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THE FREE WILL BAPTIST LOGO

Since so many people have enquired about the symbolism of the Free Will Baptist logo, the following explanation is included for your information. The emblem incorporates both historic and contemporary Christian designs to convey the central doctrines and practices of our thriving evangelical faith.

First, the entire symbol incorporates four visual symbols used by the earliest communities in Christendom: the ship, the fish, the anchor, and the cross. These four symbols have been discovered frequently in the catacombs and other early Christian ruins.

The ship has always been recognized as a symbol of the church representing all the members pulling together in one direction, guided and empowered by Christ and the Holy Spirit.

The fish, represented in the symbol by the space between the bottom of the sail and the top of the ship's body, is one of the most popular symbols for Jesus Christ. It is widely believed to have been a secret symbol used for identification by Christians during periods of persecution. The word "fish" (ichthus) in first century Greek is an acrostic for Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior. In modern times the fishhook has also come to symbolize witnessing and evangelism.

The anchor on the bow of the ship was an early symbol for the Christian hope of salvation, "the sure and steadfast anchor of the soul." Of course, the mast of the ship in the symbol forms the most familiar symbol in the history of the world, the cross — an instrument of execution and death turned into a worldwide emblem of hope and love by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Because of their similarity, the anchor and the cross were often combined in early Christian art.

In the four corners of the ship's sail, the symbols of earliest Christianity are enhanced by modern emblems of a vital, living faith — the Holy Bible, the loaf and cup, the basin and towel, and the clasped hands — the symbols of Free Will Baptists.

The Holy Bible has always been at the heart of our life as Free Will Baptists, and no emblem for us could be without some representation of the centrality of Scripture. The cup and loaf represent the Lord's Supper and the importance of this ordinance to our faith. The basin and towel is a historic symbol of the service and outreach of the church, but for us it has the added significance of representing the practice of feet washing. Finally, the clasped hands have many meanings for us. They stand for fellowship, brotherhood and the warmth of our faith. But most importantly they stand for our zeal for evangelism, our commitment to reach out to persons around the world with the saving message of God's action in Jesus Christ.

With special thanks to Dr. Melvin Worthington, Executive Secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

FREEWILL BAPTISTS OR FREE WILL BAPTISTS?

The Free Will Baptist denomination enjoys a long and memorable heritage that can be traced back to England through the old General Baptists, to Kentucky and other states through the Separate Baptists, and to New England through the Congregationalists. With such a varied background, it is not unusual that the name of the denomination has experienced a number of revisions and changes during a history that spans more than 375 years.

Three 17th Century documents indicate that the General Baptists in England were known as "Free-willers" and "Free-will Anabaptists" as early as 1612.

In America, the name did not gain popular acceptance until the late 18th Century. Benjamin Randall, a Congregationalist, adopted believer's baptism as opposed to his denomination's doctrine of infant baptism and soon found himself unwelcome among his own people. On June 30, 1780, Randall founded a new church and a new denomination. The new church at New Durham, New Hampshire, holds the distinction of being the first Freewill Baptist Church in New England. For the first number of years, the church bore many names — Church of Christ, General Provisioners, Free Willers. The name "Freewill Baptist" first appeared as an official title in the minutes in 1799 and, in 1804, the state of New Hampshire made the name legal by legislative act.(1)

In Tennessee, the present day Free Will Baptists must be traced back to the old Separate Baptists of Kentucky. By 1825, some of the Tennessee segment of Separates had begun to use the new name. After that time, the two titles must have been used interchangeably. When the Cumberland Association was formally organized in 1842/43, only the older name was used, but by 1854, both names appeared in minutes of the Conference and its churches.

In North Carolina, by the end of the 18th Century, the General Baptists also were known as "Free-willers". Tradition suggests that the new name was given in derision by opponents who rejected this group's preaching of a general atonement. In any case, by 1803, they were referred to as "Free-will Baptists" by their enemies. When the group published its first minutes in 1829, they retained the hyphen, but capitalized the first letter of the second word and the new name was now "Free-Will Baptist". Finally, when the first official history was written in 1833, R. K. Hearn dropped the hyphen and "Free Will Baptist" became popular.(2)

In light of the varied backgrounds from which the denomination came, it becomes quite impossible to determine precisely why some segments of the contemporary denomination are known as "Freewill Baptists" while the larger majority prefer "Free Will Baptist". It could be assumed, however, that each segment continues to be influenced by its own heritage. Most of the churches in the West, including Texas, are more directly related to the New England Freewill Baptists and it is not unusual that some churches use the New England spelling. The old Cooperative General Association,

founded in 1917, and including churches from the Western states (New England heritage), used the Freewill title in their official documents.

On the other hand, in the East, both the old Triennial General Conference and the General Conference adopted the North Carolina spelling, Free Will Baptist. The use of both names in Texas could be explained by the New England heritage mentioned earlier and by the fact that some churches in the state joined the General Conference in the East sometime after 1931. The Eastern General Conference met in Bryan in 1932, and the Texas State Association was included in the minutes of the group in later years.

At last, in 1935, all of the churches and conferences of like persuasion came together in the new National Association of Free Will Baptists. The first constitution reveals that this name [Free Will Baptist] was adopted officially by the new denomination.(3)

- (1) William F. Davidson, The Free Will Baptists in America: 1727-1984. (Nashville: Randall House Publishing Co., 1985), pp. 165-183. Used by permission.
- (2) Davidson, The Free Will Baptists, p. 198.
- (3) Minutes of the First Session of the National Association of the Original Free Will Baptists of the United States, p. 9.

Written by William F. Davidson
by request of the clerk of the
Texas State Association

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Friday, June 19, 1987

Odessa, Texas

The Executive Board met briefly following the 1987 State Association. There was a motion to compensate Bill Jones' secretary and Thurmon Murphy for secretarial work and to continue paying Betty Cope for bookkeeping. The motion carried.

The board agreed to meet at the Texas Men's and Women's Retreat on October. (Note: Later changed to meet in Bryan one day prior to the Retreat.)

The board agreed to pay half the expenses of the Acting Executive Secretary to the National Convention.

Respectively Submitted,

Thurmon Murphy, Clerk

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Thursday, October 15, 1987
Fellowship Church, Bryan, Texas

The Executive Board of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists met at the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church, Bryan, Texas, on Thursday, October 15, 1987, at 7:30 p.m. Members present for the meeting were Bobby Ferguson, State Moderator; Ron Parker, Assistant Moderator; Thurmon Murphy, Clerk; Frank Cope, Assistant Clerk; H. Z. Cox, Parliamentarian; and Bill Jones, Hillsdale Trustee. The Moderator, Bobby Ferguson, called the meeting to order and read a portion of Scripture from I Samuel 30. Thurmon Murphy led the board members in prayer.

Ron Parker reported on the disposition of the property in Longview, stating that the East Texas District Association of Free Will Baptists was in the process of purchasing the property. The necessary paperwork was being done to make the East Texas District Executive Committee the legal trustees of the property. Brother Parker reported that the East Texas District planned to borrow the money for the purchase price of \$40,000 from the National Board of Retirement and Insurance at 10 3/4 percent interest. It was reported that the East Texas District wanted to solicit funds through the CHALLENGE for this project. Brother Ferguson indicated that he had not committed the State to support this effort, but stated that he felt that the State was in sympathy with the effort. He recommended that we encourage the State Missions-Church Extension Board to contribute one hundred dollars per month toward this effort.

Bill Jones moved that we encourage the Missions Board to accept the offer of the East Texas District Association to purchase the property and that we authorize any release on the property needed by the Texas State Association, and that we further authorize the East Texas District Association to share their needs with the state in raising any funds toward the project. The motion carried.

A motion was made that the clerk send a letter of appreciation to the Board of Retirement and Insurance for their understanding and cooperation in settling the debt on the Longview property. The motion carried.

Frank Cope updated us on the progress in choosing a location for the 1988 State Association. He passed along the proposal from the Mission District Association that we have the meeting in the Airport Holiday Inn in Corpus Christi because they offered the best package of any town or hotel. Two members of the Executive Committee objected to having our State Association in a Holiday Inn, saying that we should participate in a boycott of Holiday Inns because of the movies they provide on their in-room televisions. Moderator Bobby Ferguson volunteered to go to the next Mission District quarterly meeting to discuss the location of the 1988 State Association with them.

The date for the January, 1988, boards meeting was set for January 22 and 23. The place was set for Bryan. Bill Jones and Frank Cope were given the responsibility of reserving motel space for the meeting. We agreed to meet at the Fellowship Church at noon on Friday, January 22.

Other responsibilities assigned in preparation for the 1988 Texas State Association were: Thurmon Murphy, recommending a theme and a speaker; Ron Parker, making committee appointments; Bobby Ferguson, arranging for the meeting facilities; and, Bill Jones, selecting someone to be in charge of the music for the State Association.

Thurmon Murphy and Frank Cope presented a suggested revised agenda for the Texas State Association. There was a motion to accept the proposed new agenda. The motion carried.

Moderator Bobby Ferguson asked that the clerk and assistant clerk sit close to him during the State Meeting and keep everything moving smoothly and have all speakers and reporters ready to give their reports quickly and efficiently.

Frank Cope reported on his September trip to the Midessa Association, and his trip to Monterey, Mexico, to be in the National Association of Mexico representing the Texas State Association.

Acting State Treasurer, Frank Cope, gave a financial report of the State Office.

A motion was made to authorize Frank Cope to purchase a computer for the State Office, staying within the price range of twelve hundred to fifteen hundred dollars. The motion carried.

A motion was made to send the Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk to the Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, on November 30 and December 1, 1987, and pay their expenses. The motion carried.

We discussed the question of whether to name a part time Executive Secretary. The general consensus was that we should continue as we are for the time being with the members of the Executive Board sharing the work load of the State Office. Bobby Ferguson will continue to serve in the capacity of acting Executive Secretary; Frank Cope will continue to serve as Acting Treasurer; and, Bill Jones will continue to serve as Acting Editor of the CHALLENGE.

A suggestion was made that the Moderator appoint someone to check into the possibility of renting a booth for our State Association at the National Association in Kansas City. The Moderator then appointed Frank Cope and Ron Parker to check into it.

Our meeting was dismissed in prayer at 11:00 p.m. by our Assistant Moderator, Ron Parker.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Friday and Saturday, January 22 & 23, 1988
Bryan, Texas

FRIDAY, January 22, 1988

The Executive Board of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists met at the Aggieland Inn in Bryan, Texas, on January 22, 1988 at 1:00 p.m. Members present for the meeting were Bobby Ferguson, Moderator; Ron Parker, Assistant Moderator; Thurmon Murphy, Clerk; Frank Cope, Assistant Clerk; H. Z. Cox, Parliamentarian; and Bill Jones, Hillsdale Trustee. Bobby Ferguson called the meeting to order and Frank Cope led in prayer.

Bobby Ferguson gave his report as Acting Executive Secretary. He informed us that three motels were under consideration as possible meeting places for the 1988 Texas State Association meeting in Corpus Christi: the Express Inn, the Ramada Inn, and the Hilton. Roy Wilson, chairman of the Mission District State Meeting Location Committee, gave a detailed report on the proposals and facilities of the three motels. Frank Cope moved that we confirm the Ramada Inn as our meeting site and that Brother H. Z. Cox go down to Corpus Christi and, along with Roy Wilson and Joe Buttgen, make whatever arrangements would be necessary for the various functions at the state meeting. The motion carried. Roy Wilson was instructed to call the Ramada Inn immediately to get the confirmation.

Thurmon Murphy moved that Leroy Forlines, Professor of Bible and Theology at Free Will Baptist Bible College, be the speaker for the 1988 Texas State Association and that the theme be: "Holy Living" (I Peter 1:16). The motion carried.

Ron Parker moved that we ask the Northwest Brazos District Association if they were planning to host the 1989 State Association. The motion carried. He then moved that we propose to the State Association the following rotation system for the meetings of the Texas State Association: Northwest Brazos, West Fork, Central, Rio Grande, East Texas, Midessa, and Mission. The motion carried.

Bill Jones, who had been delegated the responsibility of securing people to be in charge of the music for the 1988 State Association, informed us that he planned to ask Mark Jones to be in charge of leading the singing and arranging for special music at the State Association.

Bobby Ferguson charged Frank Cope with the responsibility of planning the fellowship dinner for Thursday afternoon of the State Meeting.

Frank Cope, Acting Treasurer, gave the 1987 financial report for the State.

We then discussed at length the work of the State Office. Bill Jones suggested that Brother Ferguson, in his capacity as Acting Executive Secretary, write a letter to each district association.

We then reviewed a proposed budget for 1989 which had been formulated by Frank Cope, Acting Treasurer. Bill Jones moved that the proposed budget be revised in the areas of travel, equipment, and promotion so that the total expenses balance the expected income of \$17,000.00. The motion carried. It was then moved that the budget be presented to the 1988 state association for adoption for the fiscal year 1989. The motion carried.

A motion was made and passed that the Cooperative Program allocations for 1989 remain as follows:

State Office	40%
National Cooperative Program	25%
State Missions-Church Extension	23%
Christian Education Board	12%

The meeting was then recessed for dinner until 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was resumed at 7:00 p.m. with Ron Parker giving us an update on the disposition of the property in Longview. He informed us that the East Texas District Association was in the process of purchasing the property, and that the necessary paperwork was being done. The East Texas District was waiting on the final approval of the loan by the National Board of Retirement and Insurance.

Ron Parker reported on the possibility of the Texas State Association renting a booth at the National Association in Kansas City in July. The price of a booth was quoted at \$175.00. The consensus of opinion was that we should not rent a booth at the National in 1988.

Then we went into a lengthy discussion of possible future mission sites in Texas. First, we discussed the possibility of cooperating with the Arkansas State Association, as they had suggested, in starting a church in Texarkana, Texas. We also discussed the sites of Austin, San Antonio, and the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex area. Brother Ferguson informed us that the First Church in Houston was starting classes in West Houston with a view to starting a new church in that area.

A motion was made to authorize Frank Cope to purchase a letter quality printer for the state office. The motion carried.

A motion was made that Thurmon Murphy have some bumper stickers printed for the state as a means of putting the name "Free Will Baptist" before the public and giving us greater name recognition. The motion carried.

A motion was made that Thurmon Murphy also develop a first class brochure which could be personalized and individualized for use by all the churches in the Texas State Association. He asked that Bill Jones help him design the brochure. The motion carried.

Bill Jones made a motion that Thurmon Murphy be appointed as photographer for the Texas State Association to photograph all state association activities and furnish pictures for publication in the CHALLENGE. The motion carried.

We then asked the Missions-Church Board to join us for a discussion of the missions work in Texas. Missions-Church Extension Board Chairman, Roy Norie, said they were considering works in San Antonio, Austin, and Bandera, and were considering having a booth at the 1988 Oklahoma State Association with a view to recruiting some missions workers for Texas. He said that the Missions-Church Extension Board was wanting to begin publication of a State Missions Newsletter. Many ideas were discussed relative to improving our missions work in Texas.

The meeting was dismissed in prayer by E. R. Mayo.

SATURDAY, January 23, 1988

The Executive Board met on Saturday morning, January 23, 1988 at the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church in Bryan. Also present for the meeting was the Missions-Church Extension Board, the Christian Education Board, and the officers of the State Woman's Auxiliary. Luther Sanders, new pastor of the Cornerstone Free Will Baptist Church in College Station was present and was introduced and welcomed to the state by Moderator Bobby Ferguson. The meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m. by Bobby Ferguson who brought some devotional thoughts from Galatians chapter two. Bill Jones led in prayer.

Reports were given by all the boards of their meetings of the previous evening. The first report was given by Clerk Thurmon Murphy on the meeting of the Executive Board. He also gave everyone copies of the proposed State Association budget for 1989.

David Sutton, new chairman of the Missions-Church Extension Board, reported on the work and plans of their board, and gave copies to us of their proposed budget for 1989.

Joel Kircher gave a report on the Christian Education Board. He announced the dates of September 30 and October 1 as the time of the Texas Men's and Women's Retreat, and informed us that it would be at the West Fork Youth Camp near Bowie, Texas. He announced plans for a Texas Youth Conference (for C. T. S. Competition) in the future, separate and apart from the State Association Meeting.

The State Woman's Auxiliary report was given by Everyl Getz. She announced that the theme of their 1988 meeting would be "Open Our Eyes, Lord" with Dr. Mary Ruth Wisehart, National Woman's Auxiliary Executive Secretary-Treasurer, as the speaker. She further announced that their proposed 1988-89 state project would be to raise four thousand dollars for missions (one thousand dollars for Ken and Marvis Eagleton in Brazil and three thousand dollars for Judy Smith in Japan).

The 1988 All-Boards Meeting was dismissed in prayer at 11:15 a. m. by Luther Sanders.

Respectively Submitted,

Thurmon Murphy, Clerk

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, March 29, 1988
Austin, Texas

The Executive Board of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists met at the Airport Ramada Inn in Austin, Texas, on Tuesday, March 29, 1988. Members present for the meeting were Bobby Ferguson, Ron Parker, Thurmon Murphy, Frank Cope, and Bill Jones. Moderator Bobby Ferguson called the meeting to order at 8:20 p.m. Bill Jones led in prayer.

Brother Ferguson asked each member of the Executive Board to share their feelings about the particular responsibilities each one had been assigned. Thurmon Murphy shared a few ideas about the State Minutes and Digest of Reports, and other printed matter which is the responsibility of the state clerk. Bill Jones shared his thoughts about the CHALLENGE, stating that he wanted to make some improvements in it. The entire group then discussed at length various ways to make the CHALLENGE a better state paper. Frank Cope informed us that he was getting the new computer set up for use, and he brought us up to date on the state office finances.

We then discussed the bumper stickers and brochures which were proposed at our last meeting. We agreed to sell the bumper stickers to the churches for fifty cents each, with a suggestion that the churches in turn sell them to their members for two dollars each (thus using them as a fund raiser for the churches, youth groups, etc.) Thurmon Murphy reported that the work on the brochure was not complete yet.

Thurmon Murphy then reported that he had represented the State Association at the Northwest Brazos District Meeting which had recently met in Crowell.

We agreed to record Mr. Forlines' messages at the State Association and make copies of them available to the people. Ron Parker was assigned the responsibility of recording the messages. We agreed to give Mr. Forlines seven hundred and fifty dollars to cover his expenses and as an honorarium.

Frank Cope was authorized to pay the state clerk seventy five dollars as an honorarium for his work as state clerk for each of the two years he had served so far ('86-'87 & '87-'88).

We agreed to order printed name tags for people to wear at the State Meeting. We also agreed to have registration cards printed and to order some imprinted pens or pencils to give out at the State Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 p.m. Frank Cope led in the closing prayer.

Respectively Submitted,

Thurmon Murphy, Clerk

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, June 7, 1988
Corpus Christi, Texas

The Executive Board of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists met on Tuesday evening, June 7, 1988, at the Ramada Inn - Bayfront in Corpus Christi. Members present for the meeting were Bobby Ferguson, Moderator; Ron Parker, Assistant Moderator; Thurmon Murphy, Clerk; Frank H. Cope, Assistant Clerk; H. Z. Cox, Parliamentarian; and Bill Jones, Hillsdale Trustee. Moderator Bobby Ferguson called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m. H. Z. Cox led the board members in prayer.

Bill Jones moved that the Executive Board recommend to the General Board that the location of the Texas State Association meetings be planned two years in advance. The motion passed.

Thurmon Murphy presented the brochures which the board had authorized him to develop in their January 1988 meeting. It was noted that the brochures had two printing errors on them. A motion was then made that the errors be corrected and the brochures be reprinted. The motion carried. A motion was then made to sell the brochures to the churches at thirty five dollars (\$35.00) per five hundred (500) as soon as they can be reprinted. The motion carried.

Thurmon Murphy suggested that the 1989 session of the state meeting be a celebration, since it will be the seventy fifth, for which we should be preparing. Then he suggested a ten year program of growth for the last decade of this century, beginning in 1990 and culminating in the year 2000. The board agreed to meet September 29, 1988, at the West Fork Youth Camp, along with the Missions-Church Extension Board and the Board of Christian Education, to begin formulating details for such a plan. It was agreed that the clerk would write a letter to each member of all three boards to announce the meeting and inform them of the purpose of the meeting.

There was a motion to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting was dismissed in prayer by Moderator Bobby Ferguson at 10:10 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Thurmon Murphy, State Clerk

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists

June 8, 1988

The General Board of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists met on June 8, 1988, at the Ramada Inn - Bayfront in Corpus Christi, at 2:00 p.m. All members of the Executive Board were present along with representatives from the following district associations: Mission, West Fork, East Texas, and Central. The following district associations were not represented: Rio Grande, Midessa, and Northwest Brazos. Moderator Bobby Ferguson called the meeting to order and Ron Parker led the meeting in prayer.

Members of the General Board were recognized and seated. A motion to adopt the program of the State Association was made, seconded, and passed. Bobby Ferguson gave the report of the Acting Executive Secretary. His report was accepted. Frank Cope gave his report as Acting Treasurer and his report was accepted.

Thurmon Murphy, State Clerk, gave the report of the Executive Board. The following recommendations were presented from the Executive Board:

1. We recommend that the following Cooperative Program allocations be retained for the following year:

State Office.....	40%
National Cooperative Program.....	25%
State Missions-Church Extension.....	23%
Christian Education Board.....	12%
2. We recommend that the Christian Education Board be allowed to conduct the state C. T. S. competitive activities at a time and place separate and apart from the State Association meeting.
3. We recommend that the Texas State Association adopt the following rotation system for the meetings of the State Association: Northwest Brazos, West Fork, Central, Rio Grande, East Texas, Midessa, and the Mission District.
4. We recommend that in the future all State Association meetings be planned two years in advance.

Each of the four recommendations received a motion that the General Board pass them along to the body of the State Association for adoption. Each was seconded and passed.

Roy Norie, immediate past chairman of the Missions-Church

Extension Board, began the report of that board at the request of David Sutton, present chairman. Ron Parker answered several questions about the Longview property. David Sutton then finished the report. There was a motion to receive their report and recommend their proposed budget to the general body for adoption. The motion was seconded and carried.

Rita McDuffie, secretary-treasurer of the Christian Education Board, gave the report of the Christian Education Board. She explained why the board wanted to have the state C. T. S. competitive activities separate and apart from the state association meeting. There was a motion to receive her report and recommend the adoption of their proposed budget by the state body. The motion was seconded and carried.

There was a motion to seat all seven district associations and their delegates. The motion was seconded and carried.

There was a motion to adjourn, which was seconded and passed. The meeting was then dismissed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Thurmon Murphy, Clerk

TEXAS STATE ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
SEVENTY FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

JUNE 8-10, 1988

WEDNESDAY EVENING, June 8, 1988

The seventy fourth annual session of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists was held at the Ramada Inn — Bayfront, Corpus Christi, Texas. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., by Thurmon Murphy, Clerk.

Mark Jones led the congregation in singing "Amazing Grace." Thurmon Murphy introduced Moderator Bobby Ferguson who read a passage of Scripture and led the congregation in prayer. Roy Wilson, Assistant Moderator of the Mission District, the host district, welcomed the association to Corpus Christi.

Mark Jones then led the congregation in "Blessed Assurance." Bobby Ferguson recognized the various associations present and the visitors. Mark Jones then led the capacity crowd in "Victory In Jesus." Ron Parker, Assistant Moderator, appointed the following committees:

Committee on Committees

Raymond Getz, Chairman
Roy Wilson
Jack T. Bankhead

Nominating Committee

Herbert Richards, Chairman
Will Harmon
Don Ellis

Cynthia Biddle, from Flynn, Texas, and a member of the Evergreen church, then sang a solo: "The King of Who I Am."

Frank H. Cope, Assistant Clerk, received the evening offering. Mark Jones led "Just Over In the glory Land" as the offering was received. Mark Brawley, assistant pastor of the Fellowship church in Bryan, then sang "Because of Who You Are."

Clerk Thurmon Murphy then introduced F. Leroy Forlines, professor of Bible and Theology at Free Will Baptist Bible College, who preached on the general theme of "Holy Living." His Wednesday evening message, from Isaiah 6:1-5, was entitled "The Holiness of God."

Raymond Getz then gave the report of the Committee on Committees:

Resolutions Committee

A. V. Jennische, Chairman
Pat Burtram
Steve Hutchinson

Obituary Committee
Mrs. David Sutton, Chairman
Mrs. Kenneth Brandon
Mrs. Ava Hellard

The Wednesday evening service was then dismissed in prayer by James Munsey.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, June 9, 1988

The Thursday afternoon business meeting was opened at 2:00 p.m. by Everett Hellard who led the congregation in singing "There Is a Name I Love to Hear." Luther Sanders led the congregation in prayer. Ron Parker, Assistant Moderator, presided. Frank H. Cope, Assistant Clerk, gave a partial report of the Credentials Committee (General Board). He moved that the report be received and the delegates seated. The motion carried.

Charles Denman gave the report of the National Master's Men. The report was received as information. Larry Hampton gave a report from the National Sunday School and Church Training Department. His report was also received as information. Bob Shockey gave a report from Free Will Baptist Bible College, which was received as information.

Richard Terry gave a report from Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College. Don Robirds gave a report from the National Foreign Missions Department. James Munsey gave the report of the National Home Missions/Church Extension Department. All three of these reports were received as information.

Moderator Bobby Ferguson then gave the moderator's message based on I Chronicles 12:32: "the children of Issachar...had understanding of the times, to know...what to do." A few announcements were made and the meeting was dismissed in prayer at 4:00 p.m. by David Sutton.

THURSDAY EVENING, June 9, 1988

Mark Jones opened the Thursday evening worship service at 7:00 p.m. by leading the congregation in singing "All Hail the Power." Frank Cope presided over the service. H. Z. Cox led the congregation in a unison reading of Psalm 107:1,2, and then led the congregation in prayer. A Mexican quartet then sang "Just a Little Talk With Jesus" in Spanish. An offering was then received. Luther Sanders led the offertory prayer.

Mark Jones then led another congregational song: "The Glory Land Way." He then sang a solo entitled "More Than Anything." Moderator Bobby Ferguson introduced Leroy Forlines to bring the evening message. He spoke from Titus 2:1-10 on the subject of "Building Convictions."

After several announcements were made the service was dismissed in prayer by Stanley Maxwell.

FRIDAY MORNING, June 10, 1988

Dwain Crosby, missionary appointee to Japan, opened the Friday morning service by leading the congregation in singing "Amazing Grace." Bobby Ferguson introduced Stephen Hutchinson, pastor of the Zion Free Will Baptist Church in Corpus Christi, who brought some devotional thoughts from I Peter 1:13 on the subject of "Holy Living."

Frank Cope gave the final Credentials Committee report. There was a motion to receive the report. The motion was seconded and carried.

Everyl Getz gave the report of the Woman's Auxiliary. She announced the new state project for the following year — to raise four thousand dollars for missions (\$1,000 for the Bible Institute in Brazil and \$3,000 for missionary Judy Smith in Japan). Her report was received as information.

Clerk Thurmon Murphy gave the report of the General Board. Item #1 of the General Board report, which pertained to the receiving of the reports and budgets of the various boards, was adopted.

Item #2, which pertained to the allocations of the Cooperative Program for 1989, was adopted.

Item #3, which pertained to allowing the Christian Education Board to conduct the state C. T. S. competitive activities separate and apart from the state meeting, was adopted.

Item #4, which pertained to the rotation system for the meetings of the State Association, was not adopted. Raymond Getz offered a substitute motion to revise the rotation to start with the Rio Grande in 1989, followed by the West Fork (1990), the Mission District (to skip their next turn due to having hosted the state meeting three times in the last twelve years), Central (1991), East Texas (1992), Northwest Brazos (1993), and the Midessa (1994). The substitute motion was adopted.

Item #5, which pertained to planning the State Association meetings two years in advance, was adopted.

Bobby Ferguson gave his report as the Acting Executive Secretary. He suggested that someone make a motion directing the Executive Board to begin planning for a pastor's conference in connection with the State Association meetings in the future. Such a motion was made, seconded, and carried.

Frank Cope gave the financial report of the State Office and presented the proposed budget for 1989. He moved that the report be received and the budget adopted. The motion was seconded and carried.

Thurmon Murphy gave the report of the nominating committee:

Moderator: Bobby Ferguson
Assistant Moderator: Ron Parker
Clerk: Thurmon Murphy
Assistant Clerk: Frank H. Cope
Parliamentarian: H. Z. Cox

Missions/Church Extension Board: Roy Wilson (1991)

Christian Education Board: Morris Proctor (1990)
Don Ellis (1991)
Rita McDuffie (1991)

Signed: Herbert Richards
Will Harmon
Don Ellis

There was a motion to receive the report of the Nominating Committee and act on it item by item at the proper time. The motion was seconded and carried.

Joel Kircher gave the report of the Christian Education Board. He announced the Texas Men's and Women's Retreat for September 30 and October 1 at the West Fork Youth Camp. He also announced plans for a youth conference at which the C. T. S. competitive activities will be conducted. He moved that the report be received and the budget adopted. The motion was seconded and carried. Morris Proctor (replacing Wesley Bigelow, 1990), Don Ellis (1991) and Rita McDuffie (1991) were elected to the Christian Education Board.

David Sutton gave the report of the Missions/Church Extension Board. He announced a target date to have the church in Tyler self supporting — January 1990. He moved that the report be received and the proposed budget adopted. The motion was seconded and carried. Roy Wilson (1991) was elected to the board.

Bill Jones, Hillsdale Trustee, gave a report from Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College. He announced the resignation of Edwin Wade as President of Hillsdale. The report was received as information.

Kathleen Sutton gave the Obituary Committee report. Herbert Richards led in a prayer in memory of the deceased.

A. V. Jennische gave the report of the Resolutions Committee. There were no resolutions, but he made a suggestion that a standing vote of thanks be given to the host pastors of the Mission District for their part in arranging and hosting the 1988 State Association meeting. The standing vote of thanks was given.

The following officers were elected by acclamation:

Moderator: Bobby Ferguson
Assistant Moderator: Ron Parker
Clerk: Thurmon Murphy

Assistant Clerk: Frank H. Cope
Parliamentarian: H. Z. Cox

Moderator Bobby Ferguson recessed the meeting for fifteen minutes. Evertt Hellard led the congregation in prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE, June 10, 1988

Dwain Crosby opened the worship service at 10:30 a.m. by leading the congregation in singing "He Lives." Bill Jones presided. Arnold Shrewsbury, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Carthage, led the congregation in prayer. Bill Jones then introduced three missionaries who brought greetings from their respective fields of endeavor: Dwain Crosby, Ernest Holland, and Darryl Nichols. Dwain Crosby then led another congregational hymn: "To God Be the glory." An offering was received. Morris Proctor, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Bryan, led in the offertory prayer.

Joel Kircher sang a solo entitled "I'd Rather Have Jesus." Leroy Forlines then concluded his three messages on the theme "Holy Living" by speaking on the subject "Maintaining Sexual Purity." His text was I Corinthians 6:18.

The meeting was adjourned in prayer by Don Ellis.

GENERAL BOARD REPORT

The General Board of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists met July 8, 1988 at the Ramada Inn—Bayfront. As a result of this meeting we offer the following report and recommendations.

1. We have heard the reports of the Executive Board, the Missions/Church Extension Board, the Christian Education Board, and the report of the Hillsdale Trustee. We recommend that these reports be received and the budgets adopted as each is presented. (adopted)
2. We recommend that the following Cooperative Program allocations be retained for the following year:

State Office	40%
National Cooperative Program	25%
State Missions/Church Extension Board.....	23%
Christian Education Board	12%

(adopted)
3. We recommend that the Christian Education Board be allowed to conduct the state C. T. S. competitive activities at a time and place separate and apart from the State Association meeting. (adopted)
4. We recommend that the Texas State Association adopt the following rotation system for the meetings of the State Association: Northwest Brazos, West Fork, Central, Rio Grande, East Texas, Midessa, and the Mission District. (not adopted; see the substitute rotation system below which was adopted)
5. We recommend that in the future all State Association meetings be planned two years in advance. (adopted)

The following rotation system for state meetings was adopted:

1. Rio Grande Valley - 1989
2. West Fork District - 1990
3. Mission (Skip this one time due to hosting 3 times in the last 12 years (1988))
4. Central Texas - 1991
5. East Texas - 1992
6. Northwest Brazos - 1993
7. Midessa District - 1994

FINAL REPORT
OF THE
CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

	Central	East Texas	Midessa	Mission	Northwest Brazos	Rio Grande	West Fork	Totals	
Ministers	11	3	0	6	0	3	13	36	102
Ministers' wives	10	2	0	5	0	3	8	28	
Deacons	4	0	0	0	0	1	4	9	
Deacons' wives	7	0	0	0	0	1	8	16	
Delegates	5	0	0	2	0	1	5	13	
Visitors	69	0	0	11	0	25	47	152	18
Foreign Missions								7	
Hillsdale								1	
Bible College								4	
Randall House								2	
National Auxiliary								1	
C.T.S. Judges								3	
Totals	106	5	0	24	0	34	85	272	
District Dues	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	6	
Church Dues	7	8	2	3	2	1	11	34	
Church Letters	7	8	2	3	3	1	11	35	

ATTENDANCE

Wednesday Evening Worship	250
Thursday Afternoon Business	40
Thursday Evening Worship	150
Friday Morning Business	49
Friday Morning Worship	62

OFFERING

\$110.09
49.46
42.00
<u>\$201.55</u>

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

1988

Last year at our state meeting, we all were very concerned about the unusually large number of our Texas churches without pastors. We are happy to report that most of those churches now have pastors.

We are also happy to report that the problem with the Longview property has been satisfactorily resolved.

We continue to be pleased with the service rendered by our Executive Board. That service, while imperfect, is certainly improved in several areas. Our state Minutes and Digest of Reports are very attractive and well done. The financial reports are clear and complete. Our state paper, the CHALLENGE, is upbeat and "Parson to Parson" is very informative. Our state meeting has been well planned and promoted.

New lines of communication are being considered, along with new promotional materials for all our churches.

State missions are beginning to emerge as the predominate burden of the state. We are happy to see the concern and progressive attitude of our state Mission Board. We pledge our utmost support for our Mission Board and any effort into which they may lead.

The Christian Education Board is to be commended for the planning and promotion of our Men's and Women's Retreat near Navasota, Texas, last October. We also follow their involvement with the C. T. S. competitive activities with considerable interest.

Our state Woman's Auxiliary has done a good job this year in raising \$3,000.00 for the Crosby's account.

Some of our state Master's Men have gone over into Mexico with Missionary Director, James Munsey, to assist in building activities. We commend these men for their compassion.

As your acting State Executive Secretary, I represented you at the General Board meeting in Birmingham last July. I also attended the Leadership Conference sponsored by our National office in December. I met with our state Executive Board three times during the year to review and plan the work. I have represented the State Office to each of our districts and worked with some of our churches seeking a pastor. I remain your servant in the work of the Lord among Texas Free Will Baptists.

Bobby Ferguson,
Acting Executive Secretary

STATE OFFICE FINANCIAL REPORT

1987

TEXAS STATE OUTSIDE GIVING FOR 1987

National Association		
CO-OP 25%	4,643.70	
Designated	2,158.48	\$ 6,802.18
State Home Missions		
CO-OP 23%	4,272.20	
Designated	7,150.22	11,422.42
National Home Missions		9,244.25
Foreign Missions		66,563.54
Free Will Baptist Bible College		6,629.62
Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College		5,402.36
Southeastern Free Will Baptist College		140.00
Radio and Television Commission		100.00
Wycliff Translators		274.20
North Carolina Home Mission Board		10.00
Waipahu Free Will Baptist Church		600.00
National Woman's Auxiliary Pre-Thanksgiving Off.		37.00
State Christian Education Board - CO-OP 12%		<u>2,228.96</u>
 TOTAL OUTSIDE GIVING		 109,454.53 \$ <u><u>109,454.53</u></u>

TEXAS STATE OFFICE RECEIPTS FOR 1987

40% CO-OP	7,429.91
Church/District Designated	5,420.22
District Fees	870.00
Church Fees	1,060.00
State Meeting Offerings	131.92
1996 National Convention (Undisbursed)	200.00
Future National Projects (Undisbursed)	300.00
Overages Retained in State Office	10.10
Reimbursements/Refunds	<u>287.00</u>
 TOTAL RECEIPTS	 15,709.15 \$ <u><u>15,709.15</u></u>
 BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1/1/87	 <u>2,510.91</u>
 GRAND TOTAL	 18,220.06
 STATE OFFICE EXPENSES (See next page)	 <u>12,335.24</u>
 BALANCE IN STATE OFFICE 1/1/88	 5,884.82
Undisbursed funds	500.00
Overage unaccounted	<u>1.07</u>
 BALANCE IN BANK 1/1/88	 6,385.89
 GRAND TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR 1987	 \$ <u><u>125,163.68</u></u>

TEXAS STATE OFFICE EXPENSES FOR 1987

Account #	Account Description		
5100	Travel and Promotion	\$	1,987.09
5110	Telephone		754.39
5200	Executive Board Meetings		748.94
5210	Leadership Conference		465.48
5300	CHALLENGE & PARSON TO PARSON	57.64	
5310	Printing	1,020.67	
5320	Postage	440.16	
5330	Labor	155.00	1,673.47
5400	National Association Meetings		328.00
5410	National Dues		620.00
5500	State Meeting Expenses	619.66	
5510	Reports	296.00	
5520	Supplies	54.42	
5550	Minutes	181.59	1,151.67
5600	Office Supplies		288.07
5610	Copier/Computer		89.95
5620	Postage		312.11
5700	Miscellaneous Expenses	15.00	
	Longview S.S. Literature Bill	232.15	
	Checks for State Office	17.55	
	Longview Recording Fee	7.00	
	Honorarium (Dwain Crosby)	100.00	371.70
5750	Bookkeeping Expense		900.00
5800	New Equipment		
	Copier	1,017.64	
	Stand/File	158.73	
	Computer	975.00	
	Printer	193.00	
	Software	300.00	2,644.37

GRAND TOTAL STATE OFFICE EXPENSES - 1987 \$ 12,335.24

Respectively Submitted,

Frank H. Cope, Acting Treasurer

PROPOSED TEXAS STATE OFFICE BUDGET

1989

PROPOSED INCOME:

40% of the Cooperative Program	\$ 8,000.00	
Church gifts	3,925.00	
Church fees	1,220.00	
District fees	915.00	
State Meeting Offerings	500.00	
Central Texas District	640.00	
East Texas District	520.00	
Midessa District	160.00	
Mission District	120.00	
Northwest Brazos District	120.00	
Rio Grande District	80.00	
West Fork District	800.00	
Total Proposed Income		\$ 17,000.00

PROPOSED EXPENDITURES:

Travel and Promotion	\$ 6,000.00	
Telephone	750.00	
Executive Board Meetings	1,200.00	
Leadership Conference	1,000.00	
CHALLENGE & PARSON TO PARSON	1,650.00	
National Association Meeting		
Expenses for Executive Secretary	650.00	
National Association Dues	640.00	
State Meeting Expenses	500.00	
Reports	300.00	
Supplies	100.00	
Minutes	500.00	
Office Supplies	500.00	
Postage	350.00	
Audit of Books	500.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses	460.00	
New Equipment Purchases	1,000.00	
Total Proposed Expenditures		\$ 17,000.00

Texas State Association of
Free Will Baptists
State Office Account
P.O. Box 2681
Bryan, TX 77805

Gentlemen:

The Bank records of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists have been examined.

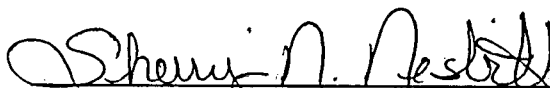
The records are well kept and all funds have been properly accounted for.

Sincerely,

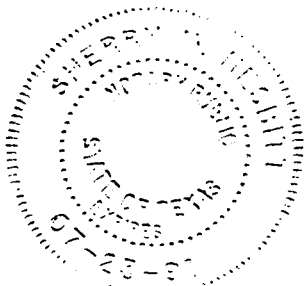


Deborah L. Vanskike

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 23rd day of May, 1988.



Notary Public in and for the State of
Texas, residing in Brazos County.
My commission expires 7-23-91.



BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
DIGEST REPORT
1987

On June 18, 1987, the State CTS Competitive Activities, conducted by the Board of Christian Education, took place at the Hilton Hotel in Odessa, Texas. We had the greatest time at the State and not even a question about the quality of the judges that were chosen. Out of the thirty-nine (39) entrants, thirty-four (34) advanced to the National level. Texas was well represented at the National in Birmingham, Alabama. First place winners on the national level are as follows: Bible Memorization, 1st grade--Ashley Biddle; Bible Memorization, 2nd. grade, Katie Anderson; Oral Communications, Am., Rodney Anderson; Oral Communications, Ad., Misty McCants; Interpretation of Scripture, C., Keath Storm; Dramatic Duo, C., Keath Storm & Chris Spradlin; Keyboard Solo, Am., Darryn McGee; Puppets, H. and C., Pleasant Mound Puppeteers; and Color Photography, C., Keath Storm.

The 1987 Texas Teen Retreat, co-sponsored by this board with Hillsdale, at the East Texas District FWB Camp near Henderson, was one of the best retreats in years. The 1988 Retreat was not held because of scheduling problems with Hillsdale, but a 1989 Retreat is in the works at the West Fork District Camp.

On October 16, 1987, Free Will Baptists from across our state gathered in the historical setting of Washington-on-the-Brazos. Dr. Charles Thigpen was the speaker and his subject was "Encouragement." The Men's and Women's Retreat for 1988 will be September 30th and October 1st at the West Fork District Youth Camp. You cannot miss this one, because of the cooperation West Fork Camp and the C.E. Board will really have a special rate in '88. Joe Grizzle of the Norman First Free Will Baptist Church will be the speaker.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
Financial Report
1987

Balance on hand, January 1, 1987..... \$2,717.72

Receipts for 1987:

Cooperative Program.....	\$2,201.33	
CTS Registration Fees.....	475.00	
State Youth Meeting Offering.....	56.11	
State Men's & Women's Retreat Registration....	1,262.77	
State Retreat Deposit Refunded.....	150.00.....	4,145.21

Total Receipts Plus Balance..... \$6,862.93

Expenditures for 1987:

Office Expense..Postage.....	49.14
Phone.....	170.88
Financial Audit.....	3.00
Youth Competition Materials & Medals.....	311.23
Judging of Youth Competition.....	150.00
State Youth Service Speaker.....	75.00
Pizza for youth at State Meeting.....	172.41
NYC Competition Registration.....	455.00
Board Meeting Expense.....	373.85
Meals \$113.25	
Mileage 145.60	
Rooms 115.00	
Deposit for State Men's & Women's Retreat.....	400.00
Retreat Favors.....	31.68
Retreat Speaker..Dr. Charles Thigpen.....	200.00
Plane Fare for Dr. Thigpen.....	168.00
Sandy Creek Bible Camp Registration.....	1,350.00
Hillsdale Teen Retreat.....	266.20
Food 176.20	
Cooks 50.00	
Utilities 40.00	

Total Expenditures..... \$4,176.39

Balance on hand, December 31, 1987..... \$2,686.54

Joel Kircher, Chairman
Rita McDuffie, Sec., Treas.
Don Ellis
Mark Jones

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

PROPOSED BUDGET

1989

PROPOSED INCOME:

Cooperative Giving.....	\$2,500.00
CTS Registration.....	550.00
Texas Youth Conference Offering.....	100.00
Men's & Women's Retreat.....	2,275.00
Total Proposed Income.....	<u>\$5,425.00</u>

PROPOSED EXPENDITURES:

Board Expenses.....	\$ 500.00
Texas Teen Retreat.....	200.00
Men's & Women's Retreat.....	2,275.00
Telephone.....	200.00
Postage & Printing.....	100.00
TYC Expenses.....	750.00
NYC Registration.....	550.00
Video & Audio Christian Education Library.....	500.00
Leadership (Teacher Training) Conference.....	350.00
Total Proposed Expenditures.....	<u>\$5,425.00</u>

Joel Kircher, Chairman
Rita McDuffie, Secretary—Treasurer
Don Ellis
Mark Jones

STATE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT I HAVE MADE A CAREFUL AUDIT OF THE BOOKS
FOR THE YEAR 1987 AND THEY ARE CORRECT .

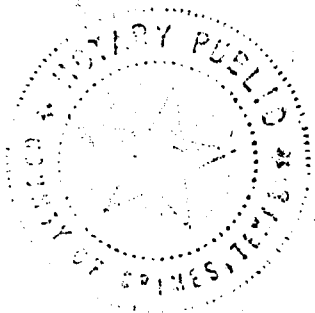
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS 30TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1988.

Diane C. Ford

NOTARY PUBLIC, IN AND FOR
GRIMES COUNTY, TEXAS

DIANE C. FORD

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JUNE 19, 1989



TEXAS STATE MISSIONS & CHURCH EXTENSION REPORT

1987 Report

The Texas State Missions-Church Extension Board report for 1987 is one of interest to all, as it concerns the resolution of our indebtedness on the Longview property. The Board met on January 16th and 17th to begin the year with the meeting being conducted at Tyler, Texas. A special session was held on the 16th of January with the State Executive Board and Brother Herman Hersey, Director of the National Retirement and Insurance Board of the National Association (The activities of this meeting are in the State Executive Report). After much communication with all parties, the outcome was that the East Texas District would buy the Longview property. Brother E. R. Mayo, board member, worked with the churches and leaders of East Texas to help make it all possible. My thanks to the East Texas District, Brother E. R. Mayo, and Brother Clay Rogas for all the help given.

Texas mission works take complete dedication, and that is what we have in Tyler. The work is truly blessed under the leadership of Brother Ron Parker. Prayer and financial support are still needed for the Tyler work so that it will soon be a fulltime church. Prayer and support are needed for all our districts involved with mission works.

The work in the Valley would appreciate all the prayer and financial support you can give. Brother James Munsey is the "Coordinator of Mexican Ministries" for the National Home Missions Department. He will give you any information you may need about the work. This state truly needs to support the good work of this Valley mission.

Our Texas missionaries overseas are working hard for our Lord to reach souls that are lost. It is our responsibility to support them in every possible way. May our hearts be touched with great concern for the Calloways in Spain, the Cousineaus in Africa, the Hollands in Africa, the Fagletons in Brazil, Judy Smith in Japan, the Nichols in Africa, and the Crosbys to Japan.

Three of our Texas missionary accounts are deeply in the red. With the Crosby, Smith, and Nichols accounts in jeopardy, missionary needs should be first above all other ministries of our National Association. After your local church, missionary work should be put first, that the work of the Lord will bring forth fruit.

This report will be my last one to the State Association as Chairman of the Mission Board. I truly am grateful for the privilege of serving our great State in this position. Bro. David Sutton is now the Chairman of this Board.

Sincerely,

Rev. Roy Norie Jr.

TEXAS STATE MISSIONS/CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD

FINANCIAL REPORT

1987

Balance Brought Forward, January 1, 1987 \$ 5,394.29

Receipts for 1987:

Receipts for general fund \$4,219.25

Receipts for channeled accounts 7,000.06

Interest on flex fund bank account 220.45 \$11,439.76

Total \$16,834.05

Expenditures for 1987:

National Home Missions — channeled account .. 6,880.06
(Ron Parker)

Texas State Association Expense (Parker) 295.00

National Association Expense (Parker) 400.00

Lifegate F.W.B. Church — Repairs 1,500.00

Keith Phipps — Repairs on Longview F.W.B.
Church 2,672.21

Farmers Insurance — Insurance on Longview
F.W.B. Church 440.00

Craig & Brett Rogas — Mowing of the Longview
Church lawn 25.00

Board Travel 500.00

Office Expenses 201.17

Total Disbursements \$12,913.84

Balance of channeled money (Harold Teague) 120.00

Balance in Texas State Missions/Church Extension
account 3,800.21

Balance on Hand, December 31, 1987 \$ 3,920.21

Clay Rogas, Treasurer

TEXAS STATE MISSIONS/CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD

PROPOSED BUDGET

1989

PROPOSED INCOME:

Receipts for general fund	\$ 5,300.00
Receipts for channeled accounts	17,000.00
Total Proposed Income	\$ 22,300.00

PROPOSED EXPENDITURES:

National Home Missions	\$ 17,000.00
Missionary Travel	600.00
Office Expenses	600.00
Board Travel	800.00
Miscellaneous	500.00
Land Fund	2,800.00
Total Proposed Expenditures	\$ 22,300.00

David Sutton, Chairman
Clay Rogas, Treasurer
Roy Wilson
Roy Norie
E. R. Mayo

Charlotte Pepper
P. O. Box 985
Henderson, Texas 75653

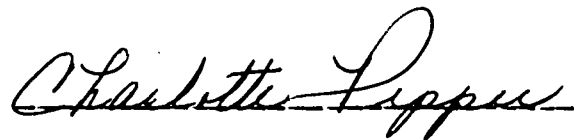
Texas State Mission Board
Church Extension
Henderson, Texas 75652

Gentlemen:

The Bank records of the Texas Mission Board Church Extension have been examined and the detailed transactions are presented herewith.

The records are well kept and all funds have been properly accounted for.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charlotte Pepper". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

CHARLOTTE PEPPER

Notary Public in and for
Rusk County, Texas

REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The Texas State Woman's Auxiliary met on June 9, 1988 at the Ramada Inn in Corpus Christi at 1:00 p.m. The Mission District provided a nice salad luncheon. Dr. Mary Ruth Wisehart was presented Texas souvenirs from many of our District Woman's Auxiliaries as well as several local auxiliaries. The Dwain Crosby's, missionary appointees to Japan, were presented with a large check which represented the total amount for our state project for last year, of \$3,455.85.

The afternoon session consisted of several business items.

(1) It was voted to adopt the fiscal year from January to December and to encourage the district and local auxiliaries to do the same. (2) The new state project is to raise \$4,000 by December of '88; \$1,000 will go to the Bible Institute in Brazil, where Ken and Marvis Eagleton serve, and \$3,000 to go to the account of Judy Smith in Japan. (3) Elaine Parker was elected as Vice President to finish out the term of Jacque Cox who has moved to Arkansas. (4) Two new auxiliaries were accepted into the State Woman's Auxiliary, Templo, in Weslaco, and the McAllen First F.W.B. Woman's Auxiliary. (5) Ava Hellard was elected to serve as the Texas member on the nominating committee at the WNAC. (6) The delegates to WNAC were appointed, and (7) a nominating committee was elected.

Dr. Mary Ruth Wisehart, our WNAC Executive Secretary, spoke from our theme "Open Our Eyes, Lord" based on Acts 26:17b-18a, "I am sending you to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light." The text was expanded to include several Bible characters and the change they experienced when they beheld the beauty and holiness and mercy of God.

Respectfully submitted,

Everyl Getz, President

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

1988

Deceased reported this year:

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>PERSON'S NAME</u>
North Zulch	Carlton Hibbetts Thomas May
First, Waco	Eula Johnson
United	Isaac Hopkins
Eastside	Mrs. Roma Huggins Charles McVickers
Cross	Lorraine Hahn Florence Rice
Fellowship	Paul Nisbett Doris Armstrong
First, Houston	Horace Walters Hazel Edwards Walter Fifer
Evergreen	Sue Stedman
First, Duncanville	Lettie Weisenborn
Pleasant Mound	Hoopie Fry Eula Fuller
New Salem	James Harper
Chapel Hill	Thelma Fisher
Crowell	Paul Wiggins
First, Amarillo	Ethel Bashaw

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Sutton, Chairperson
Oneta Brandon
Ava Hellard

1988 STATISTICAL REPORT

Association	Churches	Baptisms	Members Added	Members Lost	Total Membership	Net Gain or Loss	Full Time Pastors	Part Time Pastors	Sunday School Enrollment	C. T. S. Enrollment	W. N. A. C. Enrollment	Master's Men Enrollment
Central Texas	16	75	182	66	1,363	+116	8	4	1,289	199	128	34
East Texas	12	14	59	29	658	+ 30	5		392	179	87	10
Midessa	4						2	2				
Mission	3	7	16	3	78	+ 13	1	2	75		18	
Northwest Brazos	3	1	12	7	97	+ 5	1	2	68			
Rio Grande	2											
West Fork	20	45	134	54	966	+ 80	12	4	943	309	114	
Totals	60	142	403	159	3,162	+244	29	14	2,767	687	347	44

Hillsdale Report to Texas State Association

Ten Texans crossed the Red River to attend Hillsdale for the school year 1987-1988. They joined over 100 others for what the administration has described as the "best year in the last several years". One reason for that is another Texas family (by adoption) who serve as Deans of men and women. Wes and Glenda Bigelow have brought good experience and genuine concern in their counseling and leadership ministry and the campus students have responded well.

In the academic area, new preparatory courses in English and Math have been added, and Business courses have been changed to mesh with other Universities for transfer purposes.

In sports, the baseball field has been sodded and will be available for use during baseball season.

Finances are still a major problem as the school seeks to enlarge staff and curriculum. While the economy is a factor, especially as supporting families move to other areas because of job availability, the great need is for faithful supporters increasing their financial commitment.

The future is promising. Our continuing support for Hillsdale will be an investment in the future leadership of our churches in Texas.

HILLSDALE

Free Will Baptist College

June 8-10, 1988

Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists:

There is very little that Free Will Baptists do that is any more important than the work of Christian education. When we do the work of Christian education, we are preparing pastors, missionaries, ministers of music, ministers of youth, ministers of education, and lay workers for our churches across the country and around the world. The purpose of Hillsdale is to produce young men and women who will love the Lord, live the Word, and lead the lost to Christ.

The heartbeat of Hillsdale is ministry, missions, music, and motivation. We want every young person who comes to Hillsdale to leave with a high view of, and a commitment to these essential components of a growing church. Since Hillsdale exists to serve the local church, it is our aim to prepare every student regardless of their vocational choice to be a worker in the local church.

In as much as student tuition and fees account for only about 45% of the cost of educating a student, we depend heavily upon the support we receive from Texas. Gifts from Texas totaled \$3,120.20 for 1987. As of the end of April, 1988 you have given \$1,433.22.

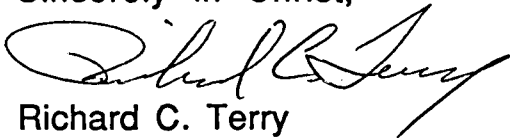
It has been said that colleges do not fail for a lack of funds, but for a lack of students. It is for that reason we ask you to urge your young people to consider Hillsdale as the place to continue their education. Your students from Texas were Dorothy Desern, Chris Duncan, Melton Francis, Pat Francis, Chuck Louviere, Lee Nix, Scott Schultz, Keath Storm, Frances Teel, LeRoy Teel, Marilyn Willis.

Prayer is the key ingredient to any successful ministry, without it Hillsdale is just another college. As Free Will Baptists we need to band together in prayer for all of our colleges as well as all of our other ministries. When any of us succeed, we all win, and when any of us fail, we all lose. Please pray for our success.

We are grateful for the presence of Brother Bill Jones on our Hillsdale board of trustees. He continues to make an outstanding contribution to the work of the board.

We trust that God's blessings will be upon your state meeting as you reflect over the year just past and anticipate the year ahead. We thank you for your loyalty and faithfulness to Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College. Please remember we are your servant and stand ready to meet your educational needs. May God bless you is our prayer.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard C. Terry".

Richard C. Terry
Director of Development

Home Missions Department

of the National Association of Free Will Baptists

HOME MISSIONS



Canada
2 Provinces
Mexico
22 National Pastors
3 Missionaries
United States
42 States
Puerto Rico
Virgin Islands

June, 1988

Greetings to the state of Texas from your National Home Missions Department. I trust that 1987 was a good year for all the wonderful folks in your state. We would like to express our deepest appreciation to every church and pastor in your state for all that you have done to help us plant Free Will Baptist churches throughout North America. Your state gave \$33,751.71 for this cause.

This past year was a good one for our department. Several new missionaries were sent to the field, and several became self-supporting. We thank the Lord for all the good missionaries that God has given us. These are precious families, and they are doing a great job.

All the work in Mexico was brought together into one major effort this year. At present we have 30 Free Will Baptist churches located south of the border. The new institute has been completed and many students are being trained to evangelize their own country. We need churches that will underwrite the salary of the national pastors in the country of Mexico. For approximately \$225 per month, your church can fully support a pastor. Mexico is one of the greatest mission fields that Free Will Baptists can have at present.

Our department led 31 Evangelism Conferences across our country this year - from California to North Carolina and from Massachusetts to Florida. More than one third of our pastors attended at least one of these conferences. We saw many souls saved, and we hope that we have been able to be of help to many of our pastors and their people. Many of you also came to our Old Camp Meetin' held in Birmingham. We plan to have another camp meeting service in Kansas City during our 1988 National Convention.

I want to again thank all of you for all that you are doing for the cause of Christ through your National Home Missions Department. Please remember our department regularly in your prayers. If we may be of any help to any of you, please let us know. We are here to serve and we want to help.

In His service,

Trymon Messer

Trymon Messer
Associate Director

CHURCH EXTENSION



Attendance Awards
Bus Awards
7 Tentmaker

CHAPLAINCY



Air Force
Army
Navy
8 Chaplains

EVANGELISM AND CHURCH GROWTH



28 Conferences
Roll Call Sunday
Pastoral Helps

“TOOLS TO HELP YOUR CHURCH”

Video can be a great means of ministry to your church. The Home Missions Department has 14 videos that can be used to train, enlighten, challenge and bless your people in prayer meetings, Bible studies, men's and ladies' groups, or for social gatherings. Listed below are those that can be ordered from Home Missions for only \$15.00 each —

Music Video - John Gibbs

“The Family” - John Gibbs

“The Elder Brother” - Roy Thomas

“The Ingredients for Revival” - Roy Thomas

Home Missions Seminar - Roy Thomas

“The Purpose of the Church” - Roy Thomas

Women's Seminar - Pat Thomas

“Greatest Need Today” - Trymon Messer

“Marks of a Giant Killer” - Trymon Messer

Soul Winning Seminar - Trymon Messer

“Soul Winning” - Trymon Messer

“By All Means Save Some” - Connie Cariker

“How To Revitalize the Church” - Connie Cariker

Church Growth Seminar - Connie Cariker

ORDER YOURS TODAY!! ORDER YOURS TODAY!! ORDER YOURS TODAY!!

PASS THE TORCH CAMPAIGN FUND REPORT
TO THE BRETHREN OF THE TEXAS STATE ASSOCIATION
FROM FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Dear Friends in Texas:

We send you greetings from the Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, and pray that you are well and happy in the Lord.

We are happy to report that the giving from the state of Texas through February 29, 1988, has been \$7,497.05. We are very grateful for your faithful participation in the Pass the Torch campaign.

This has been one of the most exciting years of my life as a preacher because we are seeing God's hand on the lives of so many young people here at Free Will Baptist Bible College.

An awe of excitement and revival seems to prevail and we are opening the school each day trusting the Lord to do a marvelous work in the lives of the students.

The spiritual thrust of the campus life and student activity continues to grow under the supervision of our faculty as they prayerfully lead our students into the Word of God.

Through our Christian Service Department literally thousands of Gospel tracts are distributed and hundreds of decisions are made because of the witness of our young soul-winning preachers and Christian workers who go to the streets, rest homes, jails, juvenile homes and local churches each week in the city of Nashville and surrounding area.

We solicit your prayers for God's provision for this great ministry and we are trusting our Lord to work through our people to sense and feel the "burden of the Lord" and respond in prayer and self-giving as we prepare young men and women for sacrificial service to our God.

Until He Comes,

Bob Shockey, Director
Student Support Department

BS:dg

REPORT ON TORCH CAMPAIGN GIFTS BY STATE
March 10, 1987 - February 29, 1988

States	Gifts as of February 29, 1988	Goal for August 15, 1988	Additional amount needed by August 15, 1988
ALABAMA	\$ 50,928.26	\$ 118,274.00	\$ 67,345.74
ARIZONA	911.67	2,087.00	1,175.33
ARKANSAS	25,026.75	69,573.00	44,546.25
CALIFORNIA	6,860.53	13,915.00	7,054.47
COLORADO	25.00	1,288.00	1,263.00
FLORIDA	22,953.58	66,790.00	43,836.42
GEORGIA	67,312.96	117,579.00	50,266.04
HAWAII	886.00	3,221.00	2,335.00
IDAHO	651.97	1,391.00	739.03
ILLINOIS	18,710.58	48,005.00	29,294.42
INDIANA	4,647.96	10,436.00	5,788.04
IOWA	460.00	1,288.00	828.00
KANSAS	521.87	2,087.00	1,565.13
KENTUCKY	11,678.78	25,046.00	13,367.22
MARYLAND ASSN. (MD, NJ,PA,DE,part of VA)	4,216.07	8,297.00	4,080.93
MICHIGAN	23,405.04	49,397.00	25,991.96
MISSISSIPPI	15,925.22	44,527.00	28,601.78
MISSOURI	28,326.73	64,007.00	35,680.27
NEBRASKA	315.00	1,391.00	1,076.00
NEW MEXICO	213.89	139.00	(74.89)
NORTH CAROLINA	126,452.16	368,041.00	241,588.84
NORTHWEST ASSN. (WA,OR,AK)	797.75	966.00	168.25
OHIO	12,110.40	34,091.00	21,980.60
OKLAHOMA	14,436.10	55,659.00	41,222.90
SOUTH CAROLINA	47,060.29	114,796.00	67,735.71
TENNESSEE	167,720.49	295,685.00	127,964.51
TEXAS	7,497.05	27,829.00	20,331.95
VIRGIN ISLANDS	622.92	1,391.00	768.08
VIRGINIA	27,788.16	39,657.00	11,868.84
WEST VIRGINIA	5,008.77	13,219.00	8,210.23
CANADA	99.50	644.00	544.50
WNAC	5,969.64	6,261.00	291.36
OTHER	18,560.66	393,023.00	374,462.34
TOTAL	718,101.75	2,000,000.00	1,281,898.25

ANNUAL REGISTRATION REPORT
1987-88

Undergraduate Enrollment 329

ENROLLMENT BREAKDOWNS

By State

Alabama	18	Kentucky	16	Tennessee	74
Arkansas	18	Louisiana	2	Texas	11
California	4	Massachusetts	1	Virginia	12
Delaware	2	Michigan	20	Washington	1
Florida	7	Mississippi	5	West Virginia	4
Georgia	15	Missouri	20		
Idaho	1	North Carolina	36		
Illinois	17	Ohio	12		
Indiana	8	Oklahoma	4		
Iowa	1	South Carolina	17	Foreign	3

(The student body represents 25 states and 2 foreign countries.)

By Classification

Freshmen	102	Juniors	67
Sophomores	80	Seniors	57
Special	23		

Others

Male	168	Ministerial	80
Female	161	Missionary	29
Free Will Baptist	316	Single	228
Other	13	Married	101

ENROLLMENT SUMMARY 1987-88

Undergraduate Enrollment---First Semester. 300

Additional Enrollment----Second Semester 21

Total Enrollment -----First and Second Semesters. 321

Summer 1987 Enrollment Not Already Counted 8

Total Undergraduate Enrollment 329

Graduate School Enrollment For 1987-88: Master of Ministry. 20
(Not counted elsewhere)

Total Annual Enrollment (Undergraduate and Graduate) 349

TEXAS STUDENTS
1987-88

<u>Student Name</u>	<u>Home City</u>	<u>Home Church</u>
Samuel Blake	Houston	Eastside
Manuel Casarez	Weslaco	Templo
Christopher Clary	Bryan	Bryan First
Cecil Cloninger	Houston	Houston First
Pete Davis	Thomaston	Northcrest
Brian Ferguson	Beckville	Carthage First
Tanya Getz	McAllen	McAllen
Daniel Harmon	Houston	Houston First
Judy Harmon	Houston	Houston First
Melisa Rainey	Comanche	Easley's Chapel
Keath Storm	Grand Prairie	Duncanville First

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 organization 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 the 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 Practices of the Free Will Baptists." All churches belonging to this state association must be members in good standing of some regularly organized district association. Any church or organization conforming to the above regulations must make proper application for membership in the association, and, after satisfactory examination and recommendation by the Credentials Committee, be elected to membership in the 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 the association.

Section 3: Any and all references to church or churches in this Constitution and By-Laws shall also refer to mission or missions.

ARTICLE IV: Representation

Section 1: Each district association shall be entitled to one delegate for each 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 and wives of the same 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 a 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 five dollars (\$5.00) plus the required National Association fee for each church or mission which is a member of that district.

Section 4: The letter of each church or mission shall be accompanied by a registration fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00).

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 views 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 not 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 the 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 with a worship service on Wednesday night before the second Sunday in June. The Executive Committee has the right to change the time or place of this meeting if the need or an emergency arises.

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 the 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 privileges until its next regular turn to entertain.

ARTICLE VIII: Officers

Section 1: The officers of this state association shall consist of moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, assistant clerk, parliamentarian, Hillsdale trustee, and executive secretary.

Section 2: These officers shall be elected at each regular annual session of the association except the executive secretary and the clerk, who shall be elected every two years, and the trustee to Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College who shall be elected every three years.

Section 3: The officers shall be elected on the last day of the state meeting.

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 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 and called sessions of the association, the Executive Board, and the General Board. He shall proofread 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 trustee to Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College from the State of Texas is to act at the board meetings of the college in behalf of the State of Texas. He is to give an annual report to the state association of Texas on the progress of the college.

He will subscribe to the standards set forth in the Hillsdale Faculty Handbook and the Doctrinal Questionnaire for faculty members.

Section 6: The executive secretary shall perform the duties listed below: Representation: The executive secretary is the official spokesman to and for Texas Free Will Baptists. He represents state and national programs to the Texas state association, district associations, and local churches. He represents Texas Free Will Baptists to other organizations as needed. He shall assist in coordinating and promoting the activities of our state boards. He is responsible to coordinate that which relates to the state association meeting. He shall be an *ex-officio* member of all the boards of the Texas state association.

Communication: The executive secretary is responsible to keep Texas Free Will Baptists informed. He shall present a complete written report to each annual session of the association of all work which he has done. He shall edit the CHALLENGE to inform, encourage, and instruct. He shall initiate ideas and programs to present to the state association and produce motivational materials relating to these approved programs. When he represents the state association to other organizations, he is responsible to report the response and reaction. He is responsible for keeping us informed on all news that relates to Texas Free Will Baptists, from an international to a local level.

Counselor: The executive secretary shall be a competent and confidential consultant to all Texas Free Will Baptist churches and pastors as needed. He shall assist churches which are seeking a pastor. He shall be available to assist churches which are having problems. He should be available to assist ministers seeking churches or counsel as needed. He should conduct and/or provide for seminars, workshops, and conferences.

Treasurer: The executive secretary shall receive, hold, and disburse all monies 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 and

audited financial statement to the state association of all monies received and disbursed to each board, national board, etc.

Accountability: The work of the executive secretary shall be under the supervision of the State Executive Board. If for any reason the executive secretary should be relieved of this office by the Executive Board, we shall have only a ninety (90) days obligation to him. If the executive secretary should be relieved of his office for moral or doctrinal reasons, the Executive Board has no obligation for continuing salary and/or expenses, nor is he eligible for any severance pay.

A part-time executive secretary, working under the direction of the Executive Board, will be expected to perform as many of the above functions as time permits.

Section 7: It shall be the duty of the parliamentarian to thoroughly acquaint himself with good and accepted parliamentary rules that he may be prepared to rule on the order of any business procedure being transacted at any session of the association. It shall be the privilege of the chair to call for a ruling from the parliamentarian when he deems it necessary.

ARTICLE X: Standing boards

Section 1: The standing boards of the state association shall include the Executive Board, General Board, Missions-Church Extension Board, and the 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. The Missions-Church Extension Board shall be composed of no more than one member per district.

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

The board members shall be elected at the time of the adoption of their board report.

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 source. 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, or except by approval of the Executive Committee.

When a board member absents himself from a board meeting without providential reasons, his membership shall be automatically terminated from the board. The remaining members of said board shall elect someone to fill the vacancy until the next state meeting.

Section 4: The Executive Board shall consist of the moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, assistant clerk, parliamentarian, Hillsdale trustee, and executive secretary. It shall act in behalf of the association when not in session and shall have the 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. It shall also make nominations for the position of executive secretary. Nominations for the position of executive secretary may also be made from the floor.

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. Such notification shall consist of a registered letter sent to the moderator and clerk of each association.

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 all meetings of this board.

It shall be the duty of this board to meet preceeding 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 Missions-Church Extension Board shall promote an active home and foreign missions program in and for the state of Texas.

Section 7: The Christian Education Board shall promote all phases of Christian education through the Sunday School, Church Training Service, workshops, institutes, and Free Will Baptist related schools and colleges.

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 and Obituary.

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.

Section 4: The moderator shall appoint other committees as necessary, or as 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 and voting 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. Written copies must be provided to the voting membership at the time the amendment is tabled.

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 be seated 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 one 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 and voting, a ruling of the moderator may be overruled.

Section 10: These by-laws may be amended at any regular session of the association by a majority vote of the body provided the 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.

CENTRAL TEXAS DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

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1806-A W. HOLLEMAN AVE.
COLLEGE STATION, TX 77840
409-693-7874

CENTRAL DISTRICT (CONT')

FIRST FWB CHURCH
10331 VETERAN'S MEMORIAL DR.
HOUSTON, TX 77038
713-448-4116

NEW HOPE FWB CHURCH
P.O. BOX 98
HUNTSVILLE, TX 77340

NORTH ZULCH FWB CHURCH
P.O. BOX 72
NORTH ZULCH, TX 77872

PINE PRAIRIE FWB CHURCH
ROUTE 6, BOX 99
HUNTSVILLE, TX 77340
409-291-2678

TEMPLE FWB CHURCH
ROUTE 4, BOX 68
TEMPLE, TX 76501
817-773-9449

TRINITY FWB CHURCH
BOX 111
ARCADIA, TX 77517
409-925-5662

UNITED FWB CHURCH
3707 N.E. BY-PASS
BRYAN, TX 77803
409-778-0063

BOBBY FERGUSON
13155 WINDING WOOD
HOUSTON, TX 77038
713-820-1045

PAUL MORRIS
ROUTE 6, BOX 96
HUNTSVILLE, TX 77340

GEORGE RUTLEDGE

E.R. MAYO

FRANK H. COPE
9 SOUTH OAKS DR.
COLLEGE STATION, TX 77840
409-690-0958

EAST TEXAS DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

MODERATOR: RON PARKER
P.O. BOX 8176
TYLER, TX 75711
214-597-5234

CLERK: ELAINE PARKER
P.O. BOX 8176
TYLER, TX 75711
214-595-0386

MEETINGS: The East Texas District Association meets on the Saturday before the second Sunday of January, April, July, and October, with the annual meeting being the January meeting.

BUNCOMBE FWB CHURCH
C/O ANN BAISDEN
ROUTE 4
CARTHAGE, TX 75633
214-693-8630

FAITH FWB MISSION FUND
402 RAVENWOOD ST.
HENDERSON, TX 75961-2520
214-

H. RAY BERRY
402 RAVENWOOD ST.
HENDERSON, TX 75961-2520
214-

FIRST FWB CHURCH
P.O. BOX 390
CANTON, TX 75103

FRED KING
P.O. BOX 262
BEN WHEELER, TX 75103
214-833-5302

FIRST FWB CHURCH
ROUTE 1, BOX 107 A2
(HWY. 59 BY-PASS)
CARTHAGE, TX 75633
214-693-4193

ARNOLD SHREWSBURY
ROUTE 1, BOX 107 A2
CARTHAGE, TX 75633
214-693-4193

FIRST FWB CHURCH
913 RICHARDSON DR.
HENDERSON, TX 75652
214-657-5763

WM. DON ELLIS
501 RUSSELL
HENDERSON, TX 75652
214-657-5763

FIRST FWB CHURCH
ROUTE 10, BOX 5330
NACOGDOCHES, TX 75961
409-560-2017

LARRY MONDAY
103 S. MARKET
CARTHAGE, TX 75633
214-693-4643

GOOD HOPE FWB CHURCH
ROUTE 2, BOX 246-C
HENDERSON, TX 75652
214-657-6074

KEITH PHIPPS
ROUTE 2, BOX 1737
HENDERSON, TX 75652
214-889-2589

LIFEGATE FWB CHURCH
P.O. BOX 8176
TYLER, TX 75711
214-597-5234

RON PARKER
P.O. BOX 8176
TYLER, TX 75711
214-595-0386

EAST TEXAS DISTRICT (CON'T)

MOUNT OLIVE FWB CHURCH
ROUTE 1, BOX 113
LANEVILLE, TX 75667

MOUNT UNION FWB CHURCH
ROUTE 1, BOX 252
GARRISON, TX 75946

OLD TIME GOSPEL FWB
ROUTE 4, BOX 330A2
(3402 ASH ST.)
TEXARKANA, TX 75502

STEWART FWB CHURCH
ROUTE 4, BOX 257
HENDERSON, TX 75652
214-836-4577 (CLK)

UNION ARBOR FWB CHURCH
ROUTE 2, BOX 58
BECKVILLE, TX 75631
214-678-2109

YOUNGBLOOD FWB CHURCH
ROUTE 1, BOX 327 (CLK)
BECKVILLE, TX 75631

LEE ROY ANDERSON, JR.
ROUTE 3
CARTHAGE, TX 75633
214-693-3514

BENNY BURROW
P.O. BOX 395
FOUKE, AR 71837
501-653-3590

HAROLD TEAGUE
405 E. FAIRLANE DR.
LONGVIEW, TX 75604
214-297-3955

LEE ROY ANDERSON, SR.
ROUTE 3, BOX 232
CARTHAGE, TX 75633
214-693-6113

MIDESSA DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

MODERATOR: WILL HARMON
5701 78TH STREET
LUBBOCK, TX 79424
806-794-2811

CLERK: GREG RUCKER
4302 49TH STREET
LUBBOCK, TX 79413
806-793-6846

MEETINGS: The Midessa Association meets on the Saturday before the third Sunday of September and March, with the March meeting being the annual meeting.

BIBLE FWB CHURCH
2421 WEST 49TH
ODESSA, TX 79764
915-362-5716

DONALD BAILEY
4720 BRYAN ROAD
ODESSA, TX 79764
915-368-0879

FIRST FWB CHURCH
2203 W. SEVENTH
P.O. BOX 4105
ODESSA, TX 79760
915-332-4173

MIKE PARROTT
2513 CAMBRIDGE
ODESSA, TX 79761
915-362-7907

LUBBOCK FWB CHURCH
4424 35TH STREET
LUBBOCK, TX 79414
806-792-4006

GREG RUCKER
4302 49TH STREET
LUBBOCK, TX 79413
806-793-6846

PURITAN COVENANT FWB CHURCH
4031 W. ILLNOIS ST.
MIDLAND, TX 79703
915-697-1521

PATRICK DICKENS
4307 PRINCETON
MIDLAND, TX 79703
915-694-2931

MISSION DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

MODERATOR: BOBBY JO DAVIS
P.O. BOX 116
THOMASTON, TX 77989
512-275-6038

CLERK: GILBERTA BELL
4657 COSNER
CORPUS CHRISTI, TX 78415
512-853-6780

MEETINGS: The Mission District Association meets on the Saturday before the fourth Sunday of January, April, and October, and on the second Saturday of August, with the October meeting being the annual meeting.

CHRIST'S FWB CHURCH
3126 GOLLIHAR ROAD
CORPUS CHRISTI, TX 78415
512-852-7714

NORTHCREST FWB CHURCH
801 KELLY CREEK
VICTORIA, TX 77904
512-576-3243

ROY WILSON
216 KIRK WALL
VICTORIA, TX 77904-2764
512-576-3243

ZION FWB CHURCH
1126 STONE ST.
CORPUS CHRISTI, TX 78418
512-937-4732

STEPHEN HUTCHINSON
3017 BIMINI
CORPUS CHRISTI, TX 78418
512-937-4732

NORTHWEST BRAZOS DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

MODERATOR: BOB GILL
ROUTE 3, BOX 774
AMARILLO, TX 79107
806-383-5733

CLERK: EDITH GILL
ROUTE 3, BOX 774
AMARILLO, TX 79107
806-383-5733

MEETINGS: The Northwest Brazos District Association meets on the Saturday before the third Sunday of February, May, August, and November, with the annual meeting being the May meeting. Meetings follow an alphabetical rotation: Amarillo, Crowell, Lubbock.

FAITH FWB CHURCH
P.O. BOX 16744
LUBBOCK, TX 79490

JACKIE FARMER
P.O. BOX 863
SHALLOWATER, TX 79363
806-832-4844

FIRST FWB CHURCH
P.O. BOX 246
(WEST STEPHENS ST.)
CROWELL, TX 79227

OAKDALE FIRST FWB CHURCH
2501 SOUTH VERNON
AMARILLO, TX 79103
806-372-9591

BOB GILL
ROUTE 3, BOX 774
AMARILLO, TX 79107
806-383-5733

RIO GRANDE VALLEY ASSOCIATION

MODERATOR: JAMES MUNSEY
P.O. BOX 90
WESLACO, TX 78596
512-969-1674

CLERK: MELVIN THOMPSON
ROUTE 1, BOX 706
MISSION, TX 78572
512-585-8054

MEETINGS: There is no set meeting schedule for the Rio Grande Valley District, meetings are called as needed.

FIRST FWB CHURCH
P.O. BOX 3266
(3801 N. 2ND ST.
McALLEN, TX 78502
512-687-4523

RAYMOND GETZ
P.O. BOX 3266
McALLEN, TX 78502
512-687-4320

TEMPLO FWB CHURCH
P.O. BOX 90
WESLACO, TX 78596
512-969-1674

JAMES MUNSEY
P.O. BOX 90
WESLACO, TX 78596-0090
512-968-2834

WEST FORK DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

MODERATOR: H.Z. COX
1722 SPARTA DRIVE
DUNCANVILLE, TX 75137
214-296-3490

CLERK: JAMES D. STELL
ROUTE 2, BOX 76
BELLEVUE, TX 76228
817-476-2252

MEETINGS: The West Fork District Association meets on the Friday night and Saturday before the first Sunday of August, November, and February. The annual meeting is the first Friday night and Saturday of May, and it meets at the West Fork Youth Camp.

CALVARY FWB CHURCH
4509 ROCKWOOD DR.
FORT WORTH, TX 76112
817-626-4034

GLEN HUBBARD
1117 PARSONS
FORT WORTH, TX 76106
817-626-4034

CHAPEL HILL FWB CHURCH
P.O. BOX 1704
(FM 45& COUNTRY CLUB RD.)
BROWNWOOD, TX 76801

KENNETH BRANDEN
P.O. BOX 1704
BROWNWOOD, TX 76801

CONCORD FWB CHURCH
829 WEST DANIELDALE RD.
DALLAS, TX 75232
214-228-3582

ROD HENSCH
825 DANIELDALE RD.
DALLAS, TX 75232
214-228-3582

CONNALLY FWB CHURCH
2200 AIR BASE RD.
WACO, TX 76705
817-799-0590

J. E. JEAN
231 AVE. G
WACO, TX 76705
817-799-5098

CORNERSTONE FWB CHURCH
(FORMERLY 1ST FWB)
1000 S. ARMSTRONG
DENISON, TX 75020
214-465-1052

JOEL KIRCHER
ROUTE 4, BOX 468-B
DENISON, TX 75020
214-463-5757

EASLEY CHAPEL FWB CHURCH
ROUTE 1, BOX 148-A
COMMANCHE, TX 76442
915-356-3392

PAT BURTTRAM, JR.
ROUTE 1, BOX 148-A
COMMANCHE, TX 76442
915-356-3392

FAITH FWB CHURCH
1202 36TH ST.
WICHITA FALLS, TX 76302
817-767-3265

RICHARD RUST
4114 ALPINE
WICHITA FALLS, TX 76302
817-766-0154

FIRST FWB CHURCH
505 STRONG ST.
BOWIE, TX 76230
817-872-4536

OWEN BARGER
1208 ZAHARA
BOWIE, TX 76230
817-872-3406

WEST FORK DISTRICT (CON'T)

FIRST FWB CHURCH
1415 W. WHEATLAND
DUNCANVILLE, TX 75116
214-780-1608

FIRST FWB CHURCH
1901 S. 12TH ST.
WACO, TX 76706
817-754-0566

FIRST FWB CHURCH
109 LINE ST.
WEATHERFORD, TX 76086
817-599-9620

FIRST FWB CHURCH
3615 ARTHUR
WICHITA FALLS, TX 76308
817-692-2048

FRIENDSHIP FWB CHURCH
4200 McKIBBEN
FORT WORTH, TX 76117
817-831-7970

GARLAND FWB CHURCH
2317 WEST KINGSLEY
GARLAND, TX 75041
214-271-2112

LIBERTY FWB CHURCH
504 EAST COLLEGE
COMMANCHE, TX 76442

NEW SALEM FWB CHURCH
ROUTE 1
DECATUR, TX 76234
817-766-4543

PLEASANT MOUND FWB CHURCH
ROUTE 1, BOX 37-A
BELLEVUE, TX 76228
817-476-2242

RAYNELLE FWB CHURCH
608 RAYNELLE
DALLAS, TX 75217
214-285-4512

SEVENTH ST. FWB CHURCH
6024 S. 7TH STREET
ABILENE, TX 79605
817-872-1395

DAVID SUTTON
615 ADAMS DR.
DUNCANVILLE, TX 75137
214-296-6245

JAMES E. MARECLE
217 AVE. G
WACO, TX 76705
817-799-2547

BILLY JOE AULDS
401 THROCKMORTON
WEATHERFORD, TX 76086
817-599-7720

THURMON MURPHY
5037 LINDALE
WICHITA FALLS, TX 76310
817-691-0318

JACK T. BANKHEAD
2812 ROOSEVELT
FORT WORTH, TX 76106
817-624-7084

KEITH STEWART
2823 N. SHILOH
GARLAND, TX 75041
214-271-2112

ROY NORIE
1414 POLK
WICHITA FALLS, TX 76309
817-766-4543

BILLY BROWN
ROUTE 1, BOX 37-A
BELLEVUE, TX 76228
817-476-2242

BOB MORRISON
2542 MOSSGLEN
DALLAS, TX 75227
214-285-4512

C.W. SANDERSON
1400 N. MILL ST
BOWIE, TX 76230
817-872-1395

WEST FORK DISTRICT (CON'T)

WESTERN HILLS FWB CHURCH
7413 CALMONT AVE.
FORT WORTH, TX 76116
817-244-3666

