

1966

Minutes

Fifty-Second Annual Session

of the

TEXAS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

convened with

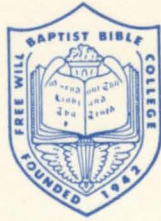
the Caprock District

in Odessa, Texas

August 2-4, 1966

1967 Session to be held with

the East Texas District in Henderson, August 1-3, 1967



FREE WILL BAPTIST
BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented By

Rev. Jim Williams

Texas State Association

of

Free Will Baptists

1966 - 1967

Officers

Moderator
Assistant Moderator
Clerk
Assistant Clerk
Executive Secretary

Rev. Don Ellis
Rev. Kenneth Brandon
Rev. R. J. Kennedy, Jr.
Mrs. Gaston Clary
Rev. Odus Eubanks

Boards

Missions-Church Extension

Rev. H. Ray Berry, 1969 - Chairman
Rev. H. Z. Cox, 1969
Rev. A. F. Ferguson, 1968
Rev. Rashie Kennedy, Sr., 1968
Rev. Fred King, 1967
Rev. Allen Moore, 1967

Christian Education

Rev. John Warren, 1967 - Chairman
Rev. Leroy Cutler, 1968
Mr. Mackie Adams, 1969

Superannuation

Rev. Elvis Fielding, 1967 - Chairman
Rev. Lionel Cooksey, 1969
Rev. Dean Thompson, 1969
Rev. Keith Phipps, 1968
Rev. Leroy Anderson, 1967

State Church Training Director - Mrs. Leroy Cutler

General Board Member of the National Association of Free Will Baptists - Rev. Odus Eubanks

Tuesday night, August 2, 1966

The fifty-second annual session of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the Cap Rock District in Odessa, August 2-4, 1966.

The meeting began with congregational singing led by Rev. R. J. Kennedy, Jr., with Mrs. John Warren at the piano. Prayer was led by Rev. Homer Tumbleson.

The Moderator, Rev. Kenneth Brandon, came in and led in further singing, and called on Rev. Gene Jackson to lead in prayer. Rev. Arthur Hearn then led in a couple of hymns.

The clerk, Rev. R. J. Kennedy, introduced the host pastor, Rev. Brandon, who welcomed the group in behalf of the Cap Rock Association. The following were appointed by the moderator to serve on the nominating committee: Rev. Lionel Cooksey, chairman; Rev. Don Ellis; and Rev. John Warren. The following were appointed by the moderator to serve on the Committee on Committees: Rev. Gene Jackson, chairman; Rev. Rashie Kennedy, Sr.; Rev. Arthur Hearn.

Special music was sung by the Beall Sisters from the Rock of Ages Church of Fort Worth. Rev. Roger Reeds, head of the Sunday School Department of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, led in prayer.

The clerk recognized Rev. Reeds, and called the Districts and asked them to stand. He also introduced the speaker, Rev. Brandon, Moderator, and pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Odessa, to bring the keynote message after special singing by a quartet from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Odessa.

Rev. Brandon spoke from Isaiah 58:1, on the subject, "Show My People."

The Committee on committees report was given by Rev. Gene Jackson, chairman: Temperance Committee---Rev. T. B. Gartman, chairman; Mrs. Mac Humbles, and Mrs. Homer Tumbleson; Resolutions committee---Rev. H. Ray Berry, chairman; Rev. E. E. Zoellers, and Mrs. A. F. Ferguson; Program committee---Rev. Gene Jackson, chairman; Rev. Herbert Richards, and Odus Eubanks. Obituary committee: Mrs. Ernie Fielding, chairman; Mrs. Warren Fordyce, and Mrs. Cecil Adams. Credentials Committee---Rev. Tiff Covington, chairman; Rev. Arthur Hearn, and Rev. Dean Thompson. Rev. Kennedy moved that the report be accepted. Motion carried. Rev. Zoellers asked to be relieved of his place on the Resolutions committee. Rev. Roy Norie was selected to take his place on the Resolutions committee.

Rev. Odus Eubanks, chairman of the committee making revisions to the Constitution and By-laws, reported, and moved that the suggested revisions be tabled subject to their being mimeographed. Motion seconded by Rev. Kennedy, and carried.

Mrs. Brandon reported that 194 had registered. Rev. Elvis Fielding dismissed the service for the night with prayer.

Wednesday morning, August 3, 1966

The service was opened with singing led by Rev. A. F. Ferguson, with Rev. Dowell Cluck at the piano. Rev. Homer Tumbleson led in prayer. The moderator welcomed visitors and recognized Rev. Jerry Rhoades of Oklahoma Bible College.

A motion carried to receive the report from Rev. Harvey Henderson, "Show My People The Capitol" and that we recommend: (1) Rev. Henderson reported monthly to the Texas Challenge about his work, and (2) we support our work in Austin in a better way this coming year.

A partial report from the Credentials committee was given by Rev. Dean Thompson. A motion carried that the churches and their delegates be seated. A motion carried that the Executive Secretary turn back the \$5.00 registration fee sent in by the Austin Mission. Rev. Kenneth Brandon led in prayer.

A motion carried that we receive the report of the Christian Education Board as given by Rev. John Warren.

The Report of the Christian Education Board:

The Christian Education Board met with the State Church Training Service Director in February to make final preparations for the State CTS Meeting. The Rock of Ages Church, Fort Worth, was selected as the meeting site.

The Christian Education Board met April 23, 1966, at the Rock of Ages Church. Present for the meeting were John Warren, Mackie Adams, and Leroy Cutler. Treasurers report was given by Brother Adams. It was decided to give Dr. Simpson \$25.00 honorarium for speaking at the Youth Rally. It was also decided to reimburse him for his travel expenses of \$81.48. Miscellaneous expense for the Rally was \$20.00. The date of April 28 -29, 1967 was set for the 1967 Rally; place to be announced.

Finances to send the winning contestants to the National Contest was discussed. It was decided that Bro. Mackie Adams and Bro. John Warren would work out a budget to present to the State Association in Odessa.

Meeting adjourned with prayer. Leroy Cutler, Secretary.

The Christian Education Board Treasurer's Report:

Balance	7-26-65	\$31.71	
Deposits:	8-31-65 to 7-29-66	342.82	
		<u>\$374.53</u>	
Paid out:			
Texas State Association, CTS Trophies		55.12	
Stamps, Mrs. Cutler		3.25	
Gas Expenses, John Warren		6.50	
National CTS Board-Entries		28.00	
Dr. Simpson-Honorarium		25.00	
Dr. Simpson-Plane Ticket from Nashville		81.48	
Expense, Leroy Cutler		11.00	
CTS Board, Supplies for Rally		6.50	
Rock of Ages Church-food for Rally		<u>22.91</u>	
		\$374.53	239.76
		- 239.76	
Balance 8-1-66		<u>\$134.77</u>	

A motion carried to receive the Report of the Superannuation Board as given by Rev. Elvis Fielding.

Report of the Superannuation Board: June 30, 1965 to June 30, 1966

Balance carried forward from last fiscal year		\$ 78.09	
Received from Texas State Association		<u>289.70</u>	
Total to be accounted for		\$367.79	
Expenses for fiscal year 1965-66			
Sister Tom Smith	60.00		
National Superannuation	28.97		
Mailing expenses	<u>40</u>		
Total Expenses	89.37	367.79	
		<u>-89.37</u>	
Balance on hand		<u>\$278.42</u>	

In view of the recent discussions in the business session of the National Association at Little Rock, Arkansas, I feel that ministers of all our Texas churches should re-evaluate their present retirement plans and consider the effect the changes effected at the National

Association could have on their "Twilight Years."

This past year, I have had no inquiries about superannuation. Perhaps this lack of interest is still held up by the old image created several years ago when our State was literally at a stand-still in rendering financial support for this program. At present, we are not making greater progress than last year, or the year before. We have a balance on hand simply because we now have only one who receives our support, and that is considered "half-support."

Pastors or ministers who are retired and are in need of advice about the superannuation help of our State please feel free to write to me. If you need advice from the National Board, they will be pleased to aid you in any way possible. Write to Rev. E. H. Fielding, 3304 Herring Street, Irving, Texas.

Elvis Fielding, Clerk-Treasurer

A motion carried that the Clerk and Executive Secretary work out the question concerning church letters and fees during recess.

After recess, Rev. Arthur Hearron led congregational singing. The moderator read Hebrews 2:1, as a Scripture reading.

The Credentials Committee gave a further report: "We recommend that the Fellowship Church of Bryan be seated, and that the Philadelphia Church of Weatherford not be seated due to incomplete letter. A motion carried to accept the recommendations.

A motion carried that the recommendations of last year by the Christian Education Board, that the co-operative receipts be increased to 5%, be taken from the table and placed in the hands of the Budget Committee.

A motion carried that the order of Districts to entertain the State Association be: East Texas, West Fork, Midessa, Central, Northwest Brazos, Caprock; with East Texas to entertain the 1967 session of the Association.

A report of information was given by Rev. Roger Reeds, Director of our national Sunday School Department, about the Sunday school, literature, and the 20+8 Campaign.

Rev. Arthur Hearron led the congregational singing. Special music was given by the Martin Family of the Midland Church, and the Beall Sisters of Fort Worth.

Rev. Osmundo Corrales, pastor of the "Iglesia Bautista Libre" in Bryan, brought the morning message, "Show My People, Too" from Isaiah 40:9; 42:11, 12; 43:8-10. Closing prayer and blessing on the food was by Rev. Bud Parr.

Wednesday Afternoon, August 3, 1966

Singing was led by Rev. Keith Phipps, with prayer by Rev. Fred King. Rev. E.E. Zoellers of Midland brought the message, "Show My People The Youth," from Proverbs 22:6.

A motion carried to receive the report of the Nominating Committee. (The officers and board members elected are listed in the front of these minutes.)

The report of the Executive Secretary was given by Rev. Odus Eubanks. A motion carried to receive the report and act upon the recommendations item by item. The report follows with the recommendations as passed:

Report of the Executive Secretary: August 1, 1965 through July 25, 1966

Receipts:

	Co-op	Foreign M.	Home M.	Colleges	Other	Totals
Caprock District	547.87	285.76	540.95		31.00	1,405.58
Central Texas Dist.	929.62	2,344.00	560.45	256.18	56.75	4,147.00
East Texas District	379.87	222.95	439.30	34.53	83.00	1,159.65
Midessa District	1,547.38	22.63	15.66		25.00	1,610.67
Northwest Brazos Dist.	9.50	18.12				27.62
West Fork District	2,427.13	3,616.92	931.37	260.00	85.82	7,321.24
Others		151.36		103.84	225.00	480.20
TOTALS	\$5,841.37	6,661.74	2,487.73	654.55**	506.57	16,151.96

**Note: The Bible Colleges designated gifts do not include about \$4,500.00 given to the Expansion Funds Program.

Disbursements:	Cooperative gifts	Designated gifts	Totals
National Foreign Missions Board		6,661.74	
National Home Missions Board		2,487.73	
Bible Colleges (Nashville and Oklahoma)		654.55	
Other causes		<u>506.57</u>	
			\$10,310.59
National Association (50%)	2,920.68		
Texas Executive Office (21%)	1,226.69		
Texas Home Missions Board (20%)	1,168.27		
Texas Foreign Missions Board (1%)	58.41		
Texas Superannuation Board (5%)	292.06		
Texas Christian Education Board (3%)	<u>175.26</u>		
			<u>\$5,841.37</u>
TOTAL GIVEN THROUGH THE STATE OFFICE			\$16,151.96

Note: of the 50% of the \$5,841.37 in cooperative receipts which was given to our National Association, the money was given to the following departments in the following proportions: Foreign Missions, 29%; Bible College (Nashville), 21%; Executive Department, 20%; CTS Department, 10%; Home Missions, 16%; Superannuation, 3%; Stewardship Commission, 1%.

Thus the figures in the columns above do not show all that a District gave to a particular cause. For example, Midessa chose to give the bulk of its support through the cooperative plan of support. This means that Midessa gave, through the cooperative plan, another \$239.85 to Foreign Missions, \$162.47 to the Bible College, etc.

Executive Office Funds, Aug 1, 1965 - July 25, 1966

Receipts:

Balance carried forward from former Exec. Secretary	\$ 812.91
State dues from churches and districts	225.00
Trinity Church, Fort Worth	45.00
West Fork District	47.82
Cooperative receipts	<u>1,226.69</u>
	\$ 2,357.42

Disbursements:

Equipment	1,063.99
Salaries	660.00
Promotion	<u>607.96</u>
	2,331.95

Balance carried forward July 25, 1966	\$25.47
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Promotional Efforts of the Executive Secretary

The Executive Secretary has represented the Texas State Association at the National Promotional Secretary's meeting at Nashville, and the National Association in Little Rock. He has traveled to the areas of all but one of our District Associational areas this year. The State paper, The TEXAS CHALLENGE, has been mailed out at the rate of 1,000 copies per issue, and a wider coverage is still sought in order to get the paper into every area of our State. At his own expense, the Executive Secretary represented Texas State at the Oklahoma State Convention of 1965, in an effort to develop fraternal concern and cooperation between these neighboring states. Plans are being made to get into every Texas Association which did not have direct representation this year in the forthcoming year. A spirit of unity and cooperation is emerging more strongly in Texas, as evidenced in many ways, and this foretells a better day for our State. An example of this will be readily detected in the fact that our giving through the State office this year jumped to more than \$16,000.00, which is a jump of almost \$5000.00 over any previous year.

Recommendations:

1. That a committee be appointed to determine the desirability and requirements of a permanent "Radio-Television Commission" for the State Association, and report back its detailed findings at our next annual convention.
2. That we invite the National Association to come to Texas in 1972, and begin planning for this event in order to promote sufficiently to get this accomplished.
3. That a committee be appointed to diligently study the possibilities and requirements for the Texas State Association to acquire and operate a central location as a State Camp to meet an increasing demand that we provide adequate facilities for our Texas Free Will Baptists. This committee shall be comprised of the chairmen of each District's Board of Christian Education, and the chairman of the State Board of Christian Education. This committee should be ready to report in detail at our next annual convention.
4. That the Executive Secretary be empowered to seek legal assistance and proceed to get the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists incorporated under the laws of Texas as a non-profit, religious body within the purview of the law.
5. That a method of financing our State paper, The Texas Challenge, be adopted by this body as a whole, so that its influence may be extended and its effectiveness increased, with a fair method of sharing in the expense of the paper. (A suggested procedure might be to request each district to pay five dollars annually for each church which does not share in the expenses through the cooperative plan of support.
6. That the Executive Committee be empowered to study the means and necessity of employing a full-time Executive Secretary to work in Texas, and if found feasible, bring back to this Association a completely worked-out plan for proceeding with this project.
7. That each district make a promotional plea at each quarterly and annual meeting for all gifts to missions, colleges, special projects, etc., be channeled through the District and through the State office in order that the churches, individuals, district, and State may correctly reflect what we are doing as a State Association of Free Will Baptists.

A motion carried that the Executive Secretary, Rev. Odus Eubanks, be commended for his fine work.

As information, Rev. Eubanks gave a report on the National Association.

Rev. Jerry Rhoades, representing Oklahoma Bible College, spoke concerning the college.

A motion carried to take the suggested revisions to the constitution from the table. (The Constitution and By-laws as passed are in the back of these minutes.)

A report from the Obituary Committee was given by Mrs. Elvis Fielding. A motion carried to accept the report.

Report of the Obituary Committee:

We submit the following names of our brothers and sisters who have passed from this life: From the West Fork Association: From the West Fork Association--- Forrest Walling, Ed Atwood (92 years of age, deacon for more than 50 years), J. P. Ferguson, and J. R. Harrison, Sr., all from Dallas; Sister M. F. Bennett, from Fort Worth. From the Central Texas District---Wiley Lefevre, Cross Church; Sister Mary Lawson, Clavary; Sister Mary Osborne, First Church, Houston. From the East Texas District---Edward Davis, Good Hope Church. From the Caprock District---W. N. Casey, Hobbs, New Mexico.

We, the committee, recommend that we pause for a moment of silent prayer in memory of these, our loved ones. Irene Adams, Lou Fordyce, Virginia Fielding, Chairman.

After a moment of silent prayer for the bereaved, Rev. Arthur Hearron led in prayer. An offering of \$27.81 was received for the Association.

A motion carried that the business be adjourned. Rev. Brandon dismissed in prayer.

Wednesday Night, August 3, 1966

The missions service began with singing led by Rev. Lionel Cooksey, with Rev. Dowell Chuck at the piano. The moderator read II Thessalonians 3:1-7, and led in prayer. Special music was given by the Beall Sisters.

A motion carried to accept the report of the Home Mission Board given by Rev. Berry:

Report of the Home Missions Board: June 16, 1965 to July 7, 1966

Operation Capitol, old balance	\$2,861.53	\$2,861.53
RECEIPTS:		
Midessa District	274.00	
Caprock District	113.00	
East Texas District ***	100.71	
Central Texas District	326.13	
West Fork District	442.41	
Northwest Brazos District	<u>0.00</u>	
TOTAL gifts to Operation Capitol		1,256.25
State Cooperative Plan	1,549.02	
State Woman's Auxiliary	63.11	
Odessa First Church's Woman's Aux.	5.00	
Central Texas District Auxiliary	<u>10.00</u>	
TOTAL other designated gifts		<u>1,627.13</u>
		\$5,744.91
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Deposited with National Home Missions	2,160.00	
Office supplies	54.28	
Travel expenses for board members	119.59	
Bond for Secretary-Treasurer	5.00	
Moving expenses for the Hendersons	200.00	
Rent on building in Austin	<u>150.00</u>	
TOTAL disbursements		<u>2,688.87</u>
Balance in bank		\$3,056.04

***Note: East Texas District channeled directly to Hendersons another \$200.00.

The State Home Missions Board of Texas has been centering its attention upon the work in the city of Austin, Texas. We are thankful that, while we do not have a work there with a fine building yet, we do have a work with a foundation.

The work that has been done in Austin has not been altogether without trial and anxiety. Some of the trials are as follows: (1) The building we rented which was a church building, sold to the Southern Baptists. (2) The services had to be held in the home of Bro. Henderson, which made a limited situation. (3) Sister Henderson's mother was seriously ill for a period of several months. She went on to be with the Lord on May 24, 1966.

These things have entered into the work to some degree, and any of us might experience such hinderances if we were establishing a new work for the Lord. However, there are some things better to look for in the work. There have been many visitors in the services. They now have a building in which to meet, with a large corner lot. More Free Will Baptist families are moving to Austin, and will be working with the Mission there, and it will most likely be organized into a church in a very short while.

In connection with the account of Bro. Henderson showing a deficit, we have the following statement: The Texas Board has sent into the account the amount of \$240.00 per month, this being the amount we told Bro. Willis we could send, and the National Board

was to provide the remainder over and above that amount for a period of one year. Therefore, your board feels that the account should not show any deficit at all. (We have met every penny of our obligation.)

We shall continue to support the work on the basis of 'Operation 30', the National Board designation. This means that we will be providing \$75.00 per week for the next six (6) months. Then \$50.00 per week for the following six months. However, our Board is to review the situation at the end of six months, to determine if the church will be able to pick up the difference in salary of \$50.00 per week at that time.

It is our hope to keep you informed in the coming year more fully in order that you might be enthusiastic in your promotion and support of the work.

The new location is at the corner of South First Street and 507 Radam Lane. We urge you to make this one of your stops when you are in the Capitol. It will encourage our missionaries, as well as strengthen the work there. Whether you ever get to the city of Austin or not, you can greatly help in this work by:

1. Sending the names of Free Will Baptist friends to Brother Henderson.
2. Remember the work and workers in your daily prayers.
3. Give individually, as well as through your church budget to the work and its support.
4. Pray for the leadership of the Holy Spirit for your Board members as they endeavor to support the establishment of new works for Free Will Baptists in the State of Texas.

It has been a blessing for the Chairman of your Board to serve in this capacity for the past several years. He will be praying for his successor to the Board in the coming years. May the Lord continue to bless and strengthen. (Ray Berry, Sr., Chairman, W. H. Johnson, Secretary-Treasurer)

A motion carried to receive the report of the Foreign Missions Board given by Rev. Rashie Kennedy, Sr. and act upon the recommendations item by item. The report follows with recommendations as passed.

The Report of the Foreign Missions Board: July 1965 - July 1966

RECEIPTS:

Balance carried forward from former Secretary-Treasurer	5.60
Received from State Cooperative Plan	56.78
TOTAL receipts	\$62.38

DISBURSEMENTS:

	00.00
Balance (In League City Bank)	\$62.38

SUPPLIES:

The Board has on hand three film strips, a screen and projector. Pastors and churches are encouraged to use these to help our people be better informed on missions.

QUOTAS:

Our 1965 quota was	\$13,500.00
We raised	11,397.62
Short of goal	2,102.38
Our 1966 Quota is	14,000.00
Suggested 1967 quota from the National Foreign Missions Board	15,000.00

GIFTS:

All gifts to Foreign Missions from individuals and churches in Texas will help to raise our quota. Twenty-nine (29) per cent of all our Cooperative funds received by our Executive Secretary will help to raise our quota. When we help our missionaries raise their support, it helps to raise our quota.

APPRECIATION:

Your gifts and prayer support to the cause of Foreign Missions during the past months is very much appreciated. Your help and encouragement to our missionaries is also appreciated.

Your prayers for our missionaries, and your regular consistent financial support during the coming months will be appreciated. If our Board can help you in promoting Foreign Missions in your church or district, please call on us.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That all families in our churches receive "Heartbeat". It is free for the asking. Church clerks can send in lists of names and addresses, or individuals can write for it.
 2. That our State Association adopt the \$15,000.00 quota suggested by the National Association in Little Rock, Arkansas, for 1967.
 3. That all money be sent through your church, district, and the State for proper credit. Also, that it be properly earmarked or designated.
 4. That our State approve the "Project 5000 Zones" and take a very active role in "Zone 1 West." (See page 9 in July "Heartbeat.") This project is the best yet to help our missionaries.
 5. That each church in our State make plans to have a missionary conference in cooperation with the district or area churches or as a single church. That we use our missionaries in the conduction of the conferences. (These conferences have worked in other states very well.)
- Rashie Kennedy, Sr., Secretary-Treasurer

Congregational singing was led by Rev. Cooksey with prayer by Rev. Glen Wood, and special music by Rev. and Mrs. Gene Jackson and Betty Kelly. The moderator introduced Rev. Lonnie Palmer, who brought the message, "Show My People the World" from 1 Corinthians 10:1-6. Rev. Rashie Kennedy received the missions offering and pledges totaling \$769.28. The moderator dismissed in prayer.

Thursday Morning, August 4

Congregational singing was led by Rev. Elvis Fielding with Mrs. Warren at the piano. The moderator read Jude 1-3, and led in prayer. Rev. William Walker from Hobbs, N.M., spoke from Romans 8:34-39.

The Constitution and By-laws changes were completed. (See in back of minutes.) A motion carried that the committee be commended for their work in the revision of the constitution.

A motion carried that the report of the Resolutions Committee be accepted and that we act on them item by item. The resolutions are listed as passed.

1. Be it resolved that no item that becomes necessary to be tabled be presented, unless a mimeographed copy be presented to each voting delegate at the time of presentation, that it may have proper prayer and consideration.
2. Be it resolved that this State Association encourage each District to seek ways means to sponsor a Latin American Work in their districts.
3. Be it resolved that each District of our State be encouraged to arrange services with Rev. Jack Paramore, Director of the Expansion Program of Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, in interest of the 1000 Layman's Campaign which is the first phase of the Expansion Program.
4. Be it resolved that the youth have Tuesday night of our State Association.
5. Be it resolved that we give the Caprock District a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality as host of our State Association.
6. Be it resolved that the Texas State Association give a rising vote of thanks to the outgoing officers for the work well done.
7. Be it resolved that the Texas State Association give Oklahoma Bible College, Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, California Bible College, and any Bible College that is duly recognized by our National Association its prayerful support, financial consideration, and publicity.
8. Be it resolved that our minutes be in the hands of the people not later than six months from the close of the Association.

9. Be it resolved that each delegate or their church which they represent while attending the Association be responsible for their meals and lodging. Amendment carried that this item be referred to the Executive Committee.

10. Be it resolved that this State Association adopt the purchase of a light generator and a vehicle for the Lonnie Palmers as a state project; that the money from the project be sent through the local church, local district, and to the State Office to be returned in a special account for the purchase of same; that the palmers be permitted to select the vehicle that they desire within the limits of \$4500.00, including purchasing and sending to the field; that the Executive Secretary and Moderator, at the request of the Palmers, assist in obtaining the vehicle in Texas if possible and as soon as possible in order to save duty. Chairman, Rev. H. Ray Berry; Sis. A. F. Ferguson; Rev. Roy Norie.

The clerk read the minutes of the executive committee meetings and the proposed budget for 1966-67:

The Executive Committee of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists met on Saturday morning, April 23, 1966, at 8:00 a.m. at the Rock of Ages Church in Fort Worth, for the purpose of planning the State meeting at Odessa, Texas, August 2-4, 1966.

The meeting was called to order by the moderator, C.J. Hearron, who called on the clerk, R. J. Kennedy, to lead in prayer.

A motion carried that the emphasis this year would be the home front and the theme would be, "Show My People," taken from Isaiah 58:1-2.

The Executive Committee met Wednesday night, August 3, 1966, for the purpose of making recommendations concerning the budget of the cooperative plan of support. We suggest \$7,500.00 as the goal for 1966-67.

Fifty per cent will be sent to the National Association, and fifty per cent will be kept in the State. The fifty percent kept within the State will be allocated as follows: 21% State Executive Office; 19% Missions-Church Extension Board; 5% State Superannuation Board; 5% State Board of Christian Education. Respectfully submitted by the Executive Committee, R. J. Kennedy, Jr., Clerk.

A motion carried to receive the report and adopt the suggested cooperative goal with the specified allocations.

An additional report was received from the Nominating Committee. (See front of the minutes for those elected.)

A motion carried that the Missions-Church Extension Board have six members.

A further report was received from the Committee on Committees. Rev. R. J. Kennedy Jr., Rev. R. y Smith, and Rev. Don Ellis were elected on the committee to determine the desirability and requirements of a permanent radio television commission. Rev. Bud Parr was elected to the Camp Committee at Large.

A motion carried that the Temperance Committee report given by Mrs. Homer Tumbleson be accepted.

Report of the Temperance Committee:

Be it resolved that each Christian examine himself and strive to do more for the Lord during the coming year.

Be it resolved that we encourage closer unity among our churches.

Be it resolved that we use discretion in selecting T.V. programs, and that we exercise the use of controls in our homes. Bro. T. B. Gartman, Chairman; Mrs. Mack Humbles; Mrs. Homer Tumbleson.

A motion carried that the Missions-Church Extension Board retain the same length of office as they had on the Home Missions Board.

A motion carried to receive as information a letter read by the clerk, from the Foreign Missions Board of the National Association to Odus Eubanks, Texas Executive Secretary.

A motion carried to receive the report of the Woman's Auxiliary given by Mrs. John

Warren and include the report in the minutes.

Report of the Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary of Texas: August 2, 1966

President, Mrs. Asa Berry; Treasurer, Jean Pennington; Number of Aux. reporting, 20; No. "A-1" Standard Aux., 6; No. "B" 8; Amount per capita representation fees sent to the Treasurer, \$119.60.

Enlistment Department: 1. Enrollment at beginning of Convention year, 221. Present enrollment, 290. 2. Number new members, 52; number lost, 41; avg. attendance, 150.

Study Course Department: Courses conducted: Missions, 27; Stewardship, 3; Manual, 31; Evangelism, 17; prayer, 30; Christian Life, 24; Reading Circles, 16; number Daily Bible Readers, 114.

Program Prayer Department: 1. Number special programs held, 47. 2. Number souls won, 103. 3. Number active in community missions, 175. 4. Value of all contributions to Children's Home, \$662.27. 5. Number Vacation Bible Schools assisted in, 23. 6. Number Bible College Students assisted, 16.

Publicity Department: 1. Number subscribers to Free Will Baptist papers, 277. 2. Number articles written for publication, 174. 3. Other publicity work done: church bulletins, radio contributions through other channels, posters.

Personal gifts: (special offerings): Missions, \$1189.96; F.W. B.B. College, 138.00; Children's Home, 77.05; superannuation, 128.50. Jean Pennington, Recording-Sec.

Stewardship of Possessions: No. of Aux. members contributing to missions, 213; No. of tithers on roll at beginning of convention year, 147; No. of tithers as result of Stewardship Study Course, 3; No. new tithers this convention year, 28; present no. of tithers, 165.

Financial Report: Amount of offering sent to WNAC Co-Laborer fund, 263.15; amount of Easter off. for Foreign Miss., 166.98; amt. of Thanksgiving off. for State Home Missions 137.06; amt. of Christmas off. for National Home Missions, 75.90; cash gifts to Orphanage 113.78; cash gifts to FWBBC, 68.20; total gifts to missions sent to WNAC treasurer this year by Woman's Aux., 1121.06; cash gifts to aged ministers, 107.95; total per capita representation fee sent to WNAC Treasurer by Woman's Aux., 65.76; total amt. spent for Aux. literature, 340.53; total amt. spent for local church activities, 476.48; total income, 1907.56; disbursements, 1838.94; balance on hand, 68.42.

Jean Pennington, Treasurer; 310 E. 63rd., Odessa, Texas 79760.

A motion carried to accept the Statistical Report given by Rev. Odus Eubanks during the absence of our Statistician, Rev. Eugene Richards.

The Statistical Report:

Number of Districts, 6; no. of churches, 61; no. of missions, 4; total no. of churches and missions, 65; church membership, 4443; total expenditures, \$244,853.67; paid to Co-op plan to State and National, \$5,841.37; paid to evangelists, \$6,243.80; pastors' salaries, \$120,906.76; total paid out for denominational ministries, \$25,936.34; value of properties \$1,221,631.26; enrollment of Sunday schools, 3572; average attendance of Sunday schools 2377; enrollment of CTS, 1364; average attendance in CTS, 1036.

A motion carried to adjourn. Prayer of dismissal was led by Rev. Don Ellis.

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE TEXAS 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.

This Association shall produce literature, and establish and maintain such educational and benevolent institutions as needed to accomplish its purpose of winning this world to Christ.

ARTICLE III. Membership

Section 1. This Association shall be composed of the District Associations and the churches of Texas which are known to be orderly, duly organized, and conforming to the faith and usages of the Free Will Baptist Denomination as set forth in the treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, "A Treatise of the Faith and Practice of Free Will Baptists." All churches belonging to this State Association must be members in good standing of some regularly organized District Association. Any church or Association conforming to the above regulations make proper application for membership in this Association, and, after satisfactory examination and recommendation by the Credentials Committee, be elected to membership in this State Association by a two-thirds majority vote of the body.

Section 2. All regularly ordained ministers and deacons, who are members in good standing of a local church belonging to this Association, are members of this Association.

ARTICLE IV. Representation

Section 1. Each District Association shall be entitled to one delegate for each one hundred members, or fractional part thereof, and one delegate for each one hundred dollars given during the previous year to our denominational ministries through the cooperative plan of support.

Section 2. Each church shall be entitled to two delegates regardless of the number of its membership.

Section 3. Regularly ordained ministers and deacons who are qualified members of this Association shall be entitled to vote in all sessions of the Association.

Section 4. Elected delegates to the State Association shall be retained as standing delegates for special called meetings.

ARTICLE V. Finances and Statistics

Section 1. 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 annual convention of this Association. Any District Association belonging to this Association, which shall fail to report itself for two successive sessions, may be dismissed from the Association by two-thirds majority vote of the members present in a regularly constituted session.

Section 2. It shall be required of all churches belonging to this Association that they communicate by letter of greeting, naming their delegates. It is strongly urged of each church that it represent itself by delegates.

Section 3. The letter of each District Association shall be accompanied by a registration fee of ten dollars for the first five hundred members, or fractional part thereof, and five dollars for each additional five hundred members, or fractional part thereof.

Section 4. The letter of each church shall be accompanied by a registration fee of five dollars.

ARTICLE VI. Discipline

Section 1. The State Association shall investigate any question of discipline, doctrine, or practice that may come before it from any of the bodies comprising this Association and make recommendations to correct such errors.

Section 2. In the event of any question of discipline, doctrine, or practice on the part of a subordinate Association, delegates of that Association or church shall not be seated until such error or errors have been corrected.

Section 3. Decisions of the Credentials Committee may be appealed: (1) to the State Association sitting as a committee of the whole, or (2) to a special committee.

Section 4. The State Association cannot discipline a local church, churches, or members of a local church except to discipline the District of which they are members. The Association does have the right to refuse to seat ministers or churches against whom charges are pending.

Section 5. This Association reserves the right to withdraw fellowship from any member District until such time as this Association is satisfied that discipline, doctrine, and practices are in conformity with the doctrine and practices of this Association; but in no case shall the Association assume authority to reverse the decisions or abrogate the autonomy of local churches or District Associations.

ARTICLE VII. Date and Location of the Annual Convention

Section 1. This association shall convene at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday night before the first Sunday in August, and continue through noon on Thursday.

Section 2. Each District shall have the privilege of entertaining the State Association according to the length of time since it last entertained it, according to the orderly revolving list of all the Districts. Any new Association becoming becoming a member of this State Association shall automatically be placed at the bottom of the list. If the District next in turn to entertain this Association does not desire to exercise its privilege, it may voluntarily forfeit its privilege until its next regular turn to entertain.

ARTICLE VIII. Officers

Section 1. The officers of this State Association shall consist of a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Parliamentarian, and Executive Secretary.

Section 2. These officers shall be elected at each regular annual session of the Association, except the Executive Secretary, who shall be elected every two years.

Section 3. The election of officers shall become the first item of business of the afternoon session of the second day.

ARTICLE IX. Duties of Officers

Section 1. The Moderator shall preside over all sessions of the State Association, the Executive Board, and the General Board. He shall work to promote the general welfare of the Association. The Moderator shall appoint committees as provided for in this constitution.

Section 2. The Assistant Moderator shall serve in all capacities of the Moderator in his absence, or upon the request of the Moderator.

Section 3. The Clerk shall make a legible, complete, and accurate record of all proceedings of the Association, and prepare a manuscript of the same for printing of the minutes. He shall make and keep on file minutes of all regular or called sessions of the Association, the Executive Board, and the General Board. He shall proof-read any minutes recorded by himself prior to relinquishing this responsibility to any duly elected successor.

Section 4. The Assistant Clerk shall work with the Clerk in every capacity when called upon to do so by the Clerk or Moderator.

Section 5. The Executive Secretary shall assist in the coordinating of the work of the various boards of the State Association and shall serve as State Treasurer. He shall promote, through his office, both the State and National denominational programs, and arrange or assist in the arranging of itineraries for State or National workers, missionaries, Missions Conferences, etc. He shall also assist, as far as is practical, in the establishing of new churches and missions within the State. Furthermore, it shall be his duty to edit and publish our State paper, The Texas Challenge.

He shall receive, hold, and disburse money as is made available by the State Association to the various boards, offices, and departments as directed by the State Association.

He shall present a complete written report of all work done to each annual session of this Association with a financial statement of all monies received and disbursed to each board, National programs, etc.

The work of the Executive Secretary shall be under the supervision of the State Executive Board.

Section 6. 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 ruling from the Parliamentarian when he deems it necessary.

ARTICLE X. Standing Boards

Section 1. The standing boards of the State Association shall include the Executive Board, General Board, Missions-Church Extension Board, Superannuation Board, and Christian Education Board.

Section 2. Unless provided for elsewhere, all standing boards shall be composed of five (5) members each, who shall be elected to serve for terms of three (3) years.

Each board shall elect a chairman and clerk-treasurer to act for one year, and to be elected at the close of each annual State Convention.

The election of board members shall be the next item of business following the election of the State officers, and by the same procedure.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of all boards to receive, disburse, and account for all monies allocated to them from the State, or provided from any other sources. Each board shall keep a record of all meetings, all activities, and all work done under its jurisdiction, and shall make a full and complete report in writing to the annual convention of the State Association. No board shall purchase or sell any real estate property without the approval of the State Association.

Section 4. The Executive Board shall consist of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Parliamentarian, Assistant Clerk, and Executive Secretary. It shall act in behalf of the Association when not in session, and shall have power to receive funds, to report and superintend such work for the State as may seem best and the means at hand may warrant, in order to fulfill the plans and undertakings of the State Association.

The Moderator and Executive Secretary of said Executive Board shall sign all deeds, bonds, notes, etc., and any other papers by which the State Association is to become legally responsible.

The Executive Board shall have the power to call the Association into conference by notifying each subordinate District Association at least ten (10) days prior to conference.

Minutes of all meetings are to be recorded and reported to the Association in the next regular convention, and the report of the Executive Board shall be printed in the minutes of the Association.

Section 5. The General Board shall consist of each duly elected Moderator and one member from each subordinate District Association; the chairman of each State standing board, and the State officers. The Moderator shall moderate at all meetings of this board.

It shall be the duty of this board to meet on Tuesday morning preceding the State Convention to hear reports of the standing boards and to make recommendations to the State Association. This board shall also serve as the Credentials Committee, and shall recommend a budget for adoption by the State Association.

Section 6. The Mission-Church Extension Board shall promote an active home and foreign missions program in and for the State of Texas. It shall correlate the work of the National Association for the extension of the Gospel.

Section 7. Christian Education Board shall promote any phases of Christian Education through the Sunday school, Church Training Service, workshops, institutes, and Free Will Baptist related schools and colleges and shall supervise the work of the State Church Training Service Director.

Section 8. The Superannuation Board shall, in cooperation with our National Superannuation Board, and our subordinate District Associations, provide and execute a definite program of superannuation for qualified Free Will Baptist ministers.

ARTICLE XI. Committees

Section 1. The Moderator shall appoint a Committee on Committees and a Nominating Committee during the first business session of the first day of each annual convention.

Section 2. The Committee on Committees shall nominate the following committees, consisting of three members each: Resolutions, Temperance, and Obituary.

Section 3. The Nominating Committee shall present nominations for the State officers, standing boards, a State Church Training Service Director, and the Texas representative to the General Board of the National Association by the provisions of this constitution; but the Association shall in no wise prevent members from exercising their democratic privilege of nominating candidates from the floor.

Section 4. The Moderator shall appoint other committees as necessary, or unless otherwise provided for, which shall hold office until their assigned work is completed, or until their successors are appointed.

ARTICLE XII. Alterations and Amendments

This constitution may be altered or amended at any regular session of the Association by a two-thirds 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.

BY - LAWS

Section 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 an adopted program.

Section 2. Each meeting of each session shall be opened by reading a portion of the Bible and praying, and shall be closed with prayer.

Section 3. All persons declared by the credentials committee to be eligible to represent in the Association are hereby made and constituted members of this body, and are authorized to act in all respects according to the provisions of the constitution and by-laws under which this Association is governed.

Section 4. Delegates from corresponding bodies, and brethren invited to seats in the Association, shall be entitled to all privileges of the Association except voting.

Section 5. 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 permitted to speak without first rising and addressing the chair by the appellation, "Brother Moderator", and shall not proceed with discussion or statement until recognized by the Chair.

Section 6. The business of this Association shall be governed by good parliamentary regulations at all times.

Section 7. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any office, board, or committee, provided the person nominated be elected. No person shall hold more than one office in the State Association at any time.

Section 8. This Association shall sit with open doors, except when it shall go into a committee of the whole.

Section 9. By a two-thirds vote of all members present, a ruling of the Moderator may be overruled.

Section 10. Minutes of each session shall be carefully read and corrected before final adjournment by the Clerk, Moderator, and the Executive Secretary.

Section 11. These by-laws may be amended at any regular session of the Association by a 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.