MINUTES OF THE

Neneteenth Annual Meeting
Of The

Union Association
OF THE

Free Will Baptists

OF THE

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

AUGUST 5, 1972

When Convened With

THE PRAIRIE BELL CHURCH

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Saturday Morning - 10:00 O'clock

- I. 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

- I. 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 at the Prairie BellFree Will Baptist Church on August 5, 1972 for the annual meeting.

The meeting was opened by singing led by Sister Fern Shepherd. Brother Clarence Shepherd brought the morning devotional from Genesis 5:24 and closed with prayer.

The minutes of the last quarterly meeting were read and accepted as read. Seven churches of the association reported by letter and the delegates were given the right hand of fellowship and seated as voting delegates.

Bro. Dale Smith and Bro. Jimmy Shepherd were selected to fill the pulpit for the worship hour.

The meeting was adjourned for a short recess with prayer by Br. Wayne Protsman.

The worship hour opened with congregational singing. Bro. Clyde Hamar led in prayer. Sister Nelda Crispin rendered a special in song entitled "He Cared That Much For Me".

Bro. Jimmy Shepherd spoke from Romans 13:11 and 2 Corinthians 5:13 in bringing his message. Bro. Dale Smith chose Romans 12:2 and Philipians 2:5-8 for the text of his message.

Bro. Odie Nunley dismissed in prayer for the noon meal.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was opened by congregational singing led by Sister Fern Shepherd. Bro. Russell Ray brought the devotion reading from Acts 20:28 & 29. Bro. Robert Schmidt led in prayer.

The minutes of the morning session were read

and accepted.

The Credential Committee reported that Bro. Dale Smith was examined and they recommended that he be accepted as a member of this association. Motion Carried. The ministers of this association recommended that Jimmy Smith of the Clinton Church receive the \$100.00 Scholarship given by the Union Association. Motion carried.

Brother Carrol Crispin gave the treasurer's

report which was received as given.

Several announcements were made regarding the Youth Camp to be held at Red Rock Canyon. Also the State Association was announced to meet October 17-19.

Brother Clyde Hamar was retained as a General Board Member. Also new officers were elected for the coming year.

The meeting places for the coming year were selected to be at At Antioch in November, Webb in February, Weatherford in May, and Clinton in

August.

The motion was made and seconded that we give the host church a standing vote of thanks for the good meal and wonderful hospitality. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned and we were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Russell Ray.

OFFICERS

OFFICERS			
Moderator Rev Clarence Shepherd Assistant Moderator Rev. Odie Nunley Clerk Sister Ceulah Klein Assistant Clerk Bro. Jimmy Shepherd Treasurer Bro. Carroll Crispin Reporter Sister Mattie Hutchison			
EXECUTIVE BOARD			
Clarence Shepherd, 5 Years			
CREDENTIAL BOARD Clarence Shepherd, 5 Years			
HOME MISSION BOARD			
Clyde Hamar, 3 Years Antioch Chester Hicks, 2 Years Webb Audie Rice, 1 Year Guymon			
ORDAINED MINISTERS			
Henry Braisher Weatherford Derrel Clark Webb Clyde Hamar Antioch Cleidus Langley Sayre Odell Nunley Guymon Johnnie Priest Boise City Clarence Shepherd Clinton Dale Smith Prairie Bell N. H. Williams Prairie Bell			

STATISTICS

Number of churches9
Number of parsonages2
Number or ordained ministers10
Number of licensed ministers3
Number of lincensed ministers
Number of ordained deacons
Names of the following auxiliaries:
Sunday Schools9
Leagues 5
Women's Auxiliaries
Worker's Man
Master's Men
Prayer Meetings5
Church Membership373
Resident
Non-resident
Non-resident
Members received30
By profession of faith
By letter
By statement of faith5
by statement of faith
Members dismissed16
By letter
Excluded8
Deceased1
December
Sunday School Enrolment331
League Enrolment120
Women's Auxiliary membershin 16

UNUKUN LETTERS:

ANTIOCH

To the yearly meeting of Free Will Baptists meeting at Prairie Bell on August 5, 1972. Delegates: Margaret Fawver, Geraldeen Shepherd, David Fawver.

Alternates: Earl Fawver, Billy Renison, Georgina Renison.

Church: Antioch Free Will Baptist Church, Butler, Oklahoma.

Pastor: Rev. Clyde Hamar, Clinton, Oklahoma.

Clerk: Betty Shepherd, Custer, Oklahoma.

Ordained Ministers: 1. Ordained Deacons: 1.

Auxiliaries: Sunday School.

Church Membership: 44.

Resident: 35.

Non-Resident: 9.

Members Received: 10.

By profession of faith: 10.

Average Sunday School Attendance: 21.

Total offerings received\$2,739.43

58.00

Total local expenditures\$1,594.05

Youth Camp40.00

Total outside expenditures\$1,290.97 Amount enclosed for minutes25.00

BOISE CITY CHURCH

To the Union of Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at the Prairie Bell Church on August 5, 1972

Delegates: Wayne Protsman, Virginia Protsman, Wanda Priest.

Period of time covered in this report: From May 1, 1972 to July 31, 1972.

Church: First Free Will Baptist Church, East Main Street, Boise City, Oklahoma.

Pastor: Brother Wayne Protsman, Boise City, Oklahoma.

Clerk: Mrs. Mignon Priest, Box 134, Boise City, Oklahoma.

Ordained Ministers: Rev. Johnnie Priest, Box 134, Boise City, Oklahoma.

Licensed Ministers: 1.

Ordained Deacons: 1.

Auxiliaries: Sunday School, Prayer Meeting.

Church Membership:

Resident: 16.

Members received: 4.

Profession of faith: 2.

Letter: 2.

Sunday School enrollment: 20.

General offerings	. \$504.07
Pastor's rent	
Miscellaneous	70,26
Church payment	228.06
Piano payment	79.39
Total expenditures	.\$557.71
Value of property	

CLINTON CHURCH

To the annual association of Free Will Baptists
meeting at Prairie BellChurch on August 5, 1972.
Delegates: Doris Shepherd, Fern Shepherd,
Robert Schmidt.
Alternates: Lorene Schmidt, Pauline Shepherd,
Debbie Shepherd.
Church: First Free Will Baptist Church, 700 N. 13th
St. Clinton, Oklahoma.
Pastor: Clarence Shepherd
Clerk: Mattie Hutchison, 522 S. 12th St. Clinton,
Oklahoma.
Ordained ministers: 1.
Licensed ministers: 1. (Bro. Jimmy Shepherd)
Ordained deacons: 5.
Auxiliaries: Sunday School, C.T.S., Prayer
Meeting.
Church membership: 114.
Resident: 98.
Non-resident: 16.
Members received: 10.
By letter: 5.
By statement of faith: 5.
Members dismissed: 3.
By letter: 3.
Sunday School Enrollment: 132.
C.T.S. Enrollment: 50.
Total offering received
General offering8,684.10
Building fund
Pastors salary4,600.00
Evangelistic work
Building and repair140.00
Literature
Janitor 390.00
Hillsdale College

Total Local Expenditures \$9,174.20 Cooperative plan 832.80 Foreign Missions 65.00 Total outside expenditures \$897.80 Value of church property \$70,000.00 Amount enclosed for minutes 25.00
GERMAN CHURCH
To the Annual Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at the Prairie Bell Church on August 5,
1972. Delegates: Clara Ford, Toni Shelton, Melba Klein. Alternates: Faye Kauk, Sarah Shelton, Teresa
Klein. Church: German Free Will Baptist Church, Butler, Oklahoma.
Pastor: Bro. Jimmy Shepherd, Arapaho, Oklahoma is pastoring our church this summer. Clerk: Beulah Klein, Butler, Oklahoma.
Ordained Deacons: 5. Auxiliaries: Sunday School, C.T.S., Prayer
Meeting. Church Membership:55. Resident:45
Non-Resident:10. Average Sunday School Attendance:34.
CTS Enrollment: 30

C.T.S. Enrollment: 30.

Total Offerings Received\$	3,563.84
Pastors salary	1,125.00
Visiting speaker	25.00
Building and repair	28.04
Literature	
Flowers and Gifts	29.50
Utilities	49.80.
Miscellaneous	32.70

Insurance120.00	
Pastors expense to National 50.00	
Total local expenditures	
Cooperative Plan330.59	
Hillsdale College446.00	
Arthur Billows Fund50.00	
Boise City Church20.00	
Total outside expenditures\$846.59	

GUYMON CHURCH

To the Union Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at Prairie Bell on August 5, 1972.

Delegates: Naomi Rice, Sharon Watson, Mary Gotcher.

Alternates: Hazel Watson, Joan Brooks, Randy Hickman.

Church: First Free Will Baptist Church, 1502 North Beaver, Guymon, Oklahoma.

Pastor: Odell Nunley, 1411 North Beaver, Guymon, Oklahoma.

Clerk: Bill Dawes, 1602 North James, Guymon, Oklahoma.

Licensed ministers: 1.

Ordained deacons: 2.

Auxiliaries: Sunday School, C.T.S., Women's Auxiliary, Master's Men, Prayer Meeting.

Church Membership: 44.

Resident: 31.

Non-resident: 13.

Members received: 6.

By profession of faith: 3.

By letter: 3.

Members dismissed: 2.

by letter: 2.

Sunday School Enrollment: 45.

C.T.S. Enrollment: 28.

Women's Auxiliary Membership: 11.
Totals offerings received\$8,421.02
General Offerings \$8,421.02
Pastor's Salary
Evangelistic Work\$239.45
Building and repair\$2,331.14
Literature\$263.27
Advertising\$70.78
Miscellaneous\$230.52
Total local expenditures
Cooperative Plan\$847.00
Foreign Missions\$294.50
Home Missions\$17.50
Education\$175.00
Boise City Church\$38.00
Total outside expenditures\$1,372.00
Value of church property\$30,000.00
Value of parsonage property\$15,000.00
Amount enclosed for minutes\$25.00

PRAIRIE BELL CHURCH

To the annual Union Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at the Prairie Bell Church on August 5, 1972.

Delegates: Pearl Williams, Dwade Skleton, Clifford Haggard.

Alternates: Docia Powers, Irene Cantrell, Bennie Cantrell.

Church: Prairie Bell Free Will Baptist Church, Putnam, Oklahoma.

Pastor: Rev. Dale Smith, 816 Eagle Drive, Moore, Oklahoma 73160.

Clerk: Mrs. Clifford Haggard, Putnam, Oklahoma 73659.

Ordained ministers: Rev. N. H. Williams, Putnam, Oklahoma.

Rev. Dale Smith, 816 Eagle Drive, Moore, Oklahoma.

Ordained Deacons: 2.

Auxiliaries: Sunday School. Church Membership: 28.

Resident: 17.

Non-resident: 11.

Members received: 2.

By letter: 2.

Members dismissed: 3.

By letter: 2. Deceased: 1.

Average Sunday School attendance: 19.

Total offerings received\$8,057.97	
General offerings\$6,340.97	
Building fund\$1,717.00	
Pastor's Salary\$1,540.00	
Supply Ministers	
Building and repair	
Literature	
Miscellaneous	
Utilities	
Total local expenditures	
Cooperative Plan	
Foreign Missions	
Home Missions545.00	
Hillsdale College	
Total outside expenditures\$2,553.46	
Amount enclosed for minutes25.00	

WEBB CHURCH

To the Union Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at the Prairie Bell Church on August 5, 1972.

Delegates: Doris Farris, Rochelle Gore, Dessie Stephenson.

Alternates: Howard Stephenson, Anna Frazee, Glen Gore.

Church: Webb Free Will Baptist Church, Camargo, Oklahoma.

Clerk: Eva Hicks, Camargo, Oklahoma. Ordained Ministers: 2.

Ordained Deacons: 2.

Auxiliaries: Sunday School, C.T.S., Woman's Auxiliary.

Church membership: 34.

Resident: 21.

Non - Resident: 13.

Sunday School Enrollment: 30.

C.T.S. Enrollment: 12.

Woman's Auxiliary Membership: 5.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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:

- I. 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 tellowship 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

MEMDERSHIP: 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 tavor the enterprises that have been endorsed by this association.

Article III

DELEGATES: Voting members of this Association shall be ordained ministers, ordained aeacons, 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 tive members, elected so as to require one to be elected each year. To this board is delegated power to act on behalf of and for this association between conferences. The board shall have power to elect officers 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 cannot 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 ministers 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 member of this association. I hereby sign this form on this _____day of ____
In the year of our Lord _____before these witnesses.
Witness _____ Chairman _____
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 (it both are present) tor 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. It 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 enterrogate both complaint and minister, and after such course has been followed shall have authority to dismiss the complaint, admonist 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

- I. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the infallable Word of God, and the only safe rule of faith and practice. II Tim. 3:16-17: II Peter I: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; 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, ascention and intercession of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Acts 4:12: Titus 3:5.
- 5. That the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked shall be elernal. Matt. 25:46.
- 6. That he that shall endure to the end the same ishall 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 obstrued 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 Sod has appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness by Jesus Christ. I Cor. 15:34; John 5:28; I 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. 16:10.
 - 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 toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, (infants and idiots accepted. Acts 20:21: Tim. 2:5-6; John 3:14-16; I Peter 3:21.

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

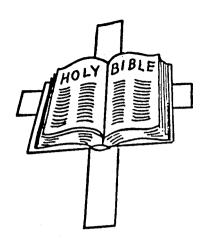
BY-LAWS

- 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 imoderator 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 out in a Christian spirit.
- 10. The ruling of the moderator may be overruled by a two-thirds vote of the members.
- 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 birth of the spirit.

Receipts Fourth Quarter

Balance May 6, 1972 Co-op Hillsdale Missions Money for Boise City Total Expenditures		\$ 430.72 737.20 2448.00 307.51 40.00 \$3963.43
Co-op 3/4 of \$737.20 Hillsdale Missions Boise City Total Receipts Expenditures		\$ 552.90 2448.00 307.51 150.00 \$3458.41 \$3963.43 3458.41
Belance Receipts for Ye	ar	\$ 505.02
Balance Aug. 7, 1971 Church Letters & Del. Fees Youth Camp Cooperative Hillsdale Missions Total	\$ \$1	442.83 280.00 208.00 2991.76 6476.15 2048.92 2,447.66
Expenditures		
Delegate Fees Youth Camp Cooperative 3/4 of \$2991.76 Hillsdale Missions Boise City Church Bob Duncan Acct. Printing of Minutes Ad in Harvester Total	\$ \$1	30.00 534.75 2243.82 6476.15 2048.92 384.00 100.00 75.00 50.00
Receipts Expenditures Balance Aug. 6, 1972		.2,447.66 1,942.64 505.02

Church	Со-ор	Hillsdale	Missions	Ch. Let. Del. Fees	TOTAL
Antioch Let Quarter 2nd Quarter 3rd Quarter 4th Quarter Year	28.45 44.25 24.25 40.00 136.95	28.45 160.50 49.25 350.00 588.20	129.50 282.75 59.06 29.51 500.82	25•∞ 25•∞	211.40 487.50 132.56 419.51 1250.97
Boise City 1st Quarter 2nd Quarter 3rd Quarter 4th Quarter Year			9.00 3.60 12.60		9.00 3.60 12.60
Clinton 1st Quarter 2nd Quarter 3rd Quarter 4th Quarter Year	228.23 223.47 209.16 190.23 851.09	75.00 383.25 472.00 1476.00 2406.25	12.00 12.00	35.00 35.00	338.23 606.72 681.16 1678.23 3304.34
German Lst Quarter 2nd Quarter 3rd Quarter 4th Quarter Year	71.90 99.30 76.71 82.68 330.59	9.00 109.00 109.00 19.00 246.00	50.00 _5.00 55.00	35.00 20.00 55.00	115.90 258.30 185.71 126.68 686.59
Guymon 1st Quarter 2nd Quarter 3rd Quarter 4th Quarter Year	180.00 195.00 175.00 209.00 759.00	45.00 30.00 50.00 30.00 155.00	81.00 81.00 54.00 80.00 296.00	35.00 20.00 55.00	341.00 306.00 279.00 339.00 1265.00
Prarie Bell lst Quarter 2nd Quarter 3rd Quarter 4th Quarter Year	104.63 107.63 126.18 113.82 452.26	150.00 200.00 250.00 475.00	340.00 311.50 220.00 100.00 971.50	25.00 25.00	619.63 619.13 596.18 688.82 2523.76
Sayre lst Quarter 2nd Quarter 3rd Quarter 4th Quarter Year	37.50 49.70 87.20	•		25.00 10.00 35.00	25.00 37.50 59.70
Webb lst Quarter 2nd Quarter 3rd Quarter 4th Quarter Year	99.70 90.00 83.50 101.47 374.67	452.00 1318.70 137.00 98.00 2005.70	25.00 50.00 45.00 81.00 201.00	25.00 25.00	601.70 1458.70 265.50 280.47 2606.37
Weatherford Year				25.00 25.00	25.00 25.00
Total for Year	<u>2991.76</u>	6476.15	2048.92	280,00	11796.83



CHRIST'S MEASURE

- I give Him my burdens;
 He gives me His blessings.
- I give Him my trials;
 He gives me His patience.
- I give Him my sorrow; He gives me His peace.
- I give Him my weakness: He gives me His strength.
- I give Him my blindness; He gives me His light.
- I give Him my cold heart; He gives me His love.
- I give Christ Jesus my all, And He gives me heaven!

