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of the

FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the

TEXAS STATE ASSOCIATION

OF

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

when convened with

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

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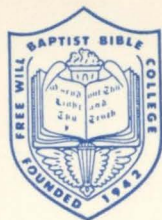
DALLAS, TEXAS

October 27, 28 and 29, 1959

THEME:

Fulfilling Our Mission

The next session will be held in the
Trinity Free Will Baptist Church
2320 Azle Avenue
Fort Worth, Texas



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented By

Rev. Jim Williams

TEXAS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

1959-1960

OFFICERS

Moderator. Rev. H. Z. Cox

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405 North Alta Vista, Henderson, Texas

Parliamentarian. Rev. Billy Sharpston

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BOARDS

Home Missions

Rev. Tiff Covington, 1960; Rev. J. B. Estes, 1960;
Rev. J. M. Goode, 1961; Rev. Roy Hearon, 1961;
Rev. Alley Ferguson, 1962.

Foreign Missions

Rev. Don Ellis, 1960; Rev. Herbert Richards, 1961;
Rev. Bobby Ferguson, 1962.

Christian Education

Rev. M. C. Fry, 1960; Rev. John Moehlman, 1961;
Rev. R. A. Conner, 1962.

Superannuation

Mrs. H. Z. Cox, 1960; George Rice, 1960 (fill
unexpired term of Rev. R. O. O'Dell); Rev. Elvis
Fielding, 1961; Rev. A. F. Halbrook, 1961; Rev.
Huey Gower, 1962, chairman.

Free Will Baptist League

Rev. Roy Norie, 1960; Mrs. W. O. Withers, 1961;
John Mizzles, 1962.

Sunday School Board

Rev. M. L. Sutton, chairman, 1961; Rev. H. Ray
Berry, Secretary, 1960; Rev. W. H. Norris, 1962.

Woman's Auxiliary

Mrs. Mozelle Franks, 1960; Mrs. Jake Fears, 1961;
Mrs. E. E. Zoellers, 1962.

PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY EVENING 7:30

Macky Adams, Music Director

Monty Boren, Organist

Charlene Walton, Fay Jones, Pianist

The forty-fifth annual session of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church, 3419 Michigan Street, Dallas, Texas, October 27, 28 and 29, 1959, with the moderator, Rev. H. Z. Cox, presiding.

The session was opened on Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock with the host adult choir singing "God of Our Fathers" directed by Macky Adams, after which he led the congregation in singing "When We All Get To Heaven."

Rev. Don Ellis, pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church in Henderson, led in prayer.

Bro. Macky Adams led the congregation in singing "He Keeps Me Singing" and "Send the Light."

The moderator and host pastor, Rev. H. Z. Cox, extended a cordial welcome to all.

The moderator read Psalm 133:1-3, emphasizing that we are brethren in the Lord and that we should endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. He stated the purpose of the meeting as given in the By-Laws and stressed the importance of making Christ the center of all that is said and done.

The adult choir of the local church sang "For God So Loved the World" and "Touch Me, Lord Jesus."

Rev. Everett Hellard, Pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Houston, rendered a special number in song "Overshadowed by His Love."

The moderator presented the Rev. John West, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Tulsa, Okla, who brought the introductory message, reading I Kings 21:1-6 for a scripture lesson on which he based the message that our Free Will Baptist inheritance is not for sale. Bro. West concluded with prayer.

The moderator appointed the following committees:

Credentials: Rev. H. Ray Berry, Chairman; Rev. Tiff Covington, Rev. Roy Hearn.

Committee on Committees: Rev. M. L. Sutton, Chairman; Rev. Gaston Clary, Rev. John Brooks.

Nominating Committee: Rev. A. F. Ferguson, Chairman; Rev. Herbert Richards, Rev. Don Ellis.

The moderator recognized the various committees in the local church that were responsible for entertaining this association.

The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Bro. Cox.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

At 9:10 the regular morning session was opened with Rev. E. E. Zoellers leading the congregation in singing, "His Way With Thee," after which Bro. Roy Norie led in prayer.

Rev. C. B. Thompson, pastor of the Cross Free Will Baptist Church, led the morning devotions using Romans 12:1-2, in which he emphasized that we may know what is that good and acceptable, and perfect will of God. He closed with prayer.

The moderator recognized the Rev. N. R. Smith, chairman of the Sunday School Board of Okla., who spoke concerning the literature program of the Sunday School.

A partial report of the Credentials Committee was read by Rev. Roy Hearn. Motion by Bro. Hearn that this report be received and the delegates seated. After corrections and substitutions were made the report was received and all delegates seated. Brother Cox led in a prayer of consecration for all those who make up this association.

By motion, the program was adopted with any necessary changes.

The report of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer as given by the Rev. Everett Hellard, was received.

The report of the Committee on Committees was given by Bro. Sutton. By motion, the report was adopted.

Bro. H. Ray Berry, chairman of the Credentials Committee, gave an additional report, which was received.

After a five minute recess, the congregation assembled for the 11 o'clock worship service. Rev. Alley Ferguson led the congregation in singing "Loyalty to Christ," and "Wonderful Words of Life," after which Brother Conner led in prayer.

The moderator presented the Rev. W.H. Norris, pastor of Christ's Free Will Baptist Church in Corpus Christi, who read 2 Tim.3:1-7, and, Daniel 11:32, using this as his text, "The people that do know their God, shall be strong, and do exploits." Brother Norris challenged our hearts to do more for God. After the message Bro. Cox asked all the ministers who would agree to try to sponsor the organization of a new Free Will Baptist Church next year to come forward and stand. There were 11 who responded. Bro. Cox prayed that the Lord of the Harvest would thrust forth laborers into the harvest and that God's blessings might be upon those who had dedicated themselves to this cause.

Brother Sutton, Chairman of the Committee to revise the Constitution, read the proposed constitution. By motion, this document was received and placed on the table for one day.

By motion, we adjourned until 1:30 and were dismissed with prayer by Brother Phillips.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon session began at 1:30 with Rev.M.L. Sutton leading the congregation in singing, "Footprints of Jesus," and, "When We All Get to Heaven," after which Bro. J.E.Marecle led in prayer.

Bro. Cox mentioned that he had just received a call from a colored lady who informed him that there are four colored Free Will Baptist churches in this area.

The Moderator recognized the Rev. James Evans, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Bryan, and Brother Norris, pastor of Christ's Free Will Baptist Church in Corpus Christi and welcomed them to our association. Bro. Hellard introduced Bro.Billy Sharpston, pastor of Good Hope Free Will Baptist Church, and Bobby Ferguson, pastor of Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church, who are new pastors in the state.

The report on Christian Education was given by Rev. John Moehlman, and was, by motion, received.

Rev. Alley Ferguson sang, "Where No One Stands Alone," as a solo.

Mrs. H. Ray Berry led the afternoon devotions, reading for a scripture lesson, Luke 9:57-60; 2 Cor. 5:14, 17, 2 Cor. 6:10.

The Moderator appointed Rev. M. L. Sutton to serve as parliamentarian until one is elected.

The report of the Nominating Committee was read by Bro. Ferguson, was received and acted upon item by item. See Page 1 for officers elected and page 2 for Board members.

Brother Berry, chairman of the Credentials Committee, reported that there are 3 requests for the next meeting of the State Association which are: Midland church in the Midessa Association; Mt. Olive Church in the East Texas Association, and Trinity Church in the Fellowship Association. By vote of the body, the 1960 session will be held with the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church in Fort Worth.

The report of the Superannuation Board was given by Bro. Gower in the absence of Bro. Alvin Halbrook. The report was adopted and prayer was offered in memory of Rev. J. W. Handy, who had received help from the Board.

The report of the Home Missions Board was given by Bro. C. B. Thompson. By motion, the report was adopted.

A motion was made and carried that the clerk notify every person place on a board as soon as possible, after the adjournment of the association.

The report of the Woman's Auxiliary, as given by Mrs. S. R. North, was received.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was read by Bro. C. B. Thompson. By motion, the report was received and acted upon item by item.

Resolution No. 1 was tabled until the next day.

Resolution No. 2 was tabled until after the Sunday School report was given.

A recommendation was presented by the Executive Committee of the proposed budget for next year. Motion made and carried to adopt the report.

The report of the Obituary Committee was given by Mrs. O. D. Breedlove. Motion carried to adopt the report and Bro. Brooks led in prayer for the bereaved ones.

The report of the Temperance Committee was given by Billy Sharpston. The report was adopted.

By motion, the meeting adjourned until 9 o'clock Thursday morning and John Moehlman dismissed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

The service began at 7:30 and was opened with prayer by Bro.Cox.

The host church adult choir sang, "Hallelujah for the Cross," under the direction of Macky Adams after which he led the congregation in singing, "Come Thou Fount."

The choir sang "Come Unto Him and Rest."

Mrs. E.E. Zoellers read Isaiah 35 as a devotion after which she led in prayer.

A quartette composed of Mr.and Mrs.George Rice, Bro.Sutton and Mr.Palmer, from the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church in Fort Worth,rendered special music.

The moderator recognized Mr.Monty Boren,organist; Mrs.Charlene Walton and Mrs. Fay Jones, pianists; Mr. Macky Adams, choir director; and the deacons of the local church.

The choir sang, "By Grace are Ye Saved" after which Mr.and Mrs. Macky Adams sang a duet, "Breathe on Me."

Rev.E.E.Zoellers, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Midland, brought a soul stirring message on the program theme, "Fulfilling our Mission" which is soul winning. He read Acts 5:1-9 and spoke on the New Testament Church pointing out that it was an intolerant church, intolerant about any other way of salvation, intolerant of anything that threatened to compromise the gospel, intolerant of sin in their midst. It was sensational and was a witnessing church. While the congregation sang "I Need Thee Every Hour," the altar was filled with those who came to rededicate their lives to the Lord and the task of winning souls. Bro. Cox led in a prayer of consecration.

THURSDAY MORNING

The morning session began at 9 o'clock with Brother O'Dell leading the singing "I am Resolved," and, "Standing on the Promises," after which Bro. James Evans led in prayer.

Brother Herbert Richards led the morning devotions using Acts 1:8 as a basis for his remarks on soul-winning.

The report of the Statistician, as given by Bro. Clary, was received.

The moderator read a telegram from Rev. L. C. Johnson, President of Free Will Baptist Bible College, in which he thanked Texans for their support of the college.

He also read a letter of greeting from Rev. Homer Willis, Promotional Secretary of National Home Mission Board, requesting that November be designated as Home mission month and thanking Texans for their support.

Rev. M.L. Sutton, chairman of the Sunday School Board, asked Bro. Berry, a Member of the General Board of the National Association who had become involved in the national Sunday school literature program, to give the report. By motion, the report was received.

The report of the Foreign Mission Board was given by Bro. Herbert Richards. By motion, the report was received and the recommendations acted upon item by item. The three recommendations which were presented were adopted.

The moderator read a letter of greeting from Rev. Raymond Riggs, General Director of Foreign Missions of the National Association, in which he gave information of the work now being done by the Board.

The resolutions presented by the Sunday school Board were read and adopted in their entirety.

The proposed constitution which lay on the table overnight was taken from the table. A motion was made by Billy Sharpston, seconded by Bro. Sheffield that we adopt the constitution. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 1 which lay on the table overnight was taken off for discussion. This resolution did not carry.

Resolution No. 2 which was placed on the table until after the Sunday school report was given, was lifted and by motion was adopted.

A motion was made by Bro. Berry that the clerk have 1000 minutes printed and that the minutes include the letter form of the local church to the state. Motion carried.

The minutes were read and adopted.

Motion made and carried that the clerk be given an honorarium of \$50.00 for her services.

Rev. C. B. Thompson, Chairman of the Resolution Committee, presented a resolution expressing appreciation to the local church for their hospitality in entertaining this association and to the officers who have served. By motion this resolution was adopted.

It was called to the attention of the body that no person could hold more than one office at any time. Bro. Sutton, who was Parliamentarian and also on the Sunday School Board, submitted his resignation as Parliamentarian. By motion, his resignation was accepted.

In order to avoid future embarrassment, Bro. Richards made a motion that no person can serve on a board and also an executive office at the same time. Motion carried.

Bro. Billy Sharpston was nominated and elected to serve as Parliamentarian.

Motion to adjourn.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Cox.

After a brief recess Bro. Ferguson led the congregation in singing "I Am Resolved," after which Bro. Vance led in prayer.

An offering of \$30.17 was received for the Calverys.

Bro. Bobby Ferguson, pastor of the Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist church brought the morning message from the book of Jonah, in which he contrasted God's love for sinful Ninevah with that of Jonah's love for self. He emphasized our need for greater compassion for the lost.

Benediction by Rev. H. Z. Cox.

The host church served delicious meals.

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

<u>Associations</u>	<u>Number of Delegates</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Dues</u>
East Texas District	7	725	\$15.00
Medissa District	5	466	\$10.00
Southeast Texas	3	44	\$10.00
Fellowship Association	9	665	\$15.00
West Fork	10	1008	\$15.00
Central Texas	1	1098	\$20.00

CHURCHES

<u>Name of Church</u>	<u>Number of Delegates</u>	<u>Dues</u>
First Free Will Baptist Church Houston	0	\$ 5.00
Gartman View, Comanche	2	5.00
Concord Church, Dallas	2	5.00
Forest Lane, Dallas	0	5.00
Pine Prairie, Huntsville	0	5.00
Good Hope, Henderson	2	5.00
Huntsville, Huntsville	0	5.00
Westside Church, Midland	2	5.00
First F. W. B. Church, Irving	2	5.00
Evergreen, Tula	0	5.00
First Church, Weatherford	2	5.00
First Church, Odessa	0	5.00
First Church, Wichita Falls	2	5.00
First Church, Dallas	2	
First Church, Comanche	0	5.00
Liberty Church, Comanche	2	5.00
First Church, Denton	2	5.00
Trinity Free Will Baptist Church	2	5.00
Cross, Cross, Texas	2	5.00
Youngblood, Beckville	2	5.00
First Church, Waco	2	5.00
Rock of Ages, Ft. Worth	2	5.00
First Church, Denison	1	5.00
Friendship, Ft. Worth	2	5.00
Pleasant Mound, Buffalo Springs	2	5.00
Mt. Olive, Laneville	0	5.00

<u>Name of Church</u>	<u>Number of Delegates</u>	<u>Dues</u>
First Church, Bryan	2	\$ 5.00
Faith Church, Wichita Falls	2	5.00
North Zulch, North Zulch	0	5.00
Christ's Church, Corpus Christi	0	5.00

We have invitations from the following:

West Side F.W.B. Church for the association to meet in the Midessa District.

The East Texas District Association to meet with the Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church, Henderson.

The Fellowship District Association invites the next session of this association to meet with the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Texas.

REPORT OF BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION

November 1, 1958- October 31, 1959

Amount Brought Forward:		\$174.00
Receipts:	\$24.98	
Total		<u>\$416.98</u>
Disbursements for the Year:		
To Superannuated Ministers	\$240.00	
To National Board of Superannuation	<u>60.75</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>\$300.75</u>
Balance on Hand October 28, 1959		<u>\$116.23</u>

(Signed) Alvin F. Halbrook,
Treasurer

Recommendation: I wish to recommend that this body stand for a moment of silent prayer in memory of Reverend J. W. Handy, one of our superannuated ministers, who passed to his eternal reward March 12, 1959.

Alvin F. Halbrook

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

We, the State Foreign Mission Board, wish to make the following report:

The state quota for foreign missions for the year of 1959 was \$7590.00. As of October 13, 1959, Texas has

raised \$6,353.35, leaving a balance to be raised of \$1,236.65, and some two and half months in which to raise it. We now have 47 missionaries, including children, on the field. Eight of these are from Texas, The Calverys, Eaglestons, and Jones and June Goode Wilkinson. We call your attention to further information of our foreign mission work in the Missionary Review on the display table.

The Tommy Willeys', Jr. visited certain of our Texas churches during the past summer and were certainly a blessing.

Recommendations:

1. Whereas the Texas State Association has pledged ourselves to underwrite the support of the Calverys, and whereas there is a deficit in their account of over \$1,000.00, we recommend that each church receive a special offering for the Calvary Fund during the month of November. This money will be applied on the State Quota. We further recommend that we, as an association, and as individual churches remember our other missionaries from Texas with our prayers and financial support.

2. Whereas the Calverys will be home on furlough this next year, and whereas the State Foreign Mission Board plan to assist them in arranging an itinery throughout Texas, we urge each church and association to cooperate and welcome them.

3. We further recommend that the State Association, while in this session, receive a free will offering for the Calverys.

REPORT OF HOME MISSION BOARD

Amount brought forward 10/28/58 \$636.18

Receipts:

Cooperative Plan \$467.63

R. E. Conner 30.00

Total Receipts 497.63

Total to account for \$ 1133.81

Disbursements:

Bible Free Will Baptist Church, Odessa, Nov. 15, 1958	\$ 200.00
Rock of Ages Church, Ft. Worth, December 29, 1958	200.00
Christ's F.W.B. Church, Corpus Christi, July 30, 1959	200.00
Total Disbursements	600.00
Balance on hand October 28, 1959	\$. 533.81

C. B. Thompson, Treasurer

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT

Midessa:	Sunday Schools 5; Leagues 4
Southeast Texas:	Sunday Schools 2; Leagues 1
East Texas:	Sunday Schools 10; Leagues 9
Fellowship:	Sunday Schools 10; Leagues 3
West Fork:	Sunday Schools 13; Leagues None
North West Brazos:	
Central District:	Sunday Schools 13; Leagues 10
Vacationas Bible Schools	
Camps: Pineywoods	

John E. Moehlman, Chairman

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Realizing the great importance of the Sunday School, and whereas we as a state body seem to be "standing idle all the day long" in this great work and denomination, and whereas the Sunday school board needs to be organized along more efficient lines, Be it therefore resolved,

1. That the Sunday school Board be authorized to designate one of their members as promotional Secretary, and

2. That he be authorized to receive offerings of the churches he visits to help defray his expenses, and

3. That he shall work under the supervision of, and be directly responsible to the Sunday School Board.

Signed: M.L.Sutton

H. Ray Berry

Mrs. O. D. Breedlove

TEXAS STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION REPORT, 1958-59

Number Auxiliaries Reporting: 5 Districts, 1 Local (22)

Enrollment Beginning Convention Year: 282

Present Enrollment: 318

Average Attendance: 218

Number Youth Organizations: G.T.A. 10; Y.P.A. 3; B.A. 3

Number Missions Declamation Contests: 2

Number D.V.B.S. Assisted in: 16

Number Active Church Libraries; 2

Number Essay Contests: 1

Study Courses:

Missions 15

Prayer 11

Stewardship 9

Reading Circles 6

Manual 14

Daily Bible Readers 188

Evangelism 11

Special Programs Conducted 56

Weeks of Prayer 33

Self-Denial Offerings resulting from weeks of

Prayer \$192.56

Number Family Altars 93

Number Observing Prayer Fellowship 94

Number Making Soul-winning Efforts 73

Number Souls Won 26

Number Active in Community Missions 51

Value Contributions to Orphanage \$150.00

Subscribers to Free Will Baptist Papers 209; Articles
written for Publication 84

Other Publicity Work Done 4

Number Tithers beginning Convention Year 73; Present 106

Financial Report:

Amount sent to Co-Laborer Fund 56.03

Easter Offerings for Foreign Missions \$29.60

Thanksgiving Offerings for State Home Missions \$42.45

Christmas Offerings for National Home Missions \$24.53

Josephine Stevens \$15.00; Bill and Joy Jones \$18.00;

Calvary's \$107.15; Calvary Children \$137.50; Cal-

vary Suit \$5.00; African Station \$90.00; Alaska

Building Fund \$26.01; Alaska from Y.P.A. \$3.00;

Station Wagon \$4.00; Bibles for Mexico \$8.00;

Student Loan Fund \$15.00; Japanese Mission Station

(through Convention) \$451.59.

Total sent from State Treasury to Woman's National Auxiliary Convention \$789.71.

At the 1959 session of the Texas State Woman's Auxiliary Convention, the body voted to support whatever project the W.N.A.C. undertook for another year. The W.N.A.C. project is to build a church in Mexico. It is recommended that each local auxiliary in Texas give at least \$30.00 toward this project.

Mrs. Gaston Clary, President

Mrs. H. Ray Berry, Sec'y. Treas.

STATISTICAL REPORT

The Statistical report is herewith submitted. The over all report is much better this year than formerly. The reports are more complete and seem to be more accurate. However, there is much yet to be desired in our District letters. I would like to call attention to the fact that our constitution and by laws require a report of district statistics. Some districts are still not reporting statistics. This of course makes it impossible to compile a complete and accurate report.

I would like to recommend that duplicates be made of District letters and copies be sent to the State Statistician at the time report is mailed to the State Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,
(Signed) Gaston Clary, Statistician

Number of District Associations	6
Number of Churches	53
Number of Parsonages	11
Number of ordained ministers	79
Number of licensed ministers	8
Number of ordained deacons	170
Number of Sunday schools	53
Number of Leagues	27
Number of Woman's Auxiliaries	35
Number of GTAs	3
Number of YPAs	6
Boy's Auxiliaries	0
Master's Men	5
Prayer Meetings	35

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Church membership	3172
Resident members	2794
Non-resident members	234
Sunday School enrollment	3400
League enrollment	940
Woman's Auxiliary membership	465
Total giving in the churches	\$144,177.64
General offerings	25,496.51
Building funds	1,257.48
Pastor's salaries	58,470.14
Evangelistic work	3,592.28
Building and repair	15,709.78
Literature	4,116.50
Advertising (radio programs, etc.)	60.25
Miscellaneous	23,855.87
Other	6,285.44
Total local expenditures	113,547.74
Spent for outside causes:	
Cooperative Plan	\$5,312.57
Foreign Missions	3,941.19
Home missions	404.18
Education	715.11
Superannuation	10.39
Associational, State and	
National projects	691.61
Total outside expenditures	\$11,075.05
Value of church property	440,207.00
Value of parsonage property	48,592.00
Amount enclosed for fees	75.00

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Temperance: Mrs. James Trout, Rev. J. E. Marecle, Mrs. Dora Johnson

Resolutions: Rev. C. B. Thompson, Rev. H. E. Reid, Mrs. Ruby Brown.

Program: The Executive Committee and host pastor.

Obituary: Mrs. O. D. Breedlove, Mrs. Sylvia Burks, Mrs. Martha Rice.

REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, your committee on obituary, have to report the following number of deceased in our state association: East Texas 7; Southeast Texas 1; Central Texas 12; West Fork 11; Fellowship 1; Midessa 1, making a total of 38 lost by death. Included in this report are five ministers: Rev. S. P. Griffin, Bob Kimbrell, Clyde Burney, B. B. Daniels, and J. W. Handy.

The loss of these followers of Christ is truly our loss but victory gained for those departed. May God 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. O. D. Breedlove

Sylvia Burks

Mrs. J. M. Palmer

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Be it resolved that this body recommend that the Sunday schools purchase literature from the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. Car. as recommended by the National Sunday School Board and the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Be it Resolved, that we extend a rising vote of thanks to the host church for the splendid hospitality extended to this body, also to Bro. Adams and the choir for their special numbers in song, and to the officers for their faithful service.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Whereas we have gone on record as agreeing with the Temperance Committee's report of last year, 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.
8. Modernism to the fullest.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Billy Sharpston,

Rev. J. E. Marecle

Dora Johnson

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1959 and 1960

1. We recommend a budget of \$7000.00

Motion made by Rev. Gaston Clary that we leave the "Texas Cooperative plan of support" just the same as last year. Seconded by E.E.Zoellers. Motion carried.

Texas Cooperative plan of support breakdown:

National Association	65%
State Association	20%
State Home Missions.	10%
State Superannuation	5%

Executive Committee

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

FINANCIAL REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Texas Cooperative Plan of Support (December 1958 to
October 15, 1959)

Information on allocations: National Association, 65% of the Texas Cooperative plan of support has gone to the following national agencies:

National Free Will Baptist League Department.

National Superannuation Department

National Sunday School Department

National Home Missions Department

Free Will Baptist Bible College

National Executive Department

National Foreign Missions Department

20% of the Texas Cooperative plan of support goes to the state executive office for the purpose of: Operating state office, state minutes, national dues, traveling expense of board, state programs, channeling money for and to all national agencies, etc.

10% of the Texas cooperative plan of support goes to the state home missions office for the purpose of: office operation, helping small and new organizations, traveling expenses, etc.

5% of the Texas cooperative plan of support goes to the state superannuation office for the purpose of: paying a small amount of money each month to our aged ministers, operating the office, traveling expenses, etc.

RECEIPTS FOR TEXAS COOPERATIVE PLAN OF SUPPORT FOR YEAR 1958-1959

CHURCHES:

Concord, Dallas	\$ 119.88
First Church, Dallas	265.00
District Associations:	
East Texas	633.96
Central Texas	1,504.84
Midessa	1,831.49
Fellowship	<u>196.61</u>
Total	\$4,551.78

Disbursements for Texas cooperative plan of support on percentage basis.

National Association (Dec.1958 to Oct. 1959)	\$2,958.65
State Association (Dec.1958 to Oct.1959)	910.35
State Home Missions	455.18
State Superannuation	<u>227.59</u>
Total disbursements for Texas cooperative plan	\$4,551.78

State Association Financial Report
Receipts and Disbursements for the year
Receipts:

Texas Cooperative plan of support	\$910.35
Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Payne	15.00
State Association Dues	230.00

Sale of National Directories	4.50
Special offering at state meeting for National Association	42.70
Special offering at state meeting for F.W.B.B. College	65.75
Correction in books during year	.83
Last year's balance in bank	328.95
Total receipts	\$1,598.09

Disbursements for State Association

Office help (Mrs. Denman and Mrs. Hellard)	\$ 34.00
Honorarium and postage to Mrs. C.B. Thompson, former clerk	66.00
Everett D. Hellard (\$40.00 for ten months)	400.00
Traveling Expenses: Travel is based on 6¢ per mile.	
Everett D. Hellard (twice Henderson, twice Dallas, Amarillo and other points, Corpus Christi, Bryan, Ashville, N.C. (100.))	356.26
E.E. Zoellers (2 committee meetings)	84.00
Gaston Clary (3 committee meetings)	49.20
Mrs. Huey Gower (1 committee meeting)	3.00
H.Z. Cox (one meeting)	21.00
National Directories	5.00
Designated special offering from state to national	42.70
Designated special offering from state to F.W.B. Bible College	65.75
Office stationery, supplies, postage	85.45
Long distance phone	19.02
Bond on treasurer	5.00
State minutes	175.00
Total disbursements for State Association...	\$ 1,456.38
Cash in bank October 15, 1959	141.71

CHANNELED CHECKS ONLY

These checks, most of them, have been channeled from the local church to the district, from the district to the state, from the state to the final destination.) Checks going out of the state are the only checks that should be sent to the state office.

Foreign Missions:

First Church, Henderson	\$174.79
Mt. Olive, near Henderson	25.14
East Texas District Association	271.51
Central Texas District Association	966.67
First Church, Carthage	102.00
First Church, Fort Worth	10.00
West Fork District Association	838.56
First Church, Dallas	30.00
Gartman View Church, Comanche	6.00
Christ Church, Corpus Christi	30.00
First Church, Irving	10.07
Total channeled for foreign missions . . .	\$2464.74

Home Missions: (National)

East Texas District Association	\$ 63.31
Central Texas District Association	45.53
Total channeled to Home Missions	\$ 108.84

Others:

Central Texas District Association	
FWBBC	\$ 7.50
State Woman's Auxiliary channeled to State Home	
Missions (not correct but true	\$ 42.45
Central Texas District, college kitchen fund	23.82
First Church, Dallas for Pineywoods Encampment	
Fund	50.00
Central Texas District, Fellowship church, Bryan	
for National Cooperative plan of support	50.00

These figures are over and above the percentage given by the churches through the Texas Cooperative plan of support.

Survey of proposed budget:

Budget proposed	\$7000.00
Receipts	4551.78
Channeled for National Cooperative plan	
of support	50.00
Short of proposed budget.	\$2398.22

ASSOCIATIONS CENTRAL TEXAS

Moderator - Rev. Malcolm Fry, 2123 2nd St., Lake Charles, L
Clerk - Mrs. Carl Warren, 811 McAshan, Bryan, Texas

Number of Churches, 15; Number of parsonages, 6; Number of ordained ministers, 19; number of ordained deacons, 44.

Number of Sunday schools, 15; number of leagues, 10; number of Woman's auxiliaries, 9; number of GTAs 1; number of YPAs, 2; prayer meetings, 13.

Church membership, 1272; resident members, 1098; non-resident members, 74.

Members received, 178; by baptism, 70; by letter, 60; by statement of faith, 48.

Members dismissed, 85; by letter 71; deceased 12.

Sunday school enrollment, 1027; League enrollment, 549;

Woman's Auxiliary membership, 133.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Total giving in the churches - - \$61,785.23

SPENT FOR LOCAL CAUSES

Pastors' salaries, \$20,943.05; Evangelistic Work, \$2081.61; Building and repair, 3933.81; Literature, 1602.80; Miscellaneous, 4325.03; other, 2487.81; Total expenditures, \$35,374.11.

SPENT FOR OUTSIDE CAUSES

Cooperative plan, 2321.64; Foreign missions \$1792.14; Home missions \$185.30; Education, \$545.92; superannuation, \$10.39; total outside expenditures, \$4855.39.

Value of church property, \$119,457.00; Value of parsonage property, \$34,092.95.

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

MINISTERS

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

Bounds, J. L., Route 2, Anderson, Texas

Calvery, Wesley,

Davis, Bobby Joe, Route 3, Huntsville, Texas

Evans, James A., 312 Laurel St., Bryan, Texas
Franklin, Tommie, 807 E. 26th, Bryan, Texas
Fry, Malcolm, 2123 2nd Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana
Halbrook, Alvin, Route 3, Bryan, Texas
Hellard, Everett, 322 Ishmeal St., Houston, Texas
McAdams, H. M. and Lizzie, Route 3, Huntsville, Texas
Moehlman, Hohn, 1500 S. College Ave., Bryan, Texas
Norris, W. H., 4670 Cosner Drive, Corpus Christi, Texas
Payne, J. L., 6708 Ave. C., Houston, Texas
Richards, Herbert, Route 2, Iola, Texas
Thompson, C. B., Box 98, Iola, 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 parsonages, 1;
number of ordained ministers, 10; number of licensed
ministers, 1; number of deacons, 29.

Number of Sunday schools, 10; number of leagues, 9;
number of Woman's auxiliaries, 6; number of GTAs, 1;
number of YPAs, 3; prayer meetings, 7.

Church membership, 725; resident members, 580; non-
resident members, 145.

Members received 34; by baptism, 13, by letter, 6; by
statement of faith, 15.

Members dismissed, 14; by letter 14, deceased, 7.

Sunday school enrollment, 451; league enrollment, 261;

Woman's Auxiliary membership, 55.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Total giving in the churches, \$26,721.25; General
offerings, \$25,496.57; Building Fund, \$1,224.68.

SPENT FOR LOCAL CAUSES

Pastors' salaries, \$12,249.65; Evangelistic work,
\$1,035.67; Building and repair, \$3,298.24; Literature,
\$565.63; miscellaneous \$561.79; total local expendi-
tures, \$19,959.60.

SPENT FOR OUTSIDE CAUSES

Cooperative plan, \$800.92; foreign missions, \$824.03; Home missions, \$218.88, education, \$169.79; associational projects, 220.00; state and national projects, 15.00; total outside expenditures, \$2,248.62. Value of church property, \$77,500.00; value of parsonage property, 3500.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.\$15.0

MINISTERS

Anderson, Lee Roy, 704 Elvin St., Carthage, Texas
Brashier, L. K., Route 4, Henderson, Texas
Clary, Gaston, 405 N. Alta Vista, Henderson, Texas
Ellis, Don, 101 Mockingbird, Henderson, Texas
Ferguson, C. F., Route 2, Carthage, Texas
Godwin, Allen, Kilgore, Texas
Godwin, Ivan, Route 1, Box 211, Carthage, Texas
Goode, J. M., Route 2, Box 254, Carthage, Texas
Sharpston, Billy

LICENSED MINISTERS

Ferguson, Bobby, 402 Colonial Drive, Henderson, Texas

FELLOWSHIP

Moderator, Rev. M. L. Sutton, 2601 Skyline Drive, Ft. Worth 6, Texas
Clerk - C.J.Turrentine, 4300 Ave.H, Ft. Worth 5, Texas
Number of churches, 10; number of parsonages, 2; number of ordained ministers, 21; number of licensed ministers, 4; number of ordained deacons, 20.
Number of Sunday schools, 10; number of leagues, 3; number of woman's auxiliaries, 4; master's men, 1; prayer meetings 10.
Church membership, 665; resident members, 650, non-resident members, 15.
Members received, 107; by baptism, 25; by letter 44; by statement of faith, 38.
Members dismissed, 97; by letter, 0; excluded, 15; deceased, 6.
Sunday school enrollment, 465; league enrollment, 98; woman's auxiliary membership, 58.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Total giving in the churches, \$35,000.67.

SPENT FOR LOCAL CAUSES

Pastors' salaries, \$12,910.84; building and repair, \$2,235.57; literature 807.15; advertising (radio programs, etc.), \$60.25; miscellaneous, \$6,451.76; loans paid, \$3,797.63. Total local expenditures, \$27,335.29.

SPENT FOR OUTSIDE CAUSES

State projects, \$196.61.

Value of church property, \$156,250.00; value of parsonage property, \$8,000.00

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

MINISTERS

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

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

Brandon, Jewel, Route -, Weatherford, Texas

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

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

Chaffin, W. B., 1508 Washington, Fort Worth, Texas

Daniels, Billie, Denton, Texas

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

Gower, Huey, 1529 Beltline Road, Irving, Texas

Hall, C. M., 6140 Anahuac, Fort Worth, Texas

Haney, Joe, Victoria, Texas

McClain, A. G., Argyle, Texas

Measures, Henry, Weatherford, Texas

Palmer, Lonnie, Free Will Baptist Bible College

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

Worley, A. J., 2502 Salisbury St., Fort Worth 6, Texas

WEST FORK

Moderator - Rev. R. F. Conner, Wichita Falls, Texas
Clerk - Bro. Alton Kirkland, Box 376, Comanche, Texas
Number of churches, 13; number of ordained ministers, 21;
number of licensed ministers, 1; number of ordained
deacons, 58.
Number of Sunday schools, 13; number of woman's auxili-
aries, 11;
Sunday school enrollment, 1008; woman's auxiliary mem-
bership, 141.
Foreign missions, \$1325.02
Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc. \$15.00.

MINISTERS

Almond, C. C., 3222 Montagun, Fort Worth, Texas
Brooks, J. A., Route 2, DeLeon, Texas
Brawley, Floyd H., 905 N. Austin, Comanche, Texas
Covington, Tiff, 2100 Garfield, Wichita Falls, Texas
Cox, H. Z., 3312 Michigan Ave., Dallas, Texas
Conner, R. E., 3313 Garfield, Wichita Falls, Texas
Fielding, A. J., 1650 Vilbig, Dallas, Texas
Fielding, E. A., 407 Tarrant, Bowie, Texas
Gaines, M. R., Comanche, Texas
Hearron, Clarence, 2118 Market, Fort Worth, Texas
Kirkland, Blankie, Box 376, Comanche, Texas
Marecle, J. E., 217 Ave. G., Waco, Texas
Morrison, Bob, 2327 Stovall, Dallas, Texas
Marchant, A. D., 1307 Bond Street, Denison, Texas
Nalls, B. R., Route 2, Jacksboro, Texas
Newberry, John, 2506 Ave. G., Wichita Falls, Texas
Norie, Roy, Jr., 317 W. Texas St., Denison, Texas
Nelms, Dred, Comanche, Texas
O'Dell, R. O., 2001 Prairie, Fort Worth, Texas
Parton, L. M., 204 29th Street, Temple, Texas
Reid, H. E., 4713 Erath, Fort Worth, Texas
Upchurch, Ralph, 11603 Denton Drive, Dallas, Texas
Vaughn, E. J., Waco, Texas
Walley, J. K., 1917 Rice Avenue, Gainesville, Texas
Licensed Ministers
Bud Parr, Bowie, Texas

MIDESSA

Moderator - Rev.E.E.Zoellers,1400 S.Dallas St.,Midland,
Texas

Clerk-Rev.A.F.Ferguson,4718 Bryan Road, Odessa, Texas

Number of churches, 5; number of parsonages,1; number of ordained ministers,7; number of licensed ministers, 2; number of ordained deacons,12.

Number of Sunday schools,5; number of leagues,4; number of woman's auxiliaries, 4; number of GTAs,1; number of YPAs,1; prayer meetings, 5.

Church membership, 466; resident members,466; non-resident,0.

Members received,185; by baptism 101; by letter,52; by statement of faith,31.

Members dismissed,62; deceased,1.

Sunday school enrollment,409; league enrollment,212; woman's auxiliary,70.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Total giving in the churches, \$29,201.56.

SPENT FOR LOCAL CAUSES

Pastors' salaries,\$11,566.04; Evangelistic work,475.00; building and repair,\$6,209.36; literature,\$1,039.98; miscellaneous and incidentals, \$12,103.66; total expenditures,\$31,394.04.

SPENT FOR OUTSIDE CAUSES

Cooperative plan \$2,900.00; associational projects, \$200.00; total outside expenditures, \$3100.00.

Value of church property, \$82,000.00.

MINISTERS

Ferguson, A.F., 4718 Bryan Rd., Odessa, Texas

Ferguson, Mrs. A. F., 4718 Bryan Rd., Odessa, Texas

Hearon, Roy, 2205 W. 7th Street, Odessa, Texas

King, Fred, 202 Houston Street, Levelland, Texas

Qualls, James P., 1909 E.12th Street, Odessa, Texas

(licensed)

Williams, Sidney, Midland, Texas

Williams, Pervis, Andrews, Texas

Zoellers, E. E., 1400 S. Dallas Street, Midland, Texas

SOUTHEAST TEXAS

Moderator - Austin Withers, Route 1, Buna, Texas
Clerk - Mrs. Evie Phelps, Route 2, Box 250, Kirbyville, Tex
Number of churches, 2; number of parsonages, 1; number of ordained ministers, 1; number of ordained deacons, 5.
Number of Sunday schools, 2; number of leagues, 1; number of woman's auxiliaries, 1.
Church membership, 44.
Members dismissed: by letter 3; deceased, 1.
Sunday school enrollment 40; league enrollment, 20; woman's auxiliary membership, 8.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Total giving in the churches, \$1,468.93; Building Fund, \$32.80.

SPENT FOR LOCAL CAUSES

Pastors' salaries, \$800.56; building and repair, \$32.80; literature, \$100.94; miscellaneous, \$413.63, total local expenditures, \$1,372.93.

SPENT FOR OUTSIDE CAUSES

Associational projects, \$50.00; state and national projects, \$10.00; other, \$60.00.
Value of church property, \$5000.00; value of parsonage property, \$5,000.00.
Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc, \$10.00

MINISTERS

Sheffield, R. L., Route 2, Box 66, Newton, Texas

NORTHWEST BRAZOS

The Northwest Brazos District Association letter was received after the Associational meeting and without the funds for dues, but is included in the figures for information. They did not report by delegate to the Association, hence we have included the figures from their statistical report in the minutes.

Moderator - Rev. H. H. Haston, Guthrie Route, Paducah, Texas
Clerk - Mrs. Mae Rogers, 1804 E. 15th St., Big Springs, Texas

Number of churches, 8; number of parsonage, 2; number of ordained ministers, 18; number of licensed ministers, 4; number of ordained deacons, 24.
Number of Sunday schools, 8; number of leagues, 7; number of YPAs 6; number of prayer meetings, 8.
Church membership, 535; members received 137; by baptism, 61; by letter, 38; by statement of faith, 38.
Members dismissed, 28.
Sunday school enrollment, 540; league enrollment, 140; woman's auxiliary membership, 55.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Total giving in the churches, \$18,808.20; general offerings, \$18,683.20; building fund \$125.00.

SPENT FOR LOCAL CAUSES

Pastor's salaries, \$8,844.31; evangelistic work 841.95; building and repair, \$6,668.29; literature, \$156.80; advertising, \$20.25; Youth Camp, \$17.05; Flowers, 97.59; total expenditures, \$16,646.33.

SPENT FOR OUTSIDE CAUSES

Foreign missions, \$309.95; home missions, \$270.66; education, \$267.77; obituary 59.92. Total outside expenditures, \$908.30.
Value of church property, \$48,800.00; value of parsonage property, \$18,000.00.

MINISTERS

Abbott, Edd A., 900 N. Johnson St., Amarillo, Texas
Armstrong, J.C., 214 SW 3rd St., Midland, Texas
Blackwood, 2127 London St., Vernon, Texas
Breeding, H. W., 5306 Bonham St., Amarillo, Texas
Eaton, L. V., 304 E. 8th St., Big Springs, Texas
Garrett, G. G., 1026 Paradise St., Vernon, Texas
Grissom, H. A., 306 Ave. O, Lamesa, Texas
Gill, Bob, Box 811, Crowell, Texas
Harp, Troy, 1415 Trigg St., Amarillo, Texas
Hickey, Alton, 1108 Maiden St., Vernon, Texas
Haston, H. H., Guthrie Route, Paducah, Texas
Hughes, A. A., 1308 W. 5th St., Levelland, Texas

Holley, M. T., Box 149, New Deal, Texas
Hughes, J. A. C., Route 1, Box 46 T, Midland, Texas
Horton, Jack, 1605 S. Loraine St., Midland, Texas
Savage, Fred, 710 SW 3rd St., Andrews, Texas
Starnes, R. D., General Delivery, Andrews, Texas
Stephenson, R. G., 1409 Ave. H, Cisco, Texas
Rogers, J. E., 1804 E. 15th St., Big Spring, Texas

C O N S T I T U T I O N
of
STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

ARTICLE I: Name

This organization shall be known as the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE II: Purpose

The purpose of this association shall be to enlist the cooperation of all Free Will Baptists in Texas in sending the gospel of Jesus Christ to all quarters both near and far, in winning the lost through the preaching of the gospel, and in teaching and training those who are saved to be holier and more efficient members of the body of Christ, thus advancing the interests of the Kingdom of God.

ARTICLE III: Membership

This association shall be composed of the district associations and the churches of Texas which are known to be duly organized, orthodox and orderly, and conforming to the faith and usages of the denomination as set forth in the Treatise of Faith of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. All regularly ordained and licensed ministers, and ordained deacons, who hold membership in, and are in good standing with, a church belonging to this association, are members of this association. All churches belonging to this association must be members in good standing of some regular district association in Texas, unless their geographical location prevents such membership. Any district association or church conforming to the above regulations may, upon proper application, be admitted to membership in this association.

ARTICLE IV: Representation

Representation to this association shall be on the following basis. Each district association shall be entitled to one delegate for each 100 members, or fractional part thereof. Each church shall be entitled to two delegates regardless of the number of its members. It shall be required of all district associations that they represent themselves by delegates and communicate by letter their standing, prospects and statistics at

each regular session of this association, the time and place of the regular session being determined by this association. Each district association shall accompany with their letter a registration fee as follows: \$10.00 for the first 500 members, or fractional part thereof, and \$5.00 for each additional 500 members, or fractional part thereof. Each church shall accompany their letter with a registration fee of \$5.00. Each ordained or licensed minister and each ordained deacon shall pay \$1.00 registration fee.

ARTICLE V: Officers

The officers of this association are a moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, assistant clerk, executive secretary, statistician and parliamentarian. These officers shall be elected at each regular session of the association. The nominating committee will present nominations for officers and board members, but the association shall in no wise prevent members from exercising their democratic privilege of nominating candidates from the floor. The election of officers shall become the first item of business of the afternoon session of the second day.

Duties of Officers:

Moderator: It shall be the duty of the moderator to preside over all meetings of the association, and called meetings of the executive committee; to appoint all necessary committees not provided for in the constitution, and to strive to promote the general welfare of the association.

Assistant Moderator: It shall be the duty of the assistant moderator to serve in all capacities of the moderator in his absence, or upon the call of the moderator.

Clerk: It shall be the duty of the clerk to make a good and accurate record of all proceedings of the association, to prepare a manuscript of the same for printing of the minutes, to make and keep on file minutes of all regular or called sessions of the association, or called meetings of the executive committee and to negotiate the printing and distribution of the minutes of the regular sessions of the association.

Assistant Clerk: It shall be the duty of the assistant clerk to work with the clerk in every capacity when called upon to do so by the clerk, or, the moderator.

Executive Secretary: It shall be the duty of the executive secretary to receive and disburse all funds coming into the regular treasury at the direction of the association. He shall see that an accurate record is kept of all disbursements and shall present a statement of all receipts and disbursements at each regular session of the association. He shall have charge of all associational advertising, serve as contact between this body and the National Association, and his office shall serve as an information center for such as missions, ministerial relief, location of churches, and names and addresses of their officers, district associations, denominational schools, etc. He shall be charged with the promotion of the cooperative program and shall disburse all cooperative program funds as the association shall direct.

Statistician: It shall be the duty of the statistician to collect and compile, as nearly as possible, all vital statistics of all district associations and churches in Texas, to report the same at each regular session of this and the National Association.

Parliamentarian: It shall be the duty of the parliamentarian to thoroughly acquaint himself with good and accepted parliamentary rules that he may be prepared to rule on the order of any business procedure being transacted at any session of the association. It shall be the privilege of the chair to call for a ruling from the parliamentarian when he deems it necessary.

ARTICLE VI: Boards and Committees

The association shall elect the following boards: Christian Education, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Sunday School, Free Will Baptist League, Woman's Auxiliary and Superannuation. These boards shall consist of three members each except those of Home Missions and Superannuation, which shall be composed of five members each. The terms of board members shall be for three years. The election of all board members shall be the next item of business after the election of officers, and by the same procedure. It shall be the duty of the

moderator to appoint members to fill the unexpired term of any board member, or members, vacating their position between regular sessions.

The moderator shall appoint a Committee on Committee. This committee shall nominate the following committees: Temperance, Resolutions, Program, Obituary, and Credentials. This committee shall be appointed at each regular session of the association.

ARTICLE VII: Discipline

This association shall have the authority to discipline any association or church holding membership with it for disorderly conduct or heresy, and should efforts to help correct the difficulty fail the association may withdraw the hand of fellowship until order has been established, but in no case shall the association have the authority to reverse the decisions of churches or district associations.

ARTICLE VIII: Executive Committee

This association shall have an executive committee composed of the officers of the association. This committee shall have the oversight of all associational work and when it is necessary to transact business that cannot be held over to the next regular session of the association this committee shall, in duly called session, act for and in behalf of the association. Minutes of all called meetings are to be recorded and reported to the association in the next regular session, and if the body deems wise the executive committee report shall be printed in the minutes of the association.

ARTICLE IX: Alterations and amendments.

This constitution may be altered or amended at any regular session of the association by a two-thirds majority vote of all members present provided the proposed alteration or amendment has been read before the body and has been placed on the table one day in advance of the time the vote is to be taken.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE 1 - The moderator or assistant moderator, or in their absence, the senior minister in years, shall call the association into conference, and if a quorum is known to be present, the body may proceed with business according to outlined program.

ARTICLE 2 - All persons declared by the credentials committee to be eligible to represent in the association are hereby made and constituted members of this body, and are authorized to act in all respects according to the provisions of the constitution and bylaws under which this association is governed.

ARTICLE 3 - Delegates from corresponding bodies, and brethren invited to seats in the association, shall be entitled to all privileges of the association except voting.

ARTICLE 4 - No person shall speak more than twice on the same question, nor over ten minutes at the time, without special permission of the association; neither shall anyone be recognized by the presiding officer without first rising and addressing the chair, and shall not proceed with discussion or statement until recognized by the chair.

ARTICLE 5 - It shall not be considered regular for any member of the body to leave its session without special permission of the presiding officer, and those who do such, lay themselves liable to public censure. No member shall take final leave from any regular or called session without special permission from the association.

ARTICLE 6 - The business of this association shall be governed by good parliamentary regulations at all times.

ARTICLE 7 - No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee, provided the person nominated be elected. No person shall hold more than one office in the state association at any time.

ARTICLE 8 - The program of each annual meeting shall be prepared by the regularly elected or appointed program committee; programs to be distributed thirty days in advance of setting of association.

ARTICLE 9 - The following standing committees shall be appointed at each setting of the association: temperance, resolutions, program, credentials, obituary and committee on committees.

ARTICLE 10 - Each session shall be opened by reading a portion of the Bible and prayer, and shall be closed with prayer.

ARTICLE 11 - Minutes of each session shall be carefully read and corrected before final adjournment.

ARTICLE 12 - These bylaws may be amended at any regular session of the association, by a two-thirds majority vote of the body, provided proposed amendment has been read before the body and placed on the table one day in advance of the time the vote is to be taken.

CHURCH LETTER

Greetings from _____

Church to the _____
(State whether Quarterly or Yearly
Meeting or Association)

when convened with _____

Church at _____.

We send as delegates, our beloved:

Delegates

Alternates

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

whom we pray you will receive to sit with you to aid
you in your godly deliberations.

Pastor's name and address _____

Names of Ministers and Deacons

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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

Moderator

Clerk

