

TEXAS STATE ASSOCIATION

of

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

1967

1967
Minutes
Fifty-Third Annual Session
of the
Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists
convened with
the East Texas District in Henderson
August 1 - 3
1968 Session to be held with
the West Fork District - July 31 - August 2, 1968



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OFFICERS

Moderator	Rev. H. Z. Cox
Assistant Moderator	Rev. E. E. Zoellers
Clerk	Mrs. Jessie Ferguson
Assistant Clerk	Mrs. Lela Clary
Partimentarian.	Rev. Herbert Richards
Executive Secretary	Rev. Rashie Kennedy, Sr.

BOARDS

MISSION-CHURCH EXTENSION

Rev. A. F. Ferguson 1968
Rev. Kenneth Brandon 1968
Rev. H. Ray Berry (Chairman) 1969
Rev. Bobby Ferguson 1969
Rev. Allen Moore 1970
Mr. Bob Harless 1970

SUPERANNUATION

Rev. Keith Phipps 1968
Rev. Elvis Fielding (Chairman) 1970
Rev. J. M. Goode 1969
Rev. Dean Thompson 1969
Rev. Leroy Anderson 1970

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rev. Leroy Cutler 1968
Mr. Mackie Adams 1969
Rev. Eugene Richards 1970

STATE CHURCH TRAINING DIRECTOR

Rev. Roy Norie

General Board Member of the National Association of Free Will Baptists

Rev. Rashie Kennedy, Sr.



5 DISTRICTS REPRESENTED

Midessa	19 District Delegates Represented
Caprock	
East Texas	40 Church Delegates Represented
Central Texas	
West Fork	34 Churches Represented

MINISTER	ADDRESS	CHURCH	TOWN
Leroy Anderson	704 Elvin St.	Youngblood Church	Carthage, Texas 75633
Billy Joe Aulds	1408 Lexington	Philadelphia	Weatherford, Texas
Kenneth Brandon	1030 Ft.Worth St.		Grand Prairie, Texas 75050
H. Ray Berry	704 W. Gerald	Faith Church	San Antonio, Texas 78221
L. K. Brashier	Rt. 4	Stewart Church	Henderson, Texas 75652
Osmundo Corrales	1210 Beck St.	Cedros del Libano	Bryan, Texas 77801
H. Z. Cox	3322 Michigan St.	First Church	Dallas, Texas 75216
Leroy R. Cutler	312 Laurel St.	First Church	Bryan, Texas 77801
Gaston Clary	405 N. Alta Vista		Henderson, Texas 75652
Larry Dunning	311 W. Panola St.	Mt.Union Church	Carthage, Texas 75633
Lee Fears	Route No. 1	Union Arbor Church	Laneville, Texas
Bobby Ferguson	10315 Bretton	First Church	Houston, Texas 77016
A. F. Ferguson	407 Morningside	St. Good Hope Church	Henderson, Texas 75652
C. F. Ferguson	Rt. 1	Mt. Oliver Church	Laneville, Texas 75667
E. H. Fielding	Rt. 3, Box 3278	Grapevine 1st. Church	Irving, Texas
Clyde Gillentine	829 W. Daniieldale	Concord Church	Dallas, Texas 75232
J' M. Goode	707 West Holly	First Church	Carthage, Texas 75633
A. F. Halbrook	Rt. 3, Box 250	Bright Light Church	Bryan, Texas 77801
Harvey Henderson	702 Orland	First Church	Austin, Texas 78745
Rashie Kennedy	P. O. Box 20	Bayshore Church	Bacliff, Texas 77518
J. E. Marecle	207 Ave. G	First Church	Waco, Texas 76705
Allen Moore	1131 W. Owings	First Church	Denison, Texas 75020
Roy Norie, Jr.	4114 Alpine St.	Faith Church	Wichita Falls, Texas 76301
Bud Parr	304 Edith St.		Bowie, Texas
Herbert Richards	Box 476	Fulton Christ's Church	Corpus Christi, Tex. 78358
George Roberts			Houston, Texas
F. B. Welch		Buncombe Church	Carthage, Texas 75633
Muril Wilson		Faith Church	Andrews, Texas
E. E. Zoellers	2709 Marianna St.	West Side Church	Midland, Texas 79704
Visiting Ministers			
Rev. Robert Piricilli		Bible College	Nashville, Tenn.
Rev. Paul Kettermann		Bible College	Nashville, Tenn.
Rev. J. D. O'donnell		Okla. Bible College	Moore, Okal.

MINISTER	ADDRESS	CHURCH	TOWN
O. L. Barger	3715 Flory St.	Trinity Church	Ft. Worth, Texas 76118
Everett Hellard	1406 Ursuline Ave.	Fellowship Church	Bryan, Texas 77801
Floyd Brawley	700 E. Oak St.	North Zulch Church	North Zulch, Texas
		First Church	Comanche, Texas 76442
Tiff Covington	3613 Arthur St.	Pleasant-Mound Church	Bellevue, Texas
R. E. Sheffield	Rt. 3, Box 354	Pine Prairie Church	Huntsville, Texas 77340
Jack Bankhead	3054 Schadt St.	Friendship Church	Ft. Worth, Texas 76106
Rev. Welch	3615 Arthur St.	First Church	Wichita Falls, Texas 76308
J. A. Hearron	Rt. 1	Gartman's View	Comanche, Texas 76442
G. E. Judd	2203 W. 7th St.	First Church	Odessa, Texas 79760
Bob Morrison	4226 Valnete Lane	Raynelle Church	Dallas, Texas 75217
Phil-Snell	504 E. College St.		Comanche, Texas 76442
Harold Teague	501 Russell St.	First Church	Henderson, Texas 75652
Alton Kirkland	610 Palo Pinto St.	First Church	Weatherford, Texas
Bill Goss	1305 E. Houston	First Church	Paris, Texas
	W. 49th & Bryan	Bible Church	Odessa, Texas 79760
Rev. Burpo		First Church	Lubbock, Texas 79415
Dean Thompson	1015 W. Campbell	First Church	Kermit, Texas
Edd Abbott	900 N. Johnson	First Church	Amarillo, Texas 79101
		Faith Chapel	Carlsbad, N. M.
		Faith Chapel	Hobbs, New Mexico
Robert M. Witt	1701 S. Highland	North Amarillo	Amarillo, Texas 79107
Troy Harp	1415 Trigg St.	Oakdale Church	Amarillo, Texas 79107
L. C. Lynch	821 N. Dwight St.	First Church	Pampa, Texas
L. V. Eaton	Gen. Del.	First Church	Crowell, Texas
		First Church	Vernon, Texas
Doyle Shepherd	3305 Earl	Free Will Bapt.	Pasadena, Texas
W. H. Bostic	7420 Ashville	Rock of Ages Church	Ft. Worth, Texas



The word of God—Our everlasting strength

Fifty-Third Annual Session of the
Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists
Theme: "Christ Is For Today"

Tuesday Night, August 1, 1967

The fifty-third annual session of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the East Texas District Association in Henderson, August 1-3, 1967.

The meeting began with congregational singing led by Brother Elbert Nations with Miss Dianne Nations at the piano. Prayer was led by Rev. Harvey Henderson. The session was called to order and the Scripture was read by Rev. Don Ellis from Exodus 14: 13-15, and the moderators message delivered.

The welcome was given by the moderator of the East Texas District Association, Rev. R. J. Kennedy, who introduced the Major pro-tem of Henderson the Honorable T. N. McCarthy, who welcomed the State Association to the city of Henderson.

The moderator appointed the following committees:

Nominating Committee:

Rev. Herbert Richards
Rev. H. Z. Cox
Rev. A. F. Ferguson

Committee on Committees:

Rev. Leroy Cutler
Rev. J. E. Maracle
Rev. E. E. Zoellars

Mrs. Leroy Cutler, State C. T. S. Director, gave a report of the results of the C. T. S. representatives at the National Convention this year and had each one give a testimony.

The moderator introduced Dr. Robert E. Picirilli, from Free Will Baptist Bible College who brought the keynote message "Christ is for Today's Youth." The invitation and prayer was led by Rev. Don Ellis.

Motion carried to receive the report of the Committee on Committees:

Temperance Committee:

Rev. Billy Aulds
Rev. Osmunda Corrales
Rev. Harvey Henderson

Resolutions Committee:

Rev. Rashie Kennedy, Sr.
Rev. Allen Moore
Brother Ed Morris

Obituary Committee:

Sister H. Ray Berry
Rev. Clyde Gillentine
Brother Elbert Nations

Wednesday Morning, August 2, 1967

The moderator, Rev. Don Ellis called the meeting to order, Rev. Bobby Ferguson led the singing. The devotion was delivered by Rev. J. M. Goode, from Hebrews 13:8.

Motion carried that the Credentials Committee report be received and the 5 districts with delegates and the 33 churches with delegates represented be seated. (See front of minutes for this report.)

Motion carried to receive the Christian Education Board Report:

Financial Statement August 1, 1966-July 30, 1967

Balance brought forward, August 1, 1966	\$ 134.77
Receipts: August 31, 1966-June 26, 1967	<u>278.28</u>
	\$413.05

PAID OUT:

Mrs. Leroy Cutler-Postage & Etc.	10.00
Rev. Leroy Cutler-Gas Expense	21.72
Rev. John Warren-Gas Expense	3.12
National C. T. S. Board-Entrance Fees	28.00
Rev. Albert Keech-Honorarium	25.00
Deleen Huston-Bible Bowl Winner	25.00
Carolyn Baker-Bible Bowl Winner	25.00
Shirley Murphey-Bible Bowl Winner	25.00
David Brandon-Bible Bowl Winner	25.00
Patsy Rice-Tic-Tac-Toe Winner	25.00
Susan Davidson-Tic-Tac-Toe Winner	25.00
Shelia Ellis-Tic-Tac-Toe Winner	25.00
Robert Lee Snell-Declamation	25.00
Bobby Carl Farmer-Declamation	25.00
Gerald Pennington-Sword Drill Winner	25.00
Trophies	<u>32.93</u>
	\$370.77

Balance as of July 30, 1967	\$413.05
	<u>- 370.77</u>
	\$ 42.28

Motion carried to receive the report of the Superannuation Board:

Balance carried forward from 1966	\$ 278.42
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RECEIVED:

Co-Op	\$236.32	
Central Texas	<u>7.90</u>	
	\$244.22	<u>244.22</u>

Total to account for	\$ 522.64
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DISBURSED:

Sister Smith	\$ 60.00	
National Superannuation	23.64	
Postage	<u>.80</u>	
	\$ 84.44	<u>-84.44</u>

Balance on Hand	\$438.20
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Rev. Fielding plans to have a display for your consideration in the Community Center. It will deal with the theme, "What Then?" Please do give him your comment and suggestions for promoting Superannuation, and meeting the needs of our ministers while there is still time to do something about it.

Several representatives of hospital insurance companies have been contacted, and we can secure a group protection plan for our Texas Association ministers, if several are interested in the savings this plan would effect. Personal information must be supplied, including a list of the father, mother, and children by name, ages, and birth dates. Also, a generalized statement of the income of the family, such as under \$5,000 or over \$6,000.

If you are interested, please let us know. We want to serve you as best we can. Respectfully, Elvis Fielding, Chairman.

FINANCIAL RECEIPTS:	Co -Op	Foreign Missions	Home Missions
Caprock District	129.20	305.27	12.96
Central Texas Dist.	986.48	2,638.51	397.15
East Texas Dist.	704.57	168.70	86.19
Midessa District	2,137.87	318.79	6.45
Northwest Brazos Dist.	25.00	86.04	
West Fork Dist.	743.40	2,888.59	136.24
Texas Woman's Aux.			325.16
Dues			
Others			
	\$ 4,726.52	\$ 6,588.06	\$ 964.15

Motion carried that the report of the Woman's Auxiliary by Mrs. H. Ray Berry be received.

Motion carried that we adopt the program as a flexible guide for the Association.

Motion carried that we receive the report of Dr. R. E. Picirilli of Free Will Baptist Bible College as information and that we encourage our churches to support the Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Motion carried to receive the report of the Executive Secretary as amended and carried that he be commended for the work he has done:

Colleges	State Office	Misc.	Add. Channeled
882.76		42.90	10,734.97
140.01	7.00		
25.00	28.34	27.75	
	23.92		13.20
729.28	419.58	25.00	
			150.00
	295.00		
	100.00		
\$ 1,777.05	\$ 901.65	\$ 95.65	\$ 10,898.17

Disbursed:	Co-Op	Foreign Missions	Home Missions
Nat'al. Ass.	2,363.26		
Foreign Miss Bd.		6,588.06	
Home Miss. Bd.			150.49
Tex. Exec. Off.	992.57		
Tex. Miss.-Ext.	898.03		813.66
Tex. S'ann.	236.32		
Tex. C. E. Bdg.	236.32		
F. W. B. B. C.			
O. B. C.			

Total of all monies recorded through the Texas State Office from August 1, 1966 through July 31, 1967: \$26,576.15. (See note below *.)

Note: All money sent in through the "Cooperative Plan of Support" is shared in the following per centages:

National Association	50%
Texas State Exec. Office	21%
Tex. Missions-Church Ext.	19%
Tex. Superannuation Bd.	5%
Tex. Christian Ed. Bd.	5%

*Note: Midessa District sent \$500.00 for the Lonnie Palmer's Car Fund, and \$124.90 Cooperative money which was not reported on the preceeding sheet of totals. This means that Midessa's total for Cooperative Plan is \$2,262.77, and \$818.79 for Foreign Missions.

Colleges	State Office	Misc.	Additional Channeled
		122.75	
			150.00
			100.16
	901.65		
			7.90
			10.00
1,432.75			10,500.00
344.30			13.20

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE FUNDS, August 1, 1966-July 31, 1967

RECEIPTS:

Balance carried forward from last year	25.47
State dues from churches and districts	295.00
Gifts to State Office	578.84
State Assoc. offering	27.81
Cooperative Plan	992.57

\$ 1,919.69

DISBURSEMENTS:

Equipment	\$500.00
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Salaries		660.00
Exec. Secre.	(600)	
Clerk	(50)	
Ass. Clerk	(10)	
Promotion		643.05
Travel	(396.26)	
Telephone	(28.76)	
Postage	(31.71)	
Publications & Supplies	(186.32)	
		1,803.05

Balance in Bank

\$ 116.64

Balance remaining due to West Fork District on the purchase of the Electrotter Stencil Machine-\$450.00.

In the promotion of better fellowship and understanding in our State, the Secretary has traveled to every District this past year. He has attended at least one Quarterly Meeting or Annual Association in each District. There is definitely an upsurge of brotherly love and genuine good fellowship in our State. Men in each District are vitally concerned in the success of their fellow ministers in other parts of Texas. This foretells of a continuing environment for an increasingly important part for Free Will Baptists to have in the history of this great State.

The needs of the State are immense, but not insurmountable in difficulty. We of the Texas State Executive Board have considered the need for placing a willing man in the responsible task of promoting the work in Texas on a full-time basis. The work is greatly handicapped at this time by the need for a man to take the job as a full-time work, with an adequate location for the equipment and files, and other necessary materials of the State Executive Office.

A Proposal will be presented in this meeting for placing a man "on the job" for you--to better serve you in the local church. This will require your cooperation and sustained support. This man will be able to come to your church and spend a week with you, or do any thing which you may need done in order to best help your church serve God. Please act upon this with much concern and a generous portion of optimistic faith!

The Lonnie Palmers have departed for Africa and France. They took with them a four-door red Dodge pick-up, with a large camper built by Bro. Palmer and some Texas Free Will Baptists. Texas helped to buy this vehicle. Altogether, through the State office alone, we sent more than \$3,500.00 for the Palmers to use for this vehicle. Some gave their offerings directly to the Missionary, other sent them in to Nashville, so the only record we have is this which came through the State Executive Office. We sincerely thank you all, in the Palmer's name, for what you have made possible for them through your love and continued prayer and financial support.

It has been my privilege to travel over much of this large state of Texas, and thus meet many of you in your homes and your churches. I cannot begin to express my appreciation, my love, and my fellowship for you as I prepare to leave Texas. It will be with a deep sense of gratitude that I shall always remember you after I have assumed my duties at our Free Will Baptist Bible College in California. Our hope and prayer for you, our friends and loved ones in Texas, will be that whenever we hear anyone speak of you and the work in Texas, it will always be a report of victory and progress in the Lord's work.

Thank you for allowing me to be your Executive Secretary these past two years. Whatever success there has been, the credit belongs to you. The mistakes (and there have been many) are mine. God has blessed, though, and the Texas work looks more promising in the coming years than ever its past history can boast. God bless you each and all.

Odus Eubanks

After an intermission the congregation singing was led by Rev. Kenneth Brandon with Sister Charlene Denman at the piano. There was special singing by the Womack Sisters and by Rev. Clarence Hearron and Rev. Kenneth Brandon.

The assistant moderator, Rev. Kenneth Brandon, introduced the Rev. Clarence Hearron of Oklahoma Bible College who delivered the morning message on the subject "Christ for a Changing Society" from Hebrews 6: 16-20; 13:8.

The closing prayer and blessing was Brother Bob Harless.

Wednesday Afternoon, August 2, 1967

The song service was led by Rev. Bobby Ferguson. Prayer by Rev. Clyde Gillentine. The devotions were by Rev. L. K. Brashier, from Malaci 3:6,8.

Motion carried that the report of the Nominating Committee be received and that each office be elected separately. (See front of minutes for list of officers elected.)

Motion tabled that a change be made in the By-laws, Section 7: the word "office" in the second sentence be changed to position.

Motion carried that we show a vote of appreciation to the out-going officers.

Motion to receive the report of the Temperance Committee:

(1) Be it resolved that we as Free Will Baptist Christians encourage our people to dress in a godly manner at all times.

(2) Be it resolved that we as christian people present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service.

(3) Be it resolved that in the face of external pressures that in each home we endeavor to maintain a spiritual atmosphere and set a definite time for Family devotions.

(4) In the face of present trends and tendancies concerning riots and demonstrations that are sweeping our nation, let us encourage our people not to be envolved.

(5) Be it resolved that with the flood of scandalus literature that is flooding our grocery stores, drug stores, etc., that we encourage our people to obtain from this sort of literature and pray for conviction concerning such matters.

(6) Be it resolved that in view of recent findings by medical science, we ask our people to obtain from the use of tobacco for both physical and spiritual reasons.

Rev. Billy Joe Aulds
Rev. Harvey Henderson
Rev. Osmundo Corrales

Motion carried that the report of the Obituary Committee be received, the recommendation be adopted and that we stand in a monent of silent prayer as a mimorial to these loved ones, and as a token of our sympathy to those who are bereaved.

Due to there being no place provided on the District letter forms to the State Association, we have no way of getting a complete list of the ones of our membership who have gone to be with the Lord in the past year.

A partial report includes: Rev. Hughes and Mabel Hammel from Midessa; Mrs. Mae Fears, Hubbard, Burley Tompkins, Fay Alexander and Will H. Hayes from East Texas; Lola Esquivel, Wiley Le Fevre, Hugh Burns, William Meyer, C. J. Cammack, Mrs. L. F. Mize, Mrs. Sam Lung, Mrs. R. M. Weatherford, Mrs. Walter Bullock, L. E. Lawson, Charles Fling, Mrs. Ellen Lawson, Mrs. Mary Osborne, Frank Fuschak, and F. Edinburgh from Central Texas District.

In order to be able to give better recognition and appreciation for the Godly influence of those who shall go on before us year after year, we recommend that a section of our yearly report to the Association be included for the names of the deceased of each District.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sister H. Ray Berry
Brother Elbert Nations
Rev. Clyde Gillentine

Motion that the report of the Resolutions Committee be received and acted upon item by item:
(The following are as passed)

(1) Whereas, the one year interlude between the preparation of recommendations during the state association of Free Will Baptists and their considerations at the National Association causes many ideas and recommendations to be lost, misplaced, or forgotten, and whereas the State Association if held before the National Association each summer could better speed and channel ideas to the national work now; therefore, be it resolved, that beginning in calendar year 1968 the State Association shall meet on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of the last full week in June of each year.
TABLED.

(2) Whereas, the ordained deaconship of our local Free Will Baptist Churches is not included within the body of standing delegates of the National Association and whereas the National work is deprived of the services of this large ordained body, now; therefore, be it resolved, by the Texas Association that the Executive Committee be directed to recommend to the next session of the National Association that the Constitution of the National Association be amended in the third article by striking out the words "ordained ministers and missionaries" and substituting in lieu thereof the following "ordained ministers, ordained deacons, and missionaries."

(3) Whereas, there is a need for an accurate list of all the Free Will Baptist Churches in Texas for use by the Internal Revenue Service, the National Association and our own local churches now; therefore, be it resolved that Executive Secretary be directed to prepare an accurate listing of the Free Will Baptist Churches in Texas together with their permanent addresses, telephone numbers and zip codes. Such a list shall be included within the minutes of the Texas Association and shall also be revised annually and copy separate from the State minutes furnished to each church in the Association and to the National Executive office.

(4) Whereas, many of the historical records of our Texas Association are either lost or not compiled into a usable and readily understandable form now; therefore, be it resolved that the Moderator appoint a Historical Committee of this Association to be composed of one member from each district and, be it further, resolved that each district and each local church be encouraged to appoint committees to deal with the maintenance of historical records. This work shall be done under the direction of the Executive Secretary and he shall also be responsible for the proper storage and maintenance of the records.

(5) Whereas, it is the desire of the Texas Association to help Free Will Baptist Bible College in its building program, now; therefore, be it resolved that the Texas Association receive a special offering during the morning meeting on Thursday to be dedicated to the College Expansion program.

(6) Whereas, the National Association of Free Will Baptist, many of our Texas Districts and many of our local churches operate on a calendar year basis now; therefore, be it resolved by the Texas Association of Free Will Baptist that all business records, budgets, financial records, and other business and reports be kept on a calendar year basis. All such records and matters shall begin on January 1 of each year and end on December 31 of that same year, and that other Districts and churches be encouraged to follow this example.

(7) Whereas, the Texas Association desires to express its thanks to the laymen, deacons, and pastors of the East Texas District for their gracious entertainment and hard labor on our behalf. Without the hours of labor which these many people have put into this work it would have been impossible for us to have the wonderful meeting which we have had, now; therefore, be it resolved, that the Texas Association officially express its thanks to the many of the East Texas District who have made it possible for us to have this great meeting by a rising vote of thanks.

Rev. Rashie Kennedy, Sr.

Rev. Allen Moore

Brother Ed Morris

Motion carried that we have a calendar of church activities provided.

Report given by Dr. J. D. O'Donnell about the Oklahoma Bible College.

The partial report of the General Board was given. Motion carried that the report be received and acted on item by item.

General Board Meeting - Aug. 1, 1967 at the First Free
Will Baptist Church - Henderson, Texas

Called to order by Rev. Don Ellis, Moderator

Prayer - Rev. H. Z. Cox

Scripture - Exodus 14: 13-15, Moderator

Report of Superannuation read by Rev. Kenneth Braddon

Motion carried to receive Superannuation report.

Motion carried that we recommend to the State body that we encourage the State Board of Superannuation to co-ordinate work with the National Superannuation Board.

Report of Missions-Church Extension Board was given.

Motion carried to receive this report.

State C. T. S. Board was read by Rev. Ellis

Motion carried to receive CTS report.

Executive Secretary gave a report. Motion carried to receive report.

Report of Executive Committee was given. Motion carried to receive report and discuss item by item.

Motion carried to recommend that the Texas State Association hire a full-time Executive Secretary: that each District and each church designate a certain amount regularly, for his support; that at least 15 weeks of services be held on a free will offering basis; that 30 churches pledge at least \$10 per month; that a larger share of the Co-Op be obtained with the executive office expense to be taken out first. \$9,000 will be needed; \$100. per month - Housing, \$100 per week Salary, \$165 per month Travel Expense.

Motion Carried to table.

Motion Carried to adjourn.

The General Board met on Tuesday night at First Church. Motion carried that a majority of members or proxies with proper credentials be present to constitute a quorum.

Motion to take from table the motion that was previously tabled carried.

Motion carried that we recommend to the body that a full time Executive Secretary be put on the field.

Motion that each delegate or his church pay his own expenses at State meeting.

Amended that all churches in state that are able to provide expenses of delegates to do so and all churches that aren't able to be encouraged to attend any way. Motion carried that this motion be tabled until such time as we need it.

Motion carried that this notation of \$450.00 owed to West Fork District be recorded in the permanent record and the new Executive officer be informed.

Church and District letters were read and motion carried to receive them and seat delegates.

Motion carried that we recommend that deletion of the terms "Missionaries, Mission Conferences" in Article IX Section 5 of the Constitution and that Article X Section 6 include "It shall arrange or assist in arranging of itineraries for Missionaries and Mission Conferences."

Motion carried that we recommend that where the word subordinate appears in the Constitution that we use the word associate.

Motion that Executive Secretary be commended for the work he has done.

Motion carried this body recommend to State Body that the Church Extension board look into the possibility of getting Onelio Vallee on the field. Motion carried to adjourn.

Benediction - Rev. Odus Eubanks

Clerk R. J. Kennedy

Motion carried to table recommendation dealing with the hiring of a full time Executive Secretary.

Motion carried to table the change to be made in the Constitution dealing with "Missionaries, Mission Conferences."

Motion carried to table the change to be made in the constitution dealing with the word "subordinate."

Motion carried to revoke Item 1 on page 9 in the Resolutions Committee Report of the 1966 minutes.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Wednesday Night, August 2, 1967

The missions service featured special singing by Jeanie Jordan, and the Free Will Baptist Bible College Quartet.

Rev. Hubert Richards presented in behalf of the Ministers and Deacons meeting, a plack to Rev. H. Ray Berry as the outstanding minister of the year.

Motion carried that the partial report of the Missions - Church Extension Board be accepted.

Report of Texas Free Will Baptist
Missions-Church Extension Board for 1966-67

We are grateful for the support of all who helped in our Missions-Church Extension work. As your State Mission Board we have concentrated all of efforts and funds in the Austin work. As we compare our giving and support with that of last year, we dropped just almost \$800.00 under last year.

We are glad to see interest and efforts put forth in some of the Districts, because as we grow district-wise, we will grow State-wise.

The field is wide and white unto harvest, and may we realize when we all stand behind our missionaries, with our prayers and offerings, new territories will be gained for God, and for Free Will Baptist.

Listed is our financial report. We do not have a list of all the Districts and Churches as they gave, whether by cooperative or designated giving.

Amount brought forward at State Meeting 1965-66\$3,024.94

Coopertive giving 801.38

Designated giving 947.80

Total receipts ?

Expenditures

Paid Missionary (Rev. H. L. Henderson) \$2,850.00

Travel expense and check book 83.90

Total Expenditures \$2,993.90 ?

Balance in bank 1,830.05

Caprock district\$ 12.94

Central Texas District 249.05

Texas State Woman's Auxiliary..... 63.27

First Church, Henderson 31.46

First Church, Houston 25.00

First Church, Waco\$10.00
 Good Hope Church 5.00

Humbly submitted,
 A. F. Ferguson-Secretary-
 treasurer

Thursday Morning - August 3, 1967

The meeting came to order with singing led by Rev. Elvis Fielding with Sister Mac Humbles at the piano. Prayer was by Sister Fuller. The devotion was given by Rev. Mac Humbles using the scripture, Hebrews 13: 5,8.

Motion carried that the letter from Union Arbor be received and the delegates seated.

Motion carried that the report on the Budget for the coming year be received and adopted.

General Board Meeting
 August 2, 1967

A budget of \$7,500 was set.

Motion that our co-operative giving be divided as follows:

- 30% to go to the National office
- 30% to go to the Executive office
- 25% to go to Church extension office
- 10% to go to Christian Education Board
- 5% to go to Superannuation

The West Fork District was confirmed as the next meeting place for the State meeting.

Motion carried to remove from table the Constitutional Change concerning meeting date of State meeting. Motion to change defeated.

Motion carried to remove from table Constitutional change dealing with Article IX Section 5.

Motion carried to make change.

Motion carried to remove from table Constitutional change concerning use of the word subordinate.

Motion carried to change.

Motion carried to remove from the table the part of the General Board Report dealing with the hiring of a full time Executive Secretary.

Motion carried to table.

Motion carried that the recommendation concerning O'Nelio Vallee be referred to the Missions-Church Extension Board.

Motion carried that the budget recommended by the Missions-Church Extension Board be adopted.

Budget for Missions-Church Extension Board 1967-68

\$2,600.00	for Austin
3,000.00	for New Work
500.00	Building
200.00	Promotional Work-Advertising, survey, etc.
100.00	Travel Expense
100.00	Office Supplies
\$6,500.00	

Motion carried that the report of the committee to study the desirability and requirements for setting up a permanent Radio - Television Commission be received and the recommendations adopted item by item.

The Report:

A most effective tool for getting the message to more people today is Radio and T.V. We in the state of Texas must make use of these if we are to effectively meet the needs of the day. There of many people who will never hear our witness unless we use these mass means of communication.

It would be an asset for our Denomination to have a program on Radio or TV that would reach all parts of the state-however, for this to become a reality there are many difficulties to overcome.

First, TV, at least on a state wide basis would be ruled out because of finance at least for the time being.

Second a Radio program that could be heard on 10 or 20 stations across the state is within reason.

We Recommend:

that each local church check the possibility of sponsoring a radio program on a local basis. Perhaps in some areas several churches could work together on this. Carried

that further study be made into the possibility of something on a state wide basis.

that this be referred to a new committee and that. Carried

Motion carried that the New Moderator appoint this committee- Chairman Rev. Leroy Cutler, Rev. E. A. Fielding, Rev. Eugene Richards.

A report was given by Rev. Paul Ketteman about Free Will Baptist Bible College. An offering was received for the Bible College, \$131.41.

Rev. E. A. Fielding led the singing for the morning service with Sister Mac Humbles at the piano. Prayer led by Rev. A. F. Halbrook. Special singing by the Free Will Baptist Bible College quartet.

The clerk Rev. R. J. Kennedy introduced the speaker for the morning service Rev. Rashie Kennedy, Sr. who spoke from I Cor. 1:26 on the subject "Christ is for today's local church". Prayer by Rev. Kennedy.

Motion carried to remove from the table the constitutional change concerning Section 7 of the By-Laws. Motion carried to accept change.

Motion to adjourn.

Prayer by Rev. Roy Norrie

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. And 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 erroneous views.

Section 2. In the event of any question of discipline, doctrine, or practice on the part of an associate Association, delegates of that Association or church shall not be seated until such error or erroneous 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 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. 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 Associate 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 Associate 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. It shall arrange itineraries for missionaries, missions-conferences, etc.

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 Associate 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.

B Y - L A W S

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 facing 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.

