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1994 State Minutes

Texas State Association
of Free Will Baptists
80th Annual Session
June 8-10, '94

Shearton Inn Wichita Falls
100 Central Freeway
Wichita Falls, Texas

Minutes
of the
Eightieth Annual Session
of the
Texas State Association
of Free Will Baptists

When Convened with the
West Fork District Association

at the

Sheraton Inn of Wichita Falls
100 Central Freeway
Wichita Falls, Texas 76305

June 8 - 10, 1994

Theme: "Leadership"

The Next Session
Will Be Held with the
Central Texas District Association

at the

Holiday Inn South
3401 South IH-35
Austin, Texas 78741
(512) 448-2444

June 7-9, 1995

Theme - "Free Will Baptists: Who We Are"

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of

Free Will Baptists

1994-95

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Standing Boards

Missions/Church Extension Board

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Robert Posner	Year 1995
Bobby Ferguson	Year 1996
Don Guthrie	Year 1996
Dale Smith	Year 1997

Chairman:	Bobby Ferguson	(713) 448-4116	(office)
	13155 Winding Wood	820-1045	(home)
	Houston, Texas 77038		

Treasurer:	Dale Smith	(409) 778-0063	(office)
	2503 Glacier Drive	778-1043	(home)
	Bryan, Texas 77801		

Christian Education Board

Brad Hanna	Year 1995
Mark Jones	Year 1995
David Ferguson	Year 1996
Wes Hood	Year 1997
Chris Smith	Year 1997

Chairman:	Brad Hanna	(817) 860-5196
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Treasurer:	Chris Smith	(409) 731-8078
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	Bryan, Texas 77805	

Executive Board

The Executive Board is composed of the general officers of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists. See page 1.

General Board

The General Board consists of the state's general officers, the chairman of each state standing board, the moderator of each district association and one elected representative from each district association.

**Executive Board Meeting
September 9, 1993
Graham, Texas**

The Executive Board of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists met at the Red Carpet Inn in Graham, Texas, on Thursday, September 9, 1993. Members present for the meeting were Moderator Bill Jones; Keith Woody, Assistant Moderator; Thurmon Murphy, Clerk; Robert Posner, Assistant Clerk, and Don Guthrie, Hillsdale Trustee. Henry Potter was in South Carolina due to the death of a pastor friend.

Moderator Bill Jones called the meeting to order, brought a brief devotional though on the Lord's Prayer, and then led in prayer.

The first item of business was the passing of the following resolution:

Be it resolved that the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists authorize the Texas State Missions/Church Extension Board of Free Will Baptists to sell the,

**Northeast 1/2 of Lot 2, Block 27, New City Block
11743, LOCKHILL ESTATES, UNIT NO. 3, in the
City of San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, according
to plat thereof recorded in Volume 2881, Page 185,
Deed and Plat Records of Bexar Country, Texas.**

To Elodia Saenz for the Sum total of thirty seven hundred dollars (\$3,700).

We also verified that Bobby Ferguson, Chairman of the Missions/Church Extension Board of Texas Free Will Baptists, was authorized to act as our legal representative to sign papers necessary in the sale of the property.

Acting Treasurer Thurmon Murphy gave a brief financial report on the current balance in the state's general fund (\$671.00) and indicated that the expenses of the board meeting would deplete that balance.

The board then got to the main purpose of the meeting as directed by the State Association in June: to formulate a temporary plan of paying Clerk Thurmon Murphy for his services to the state as Clerk, Editor of *The Texas Challenge*, his administrative and promotional work, etc. There was a motion to move into Phase III of the four phase plan adopted by the State Association in 1987 while meeting in Odessa (see pages 25 and 26 of the 1987 State Minutes), to revise our 1993 and 1994 state budgets to include paying Thurmon Murphy \$500.00 per month for his work with the State Office, and that this action be effective as of September 1, 1993 and extend through May of 1994. The motion carried.

The board asked the Acting Treasurer to include in the monthly financial reports a list of the churches which support the State Office.

There was a motion to appoint Robert Posner as a check signer replacing Dale Smith. The motion carried.

The board then discussed some preliminary plans for the 1994 state meeting, scheduled for June 8-10 at the Sheraton Inn in Wichita Falls. Several possible speakers were discussed, but none were decided upon.

The board then set the date of the 1994 All Boards Meeting and decided that it would be in Austin. Thurmon Murphy and Keith Woody were appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the meeting.

The meeting was then dismissed in prayer by Robert Posner at 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thurmon Murphy, Clerk
Robert Posner, Assistant Clerk

**Executive Board Meeting
All Boards Meeting
January 21-22, 1994
Austin, Texas**

The Executive Board of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists met in connection with the All Boards Meeting at the Holiday Inn Townlake in Austin, Texas, on Friday afternoon, January 21, 1994. Members present for the meeting were Bill Jones, Moderator; Thurmon Murphy, Clerk; Robert Posner, Assistant Clerk, Henry Potter, Parliamentarian, and Don Guthrie, Hillsdale Trustee. Assistant Moderator Keith Woody was in a meeting with the Home Missions Board

Bill Jones opened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. by giving some devotional thoughts on Luke 6:38. He then led in prayer.

Acting Treasurer Thurmon Murphy gave the financial report of the State Office, including at update of the Capital Stewardship Campaign and the 1996 National Convention Fund. After some discussion on how to best promote the Capital Stewardship Campaign, the board agreed that the moderator should mail a letter promoting the campaign to the churches of Texas.

The board reviewed a proposed 1995 budget for the State Office. A motion was made and passed to recommend the budget (through the General Board) to the state body for adoption.

Thurmon Murphy gave a report on *The Texas Challenge*. The board agreed to omit the January-February 1994 issue because of financial considerations.

There was a motion, which passed, to recommend to the state body that the following Cooperative Program allocations (the undesignated portion of The Together Way Plan) be retained for 1995:

State Office.....	40%
National Cooperative Plan.....	25%
State Home Missions.....	23%
Christian Education Board.....	12%

There was a motion that we send a representative to the New Mexico State Association meeting in April. The motion carried.

A motion was made to recommend to the state body that the Texas state meeting be held in Austin for the next three years (1995 - 1997) as a centralized location. The motion carried.

Don Guthrie gave a report on Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College. It was noted that Texas had been extended the opportunity to add a second trustee to the Hillsdale Board of Trustees. A motion was made that we recommend to the state body that we continue with only one trustee from Texas in view of expenses involved, etc. The motion carried.

A motion was made that we eliminate the Friday morning preaching

service at our state meeting. The motion carried.

There was a motion that we secure Alton Loveless as our speaker for the 1994 Texas state meeting. The motion carried.

The following appointments were made for the 1994 state meeting: Wednesday evening presider, Richard Rust; Thursday morning presider, Leroy Blankenship; Thursday evening presider, Warner Collier; Friday morning Scripture and prayer, Brad Hanna; and Music Coordinator, Mark Jones.

The board agreed to have a golf tournament on Wednesday morning, June 8. Thurmon Murphy and Mark Jones were given the responsibility of setting it up.

The board recessed for dinner at 6:10 p.m.

The board resumed its meeting after dinner at 8:10 p.m. Keith Woody was present for the remainder of the meeting.

Don Guthrie was asked to give a forty minute workshop on Thursday morning of the state meeting on "The Seven Most Important People In Your Church." The board agreed to schedule on the program representatives from all National departments and Hillsdale who planned to attend the state meeting.

With the board's business ended, attention was given to a number of prayer requests. The board then engaged in a time of prayer led by Henry Potter. The meeting was dismissed at 9:10 p.m.

All of the state boards and the state Woman's Auxiliary officers met at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday morning, January 22, at the Lakehills Free Will Baptist Church in Cedar Park, our current state mission project. Moderator Bill Jones presided. Mark Jones led "Thou Art Worthy" and Thurmon Murphy led in the opening prayer.

The first report shared with the group was the report of the Executive Board. This report was give by Thurmon Murphy.

State Woman's Auxiliary president Helen Sanders gave the report of the Woman's Auxiliary. She announced that they had reached their project goals for 1993 and announced their 1994 state project goals as: \$2,000 for Dwain and Debbie Crosby, \$2,000 for Earnest and Elaine Holland, and \$2,000 for the 1996 National WNAC Convention. She also announced a Women's Retreat for October 21 or 28 at the T-Bar Ranch at New Braunfels.

Bobby Ferguson gave the report of the State Missions/Church Extension Board. Missionary pastor Keith Woody gave a report on the progress of the mission church and the building. David Sutton gave the board's financial report.

Mark Jones gave the report of the Christian Education Board. He announced that there would be a mission trip August 4-6; a Senior Adult Retreat at the West Fork Youth Camp, October 6-8; and a State Youth Retreat, November 18-19.

Moderator Bill Jones then read 1 Corinthians 11:1 and brought some devotional thoughts. He then dismissed the All Boards Meeting in prayer at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thurmon Murphy, Clerk
Robert Posner, Assistant Clerk

General Board Meeting

Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists

June 8, 1994

Ballroom I
Sheraton Inn of Wichita Falls
Wichita Falls, Texas

The General Board of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists met on June 8, 1994, in Ballroom I of the Sheraton Inn of Wichita Falls. In the absence of moderator Bill Jones, who had moved to Oklahoma, assistant moderator Keith Woody acted as moderator at the General Board (and during the state meeting business sessions as well). Brother Woody called the General Board to order at 2:10 p.m. and brought a brief devotion from Philippians 4. He spoke about the progress and victories of our state during the past year. He expressed gratitude for the support he and the Austin mission project received during the year. Fort Worth pastor Jack Bankhead led in prayer.

Brother Woody appointed David Sutton to serve as assistant moderator during the 1994 session of the Texas State Association. Members of the General Board were then seated. The moderator then appointed the following committees:

Nominating Committee

Dale Smith, Chairman
Robert Posner
Don Guthrie

Committee on Committees

Herbert Richards, Chairman
Henry Potter
Bobby Ferguson

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adopt the program for the 1994 state meeting.

Clerk-treasurer Thurmon Murphy gave the financial report of the State Office and presented a proposed budget for 1995. He moved that the report be received and the 1995 budget be presented to the state body for adoption. The motion was seconded and carried. He presented four recommendations from the Executive Board. The first was that state clerk's salary be set at \$500.00 per month. There was a motion to present this recommendation to the state body for adoption. The motion was seconded and carried.

The second (which was also passed by motion) was that the following Cooperative Giving allocations be retained for the year 1995:

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

The third recommendation was that the state convention be held in Austin for three years (1995-1997) to see how a centralized location for the meeting will work for us rather than rotating the meetings around the state.

There was a motion to pass the recommendation on to the state body for adoption. The motion was seconded and carried.

The fourth recommendation was that the 1995 and 1996 state meetings be held at the Holiday Inn South in Austin. A motion to pass this recommendation on to the state body for adoption was made, seconded and carried.

Thurmon Murphy gave a report on his work as clerk and as editor of *The Texas Challenge*. There was a motion that his report be received. The motion was seconded and passed.

Don Guthrie gave a report on Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College. There was a motion to accept the report, which was seconded and passed.

Bobby Ferguson gave the report of the State Missions/Church Extension Board. David Sutton gave the financial report of the board and presented a proposed budget for 1995. A motion was made, seconded and passed to receive the report and present the proposed budget to the state body for adoption.

A motion was made to commend the State Missions/Church Extension Board and missionary pastor Keith Woody for the job they are doing and to encourage all Texas Free Will Baptist churches and associations to put State Home Missions in their budgets or to increase their budgets so the Mission Board can continue their work. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mark Jones gave the report of the Christian Education Board. A motion was made to receive the report and present the 1995 proposed budget to the state body for adoption. The motion was seconded and passed.

A motion was made that the General Board recommend to the state body that district associations and local churches which have sent letters, fees and delegates be seated. The motion was seconded and carried.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that the General Board be adjourned. The General Board adjourned at 4:10 p. m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thurmon Murphy, Clerk
Robert Posner, Assistant Clerk

Texas State Association
of
Free Will Baptists
Eightieth Annual Session
June 8 - 10, 1994

Wednesday Evening, June 8, 1994

The eightieth annual session of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists was held in Ballrooms I & II of the Sheraton Inn of Wichita Falls, Wichita Falls, Texas, June 8 - 10, 1994. The state clerk, Thurmon Murphy, called the association to order at 7:00 p. m. on Wednesday evening, June 8. Richard Rust, pastor of the Faith Free Will Baptist Church in Wichita Falls, presided over the service. Moderator Keith Woody extended a welcome .

Stanley Rater, music director of the Pleasant Mound Free Will Baptist Church in Buffalo Springs, directed an area choir composed of 20 singers from four area churches. They sang "The Lord Is Alive." Richard Rust led the congregation in "Amazing Grace." Stanley Rater then led "Majesty," "Blessed Assurance," and "More About Jesus."

Moderator Keith Woody announced that he had appointed the following committees:

Nominating Committee

Dale Smith, Chairman
Robert Posner
Don Guthrie

Committee on Committees

Herbert Richards, Chairman
Henry Potter
Bobby Ferguson

Richard Rust received the evening offering and led the congregation in "There's Something About That Name."

A quartet from the First Free Will Baptist Church in Wichita Falls, composed of John and Donita Brooks, Tim Caldwell and Jimmie Pitts, sang "On the Jericho Road."

Richard Rust introduced Dr. Alton Loveless, Director of the National Sunday School and Church Training Department in Nashville, Tennessee. Brother Loveless read from Numbers 13:1,2,30. He developed our 1994 theme of "Leadership" by speaking on "The ABC's of Human Management." He used an overhead projector very effectively in presenting the material on the subject. The clerk made a note that there were 79 people present.

Richard Rust led "Search Me, O God" and led in prayer.

Clerk Thurmon Murphy gave the report of the Committee on Committees:

Resolutions Committee

Jerry McArthur, Chairman
Luther Sanders
Richard Rust

Obituary Committee

Traci Jones, Chairman
Helen Sanders
Kathleen Sutton

Keith Woody asked Richard Rust to lead the congregation in singing "Thank You, Lord" as a song of dismissal. We were dismissed at 8:35 p. m.

Thursday Morning, June 9, 1994

Keith Woody open the morning session by reading a passage of Scripture. Bobby Ferguson led the invocation prayer. Richard Rust led the congregation in singing "This Is the Day." Brother Woody then gave the moderator's message, reading from 2 Timothy 3, and led in prayer.

Moderator Keith Woody introduced Don Guthrie who conducted a workshop on "The Seven Most Important People In Your Church." He prefaced it by reading Ephesians 4:11-16. The people he listed are:

1. The Visitor
2. The Greeter or Usher
3. The Nursery Worker
4. The Person You Sit Beside
5. The Moderator, Presider or Master of Ceremonies
6. The Worship Leader or Music Leader
7. The Pastor

Assistant clerk Robert Posner gave a partial report of the Credentials Committee. He moved that the report be received and that the delegates be seated. The motion was seconded and carried.

Jack Richey gave a report on Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College.

Alton Loveless gave a report on the Sunday School and Church Training Department of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

A. V. Jennische gave a report on the State Master's Men ministry.

Plano pastor Don Guthrie, a member of the National Home Missions Board, gave a report on the National Home Missions Department.

Dr. Melvin Worthington, Executive Secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, gave a report on Free Will Baptist Bible College and a report on the National Executive Office.

Keith Woody read a letter from Ken and Marvis Eagleton, Texas missionaries to Brazil now working in Nashville. Fred Warner then gave the report of the Foreign Missions Department.

Luther Sanders led in prayer as the morning session recessed for a brief time.

Thursday Morning Worship, 11:00 A. M.

There were 44 people present for the morning worship service. Mark Jones, accompanied by his wife, Traci, led the congregation in singing "Thou Art Worthy," "Jesus, Lord to Thee," "My Only Hope Is You," "He Is Lord," "He Paid a Debt" and "Amazing Grace." Richard Rust sang a solo: "The Broken Rose." David Sutton presided over the service, received the morning offering, and led the offertory prayer.

Mark Jones sang a solo: "The Anchor Holds." Dr. Alton Loveless again addressed the 194 theme of "Leadership." He emphasized motivation. Richard Rust led in the closing prayer.

Thursday Evening Worship, 7:00 P. M.

Fifty seven people were present as Dale Smith presided over the Thursday evening worship service. He introduced the service by asking people to introduce themselves to five people. Mark Jones led "I Am Resolved," "Something Beautiful" and "He Paid a Debt" as his wife Trace accompanied on the piano.

Jerry McArthur, pastor of the Cornerstone Free Will Baptist Church in Denison, sang a solo: "I Call It Home." Dale Smith received the evening offering. A quartet from the Pleasant Mound Free Will Baptist Church at Buffalo Springs sang "Praise God I'm Free." The quartet was composed of Mark and Traci Jones, Stanley Rater and Hoyt Sherbert.

Dr. Alton Loveless then delivered his final sermon-workshop on "Leadership." He emphasized the need for communication. At the conclusion of his message the congregation gave him a standing ovation.

Dale Smith received another offering -- this one as a love offering for one of our pastors whose wife's purse had been stolen at the beginning of the convention. Mark Jones led in "Majesty" as the offering was received. The service was closed with prayer led by Henry Potter.

Friday Morning Business Session, June 10, 1994

Thirty people, eleven of them pastors, were present as moderator Keith Woody opened the morning session. He introduced Roy Norie, pastor of the New Salem Free Will Baptist Church in Decatur, who read 1 Peter 5:6; 2 Thessalonians 3:1-3 and 1 Thessalonians 5:8,9 and brought a brief devotion. He led in the opening prayer.

Mark Jones led the congregation in "In My Heart There Rings a Melody." Moderator Keith Woody introduced Darrell Nichols, missionary to Africa, and Dwain and Debbie Crosby, missionaries to Spain, who brought greetings and updates on their work and financial status.

Assistant clerk Robert Posner gave the Final Credentials Committee Report and the Registration Report. The report was received as information.

Helen Sanders, president of State Woman's Auxiliary Convention, gave the report of their work for the year. She announced the change of their

name to "Texas Women Active for Christ." Her report was received as information.

Robert Posner gave the report of the General Board. A motion was made and seconded to receive the report and act on it item by item at the appropriate time. Item number 1 passed.

Thurmon Murphy gave the State Office Financial Report and reported on his work for the state as clerk. He moved that his report be accepted. The motion was seconded and carried.

Dale Smith gave the report of the Nominating Committee:

State Officers

Moderator: replacing Bill Jones, David Sutton
Assistant Moderator: replacing Keith Woody, Keith Woody
Clerk: replacing Thurmon Murphy, Thurmon Murphy ('96)
Assistant Clerk: replacing Robert Posner, Robert Posner
Parliamentarian: replacing Henry Potter, Henry Potter
Hillsdale Trustee: Replacing Don Guthrie, Jim Harris ('96)

Missions/Church Extension Board

Replacing David Sutton, Don Guthrie ('96)
Replacing Dale Smith, Dale Smith ('97)

Christian Education Board

Replacing Keath Storm, Brad Hanna ('95)
Replacing Jim Harris, Wes Hood ('97)
Replacing Chris Smith, Chris Smith ('97)

National Association General Board Member

Thurmon Murphy ('96)

Master's Men Senator

Replacing A. V. Jennische, A. V. Jennische

A motion was made to receive the report of the Nominating Committee and elect the various officers and board members at the appropriate time. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mark Jones gave the report of the Christian Education Board. A motion was made to receive the report and adopt their proposed 1995 budget. The motion was seconded and carried. Brad Hanna ('95), Wes Hood ('97) and Chris Smith ('97) were elected to the Christian Education Board

David Sutton gave the report of the Missions/Church Extension Board in the absence of chairman Bobby Ferguson. There was a motion to receive the report and adopt their proposed 1995 budget. The motion was seconded and carried. Don Guthrie ('95) and Dale Smith ('97) were elected to the Missions/Church Extension Board.

Don Guthrie, a member of the National Home Missions Board, gave an explanation regarding giving to Mexican Missions. Essentially he said that monies given to Mexican Missions will now go to where they are intended by those who give.

Texas' Hillsdale Trustee, Don Guthrie, gave the report of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College. The report was received as information.

Traci Jones gave the Obituary Committee report. She led in prayer in memory of those deceased during the past year.

Jerry McArthur gave the report of the Resolutions Committee. Both items were adopted.

Moderator Keith Woody presented the remaining items from the General Board Report:

Item # 3 regarding Co-op Allocations was adopted.

Item # 4 regarding the clerk's salary was adopted.

Item # 5 regarding having the state meeting in Austin was adopted.

Item # 6 regarding meeting at the Holiday Inn South in Austin - There was a motion to substitute: "Refer the matter to the Executive Board and have them check on movies in the Holiday Inn South, make the appropriate decision and report their decision in the next issue of The Texas Challenge." The substitute motion carried.

Item # 7 regarding commending the Mission Board and pastor Keith Woody was adopted.

Clerk Thurmon Murphy presented the proposed 1995 State Office Budget. There was a motion to adopt the proposed budget. The motion was seconded and carried.

The next items of business was the election of state officers. The following people were elected:

Thurmon Murphy: National Association General Board Member
Master's Men Senator: A. V. Jennische
Hillsdale Trustee: Jim Harris ('96), replacing Don Guthrie
Parliamentarian: Henry Potter
Clerk: Thurmon Murphy ('96)
Assistant Clerk: Robert Posner
Assistant Moderator: Keith Woody
Moderator: David Sutton

A motion was made to instruct the clerk to write former moderator Bill Jones a letter of commendation for his years of work and service to the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists.

After several announcements, the eightieth annual session of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists was dismissed in prayer at 11:05 a. m. by Jerry McArthur.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thurmon Murphy, Clerk
Robert Posner, Assistant Clerk

General Board Report

The General Board of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists met on June 8, 1994, in Ballroom I of the Sheraton Inn of Wichita Falls in Wichita Falls, Texas. 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, and the Christian Education Board. We recommend that these reports be received and the budgets adopted as each is presented. (adopted)
2. We recommend that the district associations and local churches properly reporting by letter and fees, as reported by the Credentials Committee, be seated. (adopted)
3. We recommend that the following Cooperative Program (the undesignated portion of The Together Way Plan) be retained for the year 1995:

State Office.....	40%
National Cooperative Plan.....	25%
Missions/Church Extension Board.....	23%
Christian Education Board.....	12%
(adoped)	

4. We recommend that the temporary plan put in effect last fall of paying the state clerk \$500.00 per month for his work for the Texas State Association be adopted as a permanent plan. (adopted)
5. We recommend that the Texas State Association meeting be held in Austin for the next three years (1995, 1996, 1997). (adopted)
6. We recommend that the Texas State Association meeting be held at the Holiday Inn South in Austin for the next two years (1995, 1996).

(There was a substitute motion made to refer this matter to the Executive Board and have them check on movies in the Holiday Inn South, make the appropriate decision and report their decision in the next issue of *The Texas Challenge*. The substitute motion was adopted.)

7. We recommend that the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists commend the Missions/Church Extension Board and Keith Woody for the job they are doing, and we further recommend that all Texas Free Will Baptist churches and district associations put the Missions/Church Extension Board in their budgets or increase their budgets for state missions so that the Missions/Church Extension Board can continue their work. (adopted)

State Office Financial Report

1993

Texas State Outside Giving

National Association			
Co-op 25%	\$ 2,449.79		
Designated	\$ 8,947.75	\$ 11,397.54	
State Home Missions			
Co-op 23%	\$ 1,946.32		
Designated	\$ 38,267.21	\$ 40,213.53	
National Home Missions		13,940.90	
Mexican Missions (Direct)		2,953.14	
Oklahoma State Missions		125.00	
Foreign Mission		56,101.27	
Capital Stewardship Campaign		945.52	
Free Will Baptist Bible College		4,444.55	
Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College		12,584.37	
Southeastern Free Will Baptist College		968.00	
Christian Education Board		1,831.17	
Alabama Children's Home		350.00	
Total Outside Giving		\$145,854.99	<u>\$ 145,854.99</u>

Texas State Office Receipts for 1993

40% Co-op	\$ 3,982.97	
Church & District Designated	4,872.26	
District Fees	950.00	
Church Fees	2,455.00	
State Meeting Offerings	387.97	
1996 National Convention Fund	2,302.72	
Sales (Offering Envelopes & Books)	114.00	
Reimbursements	652.59	
Interest Income	478.11	
Total Receipts	\$ 16,195.62	<u>\$ 16,195.62</u>
Grand Total Receipts for 1993		<u>\$162,050.61</u>

Texas State Office Expenses

for

1993

Travel and Promotion		\$ 831.82
Executive Board Meetings		1,608.37
Telephone		500.37
Postage		1,294.13
Office Supplies		362.35
Bank Service Charges		65.10
Miscellaneous Expenses		61.37
Labor		
Bookkeeper	1,800.00	
State Clerk	1,000.00	2,800.00
Audit of Books		100.00
State Meeting Expenses		
Miscellaneous	175.00	
Meeting Rooms	263.76	
Video Projector Rental	250.00	
Golf Tournament	92.90	781.66
General Board Member's Expenses to National		650.00
National Dues		480.00
Transferred to Savings (1996 National Convention Fund)		2,522.64
Computer/Copier Supplies		487.98
Printing		
1992 State Minutes	744.00	
1993 Digest of Reports	844.22	
The Texas Challenge	3,692.40	
Other	380.42	5,661.04
Returned Check		50.00
Reimbursements		45.34
Post Office Box Rental		93.00
Grand Total State Office Expenses for 1993		<u>\$ 18,395.18</u>
Total Receipts		\$ 16,195.62
Balance Brought Forward, January 1, 1993		<u>3,118.25</u>
Total to Account for		\$ 19,313.87
State Office Expenses		<u>18,395.18</u>
Balance on Hand, December 31, 1993		\$ 918.69


Thurmon Murphy
Acting Treasurer

Proposed Budget

Texas State Office

1995

	1994	1995
Proposed Income		
40% of Cooperative Giving Receipts	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Church & District Gifts	8,000.00	14,500.00
Church Fees	2,500.00	2,500.00
District Fees	1,300.00	1,300.00
State Meeting Offerings	300.00	400.00
Sales	200.00	100.00
Reimbursements	600.00	600.00
1996 National Convention Fund	2,000.00	2,000.00
Interest Income	<u>600.00</u>	<u>600.00</u>
Total Proposed Income	\$22,500.00	\$26,000.00
Proposed Expenditures		
Travel and Promotion	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,700.00
Executive Board Meetings	2,000.00	1,700.00
Telephone	500.00	500.00
National Association Meeting Expenses	650.00	650.00
National Association Dues	520.00	1,250.00
State Meeting Expenses	1,200.00	1,000.00
Office Supplies	800.00	600.00
Computer/Copier Supplies	500.00	500.00
Postage	1,400.00	1,400.00
Audit of Books	100.00	100.00
Labor		
Bookkeeper	1,800.00	1,800.00
State Clerk	1,800.00	6,000.00
F.I.C.A. Taxes	00.00	483.60
Printing		
<i>The Texas Challenge</i>	4,000.00	4,000.00
Digest of Reports	750.00	800.00
State Minutes	1,000.00	900.00
Other	700.00	400.00
1996 National Convention Fund	2,000.00	2,000.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>280.00</u>	<u>216.40</u>
Total Proposed Expenditures	\$22,500.00	\$26,000.00

Report of The State Clerk

☆ The Texas Challenge

It has been a privilege and a joy to edit *The Texas Challenge* for the Lord and for Texas Free Will Baptists during the past year. We are currently printing about 1400 copies of each issue. There was a slight increase in the cost of printing this year, but that was offset by the fact that I am doing more of the typesetting as I continue to learn the use of the desktop publishing system. This helps keep the printing costs down. The average cost of the printing of *The Challenge* is \$631.00 per issue. On top of this is added the cost of mailing.

Writing some of the articles and taking the pictures which go with them (such as the article on Hillsdale and the coverage of the construction and dedication of the mission church in Austin) have taken me away from home several days during the year. It was a particular thrill to be able to take pastor Keith Woody along as we flew over the Lakehills Church in Austin in a helicopter to take aerial photographs of the church under construction. This was made possible by Gantt Aviation in Georgetown which provided the helicopter flight for us free of charge, the second time they have done this.

During the past year we printed five issue of *The Challenge* rather than six. That was because there were not enough funds in the State Office to print the January-February issue and have the January All Boards Meeting. The Executive Board decided to forego that issue and allow the office to get caught up financially. The State Home Mission Board graciously paid for the printing of the March-April issue and we owe them a debt of gratitude.

☆ State Clerk

In addition to the editing of the state paper I, as clerk, had printed and distributed the 1993 State Minutes and had printed the 1994 Digest of Reports. One addition to the State Minutes was that the names of the pastors' wives were included in the church directory. The clerk's job entails much correspondence with the churches and districts to distribute and then receive, and compile, the church and district letters and representation fees.

A considerable amount of time was spent during the past year, as always, setting up and coordinating the All Boards Meeting and the State Association Meeting. In addition, two trips were made to Austin to check out possible meeting sites for future state conventions.

☆ State Treasurer

Part of my job is to act as State Treasurer. I also assisted Karen with the bookkeeping for the state. \$162,050.61 was received and disbursed through the State Office during 1993. We want to say a special word of thanks to the district clerks who send the monthly disbursements through on time each month. Numerous agencies and ministries anxiously await receipt of funds channeled to them each month.

☆ Representation

I represented the Texas State Association during the past year at the Central Texas District Association, and the New Mexico State Association. It was the fourth year in a row I have preached at the New Mexico state meeting. I represented Texas on the General Board of the National Association and served on the Executive Committee of the National. I attended the 1993 Leadership Conference in Nashville.

☆ A Support Agency

The Texas State Office exists to act in a supporting role to the work at large in Texas. During the past year we have been privileged to promote the work of the State Mission Board, the Christian Education Board, and the State Woman's Auxiliary through the state paper. In addition I was able to design and have printed a brochure and a poster for the State Home Missions Board, design and have printed a newsletter for the Austin Church, and assist with the design and printing of the program for the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

I was able to assist the West Fork District Association by printing a new copy of their constitution for them and assisting with the design and printing of a newsletter, poster, and other materials for the West Fork Youth Camp. In addition, I printed the program for the New Mexico state meeting. Christian Education Board, and the Woman's Auxiliary

☆ Needs

There are two pieces of equipment which the State Office needs and the State Association should consider purchasing during the next year or so. They are: 1) a scanner, and 2) a fax machine. The scanner is needed to help with the layout and graphics of *The Challenge* and the fax machine is needed to receive reports for the Digest of Reports and State Minutes and for receiving articles and other information for *The Challenge*. The State Office is in the communication business.

The State Office continues to need your regular, monthly financial support. Thanks so very much to those churches who have started sending monthly support, and thanks to the pastors who have promoted the State Office.

☆ Conclusion

The past year has been a very good year for Texas Free Will Baptists. It is, indeed, a privilege to be able to serve in this capacity. This work is looked upon by me as a ministry, a ministry which is needed in Texas. Thank you, too, for your moral support, understanding, encouragement, and prayers.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thurmon Murphy, State Clerk

**Board of Christian Education
Annual Report for 1993**

This board promoted 3 events in 1993.

1. TEXAS YOUTH CONFERENCE (TYC)

Its theme, "Lighten a Darkened World." This exciting youth event took place in Houston at the First Free Will Baptist Church on May 14-15, 1993. David Ferguson chaired this event, along with the help of Cory Ferguson. They initiated the theme, developed it, and followed through on it quite well.

The conference did dual duty, hosting the State CTS Competition alongside a ministry thrust. The youth were educated about Free Will Baptist missionaries, challenged to join the mission effort, and invited to check out the TEAM project. Paul Vick held a concert and spoke on Friday night. He is an excellent preacher and tremendous singer.

2. MISSION PLANO

Its theme, "Experience Missions Firsthand." This exciting youth event took place in the Dallas Metroplex at the Collin Creek Free Will Baptist Church in Plano. The date - July 29 thru 31, 1993. Jim Harris supervised our youth, as they put on the hard hat and got to work. Youth and adults alike did all sorts of odd jobs, jobs that no one else wants to do, but nevertheless must be done. They worked hard, played hard, and made lots of new friends at this fast growing, beautiful church in Plano.

3. STATE YOUTH RETREAT (BENCHMARK MINISTRIES)

Everyone had a great time at Piney Woods Baptist Encampment near Groveton, Texas, on November 19th & 20th. James Evans flew in from Nashville, Tennessee, to challenge the Texas youth & youth workers. Chris Smith did an excellent job organizing this event and taking care of James. The retreat program James put together was well thought out, fun, interesting, and challenging. He placed a lot of emphasis on group dynamics, with everything from problem solving to giant ball games.

It's been a good year for the State C. E. Board.

**Board of Christian Education
Financial Report**

1993

Balance on Hand, January 15, 1993 **\$ 2,187.09**

Receipts for 1993	
Together Way Plan	\$ 1,861.17
TYC Registration	1,133.50
Mission Plano Registration	277.12
Texas Retreat Registration	805.00
Interest for the year	28.27
Total Receipts	\$ 4,105.06

Total Receipts Plus Balance **\$ 6,292.15**

Expenditures for 1993	
Board Operations	
Office calls, postage & promotional materials	\$ 238.35
Mileage & meeting expenses	396.42
Total Board Expenditures	\$ 634.77

TYC Expenditures	
NYC Registration	\$ 436.00
Certificates	7.45
T-Shirts	421.00
Meal for participants	125.00
TYC Expenses	21.58
Concert singer & speaker	200.00
Judges	150.00
Total TYC Expenditures	\$ 1,361.03

Mission Plano Expenditures	
Meals, parking, food, etc.	\$ 641.12

Texas Youth Retreat Expenditures	
Camp Rental	\$ 1,215.00
Speaker's plane fare	318.00
Retreat prizes	69.00
Special honorarium	300.00
Retreat refreshments	21.41
Total Youth Retreat Expenditures	\$ 1,923.41

Total Expenditures for 1993 **\$ 4,560.33** **\$ 4,560.33**

Balance on Hand, January 15, 1994 **\$ 1,731.82**

Board of Christian Education

Proposed Budget for

1995

Proposed Income

Cooperative Plan Giving	\$ 1,800.00
T. Y. C. Registration	1,500.00
Mission Trip	500.00
Senior Adult Retreat	1,000.00
Texas Youth Retreat	<u>1,000.00</u>

Total Proposed Income **\$ 5,800.00**

Proposed Expenditures

Board Operations	\$ 700.00
T. Y. C. Registration	1,775.00
Mission Trip	775.00
Senior Adult Retreat	1,275.00
Texas Youth Retreat	<u>1,275.00</u>

Total Proposed Expenditures **\$ 5,800.00**

Texas State Missions/Church Extension Board

1993 Report

The year 1993 was a year of tremendous progress for the Texas State Missions/ Church Extension Board. How sweet and satisfying it is! God is to be praised and the good and faithful people of our state are to be commended.

The work in Austin was the focal point of our efforts this year. The congregation continued to grow and strengthen under the able leadership of Brother Woody and his wife, Neva. Land was secured in a very fine location in the northern Austin suburb of Cedar Park.

Construction financing was arranged through our National Home Missions Board. Assistance in the actual construction of the building was secured through our National Helping Hands Crew. Construction began in October. The Goen Fund was established for the support of the construction cost of the mission project. Several very generous persons and churches have made significant contributions to that fund (see financial report).

Financial support of the General Fund also continued to reflect the commitment of our people to see this project through to a successful completion.

We continue to be impressed with the generous support of our Free Will Baptist churches in Oklahoma and Arkansas (see financial report).

The close of the year 1993 found the new building near completion. It is a very beautiful building. The building was dedicated on February 12, 1994.

The Bryan area churches are to be commended and the Lord praised for the outstanding success of their fall missions conference. Mission causes represented in that conference were Darrell Nichols (Africa), Dwain Crosby (Spain), and Bobby Ferguson (State Missions).

Our State Woman's Auxiliary is also to be recognized and thanked for their continued support of missions, both home and foreign. Their goal of raising \$10,000.00 for the Eagletons' retirement was achieved. Praise the Lord!

The Texas Missions/Church Extension Board is greatly indebted to the Executive Board and the State Office for their sacrificial support of our state missions work. We are especially grateful for the excellent articles written by Brother Thurmon Murphy keeping our people up to date on the work of state missions. Thank you, brethren.

Thank the Lord also for raising up buyers for the lot owned by our board in San Antonio and for the property in Temple. This year has been a year of getting some loose ends tied. Income from these properties is needed and appreciated.

The close of 1993 found Missionary Dwain Crosby in the states on regularly scheduled furlough seeking to raise \$30,000.00 before returning to Spain in June of 1994.

Darrell Nichols is also in the states on regularly scheduled furlough. He, too, needs to raise in excess of \$20,000.00 in order to return to his work in Africa.

Paul Dean and wife, Tanya, have responded to the call of God to go to China. While they are going as English teachers, the ultimate purpose is to be a witness for Christ among the Chinese. Paul is now pastor of the Bright Light Free Will Baptist Church near Bryan.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobby Ferguson

**Texas State Missions/Church Extension Board
1993 Financial Report**

Money Market Account

Balance In Account, January 1, 1993		\$ 32,321.75
Income for Year of 1993		49,114.97
Transfer from Checking Account	\$ 23,000.00	
Reimbursement from Loan Draw	20,000.00	
Duncanville Church (Goen Fund Gift)	5,000.00	
Total to Account for During Year		<u>\$ 81,436.72</u>
Disbursements for Year of 1993 (Construction Costs)		53,200.00
Balance in Account, December 31, 1993		<u>\$ 28,236.72</u>

Checking Account

Balance In Account, January 1, 1993		\$ 5,996.80
Income for Year of 1993		64,474.40
Texas State Designated	\$ 21,467.16	
Texas State Coop	2,075.95	
Texas Designated (Plano)	913.45	
Texas Designated (San Angelo)	410.00	
Texas Woman's Auxiliary	2,212.50	
Oklahoma Receipts	5,001.50	
Arkansas Receipts	2,006.00	
Arkansas Woman's Auxiliary	56.56	
Westside Church, Midland	430.00	
Arkoma Free Will Baptist Church	130.00	
Alamo Title (San Antonio)	219.39	
Elodia Saenz (Land Sale/San Antonio)	1,950.00	
Earl Nettleton, Goen Fund	3,000.00	
Mrs. Ray Trant, Goen Fund	10,000.00	
Mr. Oliver Goen, Goen Fund	10,000.00	
United Church, Bryan (Goen Fund)	1,868.25	
Dwain & Debbie Crosby	100.00	
Bill Hartwell (Temple Payments)	2,633.64	
Total to Account for During Year		<u>\$ 70,471.20</u>
Disbursements for Year		66,096.96
Keith Woody (Salary & Christmas Gift)	\$ 36,692.30	
Austin Church Supplement	3,000.00	
Mission Board Expenses	1,748.09	
Texas State Assoc. (Printing for Austin)	279.54	
Collin Creek Church (Plano/Designated)	913.45	
San Angelo Church (Designated)	410.00	
Bobby Ferrel (Audit of Books, 1992)	40.00	
Service Charge	13.58	
Transfer to Money Market Account	23,000.00	

Balance In Account, December 31, 1993

\$ 4,374.24

Gift Income for 1993
Texas State Missions/ Church Extension Board

Cooperative Giving Income **\$ 2,075.95**

Designated Giving Income - Texas Churches

1. Duncanville First	\$ 10,643.99
2. Houston First	3,323.50
3. United, Bryan	2,383.25
4. Collin Creek, Plano	2,064.75
5. Fellowship, Bryan	1,490.89
6. Evergreen	836.63
7. Pleasant Mound	764.04
8. Mount Olive	650.00
9. Lifegate, Tyler	485.00
10. Western Hills	471.66
11. Carthage First	466.75
12. Westside, Midland	430.00
13. Wichita Falls First	425.50
14. Pine Prairie	270.00
15. Community	190.00
16. New Salem	180.00
17. Nacogdoches First	150.00
18. Weatherford First	132.00
19. Faith, Lubbock	120.00
20. Henderson First	99.00
21. North Zulch	75.00
22. Cornerstone, Denison	55.00
23. Valley Community	50.00
24. Good Hope	50.00
25. Northcrest	50.00
26. Friendship, Fort Worth	30.00
27. Connally, Waco	30.00

Designated Income - Other Texas

1. Oliver Goens	\$ 10,000.00
2. Mrs. Ray Trant	10,000.00
3. Earl Nettleton	3,000.00
4. Texas Woman's Auxiliary	2,212.50
5. East Texas District	1,000.00
6. Thomaston	400.00
7. William Kiser	160.00
8. Dwain & Debbie Crosby	100.00
9. Roy Norie	70.00
10. Jerry & Barbara McArthur	45.00

Income - Out of State

1. Oklahoma Receipts	\$ 5,001.50
2. Arkansas Receipts (Cavanaugh)	1,996.00
3. Arkoma Free Will Baptist Church	130.00
4. California (El Sobrante)	40.00
5. Arkansas Woman's Auxiliary	56.56
6. Oklahoma Woman's Auxiliary	26.50

Total Designated Income **\$ 60,155.02**

Texas State Missions/Church Extension Board

Designated - Other Projects

Plano:	
Houston First	\$ 480.00
San Angelo:	
Lakehills, Austin	\$ 125.00
Fellowship, Bryan	100.00
Dunvanville First	75.00
North Zulch	75.00
Ken Eagleton	50.00
Westside, Midland	10.00

Proposed Budget for 1995

Proposed Income

Cooperative Giving Income	\$ 2,500.00
Designated Income	34,400.00
Interest Income	500.00
Loan Payments (Temple Property)	2,600.00
Total Proposed Income	\$ 40,000.00

Proposed Expenditures

Lakehills Mission Church Supplement	\$ 26,000.00
Mission Board Meetings, Travel, Etc.	3,500.00
Office Expenses	200.00
Printing & Promotion	500.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	9,800.00
Total Proposed Expenditures	\$ 40,000.00

Credentials Committee Report

We, the Credentials Committee, have examined the letters and find them in order as follows:

1. From the following district associations with the right to one delegate for each hundred members or fractional part thereof:

Central Texas District Association
East Texas District Association
Midessa District Association
Northwest Brazos District Association
West Fork District Association

2. From the following local churches with the right to two delegates each:

Central Texas District Association (12 of 14 churches reporting)

United, Bryan
Lakehills, Austin
North Zulch
Evergreen, Iola
Fellowship, Bryan
Eastside, Houston
Thomaston Community Church
Bright Light, College Station
Trinity, Santa Fe
Pine Prairie, Huntsville
Conroe
First, Houston

East Texas District Association (10 of 11 churches reporting)

Youngblood, Beckville
First, Nacogdoches
Mt. Olive, Henderson
Union Arbor, Beckville
Lifegate, Tyler
First, Henderson
First, Carthage
Stewart, Henderson
Mt. Union, Garrison
Good Hope, Henderson

Midessa District Association (3 of 3 churches reporting)

Bible, Odessa
Lubbock
Forest Park, San Angelo

Northwest Brazos District Association (2 of 2 churches reporting)

Faith, Lubbock
First, Amarillo

Rio Grande Valley District Association (2 of 2 churches reporting)

Primera Iglesia Bautista Libre, Weslaco
Valley Community, McAllen

West Fork District Association (13 of 17 churches reporting)

First, Wichita Falls
Rayenelle, Dallas
Collin Creek, Plano
Connally, Waco
Calvary, Fort Worth
First, Duncanville
Friendship, Fort Worth
First, Weatherford
New Salem, Decatur
Western Hills, Fort Worth
Easley Chapel, Comanche
First, Bowie
Cornerstone, Denison

3. We recommend that the above listed district associations (5) and local churches (42) which have properly represented by letter, and have paid their representation fees, be seated.

Registration Report

1. Number of district associations represented by letter and representation fees: 5
2. Number of local churches representing by letter and representation fees: 42
3. Registration by district associations:
- | | |
|------------------|----|
| Central Texas | 16 |
| East Texas | 8 |
| Midessa | 1 |
| Northwest Brazos | 2 |
| West Fork | 54 |
| Rio Grande | 0 |
4. Registration by delegate status:
- | | |
|--------------------------------|----|
| Ordained ministers | 18 |
| Ministers' wives | 10 |
| Ordained deacons | 6 |
| Deacons' wives | 8 |
| Delegates | 3 |
| Visitors | 36 |
| Missionaries | 3 |
| National dept. representatives | 4 |
| Hillsdale representatives | 1 |
5. Total number registered 89
6. Number of hotel rooms used 21

Thurmon Murphy, Clerk
Robert Posner, Assistant Clerk

Resolutions Committee Report

We, the Resolutions Committee, report the following resolutions to this State Association:

Resolution # 1 Funding Abortions

Be it resolved that we, the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists, protest vigorously the funding of any abortions by tax monies as proposed in the president's health care program.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be mailed to Senators Phil Grahm and Kay Bailey Hutchinson, Secretary of the Treasury Lloyd Benson, and our various congressmen, as well as the chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, Sam Gibbons. (adopted)

Resolution # 2 Vote of Appreciation

Be it resolved that we give a standing vote of appreciation to all those who have contributed in supplying our sound system, our music, our musicians and making our stay in Wichita Falls so pleasant. (adopted)

Jerry McArthur, Chairman
Luther Sanders
Richard Rust

Obituary Committee Report

1994

We, the Obituary Committee, submit the following report:

Church

Pine Prairie

United

Fellowship

Mt. Union

Youngblood

First, Henderson

First, Amarillo

Rayenelle

First, Weatherford

New Salem

Easley's Chapel

Tyler

Deceased

Mrs. Jesse Shelley
Elmer Humphries
Fleta Wood

Bill Dunham
Raymond Farquhar
Maydell Schultz
Margaret Dobbs

Pat Rice
Bonnie Rice
W. O. Withers
Ethel Rosier

Raymond Falkner

Mr. Vernon Timnor
Mrs. Lillie Tomkins

Ann English
Velma Strong
Henrietta Williams

Alex Allison

Mrs. Essie Glenn

Mildred Treadwell
Hazel Walker
Jim Driver

Richard Crunk
George Burns

Mildred Johnson
Ellis Morphew
Murnell Johnson
Allie Easley

Jessie Ferguson

Respectfully Submitted,

Traci Jones
Kathleen Sutton
Helen Sanders

Texas Women Active for Christ

State Convention

June 8 - 9, 1994

Sheraton Inn of Wichita Falls
Wichita Falls, Texas

The Texas State Woman's Auxiliary Convention opened on Wednesday afternoon, June 8, at Wichita Falls with our theme "Strength and Beauty Are In His Sanctuary" (Psalm 96:6). We were blessed as we worshiped through music and song under the leadership of Kathleen Sutton and Traci Jones. Special music was rendered by Dee Merritt, Marsha Hood and the Miltons from Tyler, Texas. Charlene Denman and Judy Smith did a terrific job with the seminars on the secret of beauty and strength. They blessed our hearts as they challenged us to a closer walk with the Lord.

We began Thursday morning with a very special breakfast with 43 women and their guests attending. We appreciate all of those who helped us reach our quota. Special gifts were presented to all the officers by the West Fork ladies and they also had door prizes for many of the guests.

Our session Thursday morning was opened with praise in song, and a very challenging devotional by Debbie Crosby, missionary to Spain. She helped us to understand that God's sanctuary is in us and comes in all races, colors, and sizes.

We are happy to report that our goal of \$2,000.00 for the Crosby account was almost doubled and we were able to present her a check in the amount of \$3,500.00. We express deep appreciation to all of you who helped make this possible.

We have already received \$1,189.74 for the Hollands and \$659.73 for the expenses of the WNAC when it meets in Fort Worth in 1996. Our goal is \$2,000.00 for each of these accounts by December 1, 1994.

The project for the women for 1995 is to be:

- ☐ \$3,000.00 for the 1996 WNAC convention in Fort Worth
- ☐ \$2,000.00 for the Cousineau's account
- ☐ \$1,000.00 for the state women's work

We received written greetings from Dr. Mary Ruth Wisheart, WNAC Executive Secretary, and from Marvis Eagleton; and phone messages from our past president, Everyl Getz, who is in Indiana with her new granddaughter.

Ruth Jennische gave a report of last year's National Convention and encouraged the ladies to attend the one in Little Rock, Arkansas, this July. Judy Smith gave a report on last year's state women's retreat, and we heard with delight the plans for this year's state retreat to be held October 7-8 at the Green Family Camp near Waco. The cost is \$45.00 per person. This includes a \$5.00 registration fee, lodging, and three buffet meals. Mrs. Charles Thigpen will be the speaker and we are expecting at least 100 ladies to attend.

An important item of business was the change of our name to coincide with the National Organization; and henceforth we will be known as the Free Will Baptist TWAC (Texas Women Active for Christ).

A steering committee was appointed to begin preparations for the entertaining of the national women's convention when they meet in Fort Worth in 1996.

During the year 1993 the women gave \$8,327.62 to Foreign Missions, \$265.21 to National Home Missions, and \$406.50 to State Home Missions. We had 17 local auxiliaries to report with a total membership of 263.

We do want to express our sincere appreciation to our pastors and the men of our churches for their support and cooperation. We could not have this kind of report without you.

Helen Sanders, State President

Texas State Woman's Auxiliary

Treasurer's Report

January - December, 1993

Balance Brought Forward, January 1, 1993 **\$ 340.64**

Receipts:

Channeled Monies	\$ 12,229.05
Dues	776.00
Convention Offering	72.85
Money Tree/State Office	63.27
State Retreat Fee	90.00
Donation	4.00

Total Receipts	\$ 13,235.17	<u>\$ 13,235.17</u>
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Balance Plus Receipts **\$ 13,575.81**

Expenditures:

National Dues (194 Members)	\$ 388.00
Executive Expense	264.00
Office Supplies	39.21
Speaker's Honorarium	221.00
Channeled Monies	12,229.05

Total Expenditures	\$ 13,141.26	<u>\$ 13,141.26</u>
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Balance on Hand, December 31, 1993 **\$ 434.55**

Channeled Monies

State Project (Eagletons' Retirement)

Central Texas	\$ 4,057.81	
East Texas	331.40	
West Fork	875.00	
Valley Community Church Auxiliary	500.00	
Interest on Account	2.22	
		\$ 5,766.43

National Foreign Missions

Africa Bible Institute		
Central Texas	\$ 90.00	
General Fund		
Central Texas	75.85	
Pre-Easter Offering		
Central Texas	272.34	
West Fork	100.00	

Valley Community Auxiliary	75.00	
Earnest Holland		
West Fork	700.00	
Dwain Crosby		
Central Texas	474.00	
Glenda Leatherberry		
West Fork	75.00	
Jalayn Martin		
West Fork	75.00	
Rachel Callaway		
West Fork	135.00	
Lisa Edgmon		
West Fork	135.00	
Darrell Nichols		
Central Texas	354.00	\$ 2,561.19

National Home Missions

General Fund		
Central Texas	\$ 44.21	
Pre-Thanksgiving Offering		
Central Texas	196.00	
West Fork	25.00	\$ 265.21

State Home Missions

Austin Mission		
Central Texas	\$ 170.00	
East Texas	152.50	
West Fork	84.00	\$ 406.50

Alice Lupton Offering (National)

Central Texas	\$ 37.37	\$ 37.37
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WNAC

Office Expense		
Central Texas	\$ 750.49	
East Texas	8.50	
West Fork	350.00	
Valley Community Auxiliary	120.00	
WNAC Emphasis Offering		
Central Texas	414.44	
West Fork	122.00	
Valley Community Auxiliary	70.00	
Eunice Edwards Fund		
Central Texas	12.00	
Co-Laborer Offering		
Central Texas	393.92	
East Texas	100.00	
West Fork	10.00	\$ 2,351.35

Memorial Student Loan Fund

Central Texas	\$ 61.00	\$ 61.00
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Tennessee FWB Children's Home

Central Texas	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00
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Free Will Baptist Bible College (Pass the Torch)

Central Texas	\$ 17.00	\$ 17.00
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Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College

Central Texas

John Cerda Account	\$ 130.00	
Have A Heart	73.00	
Student Loan	60.00	
General Fund	330.00	\$ 593.00

Retired Ministers

Central Texas	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00
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Total Channeled Monies

\$ 12,229.05

Respectfully Submitted,

Bettie Ferguson, Treasurer

**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 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 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 or mission that it represent itself by delegates.

Section 3: The letter of each district association shall be accompanied by a registration fee of twenty five dollars (\$25.00) 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 fifty dollars (\$50.00).

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 privilege until the 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 or 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 Texas 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 shall be available to assist ministers seeking churches or counsel as needed. He shall 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 not 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.

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 on 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 the board.

It shall be the duty of this board to meet preceding the state convention to hear reports of the standing boards and to make recommendations to the state association. This board shall also serve as the Credentials Committee and shall recommend a budget for adoption by the state association.

Section 6: The 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 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 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 goes 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.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Central Texas District Association

Moderator: Dale Smith
2503 Glacier Drive
Bryan, Texas 77801
(409) 778-1043

Clerk: Kenneth Mayo
5138 Pepper Mill Avenue
Baytown, Texas 77521
(713) 421-4699

Meetings: The Central Texas District Association meets on the second Saturday of February, May, August, and November, with the annual meeting being the February meeting.

Church

Bright Light Free Will Baptist Church
Route 3, Box 255 (Hwy. 30)
College Station, Texas 77840
(409) 776-8535

Community Chapel FWB Church
P. O. Box 394
Hankamer, Texas 77560

Conroe Free Will Baptist Church
P. O. Box 306
Conroe, Texas 77301
(409) 756-1343

Cross Free Will Baptist Church
Route 1, Box 742
Iola, Texas 77861

Eastside Free Will Baptist Church
8825 C. E. King Parkway
Houston, Texas 77044
(713) 458-3325

Evergreen Free Will Baptist Church
Route 1, Box 194
Iola, Texas 77861
(409) 361-1362

Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church
1228 West Villa Maria
Bryan, Texas 77801
(409) 779-2297

First Free Will Baptist Church
10331 Veteran's Memorial Drive
Houston, Texas 77038
(713) 448-4116

Pastor

Mike Fields (Diane)
Route 3, Box 255
College Station, Texas 77840
(409) 776-8535

Lonnie Wages (Bertha)
P. O. Box 394
Hankamer, Texas 77560
(409) 374-2351

Everett Hellard (Ava)
12 Shadow Wood
Conroe, Texas 77304-1772
(409) 539-4314

Audie Abel (Charlene)
6615 Broken Stone
Houston, Texas 77084
(713) 550-8197

Herbert Richards (Margaret)
P. O. Box 219
Iola, Texas 77861
(409) 394-3021

Mark Jones (Traci)
2502 Wayside Drive
Bryan, Texas 77802
(409) 822-5025

Bobby Ferguson (Bettie)
13155 Winding Wood
Houston, Texas 77038
(713) 820-1045

Central Texas District (Continued)

Lakehills Free Will Baptist Church
1580 Cypress Creek Road
Cedar Park, Texas 78613
(512) 250-8910

New Hope Free Will Baptist Church
Route 6, Box 96
Huntsville, Texas 77340-9101

Thomaston Community Church
P. O. Box 116
Thomaston, Texas 77989

North Zulch Free Will Baptist Church
P. O. Box 73
North Zulch, Texas 77872-0073

Pine Prairie Free Will Baptist Church
Route 6, Box 51
Huntsville, Texas 77340
(409) 291-2678

Trinity Free Will Baptist Church
P. O. Box 111
Santa Fe, Texas 77517
(409) 925-5662

United Free Will Baptist Church
3707 N. E. By-Pass
Bryan, Texas 77803
(409) 778-0063

Keith Woody (Neva)
201 S. Rainbow Bridge
Cedar Park, Texas 78613
(512) 335-4706

Paul Morris (Jean)
Route 6, Box 96
Huntsville, TX 77340-9101
(409) 295-3068

Bobby Joe Davis (Barrie)
P. O. Box 116
Thomaston, Texas 77989
(512) 275-6038

Luther Sanders (Helen)
1201 Westover Street
College Station, TX 77840
(409) 696-2048

Bruce Wilson (Marilyn)
2414 35th Avenue North
Texas City, Texas 77590
(409) 948-2627

Dale Smith (Judy)
2503 Glacier Drive
Bryan, Texas 77801
(409) 778-1043

East Texas District Association

Moderator: Leroy Blankenship
501 Russell
Henderson, Texas 75652
(903) 657-5763

Clerk: Georgia Bridwell
310 Rogers
Henderson, Texas 75652
(903) 657-8922

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.

Church

Buncombe Free Will Baptist Church
Route 2
Carthage, Texas 75633

First Free Will Baptist Church
West Loop 436, Box C
Carthage, Texas 75633
(903) 693-4193

First Free Will Baptist Church
913 Richardson Drive
Henderson, Texas 75652
(903) 657-5763

First Free Will Baptist Church
Route 10, Box 5330
Nacogdoches, Texas 75961
(409) 560-2017

Good Hope Free Will Baptist Church
Route 2, Box 246-C
Henderson, Texas 75652
(903) 657-6074

Lifegate Free Will Baptist Church
12532 Greenland Boulevard
Tyler, Texas 75704
(903) 597-5234

Mount Olive Free Will Baptist Church
6607 FM 8395
Henderson, Texas 75652

Mount Union Free Will Baptist Church
Route 1, Box 252
Garrison, Texas 75946

Stewart Free Will Baptist Church
Route 4, Box 257
Henderson, Texas 75652
(903) 836-2897

Pastor

Ken Austin (Sue)
Route 1, Box 83
Carthage, Texas 75633
(903) 657-2096

Wayne Tiggeman (Joan)
1501 Jacobs
Carthage, Texas 75633
(903) 693-5538

Leroy Blankenship (Brenda)
501 Russell
Henderson, Texas 75652
(903) 657-5763

Keith Phipps (Evelyn)
Route 2, Box 1737
Henderson, Texas 75652
(903) 889-2589

Robert Posner (Judy)
12532 Greenland Boulevard
Tyler, Texas 75704
(903) 597-5234

Lee Roy Anderson, Jr. (Elsa)
Route 3, Box 236-B
Carthage, Texas 75633
(903) 693-3514
Clyde Tucker (Frances)
Route 4, Box 257
Henderson, Texas 75652

East Texas District (Continued)

Union Arbor Free Will Baptist Church
Route 1, Box 17
Beckville, Texas 75631
(903) 678-2109

Youngblood Free Will Baptist Church
Route 1, Box 327 (Clerk)
Beckville, Texas 75631

Harold Teague (Norma)
405 East Fairlane Drive
Longview, Texas 75604
(903) 297-3955

Lee Roy Anderson, Sr. (Doris)
Route 3, Box 232
Carthage, Texas 75633
(903) 693-6113

Midessa District Association

Moderator: Fred Bailey
4720 Bryan Road
Odessa, Texas 79764
(915) 368-0879

Clerk: Don Bailey
2416 Glenwood
San Angelo, Texas 76901
(915) 949-5493

Meetings: The Midessa District Association meets on the third Saturday of June.

Church

Bible Free Will Baptist Church
2421 West 49th Street
Odessa, Texas 79764
(915) 362-5716

Lubbock Free Will Baptist Church
4424 35th Street
Lubbock, Texas 79414
(806) 792-4006

Forest Park Free Will Baptist Church
P. O. Box 4082
2741 Forest Park
San Angelo, Texas 76902

Pastor

Fred Bailey (Marie)
4720 Bryan Road
Odessa, Texas 79764
(915) 368-0879

Henry Potter (Kay)
P. O. Box 93593
Lubbock, Texas 79793
(806) 791-4616

Don Bailey (Sonya)
2306 Greenwood
San Angelo, Texas 76901
(915) 949-5493

Northwest Brazos District Association

Moderator: Jackie Farmer
P. O. Box 863
Shallowater, Texas 79363
(806) 832-5625

Clerk: Gail Bridges
P. O. Box 12066
Lubbock, Texas 79452
(806) 863-2988

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 February meeting.

Church

Faith Free Will Baptist Church
P. O. Box 16744
Lubbock, Texas 79490

Oakdale First Free Will Baptist Church
2501 South Vernon
Amarillo, Texas 79103
(806) 372-9591

Pastor

Jackie Farmer (Patsy)
P. O. Box 863
Shallowater, Texas 79363
(806) 832-5625

Bob Gill (Edith)
Route 3, Box 774
Amarillo, Texas 79107
(806) 383-5733

Rio Grande Valley District Association

Moderator: James Munsey
P. O. Box 90
Weslaco, Texas 78596-0090
(210) 968-2834

Clerk: Melvin Thompson
Route 1, Box 706
Mission, Texas 78572
(210) 585-8054

Meetings: The Rio Grande Valley District Association does not have regular meetings.

Church

Valley Community Church
3801 North 2nd Street
McAllen, Texas 78501
(210) 687-4523

Primera Iglesia Bautista Libre
P. O. Box 90
Weslaco, Texas 78596-0090

Pastor

Raymond Getz (Everyl)
4304 North 3rd Street
McAllen, Texas 78504
(210) 687-4320

James Munsey (Mitzi)
P. O. Box 90
Weslaco, Texas 78596-0090
(210) 968-2834

Other Churches

Church

Carthage Community Church
Meets at Baptist Student Union
Carthage, Texas 75633

Family Free Will Baptist Church
1402 N. Mill Street
Bowie, Texas 76230

First Free Will Baptist Church
1015 West Campbell
Kermit, Texas 79745
(915) 586-2933

First Free Will Baptist Church
731 Sloan Street
Pampa, Texas 79065
(806) 665-2545

Westside Free Will Baptist Church
4031 W. Illinois
Midland, Texas 79703
(915) 697-1521

Zion Free Will Baptist Church
1126 Stone Street
Corpus Christi, Texas 78418
(512) 939-7995

Pastor

Arnold Shrewsbury (Janet)
121 West Pollard
Carthage, Texas 75633
(903) 693-8847

C. W. Sanderson (Yolanda)
Route 4, Box 426
Bowie, Texas 76230
(817) 872-1395

Max Morris (Johnnye)
727 North Poplar
Kermit, Texas 79745
(915) 586-2933

James Higgins (Patty)
4309 Erie Drive
Midland, Texas 79703
(915) 694-2061

Elvis Fielding (Jeri)
1126 Stone Street
Corpus Christi, Texas 78418
(512) 939-7995

West Fork District Association

Moderator: Thurmon Murphy
5037 Lindale
Wichita Falls, Texas 76310
(817) 691-0318

Clerk: Dorthy Harris
8914 Shipman
Rowlett, Texas 75088
(214) 475-5100

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

Church

Calvary Free Will Baptist Church
4509 Rockwood
Fort Worth, Texas 76112
(817) 626-4034

Collin Creek Free Will Baptist Church
1905 E. Parker Road
Plano, Texas 75074
(214) 424-1905

Connally Free Will Baptist Church
2200 Air Base Road
Waco, Texas 76705
(817) 799-0590

Cornerstone Free Will Baptist Church
1000 S. Armstrong
Denison, Texas 75020
(903) 465-1052

Easley Chapel Free Will Baptist Church
Route 1, Box 148-A
Comanche, Texas 76442
(915) 356-3392

Faith Free Will Baptist Church
1202 36th Street
Wichita Falls, Texas 76302
(817) 767-3265

First Free Will Baptist Church
505 Strong Street
Bowie, Texas 76230
(817) 872-4536

First Free Will Baptist Church
1415 West Wheatland Road
Duncanville, Texas 75116
(214) 780-1608

First Free Will Baptist Church
109 Line Street
Weatherford, Texas 76086
(817) 599-9620

Pastor

Glen Hubbard (Evelyn)
1117 Parsons
Fort Worth, Texas 76106
(817) 626-4034

Don Guthrie (Elwen)
3513 Bellwood Circle
Plano, Texas 75074
(214) 881-9530

J. E. Jean (Ginger)
Route 2, Box 248-G
West, Texas 76691
(817) 822-1310

Jerry McArthur (Barbara)
125 South Imperial
Denison, Texas 75020
(903) 465-8082

Eugene Richards (Ruth)
P. O. Box 135
Gustine, Texas 76455
(915) 667-7427

Richard Rust (Kareen)
4114 Alpine
Wichita Falls, Texas 76302
(817) 766-0154

Larry Cox (Jacque)
605 Orchard
Bowie, Texas 76230
(817) 872-4775

David Sutton (Kathleen)
615 Adams
Duncanville, Texas 75137
(214) 296-6245

Owen Barger (Leota)
3225 Ranchhouse Road
Willow Park, Texas 76087
(817) 441-8160

First Free Will Baptist Church
3615 Arthur
Wichita Falls, Texas 76308
(817) 692-2048

Friendship Free Will Baptist Church
4200 McKibben
Fort Worth, Texas 76117
(817) 831-7970

Liberty Free Will Baptist Church
504 East College
Comanche, Texas 76442

New Salem Free Will Baptist Church
Route 1
Decatur, Texas 76234

Pleasant Mound Free Will Baptist Church
Route 1, Box 37-A
Bellevue, Texas 76228
(817) 476-2242

Raynelle Free Will Baptist Church
608 Raynelle
Dallas, Texas 75217
(214) 285-4512

Seventh Street Free Will Baptist Church
6024 S. 7th Street
Abilene, Texas 79605
(915) 692-5403

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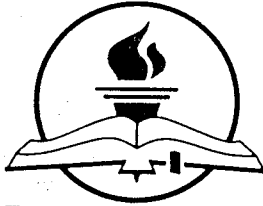
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Dear Texas Friends:

On January 1, 1994, I assumed the role as General Director of the Sunday School Department and Randall House Publications. The change from my former role has indeed been one of mixed emotion going from where I had a complete grasp of an operation to where I must learn every minute detail.

While these beginning days have been days of orientation, they have not been without the sharing of ideas and things I would like to see done. Of course, my dreams for the department are to many for this page, but I did want to advise that for months I have been formulating goals and ideas for the growth of the department and the type preparation that will be necessary to reach that end. Because we are a diverse denomination, with churches of all sizes and in many places across the United States, the job of producing these tools will have to come after time of evaluation and prayer. Scripturally I am very conservative, but I believe we must be aggressive in our methods of reaching the vast masses without Christ.

I have traveled, preached, served as a consultant, and conducted more than 700 seminars among 68 different denominations in 47 states and 32 foreign countries. This has allowed me to see what others are doing. Some were good and some no better than what we are doing. It has given me many ideas and broadened my scope of what is available, or used, by others as they attempt to complete their part of the Great Commission.

May I share some of my convictions and desires:

1. I am convinced that Christian education and Sunday school must be a vital part of evangelism. The process of teaching and training new converts is necessary for their growth and the continuing education of all people in our churches. My conviction of Christian education is similar to that stated by Dr. Howard Hendricks who said, *"Christian education is not an option, it is an order. It is not a luxury, it is a life. It is not something nice to have, it is something necessary to have. It is not a part of the work of the church, it is the work of the church. It is not extraneous, it is essential. It is our obligation, not merely an opinion."*

2. I have a concern about what our people think about their publishing house so want to offer innovative ideas to make us as good as competition. This will not only be in content, which present our biblical teaching and champion our doctrine; but in graphics and methodology.

3. I want the department to offer help as we seek to build a network of workshop leaders across our denomination to help our struggling Sunday schools.

4. I am interested in personally helping our churches in teacher training workshops in the local church or district gatherings and will be available to your church if dates can be arranged.

5. I want to call our people to revival. This will only come from prayer. May I solicit your prayers and patience as I begin the task before me? I need no adversary as I begin since the job alone will be chore enough to plan, prepare and promote the material. Time is our biggest enemy and His return must surely be close. Join me for the work ahead and let us do battle against the devil instead of each other.

Your brother and friend,

Alton E. Loveless



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June, 1994

Greetings to the **Texas State Association** from the National Home Missions Department. I trust that 1993 was a great year for all of you and your churches, and that you are enjoying the challenges of the Lord's work in 1994. We are grateful for the Free Will Baptist churches in Texas, and appreciate *Rev. Don Guthrie*, the pastor in Plano, who is a member of the National Home Missions Board.

1993 was a good year for the National Home Missions Department. Six new missionaries were approved and started services. **Four missionaries went self supporting** and **five new church buildings were erected** by our Missionary Builder, *Howard Gwartney*, and his Helping Hands crew of volunteer workers. Receipts to Home Missions totaled **\$2,464,008.49**. The state of Texas gave **\$30,719.24** toward your goal of **\$40,000.00**, for which we are deeply grateful. Your suggested goal for 1994 is **\$40,000.00**. We will appreciate your gifts in 1994 to help the National Home Missions Department as we labor to establish new Free Will Baptist churches throughout the North American continent and the U.S. owned islands.

The **Church Extension Loan Fund (CELF)** grew to over **six million dollars**. Thirteen loans were made to mission churches, making a total of 80 loans made to the churches from our loan fund.

A total of **12 Old Time Camp Meetings** were conducted in 1993 in various parts of the country. Hundreds of precious souls were reached for Christ through our Home Missions churches, for which we praise the Lord. However, without folks like you, none of this would have been possible.

Roll Call Sunday, 1993 recorded **224,547** in attendance with **706** conversions from the **2,640** churches reporting. Praise the Lord for all these blessings and the many faithful friends who pray and give to make it all possible.

Benjamin Randall Day in November, 1993 was a great success. To this date we have received over **\$188,000** with over 600 churches participating. We are promoting this special offering, which is part of the denomination's *"Together Way Plan,"* to help underwrite our General Fund budget. The **Heritage Tour winners** are listed on the reverse of this letter, *plus a report on what each state gave*. We trust the tour will not only help our pastors appreciate their Free Will Baptist heritage, but will also turn the eyes of our denomination toward the Northeastern states which are so void of gospel preaching churches.

We ask for your continued prayer and financial support. May God's richest blessings be upon you.

In His service,

Trymon Messer
Associate Director

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Winners of Heritage Tour for Benjamin Randall Offering

Pastor:	Church:	Amount:
Rev. Scott Wright	First FWB, Amory, MS	\$5,500.00
Rev. Earl Hendrix	First FWB, Inman, SC	\$5,000.00
Rev. Lorenza Stox	Parkers Chapel FWB, Greenville, NC	\$4,774.50
Rev. Harold Blankenship	Goshen FWB, Mt. Holly, NC	\$4,550.00
Rev. John Edwards	East Side FWB, Dothan, AL	\$3,502.49
Rev. Cecil Williamson	Temple FWB, Winter Garden, FL	\$3,363.00
Rev. Stanley Outlaw	Woodbine FWB, Nashville, TN	\$3,057.85
Rev. Gerald Myer	Capitol City FWB, Little Rock, AR	\$3,026.00
Rev. Rue Dell Smith	Phillips Chapel FWB, Springdale, AR	\$3,011.17
Rev. Randy Wright	Piney Grove FWB, Guin, AL	\$2,971.11
Rev. J. D. Norris	First FWB, Florence, AL	\$2,709.84
Rev. Ronnie Adkins	First FWB, Erwin, TN	\$2,704.00
Rev. Wayne Wagner	Heads FWB, Cedar Hill, TN	\$2,621.67
Rev. James Sanders	First FWB, Chester, SC	\$2,614.91
Rev. Charles Harris	Harmony Fellowship, Wheatridge, CO	\$2,554.66
Tied:		
Rev. Alfred Cutshall	Limestone FWB, Limestone, TN	\$2,000.00
Rev. Howard Messer	Cedar Hill FWB, Asheville, NC	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
Total Gifts of Winners:		\$55,961.20

Benjamin Randall Offering Report By State

(Includes gifts received through December 31, 1993)

State:	# of Churches:	Churches Giving:	Amount of Offering:
Alabama	185	42	\$15,624.90
Arizona	10	3	787.53
Arkansas	218	27	10,609.83
California	70	14	2,135.43
Canada	16	1	275.53
Colorado	5	4	2,954.46
Florida	80	25	6,835.26
Georgia	123	42	4,735.55
Idaho	5	1	468.52
Illinois	42	13	5,102.80
Indiana	26	2	128.00
Kansas	9	3	503.93
Kentucky	139	15	1,422.74
Louisiana	2	2	1,168.00
Maryland Assoc.	29	18	3,729.59
Michigan	49	17	4,492.71
Mississippi	56	6	6,235.37
Missouri	176	47	8,596.18
Montana	2	1	140.00
Nebraska	2	1	125.00
New Jersey	3	3	511.89
North Carolina	204	44	19,568.94
Northeast Assoc.	4	1	100.00
Northwest Assoc.	9	3	333.68
Ohio	150	33	8,204.41
Oklahoma	290	48	7,934.30
Puerto Rico	1	1	145.00
South Carolina	121	26	14,683.52
South Dakota	1	1	202.00
Tennessee	223	45	23,242.65
Texas	51	7	978.03
Virgin Islands	1	1	597.89
West Virginia	189	8	1,267.00
Wisconsin	1	1	100.00
Wyoming	2	1	<u>100.00</u>
Totals:	2,494	507	\$154,040.64*

(*Gifts from individuals bring the total to over \$188,000.00.)



February 1994

**Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists
Thurmon Murphy, Clerk
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Wichita Falls, TX 76308-0106**

Greetings from your foreign missions family.

Please accept our heartfelt thanks for the support you have given to the ministry of missions around the world.

In 1993 Texas Free Will Baptists gave gifts totaling \$91,964.37, or 67 percent of your goal of \$138,000.

Three churches gave over \$5,000:

Fellowship, Bryan	\$6,680.62
First, Houston	\$6,258.00
First, Duncanville	\$5,175.76

Again, accept our thanks for your partnership in the gospel with Mike and Deleen Cousineau, Darrel and Lila Nichols, Ken and Marvis Eagleton, Ron and Linda Callaway, Ernest and Elaine Holland, and Dwain and Debbie Crosby. These precious couples need your prayers as they continue to serve God in the regions beyond. Also, we are delighted to have Rev. Bill Jones back on the Board of Foreign Missions.

In His service,


**Fred Warner
Director of Missionary-Church Relations**

FW:ctr

HILLSDALE FREE WILL BAPTIST COLLEGE MOORE, OKLAHOMA

To the delegates of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists:

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ! There is no greater privilege than to be involved in the work of our Lord. My prayer for Texas Free Will Baptists is that God's blessings would be poured out upon your faithful labors.

Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College is committed to preparing young men and women for life and service in God's kingdom. For thirty-five years our godly, qualified faculty has trained our students for successful living in an ever-changing world. Students have come from throughout our denomination to be a part of the Hillsdale experience. Hillsdale's positive impact on our denomination is a matter of record.

The academic year 1993/94 brought many victories to Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College. Here are a few of the highlights:

- The college's accreditation was renewed despite initial problems with an accrediting team's report. In renewing our accreditation, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education cited the tremendous progress made by Hillsdale.
- The college successfully lobbied to have the Higher Education Act amended to include us in the financial aid programs that we have participated in for the past twenty years.
- Our enrollment stabilized despite the adversities of the past two years. We enrolled 140 students in the fall and 158 in the spring. We are pleased that Texas continues to send its students to Hillsdale.
- We had a very successful year in gift income. It is estimated that we will come within 95% of last year's record gifts. Thank you for your support of Hillsdale.

In October of 1993, the Oklahoma State Association of Free Will Baptists voted to restructure the college's Board of Trustees. The delegates amended the Articles of Incorporation to create a new distribution of board members: Oklahoma, 10; ; Texas, 2; Missouri, 3; and Arkansas, 2.. The action of the Oklahoma Association was effective immediately.

Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College has enjoyed a warm, positive relationship with Texas Free Will Baptists through the years. Don Guthrie serves you well as your Texas trustee. I trust that we will continue to merit your support as we faithfully fulfill the educational and spiritual mission of the college.

In Christ's service,


Jim Shepherd
President



REPORT

TO THE BRETHREN OF THE TEXAS STATE ASSOCIATION FROM FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Dear Friends in Texas:

We send you greetings from Bro. Tom Malone, the faculty and staff of Free Will Baptist Bible College, and pray that this association will be the best and most progressive of any in this state's history.

We want to take this opportunity to thank the churches and individuals of the state of Texas who have accepted the challenge and responded to the need of education and the preparation of our men and women to serve our wonderful Lord and Free Will Baptist around the world.

Your gifts during 1992-93 were \$8,094.61. May the Lord bless you for your prayers and generous support.

This has been a wonderful year here at F.W.B.B.C. The Lord has blessed us with a great group of young people from around the world. Along with the blessing comes the responsibility to prepare them for service and challenge them to be faithful to the cause of Christ.

As most of you know this year has been a difficult one financially. We are surviving but we have so many needs that must be met and we are asking you to be a vital part of those needs by giving a special sacrificial gift and then put us in your monthly budget so that we will not have this problem again.

We are grateful for so many of you who give regularly and sacrificially but we have so many churches and individuals who do not give. For us to provide missionaries for the Foreign and Home Mission fields, pastors for our churches and so many other ministries we must have more support.

I trust you have received, our President, Tom Malone's letter and Dr. Picirilli's challenge that spells out our specific needs. If you have, our daily prayer is that you will read it, pray about it and do what God would have you do.

I am convinced that our Lord has placed Free Will Baptist Bible College here for a purpose. I am also convinced that we are doing what God wants us to do.

Now! Will you

- pray for us daily,
- send your students for the finest quality education and preparation for service
- and support this college monthly with a generous gift from your church?

Thank you and may the Lord continue to bless and use each of you for His glory.

Until He comes,



Bob Shockey, Director
Department of Public Relations

Our Challenge

I. "HAVE THE COLLEGE AT HEART"

"Having the College at your Heart" means that you will pray for the college, the students, faculty and staff daily—your prayers will be the sustaining force behind the ministry of Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Keep us at the door of your heart in your giving—this is one of our major thrusts this year. We are praying that all of our churches will give an increase of 10% this year to the college and that you will put us in your budget for the coming year.

We also want to encourage the many wonderful individuals who are giving to the college to increase their giving at least 10%.

We really need your gifts this year! Please stand with us as we prepare these dedicated young people to serve our Lord around the world in the 21st century.

II. HAVE A SPECIAL COLLEGE DAY

Many pastors have found that having a "College Day" every year is the best way to recruit and challenge the young people to dedicate their lives to full time service to our Lord. It also serves as a time to challenge and inform the adults to raise the much needed support for FWBBC.

The size of the church has very little to do with the success of the day. We have been amazed at how the Lord has blessed these days and used them to challenge the churches to raise funds and bring about a spirit of revival!

Remember! The PASTOR is the key. He must be completely sold on the idea, if he is not he will not sell the idea to his people. If the pastor is red hot on the idea, it will rub off on his people; therefore, he must be enthusiastic and encouraging.

Send for the information and let us help you have a great College Day.

III. HAVE COLLEGE DINNERS IN YOUR QUARTERLY MEETING CHURCHES

We will be happy to help you set up college dinners in your area. They are exciting, challenging and an encouragement to your people.

Write or call today for more information.

Registration Report

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Undergraduate Enrollment359

BY STATE:

Alabama	37	Louisiana	3	Tennessee	75
Arkansas	9	Michigan	4	Texas	8
California	2	Mississippi	10	Virginia	19
Colorado	4	Missouri	10	Washington	5
Delaware	2	Nebraska	1	West Virginia	5
Florida	11	North Carolina	32	Virgin Islands	1
Georgia	20	Ohio	16		
Illinois	29	Oklahoma	1		
Indiana	13	Pennsylvania	2	Foreign	13
Kansas	2	South Carolina	14	(Brazil, Canada, Korea, Pakistan, Romania, Uruguay)	
Kentucky	10	South Dakota	1		

(The student body represents 27 states, the Virgin Islands and six foreign countries.)

BY CLASSIFICATION:

Freshmen	141	Juniors	60
Sophomores	91	Seniors	51
		Special	16

OTHERS:

Ministerial	68	Male	206
Missionary	52	Female	153
Single	306	Free Will Baptist	337
Married	53	Other	22

ENROLLMENT SUMMARY 1993-94

Undergraduate Enrollment	First Semester	334
Additional Enrollment	Second Semester	18
Total Enrollment	First and Second Semesters	352
Summer 1993 Enrollment Not Already Counted		7
Total Undergraduate Enrollment		359

Your Students

TEXAS ANNUAL 1993-94

Students

Jason Travis Collier
Warner Johnson (John) Collier
Anthony Stephen Edgmon
Lisa Dawn Edgmon
Jeffrey Michael Edgmon
Rickey Lynn Futch
Rejyna Dawn McClure
Jonathan Ray Reeves

Home Church

Pine Prairie
Pine Prairie
Cornerstone FWBC
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First Henderson
Iglesia Bautista de Libre Albedrio
Austin First

Home City

Huntsville
Huntsville
Denison
Denison
Denison
Henderson
Weslaco
Spicewood



Basketball Camp

Improve your game under the watchful eye of FWBBC Coach Byron Deel and members of the Flames Basketball Team.

Drama Camp

Young stage performers will make great strides during a week of training with Mr. Randy Fosse and members of The Evangels drama team.

Missions Camp

Mr. Neil Gilliland will nurture your passion for Christian service—in ways you will enjoy! See the world as God sees it, and find your place in His plan.

Music Camp

The FWBBC Music Department faculty and members of the *Rejoice!* Ministry Team will help you develop your vocal or keyboard talent.

The cost is just \$160. It includes your camp shirt, room and board, training sessions, even a day at Opryland, USA! (Cost is \$135 each if five or more come from the same church or Christian school.)

Write today for a free brochure.

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