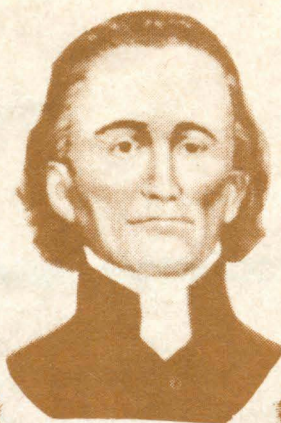




Mrs. M.M.H. Hills



Rev. John Colby



Benjamin Randall



Rev. A.H. Morrell

1995 State Minutes

Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists

81st Annual Session
June 7-9, 1995

Holiday Inn South
Lakehills Free Will Baptist Church
Austin, Texas



Rev. S.D. Bates



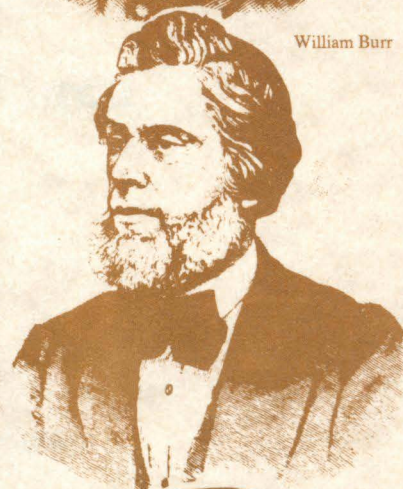
William Burr



Rev. Hosea Quinby, D.D.



Rev. Ebenezer Knowlton



Rev. G.T. Day



Prof. J.J. Butler, D.D.



Rev. David Marks



Rev. A.L. Gerrish



Rev. Ransom Dunn, D.D.

Minutes
of the
Eighty First Annual Session
of the
Texas State Association
of
Free Will Baptists

When Convened at the

Holiday Inn South

3401 South IH-35
Austin, Texas

and the

Lakehills Free Will Baptist Church

1580 Cypress Creek Road
Cedar Park, Texas

June 7-9, 1995

Theme: "Free Will Baptists - Who We Are"

**The Next Session
Will Be Held at the**

**Lakehills Free Will Baptist Church
1580 Cypress Creek Road
Cedar Park, Texas**

June 5-7, 1996

Theme: "Everyday With Jesus"

Table of Contents

	Page
Frontispiece	
State Officers	1
Standing Boards	2
Centennial Hymn	3
Executive Board Minutes	4 - 8
General Board Minutes	9 - 10
Minutes of State Association Meeting	11 - 16
State Office Financial Report	17 - 20
Clerk's Report	21 - 22
General Board Report	23
Christian Education Board Report	24 - 26
Missions/Church Extension Board Report	27 - 29
Credentials Committee Report	30 - 31
Obituary Committee Report	32
Proposed Constitutional Changes	33
Texas Women Active for Christ Report	34 - 40
Hillsdale Trustee Report	41
Constitution and By-Laws	42 - 48
Church Directory	49 - 56

Frontispiece

Free Will Baptist Pioneers Pictured on the Cover Who They Were

S. D. Bates (1828-1886) attended Geauga Seminary in Ohio, and engaged in teaching. James A. Garfield, later president of the United States, was one of his pupils. In addition to pastoring several churches in Ohio, he served as president of Ridgeville College for fourteen years and as a trustee of Hillsdale College in Michigan. These were all Free Will Baptist schools. He served as a member of the Executive Board of the Foreign Mission Society.

William Burr (1806-1866) served as editor of the *Morning Star*, the denominational magazine, for thirty two years, and took an active part in the organization of the Foreign Mission, Home Mission and Educational Societies.

Professor J. J. Butler (born 1814) spent forty years teaching Systematic Theology, as well as Sacred Literature, in several Free Will Baptist colleges and seminaries, including Hillsdale College. He co-authored, along with Ransom Dunn, *Lectures On Systematic Theology*, published by the School of the Bible, Pawnee City, Nebraska, 1891, a book many of us still have in our libraries. He also authored two volumes of *Commentaries on the New Testament*.

John Colby (1787-1817) was a church planter and evangelist in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Ohio. Great success attended his labors and he was highly reputed as a gifted, faithful and persuasive preacher of the gospel. He died of consumption in Norfolk, Virginia.

G. T. Day (1822-1875) was a seminary professor, pastored the Roger Williams church in Providence, Rhode Island, and edited the *Morning Star* for many years. It is said, "No words can tell the sweet gentleness of the man, his lofty genius, his winning eloquence. Only eternity can measure the good he did to the denomination.

Ransom Dunn (born 1818) was a highly successful evangelist, church planter and seminary professor. His most important past orates were in Dover and Great Falls, NH, New York, NY, and Boston, MA. For a time he served as president of Hillsdale College and for one three year period traveled over 10,000 miles by horse and carriage on behalf of the school.

A. L. Garrish (born 1837) graduated from Bangor Theological Seminary in 1866 and had very successful past orates in Pittsfield, Maine; Olneyville, Rhode island; Great Falls, New Hampshire; and Whitman, Massachusetts. He was active in the denomination's educational enterprises and served with distinction as a member of the Home Mission Society.

Mrs. M. M. H. Hills (born 1807) was widowed by three famous pioneer Free Will Baptists in succession, including David Marks. She was very active in promoting missions through early women's efforts. Her great achievement for the cause was her publication in 1885 of Missionary "*Reminiscences*," under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary Society. She witnessed the sailing of our first Free Will Baptist foreign missionaries from Boston Harbor in September, 1835.

Ebenezer Knowlton (1815-1874) was both a minister and a statesman. The day that he decided to preach the gospel was the day he was elected speaker of the Maine State Legislature. He was much in demand in the ministry and was very energetic in fulfilling his ministerial responsibilities. His thorough academic education fitted him, not only for the ministry, but for political service as well. He was elected to Congress in 1854 but declined reelection in order to devote himself to the work of the ministry and also to work for the Maine State Seminary. Great pressure was brought upon him to seek election as Governor of Maine. He had all the qualities necessary for statesmanship, such as ability, strength, foresight, decision, honesty, integrity, love of humanity and fear of God. The only reason he did not rise to higher political office was that he declined to do so, believing that, as a minister of Christ, he was holding the highest office on earth.

David Marks (1805-1845) was a "Boy Preacher," having actively entered the ministry at the age of sixteen. He was highly successful wherever he went: New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Kentucky, Connecticut and Canada, traveling by horseback and on foot. He aided in establishing seminaries in Chester, Ohio, and Strafford, New Hampshire. He studied for a while at Oberlin College in Ohio where he became a close friend of the great revivalist and theologian Charles G. Finney. He died in Oberlin, Ohio, at the age of 40 years, his body having been worn out by his arduous labors.

A.H. Morrell (1818-1885) was a man of rare pastoral abilities, pastoring in Maine and Rhode Island. He served for many years in the service of Storer College. Several years after his death it was said of him: "Though dead he is still speaking through multitudes to whom he carried the message of life in Northern Maine thirty years ago, and through hundreds of faithful teachers scattered from Maryland to Texas who were helped to a higher life by his teaching."

Hosea Quinby (1804-1878) was the first college graduate with the ministry in view who belonged to the denomination. He was the first principal of Parsonfield Seminary and also served as principal of Smithville Seminary. He pastored a number of churches, always with great success. The *Treatise of Faith* adopted in 1834, the first Free Will Baptist *Treatise*, was mainly his work. His mother is said to have been an energetic woman who was a preacher of the gospel for several years.

Benjamin Randall (1749-1808) was converted as a result of the ministry of Evangelist George Whitefield. Randall is the founder of the northern movement of Free Will Baptists, having established a church in New Durham, New Hampshire, in 1780. Rejecting the doctrines of John Calvin, he preached such positions as a general atonement, resistible grace and the possibility of apostasy. This brought him under sharp persecution, but he persevered and churches sprang up throughout New Hampshire. The movement spread to all of New England and numbered nearly 100 churches, with a membership of 5,000, by the time of his death less than thirty years later.

Texas State Association

of

Free Will Baptists

1995-96

General Officers

Moderator

David Sutton
615 Adams
Duncanville, Texas 75137

(214) 780-1608 (office)
296-6245 (home)

Assistant Moderator

Will Harmon
3921 Picato Drive
Plano, Texas 75074

(214) 424-1905 (office)
422-9522 (home)

Clerk

Thurmon Murphy
5037 Lindale
Wichita Falls, Texas 76310

(817) 692-2048 (office)
691-0318 (home)

Assistant Clerk

Jerry McArthur
125 South Imperial
Denison, Texas 75020

(903) 465-1052 (office)
465-8082 (home)

Hillsdale Trustee

Jim Harris (Resigned)
2725 St. George Place
Arlington, Texas 76015

(817) 543-0363 (home)

State Office

P. O. Box 9106
Wichita Falls, Texas 76308-0106
(817) 692-2048

Standing Boards

Missions/Church Extension Board

Bobby Ferguson	Year 1996
Clarence J. Hearron	Year 1996
Ken Harris	Year 1997
Keith Woody	Year 1998
Robert Posner	Year 1998

Chairman:	Bobby Ferguson	(713) 448-4116 (office)
	13155 Winding Wood	820-1048 (home)
	Houston, Texas 77038	

Treasurer:	Keith Woody	(512) 250-8910 (office)
	201 S. Rainbow Bridge	335-4706
	Cedar Park, Texas 78613	

Christian Education Board

David Ferguson	Year 1996
Wes Hood	Year 1997
Chris Smith	Year 1997
Marsha Hood	Year 1998
Christi Gray	Year 1998

Chairman:	David Ferguson
-----------	----------------

Treasurer:	Chris Smith	((409) 822-7855
	405 S. Sterling	
	Bryan, Texas 77802	

Executive Board

The Executive Board of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists is composed of the General Officers as listed on the previous page.

Centennial Hymn

Written for the Free Will Baptist Centennial, 1880

A hundred years for prayer
For truth to do and dare
In Jesus' name;
The little one, how strong!
The few, a numerous throng!
Sing, sing, in grateful song,
With loud acclaim!

We praise the guiding power
That brings us to this hour,
Through devious ways;
His presence ever near,
Throughout each circling year,
Has banished every fear
And crowned our days.

Our hearts are glad today,
As back fond memories stray
The past to trace;
Glad for the work begun,
Glad for the trophies won
To God's immortal Son,
Through sovereign grace;

Glad for the noble men
Who bravely rallied when
Their leader called;
Undaunted, firm, and true,
They many a conflict knew;
But, though so weak and few,
Were not appalled.

They are not far away;
They meet us here today;
Those heroes grand!
How rich the fruit of years,
Of toils, of bitter tears!
Let loud exultant cheers
Ring through the land!

Sound, sound the anthem higher,
Awake the stringed lyre,
Your voices raise;
For God's own loving hand
Has led our little band,
Till here we joyful stand,
To chant his praise!

Free Grace! Free men! Free Will!
These be our watch-words still
As on we press;
United heart and hand,
Firm may we ever stand,
Obeying God's command,
The world to bless.

From *The Centennial Record*,
Dover, New Hampshire, 1880
Pages 74,75

Courtesy of Jack T. Bankhead

**Executive Board Meeting
Duncanville, Texas
September 26, 1994**

The Executive Board of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists met at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Duncanville on Monday, September 26, 1994. Members present for the meeting were: David Sutton, Moderator; Keith Woody, Assistant Moderator; Thurmon Murphy, Clerk; Jim Harris, Hillsdale Trustee; and Robert Posner, Assistant Clerk.

The meeting began at 3:15 p.m. Keith Woody read a passage of Scripture from John 21 and brought some devotional thoughts on fishing for men. Jim Harris led the opening prayer.

The board reviewed the 1994 state meeting and felt that it was a good meeting, but expressed concern about the low attendance the past two years. Several ideas were tossed around regarding the schedule. Moderator David Sutton asked the clerk to prepare a proposal regarding the possibility of eliminating the General Board meeting at the state meeting.

The board discussed having both the 1995 evening worship services at the Lakehills Free Will Baptist Church in Austin rather than the Holiday Inn South. The board agreed to do so and to have the services begin at 7:30 p.m.

Consideration was given to preliminary planning of the program for the 1995 state meeting. There was a motion to invite Carl Cheshire to speak at the two evening worship services. The motion carried. The board agreed by mutual consent to have Stuart Matthews and Gerald Pritchard be in charge of the music ministry at the meeting. Some discussion was given to the idea of inviting a church choir or two and some special groups or individuals to sing for the meeting.

Attention was focused then on the theme for the meeting. The board agreed to adopt the theme "Free Will Baptists: Who We Are." Thurmon Murphy was asked to develop that theme in a Thursday workshop on the subject of "Apostasy." The board further agreed to invite Luther Sanders to also develop the theme with a Thursday workshop on the subject of "Feetwashing." Furthermore, the board agreed to invite Dr. Melvin Worthington to conduct a workshop on "Free Will Baptist History and Heritage" on Thursday or Friday, the time best suited to his schedule.

Moderator David Sutton observed that there was a need to promote the 1996 National Convention Fund.

Attention then turned to the 1995 All Boards Meeting. The board agreed to have it at the Holiday Inn South in Austin on Friday and Saturday, January 20-21. The decision was made to begin the All Boards Meeting with a general session at 1:00 p.m. on Friday.

Keith Woody shared a very positive report on the progress of the work in Austin. The meeting ended at 8:45 p.m. and the board went to dinner.

Respectfully Submitted
Thurmon Murphy, Clerk

All Boards Meeting

Austin, Texas

January 20, 1995

Holiday Inn South
Austin, Texas

The annual All Boards Meeting of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists met on Friday, January 20, 1995, at the Holiday Inn South in Austin, Texas. The Executive Board, the Missions/Church Extension Board, the Christian Education Board, and the officers of the Texas Women Active For Christ met in the Pioneer 10 Room at 1:45 p.m. for a general session.

Moderator David Sutton welcomed the boards and made some introductory remarks about the purpose of the general session. Missionary pastor Keith Woody, who also serves as Assistant Moderator, read from 2 Corinthians 12 and brought some devotional thoughts. He then led the group in prayer.

Some time was given to a discussion of the state meeting agenda in order to best coordinate the activities and to eliminate possible scheduling conflicts between the TWAC and the state association body. The boards were asked to work out details in their separate meeting which followed the general session.

Moderator David Sutton informed the boards that the Executive Board was considering proposing constitutional changes which would eliminate the General Board of the Texas State Association. He explained the reasoning behind the proposal and asked the various boards to give input on the idea.

The general session of the All Boards Meeting recessed at 2:20 p.m. so the various boards could have their board meetings.

Executive Board Meeting

Holiday Inn South
Austin, Texas

The Executive Board of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists met at 2:35 p.m. in room 230 of the Holiday Inn South in Austin, Texas, for its annual January meeting. Members present for the meeting were David Sutton, Moderator; Keith Woody, Assistant Moderator; Thurmon Murphy, Clerk; Henry Potter, Parliamentarian; and Jim Harris, Hillsdale Trustee. Jerry McArthur, pastor of the Cornerstone Free Will Baptist Church in Denison, was also present.

The moderator opened the meeting by reading Philippians 4:13, giving some devotional thoughts, and leading in prayer. The clerk informed the board of the resignation of Assistant Clerk Robert Posner who had accepted an appointment to the Missions/Church Extension Board. A motion was made that Jerry McArthur be appointed to serve as Assistant Clerk until the 1995 state meeting. The motion carried.

Clerk Thurmon Murphy, who also serves as state treasurer, gave the 1994 State Office financial report and gave an update on the 1996 National Convention Fund. The report was accepted. He also gave a report on *The Texas Challenge*.

Jim Harris, Texas' Hillsdale Trustee, gave a report on Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College. Discussion arose concerning adding a second trustee from Texas to the Hillsdale Board. As in 1994 the board decided against such a recommendation at the present time for economic reasons.

Thurmon Murphy then presented a proposed 1996 State Office Budget. The proposed budget was amended slightly. There was a motion to accept the proposed budget as amended and present it to the state association for adoption.

A motion was made and passed that we recommend that the following Cooperative Giving allocations be retained for 1996:

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

Some time was given to a discussion of whether we should send a representative to the New Mexico state meeting in April, as we had done for the past four years. The decision was made for the state not to send a representative this year because of insufficient funds to do so. Clerk Thurmon Murphy indicated that since he had been invited to go once again, he would go this year at his own expense and take Jerry McArthur with him.

Attention then turned to finalizing plans for the 1995 state meeting. A motion was made and carried that we confirm Mike Cousineau as speaker for the Thursday morning worship service. Jerry McArthur was asked to preside at the service. David Sutton was appointed to preside at the Wednesday evening worship service and Keith Woody was delegated the task of presiding at the Thursday evening worship service. The board agreed to invite Leroy Blankenship to read Scripture at the beginning of the Friday morning session.

Moderator David Sutton accepted the responsibility of working with Stuart Matthews and Gerald Pritchard in scheduling special music for the state meeting services.

Discussion then turned to various ideas of how to promote attendance at the meeting. The decision was made to appoint a point man in each local district who would have the responsibility of promoting the state meeting by word of mouth. The following people were appointed: Keith Woody, Central Texas; Jerry McArthur, West Fork; Robert Posner, East Texas; and Henry Potter, West Texas.

The board delegated to Jerry McArthur the responsibility of securing as many vans as possible to transport people from the hotel to the Lakehills Church on Wednesday and Thursday nights for the worship services.

The board then moved on to further discussion of whether to recommend that the General Board of the state association be eliminated. Clerk Thurmon Murphy, as the moderator had previously asked him to do, presented the constitutional changes which would be necessary to make possible the elimination of the General Board. A motion was made to recommend the proposed constitutional changes to the General Board and the Texas State Association for adoption. The motion carried.

The board appointed Keith Woody and Jerry McArthur to be in charge of planning, promoting, and conducting the golf tournament for the men on Wednesday morning prior to the state meeting.

Clerk Thurmon Murphy was asked to prepare a map of Austin, showing the way to the church from the hotel, and prepare a list of restaurants.

The Executive Board adjourned at 7:50 in order to meet with the general session of the All Boards Meeting.

All Boards Meeting

Resumed

The 1995 All Boards Meeting resumed with a general session at 8:00 p.m. in the Pioneer 10 Room of the Holiday Inn South. Moderator David Sutton gave a devotion on "Teamwork" and then led in prayer.

Helen Sanders, President of Texas Women Active for Christ (TWAC) gave their report. She announced that they had exceeded their goals for 1994 and she presented their goals for 1996.

Brad Hanna, new chairman of the Christian Education Board, gave their report. He gave an overview of their work for 1994 and announced their plans for 1995. Missionary pastor Keith Woody expressed his appreciation for the work of the Christian Education Board which they had done on behalf of the Lakehills Church during the two past years.

Dale Smith gave the financial report of the Missions/Church Extension Board. Chairman Bobby Ferguson gave an overview of their work for the year.

Jim Harris gave a very informative report on Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, giving special attention to Hillsdale's efforts to gain accreditation.

Moderator David Sutton gave the report of the Executive Board. He gave details about the 1995 state meeting.

The 1995 All Boards Meeting was then dismissed in prayer by Luther Sanders.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thurmon Murphy, Clerk

**Executive Board Meeting
Columbia Room, Holiday Inn South
Austin, Texas**

Tuesday, June 6, 1995

The Executive Board of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists met at 6:00 p.m. in the Columbia Room of the Holiday Inn South in Austin, Texas, to go over plans for the state meeting. Those present for the meeting were David Sutton, Moderator; Jim Harris, Hillsdale Trustee; Jerry McArthur, Assistant Clerk; and Thurmon Murphy, Clerk. Jim Harris led in the opening prayer.

Moderator David Sutton suggested an honorarium of \$600.00 for Carl Cheshire, our featured speaker for the meeting. The board agreed by consensus.

A motion was made that we recommend to the General Board a constitutional change which would eliminate the position of Parliamentarian from the Executive Board. The motion carried.

There was a motion to recommend to the General Board that we honor our contract with the Holiday Inn South for 1996, but that in 1997 we have the state meeting at the Lakehills Free Will Baptist Church and let the people stay in the motels of their choice. The motion carried.

Because of a shortage of funds, the board members agreed to pay for their own meals at dinner. The meeting then adjourned for dinner.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thurmon Murphy, Clerk

General Board Meeting

Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists

June 7, 1995

Friendship-Mercury Rooms
Holiday Inn South
Austin, Texas

The General Board of the Texas State Association Free Will Baptists met on June 7, 1995, in the Friendship-Mercury rooms of the Holiday Inn South in Austin, Texas. Twenty six people were present for the meeting.

Moderator David Sutton opened the meeting with a devotion based on Romans 13:8 and led in prayer. He appointed Clarence J. Hearron to serve as Parliamentarian for the entire state meeting. General Board members were recognized and seated.

Brother Sutton appointed the following committees to serve at the state meeting during the 1995 session:

Nominating Committee

Keith Woody, Chairman
Herbert Richards
Richard Rust
Robert Posner
Jim Harris

Committee on Committees

Jack Bankhead, Chairman
Charles Denman
Raymond Getz

There was a motion to adopt the program (with flexibility) for the state meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.

Clerk-Treasurer Thurmon Murphy gave the financial report of the State Office and presented a proposed budget for 1996. He moved that the report be received and the proposed 1996 budget be presented to the state body for adoption. The motion was seconded and carried.

The Clerk presented the following Cooperative Giving allocations for 1996 to the General Board and moved that they be presented to the state body for adoption. The motion was seconded and carried. The proposed allocations are:

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

Moderator David Sutton informed the General Board members of the financial status of the State Office and challenged the members of the board to do all they could to increase their giving to the State Office.

The Clerk presented three additional recommendations from the Executive Board. The first was a proposed constitutional change which would eliminate the General Board. There was a motion to recommend the proposed change to the state body for adoption. The motion was seconded and carried.

The second was a proposed constitutional change which would eliminate the position of Parliamentarian from the Executive Board. There was a motion to recommend the proposed change to the state body for adoption. The motion was seconded and carried

The third recommendation was that we honor our contract with the Holiday Inn South for the 1996 state meeting, but that in 1997 we have the meeting at the Lakehills Free Will Baptist Church and let the people stay in the motels of their choice. There was a motion to recommend the item to the state body for adoption. The motion was seconded and carried.

Jim Harris, Texas' Hillsdale Trustee, gave a report on Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College. There was a motion to receive the report. The motion was seconded and carried.

Bobby Ferguson gave the report of the Home Missions/Church Extension Board and presented a proposed budget for 1996. There was a motion to receive the report and recommend the proposed budget to the state body for adoption. A motion to do so was made, seconded and carried.

Chris Smith gave the report of the Christian Education Board and presented a proposed budget for 1996. There was a motion to receive the report and recommend the proposed budget to the state body for adoption. The motion seconded and was carried.

Assistant Clerk Jerry McArthur read the Credentials Committee report and moved that the General Board recommend to the state body that all district associations and local churches which have sent letters, fees and delegates be seated. The motion was seconded and carried.

Local pastor Keith Woody gave directions to the Lakehills Free Will Baptist Church where the evening worship services of the 1995 state meeting were to be held. Moderator David Sutton dismissed the General Board meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Thurmon Murphy, Clerk

Texas State Association
of
Free Will Baptists
Eighty First Annual Session
June 7-9, 1995

Wednesday Evening, June 7, 1995

The eighty first annual session of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists held its evening worship services at the Lakehills Free Will Baptist Church in the Austin, Texas, suburb of Cedar Park, and the daytime services and business sessions at the Holiday Inn South in Austin. The Wednesday evening worship service began at 7:30 p.m. with Gerald Prichard leading a sizable congregation at the Lakehills church in "Since Jesus Came into My Heart." Marsha Hood accompanied on the piano and Frances Lambert accompanied on the organ.

Clerk Thurmon Murphy declared the session in order and Clarence Hearron led the opening prayer. Pastor Keith Woody extended a warm and hearty welcome.

Gerald Prichard then led "Down at the Cross." The Lakehills choir sang "Touch of Life." Nancy Copeland sang "He the Pearly Gates Will Open." She was accompanied by her mother, Wanda Bankhead. The congregation was carried on the wings of the Heavenly Dove to enraptured heights.

Moderator David Sutton recognized the visitors from out of state and then recognized the state officers. He announced two committees:

Nominating Committee

Keith Woody, Chairman
Herbert Richards
Richard Rust
Robert Posner
Jim Harris

Committee on Committees

Jack Bankhead, Chairman
Charles Denman
Raymond Getz

An offering was then received. David Sutton led the offertory prayer. Gerald Prichard led "Amazing Grace" as the offering was received.

A quartet, composed of Ray Wages, John Jones, Sam Davis and Tom

Jones, from the Westside Free Will Baptist Mission in Houston, sang "Sweeter As the Days Go By," When He Was on the Cross, I Was on His Mind" and "Satisfied with Jesus."

Brother Sutton introduced the speaker for the state meeting, Carl Cheshire, pastor of the Cavanaugh Free Will Baptist Church in Fort Smith, Arkansas. Brother Cheshire preached on "A Call to Commitment" using Exodus 3:10 as his text. He extended an invitation and numerous people came to the altar as Gerald Prichard led "Have Thine Own Way." Many came weeping.

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

Resolutions Committee

James Munsey, Chairman
John Hays
A. V. Jennische

Obituary Committee

Marsha Hood, Chairman
Judy Posner
Kareen Rust

Brother Sutton asked H. Ray and Asa Berry to come forward and he then recognized them for their part in the funding of the Lakehills church as a mission project. Brother Berry thanked a number of people for their help also. Brother Berry then led in the closing prayer at 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday Morning, June 8, 1995

The daytime activities were held in the Junior Ballroom at the Holiday Inn South in Austin. Most of Tuesday morning was devoted to two workshops which were designed to expand upon our state meeting theme: "Free Will Baptists -- Who We Are." Stuart Matthews led "Because He Lives" and John Hays sang a special. Thurmon Murphy then conducted a workshop entitled: "Why We Believe in the Possibility of Apostasy."

Stuart Matthews then led "He Brought Me Out" and Jerry McArthur sang "Guess Who's Walking with Me Now." Luther Sanders then conducted a workshop entitled: "Free Will Baptists and Feet Washing."

Morning Worship Service, 11:00 A.M.

Stuart Matthews opened the morning worship service by leading "I Am Resolved." Jerry McArthur presided over the service. Ken Austin, pastor of the Buncombe Free Will Baptist Church near Henderson, led the opening prayer. Stuart Matthews then led the congregation in singing "Revive us Again."

Brother Matthews sang a medley of solos: "Sweet Hour of Prayer," "I Need Thee Every Hour" and "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus." Jerry McArthur introduced Mike Cousineau, Free Will Baptist missionary to Ivory Coast in West Africa, as our morning speaker. He spoke on our mission as Free Will Baptists. He closed in prayer.

Thursday Afternoon Business Session, 1:30 P.M.

Stuart Matthews led "At Calvary" as the opening congregational hymn. Keith Woody, Assistant Moderator, gave a devotion from Matthew 28:18-20. Jerry and Barbara McArthur sang "He Is Here." David Sutton gave the moderator's message, using Psalm 40. He prayed for wisdom and leadership.

Assistant Clerk Jerry McArthur gave the partial report of the Credentials Committee and moved that the report be received and the delegates seated. The motion was seconded and carried.

The moderator introduced Jim Pollock, a deacon in the Artesia, New Mexico, Free Will Baptist Church and moderator of the New Mexico District Association, who brought greeting from New Mexico.

Dr. Alton Loveless, Director of the Sunday School and Church Training Department, gave a report on the work of this National department. He reported that forty denominations now use our Spanish curriculum. He showed many improvements in the literature.

Bert Tippet gave a report on Free Will Baptist Bible College. He reported that two Texans had just graduated from the college.

Richard Adams gave the report of the National Home Missions Department. Ray Lewis, from the Retirement and Insurance Department, gave a report from that department.

Jim Harris gave a report on Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, Moore, Oklahoma. He moved that his report be received as information. His motion was seconded and carried.

Charles Denman reported on the work of Master's Men. He moved that the report be accepted as information. His motion was seconded and carried.

Dr. Melvin Worthington gave a report on the National Executive Office.

Clerk Thurmon Murphy presented two proposed constitutional changes: 1) Regarding elimination of the General Board, and 2) Regarding elimination of the office of Parliamentarian from the Executive Board. He moved that the two proposed constitutional changes be laid on the table until Friday morning. His motion was seconded and carried.

The afternoon business session was dismissed in prayer at 3:30 p.m. by John Hays, pastor of the Pleasant Mound Free Will Baptist Church at Buffalo Springs.

Thursday Evening Worship Service, 7:30 P.M.

The Thursday evening worship service was held at the Lakehills Free Will Baptist Church in Cedar Park. Stuart Matthews, accompanied by Marsha Hood at the piano and Frances Lambert at the organ, opened the service by leading the large congregation in singing "All Hail the Power." Keith Woody presided over the service and welcomed the people. Robert Posner led the opening prayer. Assistant Clerk Jerry McArthur encouraged the people who had not registered to do so. Brother Woody recognized the visiting dignitaries who had not been present the previous evening.

Stuart Matthews led the congregation in "He Keeps Me Singing" and "We're Marching to Zion." A trio, composed of Marsha Hood, Brenda Doffing and Nancy Copeland, from the Lakehills church sang "He Is Here." An offering was then received. Mike Fields, pastor of the Bright Light Free Will Baptist Church near Bryan, led the offertory prayer. Stuart Matthews led the

congregation in singing "At Calvary" as the offering was being received.

A mass choir sang "The Old Landmark" and "Heal Our Land" which featured Marsha Hood in a solo part. The congregation stood as the choir sang a verse from "America, the Beautiful." Bobby Ferguson led in a prayer for our country.

Stuart Matthews led the congregation in singing "He Is Lord" and then sang a medley of songs which included "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," "Fairest Lord Jesus" and "I'd Rather Have Jesus." It was a glorious service to this point and the congregation was ready for the preaching of God's Word.

Carl Cheshire preached on "Loyalty," using 2 Samuel 15:19-22 as his text. He applied the message to being loyal to our Free Will Baptist work and heritage. At the conclusion of his message, he extended an invitation. Stuart Matthews led "I Surrender All" as the hymn of invitation. Numerous people came forward to the altar for prayer.

The service was closed with the song "Jesus Loves Even Me" at 8:50 p.m., after a few announcements.

Friday Morning Business Session, 8:30 A.M., June 9, 1995

The Friday morning business session was conducted in the Junior Ballroom at the Holiday Day Inn South in Austin. Stuart Matthews opened the session by leading the congregation in singing "Victory In Jesus," accompanied by Wanda Bankhead at the piano. Clarence Hearron read Acts 8:26, brought a brief devotion and led in prayer. John Hays sang "Beulah Land."

Dr. Melvin Worthington, Executive Secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists conducted the third workshop designed to expand upon our state meeting theme: "Free Will Baptists -- Who We Are." His workshop was on "Free Will Baptist History and Heritage." It was very enlightening and encouraging.

The business portion of the meeting began at 9:40 a.m. after a congregational song. Jerry McArthur gave the Registration Report and moved that it be received. His motion was seconded and carried.

Bettie Ferguson gave the report of the Texas Women Active for Christ. She moved that her report be received as information. Her motion was seconded and carried.

Assistant Clerk Jerry McArthur gave the General Board Report and moved that the report be received and acted upon item by item at the proper time. His motion was seconded and carried.

Thurmon Murphy gave the State Office Financial Report and presented a proposed budget for 1996. He moved that his report be received and the budget adopted. His motion was seconded and carried. He also gave the report of the State Clerk, who serves as Texas's Promotional Man. He moved that the report be received. His motion was seconded and carried.

Keith Woody gave the report of the Nominating Committee and moved

that it be received and acted upon item by item. His motion was seconded and carried. The Nominations submitted by the Nominating Committee were:

State Officers

Moderator: replacing David Sutton, David Sutton

Assistant Moderator: replacing Keith Woody, no nomination

Assistant Clerk: Replacing Robert Posner, Jerry McArthur

Missions/Church Extension Board

Replacing H. Ray Berry, Keith Woody (1998)

Replacing Robert Posner, Robert Posner (1998)

Replacing Don Guthrie, Clarence Hearn (1996)

Replacing Dale Smith, Ken Harris (1997)

Christian Education Board

Replacing Brad Hanna, Marsha Hood (1998)

Replacing Mark Jones, Christi Gray (1998)

Chris Smith gave the report of the Christian Education Board and presented a proposed budget for 1996. He moved that his report be received and the budget adopted. His motion was seconded and carried. Marsha Hood (1998) and Christi Gray (1998) were elected to the board.

Bobby Ferguson gave the report of the State Missions/Church Extension Board. Missionary Keith Woody gave an oral report on the progress of the Lakehills Free Will Baptist Church. He reported that the church was in the process of going full time. Brother Ferguson challenged all of us to get involved in the support of state missions. Acting Treasurer David Sutton gave the financial report of the board. Brother Ferguson moved that the report be received and the budget adopted. His motion was seconded and carried. Keith Woody (1998), Robert Posner (1998), Clarence Hearn (1996) and Ken Harris (1997) were elected to the board.

Judy Posner gave the report of the Obituary Committee. The report was received and the congregation stood as Moderator David Sutton led in prayer in memory of the deceased.

James Munsey indicated that the Resolutions Committee had no report.

Thurmon Murphy presented the General Board Report. Item number three, regarding Cooperative Giving allocations, was presented and adopted. Item number four, regarding the proposed constitutional changes which would eliminate the General Board and the Parliamentary position, was presented and adopted. Item number five, regarding the meeting sites in 1996 and 1997, was presented and adopted.

James Munsey moved that we endorse the project of raising \$10,000 for library books for the Bible institute in Mexico, without taking on the responsibility of having to raise the money. His motion was seconded and carried.

Roy Norie expressed gratitude for financial and prayer support on behalf of Darrel and Lila Nichols.

Jerry McArthur was elected Assistant Clerk. David Sutton was elected as

Moderator. No one was elected as Assistant Moderator with the understanding that the Executive Board would appoint one.

There was a motion to authorize the Moderator to appoint delegates to the National Association in Charlotte, NC. The motion was seconded and carried.

There were several expressions regarding the absence of the East Texas District Association from our state meeting. The sentiment was that we need them, need to reach out to them and that we need to let them know what a good state meeting we had this year.

The 1995 state meeting was dismissed at 11:20 a.m. after a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thurmon Murphy, Clerk
Jerry McArthur, Assistant Clerk

State Office Financial Report

1994

Texas State Outside Giving for 1994

National Association		
Cooperative Giving	\$ 2,152.20	
Designated Giving	5,513.64	\$ 7,665.84
State Missions Giving		
Cooperative Giving	\$ 1,979.98	
Designated Giving	18,171.33	20,151.31
National Home Missions		13,879.48
Foreign Missions		73,407.78
Capital Stewardship Campaign		900.00
Free Will Baptist Bible College		3,918.06
Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College		16,288.69
Southeastern Free Will Baptist College		1,351.80
State Christian Education Board		1,967.64
Alabama Children's Home		1,000.00
Oklahoma State Missions (El Reno)		300.00
Arkansas State Missions (Hubbard)		10.00
Total Outside Giving		\$140,840.60

Texas State Office Receipts for 1994

Cooperative Giving (40%)	\$ 3,443.46	
Church/District Designated Giving	10,268.58	
District Dues	1,200.00	
Church Dues	2,150.00	
State Meeting Offerings	296.00	
Reimbursements	1,072.68	
Sales	30.00	
Texas State Mission Board (<i>Challenge</i> Printing)	725.00	
Interest Income	294.43	
1996 National Convention Fund	2,593.91	
Total Receipts		\$ 22,074.06
Grand Total Receipts for 1994		\$162,914.66

Texas State Office Expenses

for

1994

Travel and Promotion		\$ 545.95
Executive Board Expenses		2,006.16
Telephone		293.47
Postage		864.06
Office Supplies		405.03
Bank Service Charge		12.82
Checks		56.95
Computer/Copier Supplies		382.93
Computer Repair		72.39
Printing		
State Minutes	\$ 654.88	
Digest of Reports	848.92	
<i>The Texas Challenge</i>	2,304.75	
Other	609.96	4,418.51
Salaries		
Bookkeeper	1,800.00	
State Clerk	5,000.00	
Social Security	00.00	
State Meeting Expenses		
Miscellaneous	650.17	
Speaker	700.00	1,350.17
National Association Dues		480.00
Expenses to the National (<i>Challenge</i> Editor)		650.00
Reimbursement (Central Texas District, overpayment)		990.00
Reimbursement (Bobby Ferguson)		100.00
Transfer of 1996 National Convention Funds to Savings		<u>2,389.54</u>
Grand Total State Office Expenditures for 1994		\$21,817.98
Total Receipts		22,074.06
Balance Brought Forward, January 1, 1994		<u>918.69</u>
Total to Account for		22,992.75
State Office Expenditures		<u>21,817.98</u>
Balance on Hand, December 31, 1994		\$ 1,174.77
Designated, 1996 National Convention Fund		204.37
Unrestricted Funds Available to the State Office		\$ 970.40

Thurmon Murphy
Treasurer

This financial report and the state books were audited by an independent auditor on January 20, 1995, and found to be in order. Texas state law prohibits anyone who is not a Certified Public Accountant from signing a written audit. Therefore, she gave us an oral report and her name is not given here.

1994 State Office Support

	Cooperative	Designated	Total
Northwest Brazos District Association			
Northwest Brazos District	00.00	50.00	50.00
Faith, Lubbock	22.00	00.00	22.00
First, Amarillo	<u>22.00</u>	<u>225.00</u>	<u>247.00</u>
Total	44.00	275.00	319.00
West Fork District Association			
West Fork District	580.28	00.00	580.28
Friendship, Fort Worth	00.00	300.00	300.00
Collin Creek, Plano	00.00	1,046.52	1,046.52
Connally, Waco	00.00	430.00	430.00
First, Duncanville	00.00	2,365.05	2,365.05
First, Wichita Falls	00.00	130.00	130.00
First, Weatherford	00.00	120.00	120.00
Cornerstone, Denison	<u>00.00</u>	<u>210.00</u>	<u>210.00</u>
Total	580.28	4,601.57	5,181.85
East Texas District Association			
East Texas District	00.00	10.00	10.00
Lifegate, Tyler	324.93	00.00	324.93
Good Hope, Henderson	354.09	00.00	354.09
Mt. Olive, Henderson	89.81	400.00	489.81
First, Henderson	00.00	385.00	385.00
First, Nacogdoches	00.00	92.00	92.00
Union Arbor, Beckville	<u>00.00</u>	<u>225.00</u>	<u>225.00</u>
Total	768.83	1,112.00	1,880.83
Central Texas District Association			
Pine Prairie, Huntsville	45.10	310.00	355.10
Lakehills, Austin	122.00	00.00	122.00
Fellowship, Bryan	682.39	600.00	1,282.39
Evergreen, Iola	173.44	00.00	173.44
United, Bryan	414.11	700.00	1,114.11
Thomaston	121.00	350.00	471.00
Bright Light, College Station	209.40	00.00	209.40
First, Houston	288.00	845.00	1,133.00
North Zulch	00.00	150.00	150.00
Cornerstone, College Station	00.00	100.00	100.00
Cross, Iola	00.00	210.00	210.00
Conroe	<u>00.00</u>	<u>20.00</u>	<u>20.00</u>
Total	2,055.44	3,285.00	5,340.44
Total State Office Contributions*	3,448.55	9,273.57	12,722.12

*This does not include interest, church and district fees, or state meeting offerings.

Proposed Budget

Texas State Office

1996

	1994	1995	1996
Proposed Income			
40% of Cooperative Giving	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
Church & District gifts	8,200.00	14,500.00	14,900.00
Church Fees	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
District Fees	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00
State Meeting Offerings	300.00	40.00	400.00
Sales	200.00	100.00	100.00
Reimbursements	600.00	600.00	1,000.00
1996 Nat. Convention Fund	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total Proposed Income	\$22,500.00	\$26,000.00	\$26,000.00
Proposed Expenditures			
Travel and Promotion	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,000.00
Executive Board Meetings	2,000.00	1,700.00	1,700.00
Telephone	500.00	500.00	400.00
National Assoc. Meeting Exp.	650.00	650.00	650.00
National Association Dues	520.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
State Meeting Expenses	1,200.00	1,000.00	1,250.00
Office Supplies	800.00	600.00	500.00
Computer/Copier Supplies	500.00	500.00	500.00
Postage	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
Audit of Books	100.00	100.00	100.00
Labor			
Bookkeeper	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
State Clerk	1,800.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
F.I.C.A. Taxes	00.00	483.60	483.60
Printing			
<i>The Texas Challenge</i>	4,000.00	4,000.00	3,600.00
Digest of Reports	750.00	800.00	800.00
State Minutes	1,000.00	900.00	700.00
Other	700.00	400.00	500.00
1996 National Conv. Fund	2,000.00	2,000.00	3,000.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>280.00</u>	<u>216.40</u>	<u>416.40</u>
Total Proposed Expenses	\$22,500.00	\$26,000.00	\$26,000.00

Report of the State Clerk

■ Note of Appreciation

As most of you know I had a heart attack on August 6, 1994, my 53rd birthday. Ten days later, on August 16th, I had triple bypass surgery. Please accept my deepest gratitude for your many expressions of concern during my time of illness, and thanks so much to the churches which sent love offerings to help with the medical expenses. Your help and concern were most encouraging. Thanks, too, to the several pastors who came to see me in the hospital.

Pastor Roy Norie was especially helpful to me during my time of recovery. He often came and took me for walks and drove me around town before I was cleared to drive again. He drove me to Duncanville in September for an Executive Board meeting and drove me to the Oklahoma state meeting in October. He continues to help me every other month with the mailing of *The Texas Challenge*.

■ The Texas Challenge

Five issues of the state paper were printed during the past year. The September-October issue was not printed because I was, uh, on vacation! The paper continues to be well received for the most part. Some of the articles which deal with relevant and timely issues are highly praised by most pastors while other pastors throw some issues in the trash can. Please remember that the purpose of *The Texas Challenge* is "to inform, encourage, and instruct." It is the goal of this editor to make the state paper more than just a generic news sheet; it is his goal to make it the best state paper in our denomination.

■ State Clerk

In addition to the editing of the state paper, I, as clerk, had printed and distributed the 1994 State Minutes and had printed the 1995 Digest of Reports. Both of these tasks require many hours, even many days, of labor.

The clerk's job requires a considerable amount of time in doing 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, as always, was spent during the past year setting up and coordinating the All Boards Meeting and the State Association Meeting. Several trips were made to Austin in connection with the hotel arrangements and the Convention and Visitors Bureau. I met in Bryan once with the State Home Missions Board at the request of their board chairman. One trip was made to Henderson to meet with the East Texas District pastors and other leaders concerning their opposition to our use of a Holiday Inn as a meeting place for the state convention.

■ State Treasurer

At present the clerk's job means that he is also state treasurer. Mrs. Murphy continues to serve as the bookkeeper, and I help her with that. During

1994 the State Office received and disbursed \$162,914.66.

Again I want to appeal to district clerks to send the monthly disbursements through on time each month. Churches want to know that the monies they send are being efficiently channeled through to where they are intended. Schools, missionaries, service agencies and others need to receive their funds on time.

■ Representation

Due to a shortage of funds, travel, and travel expenses, have been kept to a minimum during the past year. I did represent the state at the Northwest Brazos quarterly meeting in Amarillo. Assistant clerk, Jerry McArthur, accompanied me on this trip.

For the fifth year in a row I represented our state, and preached, at the New Mexico state meeting. This year it was in Artesia. Jerry McArthur accompanied me on this trip also and was helpful in speaking, leading singing and singing specials at the meeting. I printed the program for them once again.

I represented Texas on the General Board of the National Association and have continued to serve on the National's Executive Committee. I attended the Leadership Conference in Nashville in December.

As noted earlier I attended the Oklahoma state meeting. It was too early for me to make such a trip and I stayed only half a day. I was just there to observe; I did not represent.

■ A Support Agency

The Texas State Office continues to be a support agency, assisting and helping all of the state boards and ministries in one way or another. It has been a privilege to help both in promotion and in such things as printing the state program for the Texas Women Active for Christ.

The State Office during the past year was able to be of assistance to the West Fork Woman's Auxilliary and the West Fork Youth Camp in designing and printing materials.

■ Needs

The State Office continues to need some of the equipment mentioned last year, especially the fax machine. We are more and more in the communication business and the proper tools are needed to help us serve you more efficiently. The State Office also continues to need your regular, monthly financial support. This is a ministry and, as a ministry, is deserving of your support. The needs are great right now and the future of the State Office as it currently exists is at stake. A special word of thanks is in order for the pastors and churches who have faithfully and generously supported during the past year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thurmon Murphy, Clerk

General Board Report

The General Board of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists met on June 7, 1995, in the Friendship-Mercury rooms of the Holiday Inn South in Austin, 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, the Christian Education Board and the Hillsdale Trustee. We recommend that these reports be received and the budgets adopted as each is presented.
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 allocations (the undesignated portion of The Together Way Plan) be retained for the year 1996:

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

4. We recommend the adoption of the proposed constitutional change regarding elimination of the General Board and the proposed constitutional change regarding the elimination of the Parliamentarian as an office on the Executive Board. (adopted)
5. We recommend the adoption of the Executive Board's recommendation regarding meeting sites for 1996 and 1997, namely that we honor our contract with the Holiday Inn South for 1996 and that the entire 1997 state meeting be held at the Lakehills Free Will Baptist Church with each person being responsible for his own lodging. (adopted)

Board of Christian Education

Annual Report for 1994

It was a good year for the Christian Education Board in 1994. The year saw a new event and improvement on some old ones as well. Participation was better than expected at several events.

April 29-30 was the annual Texas Youth Conference. We were pleased to have the opportunity to meet at the beautiful new facilities at the Lakehills Free Will Baptist Church in Cedar Park. The theme of the conference was *Free Love* and it focused on the free love we have as adopted children of God. Contests were held between youth groups and individuals for dress and skits. Brad Hanna challenged the teens from Scripture to end the evening.

Competition at the youth conference was as good as ever. This was a record year for number of entries at state competition. Several churches competed with some competitors advancing on to the National Youth Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas. We are proud of all who participated at state this year regardless of the outcome!

The C. E. Board would like to extend a special appreciation to Lakehills and Brother Woody for their donation of the facilities for this year's conference. They were truly a class act!

A new event took place on October 21-22. The Keenager's Retreat was held at the West Fork Youth Camp for the Senior Citizens of our state. The fellowship was enjoyed by all who attended. Special guest for the retreat was the Ministers Quartet from Oklahoma. This long-time quartet ministered through familiar songs and encouraged through good ole' preaching.

The Keenager's Retreat could become an annual event if interest remains high with the Senior Citizens of our state. If you would like to learn more, contact a C. E. Board member or a participant of this year's retreat.

The last event which this board planned was the State Youth Retreat on October 18-19. This was held at the Piney Woods Baptist Encampment near Groveton, Texas. We were especially pleased to have the *Collision Ministries* team from Tennessee to minister to our youth. They were challenged on the subject of "Unmasking the Media" which exposed just how influential the media around us can be.

The Christian Education Board exists for the constituents of Texas Free Will Baptist churches. We appreciate the opportunity to minister and the cooperation from all who supported us in 1994. We look forward to working with you all in 1995.

With appreciation

W. Bradley Hanna

Financial Report

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

Receipts for 1994:

Together Way Plan	\$2,025.38
TYC Registration	1,202.50
Senior Retreat Registration	460.00
Youth Retreat Registration	<u>1,070.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$4,757.88

Total Receipts plus Balance **\$6,489.70**

Expenditures for 1994

Board Expenditures	\$ 317.16
Meeting Expenses	503.42
Bank Fees	<u>43.75</u>
Total Board Expenses	\$ 864.33

TYC Expenditures

NYC Registration	\$ 546.00
T-shirts	546.70
Food	230.00
Judges	150.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>81.35</u>
Total TYC Expenditures	\$ 1,554.05

Mission Texas Expenditures

T-shirts	\$ 351.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>23.43</u>
Total Mission Texas Expenditures	\$ 374.43

Seniors' Retreat Expenditures

Camp Rental	\$ 90.00
Speaker's Honorarium	400.00
Food	<u>167.19</u>
Total Retreat Expenditures	\$ 657.19

Youth Retreat Expenditures

Camp Rental	\$ 1,377.00
Speaker's Plane Fare	309.00
Prizes	96.81
Speaker's Honorarium	250.00
Refreshments	<u>51.92</u>
Total Retreat Expenditures	\$ 2,084.73

Total Expenditures for 1994 **\$5,534.73**

Balance on hand, January 15, 1995 **\$ 954.97**

Board of Christian Education

Proposed budget for

1996

Proposed Income

The Together Way Plan	\$2,000.00
TYC Registration	1,200.00
Senior Retreat Registration	500.00
Mission Texas Registration	750.00
Youth Retreat Registration	<u>1,000.00</u>

Total Proposed Income	\$5,100.00
------------------------------	-------------------

Proposed Expenditures

TYC	\$1,500.00
Seniors' Retreat	700.00
Mission Texas	900.00
Youth Retreat	<u>2,000.00</u>

Total Proposed Expenditures	\$5,100.00
------------------------------------	-------------------

Texas State Missions / Church Extension Board

1994 Report

The highlight of the year 1994 for Texas Free Will Baptist missions was the completion and dedication of the beautiful new church building for the Austin Mission. We are still rejoicing over the way in which God has led and blessed in the Austin effort. This new building is located in a very nice growing area of Cedar Park, a suburb of North Austin.

We are grateful to Texas Free Will Baptists and others from Oklahoma and Arkansas who have faithfully given so this work could go forward.

Our thanks to Brother Keith Woody and his wife, Neva, who have served as missionaries for the Austin Mission. Their unwavering commitment to the task of helping God build a Free Will Baptist church in Austin has been encouraging and greatly appreciated.

We are also indebted to Wes and Marsha Hood for their very important supportive role in the success of this great work.

It is with great pleasure that we can report that the Austin Mission practically doubled in size and in financial strength during the year 1994. A number of conversions have been reported and also some important rededications have occurred in the services.

We may also add that we have observed that key individual members of the work have come to the front and have shown great potential in providing the leadership necessary for the future development of the church.

During the year 1995 we, your State Missions Board, will enter a gradual withdrawal phase of our support of the Austin work. Each month the chairman and treasurer will meet personally with the Austin people to see how things have gone financially that month. It is hoped that a ten percent cut can be made each month. However, be assured that we intend to stay with the work until it is safe and secure.

Please continue your giving to the Austin work. We are not finished. We must stay faithful until the job is done.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bobby Ferguson, Chairman

Texas State Missions/Church Extension Board

Financial Report - 1994

Money Market Account

Balance in Account, January 1, 1994		\$28,236.72
Income for 1994 (Interest Earned)		<u>555.42</u>
Total to Account for During 1994		\$28,792.14
Disbursements for 1994		\$16,473.54
Keith Woody Salary	\$9,000.00	
Keith Woody Medical Expenses	7,473.54	
Balance in Account, December 31, 1994		<u>\$12,318.60</u>

Checking Account

Balance in Account, January 1, 1994		\$ 4,374.24
Income for 1994		\$34,830.73
Texas State Association	\$18,659.99	
Earl Nettleton	6,000.00	
Oklahoma Receipts	2,868.36	
Bill Hartwell (Temple Property)	2,633.64	
Elodia Saenz (San Antonio Property)	1,198.00	
West Fork Association	1,105.09	
Central District Association	565.20	
Texas Women Active for Christ	442.50	
Texas Designated (San Angelo)	415.00	
Westside, Midland	350.00	
United, Bryan	358.74	
Arkoma Free Will Baptist Church	110.00	
Fred Dollar	100.00	
National Home Missions (Designated)	10.00	
Interest Earned	14.21	
Total to Account for During 1994		<u>\$39,204.97</u>
Disbursements for 1994		39,356.48
Keith Woody Salary	\$27,000.00	
Keith Woody, Other	1,250.00	
Lakehills Church (Matching Gift)	3,000.00	
Lakehills Church (Supplement)	1,400.00	
Board Expenses (Travel, Office, etc.)	1,671.83	
San Angelo Designated	415.00	
Health Insurance (Woody)	3,850.00	
Texas State Association (TX Challenge)	725.00	
Service Charge/Miscellaneous Expense	44.21	
Balance in Account, December 31, 1994		\$ [151.51]

Texas State Missions/Church Extension Board

Proposed Budget for 1996

Proposed Income

Cooperative Giving Income	\$ 1,500.00
Designated Income	25,500.00
Interest Income	400.00
Loan Payments (Temple Property)	2,600.00
Total Proposed Income	\$30,000.00

Proposed Expenditures

Lakehills Mission Project Completion	\$ 7,500.00
Board Meetings, Travel, etc.	2,500.00
Office Expenses	200.00
Printing & Promotion	300.00
Accumulation of Funds for Next Project	19,500.00
Total Proposed Expenditures	\$30,000.00

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
Northwest Brazos District Association
Rio Grande District Association
West Fork District Association

(Not reporting: East Texas and Midessa District Associations)

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

Central Texas District Association (11 of 15 churches reporting)

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

East Texas District Association (6 of 11 churches reporting)

Union Arbor, Beckville
Good Hope, Henderson
Mt. Olive, Henderson
Lifegate, Tyler
First, Nacogdoches
Buncombe

Northwest Brazos District Association (2 of 2 churches reporting)

First, Amarillo
Faith, Lubbock

Rio Grande District Association (2 of 2 churches reporting)

Valley Community Church, McAllen
Primera Iglesia Bautista Libre, Weslaco

West Fork District Association (15 of 17 churches reporting)

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

3. We recommend that the above listed district associations (4) and local churches (36) 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: 4
2. Number of local churches represented by letter and representation fees: 36
3. Registration by district associations:

Central Texas	76
Northwest Brazos	0
West Fork	23
Rio Grande	5
East Texas (local churches only)	11
4. Registration by delegate status:

Ordained Ministers	26
Ministers' Wives	22
Ordained Deacons	10
Deacons' Wives	7
Visitors	57
Missionaries	1
National Dept. Reps.	5
5. Total Number registered: 132
6. Number of motel rooms used: 27

Obituary Committee Report

1995

We, the Obituary Committee, submit the following report:

Church	Deceased	
Collin Creek	Mavis Wooten	
Connally	Lavada E. Harris	
Easley's Chapel	Audrey Lesley Burnice Easley	Lessie Mae Wilson
Evergreen	Ruby Maxwell	
Faith	Joe Zapata	
Fellowship	Ruby Withers Olen Williams Mattie Lou Fling Madell Hamilton	Cecil Rosier Tommy Thompson, Sr. Colleen Barns
First, Amarillo	Paul Carnutt	
First, Bowie	Colleen Hudson Elsie Avery Jamie Hill	Oma Allen Helen Wall
First, Duncanville	Adele King	
First, Weatherford	Roy Jackson	
New Salem	George M. Burns	
North Zulch	Effie R. Hibbetts Adia Ora Solomon	Helen Sanders
Pine Prairie	Mrs. Era Wood Martha Morris	Mrs. George Akins
Pleasant Mound	Pauline Thompson	
United	Mabel Dernhan	

Respectfully Submitted,

Marsha Hood, Chairman
Judy Posner
Karen Rust

Proposed Constitutional Changes

Regarding Elimination of the General Board and the Parliamentarian

1. Change ARTICLE IX, Section 1 by deleting "and the General Board" from the first sentence.
2. Change ARTICLE IX, Section 3 by deleting "and the General Board" from the second sentence.
3. Change ARTICLE X, Section 1 by deleting "'General Board."
4. Change ARTICLE X, Section 5 by deleting the entire section.
Sections 6 and 7 would then become sections 5 and 6 respectively.
5. Change ARTICLE XI, Section 1 by adding "a Credentials Committee" after "Committee on Committees."
6. Change ARTICLE VIII, Section 1, by deleting the word "parliamentarian"
7. Change ARTICLE X, Section 7, by deleting the entire section
8. Change ARTICLE X, Section 4 by deleting the word "parliamentarian" from the first sentence

(all adopted)

TWAC

Report of the

Texas Women Active for Christ

(Given at the All Boards Meeting, January 20, 1995)

The report of our project for 1994 was good --- exceeding our goal! The totals were as follows:

\$3,661.00 for the Crosbys
2,972.20 for the Hollands
2,321.58 for hosting the WNAC in 1996

\$8,954.78 total given in 1994

Our current project for 1995 is:

\$3,000.00 for the 1996 WNAC
2,000.00 for the Cousineau account
1,000.00 for our state TWAC expenses

\$6,000.00 total goal for 1995

Our projected project for 1996:

\$2,000.00 for the Texas State Office
2,000.00 for the work in Austin
2,000.00 for the Nichols account

\$6,000.00 total goal for 1996

The following plans were made for our work in 1995. Our state meeting will be June 7-8 with the theme "Coping with Change." The Scripture text will be Isaiah 43:18,19. We plan to have a breakfast at 7:30 on Thursday morning. Our business meeting and program will be on Thursday from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m., joining the state convention at 11:00 a.m. for the worship service.

Our seminars will be on Wednesday afternoon from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., following the planned shopping trip. We will use the same theme as we use for the state meeting on Thursday.

We have planned a prayer retreat for September 29,30 at the Green Family Camp, south of Waco. We want to make this a true prayer retreat with most of the time being spent in actually praying. We believe and trust that all the Free Will Baptist work in Texas will experience the results of this retreat.

We are also planning to have a large group to go to the WNAC retreat in Glorieta, New Mexico, October 20-22, 1995. Anyone interested in going should contact any one of our state officers.

We are sincerely grateful to the state boards and to the pastors in Texas for their cooperation and support of the women's work. We desire to work with all of you to enhance the Free Will Baptist work in our state.

We need your patience, understanding and cooperation as our work, both on a National and state level, is experiencing change. We also encourage your criticism, suggestions and ideas to better the women's ministry in our state.

Prayerfully,

Helen Sanders, President
Texas Women Active for Christ

Note: Sister Helen Sanders, former missionary, pastor's wife, women's leader, co-worker and friend went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, April 18, 1995.

Texas Women Active for Christ State Convention

June 9, 1995

Texas Women Active for Christ had a good year in 1994. To God be the glory!!

However, we did experience changes. Our dear president and friend, Helen Sanders, went home to be with the Lord on April 8, 1995. Another of our co-workers, Judy Smith, moved out of state. Both of these women contributed much to the work of TWAC. Needless to say, they are greatly missed. But our good God gave us wisdom and courage to continue, as well as supplying everything we needed.

The overall giving for 1994 was \$11,683.29, which included \$8,954.78 for the Crosbys, Hollands and hosting the WNAC in 1996. Our goal for this project was \$6,000.00. We are happy to report that we exceeded our goal!

Our current project for 1995 is:

- ☐ \$3,000.00 for hosting the WNAC in 1996
- ☐ \$2,000.00 for the Cousineau's account
- ☐ \$1,000.00 for our state TWAC expenses
- \$6,000.00 total goal for 1995

Our state project for 1996 is:

- ☐ \$2,000.00 for the Texas State Office
- ☐ \$2,000.00 for the work in Austin
- ☐ \$2,000.00 for the Nichols' account
- \$6,000.00 total goal for 1996

Our state TWAC meeting for 1995 was well attended. The theme, "Coping With Change," was most appropriate. Approximately fifty women and men attended the breakfast on Thursday morning. Central Texas Women Active for Christ hosted the breakfast, providing corsages, door prizes and table center pieces. The fellowship was wonderful.

The seminars on Wednesday afternoon were presented by Kareen Rust, who spoke on "Emotional and Physical Change," and Karen Ferguson, who spoke on "Spiritual Change."

At our meeting on Thursday morning Kathleen Sutton brought the morning devotion. Mitzi Munsey was our speaker for the 10:00 a.m. worship service. The following officers were elected to serve for 1995 - 1997:

Coordinator
Assistant Coordinator
Secretary
Treasurer
Field Worker
Field Worker
Member-at-large
Member-at-large

Everyl Getz
Neva Woody
Brenda Doffing
Bettie Ferguson
Nell Stell
Judy Posner
Ria Hays
Barbara McArthur

An offering was received for the Mission/Christian Education Living Memorial Fund in memory of Helen Sanders.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Executive Committee of TWAC felt it best to cancel the prayer retreat for September 29-30, 1995. Please understand that the new officers will begin plans immediately for the 1996 retreat.

We encourage the women to go to the WNAC retreat in Glorietta, New Mexico, October 20-22, 1995.

We sincerely thank all the women who contributed to making this state TWAC meeting a success. We are grateful to the state boards and to the pastors in Texas for their support of the women's work.

In Christ

Bettie Ferguson

Texas Women Active for Christ

Treasurer's Report

January - December, 1994

Balance Brought Forward, January 1, 1994 \$ 434.55

Receipts:

Channeled Monies	\$11,683.29
Dues	1,734.00
Convention Breakfast	279.95
Donation	145.00
State Retreat	151.00

Total Receipts \$13,993.24

Balance Plus Receipts \$14,427.79

Expenditures:

WNAC Dues	\$ 1,380.00
Executive Committee	280.00
Office	50.00
State Retreat	90.00
Channeled Monies	9,361.71

Total Expenditures \$11,463.57

Balance on Hand, December 31, 1994 \$ 2,964.22

Channeled Monies

State Project (\$2,000 each for Dwain Crosby, Ernest Holland and Hosting WNAC '96 Convention)

Central Texas	\$6,243.16	
East Texas	58.00	
West Fork	1,982.00	
Valley Community Auxiliary	420.00	
Weslaco Church Auxiliary	251.62	\$ 8,954.78

National Foreign Missions

General Fund		
Central Texas	\$ 20.50	
Pre-Easter Offering		
Central Texas	96.44	
West Fork	30.00	
Brazil Bible Institute		
Central Texas	30.00	\$ 176.94

National Home Missions

General Fund		
Central Texas	\$ 10.00	
Pre-Thanksgiving Offering		
Central Texas	63.00	
West Fork	65.00	
Mexican Pastors		
Central Texas	178.00	\$ 316.00

Texas Home Missions (Austin)

Central Texas	\$ 244.00	
East Texas	4.50	\$ 248.50

Memorial Student Loan

Central Texas	\$ 43.45	\$ 43.45
---------------	----------	----------

Retired Ministers

Central Texas	\$ 27.00	\$ 27.00
---------------	----------	----------

Tennessee Free Will Baptist Children's Home

Central Texas	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
---------------	----------	----------

Free Will Baptist Bible College

Central Texas	\$ 29.50	
East Texas	13.00	\$ 42.50

Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College

Central Texas	\$ 400.00	
West Fork	50.00	\$ 450.00

Women Nationally Active for Christ

Co-Laborer Fund		
Central Texas	\$223.12	
East Texas	65.00	
West Fork	40.00	\$ 328.12

General Fund		
Central Texas	\$419.00	
East Texas	9.00	
West Fork	390.00	
Valley Community Auxiliary	90.00	\$ 908.00

Eunice Edwards Fund		
Central Texas	\$ 13.00	\$ 13.00

Provision Closet		
Central Texas	\$ 50.00	

West Fork
Valley Community Auxiliary

50.00

50.00

\$ 150.00

Total Channeled Monies

\$11,683.29

Respectfully Submitted,
Bettie Ferguson, Treasurer

Trustee Report

Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College

Dear Texas Free Will Baptists,

It is with pleasure that I write this report to inform you about the welfare of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College. This past school year, 1994-1995, was a needed, progressive year for the college. While the concerns about state accreditation have continued, the school maintained a healthy enrollment. In addition, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education voted April 28, 1995, to extend Hillsdale's provisional accreditation through the spring semester of 1996. This is technically a two-year extension which is the maximum allowed by Oklahoma state policy. This simply assures Hillsdale's state accreditation through the time period in which they are seeking regional accreditation.

Progress is also being made in Hillsdale's attempt to gain candidacy status by the accrediting group, Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS). This will further insure Hillsdale's ability to continue offering Federal Financial Aid to its students. All of this positioning will allow Hillsdale to continue to offer a high quality Christian education.

The outlook for the future is bright. The number of applications for the approaching fall semester is at its highest level since 1990. New faculty and staff are being added in an effort to continue to upgrade the established quality of the educational experience at Hillsdale.

Meanwhile, Hillsdale will continue to need the support of Texas Free Will Baptists. Our prayers are needed. Hillsdale cannot exist without the blessing of God and the prayers of His people. Our financial support is needed for Hillsdale to compete as a high quality institution. Therefore, we, as churches and individuals, must give sacrificially to this cause. The Have a Heart program is one good way to do so. Also, Hillsdale needs our students.

God has a purpose for Hillsdale. That is to provide a quality Christian education for students of various backgrounds and interests, as well as to train our people for the task of leading our churches and denomination through various forms of ministry. Hillsdale can accomplish this purpose, but only with our students. Our support is crucial to the success of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College. Therefore, may we be challenged to pray for the college, give to its ministry and send our students so that both Hillsdale and our ministries can be more useful for Christ.

Sincerely,

Jim Harris
Texas Representative
Hillsdale Board of Trustees

**Constitution
of the
Texas State Association
of
Free Will Baptists**

(Revised 1995)

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, 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 and the Executive 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, and the Executive 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.

ARTICLE X: Standing Boards

Section 1: The standing boards of the state association shall include the Executive 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, 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 Missions-Church Extension Board shall promote an active home and foreign missions program in and for the state of Texas.

Section 6: 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, a Credentials Committee 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 shall go into a committee of the whole.

Section 9: By a two-thirds vote of all members present and voting, a ruling of the moderator may be overruled.

Section 10: These by-laws may be amended at any regular session of the association by a majority vote of the body provided the proposed amendment has been read before the body and placed on the table one day in advance of the time the vote is to be taken.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Central Texas District Association

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

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

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) 458-9841

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

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

New Hope Free Will Baptist Church
1709 Highway 30 East
Huntsville, Texas 77340-9101

Pastor

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

Jeffrey Connor (Rebekah)
Route 1, Box 286
North Zulch, Texas 77872
(409) 394-4205

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

Lynn Wood (Jo Ann)
2010 Cobblestone
Bryan, Texas 77801
(409) 779-3299

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

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

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

Westfield Free Will Baptist Mission
an extension of the First Free Will
Baptist Church in Houston
Katy, Texas

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

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

Mike Kirby (LaVaughn)
Route 6, Box 99
Huntsville, Texas 77340
(409) 291-2678

Ned Graham (Ann)
1412 N. Market Loop
Baytown, Texas 77521
(903) 424-4007

David Holguin (Linda)
1705 Luza Lane
Bryan, Texas 77802
(409) 361-0261

David Ferguson (Rhonda)
3008 High Plains Drive
Katy, Texas 77449
(713) 578-7851

East Texas District Association

Moderator: Lee Roy Anderson, Jr.
Route 3, Box 236-B
Carthage, Texas 75633
(903) 693-3514

Clerk: Georgla 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

Pastor

Buncombe Free Will Baptist Church
% Phillis Griffith
Route 4, Box 417
Carthage, Texas 75633
(903) 693-8067

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

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

Don Ellis [Interim] (Emma)
911 Reel Road
Longview, Texas 75604
(903) 295-3337

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

Leroy Blankenship (Brenda)
501 Russell
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 16
Henderson, Texas 75652
(903) 657-6074

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

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

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

Mount Olive Free Will Baptist Church
Route 1, Box 113
Laneville, Texas 75667

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

Lee Roy Anderson, Jr. (Elsa)
Route 3, Box 236-B
Carthage, Texas 75633
(903) 693-3514

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

Union Arbor Free Will Baptist Church
Route 2, Box 58
Beckville, Texas 75631
(903) 678-2109

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

Clyde Tucker (Frances)
Route 4, Box 257
Henderson, Texas 75652

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: Richard Crook
6111 Nashville
Lubbock, Texas 79413
(806) 784-0881

Clerk: Will C. Harmon
5701 78th
Lubbock, Texas 79424
(806) 794-2811

Meetings: The Midessa District Association does not have set meeting times at the present.

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

Richard Crook (Kelly)
6111 Nashville
Lubbock, Texas 79413
(806) 784-0881

Don Bailey (Sonya)
2416 Glenwood
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: Edith Gill
7710 Crawford
Amarillo, Texas 79107
(806) 383-5733

Meetings: The Northwest Brazos District Association meets on the Saturday before the third Sunday of February, May, August, and November, with the annual meeting being the February meeting.

Church

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

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)
7710 Crawford
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

Carthage Community Church
Meets at Baptist Student Union
Carthage, Texas

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pastor

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

Will Harmon (Angie)
3921 Picato Drive
Plano, Texas 75074
(214) 422-9522

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

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

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

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

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

Western Hills Free Will Baptist Church
7413 Calmont
Fort Worth, Texas 76116
(817) 244-3666

Owen Barger (Leota)
3225 Ranchhouse Road
Weatherford, Texas 76086
(817) 441-8160

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

Jack T. Bankhead (Wanda)
2812 Roosevelt
Fort Worth, Texas 76106
(817) 624-7084

Burton Hughes (Audene)
304 E. Grand
Comanche, Texas 76442
(915) 356-5417

Roy Norie (Juanita)
1414 Polk
Wichita Falls, Texas 76308
(817) 766-4543

John Hays (Ria)
Route 1, Box 37-A
Bellevue, Texas 76228
(817) 476-2242

Bob Morrison (Betty)
2542 Mossglen
Dallas, Texas 75227
(214) 285-4512

Freddy Gillentine (Katherine)
741 Victoria
Abilene, Texas 79605
(915) 676-4108

Louis Nettleton (Freda)
3920 Burkett
Fort Worth, Texas 76116
(817) 560-0427

State Office
P. O. Box 9106
Wichita Falls, Texas 76308-0106
(817) 692-2048

