MINUTES

of the

Thirty-first
Annual Meeting

of the

Union Association of Free Will Baptists

of the

State of Oklahoma

AUGUST 4, 1984

when convened with the

CLINTON FREE WILL BAPTIST

CHURCH

ORDER OF BUISINESS

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

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of Union Association of Free Will Baptists met August 4, 1984 at Clinton.

Rev. Paul Smith, moderator called the meeting to order at 10:00.

Rev. Thomas Marberry led the group in singing, "O Worship the King".

Rev. Smith gave the devotional using I Tim. 4:1-3 and closed with prayer.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Nine church letters were read and 25 delegates were seated with the right hand of fellowship.

Rev. Smith, Bro. Jim Smith and Lance Stephenson served on the pulpit committee. They selected Rev. Leland Horton and N. R. Smith to bring the morning message.

The clerk read a letter from Mervin Pugh requesting a letter of recommendation for Donald Hoggat to be accepted as a member and deacon.

Bro. Lester Lynch made the motion we grant the request. Motion was seconded and carried.

We were dismissed for a short recess.

Opened by congregation singing, "When I See the Blood", and "Where He Leads I'll Follow". Special numbers were by Allen Blaine who sang, "Thank God for Our Brothers and Sisters in Christ", and Belva Mabra, who sang, "Heaven's Sounding Sweeter All the Time."

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Rev. Horton used a text from Phillipians 1:2-5. Rev. N.R. Smith used Nehemiah 8:9-13.

We were dismissed in prayer and the blessing on the noon meal was given by Rev. Clarence Shepherd.

Following a delicious luncheon served by the ladies of the host church, the meeting was called to order at 1:11 p.m. by the Moderator. Thomas Marberry led in the singing of "We Have an Anchor" and "Take the Name of Jesus With You." Rev. Sandy Shepherd gave the afternoon devotion using Romans 1:14-17 as his text. Bro. Shepherd led in prayer.

The Moderator called for the Treasurer's Report which was read by Mrs. Lynch. A quarterly report was given first; then the annual report was given. Odie Nunley moved that the report be accepted. This motion was seconded and carried by a voice vote.

The Moderator then recognized Rev. N.R. Smith who gave the Hillsdale report and the State Office report. He expressed thanks to the Union Association for its support.

The Moderator recognized Rev. Odie Nunley who gave a report concerning the activities of S.A.N.E. He discussed the upcoming election of September 17 when the citizens of Oklahoma will vote on liquor by the drink.

The Moderator then called upon Rev. Jim Smith for the report of the Weatherford mission. Rev. Smith reported that the mission will become self-supporting at the end of July 1985.

The Moderator then opened the floor for other business. Rev. Jim Smith moved that the cooks for the youth camp be paid \$150.00 for their services. This motion was seconded and carried by a voice vote.

The Moderator then gave the report of the Executive Board concerning the status of the Elk City Building project. The Executive Board reported that no land could be purchased for a new church building due to high costs. The church wished to construct a new sanctuary on its present property and move the present building to the back part of the property where it can be used as an educational building. The Executive Board reported that a 35' by 90' frame structure could be built for \$27,000 to \$30,000 using donated labor.

Lance Stephenson moved that the Union Association begin work on the Elk City building project as outlined by the Executive Committee and that the Executive Committee investigate loan rates and report back at a regular or called session of the Union Association. This motion was seconded by Rev. Allen Mabra.

Rev. Allen Mabra moved to amend this motion to authorize the Executive Committee to borrow funds for this project up to a limit of \$30,000. This amendment was seconded by Evan Parker. The amendment was carried by a voice vote. The motion as amended was passed by a standing vote.

The Moderator then called for the election of officers and board members. During the election the following board members were elected.

 Associational Officers elected for 1984-1985:

Reporter----- Wilma Marberry
Treasurer------ Melba Lynch
Asst. Treasurer------ Rev. Odie Nunley
Clerk------ Fern Crispin
Asst. Clerk------ Rev. Thomas Marberry
Moderator----- Rev. Paul Smith
Asst. Moderator----- Rev. Clarence Shepherd

Rev. Clarence Shepherd announced the locations for the quarterly meetings for the coming year as follows:

November 3, 1984------German February 2, 1985------Prairie Bell May 4, 1985------Antioch August 3, 1985------Webb

Rev. Odie Nunley moved that the Union Association give a standing vote of thanks to the host church for its hospitality. This motion was seconded and carried by a standing vote.

Rev. Paul Smith moved that the meeting stand adjourned. This motion was seconded and carried by a standing vote.

Delegates present:

Antioch 3 Pampa 3
Clinton 3 Prairie Bell 3
Elk City 3 Webb 3
German 3 Weatherford 1
Guymon 3

OFFICERS

Moderator ----- Rev. Paul Smith P.O. Box 766, Arapaho, OK 73620

Asst. Moderator ----- Rev. Clarence Shepherd 1112 Camelot, Clinton, OK 73601

OFFICERS cont.

Clerk								Fern	Crispin
	R.	R.	1,	Putnam,	OK	73659			

Asst. Clerk ----- Rev. Thomas Marberry 3604 So. Telephone Rd., Moore, OK 73160

Treasurer ----- Mrs. Melba Lynch 1028 Prairie Dr., Pampa, TX 70965

Asst. Treasurer ----- Rev. Odie Nunley 1411 N. Beaver, Guymon, OK 73942

Reporter ------ Wilma Marberry 3604 So. Telephone Rd., Moore, OK 73160

HOME MISSION BOARD

Rev	. Jim	Smith,	3	years	Weatherford
Mr.	J.C.	Smith,	2	years	Clinton
Mr.	Lance	Stpher	ıso	on, 1 year	Webb

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. L.C. Lynch, 5 years	
Rev. Jim Smith, 4 years	Weatherford
Mr. Carroll Crispin, 3 years	Prairie Bell
Rev. Paul Smith, 2 years	Clinton
Rev. Allen Mabra, 1 year	Webb

CREDENTIALS BOARD

Rev. Od	ie Nunley, 5 years	Guymon
Rev. L.	C. Lynch, 4 years	Pampa
Rev. Cl	arence Shepherd, 3 years	Antioch
Rev. Th	omas L. Marberry, 2 years	Prairie Bell
Rev. Cl	yde Hamar, 1 year	Elk City

YOUTH CAMP COMMITTEE

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Rev.	Clyde Hamar,	5 years		- Elk City
Rev.	Odie Nunley,	4 years	نجب جرحات	- Guymon
Mr. 1	Lester Lynch,	3 years		- Pampa
Rev.	Jim Smith, 2	years		- Weatherford
Mrs.	Ginger Kauk,	1 year		Clinton

YOUTH CAMP REPORT

740.00

Camp Director: Rev. Paul Smith Camp Evangelist: Rev. Mike Wade

Camp cook: Melba Lynch

Income:

Camp Fees---

Concession		97.00
Sale of food		13.00
TOTAL	\$	850.00
Expenses:		
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Camp Spring Lake	\$	750.00
Evangelist		225.00
Insurance		65.00
Visual Aids Center		180.87
Literature		49.00
Food and supplies		495.45
TOTAL	\$1	,765.32

ANTIOCH CHURCH LETTER

To the annual meeting of the Union Association meeting at the Clinton FWB church on August 4, 1984. Delegates: Margarette Fawver, Joy Fawver, and Earl Fawver. Period of time covered by this report: August 1, 1983 - August 1, 1984.

Pastor: Rev. Clarence Shepherd, 1112 Camelot Clinton, OK 73601

Clerk: Mrs. Betty Shepherd Rt. 1, Butler, OK 73625

Ordained ministers: Rev. Clarence Shepherd Auxiliaries: Sunday School

Church membership: 44 (22 resident; 22 non-

resident)

Sunday school average attendance: 28
Members received: 3 Members lost: 0

Total offerings received	\$11,816.96
Pastor's salary	6,250.00
Evangelistic work	500.00
Building and repair	1,293.18
Literature	452.92
Flowers and gifts	99
Advertising	155.00
Utilities	
Youth Camp	80.00
Miscellaneous	572.86
TOTAL LOCAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 9,930.99
Cooperative plan	\$ 414.25
Hillsdale	414.25
Elk City	300.00
Hillsdale library	300.00
Jerry Banks	263.00
David Archer	88.24
John & Kay Metcalf memorial	
TOTAL OUTSIDE EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,804.74
Amount enclosed with this letter	\$ 40.00

CLINTON CHURCH LETTER

To the annual meeting of the Union Association meeting at the Clinton FWB Church on August 4, 1984. Delegates: Judy Graybill, Fern Sheperd, and Robert Schmidt. Period of time covered by this report: August 1, 1983 to July 31, 1984.

Pastor: Rev. Paul Smith, P.O. Box 766, Arapaho, OK 73620

Clerk: Mr. Lonny Reed, Post Office Box 98, Arapaho, OK 73620

Ordained ministers: 1 Deacons: 5

Auxiliaries: Sunday School, Church Training Service,

Woman's Auxiliary, Prayer Meeting

Church members received: 17 Members lost: 2

Sunday school enrollment: 100 Woman's Auxiliary membership: 17

Total offering received	\$ 59,102.73
Pastor's salary	15,600.00 1,100.00 5,005.54 1,478.10 185.50 1,000.00 409.57 16,867.98 \$ 41,646.69
Cooperative plan Foreign missions Home missions Hillsdale Elk City Church Corn Bible Academy TOTAL OUTSIDE EXPENDITURES	\$ 3,524.95 2.047.50 3,861.26 6,700.03 761.85 203.00 \$ 17,098.59
Value of Church property Amount enclosed with letter	\$190,000.00 \$ 40.00

ELK CITY CHURCH LETTER

To the annual meeting of the Union Association meeting at the Clinton FWB church on August 4, 1984. Delegates: Bonnie Yeager, Ray Paden, and Landon Lasser. Period of time covered by this report: August 1, 1983 - August 1, 1984.

Pastor: Rev. Clyde Hamar, Rt. 1 Box 40, Clinton,

OK 73601 Phone number 405-323-4837

Clerk: DeVon Granger, 195 Helen Hocker, Elk City,

OK 73644

Ordained ministers: 1

Auxiliaries: Prayer meeting, Sunday School

Church membership: 29 resident, 2 non-resident

Members received: 24 Members lost: 6
Average Sunday school attendance: 38

Total offerings received ----- \$ 9,345.99

GERMAN CHURCH LETTER

To the annual meeting of the Union Association meeting at the Clinton FWB Church on August 4, 1984. Delegates: Sue Ford, Sarah Shelton, and Ovada Kauk. Period of time covered by this report: August 6, 1983 to July 28, 1984.

Pastor: Rev. Leland Horton, 4008 S.E. 45 Terrace, Oklahoma City, OK 73135

Clerk: Mrs. Beulah Klein, Rt. 1 Box 100, Butler, Ok 73625.

Ordained ministers: 1 Deacons: 3

Auxiliaries: Sunday School

Church membership: 40 (27 resident; 13 non-

resident)

Members received: 0 Members lost: 3 Average Sunday School attendance: 20

Total offerings received	\$ 7,336.43
Pastor's salary Insurance Literature Flowers, Card etc Miscellaneous Utilities Kimberly Fuller Fund TOTAL LOCAL EXPENDITURES	276.71 50.00
Cooperative Plan Foreign Missions Home Missions Hillsdale TOTAL OUTSIDE EXPENDITURES	165.00
Amount enclosed with this letter	\$ 40.00

GUYMON CHURCH LETTER

To the annual meeting of the Union Association meeting at the Clinton FWB Church on August 4, 1984. Delegates: Brenda Nunley, Noami Rice, and Joan Brooks. Period of time covered by this report: May 31, 1984 to August 1, 1984.

Pastor: Rev. Odie Nunley, 1411 N. Beaver, Guymon,

OK 73942. Phone 405/338-6963

Clerk: Elaine Bagwell, 1701 N. Lelia, Box 802,

Guymon, OK 73942.

Ordained ministers: 1 Deacons: 3

Auxiliaries: Sunday School, Woman's Auxiliary,

Master's Men, Prayer Meeting

Church membership: 77 (51 resident, 26 non-

resident)

Members received: 0 Members lost: 0

Sunday school enrollment: 88

Total offerings received	\$ 9,260.99
Pastor's salary	2,925.00
Evangelistic work	110,00
Building and repair	3,096.37
Literature	153.61
Miscellaneous	
Other	
TOTAL LOCAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 6,503.27
Cooperative Plan	\$ 836.00
Foreign Missions	486.84
Home Missions	20.00
Education	135.00
Superannuation	
TOTAL OUTSIDE EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,682.84

PAMPA CHURCH LETTER

To the annual meeting of the Union Association meeting at the Clinton FWB Church on August 4, 1984. Delegates: Letty Lynch, Ruth Orr, and Gail Lynch. Period of time covered in this report: August 1. 1983 to July 31, 1984.

Pastor: L.C. Lynch, 821 N. Dwight, Pampa, TX 79065.

Clerk: Melba Lynch, 1028 Prairie Dr., Pampa, TX 79065 Phone 806/665-2287

Ordained ministers: 1 Deacons:

Auxiliaries: Sunday School, CTS, Woman's Auxiliary, Prayer Meeting.

Church membership: 51 (35 resident, 16 non-resident)

Members received: 1 Members lost: 3

Sunday school enrollment:

Total offerings received	\$ 11,719.85
Pastor's salary Evangelistic work Building and repair Literature Advertising Miscellaneous Other	3,600.00 403.19 177.72 745.21 82.95 1,274.62 448.20
TOTAL LOCAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 6,731.89
Cooperative plan Foreign Missions Home Missions State and National projects TOTAL OUTSIDE EXPENDITURES	\$ 840.71 210.17 210.17 420.35 1,681.40
Value of church property	\$ 42,000.00
Amount enclosed with letter	\$ 40.00

PRAIRIE BELL CHURCH LETTER

To the annual meeting of the Union Association meeting at the Clinton FWB Church on August 4, 1984. Delegates: Dwade Skelton, Wilma Marberry, and Clifford Haggard. Period of time covered in this report: August 1, 1983 to July 31, 1984.

Pastor: Rev. Thomas L. Marberry, 3604 Telephone Rd.,

Moore, OK 73160

Clerk: Mrs. Clifford Haggard, Rt. 1 Box 5, Putnam,

OK 73659

Ordained ministers: 1 Auxiliaries: Sunday School Church membership: 18 (15 resident, 3 non-

resident)

Members received: 1 Members lost: Sunday school average attendance: 8

Total offerings received	Ф	16,133.00
Pastor's salary Assistant Minister Building and repair Literature Utilities and Insurance Pastor's expense to N'tl Assoc Miscellaneous TOTAL LOCAL EXPENDITURES		525.00 45.00 94.78 736.48 150.00 335.00
Cooperative plan Foreign missions Home missions Minutes and del. fee Hillsdale college Hillsdale building fund TOTAL OUTSIDE EXPENDITURES		1,920.00 715.00 40.00 3,545.00 5,890.00
Value of church property	\$	30,000.00
Amount enclosed with letter	\$	40.00

Weatherford Mission Letter

To the annual meeting of the Union Association meeting at the Clinton FWB Church on August 4, 1984. Delegates: Tom Jenkins, Wanda Newman, and Nancy Blaine. Period of time covered in this report: August 1, 1983 to July 31, 1984.

Pastor: Rev. Jim Smith, 522 W. Arlington,

Weatherford, OK 73096

Clerk: Doris Sawatzky, 915 West Daniel, Weatherford, OK 73096.

Ordained ministers: 1

Auxiliaries: Sunday School, CTS, Master's Men,

Woman's Auxiliary, Prayer Meeting

Church membership: 30 associate members Associate members received: 1 Lost: 0

Sunday School enrollment:75

Total offerings received	\$ 32,446.72
Pastor's salary	1,025.00 2,245.82 2,645.68 2,087.31 2,874.92 3,312.50 2,485.99
Cooperative plan	1,692.17 1,304.60 362.49 194.04 40.00 57.95 57.00
Value of church property	\$145,000.00

40.00

Amount enclosed with letter .

WEBB CHURCH LETTER

To the annual meeting of the Union Association meeting at the Clinton FWB Church on August 4, 1984. Delegates: Evan Parker, Susan Parker, and Sonny Perriman. Period of time covered in this report: August 1, 1983 to July 31, 1984.

Pastor: Rev. Allen Mabra, Rt. 1 Box 50, Camargo, OK 73835

Clerk: Louise Stephenson, Rt. 1 Box 61, Camargo, OK 73835

Ordained ministers: 1 Deacons: 3
Auxiliaries: Sunday School, CTS, Woman's Auxiliary,
Prayer meeting.

Church membership: 72

Members received: 13 Members lost: 0

Sunday School enrollment: 82

Total offerings received	\$ 59,496.92
Pastor's salary and health insurance	22,356.00
Evangelistic work	2,179.59
Building and repair	5,393.26
Literature	2,280.65
Advertising	88.25
Local missions	350.00
State and national meeting expense	770.00
Miscellaneous	932.30
TOTAL LOCAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 34,390.05
	1.60
Cooperative Plan	\$ 3,468.07
Foreign missions	2,982.85
Home missions	910.00
Education	1,200.00
FWB Childrens home	25.00
Superannuation	50.00
Elk City Building Fund	2,505.00
College classroom building fund	10,910.00
College endowment	250.00
College scholarship	1,300.00
TOTAL OUTSIDE EXPENDITURES	\$ 23,600.92

40.00

Amount enclosed with letter ----

UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST YEARLY REPORT

August 1, 1983 - July 31, 1984

Balance August 1, 1983	\$	1,652.17
Income:		
August 1983		4,414.33
September		2,019.88
October		11,016.69
November		2,972.27
December		4,137.43
January 1984		16,013.47
February		9,055.54
March		1,910.37
April		9,236.12
, May		4,267.35
June		3,360.44
July		7,408.50
Total income for the year	\$	75,812.39
Total to be accounted for	\$	77,464.56
Expenses:		
August 1983	\$	4,181.51
September		450.00
October		12,701.50
November		280.00
December		7,694.92
January 1984		15,586.57
February		9,292.12
March		1,704.67
April		8,890.52
May		2,668.71
June		1,071.79
July	_	8,519.12
Total expenses for the year	\$	73,041.43
BALANCE for July 31, 1984		4,423.13
Elk City Church Building Program		3,881.85
Association bank Balance	<u>\$</u>	541.28

Expenses: State Association		68,903.24 315.00 100.00 300.00 150.00 225.00 51.99 420.00 205.00 1,765.32 605.88 73,041.43
YEARLY REPORT OF CHURCHES		
Antioch		
Coop	\$	414.25
Hillsdale		1.71. 05
General fund		414.25 300.00
Building programElk City Building Program		300.00
		300.00
Oklahoma missions Glenpool		88.24
Foreign missions		•
Banks		263.00
Metcalf Memorial	_	25.00
TOTAL	\$	1,804.74
Elk City		
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Coop	\$	401.10
Foreign missions Wode		177.86
Wode	\$	578.96
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Coop Fees Hillsdale	\$ 3,239.38 75.00
General fund Building fund Elk City building program	5,760.32 4,218.55 700.00
Oklahoma missions (Weatherford) Foreign missions	3,544.08
Cousineau	515.00
Wode	1,195.71
Nichols	149.06
Banks	
TOTAL	\$19,781.73
GERMAN	
Coop	\$ 767.07
Fees	40.00
Hillsdale General fund	165.00
Elk City building program	100.00
Foreign missions	
Sparks	55.00
Cousineau	
Wode	110.00
Nichols	100.00
TOTAL	
GUYMON	
Coop	\$ 3,209,00
Fees	50.00
Hillsdale	30.00
General fund	545.00
Building fund	268.75
Oklahoma missions	200.75
General fund	5.00
Weatherford	55.00
National Home missions	10.00
Foreign missions	10.00
General fund	200.84

GUYMON (Cont.)

Foreign missions Deeds Sparks Payne Wode Midget M. Wiley S.A.N.E TOTAL	•	272.25 535.29 117.25 117.25 37.00 100.00 80.00 5,602.63
PAMPA		-
Coop Fees		40.00 563.44 42.81 281.71 100.00 281.71 100.00
TOTAL	Ş	2,536.5/
PRAIRIE BELL		4
Coop Fees Hillsdale	\$	850.55 40.00
General fund Choir Robes project Building program Elk City building program Oklahoma mission (Weatherford) National home missions Foreign missions		1,320.00 1,225.00 6,890.00 40.00 600.00 25.00
### High helpers		30.00 20.00 600.00 100.00 120.00
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PRAIRIE BELL (Cont.)

Therefore intends in	
Foreign missions Nichols	¢ 240.00
Penks	365.00
Banks World Vision International	420.00
TOTAL	¢12 005 55
TOTAL	\$12,905.55
WEATHERFORD	
Coop	\$ 2 632 05
Fees	40.00
Hillsdale General fund	
Elk City building program	
Oklahoma missions	174.04
Lawton	383.03
Bartlesville	288.73
Glenpool	632.84
Foreign missions	00200.
Deeds	240.00
Wode	100.00
Nichols	1,036.87
Midget	315.30
Free Will Baptist Bible College	57.95
TOTAL	
WEBB	
Coop	¢ 2 /69 07
Fees	60.00
Hillsdale	00.00
General fund	1,200.00
Endowment	250.00
Building program	10,910.00
Scholarship	1,300.00
Elk City building program	2,505.00
Oklahoma missions	2,303.00
Elk City	500.00
National Home missions	110.00
Foreign missions	220,00
General fund	300.00
Cousineau	1,406.00
Nichols	260.75
Banks	1,316.10

WEBB (Cont.)

Free Will Baptist Childrens Home	•
Radio and T.V	- 50.00
TOTAL	- \$23,660.92
GRAND TOTALS	•
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Fees	
	345.00
Hillsdale General fund	10 220 50
Choir robes project	10,330.50 1,225.00
Endowment	250.00
Building program	22,587.30
Scholarship	1,300.00
Elk City building program	3,881.85
Oklahoma missions	3,001.03
Weatherford	4,199.08
Elk City	500.00
Lawton	383.03
Bartlesville	288.73
Glenpool	721.08
General fund	5.00
National General missions	10.00
National Home missions	416.71
Foreign missions	
High. Helpers	30.00
20 X 20	20.00
General fund	782.55
Deeds	1,112.25
Sparks	590.29
Cousineau	2,076.00
Payne	117.25
Wode	1,820.82
Nichols	1,886.68
Midget	352.30
Banks	2,328.73
M. Wiley	100.00
Miley	100.00
Free Will Baptist Bible College	57.95
World Vision International	420.00
S.A.N.E	80.00

GRAND TOTALS (Cont.)

Home missions (Bennett) Free Will Baptist Children's Home Radio and T.V Metcalf Memorial	·	50.00
FINAL TOTAL	\$74,	627.37
STATISTICS		
Number of Churches		9
Number of parsonages		0
Number of ordained ministers		9
Number of ordained deacons		17
Number of the following auxiliaries:		
Sunday school		9
Church training services		4
Women's Auxiliaries		5
Master's Men		2
Prayer Meetings		6
Church membership		541
Members received		60
Members lost		15
Sunday school enrollment		324
CTS enrollment		69
Women's Auxiliary membership		56

IN MEMORY OF THOSE DECEASED

Mr. Ed Kauk German Free Will Baptist Church

Mrs. Lela Klein German Free Will Baptist 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, all associational officers and three delegates from each local church elected by each church and named in the church letters.

Article IV

OFFICERS: The officers of this association shall be a Moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, assistant clerk, treasurer, and assistant treasurer, to be elected annually at the close of the meeting, and an 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 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 sig	gn this form	on this _	day of
in the year of	our Lord	before	these witnesses.
Witness		Chairman	
Witness		Clerk	•
Witness	Signature o	of ministe	r

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 dimissed 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 papers, 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 papers, credentials, etc.

Article VIII

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

Article IX

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. IITim. 3:16-17. II Peter 1:20-21.
- 2. That there is but one true and living God, and in the Godhead 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, ascension, and intercession of our Lord and Savior, 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. 5:2, Matt. 12:12.
- 9. We believe in the resurrection of the body, both the just and the unjust but everyone 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. I Cor. 15:34, John 5:28, I Thess. 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 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 as 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 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 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 Baptist of the Holy Ghost separate from regeneration or birth of the spirit.

