

Minutes

of the

38th

**Annual
Meeting**

of the

Union Association

of

Free Will Baptists

of the

State of Oklahoma

August 3, 1991

when convened with the

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
CLINTON, OKLAHOMA

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Saturday Morning -- 10:00 a.m.

1. Devotional
2. Reading of the minutes of the last meeting
3. Call for church letters
4. Seating of delegates
5. Appointment of pulpit committee
6. Miscellaneous business
7. Adjournment
8. Short recess
9. Sermon

Saturday Afternoon

1. Devotional
2. Treasurer's report
3. Women's Auxiliary report
4. Selection of association meeting places
5. Election of officers
6. Extending a vote of thanks

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 10, 1991

Location: Guymon. Following the missions conference, the meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Charles Murphy. Ten church letters were read, and nineteen delegates were seated.

The treasurer's report was given by Sis. Ladonna Roedell and was accepted as given.

The Executive Board report was given by Bro. Allen Mabra. They recommended that the association buy computer software for the treasurer's computer in the amount of \$145.00. This recommendation was approved.

The Missions/C.E. Board report was given by Bro. Larry Haggard. The board recommended an amendment to an earlier decision of the association to read as follows: "we will have an annual missions conference in November and Bible conference in May to convene with our quarterly meeting. The Bible conference will be planned by the Missions/CE Board and conducted by Hillsdale with an emphasis on fund-raising for Hillsdale." This recommendation was approved.

Bro. Larry Haggard gave the Elk City mission report and stated his belief that after the building is paid off the church will be self-supporting.

Reports were given by Thomas Marberry on Hillsdale and by Allen Mabra on the Woodward Missions. These were accepted as information.

Bro. Chris Clay moved that we add close to \$700 from our general fund to even out the missionaries' offering received from the conference, giving each missionary an offering of \$700.00. The motion carried.

A motion was made to buy a full-page ad in the 1991 Harvester. Motion carried.

Bro. Sandy Shepherd moved that we give the host church a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned with prayer.

Jan Clay, Clerk

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 2, 1991

Location: Elk City. Moderator Charles Murphy called the meeting to order. Bro. Carroll Crispin led in prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Assistant Clerk, Thomas Marberry; they were approved as read. Twenty-one delegates were seated.

Rev. Berton Perry gave the state mission report mentioning the four works at Elk City, Woodward, Hugo, and Ft. Gibson.

Rev. Larry Haggard reported that the Elk City church was now debt-free and hoping to be self-supporting in April.

Rev. Allen Mabra reported that the Woodward Mission has assumed the building payment.

Sister Ladonna Roedell gave the treasurer's report. A correction was made regarding the amount of money given to each missionary who attended the missions conference; corrected from \$700 to \$800. Bro. Lance Stephenson moved to accept the treasurer's report as corrected. Motion carried.

Bro. Russell Rayner moved to give Colby Richards a \$100 scholarship from Union Association. Motion carried.

Bro. Larry Haggard gave the C.E./Mission Board report. The Bible conference will be held on May 4. He also announced that if any church has anyone entering the district CTS competition, they will automatically go on to the state competition. Rev. Chris Clay has resigned as pastor of the Guymon church and has moved out of the district, vacating his position on the C.E./Mission Board. The moderator opened the floor for nominations. Bro. Victor Lyons was nominated and elected by acclamation.

Dr. Marberry read the letter of resignation from Clerk Jan Clay. Bro. Russell Rayner moved to accept her resignation. Motion carried. The floor was opened for nominations. Belva Mabra was nominated and elected by acclamation.

Discussion was held regarding the current status of Rev. Mike Parrott and the position he holds on the Credentials Board. Since he is still living in the area and has not formally resigned, it was concluded that he still holds the office.

Rev. Larry Haggard moved to send \$500.00 to the Hugo building fund. Motion carried.

Bro. Allen Mabra moved that the 10% of coop money we have been giving to the Elk City building fund be given to the Elk City general fund for the next quarter. Motion carried.

Dr. Marberry moved that the association give a standing vote of thanks to the host church for its hospitality. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned in prayer.

Wilma Marberry, Acting Clerk

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAY 4, 1991

Location: Woodward. After the Hillsdale Bible conference, the business meeting was called to order. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Seventeen delegates were seated representing each church except German and Weatherford. Russell Rayner of Clinton moved to receive the letters and seat the delegates. Motion carried.

Bro. Murphy reported the resignation of Ladonna Roedell as Treasurer and the interim appointment of Melisa Elder as Treasurer and Allen Mabra as Assistant. Larry Haggard moved to affirm these appointments by the executive committee. Motion Carried.

Allen Mabra gave the financial report explaining that several bank statements were not available. The balance shown was not enough to cover all outstanding commitments. Those remaining were \$500 to the Hugo Mission building fund, \$981 to Elk City from the Coop receipts, \$150 from the quarter past and again for the present quarter for Arilla Wode, and the \$100 scholarship to Hillsdale for Colby Richards. Bro. Larry Haggard moved to accept the report. Following discussion the motion carried.

Bro. Marberry moved that the association request the executive board to do whatever it can to account for the missing funds, including obtaining copies of the missing bank statements if the board feels that is necessary. Motion carried.

Bro. Lester Lynch of Pampa moved that an offering be taken at this meeting for the general fund of the Union Association. Motion carried.

Bro. Joe Watson of Guymon moved that the association pay one-third of each item (Hugo, Elk City, and Wode) at this time and pay the rest when funds become available. Motion carried.

Bro. Marberry read the report of the credentials committee, recommending that Rev. Steve Robinson be seated as an ordained minister pending the receipt of his letter of recommendation from Hopewell #2 Association.

Bro. Larry Haggard gave the report of the C.E./Mission board. Youth Camp is scheduled for June 24-28 at the Northwest Baptist Camp-ground with Roger Ballard as camp evangelist. Missions conference will be the second Saturday in November.

Bro. Sandy Shepherd moved that we give a standing vote of thanks to the host church for the fine dinner. Motion carried.

An offering was taken, and the meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Belva Mabra, Clerk

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUGUST 3, 1991

Location: Clinton. The meeting was called to order by Moderator Charles Murphy. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Letters were received from all ten churches. The letter from Webb included a request that the license to preach for Victor Lyons be renewed.

Bro. Clarence Shepherd moved to refer the license renewal to the Credentials committee, accept the letters, and seat the twenty delegates. Motion carried.

Bro. Allen Mabra gave a report on the Woodward mission; he noted that it should be self-supporting within ten months.

The treasurer's report was read by Assistant Treasurer Allen Mabra. A motion was made not to ask for reimbursement of the \$40 shortfall found by Mrs. Chastine's audit. Motion carried.

J. C. Smith moved to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Sis. Melba Lynch moved to resume placing 10% of the association's portion of Coop income into the Church Expansion Savings Account starting six months from this meeting. Motion carried.

The Credentials Committee reported that after meeting with Victor Lyons, it recommended that he be licensed to preach for another year. Motion carried.

Larry Haggard gave the report of the C.E./Missions board. The missions conference will be November 9-10 with Mike Fields, Danny Hester, Ernest Holland, and Earnie Deeds.

Sonny Perriman suggested that the association think about taking a \$1 per member offering in each of our churches sometime in April for the purpose of subsidizing youth camp.

Annual elections were held. The General Board member for 1992 is Clarence Shepherd. State delegates are: Doris Shepherd, Susie Robinson, Melba Lynch, Wanda Kuykendall, Pauline Shepherd, Arthur Klein, Wilma Marberry, Georgia Thomsen, and Belva Mabra.

Allen Mabra moved to accept Larry Haggard's resignation from the C.E./Missions Board and declare Eugene Richard's position vacant. Motion carried.

Bro. Shepherd moved to print each quarter's abbreviated business minutes in the annual report. Motion carried.

This quarter's financial report will be audited along with the next full year's reports.

The quarterly meeting places and dates for the upcoming year are as follows:

Pampa -- November 9, 1991
German -- February 1, 1992
Webb -- May 2, 1992
Weatherford -- August 1, 1992

The host church was given a standing vote of thanks for its hospitality and meal. The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Belva Mabra, Clerk

OFFICERS 1991-1992

Moderator ----- Rev. Charles Murphy
207 Rawlings, Clinton, OK 73601
(405) 323-6111

Asst. Moderator ---- Rev. Clarence Shepherd
1112 Camelot, Clinton, OK 73601
(405) 323-0563

Clerk ----- Mrs. Belva Mabra
923 34th St., Woodward, OK 73801
(405) 254-9197

Asst. Clerk ----- Rev. Thomas Marberry
1512 SE Sixth St., Moore, OK 73160
(405) 794-4264

Treasurer ----- Mrs. Melissa Elder
719 Cherry, Woodward, OK 73801
(405) 254-3126

Asst. Treasurer ----- Rev. Allen Mabra
923 34th. St., Woodward, OK 73801
(405) 254-9197

Reporter ----- Mrs. Wilma Marberry
1512 SE Sixth St., Moore, OK 73160
(405) 794-4264

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Charles Murphy, 5 years ----- Clinton
Rev. James Thomsen, 4 years ----- Webb
Rev. L. C. Lynch, 3 years ----- Pampa
Rev. Allen Mabra, 2 years ----- Woodward
Mr. Carroll Crispin, 1 year --- Prairie Bell

CREDENTIALS BOARD

Rev. Thomas Marberry, 5 years - Prairie Bell
Rev. James Thomsen, 4 years ----- Webb
Rev. Charles Murphy, 3 years ----- Clinton
Rev. L. C. Lynch, 2 years ----- Pampa
Rev. Clarence Shepherd, 1 year ----- Antioch

MISSIONS AND EDUCATION BOARD

Mr. Sonny Perriman, 5 years ----- Webb
Rev. Victor Lyons, 4 years ----- Webb
Mr. Evan Parker, 3 years ----- Woodward
Mrs. Diane Glance, 2 years ----- Clinton
Rev. Steve Robinson, 1 year ----- Guymon

GENERAL BOARD MEMBER 1992

Rev. Clarence Shepherd ----- Antioch

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Ballard, Roger ----- (405) 390-2125
Choctaw, Oklahoma

Haggard, Larry ----- (405) 225-0347
204 Magnolia Ave., Elk City, OK 73644

Hamar, Clyde ----- (405) 323-4837
1705 Neptune Dr., Clinton, OK 73601

Kuykendall, Bobby ----- (405) 772-8049
820 N. Proctor, Weatherford, OK 73096

Lynch, L. C. ----- (806) 665-2916
821 N. Dwight, Pampa, TX 79065

Mabra, Allen ----- (405) 254-9197
923 34th St., Woodward, OK 73801

Marberry, Thomas ----- (405) 794-4264
1512 SE Sixth St., Moore, OK 73160

Murphy, Charles ----- (405) 323-6111
207 Rawlings, Clinton, OK 73601

Nunley, Odie ----- (405) 338-5279
1411 N. Beaver, Guymon, OK 73942

Robinson, Steve ----- (405) 338-1532
809 N. Roosevelt, Guymon, OK 73942

Shepherd, Clarence ----- (405) 323-0563
1112 Camelot, Clinton, OK 73601

Thomsen, James ----- (405) 328-5380
Rt. 2 Box 80, Taloga, OK 73667

CHURCH ADDRESSES

Antioch Free Will Baptist Church
Rt. 1
Butler, OK 73625

Clinton Free Will Baptist Church
700 N. 13th St.
Clinton, OK 73601 (405) 323-4831

Elk City Free Will Baptist Church
522 N. Main
Elk City, OK 73644 (405) 225-7133

First Free Will Baptist Church
1738 N. Oklahoma
P.O. Box 1707
Guymon, OK 73942 (405) 338-3161

First Free Will Baptist Church
731 Sloan
P.O. Box 324
Pampa, TX 79065 (806) 665-2545

First Free Will Baptist Church
402 N. Custer
Weatherford, OK 73096 (405) 772-3699

German Free Will Baptist Church
Rt. 1
Butler, OK 73625

Prairie Bell Free Will Baptist Church
Rt. 1
Putnam, OK 73659

Webb Free Will Baptist Church
Rt. 1 Box 59-B
Camargo, OK 73835 (405) 328-5201

Woodward Free Will Baptist Church
1010 40th St.
Woodward, OK 73801 (405) 256-6631

ANTIOCH CHURCH LETTER

Pastor: Rev. Clarence Shepherd

Clerk: Mrs. Betty Shepherd
Rt. 1 Box 37B
Butler, OK 73625

Ordained ministers - 2

Total membership - 44

Sunday School average attendance - 20

Value of church property: \$25,000.00

Total tithes and offerings: \$9,571.77

Delegates:

Margarette Fawver
Georgina Renison
Joy Fawver

Alternates:

Pauline Shepherd
Kathy Gregory

CLINTON CHURCH LETTER

Pastor: Rev. Charles Murphy

Clerk: Mrs. Doris Shepherd
Rt. 1 Box 63
Arapaho, OK 73620

Ordained ministers - 2
Ordained deacons - 6
Numbers of baptisms - 4
Members added - 6
Members lost - 1
Total membership - 186
Sunday School enrollment - 120
Sunday School average attendance - 80

Value of church property: \$315,000.00

Total tithes and offerings: \$63,284.70

Delegates:
Janie Murphy
Diane Glance
Judy Graybill

State delegate: Doris Shepherd

ELK CITY CHURCH LETTER

Pastor: Rev. Larry Haggard

Clerk: Sandy Bledsoe
191 Herring
Elk City, OK 73644

Ordained ministers - 1
Licensed ministers - 1
Sunday School enrollment - 135
Sunday School average attendance - 60
Number of baptisms - 20
Members added - 55
Total membership - 55

Value of church property: \$120,000.00

GERMAN CHURCH LETTER

Pastor: Rev. Roger Ballard

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

Ordained deacons - 3
Sunday School enrollment - 22
Sunday School average attendance - 20
Total church membership - 36

Total tithes and offerings: \$2823.14

Delegates:

Clara Fawver
Faye Kauk
Debbi Klein

Alternates:

Judy Moore
Melba Klein
Sue Ford

GUYMON CHURCH LETTER

Pastor: Rev. Steve Robinson

Clerk: Mr. Joe Watson
2205 N. Beaver
Guymon, OK 73942

Ordained ministers - 1
Ordained deacons - 3
Sunday School enrollment - 114
Sunday School average attendance - 40
Members added - 4
Members lost - 2
Total church membership - 79

Value of church property: \$250,000.00

Total tithes and offerings: \$44,443.13

Delegates:

Susie Robinson
Red Chastine
Lavena Chastine

Alternates:

Doug Pio
Evelyn Pio
Naomi Rice

PAMPA CHURCH LETTER

Pastor: Rev. L. C. Lynch

Clerk: Denise Carter
412 N. Wells
Pampa, TX 79065

Ordained ministers - 2
Ordained deacons - 3

Sunday School enrollment - 35
Sunday School average attendance - 33
Number of baptisms - 8
Members added - 11
Members lost - 2
Total church membership - 46

Value of church property: \$150,000.00

Total tithes and offerings: \$12,235.63

Delegates:
 Sis. Alma Lynch
 Sis. Agnas Atchley
 Sis. Melba Lynch

PRAIRIE BELL CHURCH LETTER

Pastor: Rev. Thomas L. Marberry

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

Ordained ministers - 1
Ordained deacons - 1
Sunday School enrollment - 6
Sunday School average attendance - 5
Total church membership - 14

Value of church property: \$15,000.00

Total tithes and offerings: \$13,204.91

Delegates:

Wilma Marberry
Fern Crispin

WEATHERFORD CHURCH LETTER

Pastor: Rev. Bobby Kuykendall

Clerk: Mrs. Ladonna Roedell
1213 N. Indiana
Weatherford, OK 73096

Number of ordained ministers - 1
Sunday school enrollment - 50
Sunday school average attendance - 30
Total church membership - 42

Value of church property: \$130,000.00

Tithes and offerings: \$2,695.87

Delegates:

Tommy Taylor

WEBB CHURCH LETTER

Pastor: Rev. James Thomsen

Clerk: Mrs. Rhonda Perriman
Rt. 1 Box 60-A
Camargo, OK 73835

Ordained ministers - 1
Licensed ministers - 1
Ordained deacons - 2
Sunday School enrollment - 39
Sunday School average attendance - 34
Total church membership - 55

Value of church property: \$93,000.00

Total tithes and offerings: \$38,227.12

Delegates:

Sonny Perriman

Victor Lyons

WOODWARD CHURCH LETTER

Pastor: Rev. Allen L. Mabra

Clerk: Melisa Elder
719 Cherry
Woodward, OK 73801

Ordained ministers - 1
Sunday School enrollment - 89
Sunday School average attendance - 56
Number of baptisms - 23
Members added - 31
Members lost - 14
Total church membership - 94

Value of church property: \$377,000.00

Total tithes and offerings: \$54,135.02

Delegates:

L. D. Horstkoetter

Evan Parker

Susan Parker

IN MEMORY OF THOSE DECEASED

Clinton Free Will Baptist Church

Mrs. Opal Hamar --

July 13, 1911 - July 29, 1991

UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
Annual Financial Report
August 1, 1990 - July 31, 1991

Balance forward 7/31/90	\$ 1,750.57
Income Aug.-Oct.	13,618.01
Income Nov.-Jan.	15,642.25
Income Feb.-Apr.	14,588.93
Income May-July	16,889.18
Interest May-July	52.44
Yearly Income	\$62,541.38
 Giving through state	 \$49,786.69
Elk City	4,813.33
Misc. Expenses	2,316.41
Youth Camp	5,289.27
	335.68
Error	10.50
Bal. forward 7/31/91	\$ 346.18

Giving Through the State Association

Coop	\$ 1,469.16
Hillsdale	8,569.80
Let's Go	165.00
Natl. Home Missions	413.86
Natl. Foreign Missions	313.86
Highway Helpers	180.00
Mabra	4,065.00
Haggard	280.00
Combs	1,380.00
E. Deeds	805.00
Wode	1,063.90
Nichols	965.00
Leatherbury & Martens	1,205.00
Cousineau	2,835.00

Sparks	\$ 315.00
Midgett	160.00
J. Smith	1,135.70
Banks	230.00
McLain	60.00
Reeves	539.00
Johnson	35.00
Mexico	450.00
Crosby	60.00
M. Thomas	60.00
Mexico Bible Institute	130.00
Hillsdale Share the Vision	3,404.00
Scholarship Redinger	1,150.00
Scholarship Watson	200.00
Hillsdale Urbana trip	365.00
Hillsdale Mexico Trip	15.00
Hugo	423.32
Build My Church	200.00
Morgan	805.00
B. Thomas	895.00
T. Hunt	130.00
Holland	40.00
State Missions (gen fund)	90.00
Daniel Deeds	566.00
D. Smith	160.00
G. Harrison	100.00
Hillsdale (Marberry memorial)	100.00
Hillsdale (conference offering)	1,036.09
TOTAL	\$49,786.69

Associational expenses

Van's Printing (minutes)	288.00
Harvester ad	150.00
State meeting additional dues	50.00

Treasurer's honorarium	\$ 600.00
Computer program	145.00
State Association Fee (10x\$30)	300.00
Youth Camp (Connie Thomsen)	42.50
Scholarship (Redinger)	200.00
Scholarship (Watson)	200.00
Scholarship (Colby Richards)	200.00
Bank charge (checks)	12.78
Bank charge (copy of statement)	12.50
TOTAL	\$2,316.41

MISSIONS CONFERENCE RECEIPTS

Through churches	\$2,329.45
Through offering	103.25
Through Association	767.30
TOTAL	\$3,200.00

MISSIONS CONFERENCE EXPENDITURES

Clint Morgan	\$ 800.00
Judy Smith	800.00
Bob Thomas	800.00
Mike Cousineau	800.00
TOTAL	\$3,200.00

YOUTH CAMP REPORT

Income	\$3,489.11
Expenditures	5,289.27
TOTAL	-\$1,800.16

ELK CITY BUILDING FUND

Through association	\$1,263.94
Through churches	3,549.39
TOTAL	\$4,813.33

YEARLY REPORT OF CHURCHES
August 1, 1990 - July 31, 1991

ANTIOCH

Coop	\$ 392.99
Hillsdale	1,492.99
Mabra	100.00
J. Smith	102.00
Minutes and fees	65.00
Mission Conference	300.00
TOTAL	\$2,452.98

CLINTON

Coop	\$4,470.56
Hillsdale	3,314.09
Let's Go	65.00
Mabra	520.00
Elk City Building Fund	863.71
D. Deeds	261.00
Wode	243.90
Nichols	470.00
Sparks	65.00
Mexico	315.00
Minutes and fees	65.00
Hillsdale Urbana trip	100.00
C. Morgan	5.00
Hillsdale Share the Vision	2,904.00
Mission Conference	520.00
TOTAL	\$14,182.26

ELK CITY

Coop	1,294.00
Highway Helpers	110.00
Mabra	30.00

Nichols	60.00
Leatherbury & Martens	240.00
Cousineau	60.00
Sparks	60.00
J. Smith	60.00
McLain	60.00
Mexico	30.00
Crosby	60.00
M. Thomas	60.00
Hillsdale (meeting offering)	200.00
D. Smith	130.00
Mission Conference	331.00
TOTAL	\$2,785.00

GERMAN

Coop	1,198.89
Hillsdale	135.00
Mabra	1,500.00
Haggard	240.00
Elk City Building Fund	70.00
Wode	100.00
Cousineau	100.00
Sparks	50.00
Banks	180.00
Minutes and fees	65.00
Hugo Building Fund	50.00
TOTAL	\$3,688.89

GUYMON

Coop	4,539.00
Hillsdale	560.00
National Home Miss. gen fund	55.00
National For. Miss. gen fund	55.00
Mabra	295.00
Haggard	40.00
Elk City Building Fund	305.00

Combs	630.00
E. Deeds	205.00
Wode	140.00
Nichols	80.00
Sparks	140.00
Johnson	35.00
Build My Church	100.00
B. Thomas	75.00
Scholarship (Watson)	200.00
State missions gen fund	70.00
General Fund	50.00
Mission Conference	300.00
TOTAL	\$7,874.00

PAMPA

Coop	874.42
Hillsdale	437.72
National home miss gen fund	218.86
National for miss gen fund	238.86
Elk City Building Fund	15.00
Nichols	45.00
J. Smith	48.70
Minutes and fees	65.00
T. Hunt	130.00
Hillsdale meeting offering	636.09
Missions Conference	103.35
TOTAL	\$2,813.00

PRAIRIE BELL

Coop	866.00
Hillsdale	2,355.00
Let's Go	100.00

National home miss gen fund	110.00
Highway Helpers	50.00
Mabra	1,550.00
Elk City Building Fund	915.00
Combs	325.00
E. Deeds	325.00
D. Deeds	305.00
Wode	130.00
Leatherbury & Martens	790.00
J. Smith	125.00
Mexico	60.00
Mexico Bible Institute	130.00
Minutes and fees	65.00
Hillsdale Share the Vision	500.00
Hillsdale Urbana trip	265.00
Build My Church	100.00
E. Holland	30.00
General fund	10.00
Hillsdale Marberry memorial	100.00
G. Harrison	100.00
Missions Conference	400.00
TOTAL	\$9,771.00

WEATHERFORD

Elk City Building Fund	85.50
Missions Conference	137.60
TOTAL	\$223.10

WEBB

Coop	1,185.18
Hillsdale	275.00
National Home miss gen fund	30.00

National For miss gen fund	20.00
Highway Helpers	20.00
Mabra	70.00
Elk City Building Fund	1,195.18
Combs	425.00
E. Deeds	275.00
Nichols	175.00
Leatherbury & Martens	175.00
Cousineau	1,875.00
Banks	50.00
Reeves	200.00
Minutes and fees	65.00
Scholarship (Redinger)	1,000.00
E. Holland	10.00
State missions gen fund	10.00
TOTAL	\$7,065.36

WOODWARD

Coop	4,767.17
Elk City Building Fund	100.00
Nichols	185.00
Midgett	160.00
Reeves	339.00
Mexico	45.00
Minutes and fees	130.00
B. Thomas	20.00
Hugo Building Fund	90.00
D. Smith	30.00
Mission conference	237.50
TOTAL	\$6,193.67

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.

