

MINUTES
of the
SIXTIETH ANNUAL
SESSION
of the
TEXAS STATE ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
when convened with
MIDESSA DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
at
WEST SIDE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
MIDLAND, TEXAS
June 6-7, 1974

The next session will be held with the
Central Texas District

TEXAS STATE ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
1974 - 1975

OFFICERS

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STANDING BOARDS

MISSIONS - CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD

Bro. A. V. Jennische	1975
Rev. Roy Norie, Jr.	1975
Rev. H. Ray Berry	1976
Bro. Bob Harless	1976
Bro. Charles Denman	1977
Bro. Jerry McArthur	1977

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

Rev. Bob Scott	1975
Rev. Earl Scroggins	1976
Rev. Thurmon Murphy	1976
Rev. Glenn Hood	1977
Rev. Eugene Richards	1977

RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE BOARD

Rev. Harold Teague	1975
Rev. Dave Wilkes	1976
Bro. J. Leroy Scudder	1976
Rev. Leroy Cutler	1977
Rev. James Reddick	1977



FREE WILL BAPTIST
BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented By

Rev. Jim Williams

PROCEEDINGS

Thursday Evening, June 6, 1974

The sixtieth annual session of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the Midessa District Association at the West Side Free Will Baptist Church in Midland with the Moderator, Rev. Allen Moore, presiding.

The Moderator called the state meeting into session.

Er. J. Leroy Scudder led the congregation in singing "How Great Thou Art" and "Love is the Theme". Rev. and Mrs. Harold Teague with Judy Smith sang "The Lighthouse" and "There's Something About That Name".

The State CTS Competitive Activities Awards were presented by Rev. Glenn Hood and the Christian Education Board. Winners were as follows.

Adventurers Declaration	Glenda Humbles
Heralds Declaration	Glenda Hood
Crusaders Declaration	Arlene Davis
Bible Sword Drill	Andy Walton
Bible Tic-Tac-Toe	Midessa District Team (West Side Church)
Bible Bowl	West Fork District Team (Garland First Church)
Music and Arts Ensemble	The Winglers
Music and Arts Solo	Cynthia Cutler
Keyboard	Mary McCowan

The Christian Education Board awarded Bible College scholarships to Ronnie Mizzles and Ladonna Covington.

Rev. Jerry Rhodes, Promotional Director of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College brought greetings from the school and challenged the body concerning Christian Education. He reported on Hillsdale's progress and requested prayer and financial support.

Rev. Milton Crowson, instructor at Free Will Baptist Bible College on tour in Texas, brought greetings from Nashville, reported the progress of the Bible College and asked prayer and financial support of the Churches of Texas.

Rev. Moore delivered the Moderator's address from Isaiah 41:6-7. Using as His thought, "They helped everyone his neighbor."

An offering was received for the expenses of the State Office.

Rev. Malcolm Fry sang "I'd Rather Have Jesus"

The Moderator introduced Rev. Thomas Marberry, who delivered the evening message from Col. 1:24-28, using the meeting theme "Reaching Forth" as his subject. It was a powerful message followed by an effective invitation in which some responded by coming forward to ask for increased faith to meet the tasks that lie ahead in their ministries.

The Moderator and Assistant Moderator appointed the following committees.

Nominating Committee

Rev. James Reddick
Rev. H. Z. Cox
Rev. Clyde Tucker
Mr. Charles Reeves
Mr. J. Leroy Scudder

Committee on Committees

Rev. Herbert Richards
Rev. M. L. Crosby
Mr. Charles Denman

Upon the Moderator's request, Rev. Thomas Marberry read the constitutional amendments proposed by the General Board.

The Motion carried to table action on the proposed constitutional amendments until Friday's session.

The Moderator declared the State Meeting in recess until Friday Morning.

Friday Morning, June 7, 1974

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Mr. Dave Wilkes led in prayer.

Rev. Tom Hunt brought the morning devotional from Philippians 3:12-14.

The Credentials Committee Report was given by the Clerk and accepted by the body. (See Report #1) The delegates were seated.

Rev. Ken Eagleton, Missionary to Brazil, brought greetings from the National Foreign Missions Department and asked Texas Free Will Baptists for prayer and financial support of the ministry of Foreign Missions.

The Missions - Church Extension Board Report was given by Mr. Charles Denman and Rev. H. Ray Berry and was accepted. (See Report #5)

Texas Home and Foreign Missionarys were recognized and given opportunity to speak. Those present were;;

Judy Smith	East Texas District	To Japan
Carol Baker (Jim Williams spoke in her behalf)	Central Texas District	To France
Bob Barlowe	Home Missionary to Abilene	
Tom Hunt	Home Missionary to Houston	

The Christian Education Board Report was given by Rev Earl Scroggins and was accepted. (See Report #6)

Rev. Malcolm Fry, National CTS Director, brought greetings from his department and challenged our churches concerning the Training Ministry.

The Retirement and Insurance Board Report was given by Mr. J. Leroy Scudder and was accepted. (See Report #7)

Rev. N. R. Smith of the National Sunday School Department brought greetings from his department and asked prayer and support of Texas Churches.

Mrs. Asa Berry gave the report of the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention. The report was accepted. (See Report #12) Recess

The worship service opened with Bro. Scudder leading the congregation in singing "Rescue the Perishing" and "I Will Sing of My Redeemer". Rev. Malcolm Fry sang "All That Thrills My Soul Is Jesus".

The Moderator introduced Rev. Don Ellis who delivered an inspiring gospel message from Philippians 3:14, speaking on "Our Eternal Destiny".

The report of the Committee on Committees was given by Rev. Herbert Richards and was accepted. (See Report #3)

The motion carried to hear the General Board Report and act upon their recommendations item by item in the afternoon session. (See Report #2)

Rev. Eugene Richards gave the Report of the Special Committee on Co-op allocations. The motion carried to accept the reading of the report and act upon the recommendations item by item. Both items carried. (See Report # 11)

Recess for lunch

Bro. Scudder led the congregation in singing "Anywhere With Jesus. Rev. Eugene Richards led in prayer. Bro. Scudder led the congregation in singing "Ready".

Rev. Bob Barlowe brought the afternoon devotional from Acts 4:14.

Rev. James Reddick gave the Nominating Committees report which was accepted to be acted upon item by item. State Officers and Standing Board Members were elected. (See Report #4)

The Executive Secretary's report was given by Mr. Jim Williams and accepted. (See Report #13)

The General Board Report was read by the Clerk. Recommendations 1 through 4 were adopted by the body. (See Report #2) Upon reading of General Board recommendation #5, A motion carried that the proposed amendments to the constitution be removed from the table and acted upon item by item.

The proposed amendments were read by the Assistant Clerk.

All proposed constitutional amendments were adopted by the body with the exception of proposed amendment #3 which was rejected. (See Report #2)

The Motion carried to amend proposed amendment #6 by adding the following "nominations for the position of Executive Secretary may also be made from the floor." (See Report #2)

The Motion carried to amend proposed amendment #9 by inserting the word "voting" before the word "membership". (See Report #2)

Recommendations 6 through 8 of the General Board Report were adopted by the body. (See Report #2)

The motion carried to amend recommendation #6 of the General Board Report by diloting "March 1" and substituting in lieu thereof "April 1."

The Obituary Committee report was given by Mrs. Artelle Cox and was accepted. (See Report #10)

The congregation stood for a moment of silent prayer in memory of the deceased. Rev. Roy Norie, Jr. led in prayer.

The Clerk read the Resolutions Committee Report. (See Report #8)

The motion carried to accept the reading of the Resolutions Committee Report and act upon the recommendations item by item. (See Report #8)

The body stood in a rising vote of thanks to the Midessa District Association and the West Side Free Will Baptist Church for Their Hospitality in hosting this State Meeting.

The Temperance Committee Report was given by Rev. Jerry McArthur and was accepted. (See Report #9)

The motion carried to recess until the Evening Service.

Recess

Friday evening, June 7

The meeting was called to order by the moderator, Bro. Moore. Glen Hood led in the singing of "Have Faith in God." N. R. Smith led in prayer. Bro. Hood then led in the singing of "Victory in Jesus." An offering was received for the State Office with the prayer of thanks given by Bro. Tom Hunt. Special music was presented by the host church.

Bro. Herbert Richards of Corpus Christi then brought the evening message using as his text Eph. 4: 11-24.

The meeting was dismissed in prayer by Bro. Glen Hood.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

(Report #1)

All six districts reported listing seventeen (17) district delegates and \$90. district dues.

WEST FORK DISTRICT	letter	nine delegates	\$25.00 dues
EAST TEXAS DISTRICT	letter	no delegates	15.00 dues
NORTHWEST BRAZOS DIST.	letter	one delegate	10.00 dues
CENTRAL TEXAS DIST.	letter	five delegates	20.00 dues
MISSION DISTRICT	letter	two delegates	10.00 dues
MIDESSA DISTRICT	no letter	no delegates	10.00dues

Nineteen churches reported listing twenty-two church delegates and \$95. Church dues.

CHURCHES REPORTING

FIRST GARLAND	TWO delegates
FELLOWSHIP, BRAZIN	no delegates
EVERGREEN, IOLA	no delegates
UNITED, BRYAN	no delegates
FIRST, LUBBOCK	two delegates
FIRST, DENISON	one delegates
FRIENDSHIP, FT. WORTH	two delegates
FIRST, CROWELL	no delegates
FAITH, SAN ANTONIO	no delegates
CHRIST'S, CORPUS CHRISTI	one delegate
MT. OLIVE	one delegate
FIRST, BRYAN	one delegate
TRINITY, FORT WORTH	two delegates
WEST SIDE, MIDLAND	two delegates
BASHORE, BACLIFF	two delegates
BIBLE, ODESSA	no delegates
FIRST, ODESSA	two delegates
FIRST, DALLAS	two delegates
FIRST, AUSTIN	two delegates

Total District and Church delegation(unordained)
Total District and Church dues

39
\$185.00

GENERAL BOARD REPORT

(Report # 2)

June 6, 1974

The General Board was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Allen Moore, who read NAMES 2:16-17.

The General Board consisted of the following members:

MODERATOR AND MEMBER OF EACH DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

West Fork District	Rev. Owen Barger
	Rev. Jerry McArthur
Central Texas District	Rev. Eugene Richards
	Rev. Bobby Ferguson
East Texas District	Rev. Harold Teague
	Rev. Clyde Tucker
Midessa District	Rev. Lionel Cocksey
	Rev. James Reddick
Northwest Brazos District	Rev. M. L. Crosby
Mission District	Rev. Herbert Richards
	Mr. Charles Reeves

CHAIRMEN OF THE STANDING BOARDS

Board of Retirement and Insurance	Rev. Leroy Cutler
Board of Christian Education	Rev. Earl Scroggins
Board of Missions and Church Extension	Rev. Roy Norie, Jr.

STATE OFFICERS

Moderator	Rev. Allen Moore
Clerk	Rev. Bob Thornburgh
Assistant Clerk	Rev. Thomas Marberry
Executive-Secretary	Mr. Jim Williams

The General Board adopted the following recommendations:

1. We recommend the acceptance of the program
2. We recommend the acceptance of the Missions - Church Extension Board Report, the Christian Education Board report, and the Retirement and Insurance Board report. *
3. We recommend the acceptance of the Executive-Secretary's report.
4. We recommend the acceptance of the proposed budget for the state office. *
5. We recommend the acceptance of the following proposed constitutional amendments:
(following page)

* see Board Reports

* see Executive Secretary's report

GENERAL BOARD REPORT (continued)

6. We recommend that all statistical reports of the State Association run from January 1 to December 31.
7. We recommend that all district and board reports be in the hands of the Executive Secretary by March 1.
8. We recommend that the Executive Committee be authorized to investigate the possibility of having state meetings in hotels and motels, and that they also investigate the possibility of a central location for the state meeting.

A motion carried that the Moderator appoint a committee to study the allocation of Co-op funds. Rev. Glenn Hood, Rev. Leroy Cutler, Rev. H. Ray Berry, Rev. Herbert Eugene Richards and Mr. Jim Williams were appointed to this committee.

Committee on Committees Report

Report # 3

Resolutions Committee

Rev. Roy Norie, Chm.
Mr. Leo Hyman
Rev. Thurman Murphy

Temperance Committee

Rev. Glen Hood, Chm.
Rev. Earl Scroggins
Rev. Jerry McArthur

Obituary Committee

Mrs. Margaret Richards
Mrs. Peggy Humbles
Mrs. Artelle Cox

Nominating Committee Report

Report # 4

The nominating Committee met and the following names were placed in nomination for officers of the State and standing board members.

Moderator	Rev. Allen Moore
Ass't. Moderator	Rev. Owen Barger
Clerk	Rev. Bob Thornburgh
Ass't. Clerk	Rev. Thomas Marberry
Parliamentarian	Rev. Herbert Richards

Mission Board member	Mr. Charles Denman
	Rev. Jerry McArthur
Christian Education Board	Rev. Eugene Richards
	Rev. Glen Hood
Retirement & Ins. Board	Rev. Leroy Cutler
	Rev. James Reddick

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the Texas Association of
Free Will Baptists

Proposed amendment no. 1-- to amend Article IX Section 6 by adding the following at the end of the first paragraph thereof: "He shall be an ex-officio member of all the boards of this State Association and shall serve as Texas' representative on the General Board of the National Association."

Proposed amendment no. 2-- to amend Article X section 8 by striking out the entire section and substituting in lieu thereof the following: "The Board of Retirement and Insurance shall cooperate with the Retirement and Insurance Board of the National Association and the Retirement and Insurance boards of the various districts in formulating retirement and insurance protection for the ministers of Texas. Presently existing programs of superannuation may be continued at the discretion of the Board."

Proposed amendment no. 3-- to amend Article VI by striking out the article and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

"Section 1. The State Association shall investigate any question of discipline, doctrine, or practice that may come before it from any church or district comprising this Association and make recommendations to correct such erroneous views.

"Section 2: Delegates from a church or district association in question as to its discipline, doctrine, or practice may not be seated until the question has been settled, but such delegates must be given an opportunity to present a defense before the Credentials Committee.

"Section 3: Decisions of the Credentials Committee may be appealed to the State Association.

"Section 4: Discipline shall consist only in the withdrawal of fellowship from an offending church or association. In no case shall this association abrogate the autonomy of local churches or district associations."

Proposed amendment no. 4-- to amend Article XI Section 3 by striking out the entire section and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

"Section 3: The Nominating Committee shall present nominations for the standing boards and the state officers with the exception of the Executive Secretary, but the Association shall in no wise prevent members from making other nominations from the floor."

Proposed amendment no. 5-- to amend Article X Section 4 by adding to the third paragraph thereof the following: "Such notification shall consist of a registered letter sent to the moderator and clerk of each district association."

Proposed amendment no. 6-- to amend Article X Section 4 by adding to the first paragraph thereof the following: "It shall also make nominations for the position of Executive Secretary."

Proposed amendment no. 7-- to amend Article V Section 3 by striking out the words "ten dollars" and substituting in lieu thereof "twenty dollars."

Proposed amendment no. 8-- to amend Article V Section 4 by striking out the words "five dollars" and substituting in lieu thereof "ten dollars."

Proposed amendment no. 9-- to amend Article XII by adding a new sentence to read, "Written copies must be provided to the membership at the time the amendment is tabled."

MISSIONS and CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD REPORT
(Report #5)

TEXAS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

MISSIONS - CHURCH EXTENSION

Treasurer's Report

1973

Balance on Hand January 1, 1973 \$ 1,629.82

Receipts during 1973:

Co-op \$ 1,380.66
St. Woman's Auxiliary 668.92
Central Texas District 180.00

Total Receipts \$ 2,229.58

Balance on Hand Plus Receipts \$ 3,859.40

Disbursements during 1973:

National Foreign Missions 825.00
Travel 315.89
Telephone & Postage 49.43
Abilene 1,000.00
Amarillo (Ins. Prem.) 28.79

Total Disbursements \$ 2,219.11

Balance on Hand December 31, 1973 \$ 1,640.29

Submitted by,
Charles Denman,
Sec. - Treas.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD REPORT

(Report #6)

TEXAS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 6-10-73 THROUGH 5-31-74

Balance on Hand 6-10-73.....		\$1,101.54
Youth Travel.....	\$ 206.27	
General Fund.....	895.27	

Receipts:	Westside FWBC-Midland.....	\$ 36.00	
	Pine Prairie FWBC.....	18.00	
	First FWBC of Denison.....	36.00	
	First FWBC of Houston.....	36.00	
	Debbie Stewart.....	10.00	
	Max Chapman.....	5.00	
	Mission District.....	50.00	
	First FWBC of Austin.....	36.00	
	Zion FWBC.....	3.00	
	Total for Youth Travel.....	\$ 230.00	

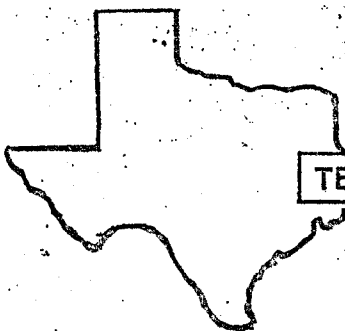
Co-op.....	\$ 771.68
State Sunday School Inst.....	72.27
State C.T.S. Rally Offering.....	33.23

TOTAL RECEIPTS.....	\$1,107.18
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR 5-31-74.....	\$2,208.72

Expenditures:	Youth Travel.....	\$ 324.00	
	Board Travel.....	424.00	
	State CTS Rally(1973-Dallas)	60.71	
	Telephone.....	14.70	
	Scholarships.....	200.00	
	National CTS Registration....	40.00	
	Rental of AV aids.....	1.50	
	Printing and Supplies.....	37.85	
	Postage Stamps.....	8.00	
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....	\$1,110.76	

BALLANCE ON HAND MAY 31, 1974.....	\$1,097.96
Youth Travel.....	\$ 112.27
General Fund.....	985.69

Earl Scroggins
 Earl Scroggins, Treasurer



TEXAS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

"BOARD WORKS"

SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTES: Your State Christian Education Board conducted three(3) Sunday school institutes in three(3) areas of our state in the past year. They were at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Wichita Falls with 28 in attendance, at Westside Free Will Baptist Church in Midland with 45 in attendance, and at Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church in Bryan with 42 in attendance. These were host churches and many others participated.

PLANS: To cover every area of Texas with these institutes. If you would like us in your area, just ask! We have two already scheduled.

C.T.S. RALLEYS: This year's State C.T.S. Rally was sponsored by the Christian Education Board.

SCHOLARSHIPS: We will be giving two(2) \$100.00 scholarships to students this fall who will be attending any of our three(3) Free Will Baptist colleges. These will go to Texas students.

MINISTER'S & LAYMAN'S SEMINAR: Your Christian Education Board was responsible for the program in this year's Minister's and Layman's Seminar. The program dealt with three(3) areas of minister-church relations: The Minister's Ethical Relationship to His Church, The Minister's Ethical Relationship to Another Minister, and The Church's Ethical Relationship to The Minister.

PLANS: To conduct and sponsor some Evangelistic and Pastor's Conference

The Christian Education Board had four(4) board meetings in the past year.

Earl Scroggins, Secretary

Texas State Board of Retirement & Insurance

The Texas State Board of Retirement & Insurance has made some accomplishments this year. One official board meeting was held and two others were scheduled and canceled.

During the meeting a program of promotion for the year was established:

1. Schedule a training session so that board members could be trained to explain the national program. In October, Rev. Herman Hersey came to Dallas for the training session and two members were trained in a three hour session.
2. Allow board members to present the Retirement and Insurance program to the district meetings, local pastors, and churches. Three district presentations were made and three local pastors were presented the program.
3. Keep the editor of the CHALLENGE informed on the progress of Retirement and Insurance in the State. Articles have appeared in the CHALLENGE but more could have been done.
4. Provide literature and enrollment information to each church and pastor in the state. Some of this was done, but again, more could have been done.

Also during the meeting, the board voted to contribute \$10 monthly toward the retirement account of the state promotional secretary.

Our board recommends that each pastor enroll in the retirement program and we urge each church to share with the pastor in his retirement program as they are financially able.

Leroy Cutler, chm.

Leroy Scudder, sec.treas.

Balance 6/15/73

\$ 683.13

Income:

State coop 325.61

Total to account for:

1,008.74

Expenditures:

Board members travel	212.00
Board members training	35.00
C.B. Thompson	120.00
E.J. Vaughn	120.00
Jim Williams account	110.00
Phone	8.39
meals	6.04

Total expenses

611.43

Balance 6/1/74

397.31

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

(Report #8)

1. Be it resolved that the churches of the Texas State Association be encouraged to support the new mission projects with prayer and financial support.
2. Be it resolved that the churches also be encouraged to take a greater step in the support of the ministry of the Executive-Secretary.
3. Be it resolved that the Eldress Association and the West Side Free Will Baptist Church of Midland be given a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality in hosting this meeting of the State Association.
4. Be it resolved that we encourage each of our churches to support, both prayerfully and financially, our latest Texas full time missionary appointee to Japan, Miss Judy Smith -- remembering that support for a vehicle for her internship and travel to raise her support is needed immediately.

Rev. Roy Mario, Jr.
Mr. Leo Lynn
Rev. Thurman Murphy

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

(Report #9)

We recommend that these following scriptures be followed diligently in everyone's life.

- 1 Corinthians 9:25 "And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things.
- Titus 1:8-9 "But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men sober, just, holy, temperate; holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers."

Rev. Glenn Hood
Rev. Jerry McArthur
Rev. Earl Scroggins

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

(Report #10)

We find that the following brothers and sisters in Christ have gone home to be with our Lord this year.

MISSION DISTRICT

Mr. Jack A. Nance
Mr. Henry Evans
Mrs. Margaret Pitcock

CENTRAL DISTRICT

Mrs. Gladys McDuffie
Mrs. Pauline Davis
Mr. Phil Woods
Mrs. Lillie Reed
Mr. Bill Derman

WEST FORK DISTRICT

Mrs. Bertja Eagleton
Mr. Singleton
Mrs. Zoe Nelson

MIDESSA DISTRICT

Mr. Eugene Grantham

NORTHWEST BRAZOS DISTRICT

Mr. M.E. Scott

We recommend that the body stand in a moment of silent prayer in memory of these deceased.

Mrs. Artelle Cox
Mrs. Peggy Humbles
Mrs. Margaret Richards

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CO-OP ALLOCATIONS

(Report #11)

1. We recommend that the division of cooperative funds received by the State office remain the same for this year as it was last year.
That is::
30% Forwarded to the National Office.
30% Retained in the State Office
25% Forwarded to the State Mission Board
10% Forwarded to the State Christian Education Board
5% Forwarded to State Retirement and Insurance Board.
2. We recommend that each district re-evaluate the policy of retaining cooperative funds within the district so that the various state boards and officers can be more effective to function on the state level.
We recommend that each district keep 40% of their cooperative gifts within the district and forward 60% to the state work.

Rev. Glean Hood, Rev. Leroy Cutler,
Rev. H. Ray Berry, Rev. Eugene Richards
and Mr. Jim Williams

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

(Report #12)

The Texas State Woman's Auxiliary Convention convened with the West Side Free Will Baptist Church of Midland on June 6, 1974 with the president, Mrs. Asa Berry Presiding.

The theme of the meeting was, "I'll Tell the World that I'm a Christian".

After a time of singspiration, the host church presented a skit.

The president gave an inspiring message followed by Judy Smith, missionary appointee to Japan. The guest speaker, Mrs. Marvis Eagleton, challenged us with her message about returning to Brazil.

The project for another year will be \$5 per member or \$50. per Auxiliary which ever is greater to be divided into three portions

1/3 to the institute in Brazil

1/3 to Carol Baker's account. She will be going to France for a years service. This 1/3 to be sent by the 15th of September.

1/3 to be applied to the purchase of a car for Judy Smith, appointee to Japan.

The state project for Missions - Church Extension for 1973-1974 amounted to \$592.. The needs will be greater for current joint projects.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Richards, Secretary
Asa Berry, President

TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Executive Secretary's Report

1973

report # 13

Greetings in the name of our Lord:

1973 was a very busy year. The last six months of the year marked the beginning work of the first full time executive secretary for our State Association.

During the six month period from July 1 thru December 31, 1973 I travelled some 15,000 miles, delivered 37 messages, taught 20 classes, attended the National Meeting in Georgia, attended the Oklahoma State Meeting, served as a camp evangelist (praise the Lord for 63 decisions out of 109 campers), attended seven district meetings, printed the State minutes, printed the Challenge, organized the first joint meetings of our State Boards, visited the campus of Hillsdale, arranged missionaries itineraries, spoke to Master's Mens groups and Ladies Auxiliary groups, and had the privilege of worshipping with several of our local congregations.

The warm reception that my wife and I have received in your churches and homes has indeed been appreciated. May God richly bless you for your kindness.

About one-half of our State's churches joined in the support of this new full-time office. The money received was prayed over and then invested in the Lord's work as He directed. Much of the finances were invested in travel expenses. This allowed me to meet many of you face to face. This personal communication helped in pulling our associational work closer together. I was also able by my travels to raise additional support for our office.

However, the finances were all too soon expended and there was yet much to do. I have not visited in twenty-three of our churches. This is due basically to two reasons. The first being that I have not been invited and the other the lack of funds. I must be able to travel so that these pastors can be contacted about leading their congregations into the support of our State work.

I have absolutely no hesitation about encouraging God's people to support this full-time State office. I would not have taken the task had I not felt it to be the Lord's will. I am more aware than ever of His presence and activity. Almighty God desires to work a mighty work in Texas and Free Will Baptist can be His agents in the work. We need communication and we need unity. A full time State Secretary can help in these areas.

A figure of \$200 per church was suggested last year in order to get the office in operation. This is not quite adequate as experience now tells us. \$15,000.00 per year would operate the office. Some churches will not join us in this effort so perhaps your church can carry some of their load. If you are not giving, I urge you to give on a regular monthly basis. If you are giving, can you give more?

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Williams
Executive Secretary

TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Executive Secretary's Report

1973

Giving through the State Office

Foreign Missions

West Fork	\$3,002.05
Central	1,536.29
Midessa	226.00
East	831.78
Mission	665.16
N. W. Brazos	-0-
Total	6,261.28

Coop Plan

West Fork	\$1,611.83
Central	1,981.16
Midessa	1,693.66
East	357.90
Mission	237.29
N. W. Brazos	-0-
Total	5,881.84

State Office

West Fork	\$ 816.43
Central	1,680.30
Midessa	1,400.00
East	625.10
Mission	333.02
N. W. Brazos	95.45
Total	4,950.30

Other

West Fork	\$ 100.00
Central	41.55
Midessa	36.00
East	60.00
Total	237.55

Home Missions

West Fork	\$ 618.53
Central	175.73
Midessa	-0-
East	106.00
Mission	60.85
N. W. Brazos	-0-
Total	961.11

Hillsdale

West Fork	\$1,123.61
Central	281.85
Midessa	2,157.27
East	-0-
Mission	-0-
N. W. Brazos	-0-
Total	3,562.73

Bible College

West Fork	\$ 320.00
Central	341.00
Midessa	110.00
East	476.70
Mission	60.00
N. W. Brazos	-0-
Total	1,307.70

Total giving through the State Office in 1973

\$ 23,162.51

Submitted by,
Jim Williams
Executive Secretary

TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Partial report of the State Office
account - Jan. 1, 1973 thru June 30, 1973

Balance on hand December 31, 1972	\$ 544.57
Deposits Jan. thru June '73	3,877.37
total to account for	4,421.94

Disbursed

National Office	\$783.25
Texas Missions Board	650.74
Christian Education Board	261.07
Ret. & Insurance Board	130.55
Channelled Funds	391.41
Secretary's Salary	525.00
Challenge	183.04
Office Supplies & Phone	136.53
Travel	876.62
Extra Secretarial Help	15.00
Returned Check	200.00
Speaker Honorarium	166.11
Forwarded to New Sec.	102.62

total	\$4,421.94
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Balance July 1, 1973	\$ 000.00
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Submitted by,
Rev. Bobby Ferguson

TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Partial report of the State Office
account - July 1, 1973 thru Dec. 31, 1973

Transferred funds	\$ 102.62
Deposits July 1 thru Dec. 31	16,165.39

total to account for	<u>\$ 16,268.01</u>
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Disbursements

Channelled giving	\$ 6,982.66
National Office	1,210.10
State Mission Board	975.10
State C.E. Board	390.04
State Ret. & Ins. Board	195.02
Registration fee to National	50.00
Promotional Men's Meeting Reg.	65.00
Secretary's salary	3,825.00
Travel	1,742.32
Executive Board travel	93.00
Executive Board phone	57.13
Challenge	291.67
Office Expense (inc. phone, postage, etc.)	340.06
Office machine repair	25.00
Social Security	171.13
Speakers 1973 State Meeting	125.00
Print 1973 Minutes	200.00

total disbursements	<u>\$ 16,738.23</u>
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Balance on hand December 31, 1973	\$ - 470.22
	(note this figure is a negative amount)

submitted by,
Jim Williams
Executive Secretary