

MINUTES
OF THE
FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
TEXAS STATE ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
WHEN CONVENED WITH
TRINITY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
2320 AZLE AVENUE
FORT WORTH, TEXAS
NOVEMBER 1, 2, AND 3, 1960

THE NEXT SESSION WILL BE HELD IN THE
WESTSIDE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
1221 HICKS
MIDLAND, TEXAS
OCTOBER 31, NOVEMBER 1, 2, 1961

TEXAS STATE ASSOCIATION

OF

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

1960-61

OFFICERS

MODERATOR.....REV. E. E. ZOELLERS

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7432 MOHAWK DRIVE, FORT WORTH, TEXAS

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY..REV. H. Z. COX

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BOARDS

HOME MISSIONS

REV. J. M. GOODE, 1961: REV. ROY HEARON, 1961: REV. ALLEY FERGUSON, 1962: REV. H. RAY BERRY, 1963: BRO. BILL JOHNSON, 1963:

FOREIGN MISSIONS

REV. HERBERT RICHARDS, 1961: REV. ROY NORIE, 1962: REV. GASTON CLARY, 1963:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

REV. JOHN MOEHLMAN, 1961: REV. R. A. CONNER, 1962: REV. PERVIS WILLIAMS, 1963:

SUPERANNUATION

REV. ELVIS FIELDING, 1961: REV. A. F. HALBROOK, 1961: REV. HUEY GOWER, 1962: MRS. H. Z. COX, 1963: GEORGE RICE, 1963:

FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE

MRS. W. O. WITHERS, 1961: JOHN MIZZLES, 1962: MONTY BOREN, 1963:

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

REV. M. L. SUTTON, 1961: REV. W. H. NORRIS, 1962: MRS. GASTON CLARY, 1963:

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY BOARD

MRS. JAKE FEARS, 1961: MRS. E. E. ZOELLERS, 1962: MRS. C. B. THOMPSON, 1963:

PROCEEDINGS
TUESDAY EVENING, 7:30 O'CLOCK

The forty-sixth annual session of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Fort Worth, 2320 Azle Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas, November 1, 2, and 3, 1960, with the moderator, Rev. H. Z. Cox presiding.

The session was opened on Tuesday Evening at 7:30 o'clock with singing "God of Our Fathers", led by George Rice.

Rev. C. J. Turrentine led in prayer, after which the congregation sang "Ring The Bells of Heaven".

The host pastor, Rev. M. L. Sutton, extended a very cordial welcome to all.

The congregation sang "Til The Whole World Knows" and "Lead on O King Eternal" after which Brother Everett Hellard led in prayer.

The adult choir of the local church sang "Christ Returneth" led by George Rice.

A quartette from the local church composed of Rev. M. L. Sutton, George Rice, Mr. Palmer and Mrs. Pense sang "Seeking The Lost".

The moderator recognized visitors and those from the various associations and extended a warm welcome to all.

Since Bro. Billy Melvin was on program to preach tonight and was unable to get here for the service, Bro. Cox was asked to change places with him and bring the evening message.

He combined his moderator's message with the message he was to bring Wednesday morning, reading Ephesians 5:21-27. He contrasted the husband - wife relationship to that of Christ and the church. He concluded with prayer.

Congregational song-"Jesus Paid It All".

The moderator appointed the following committees:

Credentials: Rev. Clarence Hearron, Rev. C. B. Thompson, and Rev. Pervis Williams.

Committee on committees; Rev. Bobby Ferguson, Rev. J. E. Marecle, and Mrs. Everett Hellard.

Nominating: Rev. H. Ray Berry, Rev. Huey Gower, and Mrs. E. E. Zoellers.

Rev. H. Ray Berry brought greetings from the central Texas District Association in the absence of the clerk, Mrs. Carl Warren. He read Ephesians 4:11-16 and gave some statistics of the work that is being done there.

The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Bro. Owen Barger.

After the service, Rev. Huey Gower showed the missionary film "Black Gold" by Evangelistic T. L. Osborn.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

The morning session was opened at 9:0'clock by Rev. Everett Hellard with congregational singing led by Bro. M. L. Sutton.

Rev. Pervis Williams led the morning devotions, reading 2 Kings 17:2-4 emphasizing the word "There". He pointed out that we need to find God's purpose for our lives, and his power and then we will have his provision.

Mrs. Gaston Clary, clerk of the East Texas District Association, brought greetings from this association.

The report of the Credentials Committee was given by Bro. Clarence Hearron.

Motion by Bro. Hearron that the report be adopted and the delegates seated. Motion carried.

The moderator read the church covenant after which he led in prayer.

Motion by Bro. Sutton that we extend to visiting deacons and ministers all the privileges of this association with the exception of voting. Motion carried. Bro. Billy Melvin, executive secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, and Rev. Bailey Thompson, of Okla. were recognized.

The report of the committee on committees was read by Bro. Bobby Ferguson. Motion carried that this report be tabled for thirty minutes.

The report of the Executive Secretary was given by Rev. Everett Hellard. He read John 4:35. Motion by Bro. Hellard that this report be received. Motion carried.

The Credentials Committee reported that letters had been received from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Bryan and the First Church of Denton. Motion carried that these letters be received and the delegates seated.

Motion carried that we adjourn for recess.

The service was opened by singing "He Keeps Me Singing", after which Bro. Ed Sunday led in prayer.

Motion by Bro. Barger, seconded by Mrs. Withers that the report of the Committee on Committees be taken off the table. Motion carried.

The revised report of the Committee was read by Bro. Bobby Ferguson. Motion that this report be accepted as a substitute for the other report. Motion carried.

The moderator recognized Bro. Eubanks who has just returned from Columbia, South America and spoke on the evils of Catholicism and challenged our hearts to stand for what we believe.

The moderator recognized Rev. Bailey Thompson, who represented the Sunday School Board of Okla. and spoke of the Sunday School literature.

The worship service began with congregational singing led by Bro. Clarence Hearron, after which Bro. Tiff Covington led in prayer.

Rev. Alley Ferguson sang "Led By The Master's Hand".

The moderator presented the Rev. Billy Melvin, who first spoke on the cooperative plan and the progress that is being made by our denomination, after which he brought a stirring message in which he pointed out the forces at work in the world today.

(1) communism (2) catholicism (3) cults (4) compromising protestants or liberals. He emphasized that these groups do not have the answer but we do have, however, we must return to the principle of going and the stewardship of life if this need is met. He concluded with prayer.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Eubanks.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon session was opened at 1:30 o'clock with Rev. Elvis Fielding leading the congregation in singing "I Want To Be A Worker", after which Bro. Bobby Ferguson led in prayer.

Rev. Ed Sunday, pastor at Wichita Falls brought the afternoon devotions from Isa. 54:2 and Acts 1:8.

Bro. H. Z. Cox led in prayer.

The moderator asked Bro. Zoellers, assistant moderator, to preside over this session.

Rev. Owen Barger brought greetings from the Fellowship Association.

Rev. Clarence Hearron sang "What A Glorious Day That Will Be".

The report of the Nominating Committee was read by Rev. Huey Gower. Motion by Bro. Gower that the report be received. Motion carried. The report was acted upon item by item. See page 1 for officers elected and page 2 for board members.

Motion by Bro. Berry that we express our appreciation to those who have served in the various offices the past year. Motion carried.

An invitation was extended from the Midessa Association that the next session of the State Association be held with them at the Westside Free Will Baptist Church. Motion sustained that we accept this invitation.

The report of the Home Mission Board as given by Bro. A. F. Ferguson, was adopted.

The report of the Woman's Auxiliary Board was given by Mrs. Mozelle Franks. Motion carried that this report be adopted.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was read by Bro. A. F. Ferguson. By motion, the report was received and acted upon item by item.

By motion, the first two resolutions were adopted.

Rev. H. Ray Berry made an amendment to the third resolution which reads: "If when such board meets it finds that no functions are to be carried out by it, then a request be made to the next session of the association for dissolving this board, and if a constitutional change be involved they present a resolution to

the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists and place it on the table the first day of the meeting so it can be acted upon the next day". The amendment and the original motion were adopted.

An amendment was added to the fourth resolution that the wording be changed from "that all pastors of this association faithfully inform their congregations" to "that we urge all pastors of this association to faithfully inform their congregations". The motion, as amended, was adopted.

By motion, resolution 5 was adopted. The Obituary Report, as read by Mrs. Roy Norie, was adopted.

There was no new Temperance report. Motion by Bro. Clarence Hearnon that we accept last year's report as the report for this year. Motion carried.

Motion that we express our heartfelt thanks to Bailey Thompson and Bro. Billy Melvin for their services rendered to this association. Motion Carried.

The meeting was dismissed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

The evening service was opened by singing "He's A Wonderful Saviour to Me" led by Bro. Clarence Hearnon, after which we were led in prayer by Bro. Walling.

After congregational singing, Brother Clarence Hearnon brought greetings from the West Fork Association. He read Acts 15:36.

The adult choir of the local church presented a choral number "Hallelujah For The Cross", directed by Bro. George Rice.

A quartette from the Fort Worth Church composed of Rev. M. L. Sutton, George Rice, J. M. Palmer and Oneta Pense, sang "The New Jerusalem Way".

By special request, Rev. Everett Hellard sang "Jesus, Rose of Sharon". He was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Hellard.

The moderator presented the Rev. Homer Willis, promotional director of the Home Mission Board of the National Association, who brought the evening message on the subject of compassion, with scripture reading from Matthew 14:3.

He concluded with prayer. After the message Bro. Willis spoke on the home mission work that is being carried on by our denomination. An offering was received for home missions.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Cox.

THURSDAY MORNING

The morning session was opened at 9 o'clock with congregational singing led by Bro. Ferguson, after which Rev. James Evans led in prayer.

Rev. Owen Barger brought the morning devotions in the absence of Rev. E. H. Fielding, Bro. Barger read Genesis 5:24 and emphasized the phrase "walking with God".

Rev. A. F. Ferguson brought greetings from the Midessa Association. He read scripture from 2 Cor. 4:1-5.

The report of the Statistician was given by Rev. Gaston Clary. Motion sustained that the report be adopted.

The report on Foreign Missions was given by Bro. Bobby Ferguson in the absence of Rev. Don Ellis. Motion carried that the report be adopted.

The moderator read a letter from Rev. L. C. Johnson, President of Free Will Baptist Bible College, in which he reported the support that had been given to the Bible College by the Texans.

A recommendation was read from the Executive Committee concerning the proposed budget for next year. Motion by Bro. Barger, seconded by Bobby Ferguson, that we accept this recommendation. Motion carried.

A recommendation was also read from the Executive Committee that Mrs. Gower be given an honorarium of \$50.00 for her services as clerk. Motion by Bro. Zoellers, seconded by Bro. Evans, that this be adopted. Motion carried.

Motion by Bro. Clary that we adopt the proposed budget for next year. Motion carried.

The report of the Superannuation Board was read, and by motion, was adopted.

The report of the Sunday School Board, as read by Bro. Sutton was adopted.

The three recommendations as given in the Sunday School report were also adopted.

Motion that we suspend the reading of the minutes and leave the corrections to the clerk. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Clary that we empower the moderator to appoint the delegates to the National Association. Motion carried.

Motion carried that we adjourn.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Cox.

The worship service was opened with congregational singing led by Bobby Ferguson, after which Bro. Brooks led in prayer.

Rev. Everett Hellard sang "O Love of God" with Mrs. Hellard at the piano.

The moderator presented the Rev. Billy Sharpston, pastor of the Good Hope Free Will Baptist Church, who brought the morning message with scripture reading from Acts 1:8 and John 4:35. Bro. Sharpston challenged our hearts to do more for the Lord. He concluded with prayer.

The service was dismissed with prayer by Bro. Cox.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

<u>Associations</u>	<u>Number of Delegates</u>	<u>Dues</u>
Midessa Association	3	\$10.00
Central Texas	1	20.00
East Texas	5	15.00
Fellowship	7	15.00
West Fork	15	15.00

CHURCHES

<u>Name of Church</u>	<u>Number of Delegates</u>	<u>Dues</u>
Pleasant Mound	2	\$ 5.00
Bowie First	1	10.00
Faith Church, Andrews	1	5.00

<u>Name of Church</u>	<u>Number of Delegates</u>	<u>Dues</u>
West Side, Midland	2	\$ 5.00
First Church, Fort Worth	2	5.00
Pine Prairie	2	5.00
Liberty, Comanche	1	5.00
First Church, Dallas	2	5.00
Fellowship, Bryan	2	5.00
Good Hope	0	5.00
Cross	1	5.00
First, Azle	2	5.00
New Salem	2	5.00
First Church, Waco	2	5.00
Trinity	2	5.00
Rock of Ages	2	5.00
Evergreen	0	5.00
Youngblood	2	5.00
Love Temple	2	5.00
Concord	2	5.00
First Church, Houston	2	5.00
First Church, Irving	2	5.00
Gartman View	2	5.00
Bibb	0	5.00
Faith, Wichita Falls	2	5.00
1st Church, Wichita Falls	2	10.00
1st Church, Denison	2	5.00
1st Church, Bryan	2	5.00
1st Church, Denton	2	5.00

44 Church Delegates-----\$155.00 Dues

31 Association Delegates----- 75.00 Dues

75 Total Delegates----- 230.00 Dues

We have received one invitation from the Midessa Association for the next meeting of the association.

C. J. Hearron, Chairman

REPORT OF SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Received from A. F. Halbrook	\$ 26.23
Received from Texas State Cooperative Plan	215.17
Total Receipts	<u>\$311.40</u>
Paid out to superannuated ministers:	
Rev. J. L. Payne	\$120.00

Rev. H. M. McAdams		\$120.00
Bank Service Charges:		4.55
Total Receipts	\$311.40	
Total Paid Out	<u>244.55</u>	
Balance on Hand		\$ 66.85

George Rice, Treasurer

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY FINANCIAL REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Texas Co-operative Plan of Support from Nov. 1959-Oct. 1960:

Information on allocations: National Association, 65% of the Texas Co-operative 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
- National Head-quarters Building

20% of the Texas Co-operative Plan of Support goes to the State Association office for the purpose of: operating office, state minutes, national dues, traveling expense of board, state programs, channeling money for and to all national and designated state agencies, etc.

10% of the Texas Co-operative 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 Co-operative 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 the Texas Co-operative Plan of Support,
year of 1959 and 1960:

<u>CHURCHES:</u>	<u>LAST YEAR</u>	<u>THIS YEAR</u>
Dallas, First	\$ 265.00	\$ 124.00
Dallas, Concord	119.88	-----
<u>District Associations:</u>		
East Texas	\$ 663.96	\$ 660.95
Central Texas	1504.84	1830.17
West Fork	-----	570.53
Fellowship	196.61	-----
Midessa	1831.49	1884.79
N. W. Brazos	-----	-----
Southeast	-----	-----
Totals	<u>\$4551.78</u>	<u>\$5081.44</u>

Disbursements from Texas Co-operative Plan of Support
year 1959 and 1960:

National Association	\$3395.51
State Home Missions	515.47
State Superannuation	257.64
State Association	912.82
Total	<u>\$5081.44</u>

State Association Financial Report: Receipts and
disbursements for the year 1959 and 1960:

<u>Receipts for State Association:</u>	
Texas Co-operative Plan of Support	\$ 912.82
Balance November 1959	271.59
Total Receipts:	<u>\$1184.41</u>
<u>Disbursements for State Association:</u>	
Office Help	\$ 22.00
Office Supplies, Postage etc.	129.00
State Minutes	102.25
Telephone	1.76

Travel expense of board members:

Everett D. Hellard (Henderson, Carthage, Shrevport, Dallas-twice, Fresno, Calif.)	\$130.00
E. E. Zoellers (two ex. M.)	86.00
Rev. and Mrs. Clary (two Ex. M.)	28.26
Allene Gower (1 Ex. M.)	3.00
H. Z. Cox (1 Ex. M.)	16.00
Billy Sharpston (1 Ex. M.)	10.00
Ex. Sec. (forty per month)	480.00

Total Disbursements: \$1009.17

Balance October 24, 1960 175.24

Channeled Checks For:

Foreign Missions	\$3508.12
National Home Missions	116.96
Free Will Baptist Bible College	32.75
National Sunday School Board	48.25
Total Channeled	<u>\$3704.08</u>

Respectfully Submitted
Everett D. Hellard
State Association
Executive Secretary

FINANCIAL REPORT OF TEXAS FREE WILL BAPTIST HOME
MISSION BOARD, WHEN CONVENED WITH TRINITY CHURCH, OF
FORT WORTH, TEXAS NOVEMBER 1-3, 1960:

Brought forward from last session, and deposited:

\$533.81

Deposits for the year of 1960:

Dec. 10, 1959	43.51
Jan. 2, 1960	37.37
Feb. 3, 1960	74.21
Mar. 17, 1960 (2 cks. 1-19.26 & 1-35.06)	55.06
Apr. 12, 1960	24.37
Apr. 26, 1960	7.12
May 12, 1960	45.31
June 2, 1960	32.08
July 18, 1960	32.20
Aug. 10, 1960	85.14
Sep. 5, 1960	14.75
Oct. 27, 1960	107.27
Total	<u>\$558.39</u>

Paid out: Expense of Bros. Ferguson and Hearron to
Levelland to investigate the Truth Church: Nov. 20, 1959: \$ 7.70

Printing of check bank book: Nov. 20, 1959 3.42

Paid to 1st F.W.B. Church of Jacksboro, Tex.
Dec. 28, 1959 200.00

Paid to Truth F.W.B. Church of Levelland,
Tex.: Jan. 22, 1960 200.00

Paid to Bro. Bud Parr for car expense to
Pampa, Texas: May 17, 1960. 20.00

Bros. Parr and Covington made this
trip for the purpose of organizing
a new church in Pampa.

Total \$431.12

October 21, 1960 paid \$200.00 to Faith
F.W.B. Church of Andrews, Texas \$200.00

Total paid out \$631.12

Balance in bank \$461.08

A. F. Ferguson, Treasurer

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

We note with keen interest and thanksgiving that
Texas Free Will Baptists are realizing more fully the
value of Sunday School. Of the five associations re-
porting we were able to gather the following informa-
tion:

The 54 churches-54 Sunday Schools.

Total church membership 4217-total Sunday School
enrolment-3322 showing 895 Free Will Baptists in
these five associations who are not enrolled in Sun-
day School.

Most of our city churches are located in com-
munities where not more than one fourth of the
population are in Sunday School. We believe these
conditions present a challenge to "strengthen the
home front" in the field of Sunday School, and in
view of this we make the same recommendations as last
year, to wit:

1. Resolved that the Sunday School Board be
authorized to designate one of their members as pro-
motional 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, Chairman

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

Number of Auxiliaries Reporting	22
Enrolment at beginning of year	335
Present enrolment	348
Number of new members	74
Number lost	40
Average attendance	242
Number of Youth Organizations	
G.T.A.	6
Y.P.A.	6
B.A.	1
Total Membership	
G.T.A.	54
Y.P.A.	74
B.A.	9
Number of active church libraries	2
Number of vacation Bible schools assisted in	28
Number of Bible College students assisted	7
Study Courses: Missions	13
Stewardship	15
Manual	11
Evangelism	15
Prayer	15
Reading circles	7
Number of Daily Bible Readers	166
Number of special programs held	78
Number weeks of prayer conducted	40
Total amount of self-denial offering from weeks of prayer	\$214.04
Total number of family altars	137
Total members observing prayer fellowship	143
Number making soul-winning efforts	290
Number souls won	36

Number active in community missions	159
Amount sent to Children's Homes	\$31.00
Number subscribers to church papers	160
Number articles written for publication	23
Special offering to:	

Missions	\$775.98
Free Will Baptist Bible College	33.00
Children's Homes	31.37
Superannuation	5.34
Other	91.33
Calvary's	138.00
Crippled Children	35.00
Arizona Missions	61.68
Houses for Japan	78.70
Counsellor for Camp	9.00
Calvary Children	18.00

The Texas State Woman's Auxiliary Convention, during the 1960 session, voted to support whatever project the W. N. A. C. recommended for 1960-1961. The national project for 1960-61 is to supply medical supplies and equipment for our mission station in Africa. Therefore the Texas State Woman's Auxiliary Executive Committee recommends that each local auxiliary give at least \$30.00 toward this project.

Mrs. Gaston Clary, President
Mrs. Ruby Withers, Sec. Treasure

STATISTICAL REPORT

The statistical report is submitted herewith. I believe this is the most complete report we have ever had. I would like to commend the West Fork and East Texas Districts for sending copies of statistics to statistician in advance.

Clerks please favor your new statistician by sending a duplicate copy of district letter to him in advance.

STATISTICS

Number of district associations	5
Number of churches	54
Number of parsonages	11

Number of ordained ministers	5
Number of licensed ministers	5
Number of ordained deacons	172
Number of Sunday Schools	54
Number of leagues	30
Number of Woman's Auxiliaries	31
Number of GTA'S	7
Number of YPA'S	5
Number of Boy's Auxiliaries	2
Number of Master's Men	3
Number of prayer meetings	50
Church membership	4232
Sunday School enrolment	2107
League enrolment	987
Woman's Auxiliary membership	456
Total Giving in churches	\$195,022.73
Building funds	4,172.88
Pastor's salaries	86,991.05
Evangelistic work	4,725.77
Building and repair	13,539.22
Literature	4,189.82
Advertising	83.50
Miscellaneous	17,683.38
Other	5,732.33
Total local expenditures	\$124,032.99
Spent for Outside Causes:	
Cooperative Plan	6,469.53
Foreign Missions	4,251.62
Home Missions	1,452.27
Education	893.45
Superannuation	16.50
Associations, State and National	
Projects	176.00
Other	6,637.38
Total outside expenditures	\$15,525.28
Value of church property	67,674.00
Value of parsonage property	56,100.00
Amount enclosed for fees	50.00

Gaston Clary, Statistician

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Temperance: Rev. R. E. Conner, Mrs. M. L. Sutton,
Mrs. Pat Cates.
Resolutions: Rev. H. Ray Berry, Rev. E. E. Zoellers,
Rev. A. F. Ferguson.
Program: Executive committee and host pastor.
Obituary: Mrs. Roy Norie, Jr., Mrs. Dora Johnson,
Mrs. W. O. Withers.
Credentials: Rev. C. J. Hearron, Rev. C. B. Thompson
Rev. Pervis Williams.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Bobby Ferguson
Mrs. Everett Hellard
Rev. J. E. Marecle

REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, your committee on obituary, have to report the following number of deceased in our state association: East Texas: 9.

The loss of these faithful is truly our loss but a victory gained in Christ.

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

Mrs. Roy Norie, Jr.
Ruby Withers
Dora Johnson

RESOLUTIONS

1. Be it resolved that this state reply to the study committee of the national association in favor of continuing meeting once a year instead of once every two years.

2. Be it resolved that the state clerk supply every pastor with a copy of the boards and committee members immediately and with the instruction, they in turn pass this information on to their members who are to serve in said offices.

3. Be it resolved that all committees and boards who are to function during the year meet officially

at least once each year and lay progressive plans to further their particular work. The results of the meeting to be given at the following state association in their reports. If when such board meets it finds that no functions are to be carried out by it, then a request be made to the next session of the association for dissolving this board, and if a constitutional change be involved they present a resolution to the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists and place it on the table the first day of the meeting so it can be acted upon the next day.

4. Whereas the government of this country was established on the basic policy of separation of church and state, and,

Whereas the Roman Catholic Church by doctrine and practice and by official statements from its hierarchy has demonstrated that it does not agree with this policy of separation of church and state, and,

Whereas at this time one of the nominees for the office of president of the United States is of the Roman Catholic faith, and,

Whereas we find it inconsistent to believe that any Roman Catholic elected to this high office could withstand the pressure and direction that would come from the Roman Catholic hierarchy,

Be it therefore resolved that the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists go on record as opposing the election of a Roman Catholic as president of the United States.

Be it further resolved that we urge all the pastors of this association to faithfully inform their congregations of the designs and ambitions of the Roman Catholic church.

5. Be it resolved that this body give a rising vote of thanks to the Trinity Church, and the Fellowship Association for the entertainment of this association:

Rev. E. E. Zoellers

Rev. H. Ray Berry

Rev. A. F. Ferguson

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.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1960-61

We recommend a budget of \$7,000.00

Texas Cooperative Plan of Support breakdown:

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

ASSOCIATIONS

EAST TEXAS

Moderator: Rev. C. F. Ferguson, Rt. #2, Carthage, Tex.

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

Number of churches	10
Number of parsonages	1
Number of ministers	9
Number of licensed ministers	1
Number of ordained deacons	31
Number of Sunday Schools	10
Number of Leagues	5
Number of GTA'S	1

Number of YPA'S	5
Number of prayer meetings	6
Church membership	544
Resident Members	444
Non-resident	100
Members received	65
By Baptism	19
By letter	32
By statement of faith	14
Members dismissed	27
By letter	18
Deceased	9
Sunday School enrolment	224
Woman's Auxiliary Membership	55
League enrolment	224
Total giving in the churches	\$22,913.93
Pastor's salaries	13,981.22
Evangelistic work	828.99
Building and repair	1,789.04
Literature	678.15
Miscellaneous	738.26
Total local expenditures	<u>\$18,015.66</u>

SPENT FOR OUTSIDE CAUSES

Cooperative Plan	\$ 670.45
Foreign Missions	750.36
Home Missions	25.00
Education	309.19
Associational Projects	176.00
Total outside expenditures	<u>\$1,930.99</u>
Value of church property	\$44,500.00
Value of parsonage prop.	1,200.00
Amount enclosed for fees	15.00

MINISTERS

Anderson, Lee Roy,	704 Elvin St., Carthage, Texas
Brashier, L. K.,	Nacogdoches, Texas
Clary, Gaston,	405 N. Alta Vista, Henderson, Texas
Ellis, Don,	101 Mockingbird, Henderson, Tex.
Ferguson, Bobby,	2117 Lea Crest, Dallas, Texas

Godwin, Allen, 1311 Bellamy St., Kilgore, Texas
 Goode, J. M., Route 2, Box 254, Carthage, Texas
 Sharpston, Billy, Route 1, Laneville, Texas

LICENSED MINISTERS

Jones, Bill, Route 1, Tatum, Texas

MIDESSA

Moderator: Rev. E. E. Zoellers, 3500 Annetta,
 Midland, Texas
 Clerk: Rev. A. F. Ferguson, 4718 Bryan Road
 Odessa, Texas

Number of churches	4
Number of ordained ministers	6
Number of licensed ministers	1
Number of ordained diacons	9
Number of Sunday schools	4
Number of Leagues	3
Number of Woman's Auxiliaries	4
Number of GTA'S	2
Number of Master's Men	3
Number of Prayer Meetings	4
Church Membership	276
Resident	250
Non-resident	26
Sunday School enrolment	219
League enrolment	176
Woman's Auxiliary	75

FINANCIAL REPORT

Total giving in the churches	\$24,375.70
Pastors' salaries	8,097.91
Evangelistic work	107.52
Building and repair	4,421.97
Literature	925.25
Miscellaneous	2,086.62
Other	889.07
Total local expenditures	<u>\$24,134.89</u>

SPENT FOR OUTSIDE CAUSES

Cooperative plan	\$ 1,922.60
Foreign Missions	471.00
Home Missions	836.00
Value of church property	\$76,750.00

MINISTERS

Ferguson, A. F., 4718 Bryan Road, Odessa, Texas
 King, Fred, 1718 Eighth St., Levelland, Texas
 Williams, Purvis, P. O. Box 1628, Andrews, Texas
 Zoellers, 3500 Annetta, Midland, Texas

FELLOWSHIP

Moderator: Rev. M. L. Sutton, 2601 Skyline Drive,
 Fort Worth, Texas
 Clerk: Rev. E. J. Turrentine, 9300 Avenue H.,
 Fort Worth, Texas

Number of churches	9
Number of ordained ministers	17
Number of ordained deacons	27
Number of Sunday Schools	9
Number of Leagues	5
Number of woman's auxiliaries	3
Number of GTA'S	1
Number of Master 's Men	1
Number of prayer meetings	9
Church membership	589
Sunday school enrolment	374
League enrolment	123
Woman's Auxiliary Membership	49

FINANCIAL REPORT

Total giving in the churches	\$29,663.44
Building funds	1,742.47
Pastors' salaries	9,612.24
Evangelistic work	660.78
Building and repair	1,742.47
Literature	479.78
Advertising	83.50
Miscellaneous	3,940.79
Cooperative Plan	939.37
Other	132.50
Value of church property	\$184,500.00
Value of parsonages	50,000.00
Amount enclosed for fees	15.00

MINISTERS

Baber, A. L., 1607 N. W. 21st St., Fort Worth, Texas
 Barger, O. L., 7432 Mohawk Drive, Fort Worth, Texas
 Brandon, R. K., Route, Weatherford, Texas
 Brandon, Jewel, Route, Weatherford, Texas
 Chaffin, W. B., 1508 Washington, Fort Worth, Texas
 Daniels, Billie, Denton, Texas
 Estes, J. B., 408 Edna Street, Weatherford, Texas
 Hall, C. M., 6140 Anahuac, Fort Worth, Texas
 Haney, Joe, Victoria, Texas
 McLain, A. G., Argyle, Texas
 Measures, Henry, Weatherford, Texas
 Palmer, Lonnie
 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
 Welsh, Buddie, Dallas, Texas
 Williams, Marvin M., Grand Prairie, Texas
 Worley, A. J., 2502 Salisbury St., Fort Worth, 6, Texas

WEST FORK

Moderator: Rev. R. E. Conner, 3313 Garfield,
 Wichita Falls, Texas
 Clerk: Rev. C. J. Hearn, 2118 Market,
 Fort Worth, Texas

Number of churches	17
Number of parsonages	2
Number of ordained ministers	24
Number of licensed ministers	1
Number of ordained deacons	57
Number of Sunday schools	17
Number of Leagues	2
Number of woman's auxiliaries	8
Number of prayer meetings	17
Church membership	1363
Sunday school enrolment	942
League enrolment	68
Woman's auxiliary membership	128

FINANCIAL REPORT

Total giving in the churches	\$50,211.35
Pastors' salaries	28,113.39
Evangelistic work	1,351.61
Building and repair	3,155.33
Miscellaneous	4,759.42
Total local expenditures	<u>\$37,379.75</u>
Cooperative Plan	869.67
Foreign Missions	982.77
Home Missions	229.36
Education	119.26
Total outside expenditures	<u>\$ 2,201.06</u>
Value of church property	\$114,900.00
Amount enclosed for fees	15.00

MINISTERS

Almond, C. C., 3222 Montagun, Fort Worth, Texas
 Brooks, J. A., 2001 Prairie, Fort Worth, Texas
 Brawley, Floyd H., 905 N. Austin, Comanche, Texas
 Covington, Tiff, 2100 Garfield, Wichita Falls, Texas
 Cox, H. Z., 3322 Michigan Ave., Dallas, Texas
 Conner, R. E., 3313 Garfield, Wichita Falls, Texas
 Fielding, A. J., 1650 Vilbig, Dallas, Texas
 Fielding, E. A., Euless, Texas
 Gaines, M. R., Comanche, Texas
 Gower, Huey E., 1529 Beltline Rd., Irving, Texas
 Hearn, Clarence, 2118 Market, Fort Worth, Texas
 Hearn, Roy, 2205 W. 7th, Odessa, 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. 2400 Pearl St., Fort Worth, Texas
 Parton, L. M., 204 29th St., 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 Ave., Gainesville, Texas

LICENSED MINISTERS

Bud Parr, Bowie, Texas

CENTRAL TEXAS

Moderator: Rev. H. Ray Berry, 107 N. Ennis,
Bryan, Texas

Clerk: Mrs. Carl Warren, 811 McAshan,
Bryan, Texas

Number of churches	14
Number of parsonages	7
Number of ordained ministers	18
Number of licensed ministers	2
Number of ordained deacons	46
Number of Sunday schools	14
Number of Leagues	11
Number of woman's auxiliaries	11
Number of GTA'S	3
Number of YPA'S	1
Boy's auxiliaries	1
Prayer Meetings	14
Church membership	1460
Resident members	1230
Non-resident	230
Sunday school enrolment	1071
League enrolment	396
Woman's auxiliary membership	149

FINANCIAL REPORT

Total giving in the churches	\$67,858.89
General offerings	60,037.86
Building funds	7,821.03
Pastors' salaries	27,186.22
Evangelistic work	1,775.87
Building and repair	2,430.41
Leterature	2,106.64
Miscellaneous	6,160.29
Other	4,843.26
Total local expenditures	<u>\$44,502.69</u>
Cooperative plan	1,997.44
Foreign Missions	2,047.50
Home Missions	361.91

Education	465.00
Superannuation	16.50
Other	6,504.88
Total outside expenditures	<u>\$11,393.23</u>
Value of church property	\$332,174.44
Value parsonage property	49,900.00
Amount enclosed for fees	20.00

MINISTERS

Berry, H. Ray, 107 N. Ennis, Bryan, Texas
 Bounds, J. L., Route 2, Anderson, Texas
 Calvery, Wesley, % National Foreign Mission Board,
 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
 Davis, Bobby Joe, Apt. 40, 1400 22nd St., Huntsville,
 Texas
 Evans, James A., 312 Laurel St., Bryan, Texas
 Franklin, Tommie, 807 E. 26th St., Bryan, Texas
 Fry, Malcolm C., 2820 General Middleton, Lake Charles,
 La.
 Halbrook, Alvin F., Rt. 3, Bryan, Texas
 Hellard, Everett D., 322 Ishmeal St., Houston, Texas
 H. M. & Lizzie McAdams, Rt. 3, Huntsville, Texas
 McDonald, Troy, Houston, Texas
 Moehlman, % National Foreign Mission Board, 3801
 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tennessee
 Norris, W. H., 4670 Cosner, Corpus Christi, Texas
 Payne, J. L., Houston, Texas
 Phipps, Keith, 454 Pecan, S. Houston, Texas
 Richards, Herbert, Rt. 1, Iola, Texas
 Roberts, George, Bacliff, Texas
 Simpson, Earl C., 164 E. Lee, Maplewood, La.
 Smith, Everett, Box # 377, Bacliff, Texas
 Thompson, C. B., Box 98, Iola, Texas
 Timmons, James, Laredo, 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

