

MINUTES
OF THE
TWELFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
Union Association
OF THE
Free Will Baptists
OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA



AUGUST 7, 1965

When Convened With
THE GUYMON CHURCH

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Saturday Morning — 10:00 O'clock

1. Devotional
2. Reading of the minutes of last association
3. Call for Church letters
4. Seating of delegates
5. Appointment of Pulpit Committee
6. Miscellaneous business
7. Adjournment
8. Short recess
9. Introductory sermon

Saturday Afternoon

1. Devotional
2. Reading of minutes of morning session
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Unfinished business
5. Selection of place where the next association will meet
6. Election of Officers
7. Extending a vote of thanks

MORNING SESSION

The Union Association of Free Will Baptists met for the Annual Association at the Guymon Free Will Baptist Church on August 7, 1965. The meeting opened by singing led by Brother Chastine. Rev. Troy Dobbs led in prayer. Rev. Don Jones brought the morning devotion using the twentieth chapter of John. Brother Don Jones closed his devotion with prayer.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. Church letters were called for and the following responded: Clinton, Pleasant Valley, Antioch, Webb, German, Prairie Bell, Weatherford, Guymon, and Altus. The church letters were read and accepted. The right hand of fellowship was extended to the delegates. Rev. Clarence Shepherd led in prayer.

Sister Mattie Hutchison, Brother Troy Smith and Reverend Don Jones were selected for the pulpit committee.

Reverend Bob Duncan and Reverend Troy Dobbs were selected to bring the morning messages. Reverend Muriel Wilson dismissed in prayer for a short recess.

The morning worship hour opened with singing and prayer was offered by Brother Gerald Brook. A special number in song was rendered by the Guymon church.

Reverend Troy Dobbs brought the Eleven O'clock message using Col. 1:12 as his text. He was followed by Reverend Bob Duncan, his text being 1 John 3:1. Reverend Danny Farmer dismissed in prayer and Reverend Odell Nunley gave the blessing for the noon meal.

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AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session opened with a special in song by Don Davis and another special by Reverend and Mrs. Don Jones.

Devotion was brought by Reverend Odell Nunley.

Brother Bob Duncan spoke for the State Mission Board, introducing a plan to buy a vehicle for the Mexican missionaries, Authar Billows, titled "Let the Billows Roll."

Brother Carroll Crispin gave the treasurer's report which was accepted.

Reverend Danny Farmer gave a report on the Oklahoma Bible College and Reverend Clarence Shepherd followed

with a report on the youth camp being held from August 9 through August 13.

A motion was made and seconded that the first Quarterly meeting in November be held at Prairie Bell, in February at Antioch, in May at Webb, and the Annual Association to be held at German Church the first Saturday in August.

A motion was made and seconded to take an offering for the pickup for Reverend Author Billows.

Election of officers was held and results are as follows:

Moderator ----- Rev. Clarence Shepherd

Assistant Moderator ----- Rev. Troy Dobbs

Clerk ----- Rev. Odell Nunley

Assistant Clerk ----- Brenda Nunley

Treasurer ----- Carroll Crispin

Reporter ----- Sue Earls

A standing vote of thanks was extended to Reverend Don Jones for his work as moderator. A motion was also made and seconded that we give the ladies of Guymon church a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality.

A motion was made and seconded that we adjourn to meet again in November with the Prairie Bell church. We were dismissed in prayer by Brother Ralph Hutchison.

OFFICERS

Moderator ----- Clarence Shepherd, Clinton

Assistant Moderator ----- Troy Dobbs, Altus

Clerk ----- Odell Nunley, Clinton

Assistant Clerk ----- Brenda Nunley, Clinton

Treasurer ----- Carroll Crispin, Putnam

Reporter ----- Fern Crispin, Putnam

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Paul Epperley, 5 years ----- Webb

Ralph Hutchison, 3 years ----- Clinton

Clarence Shepherd, 2 years ----- Clinton

Audie Rice, 1 year ----- Guymon

CREDENTIAL BOARD

Clyde Hamar, 5 years ----- Weatherford

Eddie Klein, 4 years ----- Butler

Clarence Shepherd, 2 years ----- Clinton

Earl Guinn, 1 year ----- Clinton

HOME MISSION BOARD

Troy Smith, 3 years	Weatherford
Ralph Hutchison, 2 years	Clinton
Chester Hicks, 1 year	Webb

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. Troy Dobbs	Altus
Rev. Earl Guinn	Clinton
Rev. Clyde Hamar	Weatherford
Rev. Ross Hamar	Custer City
Rev. Don Jones	Guymon
Rev. John Jones	Putnam
Rev. Cledius Langley	Clinton
Rev. Odell Nunley	Clinton
Rev. Clarence Shepherd	Clinton
Rev. J. L. Van Winkle	Sayre
Rev. Carl Walter	Shawnee
Rev. Bill Williams	Clinton
Rev. N. H. Williams	Taloga
Rev. Muril Wilson	Camargo

MINISTERIAL REPORT

Rev. Earl J. Guinn

Number Sermons Preached	25
Number Miles Traveled	Unknown
Number Conversions	6

Rev. Clyde Hamar

Sermons	112
Miles Traveled	8,000
Revivals	2
Funerals	2
Money Received	\$1,485.00
Weddings	1

Rev. Don Jones

Miles Traveled	20,000
Sermons Delivered	137
Money Received	\$4,881.26
Conversions	5
Funerals	1
Weddings	1

Rev. Odell Nunley

Miles Traveled	5,000
Sermons Preached	100
Rededications	1
Conversions	1
Money Received	\$2,000.00

Rev. Clarence Shepherd

Sermons Delivered	100
Miles Traveled	5,000
Weddings	4
Funerals	2
Money Received	\$3,050.00

Rev. Muril Wilson

Sermons Delivered	102
Miles Traveled	12,000
Weddings	None
Funerals	6
Money Received	\$2,700.00

ALTUS

To the Union Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Guymon Free Will Baptist Church on August 7, 1965.

We send as delegates, our beloved brethren: Brother Jimmy Wood, Sister Mirun Wood and Sister Pat Dobbs.

Alternates: Brother Don Johnson, Marvin Johnson, Sister

Evelyn Johnson, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your deliberations.

State of religion	good
Clerk	Deane Crawford
Members received	7
Baptised	5
Dismissed	19
Deceased	1
Total membership	21
Condition of prayer meeting	good
Condition of Sunday School	good
Average number of pupils	30
Number of officers	2
Number of teachers	5
Paid pastor	\$1,785.00
Evangelist	None
Home Missions	None
Foreign Missions	\$529.44
Building and Repairs	\$1,098.19
Education	\$129.41
Amount enclosed for Min.	\$5.00

Pastor's name and address: Rev. Troy Dobbs
625 Lila Avenue
Altus, Oklahoma

Done by order of The First Free Will Baptist Church
assembled in conference this 4th day of August, 1965.

ANTIOCH

To the yearly association of Free Will Baptists meeting
at Guymon, Oklahoma, on August 7, 1965.

Delegates: Beula Wilson, Margueretta Edgar, Georgeina
Renson.

Alternates: Sue Langley, Mary Wilson, Melvin Wilson.

Period of time covered: From August 1, 1964 to Aug-
ust 1, 1965.

Pastor's name and address: Rev. Cledius Langley
724 North Fifth
Clinton, Oklahoma

Clerk's name and address: Mrs. Paul Watt
Route 2, Putnam, Oklahoma

Church membership	34
Resident	32
Non-resident	2
Average attendance	30
General offering	\$1,080.50
Pastor's salary	\$975.00
Evangelistic work	\$135.00
Literature	\$56.89
Miscellaneous	\$18.72
Flowers and Gifts	\$16.75
Foreign Missions	\$20.00
Home Missions	\$20.00
Total Expense	\$1,242.56

In April we had a ten day revival with Brother Carl Sharp bringing the messages. We have our classrooms finished and paid for and have the outside painted. We have had five conversions in the past month. Brother Cledius Langley has been voted back for our pastor for another year.

CLINTON

To the Annual Union Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at Guymon church on August 7, 1965.

Delegates: Edaie Newton, Stella Fisher, Jessie Earles

Period of time covered: August 17, 1964 to August 7, 1965

Church and address: First Free Will Baptist Church

14th and Nowahy, Clinton, Oklahoma

Pastor's name and address: Rev. Clarence Shepherd

1124 Blackstone, Clinton, Oklahoma

Clerk's name and address: Mattie Hutchison

Neptune Park, Clinton, Oklahoma

Ordained ministers: 1 Rev. Clarence Shepherd

Ordained deacons: 3 (We have three to be ordained)

Auxiliaries: Sunday School, C.T.S., Prayer Meeting

Church membership 57

Members received: 5, by statement of faith

Members dismissed 2

Sunday School enrolment 110

C.T.S. enrolment 50

Total offering received	\$6,190.34
General Offerings	\$4,625.02
Building Fund	\$1,565.32
Pastor's salary	\$3,050.00
Evangelistic work	\$195.00
Literature	\$200.46
O. B. C.	\$193.00
V. B. S.	\$62.89
Total Local Expenditures	\$3,807.07
Cooperative Plan	\$447.87
Foreign Missions	\$93.00
Value of church property	\$13,000.00
Amount enclosed for minutes, fees	\$25.00

GERMAN

To the Annual Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at Guymon Free Will Baptist Church on August 7, 1965.

Delegates: Clara Ford, Faye Kauk, Sarah Shelton

Period of time covered: August 9, 1964 to August 7, 1965

Church and address: German Free Will Baptist Church

Butler, Oklahoma

Pastor's name and address: Rev. Bill Williams

411 North Ninth, Clinton, Oklahoma

Clerk's name and address: Beulah Klein, Butler, Oklahoma

Ordained ministers: 1 Rev. Bill Williams

Orained deacons 5

Auxiliaries: Sunday School, C.T.S

Church membership 49

Resident 46

Non-resident 4

Members received: 1, by statent of faith

Members dismissed: 1, deceased

Average attendace S. S. 34

C.T.S. enrolnment 20

Total offerings received \$1,469.97

General offerings \$1,469.97

Pastor's salary \$1,050.00

Visiting preacher \$25.00

Utilities \$38.28

Gifts and flowers	\$18.65
Insurance	\$69.06
Total local expenditures	\$1,293.70
Cooperative plan	\$141.62
O. B. C.	\$45.00
Assoc. Projects	\$25.00
College Land Fund	\$33.00
Total outside expenditures	\$244.62
Amount enclosed for minutes, fees, etc.	\$25.00

GUYMON

To the Union Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at Guymon, Oklahoma on August 7, 1965.

Delegates: Lewis Roy Rice, Red Chastine, Stace Landers

Period of time covered in report: July 1964 to July 1965

Church and address: Guymon Free Will Baptist Church
1411 North Beaver, Guymon, Oklahoma

Clerk's name and address: Brother Audie Rice
1301 North Academy, Guymon, Oklahoma

Names and addresses of ordained ministers: Rev. Don
Jones, Guymon, Oklahoma

Licensed ministers	1
Ordained deacons	1
Auxiliaries: Sunday School, Woman's Auxiliary, C.T.S., Master's Men, Prayer Meeting	
Church Membership	88
Resident	67
Non-resident	21
Members received	10
By faith	8
By letter	2
Members dismissed	9
Sunday School	94
C. T. S.	43
Woman's Auxiliary	13
Total offerings	\$11,510.24
General Offerings	\$10,643.99
Building Fund	\$866.25

Pastor's Salary	\$4,279.71
Evangelistic work	\$350.00
Building and Repair	\$2,348.05
Literature	\$226.48
Advertising	\$12.05
Miscellaneous	\$559.26
Total Local Expenditures	\$7,785.55
Cooperative Plan	\$879.00
Foreign Missions	\$387.92
Home Missions	\$138.18*
Education	\$101.36
Idaho Building Project*	\$225.00*
Total Outside Expenditures	\$1,731.46
Value of Church Property	\$20,000.00
Value of parsonage property	\$12,000.00
Amount enclosed with letter of minutes, fees, etc.	\$25.00
State Delegate Fee	\$5.00
State Delegate	Sam Laffon

PLEASANT VALLEY

To the Union Association of Free Will Baptists meeting
at Guymon Free Will Baptist Church on August 7, 1965.

Delegates: Carl Shepherd, Doris Shepherd, Essie Roush

State Delegate: Harold Roush. Alternate: Roy Shepherd

Period of time covered: August 9, 1964 to August 7, 1965

Church and address: Pleasant Valley Free Will Baptist Church
Arapaho, Oklahoma

Pastor's name and address: Rev. Odell Nunley
1812 Prairie Chief, Clinton, Oklahoma

Clery's name and address: Fern Shepherd, Rt. 1, Arapaho,
Oklahoma

Ordained ministers: 1 Odell Nunley

Ordained deacons: 4

Auxiliaries: Sunday School, C. T. S.

Church membership 26

Sunday School enrolment	40
C. T. . enrolment	20
Pastor's salary	\$2,080.00
Evangelistic work	\$125.00
Literature	\$159.52
Miscellaneous (Insurance)	\$27.50
Gifts	\$41.14
Minutes	\$30.00
Total Local Expense	\$2,463.16
Cooperative plan	\$266.28
Home missions	\$45.00
Bible College	\$28.00
Idaho Land Fund	\$98.00
Total outside expense	\$437.28
Amount enclosed for minutes	\$25.00

PRAIRIE BELL

To the Annual Union Association of Free Will Baptists
meeting at Guymon, Oklahoma on August 7, 1965.

Delegates: Dwade Skelton, Fern Crispin, Carroll Crispin

Period of time covered: August 1, 1964 to August 1, 1965

Church and address: Prairie Bell, Putnam, Oklahoma

Pastor's name and address: Rev. Carl Sharp
608 Yukon Avenue, Yukon, Oklahoma

Clerk's name and address: Mrs. Clifford Haggard
Putnam, Oklahoma

Ordained ministers: Rev. John E. Jones, Putnam, Oklahoma
Rev. N. H. Williams, Putnam, Oklahoma

Number of licensed ministers	2
Number of ordained deacons	1
Auxiliaries: Sunday School	
Church Membership	40
Resident	18
Non-resident	22
Total offerings received	\$2,678.04

CHURCH	COOP	MISSIONS	COLLAGE	LETTERS	LAND PLEDGE	DEL. FEE	TOTAL
Altus	1st	87.31	---	---	---	---	152.23
	2nd	93.38	13.00	5.00	---	---	129.37
	3rd	55.47	---	---	---	---	71.07
	4th	---	---	---	---	---	---
	Total	236.16	13.00	5.00	---	---	352.67
1964	31.55	210.27	---	---	---	---	241.82
Antioch	1st	---	---	25.00	---	---	25.00
	2nd	---	---	---	---	---	---
	3rd	20.00	---	---	---	---	40.00
	4th	---	---	---	---	---	---
	Total	20.00	---	25.00	---	---	65.00
1964	38.29	65.00	5.00	25.00	---	---	133.29
Clinton	1st	123.91	50.15	25.00	---	5.00	237.06
	2nd	122.01	9.00	---	---	---	156.01
	3rd	85.36	---	---	---	---	110.36
	4th	131.07	20.00	---	---	---	167.07
	Total	462.35	79.15	25.00	---	5.00	670.50
1964	484.24	263.01	---	25.00	100.00	---	872.25
Guymon	1st	222.00	10.00	25.00	---	5.00	404.50
	2nd	230.00	---	---	56.36	---	416.04
	3rd	212.00	15.00	---	---	---	446.39
	4th	215.00	---	---	---	---	431.49
	Total	879.00	25.00	25.00	56.36	5.00	1698.12
1964	478.00	338.99	---	25.00	70.00	5.00	916.99
German	1st	31.44	---	25.00	---	---	56.44
	2nd	34.27	18.00	---	15.00	---	67.27
	3rd	37.69	9.00	---	---	---	46.69
	4th	38.22	9.00	---	---	---	47.22
	Total	141.62	36.00	25.00	15.00	---	227.62
1964	105.96	---	36.00	25.00	---	---	166.96

P. Valley	1st	85.14	35.00	---	25.00	---	5.00	150.14
	2nd	44.88	---	10.00	---	---	---	54.88
	3rd	91.44	98.00	5.00	---	---	---	194.44
	4th	18.56	---	---	---	---	---	18.56
Total		240.02	133.00	15.00	25.00	---	5.00	417.92
1964		358.25	70.12	---	25.00	---	5.00	458.37

Prairie Bell	1st	89.25	24.00	34.00	25.00	---	---	172.25
	2nd	54.82	9.00	36.00	---	95.50	---	195.32
	3rd	81.20	136.00	14.00	---	---	---	231.20
	4th	70.67	111.00	19.00	---	---	---	200.67
Total		295.94	280.00	103.00	25.00	95.50	---	799.44
1964		321.69	236.75	204.00	25.00	---	---	792.44

Sayre	1st	---	---	---	25.00	---	5.00	30.00
	2nd	---	---	---	---	85.00	---	85.00
	3rd	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	4th	---	---	10.00	---	---	---	10.00
Total		---	---	10.00	25.00	85.00	5.00	125.00
1964		---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Weatherford	1st	71.82	17.50	---	25.00	---	5.00	119.32
	2nd	52.39	56.93	---	---	37.00	---	146.32
	3rd	42.81	---	200.00	---	---	---	242.81
	4th	37.61	---	---	---	---	---	37.61
Total		204.63	74.43	200.00	25.00	37.00	5.00	546.06
1964		175.22	55.26	---	25.00	100.00	5.00	360.48

Webb	1st	68.70	49.35	99.00	25.00	---	5.00	247.05
	2nd	54.11	27.15	56.76	---	123.16	---	261.18
	3rd	72.50	36.25	119.50	---	---	---	228.25
	4th	77.10	38.55	111.90	---	---	---	227.55
Total		272.41	151.30	387.16	25.00	123.16	5.00	964.03
1964		260.80	214.05	302.40	25.00	146.00	5.00	953.25

General offerings	\$2,678.04
Pastor's Salary	\$1,250.00
Evangelistic work	\$195.00
Bldg. and Repair	\$311.20
Literature	\$44.41
Miscellaneous	\$107.74
Visiting minister	\$50.00
Total local expenditures	\$1,958.35
Cooperative Plan	\$320.73
Foreign Missions	\$307.00
O. B. C.	\$76.00
State and Natl. project	\$95.50
Total outside expenditures	\$698.23
Amount enclosed for minutes, fees, etc.	\$25.00

WEATHERFORD

To the annual meeting of Free Will Baptists meeting at
Guymon Free Will Baptist Church on August 7, 1965.

List of Delegates: Walter Burrahm, Juanita Burrahm, Rudell
Lancaster

Period of time covered: August 1, 1964 to August 7, 1965

Church and address: Weatherford First Free Will Baptist
Church, 101 East Arapaho, Weatherford, Oklahoma

Pastor's name and address: Rev. Clyde Hamar
723 West Washita, Weatherford, Oklahoma

Clerk's name and address: Bertha Bourquin, 719 West Wash-
ita, Weatherford, Oklahoma

Names and addresses of ordained ministers:

Clyde Hamar, Weatherford; Cledius Langley, Clinton; Carl
Walter, Shawnee

Ordained deacons ----- 3

Auxiliaries: Sunday School, C. T. S., Prayer Meeting

Church membership ----- 63

Resident ----- 30

Non-resident ----- 33

Members received: 2, by letter

Sunday School enrolment ----- 52

C. T. S. enrolment ----- 23

Total offerings received ----- \$2,126.91

General offerings	\$1,673.76
Building Fund	\$225.00
Benevolence	\$72.12
Special offering	\$144.73
Pastor's salary	\$1,240.00
Evangelistic work	\$124.30
Bldg. and Repair	\$137.19
Literature	\$135.24
Miscellaneous	\$155.75
State Del. Exp.	\$15.00
Insurance	\$55.00
Flowers	\$27.84
Total local expense	\$1,890.00
Cooperative plan	\$167.31
Foreign Missions	\$17.50
Home Missions	\$31.13
State Missions	\$25.80
Assoc. Project	\$25.00
State Delegate Fee	\$5.00
Gideons	\$10.65
O. B. C. Land	\$37.00
O. B. C.	\$200.00
Total outside expenditures	\$519.39
Value of church property	\$9,167.36
State Delegate fee	\$5.00
Amount enclosed for minutes, etc.	\$25.00
10% Woman's Auxiliary Tres.	\$1.13
Woman's Auxiliary Missions	\$14.75

WEBB

To the Union Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at Guymon, Oklahoma, on August 7, 1965.

Delegates: Jewell Wilson, Nelda Stephenson, Barbara Wilson

Period of time covered: August 15, 1964 to August 1, 1965

Church and address: Webb Free Will Baptist Church

Camargo, Oklahoma

Pastor's name and address: Rev. Muril Wilson

Camargo, Oklahoma

Clerk's name and address: Eva Hicks, Camargo, Oklahoma

Names and addresses of ordained ministers:

Rev. Muril Wilson, Camargo, Oklahoma

Rev. Ross Hamar, Custer City, Oklahoma

Licensed ministers	2
Ordained deacons	2
Auxiliaries: Sunday School, C. T. S., Woman's Auxiliary, Prayer meeting	
Church Membership	37
Resident	37
Non-resident	8
Sunday School	40
C. T. S.	35
Woman's Auxiliary	6
Total offerings received	\$3,707.64
Pastor's salary	\$2,585.00
Evangelistic work	\$71.13
Bldg. and Repair	\$181.26
Literature	\$83.20
Delegate to state: Anna Frazee	
Insurance	\$107.51
Miscellaneous	\$188.88
Propane	\$240.30
Total Local Expenditures	\$3,462.28
Cooperative	\$256.67
Education	\$170.28
O. B. C. (Building)	\$78.00
O. B. C. Fund	\$466.42
Value of Church Property	\$10,000.00
Value of parsonage property	\$1,000.00
Amount for minutes	\$25.00

FOURTH QUARTER

RECEIPTS

Balance May 2, 1965	\$ 424.85
Coop. for Quarter	588.23
Oklahoma Bible College	169.90
Missions	382.04
Special Offering (Bill Jones)	57.45
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$1,622.47

EXPENDITURES

Coop., $\frac{3}{4}$ of \$588.23	\$ 441.17
Oklahoma Bible College	169.90
Missions	382.04
Special Offering (Bill Jones)	57.45
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,050.56
Total Receipts	\$1,622.47
Total Expenditures	1,050.56
Balance August 7, 1965	\$ 571.91

YEARLY RECEIPTS

Aug. 15, 1964 -- Aug. 7, 1965

Balance, August 15, 1964	\$ 902.94
Coop. for Year	2,752.13
Oklahoma Bible Land Pledge	412.02
Oklahoma Bible College	841.31
Missions	1,591.30
Delegates Fees	30.00
Church Letters	225.00
For Printing Minutes	5.00
Special Offerings	240.54
Youth Camp (enrollment, etc.)	210.82

TOTAL YEARLY RECEIPTS \$7,211.06

YEARLY EXPENDITURES

3/4 of Coop., \$2,752.13	\$2,064.10
Oklahoma Bible College Land Pledge	412.02
Oklahoma Bible College	841.31
Missions	1,591.30
Delegates Fees	30.00
Special Offerings	240.54
Scholarship	100.00
Nashville College	100.00
Headquarters Building	50.00
Youth Camp	639.88
Land Fund (By Association)	500.00
Printing Minutes	70.00
TOTAL YEARLY EXPENDITURES	\$6,639.15
Total Yearly Receipts	\$7,211.06
Total Yearly Expenditures	6,639.15
Balance, August 7, 1965	\$ 571.91

REQUIREMENTS FOR MINISTERS PRECEDING ORDINATION

Oral examination and possession of:

1. Holy Bible
2. Treatise
3. Minister's Manual, by Griffith
4. Ministerial Ethics
5. So You Want to Preach, by DeWalt
6. Present to Committee outline of 30 sermons preached in the last year.

REQUIREMENTS FOR DEACONS PRECEDING ORDINATION

Oral examination and possession of:

1. Holy Bible
2. Treatise
3. Baptist Deacon by Maylor
4. Deacon must give outline of service which he has led in the local church.

CONSTITUTION of the UNION ASSOCIATION of the FREE WILL BAPTISTS

PREAMBLE: From our long experience, we, the members of the Free Will Baptists, realizing the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among us as a group of churches, do hereby ordain this constitution for our progress and to perpetuate a better associational government.

Article I

NAME: This Association shall be known as the Union Association of Free Will Baptists of the State of Oklahoma.

Article II

MEMBERSHIP: This Association shall be composed of such well regulated Free Will Baptist churches who maintain Gospel order and agree with our denominational doctrine and practices: and favor the enterprises that have been endorsed by this association.

Article III

DELEGATES: Voting members of this Association shall be ordained ministers, ordained deacons, Church clerks, and three delegates from each local church, elected by each church and named in the church letter.

Article IV

OFFICERS: The officers of this association shall be, a Moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, assistant clerk, treasurer to be elected annually at the close of the meeting, and executive board consisting of five members, elected so as to require one to be elected each year. To this board is delegated power to act in behalf of and for this association between conferences. The board shall have power to elect of-

ficers for its own government and between conferences fill any and all vacancies which may occur in its own body. The executive board shall sign all deeds, bonds, notes, etc., and any other papers or documents which by this association is become legally bound or held.

It shall be the duty of the board to meet as often as may be necessary.

No meeting of the board shall be legal with less than three members present.

Article V

MEETINGS: Five members from five or more churches shall constitute a quorum, a lesser number may adjourn until such a quorum is present.

The moderator shall have the authority to call the association into conference by notifying each church at least ten days in advance of such meeting, and the moderator shall have authority to change the place of a quarterly meeting or yearly meeting if the place previously determined can not provide for said meeting. This shall be done by notifying each church, and if possible at least ten days in advance. A written record shall be kept of all meetings and transactions.

Article VI

QUESTION: No question or resolution from any church shall come under consideration of the association unless it has first been considered in its own church.

Article VII

CREDENTIALS: A credentials board of five members shall be elected so as to require one to be elected each year, this board shall elect officers for its own government. They shall examine all ministers and deacons before they are licensed or ordained by this association and all minister coming into this association, and make recommendations to the association concerning the examinations.

The association shall not be bound by their decision.

All ministers coming before this board must present to this board for examination his or her credentials, license, ordination, certificate, etc.

The following form must be signed by each and every minister presently a member of this association and every minister coming into this association. All such forms shall be kept by the clerk.

I do hereby solemnly promise upon the official request of this association or its credentials board to surrender all papers, certificates, cards and letters that recognize and/or authorize me to be a minister of this association.

I hereby sign this form on this _____ day of _____ in the year of our Lord _____ before these witnesses.

Witness _____ Chairman _____

Witness _____ Clerk _____

Witness _____ Signature of Minister _____

Before any complaint will be heard against any minister, it must be written and signed by person lodging complaint and presented to the moderator and assistant moderator (if both are present) for consideration.

If the minister to whom the complaint is brought against is not present no final action shall be taken except for discussion, dismissal or recommendation. If such complaint is not dismissed by the association it shall be turned over to the credentials board, they shall as soon as possible examine and interrogate both complaint and minister, and after such course has been followed shall have authority to dismiss the complaint, admonish the minister, refer the decision to the next called or regular meeting of the association, or request the surrender of his paper, etc.

If the minister is present whom the complaint is brought against, after he has answered the complaint, after discussion and prayer, one of three courses shall be taken. Dismiss the complaint, admonish the minister or request his paper, credentials, etc.

Article X

NEW CHURCHES: Any organized Free Will Baptist Church which is scriptural and denominationally sound may be received by petitionary letter and elected delegates.

Article VIII

VOTING: Under no condition at any time shall any member of this association have authority to delegate his or

her vote to anyone, and no vote shall be counted from an absent member.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the infallible Word of God, and the only safe rule of faith and practice. 11 Tim. 3:16-17; 11 Peter 1:20-21.

2. That there is but one true and living God, and in the God head of Divine Essence, Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Gen. 17:1; 1 John 5:7.

3. That we are fallen and depraved creatures and cannot extricate ourselves from our fallen situation by any ability we possess by nature. Rom. 5:1-19.

4. That salvation, regeneration, sanctification, justification and redemption are by life, death, resurrection, ascension and intercession of our Lord an Saviour, Jesus Christ. Acts 4:12; Titus 3:5.

5. That the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal. Matt. 25:46.

6. That he that shall endure to the end the same shall be saved. Matt. 24:13; Rev. 2:10.

7. That baptism and the Lord's Supper, and the washing of the saint's feet are the ordinances of Jesus Christ, appointed in the church, and none but true believers are proper subjects and the only proper mode of baptism is immersion. Mark 1:4-9-10; Luke 22:30; John 13:14.

8. We believe in the sanctity of the first day of the week or the Lord's day, and that it ought to be observed and spent in the public worship of God, and that on it we should abstain from our worldly concerns except in cases of necessity and mercy. Ex. 31:15; Deut. 5:12; Matt. 12:12

9. We believe in the resurrection of the body, both the just and the unjust, but every one in his own order, those who have done evil to the resurrection of damnation, and that God has appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness by Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 15:34; John 5:28; 1 Thes. 3:16.

10. That it is our duty to be tender and affectionate to one another, and to study the happiness of the people of God in general, and to singly engage to promote the honor

of God. John 13:15; Gal. 6:10.

11. We believe that Jesus Christ, by the grace of God, tasted death for every man, yet none can partake of His divine benefit only by his repentance towards God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, infants and idiots accepted. Acts 20:21; Tim. 2:5-6; John 3:14-16; 1 Peter 3:21.

12. We believe that the Lord's people are one in Him and therefore should be one at His table. 1 Cor. 1:11; 27-28; John 17-11.

BY-LAWS

1. The moderator or assistant moderator, or in their absence the oldest minister present, shall call the Association into conference.

2. Each session shall be opened and closed with prayer.

3. Five members from five or more churches shall constitute a quorum. A less number may adjourn until such a quorum is present.

4. Visiting brethren are invited to seats as advisory members.

5. Those who speak shall arise and address the moderator. Personal reflections shall be avoided in all debates.

6. The moderator shall have authority to appoint pulpit committees.

7. Motions made and lost will not be recorded.

8. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the moderator.

9. The moderator shall not allow discussion when not carried on in a Christian spirit.

10. The ruling of the moderator may be overruled by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

11. Any minister opposed to any of the enterprises endorsed by the Association will not be entitled to a seat in Conference and we will not seat any minister in this Association who teaches the Baptism of the Holy Ghost separate from regeneration or the birth of the Spirit.

FREE WILL BAPTIST COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God in faith in Christ and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant. We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid the appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world; from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness and to watch one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and to seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, or its poor, and all its beneficial work.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic efforts, for the salvation of souls, and the conversion of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

