1,815.28; Advertising, \$12.00; Miscellaneous, \$6,086.62; Other, \$668.94; Bible College, \$59.24. Total Local Expenditures — \$25,929.99.

SPENT FOR OUTSIDE CAUSES

Foreign Missions, \$126.32; Home Missions, \$379.82; Associational tithes, \$388.66; State and National Projects, \$177.99.

Value of associational property — \$7,800.00.

Value of parsonage property — \$13,000.00.

Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc. — \$15.00.

MINISTERS

Baber, A. L., 1607 NW 21st Street, Fort Worth, Texas

Bandy, Jimmy, 253 N. Henderson, Fort Worth, Texas

Barger, O. L., 7432 Mohawk Drive, Fort Worth, Texas

Brandon, Jewel, Route, Weatherford, Texas

Brandon, R. K., Route, Weatherford, Texas

Bennett, M. F., 5304 Auburn, Fort Worth, Texas

Carender, A. H., 110 Line Street, Weatherford, Texas

Chaffin, W. B., 1508 Washington, Fort Worth
 Daniels, Billie, Denton, Texas
 Estes, J. B., 408 Edna Street, Weatherford, Texas
 Gower, Huey, 621 NE 23rd Street, Grand Prairie, Texas
 Hall, C. M., 6140 Anahuac, Fort Worth, Texas
 Haney, Joe, Victoria, Texas
 Hearron, C. J., Fort Worth, Texas
 Justice, Alfred, 801 W. Peach, Fort Worth, Texas
 McClain, A. G., Argyle, Texas
 Measures, Henry, Weatherford, Texas
 O'Dell, R. O., 2003 Prairie Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas
 Palmer, Lonnie, Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville,
 Tennessee
 Reid, H. E., 4713 Erath, Fort Worth, Texas
 Ricks, W. T., Fort Worth, Texas
 Sheets, H. R., Old Handley Road, Fort Worth, Texas
 St. John, H. C., Fort Worth, Texas
 Sutton, M. L., 2605 Skyline Drive, Fort Worth, Texas
 Turrentine, C. J., 4300 Avenue H, Fort Worth, Texas
 Walker, Mrs. Verda, Weatherford, Texas
 Wally, J. K., Fort Worth, Texas

MIDESSA — (PETITIONARY LETTER)

Moderator — Rev. E. E. Zoellers, 1400 S. Dallas St., Mid-
 land, Texas
 Clerk — Rev. A. F. Ferguson, 4718 Bryan Road, Odessa,
 Texas
 Number of churches — 3
 Ministers — 5
 Auxiliaries — Sunday Schools 3; Leagues 3; Woman's Aux-
 iliaries 3; Master's Men 1
 Church members — 222
 S. S. attendance — 222
 League members — 156
 Woman's Auxiliary members 30
 Master's Men members — 20

FINANCIAL REPORT

Total income — \$21,898.33
 Value of church property — \$55,000.00

MINISTERS

Aragon, S. M., 712 W. 14th St., Odessa, Texas
Ferguson, A. F., 4718 Bryan Road, Odessa, Texas
Ferguson, Mrs. Jessie, 4718 Bryan Road, Odessa, Texas
Hearon, Roy, 623 Vine St., Odessa, Texas
Zoellers, E. E., 1400 S. Dallas, Midland, Texas

NORTHWEST BRAZOS

Moderator — Rev. H. H. Haston, Guthrie Route, Paducah, Texas

Number of churches — 6

Number of parsonages — 1

Number ordained ministers — 18; ordained deacons — 23

Auxiliaries: Sunday Schools, 6, Leagues, 4, Woman's Auxiliaries, 3; Prayer meetings, 6

Church membership — 385. Members received this year 83. Members dismissed, 11.

Members deceased — 4

Sunday School enrollment — 350

League enrollment — 120

Woman's Auxiliary membership — 40

FINANCIAL REPORT

SPENT FOR LOCAL CAUSES

Pastors' salaries, \$688,066.00; Evangelistic work, \$839.56;
Building and repairs, \$99,397.00; Literature, \$126.06;
Other, \$519.84.

SPENT FOR OUTSIDE CAUSES

Foreign missions, \$12.00; Home missions, \$24.06; Education, \$62.65.

Value of church property — \$28,500.00

MINISTERS

Abbott, Edd, 900 North Johnson, Amarillo, Texas
Armstrong, Jake, Box 837, Andrews, Texas
Estes, Mrs. Leila, 1401 North Noel, Memphis, Texas
Garrett, G. G., 1026 Paradise Street, Vernon, Texas
Gill, Bob, Crowell, Texas

Harp, Troy, 1415 Triggs, Amarillo, Texas
Haston, H. H., Guthrie Route, Paducah, Texas
Hickey, Alton, 1210 Pease Street, Vernon, Texas
Holley, M. T., Box 149, New Deal, Texas
Horton, Jack, Midland, Texas
Hughes, J. A. C., Route 1, Box X15, Midland, Texas
Johns, W. D., Andrews, Texas
Rogers, T. E., 1106 Gilbert, Vernon, Texas
Savage, Fred, 710 SW Third Street, Andrews, Texas
Starnes, R. D., General Delivery, Natrees, Texas

SOUTHEAST TEXAS

Moderator — C. A. Withers, Route 1, Buna, Texas
Clerk — Mrs. Evie Phelps, Route 2, Box 250, Kirbyville,
Texas
Number of churches, 2; Number of parsonages, 1; Number
of ordained ministers, 2; Number of licensed ministers,
1; Number of ordained deacons, 5.
Number Auxiliaries: Sunday Schools, 2; Leagues, 1, Wom-
an's Auxiliaries, 1; Master's Men, 1; Prayer meetings, 1.
Church membership, 48; resident, 48.
Members received, 1; By baptism, 1.
Members deceased — 3
Sunday School enrollment, 50; League enrollment, 20;
Woman's Auxiliary enrollment, 8.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Total giving in the churches — \$2,186.67.

SPENT FOR LOCAL CAUSES

Pastors' salaries, \$1,197.24; Evangelistic work, \$139.00;
Building and repairs, \$179.97; Literature, \$109.58; Mis-
cellaneous, \$399.63; Total local expenditures, \$1,862.17.

SPENT FOR OUTSIDE CAUSES

Associational projects — \$62.25.
Value of church property — \$5,000.00.
Value of parsonage property — \$3,000.00.
Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc., \$10.00.

MINISTERS

Kimbrell, Robert, Route 6, Henderson, Texas
Sheffield, R. L., Route 2, Box 66, Newton, Texas
Sweat, L. W., Route 2, Kirbyville, Texas (licensed)

WEST FORK

Moderator — Rev. J. A. Brooks, Route 2, DeLeon, Texas.

Clerk — Alton Kirkland, Comanche, Texas.

Number of churches, 14; number ordained ministers, 18;
number licensed ministers, 3; number ordained deacons,
49

Auxiliaries: Sunday Schools, 14; Leagues, 2; Woman's Aux-
iliaries, 7.

Church membership — 979.

Members received — 240; by baptism, 110; by letter, 84;
by statement, 46.

Members dismissed — 54, by letter, 47; deceased, 7.

Amount paid to foreign missions, \$371.00.

MINISTERS

Almond, C. C., 3222 Montague, Fort Worth, Texas

Brooks, J. A., Route 2, DeLeon, Texas

Clark, W. L., 6629 Emhouse, Dallas, Texas

Conner, R. E., 3313 Garfield, Wichita Falls, Texas

Covington, Tiff, Bowie, Texas

Cox, H. Z., 3321 Michigan Ave., Dallas, Texas

Fielding, A. J., 1650 Vilbig, Dallas, Texas

Fielding, E. H., 110 S. College, Fort Worth, Texas

Jones, Bill, 312 Small, Bowie, Texas

Kirkland, Blackie, Box 376, Comanche, Texas

Marecle, J. E., Route 9, Box 2179, Waco, Texas

Morrison, Bob, 2327 Stovall, Dallas, Texas

Newberry, John, Wichita Falls, Texas

Norie, Roy Jr., 230 W. Day, Denison, Texas

Parton, L. M., 204 29th St., Temple, Texas

Upchurch, Ralph, 11603 Denton Dr., Dallas, Texas

Vaughn, E. J., Waco, Texas

Wilson, Bill, Route 1, Box 39, Dallas, Texas

Freddie, Thomas, Wichita Falls, Texas (licensed)

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 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 Superannuation; 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 to 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.

BY - LAWS

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 By-laws 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 By-laws 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.

