

Sup

M I N U T E S
OF THE
FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
TEXAS STATE ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
WHEN CONVENED WITH
WESTSIDE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
1221 HICKS
MIDLAND, TEXAS
OCTOBER 31, NOVEMBER 1 AND 2, 1961

THE NEXT SESSION WILL BE HELD WITH THE
MT. OLIVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
NEAR HENDERSON, TEXAS
OCTOBER 30, 31, AND NOVEMBER 1, 1962

TEXAS STATE ASSOCIATION

OF

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

1961-62

OFFICERS

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

1220 MONTGOMERY, MIDLAND, TEXAS

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CLERK.....MRS. HUEY GOWER

1529 BELTLINE ROAD, IRVING, TEXAS

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PARLIAMENTARIAN.....REV. EVERETT HELLARD

322 ISHMEAL ST., HOUSTON 18, TEXAS

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY..REV. H. Z. COX

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BOARDS

HOME MISSIONS

REV. A. F. FERGUSON, 4718 BRYAN, ODESSA, TEXAS (SECRETARY-TREASURER) 1962, REV. H. RAY BERRY, 107 N. ENNIS AVENUE, BRYAN, TEXAS (CHAIRMAN) 1963, BRO. BILL JOHNSON, MIDLAND, TEXAS, 1963, REV. J. E. MARECLE, 217 AVE. G., WACO, TEXAS, 1964, REV. KENNETH BRANDON, 1964.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

REV. ROY NORIE, 317 W. TEXAS STREET, DENISON, TEXAS, 1962, REV. GASTON CLARY, 407 N. ALTA VISTA, HENDERSON, TEXAS, 1963, REV. J. M. GOODE, 707 W. HOLLEY, CARTHAGE, TEXAS, 1964.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

REV. R. A. CONNER, 3313 GARFIELD, WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS, 1962, REV. PERVIS WILLIAMS, P. O. BOX 1628, ANDREWS, TEXAS, 1963, REV. M. L. SUTTON, 2605 SKYLINE DRIVE, FORT WORTH, TEXAS, 1964.

SUPERANNUATION

REV. HUEY GOWER, 1529 BELTLINE ROAD, IRVING, TEXAS, 1962, MRS. H. Z. COX, 3322 MICHIGAN AVENUE, DALLAS, TEXAS, 1963, REV. O. L. BARGER, BOWIE, TEX., 1963, BRO. LIONEL COOKSEY, 415 W. 39TH ST., LUBBOCK, TEXAS, 1964, REV. ELVIS FIELDING, 3305 SOWERS ROAD, IRVING, TEXAS, 1964.

PROCEEDINGS
TUESDAY EVENING, 7:30 O'CLOCK

The forty seventh annual session of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the Westside Free Will Baptist Church of Midland, October 31, November 1, and 2, 1961, with the moderator, Rev. E. E. Zoellers presiding.

The session was opened on Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock with singing "Send the Light".

Rev. A. F. Ferguson led in prayer, after which the congregation sang "Draw Me Nearer" and "Heavenly Sunlight".

Bill Johnson, a member of the local church, extended a cordial welcome to everyone, to which Mrs. J. M. Spikes responded, in behalf of those attending this session of the association.

The moderator, E. E. Zoellers, brought a brief message based on scripture in Galatians 5:22-23, in which he challenged us to endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Rev. Bobby Ferguson, Clerk of the West Fork Association, brought greetings from this association.

The moderator appointed the following committees:

Committee on Committees: Rev. Billy Sharpston, Rev. Huey Gower, and Brother King.

Nominating Committee: Sister A. F. Ferguson, Rev. J. E. Marecle, and Rev. Don Ellis.

Credentials: Rev. M. L. Sutton, Rev. Bobby Ferguson, and Brother Crosby.

Letters were received and turned over to the Credentials Committee.

The duties of the various boards was read by the clerk.

Since there was a constitutional change involved, motion carried that this be placed on the table until tomorrow.

Rev. Everett Hellard sang "Ship Ahoy" after which the moderator presented Rev. Tommy Willy, missionary from Cuba, who brought the keynote message.

Brother Willey challenged our hearts as he spoke from Matthew 28:16-20 on the "Universality of His power, of His place, of His right and position to command us, of His promotion and practice, and of His presence with us.

The moderator recognized all visitors and homes were assigned to those planning to stay.

The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Brother Zoellers.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

The morning session was opened at 9 o'clock with congregational singing "I will Sing the Wondrous Story" led by Kenneth Brandon, after which Brother Fred King led in prayer.

Mrs. E. E. Zoellers brought the morning devotions, reading Hebrews 11:1-6, using faith as her subject.

Rev. H. Ray Berry, Bryan, Texas brought greetings from the Central Texas District Association.

A partial report of the Credentials Committee was read by Rev. Bobby Ferguson. Motion carried that this partial report, with the acceptance of the Cap Rock Association, be received.

Delegates were received and given the right hand of fellowship.

The moderator extended a welcome to all visitors and recognized Rev. Robert Picarilli, Registrar of Free Will Baptist Bible College.

The report of the Committee on Committees was read by Rev. Huey Gower. By motion, the report was adopted.

Motion made and sustained that the Executive Secretary be authorized to mimeograph the names of the various boards and mail to the churches.

The report of the Executive Secretary was given in two parts. The entire report was adopted.

A verbal report of the Foreign Mission Board was given by Rev. Roy Noris. Motion made and carried that this report be accepted as information.

Motion carried that the program be adopted with any necessary changes.

By motion, Rev. Robert Picarilli was asked to speak in behalf of the Free Will Baptist Bible College. He stressed the progress that has been made in the last 20 years and the urgency of expansion to meet the growing demands of today.

Rev. J. B. Estes dismissed with prayer, after which there was a short recess.

The worship service was opened with congregational singing "Blessed be the Name of the Lord" led by Kenneth Brandon, after which Bro. Nolin Robinson led in prayer.

We were favored with two special numbers in song. Pat Wall sang "Then Jesus Came". Rev. A. F. Ferguson, pastor at Odessa, sang "Follow Me".

The moderator presented Mrs. T. H. Willey, Sr., who brought the morning message. She asked Rev. James Evans to lead in prayer, after which she read scripture from Ezra 3:1-13, and spoke on "Three Marked Characteristics". After the message there was a consecration service. Brother Zoellers, led in prayer.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon session was opened with singing "To the Work" led by Rev. A. F. Ferguson, after which Brother Rue Thomas led in prayer.

Rev. Billy Sharpston brought the devotions from Ephesians 3:14-20, after which he led in prayer.

Motion that we lift the item from the table concerning the duties of the boards. Motion carried.

Motion carried that we receive this report and adopt it item by item.

By motion, the first four items were adopted.

Motion carried that the item regarding the Woman's Auxiliary be expunged from this report.

Motion by Brother Berry that we amend by deletion the name "Woman's Auxiliary" from the constitution on page 30-31 of the minutes. By motion, this was placed on the table until tomorrow.

Mrs. Gaston Clary, Clerk of East Texas Association, brought greetings from this association.

Brother Zoellers asked the assistant moderator, Rev. James Evans to preside over this session.

The report of the Nominating Committee was read by Mrs. A. F. Ferguson.

Motion made and carried that this report be received and acted upon item by item. (See page 1 for officers and page 2 for board members.

Motion carried that the resignation of Brother George Rice be accepted and that Bro. O. L. Barger be elected in his place.

The East Texas and Central Texas District Associations invited the next session of the association. East Texas District was selected, with the meeting to be held with the Mt. Olive Church near Henderson, Texas.

The report of the Superannuation Board was read by Rev. Huey Gower. By motion, the report was adopted.

The report of the Home Missions Board as given by Rev. A. F. Ferguson, was adopted. The three recommendations were acted upon item by item. All three recommendations were adopted. In recommendation # 2 motion made and carried to use the word "fidelity".

Motion made and carried that we adjourn and have a short business session after service tonight.

Dismissed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

The evening service was opened with singing "Let Him In", after which Rev. C. F. Ferguson led in prayer.

Rev. M. L. Sutton brought greetings from the Fellowship Association, after which the congregation sang "His Way With Thee".

Rev. M. L. Sutton sang "The Great Judgment Morning". He was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Don Ellis.

Brother Zoellers led the group in the singing of some choruses.

The moderator presented the Rev. Everett Hellard, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Houston, who brought the evening message on the subject of "The Signs of the Return of Christ". Scripture reading was from Matthew 24 and 25.

The congregation sang "When the Roll is called up Yonder" and an invitation was extended to those who wanted to be ready for the return of the Lord.

A short business session was held after the evening service.

The report of the Free Will Baptist League Board was given by John Mizzles. Motion carried that the report be adopted.

The report of the Obituary Committee was read and adopted.

The report of the Temperance Committee was read and by motion adopted.

A partial report of the resolutions committee was read by Rev. James Evans. Motion carried that this report be accepted and acted upon item by item. The entire report was adopted.

Dismissed with prayer.

THURSDAY MORNING

The morning session was opened with singing "Throw Out the Lifeline" led by Rev. A. F. Ferguson, after which Rev. Huey Gower led in prayer.

Brother Hastings brought greetings from the Northwest Brazos Association.

The moderator recognized the Rev. E. M. Kennedy, Promotional Secretary of Oklahoma, who spoke on Sunday School literature.

The report of the Sunday School Board was given by Rev. M. L. Sutton. Motion made and carried that this report be accepted and turned over to the Christian Education Board and that they take care of it.

Brother Bill Johnson brought greetings from the Midessa Association. He read James 1:22 and 2 Cor. 5:17-21 and emphasized being doers of the word and not hearers only.

The final report of the Credentials Committee was given by Rev. Bobby Ferguson. By motion, the report was adopted.

The completion of the resolution report was given by Rev. James Evans. Motion made and carried that the report be accepted and acted upon item by item. The final three resolutions were adopted.

Motion carried that we lift the article from the table concerning amending the constitution and that the name "Woman's Auxiliary" be stricken from the constitution. Motion carried.

Sister Marie Smart brought greetings from the Cap Rock Association.

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

Motion carried to adjourn.

The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Bro. Hastings.

The worship service was opened with singing led by Rev. E. E. Zoellers, after which Brother King led in prayer.

Rev. A. F. Ferguson, Rev. Bobby Ferguson, and Rev. C. F. Ferguson sang "I Will Meet You in the Morning".

The moderator presented Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Kennedy, who sang and dramatized the song "The Stone Cut out of the Mountain.", after which Brother Kennedy brought the morning message on the subject "Building for the Kingdom". Scripture reading was from Luke 14:25-34. He asked Brother Roy Hearn to lead in prayer.

After the singing of "Amazing Grace", Brother J. C. Crawford dismissed with prayer.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

<u>Associations</u>	<u>Number of Delegates</u>	<u>Dues</u>
Fellowship	6	\$15.00
Northwest Brazos	1	10.00

<u>Associations</u>	<u>Number of Delegates</u>	<u>Dues</u>
West Fork	2	\$15.00
Midessa	4	10.00
Central Texas	0	20.00
East Texas	5	15.00
Total	18	<u>\$85.00</u>

East Texas District Association sends an invitation for the next State meeting to meet with Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church near Henderson, Texas.

The Cap Rock Association sends a petitionary letter for membership in the State Association.

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Odessa sends a petitionary letter for membership in the State Association.

CHURCHES

<u>Name of Church</u>	<u>Number of Delegates</u>	<u>Dues</u>
Westside, Midland	2	\$ 5.00
Truth, Levelland	2	5.00
Pleasant Mound	0	5.00
Good Hope	1	5.00
Gartman's View	1	5.00
Faith Church, Andrews	2	5.00
First Church, Lubbock	2	5.00
First Church, Houston	0	5.00
Raynell Church, Dallas	0	5.00
Bible Church, Odessa	2	5.00
First Church, Dallas	2	5.00
First Church, Waco	1	5.00
Trinity Church, Ft. Worth	1	5.00
First Church, Bowie	0	5.00
Fellowship Church, Bryan	1	5.00
First Church, Denison	0	5.00
Fellowship Church, Midland	1	5.00
First Church, Bryan	0	5.00
First Church, Odessa	1	5.00
First Church, Henderson	0	5.00
Total	<u>23</u>	<u>\$110.00</u>

<u>Name of Church</u>	<u>Number of Delegates</u>	<u>Dues</u>
Mt. Olive	0	\$5.00
First Church, Wichita Falls	0	5.00

Dues were received from Mt. Olive and First Church, Wichita after the adjournment of the association.

Respectfully submitted,
M. L. Sutton
Milburn Crosby
Bobby Ferguson

REPORT OF SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Receipts:

Brought forward from Oct. 1960	\$13.22
Received from Cooperative Plan	394.40
Received from Central Texas	1.00
Total receipts and brought forward	<u>\$408.62</u>

Disbursements:

Paid to superannuated ministers	\$240.00
Bank service charges	6.80
10% of total receipts to National Association	55.70
Total Disbursements	<u>\$302.50</u>
Present Balance	\$106.12

The Superannuation Board has had two meetings during the year for the purpose of planning and promoting its work.

The board has begun an effort to obtain a roster of the names and addresses and ages of the ministers of this association for the purpose of determining the ministers who are approaching the age of superannuation.

We are in the process of preparing forms to be filled out by ministers seeking superannuation.

We are recommending Father's day to be designated as superannuation Sunday and that our pastors inform their churches of that day and receive a special offering for superannuation.

Inasmuch as one of our board members, Bro. George Rice, is resigning from the board, we recommend Brother O. L. Barger to fill his unexpired term.

ANNUAL REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY FOR
Texas Free Will Baptist
October 1960-September 1961

Information on Texas Co-operative Plan Allocations:

1. 65% goes to the National Association of Free Will Baptist and they in turn divide it 8 ways:
 1. 3% to Superannuation
 2. 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ % to National Home Missions
 3. 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ % to National Foreign Missions
 4. 5% to National Sunday School Board
 5. 5% to National League Board
 6. 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ % to National Executive Department
 7. 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ % to Free Will Baptist Bible College
 8. 3% to National Headquarters Trustees.
2. 20% to Texas State Executive Department for printing minutes, National Dues, operating office, postage, travel, salaries, etc.
3. 10% to the Texas State Home Mission Board for office expense, travel, aid to new organizations, etc.
4. 5% to Texas State Superannuation Board for aiding as we can our aged ministers, etc.

Receipts from the Texas Co-operative Plan of Support:
1960-61

<u>District</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Channeled</u>
Offering at State Assn.			\$52.01
Cap Rock	-----	\$ 56.40	-----
N. W. Brazos	-----	8.23	-----
Fellowship	-----	159.45	131.00
Midessa	\$1884.79	2152.09	74.00
West Fork	694.53	1312.81	1273.31
East Texas	660.95	732.86	549.40
Central Texas	1830.17	2139.34	2223.20
Total	\$5070.44	\$6561.18	\$4302.92

Paid Out:

National Association	\$4264.77
State Executive Dept.	1312.23
State Home Mission Board	656.12
State Superannuation Board	328.06
Total	<u>\$6561.18</u>

Channeled Money:

National Foreign Mission Board	\$3521.23
National Home Mission Board	379.59
Free Will Baptist Bible College	260.77
Other	141.33
Total	<u>\$4302.92</u>

TEXAS STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST REPORT

Of Finance

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Receipts:

From Texas Co-operative Plan	\$1312.23
From Church Dues	230.00
From Ministers Dues	42.00
Total to account for	<u>\$1584.23</u>

Paid Out:

Paid out by Rev. Hellard	\$ 202.88
Travel for Board Members	447.16
Printing of minutes	171.00
Executive Secretary	480.00
Postage	55.94
Supplies	30.04
National Dues	35.00
Total	<u>\$1422.02</u>

\$1584.23

1422.02

Balance Carried Forward

\$ 162.21

The executive board has had 3 meetings this year. Two regular meetings with all the members, and one meeting of the moderator and Executive Secretary for the purpose of formulating the duties of the different boards. The results of that meeting will be presented to the body for ratification.

The Executive Secretary has visited, in the interest of our State work during the year the following: East Texas District twice, Central Texas District, Fellowship District, Midessa District, West Fork District, National Association, Oklahoma State Association, and a number of individual churches. Only two districts have not been visited, and plans have already been made at their request to visit with them at their next meeting. These are North West Brazos and Cap Rock Districts. We have been well received at each of the district meetings for which we are thankful. Our people as a whole are very enthusiastic about the Co-operative Plan of Support and the work of our State Association. For this reason we feel the Lord will grant greater things to our Texas Free Will Baptist in the future. May God bless you and give you many souls is my prayer.

H. Z. Cox
Executive Secretary

REPORT OF TEXAS FREE WILL BAPTIST MISSION BOARD
Oct. 31, 1961

Balance Brought Forward		\$461.08
Deposits for the fiscal year:		
Nov. 22, 1960	Texas State Ass'n.	\$23.05
Dec. 12, 1960	Texas State Ass'n.	35.59
Jan. 30, 1961	Texas State Ass'n.	63.69
Feb. 28, 1961	Texas State Ass'n.	67.02
Mar. 30, 1961	Texas State Ass'n.	28.90
Apr. 25, 1961	Texas State Ass'n.	74.18
May 29, 1961	Texas State Ass'n.	37.90
June 19, 1961	Texas State Ass'n.	35.73
June 19, 1961	Woman's State Aux.	59.13
Aug. 3, 1961	(July check)" "	49.70
Aug. 22, 1961	Woman's State Aux.	50.49
Sept. 26, 1961	Woman's State Aux.	45.69
Oct. 23, 1961	Woman's State Aux.	87.98
Total Deposits for Year		<u>\$659.05</u>
Balance Brought Forward		461.08
		<u>\$1110.13</u>

Disbursements:

Expense to San Angelo (Check to W. H. Johnson)	
Feb. 13, 1961	\$ 4.50
Grant to Ist F.W.B. Church of San Angelo,	
Texas Feb. 13, 1961	300.00
Expense to Lubbock, Texas to organize	
church, May 11, 1961	6.00
Total	<u>\$310.50</u>
Balance in bank Oct. 31, 1961	\$809.63

Submitted by treasurer,
A. F. Ferguson

Recommendations:

1. The board recommends the adoption of the "500 Club", which consist of a Home Mission project to enlarge our mission work in Texas. A card will be given to each one desiring to become a member, upon receipt of \$5.00. This is to be a yearly subscription. We urge all pastors to promote this among their people.
2. We recommend that the board be granted the privilege of bonding the Secretary-Treasurer.
3. We recommend that the disbursements of the Home Mission funds be spent at the discretion of the Home Mission Board.

The Cap Rock Association is paying the rent on the building of a Mission started in Monahans, Texas. Bro. Lonnie Hall is pastoring this work. The Midessa Association has added two new churches, one in San Angelo, and the other in Lubbock.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

All Free Will Baptists recognize and admit that the Sunday school has done more to build our denomination than any other one department of our church work. It is the longest arm, so to speak, of the church for reaching, teaching and winning the lost, and for teaching those who have been won how to live for Christ. When the Sunday school is properly organized and administered it becomes an advertisement for the church such as no other department can. Also, when the Sunday school performs at its best it will be the medium through which the church treasure will

realize most of its income.

We know all this, and much more, to be true of the Sunday school, and yet we are always reluctant to give it a prominent place on the programs of our associations and conventions. Generally the Sunday school report is placed almost last on our programs when many of these attending the conventions have gone home. If we would give the Sunday school the recognition it so justly deserves we would soon begin to realize a very substantial increase in every department and phase of our district, state and national work.

We therefore, having in mind the great possibilities of the Sunday schools of our state make the following report and recommendations.

Going on the presumption that each church in the State has a Sunday school we find a church membership of 5,020 with a Sunday school enrollment of 3,479.

RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend that a new associational report form be made up in which will space provided for a complete statistical report of the Sunday schools, and that these Sunday school statistics be published in the State Association minutes.

We further recommend that a standard of achievement be set up for the Sunday schools and that each school be urged to strive for the attainment of the standard.

We further recommend that the State Association give more prominence and publicity to the Sunday school work of our denomination, and that we urge our pastors and Sunday school superintendents to have at least one study course on Sunday school in their churches each year. We also recommend that each district association promote a district study course each year.

Signed:

Mrs. Gaston Clary

M. L. Sutton

REPORT OF FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE BOARD

There is a total of 42 leagues in the state.

We recommend that all associations of the state make every effort to see that a league is organized in every church in its territory.

We recommend that a man be appointed or elected to act as director of league organization state wide, and that his duties be to seek to organize, a league in every Free Will Baptist Church in the state represented in the state association, and to make every possible effort to see this end reached before next session of the association.

John Mizzles

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

TEMPERANCE: Rev. Roy Norie, Mrs. Pervis Williams,
Mrs. Modie Brinson.

RESOLUTIONS: Rev. H. Ray Berry, Rev. James Evans,
Rev. Pervis Williams.

OBITUARY: Mrs. C. F. Ferguson, Mrs. Don Ellis,
Mrs. M. L. Sutton.

PROGRAM: Executive committee and host pastor.

CREDENTIALS: The Committee on Committees recommends that a constitutional change be made to grant the moderator the authority to appoint the credentials committee at the opening session of this association.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Huey Gower
Rev. Fred King
Rev. Billy Sharpston

REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, your Obituary Committee have to report the following number of deceased in our state association: Central Texas 16; East Texas 6; West Fork 12;

Midessa 1; Northwest Brazos 3. The loss of these faithful from our number 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. Don Ellis
Mrs. C. F. Ferguson
Mrs. M. L. Sutton

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

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

We have gone on record as being opposed to the sale and use of alcoholic beverages, and the patronization of places that sell such, therefore, 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.
9. Man's work be an honorable work.

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

Mrs. Pervis Williams
Mrs. Montie Brinson
Rev. Roy Norie, Jr.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

1. Be it resolved that a rising vote of thanks be given to the Midland church and Midessa Association for its hospitality.

2. Whereas the need is great for a move forward in our church extension by the Home Mission Departments of our various districts; and whereas it is important to maintain good and harmonious relations between brethren of all the districts composing this State Association; and

Therefore be it resolved that this association appoint a study committee to present a recommendation for boundary lines between the district associations. This boundary to serve as a guide in future work but in no wise to affect presently established work.

3. Be it resolved that Mrs. Gower be given an honorarium of \$50.00 for her services as clerk.

4. Be it resolved that our associational year begin October 1 and run through September 30th.

5. Be it resolved that each Board and Committee have a written report into the hands of the Executive Secretary no later than October 10 for the purpose of compiling a digest of reports.

6. Be it resolved, that this association reaffirm its adoption of the National Treatise, with revisions as of this date, and that we authorize our Executive Secretary to notify the Executive Secretary of the National Association.

7. Be it resolved, that the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists go on record as approving the Oklahoma Sunday School literature for use in Free Will Baptist Sunday Schools during this associational year.

Rev. H. Ray Berry
Rev. James Evans
Rev. Pervis Williams

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1961-62

We recommend a budget of \$8,000.00 for 1961-62.
Texas Co-operative Plan of Support Breakdown:

National Association	60%
State Association	23%

State Home Missions	10%
State Superannuation	5%
State Christian Education Board	1%
State Foreign Missions Board	1%

ASSOCIATIONS

CENTRAL TEXAS

Moderator: Rev. A. F. Halbrook, Rt. 3, Bryan, Texas
 Clerk: Mrs. Charlend Denman, 6517 Texas Ave.,
 Houston 11, Texas

Number of churches	14
Additions to the churches	109
Dismissed from the churches	33
Number of deaths	16
Average in Sunday School	658
Enrolment in Sunday School	1027
Number of ordained ministers	21
Number of licensed ministers	2
Number of deacons	51
Number of Leagues	10
Woman's Auxiliaries	10
Number of GTA'S	3
Masters Men Chapters	3
Number of BA'S	1
Number of YPA'S	1
Number of prayer meetings	12

FINANCIAL REPORT

Total giving in churches	\$65,627.42
Pastors' Salaries	27,205.93
Evangelistic Work	1,917.60
Building and repairs	11,335.22
Literature	1,796.73
Miscellaneous	19,101.54
Total spent local	61,357.02

OUTSIDE CAUSES

Cooperative Plan	\$ 2,125.45
Foreign Missions	2,014.82
Home Missions	228.38
Bible College	525.38
Youth Camps	85.00
Value of Church Property	224,217.00
Value of Parsonages	30,400.00
Other	506.88

Missionaries of foreign fields: Wesley Calvery, Bill Jones, and John Moehlman.

MINISTERS

Berry, H. Ray, 107 N. Ennis, Bryan, Texas
 Birmingham, Lonnie, 1013 Babelo, Corpus Christi, Tex.
 Bounds, J. L., Route 2, Anderson, Texas
 Calvery, Wesley, Japan
 Davis, Bobby Joe, 1530 North Market Loop, Baytown, Tex.
 Evans, James A., 312 Laurel St., Bryan, Texas
 Franklin, Tommie, 807 E. 26th St., Bryan, Texas
 Halbrook, Alvin F., Route 3, Bryan, Texas
 Hellard, Everett D., 322 Ishmeal, Houston, Texas
 McAdams, H. M., Route 3, Huntsville, Texas
 McAdams, Lizzie, Route 3, Huntsville, Texas
 McDonald, Troy, Houston, Texas
 Moehlman, H. John, South America
 Morrisett, Riley T., North Zulch, Texas
 Myers, Gary A., 3000 Legion, Lake Charles, La.
 Payne, J. L., Houston, Texas
 Phipps, Keith, 102 Virgil, South Houston, Texas
 Richards, Herbert, Route 1, Iola, Texas
 Roberts, George, Bacliff, Texas
 Sheffield, Robert E., Route 3, Huntsville, Texas
 Simpson, C. Earl, 164 E. Lee, Maplewood, La.
 Thompson, C. B., Iola, Texas
 Warren, Carl, 811 McAshan, Bryan, Texas

WEST FORK

Moderator: Rev. Ed Sunday, 3613 Arthur, Wichita Falls, Texas

Clerk: Bobby Ferguson, 2117 Lea Crest, Dallas

Number of churches	16
Number of church members	1459
Additions to the churches	180
Dismissed from the churches	62
Number deaths	12
Average in Sunday School	52
Enrolment in Sunday School	1215
Number of ordained ministers	20
Number of licensed ministers	1
Number of deacons	59
Number of leagues	6
Woman's Auxiliaries	8
Number of GTA'S	1
Masters Men Chapters	2
Number of BA'S	0
Number of YPA'S	0
Number of prayer meetings	14

FINANCIAL REPORT

Total giving in churches	\$53,792.97
Pastors' Salaries	29,201.96
Evangelistic Work	1,465.37
Building and repairs	11,410.59
Literature	1,198.35
Miscellaneous	4,060.92
Total spent local	\$56,879.63

OUTSIDE CAUSES

Cooperative Plan	\$ 1,985.99
Foreign Missions	1,209.59
Home Missions	372.89
Bible College	24.95
Youth Camps	130.00

Value of Church Property	\$365,000.00
Value of Parsonages	15,000.00

MINISTERS

Bandy, James, Comanche, Texas
 Brawley, Floyd H., 905 N. Austin, Comanche, Texas
 Brooks, J. A., 2001 Prairie, Fort Worth, Texas
 Conner, R. E., 3313 Garfield, Wichita Falls, Texas
 Covington, Tiff, Route 3, Bowie, Texas
 Cox, H. Z., 3322 Michigan Ave, Dallas, Texas
 Crosby, Milburn, 3425 Bagley, Waco, Texas (Licensed)
 Ferguson, Bobby, 2117 Lea Crest, Dallas, Texas
 Fielding, A. J., 1650 Vilbig, Dallas, Texas
 Gaines, M. R., Comanche, Texas
 Gower, Huey E., 1529 Beltline Road, Texas
 Hearron, Clarence, 535 Euclid, Cleburne, Texas
 Kirkland, Blackie, Box 376, Comanche, Texas
 Marcle, J. E., 217 Ave. G., Waco, Texas
 Marchant, A. D., 1307 Bond Street, Denison, Texas
 Morrison, Bob, 2327 Stovall, Dallas, 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, Dread, Comanche, Texas
 Owen, James A., 633 N. Morris, Gainesville, Texas
 Parr, Bud, 204 Edith, Bowie, Texas
 Upchurch, Ralph, 2348 Lufield, Dallas, Texas
 Walley, J. K., 1917 Rice Avenue, Gainesville, Texas

MIDESSA

Moderator: Rev. E. E. Zoellers, 1220 Montgomery,
 Midland, Texas
 Clerk: Rev. A. F. Ferguson, 4718 Bryan Road, Odessa,
 Texas

Number of churches	6
Number of church members	440
Additions to the churches	206
Dismissed from the churches	33
Number of deaths	1

Average in Sunday School	325
Enrolment in Sunday School	444
Number of ordained ministers	6
Number of licensed ministers	4
Number of deacons	12
Number of leagues	5
Woman's Auxiliaries	5
Number of GTA'S	2
Masters Men Chapters	2
Number of BA'S	2
Number of YPA'S	1
Number of prayer meetings	6

FINANCIAL REPORT

Total giving in churches	\$32,102.87
Pastors' Salaries	10,063.50
Evangelistic Work	607.70
Building and repairs	5,729.96
Literature	980.55
Miscellaneous	3,468.89
Total spent locally	\$31,086.99

OUTSIDE CAUSES

Cooperative Plan	\$ 2,960.92
Foreign Missions	5.00
Home Missions	48.00
Bible College	22.00
Value of Church Property	82,800.00
Value of Parsonages	0

MINISTERS

Chellete, Rev. Rodney, Lubbock, Texas
Cooksey, Lionel, 415 W. 39th St., Lubbock, Texas
Ferguson, A. F., 4718 Bryan Rd., Odessa, Texas
Ferguson, Jessie Mrs., 4718 Bryan Rd., Odessa, Texas
Gilbert, Jack (Germany in service) 1311 N. Muskingum,
Odessa, Texas

Hill, Noah, 2606 Woodlawn, San Angelo, Texas (Licensed)
 King, Fred, 1717 Austin Street, Levelland, Texas
 Thomas, Rue, 1406 Parker Street, San Angelo, Texas
 Williams, Pervis, P. O. Box 1628, Andrews, Texas
 Zoellers, E. E., 1221 Montgomery St. Midland, Texas

EAST TEXAS

Moderator: Rev. Billy Sharpston, Rt. 1, Laneville, Tex.
 Clerk: Mrs. Gaston Clary, 405 N. Alta Vista, Henderson, Texas

Number of Churches	10
Number of church members	560
Dismissed from the churches	25
Number of deaths	6
Enrolment in Sunday School	497
Number of ordained ministers	8
Number of deacons	27
Number of leagues	9
Woman's Auxiliaries	5
Number of GTA'S	1
Number of YPA'S	3
Number of prayer meetings	7

FINANCIAL REPORT

Total giving in churches	\$20,561.76
Pastors' salaries	13,252.57
Evangelistic Work	983.28
Building and repairs	1,039.56
Literature	575.17
Miscellaneous	145.56

OUTSIDE CAUSES

Cooperative Plan	\$ 798.44
Foreign Missions	516.12
Home Missions	539.00
Bible College	247.19
Associational projects	264.66

Total local expenditures	\$17,218.60
Value of church property	79,750.00
Value of parsonages	14,500.00

MINISTERS

Anderson, Lee Roy, 704 Elvin Street, Carthage, Texas
 Brashier, L. K., Garrison, Texas
 Clary, Gaston, 405 N. Alta Vista, Henderson, Texas
 Ellis, Don, 501 Russel, Henderson, Texas
 Ferguson, C. F., Route 2, Carthage, Texas
 Goode, J. M., 707 West Holly, Carthage, Texas
 Parton, L. M., Jacksonville, Texas
 Sharpston, Route 1, Laneville, Texas

NORTHWEST BRAZOS

Moderator: Rev. H. H. Haston, Guthrie Route, Box 48, Paducah, Texas

Clerk: Mae Rogers, Route 1, Box 156-b, Lubbock, Tex.

Number of churches	4
Number of church members	358
Additions to the churches	27
Dismissed from the churches	38
Number of deaths	3
Average in Sunday School	52
Enrolment in Sunday School	300
Number of ordained ministers	11
Number of deacons	15
Number of leagues	4
Woman's Auxiliaries	3
Number of prayer meetings	4

FINANCIAL REPORT

Total giving in churches	\$11,266.12
Pastors' Salaries	6,879.04
Evangelistic work	529.23
Building and repair	1,975.13
Literature	92.00
Miscellaneous	247.65
Total spent locally	\$ 9,723.05

OUTSIDE CAUSES

Cooperative Plan	\$ 0
Foreign Missions	211.00
Value of church property	42,000.00
Value of parsonages	5,000.00

MINISTERS

Abbott, Edd, 900 N. Johnson St., Amarillo, Texas
 Blackwood, A. J., P. O. Box 1168, Vernon, Texas
 Chennault, Ranzy, Vernon, Texas
 Eaton, L. V., P. O. Box 1355, 1713 10th St.,
 Levelland, Texas
 Haston, H. H., Guthrie, Rt., Box 48, Paducah, Texas
 Holley, M. T., Box 149, New Deal, Texas
 Hickey, Alton, P. O. Box 2229, Vernon, Texas
 Garrett, G. G., 1318 Gordon St., Vernon, Texas
 Gill, Bob, P. O. Box 811, Crowell, Texas
 Leewright, C. W., 3807 Beaver Drive, Amarillo, Tex.
 Rogers, J. E., Rt. 1, Box 156-B, Lubbock, Texas

FELLOWSHIP

Moderator: Rev. Owen Barger, 7432 Mohawk Drive,
 Fort Worth, Texas
 Clerk: Rev. C. J. Turrentine, 4300 Avenue H, Fort
 Worth, Texas

Number of churches	9
Number of church members	590
Additions to the churches	35
Dismissed from the churches	20
Number of deaths	3
Average in Sunday School	380
Number of ordained ministers	17
Number of deacons	28
Number of leagues	5
Woman's Auxiliaries	3
Number of GTA'S	1
Masters men chapters	2
Number of prayer meetings	9

MINISTERS

Aulds, Billie Jo, Fort Worth, Texas
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., Denton, Texas
Measures, Henry, Weatherford, Texas
Palmer, Lonnie, France
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, Al J., 2502 Salisbury St., Fort Worth, Texas

CAPROCK ASSOCIATION

Moderator: Rev. Nolan Robinson, 1015 W. Campbell St.,
Kermit, Texas

Clerk: Gene Jackson, 108 $\frac{1}{2}$ W. Maiden Lane, Midland,
Texas

Number of churches	3
Number of church members	275
Average Sunday School Attendance	235
Number of League members	130
Woman's Auxiliary members	32
Masters Mem Members	30

FINANCIAL REPORT

Total income	\$20,500.00
Value of church property	80,000.00

MINISTERS

Dobbs, Troy, 19 NW Ardmore, Okla.
Hall, Lonnie, 425 S. Walnut, Kermit, Texas
Hearon, 623 Vine Street, Odessa, Texas
Hughes, J. A. C., Rt. 1, Box 46-T, Midland, Texas
Jackson, Gene, 108 $\frac{1}{2}$ W. Maiden Lane, Midland, Texas
Medart, Frank, Midland, Texas
Robinson, Nolan, 1015 W. Campbell St., Kermit, Texas
Streun, Mack, 409 S. Mineola Street, Midland, Texas
Taylor, Loyd, 500 E. Dakota Street, Midland, 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 and Boards:

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 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.

Home Mission Board: It shall be the duty of this board to:

1. Receive and disburse money allocated them by the state and other money.
2. To promote the organization of new churches.
3. To give a complete report of all funds received, disbursements, and progress made to state body.
4. Plan and promote all home mission itinerates and work coming into our state from the national level.

Foreign Missions: It shall be the duties of this board to:

1. To arrange and promote itineries of foreign missionaries in Texas. They shall do this by working between the churches and the national office.
2. Work in conjunction with the national board in approving missionaries sent out from Texas.
3. Promote the foreign mission work in general and shall keep the state informed as to our obligation to missionaries for whom we are directly responsible.
4. Give a complete and full report of their work at each state meeting.

Superannuation Board; It shall be the duties of this board to;

1. Receive and disburse all money allocated to them.
2. Seek out and determine the eligibility of those receiving financial assistance.
3. Give a full and complete report at each state meeting.

Christian Education: It shall be the duty of this board to:

1. Receive and disburse all money allocated to them by the state.
2. To promote Sunday School, League, and any other phase of Christian education deemed necessary and practicable.
3. To serve as a co-ordinating body between our state and our National Association concerning matters of Christian education.
4. To give a complete statistical report on the different phases of the work at the end of the year to the state body.
5. To make a complete report to the State body regarding projects, finances, meetings, and recommendations.

ARTICLE VI: Boards and Committees

The association shall elect the following boards; Christian Education, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, and Superannuation. These boards shall consist of three members each except those 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 any one 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

