

MINUTES
of the
Fifty-sixth Annual Session
of the
WEST FORK
ASSOCIATION OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST
CHURCHES
held with the
First Free Will Baptist Church
Denison, Texas
August 28-30, 1945

The Fifty-Seventh Annual Session of the Association will be held with the 14th. and Park Street Free Will Baptist Church in Waco, Texas, beginning Tuesday night before the first Sunday in September, 1946.

MINISTERS PRESENT

Rev. J. H. Measures, 304 York Avenue, Weatherford, Texas.
Rev. E. J. Vaughn, 1908 South 12th. Street. Waco, Texas.
Rev. J. L. Bounds, 1903 South 12th. Street. Waco, Texas.
Rev. C. B. Thompson, 2001 Prairie Avenue. Fort Worth, Texas.
Rev. J. A. Brooks, Route 1. Comanche, Texas.
Rev. R. E. Conner, 1412 Beaumont Street. Dallas, Texas.
Rev. M. L. Sutton, Route 3. Box 48, Arlington, Texas.
Rev. Sister Jessie Ferguson, Route 2, Box 203-A. Fort Worth, Texas.
Rev. A. D. Marchant, Denison, Texas.
Rev. Tiff Covington, Route 2. Bellevue. Texas.
Rev. C. C. Lamb, Route 2. Vernon, Texas.

MINISTERS ABSENT

Rev. Marion Gaines, Comanche, Texas.
Rev. A. F. Ferguson, Route 2, Box 203-A, Fort Worth, Texas.

NAMES OF OFFICERS FOR 1946 SESSION

Rev. C. B. Thompson	Moderator
Rev. M. L. Sutton	Vice-Moderator
Bro. Chas. B. Wier	Clerk
Mrs. Venta Lou Liggett	Assistant Clerk
Bro. Chas. B. Wier	Treasurer

DIRECTORS

Foreign Missions	Miss Oneta May
Home Missions	Rev. Tiff Covington
Young People	Miss Avella Killough
Ladies' Work	Mrs. A. F. Ferguson
Sunday School	Rev. M. L. Sutton

PROCEEDINGS OF

The Fifty-sixth Annual Session of the West Fork Association of Free Will Baptist Churches held with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Denison, Texas, August 28-30, 1945.

TUESDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 28, 1945.

Services began with singing led by Sister Julia Brouer of the host church.

Prayer: Rev. Tiff Covington.

The introductory sermon was brought by Rev. J. A. Brooks, of Comanche, Texas. His text was taken from the third chapter of II Timothy. The sermon was an enjoyable one. The congregation gathered for an old-time hand-shaking.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Services began with singing led by Rev. M. L. Sutton.

Prayer: Rev. Henry Measures.

Devotional led by Rev. A. J. Fielding. Text, 14th chapter of John.

The business session was called to order by the moderator, Rev. M. L. Sutton.

In the absence of the duly elected clerk of the association, motion carried that the moderator appoint a clerk pro-tem. Sister Mauverine Spikes was appointed clerk pro-tem and Brother Charles B. Wier, assistant.

Reading of the constitution and by-laws.

Motion carried that the moderator appoint the committee on divine service. Brother A. D. Marchant was appointed chairman with Sisters Catherine Cox and Ethel Clair.

Motion carried that the chair appoint a credential committee. Rev. C. B. Thompson, appointed chairman with Rev. Tiff Covington and Rev. Henry Measures.

Intermission with singing.

Committee on divine service appointed Rev. C. B. Thompson to preach at the 11 o'clock hour.

Motion carried to accept a partial report of the credential committee.

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE.

West Fork Quarterly Meeting: Delegates, Sisters Catherine Cox,

Billie Jean Jackson and Mary Marchant.....\$ 3.00

Gartmans View Church: Delegates, Sisters Montie Irby, Grace

Collins and Belle Easley	4.00
Pleasant Mound Church: Delegates, Brother J. T. Reeder, Sisters J. M. Spikes and Tommie Reeder.....	3.00
First Free Will Baptist Church, Waco, Texas: Delegates, Sister McGregor and Brother A. Sullins	2.00
First Free Will Baptist Church, Weatherford: Delegates, Sister Allie Ferguson, Brother H. O. Fawks and Sister H. O. Fawks	3.00
Chilton Free Will Baptist Church: Delegates, Sisters Audrey Con- away, Nora Conaway, Leola and Glendene Martin and Broth- er Ernest Conaway	3.00
First Free Will Baptist Church, Fort Worth: Delegates, Sister Rene Benton and Avella Killough.....	5.00
First Free Will Baptist Church, Dallas: Delegates, Brother Jack Fielding and Sister A. Alderman	3.00
Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Fort Worth: Delegates, Broth- er Jack Lucas and Sisters Oneta May and Bertha Eagleton	111.00
First Free Will Baptist Church, Denison: Delegates, Sisters Erdie Jenkins, Cora Norie and Julia Brouer	5.00
14th and Park Street Free Will Baptist Church, Waco. Petition- ary letter: Delegates, Sergeant and Sister I. L. Clair, Sister E. J. Vaughn and Brother Wesley Calvery.....	3.00
Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church, Vernon. Petitionary letter: Delegates, Brother D. E. McNeeley and Sister Ruby Layton	2.00
Total	\$147.00

COMMITTEE:

REV. C. B. THOMPSON,
REV. TIFF COVINGTON
REV. HENRY MEASURES.

Called to order with singing.

Sermon: Rev. C. B. Thompson, reading Matthew, 5-14. Text, "A City on a Hill Cannot Be Hid."

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Since the clerk was unable to keep the minutes, Sister Venta Lou Liggett was appointed.

There was a song service led by Sister Julia Brouer, followed with a special by Tommie Brouer, "One Lost Sheep."

Motion carried that the chair appoint all necessary committees.

Motion carried that all visiting brethren have all the privileges of the association, except voting.

Motion carried that we have a publicity director. Mrs. Venta Lou

Liggett was appointed.

Treasurer's report given and accepted.

Motion carried that the association be centralized and that a committee be elected to select a plot of ground for a camp meeting.

Prayer: Rev. M. L. Sutton.

Motion carried to adjourn until night service.

Prayer: Brother J. T. Reeder.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

Singing led by Sister Julia Brouer.

Prayer: Rev. Tiff Covington.

Rev. C. C. Lamb led in a devotional reading the 13th chapter of First Corinthians.

Special song by Sister Clair and Brother Calvery, "I Choose Jesus," followed with a reading by Sister Pat Lucas, "Too Busy."

Rev. M. L. Sutton brought an excellent sermon from the second chapter of Titus, using as his subject the 11th and 12th verses. "The Grace of God Teaching Us."

Prayer: Rev. E. E. Morris.

There was an old-fashioned hand-shake.

Dismissed by Rev. J. L. Bounds, to meet at 9:30 Thursday morning.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Singing led by Rev. A. D. Marchant.

Prayer: Rev. Tiff Covington.

Motion carried that a home be located for the next session of the association, in the event that the central location has not been arranged.

Invitations for the next session's home were received from the following churches: Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church of Vernon, and the 14th and Park Street Free Will Baptist Church in Waco.

Motion carried that the invitation from the 14th and Park Street Church, Waco, Texas, be accepted for the meeting of the next session of the association.

Rev. A. D. Marchant was elected to preach the introductory sermon, with Rev. C. B. Thompson as his alternate.

Nominations of officers.

Rev. C. B. Thompson, Rev. Tiff Covington and Rev. M. L. Sutton were nominated for the office of moderator.

Rev. M. L. Sutton recognized Rev. C. C. Lamb as moderator pro-tem.

Rev. C. B. Thompson received a majority of votes for the office of moderator.

Rev. M. L. Sutton was elected vice-moderator.

Brother Charles B. Wier and Sister Venta Lou Liggett were nomi-

nated for the office of clerk.

Brother Charles B. Wier was elected as association clerk.

Brother Charles B. Wier was re-elected as treasurer by acclamation.

In the absence of Sister Catherine Cox, Sister Ruby Lamb was appointed to fill her place on the committee of divine service.

The obituary report was given and accepted.

Prayer: Rev. M. L. Sutton for the bereaved.

Rev. C. B. Thompson gave an oral report on foreign missions.

Recommendation that the pastor keep the work of foreign missions before the people and take regular offerings for this work.

Motion carried to accept this report.

Adjournment for 10 minutes recess, with prayer by Rev. M. L. Sutton.

Singing led by Rev. A. D. Marchant.

There was a special song, "God Shall Wipe Away All Tears," by Tommy Brouer, with Sister Brouer at the piano. This was followed with a special by Sister Tommie Rae Brooks, "I Guess I'm Just a Little Old-Fashioned," with Sister Liggett at the piano.

Rev. E. E. Morris of Ada, Oklahoma, brought an excellent sermon taken from the 16th verse of the 6th chapter of Daniel, using as his subject, "Deliverance."

There was an oldtime altar service in which the entire association was revived.

An offering of \$20.43 was given for the Orphanage of the Free Will Baptist in Oklahoma.

We were dismissed for the noon hour with a prayer by Rev. M. L. Sutton.

DIRECTORS

Foreign missions—Miss Oneta May.

Young People—Miss Avella Killough.

Ladies' Work—Mrs. A. F. Ferguson.

Home Missions—Rev. Tiff Covington.

Sunday School—Rev. M. L. Sutton.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The congregation was called together with singing, led by Sister Mauverine Spikes.

The moderator read the 2nd chapter of Hebrews, followed with a prayer by Brother Louis Brouer.

Motion carried that resolutions come from the floor.

The report on Home Missions was given and accepted.

Rev. M. L. Sutton made a nice talk boosting the Sunday School.

Motion carried that 1,000 minutes of the proceedings of this session of the association be printed.

Motion carried that the churches have a rising vote of thanks for the royal way in which we were entertained.

Motion carried that Brother T. L. Pyle's Credentials be sought.

Motion carried to appoint the delegates to the State Association.

Sister Jessie Ferguson, Chairman, Weatherford Church.

Sister C. B. Thompson, First Church, Fort Worth.

Sister Carrye Covington, Pleasant Mound Church, Buffalo Springs.

Sister Julia Brouer, First Church, Denison.

Sister Clara Phillips, New Salem Church, Decatur.

Sister Maud Wier, Trinity Church, Fort Worth.

Sister J. L. Bounds, First Church, Waco.

Sister Maggie Vaughn, 14th and Park Street Church, Waco.

Sister Belle Easley, Gartmans View Church, Comanche.

Sister Cleo Melton.

Sister Catherine Cox, First Church, Dallas.

Sister Ruby Lamb.

Sister Nora Conaway, Dott Church, Chilton.

Sister Beth Bakeman.

Motion carried that since the candidate, Brother W. D. Horner, failed to present himself for ordination, the matter was dismissed.

Motion carried that the West Fork Association buy a record book to keep the record of meetings in long-hand, as a matter of permanence.

Motion carried that we adjourn to meet again on Tuesday night before the first Sunday in September, 1946.

"Till We Meet Again" was sung.

Benediction: Rev. Pete Coffman.

CHURCH LETTERS.

TRINITY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH LETTER.

To the West Fork Association when convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church at Denison, Texas, August 21, 1945, Greetings:

We send as delegates, our beloved Brother Jack Lucas, Sister Oneta May and Sister Bertha Eagleton, whom we pray you will receive to sit with you to aid you in your Godly deliberations.

State of religion, good. Members received this year, 6; by letter, 3; by baptism, 3; dismissed, none; died, none. Total membership, 181. Condition of prayer meeting, good. Condition of Sunday School, good. Average number of pupils, 110. Number of officers, 12; Teachers, 10; Classes, 10.

Financial Statement as Follows:

Sunday School offerings.....	\$4,558.46	
Morning, evening and special offerings.....	991.75	
Total offerings	\$5,550.21	
Cash on hand at beginning of Association year.....	2,855.42	
Totals	\$8,405.63	\$8,405.63
Disbursements:		
Paid pastor	\$2,130.00	
Paid evangelist	200.00	
Building and repairs	556.74	
For publication	126.45	
For supplies	120.42	
Miscellaneous expenditures	865.91	
Foreign Mission	380.90	
West Fork Association	111.00	
Total disbursements	\$4,491.42	4,491.42
Balance cash on hand and in bank.....		\$3,914.21
Value of church property, \$6,500.00.		

Pastor, Rev. M. L. Sutton, Rt. 1, Box 148, Arlington, Texas.

Ministers belonging to our church, Rev. Eddie Brown and Rev. H. C. St. John, Rev. John Lucas, Rev. Eddie Brown and Rev. Gene Chance. Deacons, Brothers Jack Lucas, W. M. Howard, J. W. Kirk and George Bassham. On trial, Brothers Wilford Harrison and E. E. Eagleton, Sr.

Done by order of the church when assembled in conference, August 1, 1945.

REV. M. L. SUTTON, Moderator.
MRS. HELEN LOWERY, Clerk.

First Free Will Baptist Church, Denison, Texas. To the West Fork Association when convened with our church, Greetings:

We send as delegates, our beloved, Sisters Erdie Jenkins, Cora Norie and Julia Brouer, whom we pray you will receive to sit with you to aid you in your Godly deliberations.

State of religion, good. Members received this year, 6; by letter, 1; by baptism, 4; dismissed, 1; died, 1. Total membership, 75. Condition of prayer meeting, poor. Condition of Sunday School, good. Average number of pupils, 40. Number of officers, 7. Teachers, 5; Classes, 5. Paid pastor, \$750.00. Paid evangelist, \$151.50. Paid for building and repair, \$80.00. Paid for publication, \$15.00. Paid for supplies, \$95.00. Miscellaneous expenditures, \$8.00. For mission, none. To association, \$5.00.

Total income, \$1,219.50. Total expenditures, \$969.50. Balance, \$200.00. Value of church property, \$6,000. Pastor, Rev. A. D. Marchant.

Names of Ministers and Deacons.

Ministers, Rev. A. D. Marchant. Deacons, Brothers W. L. Fulce, Will Sampson and W. D. Horner.

Done by order of the church assembled in conference, August 19, 1945.

REV. A. D. MARCHANT, Moderator.

MRS. MARY LOU MARCHANT, Clerk.

We send Brother W. D. Horner to this association to be examined for deacon, and if he is qualified, we desire that he be ordained.

First Free Will Baptist Church, Waco, Texas. To the West Fork Association when convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church at Denison, Texas. Greetings:

We send as delegates, our beloved, Brother McGregor and Sister A. Sullins, whom we pray you will receive to sit with you, to aid you in your Godly deliberations.

State of religion, fair. Members received this year, 9. By letter, 4; dismissed, 22; number died, 1. Total membership, 44. Condition of prayer meeting, good. Condition of Sunday School, good. Average number of pupils, 30. Number of officers, 6. Teachers, 4. Classes, 4. Paid pastor, \$655.00. Paid evangelist, \$107.00. Paid for building and repair, \$150.00. Paid for publication, \$60.00. Miscellaneous expenditures, \$10.00. For mission, \$50.00. To association, \$2.00. Total income, \$1,735.12. Total expenditures, \$1,673.72. Balance, \$61.40. Value of church property, \$3,000.

We do not have a pastor at present.

Names of Ministers and Deacons.

Rev. J. L. Bounds. Deacons, A. Sullins, O. T. Tripp.

Done by order of the church assembled in conference August 27, 1945.

REVS. J. L. BOUNDS, Moderator.

MRS. O. T. TRIPP, Clerk.

First Free Will Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas. To the West Fork Association when convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church at Denison, Texas. Greetings:

We send as delegates, our beloved brethren: Brother Jack Fielding and Sister A. Alderman, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your deliberations.

State of religion, fair. Members received this year, 2; number dismissed, 2; number of conversions, 3. Total membership, 77.

Condition of prayer meeting, fair. Condition of Sunday School, good.

Average number of pupils, 50. Number of officers, 7. Number of teachers, 5. Paid pastor, \$600.00. Paid evangelist, \$50.00. Missions, Home, \$50.00; foreign, \$30.00. For building and repairs, \$1,016.00. To association, \$3.00.

Pastor's name and address: Rev. R. E. Conner, 1412 Beaumont, Dallas, Texas.

Names and addresses of ministers belonging to our church: Brother Jack Fielding, 2206 Vilbig, Dallas; Brother Allen Gibson, Farmers Branch, Texas; Brother Guthrie, Dallas; Brother Zirl Cox, U. S. Army; Brother Forest Walling Jr., U. S. Marines; Rev. W. V. Kennedy, 4900 Columbus, Dallas.

Done by order of the church when assembled in conference, August 1, 1945.

REV. R. E. CONNER, Moderator.
CATHERINE COX, Clerk.

First Free Will Baptist Church, Fort Worth. To the West Fork Association when convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church at Denison, Texas. Greetings:

We send as delegates, our beloved, Sisters Rene Benton and Avella Killough, whom we pray you will receive to sit with you, to aid you in your Godly deliberations.

State of religion, good. Members received this year, 12; by letter, 5; by baptism, 7; dismissed, none; died, 3. Total membership, 86. Condition of prayer meeting, fair. Condition of Sunday School, fair. Average number of pupils, 35. Number of officers, 8. Teachers, 6. Classes, 6. Amount of offering, \$2,354.77. Paid pastor, \$1,507.40. Paid evangelist, \$139.00. Paid for building and repair, \$84.00. Paid for publication, \$20.00. Paid for supplies, \$40.07. Miscellaneous expenditures, \$368.95. For missions, \$42.60. To association, \$21.00. Total income, \$2,354.77. Total expenditures, \$2,084.02. Balance, \$270.75. Value of church property, \$7,000.00.

Pastor's name and address, Rev. C. B. Thompson, 2001 Prairie Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas.

Names and Ministers and Deacons.

Rev. C. B. Thompson and Rev. Frank Bennett. Deacons: G. L. Dearing, chairman; Gee Moore, Jim Eudy, Doc Baber, Hob Killough, Bob Massey; Brother King and Olin Collins.

Done by order of the church assembled in conference, August 1, 1945.

We send \$5.00 for association expenses.

REV. C. B. THOMPSON, Moderator.
O. A. COLLINS, Clerk.

Dott Free Will Baptist Church, Chilton, Texas. To the West Fork Association when convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church, at Denison, Texas. Greetings:

We send as delegates, our beloved, Sister Audrey and Nora Conaway, Sister Leola and Glendene Martin and Brother Ernest Conaway.

Number of members received this year, 6; baptized, 3. Total membership, 74. Died, none. Paid pastor, \$150.00. Evangelist, \$61.00. Value of church property, \$800.00. To association, \$3.00.

Pastor, Rev. J. A. Brooks.

BROTHER JIM MARICLE, Moderator.

MRS. AUDREY CONAWAY, Clerk.

First Free Will Baptist Church, Weatherford, Texas. To the West Fork Association when convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church, Denison, Texas. Greetings:

We send as delegates, our beloved, Sister Allie Ferguson, Brother and Sister H. O. Fawks and Sister Billie Jean Jackson.

State of religion, good. Members received this year, 6; by letter 4; for baptism, 2. Total membership, 49. Condition of prayer meeting, good. Condition of Sunday School, good. Average number of pupils, 39. Number of officers, 3. Number of teachers, 5. Amount received through the Sunday School, \$221.38. Amount paid out, \$149.71. Balance, \$17.15 as of September 10, 1944. We now have a balance in Sunday School treasury of \$88.82. The church paid pastor, \$479.87 for regular services and \$131.13 for revivals, making a total of \$611.00. Paid for Home Missions, \$15.00. For Foreign Missions, \$16.78. Amount of offerings, \$859.59. Amount paid out, \$749.23. Balance, \$146.36. Amount received in the Sunday School Building Fund, \$854.13, with no disbursements from this fund.

Total amount of offerings, \$1,971.10. Total paid out, \$896.94. Balance August 19, 1945, \$1,074.16. To association, \$3.00.

Ministers belonging to our church: Rev. A. F. Ferguson, Route 2, Box 203-A, Fort Worth, Texas. Rev. Mrs. A. F. Ferguson, of the same address; Rev. J. H. Measures, 304 York Avenue, Weatherford, Texas, and Rev. Mrs. Verda Walker, Eureka Street, Weatherford, Texas.

We sincerely covet your prayers.

REV. A. F. FERGUSON, Pastor.

MRS. H. O. FAWKS, Clerk.

Pleasant Mound Church, Buffalo Springs, Texas. To the West Fork Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church, at Denison, Texas. Greetings:

We send as delegates, our beloved, Brother J. T. Reeder and Sisters

J. M. Spikes and Lillian Lamb, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you to aid in your Godly deliberations.

State of religion, fair. Members received this year, 4; by letter, 1; by baptism, 3; dismissed, 11; number died, 3. Total membership, 212. Condition of Sunday School, good. Average number of pupils, 40. Number of officers, 4. Teachers, 4. Classes, 4. Amount of offering, \$1,225.52. Paid pastor, \$480.00. Paid evangelist, \$37.47. Paid for building and repairs, \$35.00. For supplies, \$6.00. Miscellaneous expenditures, \$283.61. For mission, \$35.74. To association, \$3.00. Total income, \$1,225.52. Total expenditures, \$880.82. Balance, \$344.70. Value of church property, \$1,500.00.

Pastor's name and address: Rev. Tiff Covington, Route 2, Bellevue, Texas.

Names of Ministers and Deacons.

Ministers: Rev. Tiff Covington and Rev. W. W. Winters. Deacons: Brothers J. T. Reeder, J. M. Inman, Ben White, L. J. White and J. W. Broom.

Done by order of the church assembled in conference August 25, 1945.

J. T. REEDER, Moderator Pro-Tem.
MRS. OLA MOORE, Clerk.

Gartmans View Church, Comanche, Texas. To the West Fork Association when convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church, at Denison, Texas. Greetings:

We send as delegates, our beloved, Sisters Montie Irby, Grace Collins and Belle Easley, whom we pray you will receive to sit with you to aid you in your Godly deliberations.

State of religion, good. Members received this year, 7; by letter, 1; by baptism, 6; dismissed, none; died, none. Total membership, 154. Condition of prayer meeting, poor. Condition of Sunday School, good. Average number of pupils, 45. Number of officers, 9. Teachers, 4. Classes, 4. Amount of offering, \$80.00. Paid pastor, \$440.00. Paid evangelist, \$98.58. Paid for building and repair, \$89.00. Paid for supplies, \$29.00. Miscellaneous expenditures, \$86.00. For missions, \$40.00. To association, \$4.00. Total income, \$894.86. Total expenditures, \$758.00. Balance, \$136.86. Value of church property, \$2,000.00.

Pastor's name and address, Rev. J. A. Brooks, Comanche, Texas, Route 1.

Names of Ministers and Deacons.

Ministers: Rev. M. R. Gaines and Rev. J. A. Brooks. Deacons: Brothers Ted Patton, C. B. McGuire, P. J. Easley and Will Irby.

Done by order of the church assembled in conference August 25,

1945.

REV. J. A. BROOKS, Moderator
GARLAND COLLINS, Clerk.

PETITIONARY CHURCH LETTERS.

The Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church was organized November 12, 1944, at the close of a revival conducted by Rev. Tiff Covington. There are eight charter members and we present our letter as follows: To the West Fork Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the First Church at Denison, Texas, August 28, 1945.

We send as delegates, our beloved, Brother D. E. McNeely, Edward McNeely, nad Sister Ruby Layton, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your deliberations.

State of religion, good. Members received this year, 15; number baptized, 5; number dismissed, none; number died, none. Total membership, 15.

Condition of prayer meeting, good. Condition of Sunday School, good. Average number of pupils, 20. Number of officers, 2. Teachers, 3. Paid pastor, \$48.75. Paid evangelists, \$100.00. For building and repairs, \$69.25. Publication, \$72.40. To association, \$2.00.

Pastor's name and address, Rev. C. C. Lamb, Route 2, Vernon, Texas.

Done by order of the church when assembled in conference August 26, 1945.

REV. C. C. LAMB, Moderator.
MAXINE LAMB, Clerk.

Remarks: We want to express our sincere appreciation for the prayers and financial help the different churches of this association have given us. Our church voted in conference to invite the association to meet with us in the 1946 session.

Waco, Texas, August 28, 1945.

Brethren in Christ:

We, the church of God, known as the 14th and Park Street Free Will Baptist Church of Waco, Texas, ask to be admitted to the West Fork Association, and delegates to be admitted and seated as follows: Sergeant and Sister I. L. Clair, Sister E. J. Vaughn and Brother Wesley Calvery.

The church was organized April 18, 1945, with the assistance of Rev. A. F. Ferguson and Rev. J. H. Measures. The officers elected are as follows: Brother E. J. Vaughn, pastor. Sergeant I. L. Clair, treasurer of building funds. Juanita Jackson, church clerk. Brother J. R. White, church treasurer. Brother Walter Rancher, Brother E. Calvery and

Brother L. C. Ingram as Deacons, and Brother O. Phillips, Brother E. Calvery and Brother J. R. White as Trustees.

Charter members were 25 and new additions are 26, which gives a total of 51.

Sunday School report as follows:

The number enrolled in April was 25; May, 30; June, 30; July, 45, and August, 50. Total amount of offering, \$33.24, with no disbursements. As for literature, we use the Bible.

Church Treasurer's Report.

Cash received, \$574.55; cash payments, \$510.94, which leaves a balance on hand of \$63.61.

Church Building Fund.

Cash received, \$3,543.55; cash payments, \$3,713.19. Paid out over what was taken in, \$169.81. Cash on hand, \$55.58. Debts outstanding, \$2,229.88. Value of church property, \$4,000.00, which is covered by insurance. Pastor's salary, \$950.00 per year.

We cordially invite the association to convene with us the next annual meeting. To association, \$3.00.

REV. E. J. VAUGHN, Moderator.

JUANITA JACKSON, Clerk.

West Fork Quarterly Meeting. To the West Fork Association when convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Denison, Texas, we send greetings.

We send as our delegates, our beloved, Sisters Mary Catherine Cox, Billie Jean Jackson, and Mary Marchant, whom we pray you will receive to sit with you, to aid you in your Godly deliberations.

We have held four regular sessions through the year with a good representation of the churches. We feel that much good has been done.

Our next meeting will be with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Weatherford, Texas.

Done by order of the Quarterly Meeting when assembled with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, July 28, 1945.

REV. TIFF COVINGTON, Moderator.

MRS. A. R. LIGGETT, Clerk.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE: Sisters Montie Irby, Ruby Layton and Ruby Lamb.

CAMP MEETING GROUNDS COMMITTEE: Rev. A. D. Marchant, Chairman; Rev. C. B. Thompson and Rev. M. L. Sutton.

Report of Obituary Committee.

We, your committee on obituaries, report the following:

Sister Josephine Barnett, Sister Fannie Reeder and Brother Attlee :
Stephenson, all of Pleasant Mound Church,

Sister Sudie Coffman, Denison Church.

Sister W. C. King, Sister Stockman and Rev. J. C. Hodges, all of
the First Free Will Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas.

Sister W. C. Massey, First Free Will Baptist Church, Waco, Texas.

We wish to extend our sympathy to loved ones left bereaved. May
God comfort you in your dark hours is our prayer.

Committee: MRS. RUBY LAMB,
MRS. A. A. LAYTON,
MISS MONTIE IRBY.

TREASURER'S REPORT, WEST FORK ASSOCIATION.

Received from Brother W. D. Phillips, retiring treasurer.....\$155.66
Collections at 1944 session 137.75

Total's \$293.41

Paid to State Association 13.00

Balance \$280.41

Tent Fund.

Received from Brother H. H. Killough, retiring treasurer.....\$166.85

Pledges paid 77.65

Disbursements None

Total \$244.50

Home Missions.

Collections at last session of the association\$10.00

Disbursements None

SUMMARY.

West Fork Association Funds\$293.41

Tent Funds 244.50

Home Missions10.00

Total \$547.91

Paid to State Association, 1944 13.00

Balance to seating of this session of the association.....\$534.91

CHARLES B. WIER,

Association Treasurer.

HOME MISSIONS REPORT.

1. Brethren, as your director on Home Missions, I wish to report as follows: "We find that the Missionary Spirit is growing, for which we thank God."

2. And that the West Fork Association of the Free Will Baptists realize what is contained in the Great Commission.

3. And that we are willing and determined to spread the gospel at home and abroad.

4. And we find the spirit of co-operation prevails to a greater degree than for some time past in mission work.

5. And we urge that we gather hands to promote the work of our Lord at home and to the uttermost parts of the earth.

As director of Home Missions, I recommend that the churches of this association pool our Mission Funds and that we take them to our State Association to be used in the Mission Field throughout the State of Texas.

Yours for Christ,

REV. TIFF COVINGTON.

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS.

Be it resolved that we extend to this church a rising vote of thanks for the royal hospitality shown us during this session.

MRS. A. F. FERGUSON.

Letter from.....Church to the

(Please state whether Quarterly meeting, Yearly meeting or Association)

when convened with.....church at

We send as delegates, our beloved:

Delegates

Alternates

whom we pray you will receive to sit with you, to aid you in your Godly deliberations.

State of religion.....Members received this year,.....by
letter.....by baptism.....dismissed.....number died.....total
membership.....Condition of prayer meeting.....Condition of
Sunday School.....Average number of pupils.....Number of Officers
.....Teachers.....Classes.....Amount of offering \$.....
Paid Pastor \$.....Paid Evangelist \$.....Paid for Building
and Repair.....Paid for Publication.....Paid for sup-
plies \$.....Miscellaneous Expenditures \$.....For Mission \$.....
To Association \$.....Total Income \$.....Total Expenditures \$.....
Balance \$.....Value of Church Property \$.....
Pastor's name and address.....

NAMES OF MINISTERS AND DEACONS

Ministers

Deacons

Done by order of the church assembled in conference, this.....day
of.....19.....

Moderator

Clerk

