

MINUTES

of the

Thirty-second
Annual Meeting

of the

Union Association

of

Free Will Baptists

of the

State of Oklahoma



AUGUST 3, 1985

when convened with the

WEBB FREE WILL BAPTIST
CHURCH

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Saturday Morning -- 10:00 a.m.

1. *Devotional*
2. *Reading of the minutes of the 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 the minutes of the 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
August 3, 1985

The annual meeting of Union Association was held at the Webb Free Will Baptist Church on August 3, 1985. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by the moderator, Rev. Paul Smith.

Scott Gaston led the congregation in singing, "Praise the Lord" with Belva Mabra as pianist. We were led in prayer by Rev. Clarence Shepherd.

Rev. Smith used Matthew 18:20 for the morning devotion and closed with prayer.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Nine church letters were read and 15 delegates were seated with the right hand of fellowship.

Ten ministers were introduced and the moderator appointed Rev. Allen Mabra, Carl Shepherd and James Thompson to serve on the Pulpit Committee. They selected Rev. Odie Nunley and Rev. Jim Perry to bring the morning messages.

Rev. Jim Smith announced an organization meeting of the Weatherford church on August 4.

Rev. Odie Nunley gave a brief report of the national meeting in July.

We were dismissed for a short recess.

Scott Gaston opened the session by leading the congregation in singing "Higher Ground". Two special numbers were presented. Scott Gaston sang, "He Did It For Me" and Belva Mabra sang, "He's Ever Interceding".

Rev. Nunley used John 21:15 - 18 for his text. He was followed by Rev. Perry. Rev. Perry used Phillipians 14:11-13 as his text, and closed in prayer.

Bro. Schmidt dismissed us in prayer and asked the blessing on the noon meal.

Following a delicious dinner served by the host church, the afternoon session opened at 1:30 p.m. In lieu of a devotional, the Lynch Family sang two specials; "He Will Row Me Over the Tide" and "I Can't Find My Way Alone".

Melba Lynch gave the Treasurer's Report. The report was accepted as given.

Rev. Marberry represented Hillsdale College, reporting the Library Classroom Building was completed and had been paid for. He stated all monies from the oil royalties were being used for capital improvements.

During the business meeting, Rev. Clarence Shepherd listed the meeting places for the coming year. They are as follows:

November 2, 1985-----Guymon
February 1, 1986-----Weatherford
May 3, 1986-----Elk City
August 2, 1986-----Pampa, Texas

Election of Board Members and Officers followed. Elected were:

5 yr. Youth Camp-----Sonny Perryman
5 yr. Credentials-----Rev. Clyde Hamar
5 yr. Executive-----Rev. Allan Mabra
3 yr. Home Mission-----Lance Stephenson
General Board Member-----Rev. Clarence Shepherd

Officers for 1985-1986

Reporter-----Dessie Stephenson
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. Lynch moved we commend Rev. Paul Smith and Paul Epperly for their assistance to the Elk City church.

An offering was taken to add to our treasury.

Rev. Clyde Hamar moved we give the host church a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Rev. Marberry moved we adjourn. We were dismissed in prayer by Rev. Leland Horton.

Delegates present:

Antioch	0	Pampa	3
Clinton	3	Prairie Bell	2
Elk City	1	Webb	3
German	1	Weatherford	0
Guymon	0		

OFFICERS

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

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

Clerk-----Mrs. Fern Crispin
R.R. 1 Box 13, Putnam, OK 73659

Asst. Clerk-----Rev. Thomas Marberry
1512 S. E. 6th, 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-----Mrs. Dessie Stephenson
Rt 1, Camargo, OK 73835

HOME MISSION BOARD

Mr. Lance Stephenson, 3 years-----Webb
Rev. Jim Smith, 2 years-----Weatherford
Mr. J. C. Smith, 1 year-----Clinton

EXECUTIVE BOARD

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

CREDENTIALS BOARD

Rev. Clyde Hamar, 5 years-----Elk City
Rev. Odie Nunley, 4 years-----Guymon
Rev. L. C. Lynch, 3 years-----Pampa
Rev. Clarence Shepherd, 2 years-----Antioch
Rev. Thomas L. Marberry, 1 year-----Prairie Bell

YOUTH CAMP COMMITTEE

Mr. Sonny Perryman, 5 years-----Webb
Rev. Clyde Hamar, 4 years-----Elk City
Rev. Odie Nunley, 3 years-----Guymon
Mr. Lester Lynch, 2 years-----Pampa
Rev. Jim Smith, 1 year-----Weatherford

ANTIOCH CHURCH LETTER

Delegates: Margrette Fawver, Joy Fawver,
and Pauline Shepherd. Period of time
covered: August 1, 1984 - August 1, 1985

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: 43 (21 resident, 22 non-
resident). Members received - 3 Lost - 1
Sunday School average attendance: 27

Total offerings received ----- \$10,846.67

Pastor's salary -----	6,000.00
Revival -----	550.00
Literature -----	505.43
Utilities -----	431.03
Christmas treats -----	157.64
State convension expense -----	150.00
Miscellaneous -----	201.77
TOTAL LOCAL EXPENDITURES -----	\$ 7,995.87

Cooperative plan -----	441.59
Hillsdale -----	441.59
Youth camp -----	80.00
Jerry Pilgrim -----	191.00
Elk City -----	1,300.00
TOTAL OUTSIDE EXPENDITURES -----	\$ 2,454.18

Amount enclosed with this letter \$ 40.00

CLINTON CHURCH LETTER

Delegates: Darlene Smith, Anna Frazee, Carl Shepherd. Period of time covered: August 5, 1984 - August 3, 1985

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

Clerk: Mr. Lonnie Reed, P.O. Box 98, Arapaho, OK 73620

Ordained ministers: Rev. Paul Smith

Auxiliaries: Sunday School, Woman's Aux., Children's church, prayer meeting

church membership: 158 (138 resident, 20 non-resident). Members received - 2 Lost - 6

Sunday School enrollment: 138

Total offerings received ----- \$55,604.76

Pastor's salary ----- 15,600.00

Evangelistic work ----- 817.00

Bldg. and repair ----- 3,868.57

Literature ----- 1,569.38

Advertising ----- 76.20

Pastor's gift ----- 1,000.00

V.B.S. ----- 577.64

Miscellaneous ----- 6,378.77

TOTAL LOCAL EXPENDITURES ----- \$33,691.52

Cooperative plan ----- 3,260.48

Foreign missions ----- 1,055.35

Home missions ----- 118.14

Hillsdale ----- 4,938.40

Gideons ----- 148.25

Elk City ----- 652.10

Weatherford ----- 1,106.01

TOTAL OUTSIDE EXPENDITURES ----- \$11,278.73

ELK CITY CHURCH LETTER

Delegates: Virginia Vermillion, Eva Keng,
Shirley Pruitt. Period of time covered:
August 1984 - August 3, 1985

Pastor: Rev. Clyde Hamar, Rt. 1 Box 40,
Clinton, OK 73601

Clerk: Myra Kenney, 710 W. 7th St.,
Elk City, OK 73644

Ordained ministers: Rev. Clyde Hamar
Auxiliaries: Sunday school, prayer meeting
church membership: 47 (23 resident, 24 non-
resident) Members received - 1 Lost - 0
Sunday School enrollment: 20

Total offerings received ----- \$8,501.82

Pastor's salary ----- 4,300.00

Building payments ----- 1,069.85

Literature ----- 277.58

Utilities ----- 1,820.48

Miscellaneous ----- 452.80

TOTAL LOCAL EXPENDITURES ----- \$7,920.71

Foreign Missions ----- 57.50

TOTAL OUTSIDE EXPENDITURES----- \$ 57.50

Amount enclosed with letter \$ 40.00

GERMAN CHURCH LETTER

Delegates: Judy Moore, Loreta Kauk, Faye Kauk.
Period of time covered: July 29, 1984 - July 27, 1985

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

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

Ordained ministers: Rev. Leland Horton
Auxiliaries: Sunday School
church membership: 38 (28 resident, 10 non-
resident) Members received - 0 Lost - 0
Sunday school average attendance: 21

Total offerings received ----- \$9,089.31

Pastor's salary -----	4,525.00
Visiting speakers -----	200.00
Insurance -----	673.00
Literature -----	461.62
Utilities -----	399.39
Miscellaneous -----	290.78
TOTAL LOCAL EXPENDITURES -----	\$6,549.79

Cooperative plan -----	\$ 847.39
Foreign Missions -----	290.00
Hillsdale -----	180.00
Gideons -----	50.00
S.A.N.E. -----	50.00
Walkathon -----	230.00
Callathon -----	300.00
TOTAL OUTSIDE EXPENDITURES -----	\$1,947.39

Amount enclosed with letter	\$ 75.00
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GUYMON CHURCH LETTER

Delegates: Naomi Rice, Sharon Watson, Joan Brooks. Period of time covered: August 1, 1984 - August 1, 1985

Pastor: Rev. Odie Nunley, 1411 N. Beaver,
Guymon, OK 73942

Clerk: Elaine Bagwell, P.O. Box 802
Guymon, OK 73942

Ordained Ministers: Rev. Odie Nunley
Auxiliaries: Sunday School, Woman's Aux.,
Master's Men, VBS, prayer meeting.
church membership: 79 (54 resident, 25 non-
resident) Members received - 4 Lost - 2
Sunday school enrollment: 87

Total Offerings received -----	\$40,097.00
Pastor's salary -----	12,725.00
Debt retirement -----	8,950.00
Other local expenditures -----	12,781.00
TOTAL LOCAL EXPENDITURES -----	\$34,456.00
Cooperative plan -----	\$ 3,557.00
Foreign Missions -----	954.00
Retirement and Insurance -----	575.00
Other national ministries -----	84.00
FWBBC -----	1,145.00
Home missions -----	508.00
State ministries -----	583.00
TOTAL OUTSIDE EXPENDITURES-----	\$ 7,406.00
Amount enclosed with letter	\$ 40.00

PAMPA CHURCH LETTER

Delegates: Ernest Crow, Hellen Crow, Ruth Orr
Period of time covered: August 1, 1984 - July 31, 1985.

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

Clerk: Melba Lynch, 1028 Prairie Dr., Pampa,
TX 79065

Ordained Ministers: Rev. L. C. Lynch, Rev. Walter
Parry

Auxiliaries: Sunday School, CTS, Woman's Aux., prayer
meeting

church membership: 57 (41 resident, 16 non-resident)
Members received - 6 Lost 0

Total Offerings received ----- \$13,761.77

Pastor's salary -----	4,400.00
Evangelistic work -----	643.95
Bldg. and repair -----	206.88
Literature -----	862.22
Advertising -----	63.95
Other -----	897.91
Miscellaneous -----	867.95
TOTAL LOCAL EXPENDITURES -----	\$ 7,942.86

Cooperative plan -----	\$ 1,186.30
Foreign Missions -----	327.29
Home missions -----	297.80
State and National projects-----	360.30
TOTAL OUTSIDE EXPENDITURES -----	\$ 2,171.69

Amount enclosed with letter	\$ 65.00
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PRAIRIE BELL CHURCH LETTER

Delegates: Dwade Skelton, Wilma Marberry,
Clifford Haggard. Period of time covered:
August 1, 1984 - July 31, 1985

Pastor: Thomas L. Marberry, 1512 S.E. 6th, Moore,
Oklahoma 73160

Clerk: Mrs. Clifford Haggard, Rt. 1 Box 5,
Putnam, OK 73659

Ordained ministers: Thomas L. Marberry
Auxiliaries: Sunday School
church membership: 18 (15 resident, 3 non-
resident) Members received - 0 lost - 0
Sunday School enrollment: 9

Total offerings received ----- \$14,562.95

Pastor's salary ----- 4,800.00

Supply minister ----- 500.00

Bldg. and repair ----- 280.00

Literature----- 90.00

Utilities ----- 569.21

Insurance ----- 140.00

Miscellaneous ----- 346.95

TOTAL LOCAL EXPENDITURES ----- \$ 6,726.16

Cooperative plan ----- \$ 921.40

Foreign missions ----- 1,325.00

Home missions ----- 1,250.00

Hillsdale ----- 1,770.00

Hillsdale bldg. fund ----- 225.00

Hillsdale science dept.----- 300.00

National retirement and ins. ----- 50.00

Elk City Bldg. fund ----- 1,490.00

TOTAL OUTSIDE EXPENDITURES ----- \$ 7,331.40

Amount enclosed with letter \$ 65.00

WEATHERFORD CHURCH LETTER

Delegates: Fred Haskill, Ernie Walker, Allen Blaine. Period of time covered: August 1, 1984 - July 31, 1985

Pastor: Rev. Jim Smith, 522 W. Arlington, Weatherford, OK 73096

Clerk: Loretta Barnett, 117 West Tom Stafford, Weatherford, OK 73096

Ordained ministers: Rev. Jim Smith

Auxiliaries: Sunday School, CTS, Master's Men, Woman's Auxiliary, prayer meeting

church membership: 45 Members received - 21 Members lost - 0

Sunday School enrollment: 97

Total offerings received	\$36,322.85
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Pastor's salary	13,990.00
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Evangelistic work	450.00
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Bldg. and repair	1,027.96
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Literature	2,100.11
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Advertising	139.60
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Utilities	2,609.73
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Sinking Fund	7,127.50
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Miscellaneous	2,378.15
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TOTAL LOCAL EXPENDITURES	\$29,823.05
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Cooperative plan	2,689.57
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Foreign missions	1,737.19
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Home missions	772.93
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Hillsdale	120.00
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Elk City	498.16
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Prison ministry	34.00
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Delegate fee	40.00
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Master's Men	52.00
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TOTAL OUTSIDE EXPENDITURES	\$ 5,943.85
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Amount enclosed with letter	\$ 65.00
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WEBB CHURCH LETTER

Delegates: Scott Gaston, Rhonda Perriman, Terry Gaston. Period of time covered: August 1, 1984 - July 31, 1985

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

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

Ordained ministers: Rev. Allen Mabra
Auxiliaries: Sunday school, CTS, Woman's
Auxiliary, prayer meeting.
church membership: 76 (63 resident, 13 non-
resident) Members received - 5 Lost - 1
Sunday School enrollment: 69

Total offerings received ----- \$73,804.76

Pastor's salary and insurance ---	24,451.34
Evangelistic work -----	975.00
Bldg. insurance, repair, utilities	4,871.80
Literature -----	2,442.85
Local missions-----	975.00
Advertising -----	67.05
Youth camp -----	280.00
Webb Christian School -----	5,358.30
Miscellaneous -----	1,248.99
TOTAL LOCAL EXPENDITURES -----	\$40,710.33

Cooperative plan -----	2,289.68
Foreign missions -----	5,328.95
Home missions -----	2,686.86
Hillsdale -----	420.00
Orphanage -----	15.32
S.A.N.E. -----	100.00
Elk City Bldg. fund -----	21,189.68
State and National projects -----	13,189.68
College building fund -----	20.00
Two scholarships -----	1,000.00
TOTAL OUTSIDE EXPENDITURES -----	\$33,050.49

Amount included with letter \$ 65.00

UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
YEARLY REPORT

August 1, 1984 - July 31, 1985

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Association</u>	<u>Elk City</u>
Balance, Aug. 1, 1984	4,423.13	541.28	3,881.85
INCOME:			
August, 1984	3,937.17	2,892.77	1,044.40
September	3,930.84	3,083.79	847.05
October	15,753.92	4,568.43	11,185.49
November	4,599.47	4,350.11	249.86
December	5,764.43	1,637.93	4,126.50
January, 1985	6,351.71	1,290.50	5,061.21
February	7,495.60	3,133.04	4,362.56
Trans from Savings	7,000.00		7,000.00
March	1,965.85	1,854.37	111.47
Trans from Savings	3,500.00		3,500.00
April	6,793.70	5,770.60	1,023.10
May	3,682.79	3,393.30	289.49
June	3,536.97	3,409.10	127.87
Trans from Savings	1,800.00		1,800.00
July	7,058.69	5,842.59	1,216.10
Total Income - Months	<u>83,171.63</u>	<u>41,226.53</u>	<u>41,945.10</u>
Total Income - Year	<u>87,594.76</u>	<u>41,767.81</u>	<u>45,826.95</u>
EXPENSES:			
August, 1984	2,626.07	2,626.07	
September	3,575.73	3,197.73	378.00
October	14,628.01	4,128.01	10,500.00*
November	2,992.62	531.67	2,460.95
December	12,269.26	6,047.11	6,222.15
January, 1985	6,198.01	4,863.77	1,334.24
February	16,051.71	3,040.27	13,011.44
March	4,309.39	1,707.34	2,602.05
April	6,360.56	5,690.65	669.91
May	6,121.12	3,485.52	2,635.60
June	5,903.50	3,878.61	2,024.89
July	2,142.81	15.00	2,127.81
Total Expenses for year	<u>83,178.79</u>	<u>39,211.75</u>	<u>43,967.04*</u>
Balance for July 31, 85	<u>4,415.97</u>	<u>2,556.06</u>	<u>1,859.91</u>

* Includes \$10,500.00 put in savings

Breakdown of expenses .

State	9,396.64
Youth Camp 84	150.00
Youth Camp 85	1,425.65
Elk City	33,467.04
World Vision	350.00
Asso. Expense	595.50
Savings	11,656.77
	<u>83,178.79</u>

Association Expenses :

Officer Expenses	300.00
Audit	100.00
Printing	180.50
Bank Charge	15.00
	<u>595.50</u>

Giving thru the State - August 1, 1984 - July 31, 1985

State Missions	1,377.61
Fees	315.00
Co-op	10,202.45
Hillsdale	8,368.10
Hillsdale Bldg	1,076.60
Scholarship	500.00
Wetherford	2,002.16
Foreign Miss	664.40
Home Missions	1,728.89
Highway Helpers	25.00
Archer	195.00
Banks	750.00
Deeds	1,385.50
Wode	1,721.51
Sparks	165.50
Total	<u>30,477.72</u>

Payne	110.50
Cousineau	855.00
Nichols	788.00
Midget	181.00
Filkins	50.00
FWB Child. Home	15.32
S.A.N.E.	100.00
Nat. Ins. Ret. Pgm.	50.00
FWBBC	133.29
Bunch	258.19
Pilgrim	191.00
P. Thompson	5.00
Church Ext.	39.00
S. Lee	200.00
Combs	2,079.81
Total	<u>5,056.11</u>

Total Giving

35,533.83

YEARLY REPORT OF CHURCHES

ANTIOCH

Coop	\$ 441.59
Fees	80.00
Hillsdale	441.59
Elk City	1,300.00
Jerry Pilgrim	191.00
TOTAL	<u>\$ 2,454.18</u>

CLINTON

Coop	\$ 3,569.75
Fees	40.00
Hillsdale	5,226.55
Elk City	713.95
Weatherford	1,432.16
Okla State Missions	217.25
Wode	1,159.35
TOTAL	<u>\$ 12,359.01</u>

ELK CITY

Coop	\$ 224.92
Fees	40.00
Elk City	150.00
Wode	94.95
TOTAL	<u>\$ 509.87</u>

GERMAN

Coop	\$ 846.95
Fees	40.00
Hillsdale	180.00
Okla State Missions	230.00
Highway Helpers	10.00
Call-a-thon	100.00
Wode	110.00
Cousineau	60.00
Sparks	60.00
S. Lee	200.00
Filkins	50.00
TOTAL	<u>\$ 1,886.95</u>

GUYMON

Coop	\$ 3,557.00
Fees	40.00
Hillsdale	535.00
Hillsdale Bldg.	476.60
Elk City	320.00
Weatherford	60.00
Nat. Home Missions	127.75
Foreign Missions	123.11
Wode	123.00
Sparks	123.00
Deeds	173.00
Payne	123.00
Combs	289.01
Church Ext. Program	39.00
FWBBC	133.29
TOTAL	<u>\$ 6,242.76</u>

PAMPA

Coop	\$ 1,073.58
Fees	40.00
Hillsdale	539.29
Elk City	212.60
Okla State Missions	74.00
Nat'l Home Missions	469.62
Foreign Missions	269.62
Call-a-thon	51.15
TOTAL	<u>\$ 2,729.86</u>

PRAIRIE BELL

Coop	\$ 921.40
Fees	40.00
Hillsdale	1,770.00
Hillsdale Bldg.	525.00
Elk City	1,490.00
Weatherford	700.00
Okla State Missions	450.00
Highway Helpers	100.00
Wode	120.00
Deeds	275.00
Nichols	40.00
Filkins	335.00
Combs	100.00
Nat'l Ins. Retire Prgm	50.00
World Vision	455.00
TOTAL	<u>\$ 7,371.40</u>

WEATHERFORD

Coop	\$ 2,689.57
Fees	40.00
Hillsdale	40.00
Hillsdale Bldg.	80.00
Elk City	498.16
Archer	235.00
Okla State Missions	537.96
Deeds	240.00
Nichols	875.00
Midget	217.00
Bunch	305.19
Combs	100.00
TOTAL	<u>\$ 5,857.88</u>

WEBB

Coop	\$ 2,289.68
Fees	40.00
Hillsdale	420.00
Hillsdale Bldg	20.00
Scholarship	500.00
Elk City	5,189.68
Elk City Loan	8,000.00
Repay Loan	8,000.00
Okla State Missions	379.65
Nat'l Home Missions	1,361.00
Foreign Missions	150.00
Cousineau	960.00
Deeds	750.00
Banks	800.00
S. Lee	79.14
B. Thomas	5.00
P. Thompson	5.00
Combs	1,639.81
FWB Childrens Home	15.32
S.A.N.E.	100.00
TOTAL	<u>\$ 30,704.28</u>

GRAND TOTALS REPORT OF CHURCHES

Coop	\$ 15,614.44
Fees	400.00
Hillsdale-General	9,152.43
Hillsdale-Bldg.	1,101.60
Scholarship	500.00
Elk City	9,874.39
Loan	8,000.00
Repay Loan	8,000.00
Pilgrim	191.00
Archer	235.00
Weatherford	2,192.16
Okla State Missions	1,888.86
Nat'l Home Missions	1,958.37
Nat'l Foreign Missions	542.73
Wode	1,607.30
Cousineau	1,020.00
Sparks	183.00
Deeds	1,438.00
Banks	800.00
S. Lee	279.14
Nichols	915.00
Filkins	385.00
Midget	217.00
Payne	123.00
Combs	2,128.82
Bunch	305.19
B. Thomas	5.00
P. Thompson	5.00
Highway Helpers	110.00
Call-a-thon	151.15
FWB Childrens Home	15.32
Church Ext. Prgm	39.00
FWBBC	133.29
Insurance Retirement	50.00
World Vision International	455.00
S.A.N.E.	100.00
FINAL TOTAL	\$ 70,116.19

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 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 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. IIPeter 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.

