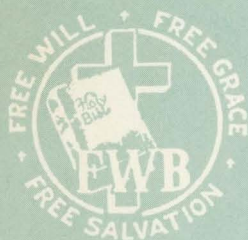


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July 29-31, 1969

**TEXAS STATE ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
1968-69**

OFFICERS

MODERATOR:

Rev. Herbert Richards; P. O. Box 476, Fulton, Texas 78358

ASSISTANT MODERATOR:

Rev. Leroy Cutler; 312 Laurel Street, Byran, Texas 77801

CLERK:

Mrs. Lela Clary; Route 1, Iola, Texas 77861

ASSISTANT CLERK:

Mrs. Jessie Ferguson; 407 Morningside, Henderson, Texas 75652

PARLIAMENTARIAN:

Rev. Leroy Welch; 3615 Arthur Street, Wichita Falls, Texas 76308

EXECUTIVE-SECRETARY:

Rev. Rashie Kennedy, Sr.; 507 Radam Lane, Austin, Texas 78745

BOARDS

Missions-Church Extension Board

Rev. H. Ray Berry (Chairman)	1969
Rev. Bobby Ferguson	1969
Rev. Allen Moore	1970
Mr. Bob Harless	1970
Mr. Charles Denman	1971
Rev. A. F. Ferguson (Sec.-Trea.)	1971

Christian Education

Mr. Mackie Adams	1969
Rev. Eugene Richards	1970
Rev. W. H. Bostic	1971

Superannuation

Rev. Harold Teague	1971
Rev. Elvis Fielding (Chairman)	1970
Rev. J. M. Goode	1969
Rev. Dean Thompson	1969
Rev. Leroy Anderson	1970

State Church Training Director
Rev. Roy Norie, Jr.

General Board Member
of the National Association of Free Will Baptists
Rev. Rashie Kennedy, Sr.

TUESDAY NIGHT

YOUTH EMPHASIS NIGHT

THEME: "The Time Has Come" II Tim. 4:3

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator. Congregational singing was led by Doug Harless. Prayer was offered by Rev. Kenneth Eagleton, returned missionary from Brazil.

Brother Cox, Host pastor and Moderator welcomed and recognized our out of state visitors: Rev. Bob Shockey from National Home Mission Board; Brother Harrison from Sunday School Department; Brother Don Ellis from children's home in Greenville, Tennessee; Brother and Sister Hearon from O. B. C. in Oklahoma; also Brother and Sister Stepp from Oklahoma. Brother and Sister Eagleton from Brazil, also Mrs. Helen Albright from California.

The Moderator read scripture from Psalms 127:1. He pointed out that all labours and building are in vain, without God directing and guiding.

Committees appointed at this time were as follows:

Committee on Committees: Rev. W. H. Bostic
Rev. H. Ray Berry
Rev. A. F. Ferguson

Nominating Committee: Rev. Bobby Ferguson
Rev. Tiff Covington
Rev. Allen Moore

We were favored with several special numbers in music by the young people. Patricia Parr, Ann and Louise Dixon - "Holy Spirit, Breathe on Me"; Solo by Brother Welch - "I Won't Have to Cross Jordan Alone"; The Young People's Quartet from First Church of Dallas - "He Touched Me"; Beall Sisters from Rock of Ages Church - "Love is Why"; Young men's quartet from First Church, Dallas - "He Washed My Eyes With Tears"; Solo by Mike Harless - "The Way That He Loves."

The Moderator asked all the young people to stand, which was one of the

largest delegation of young people to attend our State meeting.

Brother Cox introduced Brother Eugene Richards as the speaker for the message. Reading as his scripture lesson, Romans 12:1, his subject was: "Peanuts". A challenging message was given.

An offering was received to help in the indebttness of the State office. Amount of offering received was \$99.06.

The Committee on Committees gave their report at this time, as follows:

Resolutions Committee	Rev. Roy Norie, Jr. Rev. Gaston Clary Mr. Avery Bell
Temperance Committee	Rev. J. E. Marecle Bro. Elbert Nations Rev. Alton Kirkland
Obituary Committee	Mrs. Sherman North Mrs. Charlene Denman Mrs. Allen Moore

Amendment to the Constitution read and laid on table. Article IV Sec. I, Representation.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Congregational singing led by Rev. A. F. Ferguson. Prayer offered by Brother Harrison.

Bro. Cox welcomed Rev. Reford Wilson from National Foreign Missions Board, Brothers Lynn Wood, and Baily Thompson from Oklahoma.

Devotional was given by Bro. Wilson from Nashville, Tennessee. Scripture was read from Acts 2:14. He gave greetings from the Mission Board, also requested united prayer for Bro. Willey, a senior missionary very ill.

Partial report of registration and Credential Committee was given. A total of 66 delegates were pesent, 19 District delegates, 47 Church delegates from 5 districts. Total fees from Districts and Churches: \$235.00.

Motion to receive report of Christian Education. (See reports.)

Rev. Allen Moore, Moderator of the West Fork District greeted the State body and welcomed the delegation to the District, after which he led in prayer. Rev. Lynn Wood, promotional secretary of Oklahoma Bible College, greeted the delegation.

Rev. Don Ellis brought greetings from the Children's Home in Greenville, Tennessee.

Motion to receive report of Board of Superannuation. (See reports.)

Greetings from the National Home Missions Department was given by Rev. Bob Shockey of Nashville, Tennessee.
Dismissed for recess.

Worship Service

Congregational singing led by Rev. A. F. Ferguson. Prayer offered by Rev. Bailey Thompson of Poteau, Oklahoma.
A special song was rendered by the three Beall sisters. Also a trio from Pleasant Mound church rendered a special number.
Message was delivered by Rev. Bobby Ferguson, pastor of First Church of Houston. Subject: "The Time has come for more training of Layman in local Church". Scripture was given from Proverbs 22:6.
Dismissed for lunch.

1:30 P.M. Wednesday afternoon

Congregational singing led by Rev. A. F. Ferguson. Prayer was offered by Rev. Hawkins from Oklahoma.
Devotional given by Rev. Melvin Knott of Bryan, Texas. Scripture was read from Romans 1:14.
Rev. Harold Harrison, Promotional representative from Sunday School Department of Nashville, Tennessee, spoke in behalf and brought greetings from the department. Rev. Reford Wilson, Director of Foreign Missions, gave a very informative and challenging message to the body.
Rev. Rufus Coffey offered prayer in behalf of Kenneth and Marvis Eagleton's support.
Final report of Credentials Committee was given, with 5 Districts represented, 32 Churches, and 1 Mission. A. F. Ferguson, Lee Roy Cutler, LeRoy Welch: Credentials Committee.

Report of Nominating Committee was received. The following officers were elected:
Rev. Herbert Richards MODERATOR
Rev. Lee Roy Cutler ASSISTANT MODERATOR
Mrs. Lela Clary CLERK
Mrs. Jessie Ferguson ASSISTANT CLERK
Rev. LeRoy Welch PARLIAMENTARIAN
Rev. Rashie Kenedy and Rev. LeRoy Cutler were elected to serve on the Oklahoma Bible College advisory Board. Rev. Roy Norie, Jr., was elected to serve as State Church Training Service Director.

Report of General Board was given. (See reports.)

Motion to accept Budget Committee's report.

Motion to leave Co-op break-down as is. Budget as follows:

Missions-Church Extension	\$6,500.00
State Office	2,600.00
Christian Education	650.00
Superannuation	325.00
National Allocation	1,300.00
	\$11,375.00

Motion that the two men recommended by the General Board, Rev. H. Z. Cox and Rev. Rashie Kennedy be sent to represent the State of Texas when the National Executive Committee meets to discuss controversy which has arisen, concerning the state of the backslider, and that their expense be provided by the State. The Meeting is called for December 2, 1968 in Nashville, Tennessee at 5:00 P.M.

Rev. Bobby Ferguson read the following resolution from the floor:

"Whereas, Texas and Oklahoma Free Will Baptists have enjoyed fellowship and a working relationship, and Whereas, This relationship has been endangered by the recent Treatise change, suggested by the State of Oklahoma, Be it resolved that a letter be written to Oklahoma State Association, requesting that they prayerfully consider withdrawing this request for Treatise change."

Motion carried.

Report of Executive-Secretary given by Rev. Rashie Kennedy. Report received. (See reports.)

Woman's Auxiliary report given by Mrs. Asa Berry. (See reports.)

Wednesday Evening Service, 7:30 P.M.

Brother Mackie Adams led the congregational singing. Prayer offered by Rev. H. Ray Berry.

Brother Cox presented a plaque to Brother Bob Harless for outstanding layman of the year. He also presented Rev. Herbert Richards a plaque for outstanding Minister of the year.

The Harless Brothers from the Dallas Church sang a special number.

Rev. H. Ray Berry, Chairman of Missions-Church Extension work, gave a brief look at Missions.

Special numbers were given by Rev. Kenneth Brandon, the Holt Sisters,

Rev. and Mrs. Albert Keech. Brother Adams led the Choir in a special musical number.

Rev. Bob Shockey was introduced as the speaker. Scripture was read from Acts 2:42-47. Subject: "The time has come to Expand or Expire."

An invitation was given to come to the altar for prayer and dedication. After many came, and prayer was offered, Brother Shockey asked the Eagleton family to come forward, and the entire congregation joined hands around the wall of the church, forming a complete circle. Rev. Rufus Coffey offered prayer for the Home Mission fronts, and Rev. Reford Wilson continued the prayer for the Foreign Mission fronts.

An offering was received for Missions, which was divided between Foreign and Home Missions. \$168.64 was received.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. H. Z. Cox.

THURSDAY MORNING, 9:00 A.M.

Singing led by Rev. A. F. Ferguson. Prayer offered by Rev. Clarence Hearson, Dean of Oklahoma Bible College.

Devotional given by Rev. Kenneth Eagleton, Missionary from Brazil. Scripture taken from Proverbs 11:24-25. Subject: "Scattering to Increase."

Motion to take from the table the constitutional change. (The change was a deletion.) ARTICLE IV. Representation — Deleting these words: "And one delegate for each one hundred dollars given during the previous year to our denominational ministries through the cooperative plan of support." Motion carried.

The Central Texas District Association invited the State meeting to meet with them in 1969. Motion to accept the invitation.

Motion to accept Report of Resolution Committee, and act upon it item by item. (See reports.)

Motion that the Chair appoint three men on the Planning Committee for location of the Nation Association. The appointees were Rev. Bobby Ferguson, Rev. Rashie Kennedy, and Rev. W. H. Bostic.

Motion that the clerk be paid \$50.00 as an honorarium, and the assistant receive \$10.00

Motion to take a poll on what type of minutes the delegation wanted. The less expensive minute was desired. Suggested an off-set printing.

Motion to receive the Obituary Report, and that the body stand in silent prayer in memory of services rendered by those gone on before. Prayer was offered audibly by Rev. Herbert Richards for those who mourned the passing of loved ones.

Motion to receive Missions-Church Extension report given by Rev. A. F. Ferguson.

Worship Service, 11:00 A.M.

Congregational singing led by Rev. A. F. Ferguson. Prayer offered by Rev. Homer Tumbleson.

Special music: Patricia Parr, Ann and Louise Dixon from Pleasant Mound Church.

Brother Cox introduced Rev. Rufus Coffey, National Executive Secretary for the message of the hour. Scriptures were given from Proverbs 8:22-23,28 and II Timothy 4:3. Subject: "The Time has Come". Text: "The Lord shall rule over you."

Prayer by Rev. Coffey.

Motion to adjourn.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL BOARD MEETING

July 30, 1968

10:30 A.M. Tuesday

The Moderator, (Rev. H. Z. Cox), read scripture from I Timothy 4:1. Prayer was offered by Rev. A. F. Ferguson.

The Moderator called attention to the business of appointing two men to recommend to the body, to represent Texas at the National Meeting, on the controversy of the backslider's relationship before God.

Motion that we state chapter 13 of Treatise, as our official stand on this problem. Chapter 13: 'Perseverance of the Saints': *There are strong grounds to hope that the truly regenerate will persevere unto the end, and be saved, through the power of divine grace which is pledged for their support; but their future obedience and final salvation are neither determined nor certain, since through infirmity and manifold temptations they are in danger of falling; and they ought, therefore, to watch and pray lest they make shipwreck of their faith and be lost.* (End of Article of Faith)

Motion that our representatives be instructed to encourage unity.

Bro. Cox and Bro. Kennedy were recommended as the two men to represent Texas. Bro. Cox asked Bro. Berry to preside over the meeting in his temporary absence.

Motion to receive the report of the Executive Secretary, with the recommendations. Motion to recommend this report in its entirety.

Request was made to discuss these recommendations item by item:

1. That we buy property in Austin suitable for State Office and for living quarters for the Executive Secretary. Motion defeated.

2. That we trade the old worn out mimeograph machine for a new one or a

better one. Motion carried. To be referred to Executive Committee.

3. Include a Budget report. Brothers Kennedy, Berry, and Aulds were appointed by moderator to draw up the Budget for 1968-69. (Budget given in minutes.)

4. That we urge and show good reason why each church should tithe as a minimum to the District of which it is a member. Motion carried.

5. That we urge and show good reason why each District should give this tithe to the State work on a 50/50 basis as a minimum support. Motion carried.

6. That the State Office receive 40% of the Co-op funds, and the rest be divided as follows: 20% National Association, 25% State Missions, 10% Christian Education, 5% Superannuation. This was defeated.

Motion to leave it as is. The present allocations are as follows: 30% National Association, 30% State Office, 25% State Missions, 10% Christian Education, 5% Superannuation.

7. That we urge each district to elect, appoint, or hire a reporter to report news, send reports, dates of meetings, etc. Please have them to edit and type it double spaced and send it to the State office. We also urge all Boards, Auxiliaries, Committees, Pastors, and Churches to send their news for the "Challenge" to this reporter ready for printing. Motion carried.

8. Check on possibility of setting up literature, book and general sales by mail or walk-in store. Motion carried.

9. That we appeal to all our people across the State to pray for and give their loyal support to our State work. Motion carried.

10. That we very graciously thank all of those individuals and churches for their support during the past months.

The Moderator called attention to the "Digest of Reports" and they were reviewed. Motion that we receive and pass on the reports to the main body.

Meeting adjourned by prayer.

The Executive Committee gave their voice and vote to a request from the Caprock Association in the State of Texas, to withdraw from the Texas Association to form a new Association in the State of New Mexico, to be named the "The Land of Enchantment Association of Free Will Baptists." This letter was granted by the Executive Committee of the State Association of Free Will Baptists of Texas.

REPORT OF RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

1. Be it resolved that we again extend the invitation to the National Association to meet in Texas in 1972, That we elect a planning committee to follow through with this invitation.

2. Be it resolved that item No. 6 of 1967 resolutions be retained in the resolution report for 1968 for the sake of our Churches.

Resolution No. 6 of 1967: "... Whereas, the National Association of Free Will Baptists, 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 Baptists 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.

3. Be it resolved that our Executive Secretary send a personal letter to each of our pastors, urging them to attend the State Association, 60 days before the State Meeting, also including letter form for Church.

4. Be it resolved that the Texas State Association express its thanks for the hospitality of the West Fork District Association for its wonderful way of entertaining the State Meeting.

Rev. Roy Norie, Jr.

Rev. Gaston Clary

Bro. Avery Bell

TEMPERANCE REPORT

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 pressure, 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 tendencies concerning riots and demonstrations that are sweeping our nations, let us encourage our people to teach peace and love.

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

6. Be it resolved that we as Christians abstain from the use or sale of alcohol or harmful drugs and teach others of its harmful effects.

7. Be it resolved that we as Free Will Baptists exalt and promote our denomination, rather than criticize or degrade.

J. E. Marecle

Elbert Nations

Alton Kirkland

OBITUARY REPORT

We submit the following report of those who have passed on.

MIDESSA DISTRICT

C. E. Johnson	Midland, Texas
Evelyn Fitch	Bible Church, Odessa
Bob Fitch	Bible Church, Odessa
Nora Alexander	Bible Church, Odessa
Mae Hastings	Lubbock

NORTH WEST BRAZOS DISTRICT

Rev. James E. Rogers	Vernon
Mrs. G. W. Golden	Crowell
Mr. Jody Brown	Crowell

EAST TEXAS DISTRICT

Mr. Frank Broome	Mt. Olive Church
Mrs. Bertha Broome	Mt. Olive Church
Mr. Elmer Hill	Youngblood Church
Mrs. Johnson	Carthage Church
Two members	Union Arbor Church
Mr. Bunyon Strong	First Church Henderson

CENTRAL TEXAS DISTRICT

Mr. Virgil Jackson	First Church, Houston
Mr. Lynn Jenniche	First Church, Houston
L. B. Burchart	First Church, Houston

WEST FORK DISTRICT

Mrs. Etta Jones	Wichita Falls
Mr. Bob Haston	Wichita Falls
Rev. Arthur Hearon	Gartman View, Comanche
Mr. Hubert Gossitt	Liberty Church, Comanche
Mrs. La Rue Dodd	
Rev. R. C. (Dick) Dodd	
Mr. Wesley Brown	
Mrs. Eula Inman	
Mrs. J. H. Marecle	
Mr. J. H. Marecle	
Mrs. Ella Mabry	
Mrs. F. F. Phillips	

Mrs. Clyde Martin
Mrs. Pearl Jones
Mrs. Bess Morrison
Mrs. Verda Walker

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Allen Moore
Mrs. Charlene Denman
Mrs. Sherman North

NOTICE: The Historical Commission still needs minutes of the State Association of Free Will Baptists for the years of 1925, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, and 33. If any one has one or more of these minutes, it would be of great help to our Historical Commission. Send them to the Executive Secretary or Clerk.

STATE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY REPORT – 1968

Membership	240
Average Attendance	153
Members contributing to Missions	216
Number of tithers beginning of year	140
New tithers	27
Present number of tithers	167
Number A Standard Auxiliaries reported	3
Number B Standard Auxiliaries reported	6
Number C Standard Auxiliaries reported	5
Study Courses conducted	52
Total Attendance	391
Daily Bible readers	218
Special programs held	50
Seasons of prayer	58
Observing prayer fellowship	55
Number engaged in personal service	155
Number making soul-winning contacts	139
Number souls won	24
Articles written for publication	30

Letters and cards	434
Church bulletins assisted with	55

Number subscribers to Contact	133
Number subscribers to Co-Laborer	215
Number subscribing to State paper	135
Number participating in special missions emphasis	160
Numbers reading "Heartbeat"	220
Number reading Mission-Grams	121
Number contributing to Missionary Provisions Closet	127

Giving highlights:

Student loan fund	\$ 47.50
Bible College	64.25
Co-Laborers	146.56
Total giving	\$2,605.12

Representation at State Convention:

Districts	5
State Officers	9
Registered delegates	43

The State project last year was \$30.00 from each local Auxiliary to be equally divided between schooling for Palmer children and the Bible College expansion programs. Received total of \$659.72, or \$329.56 to each.

The project this year is a suggested quota of \$50.00 from each local to be sent through regular channels to State Home Missions-Church Extension, to strengthen the Home front in a crucial time of need.

Mrs. Asa Berry, President

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

When the Executive Secretary was placed upon me in August 3, 1967, I felt a heavy burden somewhat like Paul expressed in II Corinthians 11:28 when he said, "Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches." There has been things from without like having to hold down a job for much needed income. There has been the responsibility of my own local pastorate. There has been other responsibilities but my main care and concern has been to fulfill my responsibility to our State work.

I have endeavored to build a strong fellowship among our pastors and churches. I have not been able to visit many local churches. All the districts have been visited. There is a real Christian love prevailing among our people in their own districts. This needs to be cultivated more and more. There is not enough communication between the districts to cultivate this love and fellowship as we need.

The Challenge has helped to bridge this gap somewhat. About 1200 copies of the Challenge goes out each month. We need more cooperation from each district to make the Challenge more effective. We need each church and district to support the Cooperative Plan 100%. We need more news coming in each month. We need reporters from each district to gather news and send to us each month.

Thank you for praying for me. Thank you for the support through the coop and other ways that has made my work possible. Please keep on doing both of these things as the Lord burdens your heart.

The coming year will challenge us even more as we endeavor to:

- 1 – Move and set up the Executive office in Austin, Texas.
- 2 – Find ways and means to improve the service.
- 3 – Continue to get out the Challenge.
- 4 – Visit each pastor and church if at all possible.
- 5 – Keep up the correspondance.
- 6 – Assist the churches in finding pastors and pastors to find fields of service.
- 7 – Work to establish a church in Austin.
- 8 – Attend the many meetings necessary to the progress of our State work.
- 9 – Attend the National meetings.
- 10 – Keep each of you on my prayer list.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1 – That we buy property in Austin suitable for State office and for living quarters for the Executive Secretary.
- 2 – That we trade the old worn out mimeograph machine for a new one or a better one.
- 3 – Other recommendations will be read in the General Board's report. These will include a budget, etc.

**FINANCIAL REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
FOR AUGUST THROUGH DECEMBER, 1967**

RECEIPTS BY DISTRICTS	CO-OP	CHANNELED	DESIGNATED
CENTRAL	536.54	794.42	139.87
WEST FORK	409.64	1051.68	107.60
EAST TEXAS	217.21	169.27	217.69
MIDESSA	1040.99	69.23	
NORTH W. BRAZOS	5.00		33.03
AUXILIARY & OTHERS			63.61
TOTALS	\$2,209.38	\$2,084.60	\$561.80

TOTALS COMING THROUGH STATE RECORDS

CO-OP Receipts	\$2,209.38
Checks Channeled	2,084.60
Designated Receipts	561.80
TOTAL	\$4,855.78

COOPERATIVE FUND DISBURSED

State Office Account — 30%	662.42
National — 30%	662.81
State Missions — 25%	552.34
State Christian Education — 10%	220.95
State Superannuation — 5%	110.86
TOTAL	\$2,209.38

CHANNELED CHECKS

Foreign Missions	\$1,319.82
F. W. B. Bible College	426.36
State Home Missions	219.81
National Home Missions	112.61
National CTS Department	6.00
TOTAL	\$2,084.60

DESIGNATED RECEIPTS

Foreign Missions	\$117.84
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F. W. B. Bible College	198.01
State Missions	157.55
TOTAL	\$468.40

STATE OFFICE RECEIPTS

Former Executive Secretary	\$ 116.64
Dues From State Meeting	215.00
Offering at State Meeting	80.00
CO-OP Percentage	662.42
Designated Gifts	93.40
TOTALS	\$1,167.46

STATE OFFICE DISBURSMENTS

By Check

Salary	\$250.00
Honorarium	150.00
Supplies	177.67
Travel	140.10
Postage	83.00
Equipment Debt	60.00
Office Help	32.00
Phone Bills	16.86
TOTAL BY CHECK	\$909.63

CASH DISBURSMENTS

Brother Eubanks Travel	\$ 22.00
Supplies	5.78
Trailer Rental	19.13
TOTAL BY CASH	\$ 46.91

TOTAL OFFICE DISBURSMENT\$956.54

TOTAL CASH TO ACCOUNT FOR\$3,182.82

DISBURSED:

To Co-Op Causes Other Than State	\$1,546.96
By State Office	956.54

To Designated Causes	468.40
TOTAL DISBURSED	\$.2,971.90
BALANCE IN ACCOUNT January 1, 1968	\$.210.90

Thanks to each individual, to each pastor, each church and to our districts for their liberality in making this report possible. Thanks for your prayers.

By Rashie Kennedy, Sr.
Executive Secretary

**REPORT OF TEXAS FREE WILL BAPTIST
MISSIONS-CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD
January 1 through December 31, 1967**

We submit the following report:

The past year has not been outstanding in it's giving or achievements, but things have been accomplished through our Districts and State Boards.

We are deeply grateful to Rev. Charles Hampton and his wife for leading in the work in Austin after Brother Henderson's resignation.

We are also grateful for the support from the churches, districts and each individual that helped in any way, through their prayers and financial support. May we lift our eyes and look upon the whited fields, and re-double our efforts and support for our mission work.

Most of our Districts have a mission work started within their area. May we urge everyone to prayer and support for their establishment.

The following is an account of our financial giving, spending, and status:

BANK BALANCE January 1, 1967	\$.2,226.23
Total Deposits	\$.2,269.46
Total Expense	\$3,157.62
Total Giving: Cooperative	\$1,102.58
Total Giving: Designated	\$1,166.88
	(Operation capitol, earmarked)

EXPENDITURES:

Salary for Rev. H. L. Henderson	\$2,802.00
Travel Expense for Board Members	77.80
Bond & Checks Books	8.50
Breakfast for Missionaries	20.24
Phone Calls (itinerate for Volena Wilson)	39.33

National Home Mission Board	42.37
Foreign Mission Board	42.37
Designated for Austin Work	125.01
TOTAL	\$3,157.62

**DESIGNATED FOR OPERATION CAPITOL AND PROPERTY
FOR AUSTIN:**

Caprock District	\$ 12.94
Central Texas District	249.05
State Woman's Auxiliary	133.08
Waco, First Church	10.00
Houston, First Church	25.00
Good Hope Church, Henderson	47.39
Odessa First Church	5.00
West Fork District	61.40
Bayshore Church, Bacliff	12.00
TOTAL	\$355.86

Offering at State Meeting	305.60
East Texas District (for Austin)	75.00
(Not deposited) Forwarded to churches.	
East Texas District (for Victoria)	75.00
(Not deposited) Forwarded to churches.	
Faith Church, Wichita Falls	26.78
(Not deposited) Forwarded to churches.	
First Church, Henderson, Texas	7.14
(Not deposited) Forwarded to churches.	
Undesignated or Source of Giving Unknown	305.42
TOTAL	\$1,166.88

BALANCE IN BANK December 31, 1967 \$1,338.07

A. F. Ferguson, Secretary-Treasurer

As Treasurer of the State Board of Christian Education, I submit the following report for the year beginning January 1, 1967 through December 31, 1967:

BEGINNING BALANCE – January 1, 1967	\$236.74
Deposits During the Year	463.09
TOTAL	\$699.83

PAID OUT:

Mrs. Leroy Cutler, Postage, Etc.	\$ 10.00
Leroy Cutler, Gas Mileage Expense	21.72
John Warren, Gas Mileage, Expense	3.12
N. C. T. S. Board, Entrance Fee	28.00
Rev. Keech, Honorarium CTS Rally, Midland	25.00
Deleen Austin, Bible Bowl Winner	25.00
Carolyn Baker, Bible Bowl Winner	25.00
Shirley Murphy, 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 Winner	25.00
Bobby Carl Farmer, Declamation Winner	25.00
Gerald Pennington, Sword Drill	25.00
N. C. T. S. Board, Trophies	32.93
Total Checks	\$370.77
BALANCE January 1, 1968	\$329.06

Mackie B. Adams

REPORT OF TEXAS BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION
January 1, 1967 to January 1, 1968

BALANCE ON HAND January 1, 1967	\$296.75
Total Received January 1, 1967 - January, 1968	253.31
Total to Account For	\$550.06
Paid Sister Tom Smith, Jan., 1967 - Jan., 1968	60.00
Paid National Superannuation	25.33
Total expenditures	\$85.33
BALANCE ON HAND	\$464.73

To All Texas Ministers:

I refer you to our National Digest of Reports, page 2 "Report of Superannuation Board" which made three outstanding recommendations

after a long period of intensive study. I state in brief from those three recommendations for your consideration.

1. PROGRAM. To provide insurance protection of a minimum of \$2,500.00 with an option to increase each two years to reach a maximum of \$15,000.00 which may be converted to cash at age 65 to supplement retirement. In this program the local church would be encouraged to support the premiums of the insured.

2. PROMOTION. When this plan is approved, an immediate campaign of promotional materials in the form of brochures for distribution and articles for publication in the denominational literature would be launched. After this, a planning session for putting policies into effect would be set.

3. PROVISION. The administrative and financial involvement would come from contributions received on services rendered through the policies; also, from which a full time director would be employed by the Board. His duties include counseling on insurance and promotion of the program.

Further, I urge each minister to take a real honest look at his financial future. Previous efforts on the part of several Texas pastors, including myself, to establish insurance programs have failed. Here is a possible solution.

Rev. Elvis H. Fielding

OUR LITERATURE

We have some of the most wonderful literature of any denomination. Our Sunday School literature is now written by Free Will Baptists. Our Church Training Service literature is likewise written by our own people. In both departments, the Sunday School and the C.T.S., we have excellent text books for training of our local church people.

The Master's Men has a good quarterly with all other material needed for the men of each church to get together and organize a "Master's Men Chapter" in their church.

The Woman's Auxiliary has all the good literature needed to successfully carry on their work in the local church.

We have camp literature that is just great.

For each individual who is concerned about their daily devotions we have a booklet called "DEPTH" which has a devotional for each day in the month.

For those young people who plan to go to college, the Free Will Baptist Bible College has a catalogue and an annual which will assist you in your plans.

The Foreign Missions Department has HEARTBEAT magazine just for the asking. The Home Missions Department has MISSION-GRAM which will be sent free.

CONTACT magazine is the best denominational paper I know of anywhere. It costs only \$2.00 per year to subscribe. I highly recommend that each family in our Texas churches subscribe to it.

Our own "TEXAS CHALLENGE" is proving a real blessing to our work in Texas.

All the above mentioned literature can be ordered from; P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202. The CHALLENGE, from State Office, P.O. Box 3101 Austin, Texas 73704

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. 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.

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, Parliamentary, 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 and 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.

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 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 the 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 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.

