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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Fifty-seventh Annual Session

OF THE

West Fork Association

OF

Free Will Baptist Churches

Held With the

First Free Will Baptist Church

of

Waco, Texas

August 27 - 29, 1946

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The Association will meet in its next regular yearly session on Tuesday night before the first Sunday in September, 1947, convening with the Gartman's View Free Will Baptist Church, Comanche, Texas. (Sept. 2, 1947.)

TUESDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 27, 1946

The Association convened with Rev. M. L. Sutton reading 1 Corinthians 10 as the devotional.

Prayer was lead by Brother E. O. Walters.

Rev. C. B. Thompson preached the evening sermon. His subject was, "Growing" and the text was taken from the following; 1 Cor. 3; 1 Cor. 9:11; Rom. 15:27; Heb. 5; 1 Cor. 2; and 1 Peter 2:17, 18.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

The moderator called the meeting together with congregational singing.

Devotional, Rev. J. B. Lovering, reading Romans 12:1, 2. His subject was, "A Living Sacrifice".

Reading of church letters by the clerk.

Committees were appointed as follows:

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: Rev. J. A. Brooks, chairman, Rev. J. B. Lovering and Rev. W. H. Hasley.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: Rev. Tiff Covington, chairman, Rev. R. E. Conner, and Rev. A. F. Ferguson.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE: Rev. M. L. Sutton, chairman, Rev. E. W. Horner, and Sister Carrye Covington.

COMMITTEE ON DIVINE SERVICE: Rev. C. J. Hearron, chairman, Brother A. Sullins, and Brother Ellis Calvery.

Welcome address by Rev. C. J. Hearron, pastor of the host church.

Divine Committee reported that Rev. R. E. Conner preach the morning sermon, and Rev. A. F. Ferguson, the afternoon devotional.

Intermission with prayer by Rev. J. L. Bounds.

The association resumed with singing after a ten minute recess.

Prayer: Rev. J. B. Lovering.

Morning sermon by Rev. R. E. Conner. Text, John 8:12. Subject, "Jesus, he Light of the World".

Prayer: Rev. R. E. Conner.

The sermon was uplifting and was enjoyed by all. Brother Conner was extended an old time hand shake as the congregation sang.

Dismissed for lunch, with prayer by Rev. Conner.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Convened with singing.

Devotion by Rev. A. F. Ferguson, Eph. 4:1-13.

Report of Credential Committee. See reports.

The church letter from the First Free Will Baptist Church was read and adopted.

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Motion made and carried that the letters from all churches be received and that the delegates be seated. Delegates were given the right hand of fellowship.

CHURCHES REPRESENTED

First Free Will Baptist Church, Fort Worth -----	\$5.00
First Free Will Baptist Church, Comanche -----	3.00
First Free Will Baptist Church, Waco -----	5.00
First Free Will Baptist Church, Weatherford -----	3.00
First Free Will Baptist Church, Gartman's View, Comanche --	4.00
First Free Will Baptist Church, Dallas -----	3.00
First Free Will Baptist Church, Denison -----	2.00
Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Fort Worth -----	116.17
New Salem Free Will Baptist Church, Decatur -----	3.00
Pleasant Mound Free Will Baptist Church, Buffalo Springs ----	5.00
Dott Free Will Baptist Church, Eddy -----	5.00
South Side Free Will Baptist Church, Comanche, Petitionary--	2.00
	\$154.17

Invitations for a home for the 1947 Association.

The Pleasant Mound Church, Buffalo Springs; First Free Will Baptist Church, Weatherford; and Gartman's View Church all included an invitation in their letters to the association to be seated with them in the next session.

Motion was made and adopted that the next session convene with the Gartmans View Free Will Baptist Church, Comanche, Texas, on Tuesday night before the first Sunday in September, 1947.

Rev. R. E. Conner and Rev. J. B. Lovering were nominated for the office of moderator.

Rev R. E. Conner was elected moderator of the next session by a narrow margin.

Rev. J. B. Lovering was elected as assistant moderator.

Brothers Chas. B. Wier, W. D. Phillips, and Sister Jessie Ferguson were nominated for the office of associational clerk.

Sister Jessie Ferguson was elected to the office of associational clerk for the next session.

Sister M. L. Sutton was elected as assistant associational clerk.

Nominations for associational treasurer.

Motion was made and adopted that Brother Chas. B. Wier, be re-elected associational treasurer, by acclamation.

Motion made and adopted to discharge the committee that was to locate a central meeting place for the yearly meeting of the association.

The report of the Director of Sunday Schools was read.

Motion made and adopted to adopt the report of the Director of Sunday Schools.

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Motion made and adopted to receive the report of the corresponding messenger of the District Sunday School Convention.

Motion made and adopted that Brother and Sister C. C. Hood be recognized as visitors from Oklahoma, and that they be allowed all privileges of the association, except voting.

Motion made and adopted that the Wednesday afternoon business session be adjourned to come together again at 9:30 a. m. Thursday.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev A. F. Ferguson.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

The evening service convened with congregational singing.

Prayer, Sister M. L. Sutton.

Rev. J. A. Brooks led in a testimonial service.

Prayer; Rev. C. B. Thompson.

Rev. C. C. Hood preached the evening message, reading John 8:31. "True Discipleship", was his subject.

Prayer, Rev. C. C. Hood.

THURSDAY MORNING

The association convened with singing.

The moderator recognized Brother H. H. Haston as a visiting minister and extended to him all the privileges of the association except voting.

Brother Haston conducted the morning devotional, reading 2 Corinthians 5.

Prayer: Rev. Tiff Covington.

Motion made and adopted to receive the letter of the Dott Free Will Baptist Church, and to seat the delegates.

Reading of Resolutions.

Motion was made which carried to adopt Resolutions numbers 1, 2, 3, and 4 respectively.

Motion made and adopted to have a five minutes intermission before going into the morning preaching service.

Prayer: Rev. J. L. Bounds.

After the recess, the congregation was called together by singing.

Rev. Tiff Covington preached the sermon at the eleventh hour. His text was, John 14:11, 12. Subject, "The Promise to the Believers."

While the congregation sang "I am Bound for the Promised Land" an old time hand was extended to Brother Covington for the wonderful sermon that he preached.

Dismissed for lunch with prayer by Brother Covington.

The Report of the Women's Work was read.

Brother A. J. Fielding asked the Lord's blessing upon our lunch which was served inside the church due to showers.

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THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The business session was called to order after singing.

Prayer by the moderator, Rev. C. B. Thompson.

Motion made and adopted that the report on Women's Work be adopted.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE STATE ASSOCIATION

Motion made and adopted that the delegates to the State Association be named at this time.

First Free Will Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Mrs. H. H. Killough.

Pleasant Mound Free Will Baptist Church, Buffalo Springs, Miss Lucille Cozart.

First Free Will Baptist Church, Weatherford, Mrs. Julia Jackson.

First Free Will Baptist Church, Denison, Mrs. Erdie Jenkins.

New Salem Free Will Baptist Church, Decatur, Brother W. D. Phillips.

Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Mrs. M. L. Sutton.

First Free Will Baptist Church, Waco, Brother Riley White.

Gartmans View Free Will Baptist Church, Comanche, Mrs. Carlos McGuire.

First Free Will Baptist Church, Dallas, Mrs. Lorene Chester.

Dott Free Will Baptist Church, Chilton, Mrs. Leroy Conaway.

First Free Will Baptist Church, Comanche, Mrs. Sylvia Burkes.

South Side Free Will Baptist Church, Comanche, Mr. J. D. Hughes.

New Hope Free Will Baptist Church, Weatherford, Mr. Raymond Melton.

Motion made and adopted that the report of the Director of Home Missions be adopted.

Election of minister to preach the introductory sermon at the next meeting of the association.

Rev. M. L. Sutton and Rev J. B. Lovering were nominated.

Motion made and adopted that the nominations cease and that we proceed with the elections.

Rev. M. L. Sutton having received the majority of votes, was thereby elected to preach the introductory sermon.

Motion made and adopted that the report of the Director of Publicity be adopted.

Motion made and adopted that the report of the Treasurer be adopted.

Motion made and adopted that a rising vote of thanks be extended to the retiring moderator.

The report of the Obituary Committee having been read, a motion was made and adopted that this report be received. And that the congregation stand at attention for one minute, during prayer.

Prayer, Brother H. H. Haston.

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Nominations for delegate to the National Association.

Mrs. M. L. Sutton having been solely nominated, she was recommended to represent the Westfork Association in the National Association.

Motion was made and adopted that the minutes of the association be received as read, with corrections made where necessary.

Motion made and adopted that this association go on record of recommending to the State Association that we organize a meeting comprising the states of Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas.

The business of this session of the West Fork Association having been concluded, a motion was made and adopted that we adjourn to meet again on Tuesday night before the first Sunday in September, 1947, convening with the Gartman's View Free Will Baptist Church, Comanche, Texas.

Prayer: Rev. M. L. Sutton.

Rev. C. B. Thompson, Moderator

Bro. Chas. B. Wier, Recording Secretary.

Benediction: Rev. A. F. Ferguson.

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FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Weatherford, Texas, to the West Fork Association when convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church, Waco, Texas.

Greetings: We send as delegates our beloved, Sisters Rose Bennet, Julia Jackson, and Jessie Ferguson, 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 8; by letter 2, by baptism 6; dismissed 2, number died none. Total membership 54. Condition of prayer meeting, good. Condition of Sunday School, good. Average number of pupils, 56. Number of officers 3. teachers 5, classes 5. Amount of offering, \$295.16. Paid pastor, \$900.00 Paid evangelist, \$81.00. Paid for building and repair, \$189.00. Miscellaneous expenditures, \$91.00. Missions, \$10.70. To Association, \$3.00. Total income, \$1,133.29. Total expenditures, \$1,183.48. Balance 89.67. Amount raised on building fund this year, \$234.74. Balance on hand for new building, \$934.87. Value of church property, \$2,000.00. No indebtedness.

Ministers belonging to our church, Rev. A. F. Ferguson, Rev. Mrs. A. F. Ferguson, Rev. J. H. Measures, Rev. Mrs. Verda Walker, and Rev. Mrs. H. O. Fawks. Deacons, Brothers H. L. Harley, J. L. Brandon, and H. O. Fawks.

We invite the West Fork Association to meet with us in 1947.

Done by order of the church assembled in conference this 25th day

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Rev. A. F. Ferguson, Moderator,
Bro. J. L. Brandon, Clerk.

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Waco, Texas. To the West Fork Association when convened with our church, August 27, 1946, Greetings:

We send as delegates our beloved Sisters A. Sullins, Lee Ingram, Gwendolyn Forde, and Fay Walters, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your Godly deliberations.

State of religion, good. Members received this year, 37; Number baptised, 12. Number dismissed, 4. Number died, none. Total membership, 77. Condition of prayer meeting, good. Condition of Sunday School, good. Average number of pupils, 41. Number of officers 3. Number of teachers, 5. Paid pastor \$633.25. Paid evangelist, \$100.00. Paid to Home Missions, \$50.30, to Foreign Missions, \$43.00. For building and repairs, \$93.88. For Publication, \$28.79. For superannuation, \$38.00. For Oklahoma Free Will Baptist Children's Home, \$38.25. Present property valuation, \$5,000.00 To Association, \$5.00.

Pastor's name and address, Rev. Clarence J. Hearron, 1721 South 11th Street, Waco, Texas.

Names and addresses of ministers belonging to our church; Rev. J. L. Bonds, 1903 South 12th Street, Waco, Texas.

We welcome the West Fork Association to our church during this session. May God's blessing rest upon each of you while you are with us.

Done by order of the church when assembled in conference this 21st day of August, 1946.

Rev. Clarence J. Hearron, Moderator,
Mrs. Lee Ingram, Clerk.

TRINITY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH. The Church of God, known as the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, worshipping at 2320 Azle Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas to the West Fork Association of Free Will Baptist Churches when convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Waco, Texas, August 27, 1946. Greetings.

Brethren, we send to you as delegates and messengers from our church our beloved Sisters M. L. Sutton, Andrew Stom, and E. E. Eagleton, Sr., whom we pray you to receive to sit with you and to aid you in your Godly deliberations.

The following is the report of our work for the year ending August 25, 1946 and we earnestly desire that you tender us any advice which you believe will help us to more efficiently carry on our Lord's work.

State of religion, good. Members received this year, 10; by baptism, 3, by letter, 7. Number dismissed, 1. Number died, 2. Total member-

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ship, 149. Condition of prayer meeting, good. Financial: received from Sunday School \$4,737.28, from morning offerings, \$309.84, from evening offerings, \$601.54, from special offerings, \$159.95. Paid pastor \$2,350.00, paid evangelist, \$140.00, paid on building and repairs, \$5.40, paid for publication, \$147.98, for Sunday School and church supplies, \$106.49, for Foreign missions, \$133.25, for Home missions, \$50.00, to Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Ringling, Oklahoma \$157.07, for miscellaneous expenditures \$783.35, for the West Fork Association, 116.17. Amount brought forward \$3,914.21. Total offerings this year, \$5,808.61. Total disbursements this year, \$3,989.71. Total balance \$5,733.11. Condition of Sunday School, good. Average number of pupils 128, number of classes, 11; number teachers, 12; number officers, 3. Total Sunday Sunday offerings, \$4,737.28. Total Sunday School expenditures \$16.21. Balance transferred to general church treasure, \$4,721.07. Value of church property \$10,000.00.

Pastor's name and address, Rev. M. L. Sutton, Route 3, Box 48, Arlington, Texas.

Names of ministers belonging to our church. Rev. H. C. StJohn, Rev. Gene Chance, Rev. John Lucas, Rev. Eddy Brown. Names of deacons in our church: Brother J. W. Kirk, Brother George Bassham, Brother W. S. Harrison, Brother J. M. Lucas, Brother E. E. Eagleton, Sr. On trial, Brother J. P. Lowery.

REMARKS: We have had a Free Will Baptist League till four or five months ago. We are going to try to organize it again and hope to report a good League work at the next association.

Also we have started a tent fund with which we expect to purchase a Gospel tent for the purpose of evangelizing Fort Worth. We started our tent fund just four Sundays ago and it is well on toward a hundred dollars. We hope to be able to report many more conversions and additions at the next association.

Done by order of the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church when in regular conference August 7, 1946.

Rev. M. L. Sutton, Moderator

Miss Ruby Lee Lucas, Church Clerk

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Denison, Texas. To the West Fork Association of Free Will Baptist Churches when convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church at Waco, Texas.

We send as delegates our beloved brethren: Mrs. Cora Norie and Mrs. H. S. Vankirk, whom we pray you will receive to sit with you in your Godly deliberations.

State of religion, fair. Members received this year, 1, which came as a candidate for baptism. By letter, none. Dismissed, none. Died, none. Total membership, 76. Prayer meeting, fair. Condition

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of Sunday School, fair. Average number of pupils, 36. Number of officers, 6. Paid pastor, \$628.34. Paid evangelist, \$142.70. Building and repair, \$179.31. Paid for publication, \$37.00. Paid for missions, \$79.99. Paid for utilities, \$36.50. Value of Church property, \$6,500.00. Pastor's name and address, Rev. C. C. Hood, 222 East Hull Street, Denison, Texas. To association for expenses, \$2.00.

Names of ministers and deacons belonging to our church. Minister Rev. A. D. Marchant. Deacons, W. L. Fulce, Will Sampson, and W. D. Horner.

Done by order of the church when assembled in conference August 18, 1946.

Rev. C. C. Hood, Moderator

Mrs. Cora Norie, Clerk.

PLEASANT MOUND FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Buffalo Springs, Texas.

To the West Fork Association of Free Will Baptist Churches, when convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church, of Waco, Texas, Greetings:

We send as delegates, our beloved, Sister Carrye Covington, Iva Broom, and Ola Moore, 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, 5. By baptism, 4. Dismissed, 2. Number died, 4. Total membership, 214.

Condition of prayer meeting, fair. Condition of Sunday School, good. Average number of pupils, 45. Number of officers, 4. Teachers, 4. Classes, 4.

Paid pastor, \$480.00. Paid evangelist, \$156.37. Paid for building and repair, \$25.00. Miscellaneous expenditures, \$278.67. For mission, \$130.00. To association, \$5.00. Total income \$1,480.67. Total expenditures, \$1,072.59. Balance, \$408.08.

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

Names of ministers and deacons belonging to our church. Ministers, Rev. Tiff Covington, and Rev. W. W. Winters. Deacons, Brother J. T. Reeder, Brother J. M. Inman, Brother J. T. Broon, Brother Ben White, and Brother L. J. White.

Done by order of the church assembled in conference August 24, 1946.

Rev. Tiff Covington, Moderator

Mrs. Ola Moore, Clerk

N. B. Rev. Zirl Cox filled the appointments of our pastor when he was absent during the summer.

We wish to invite the next session of the West Fork Association to meet with us.

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NEW SALEM FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Decatur, Texas, To the West Fork Association when convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church, at Waco, Texas.

We send as delegates, our beloved, Frank Lamar, T. W. Taylor, Luther Anderson, and Roma Fitzpatrick, who we pray you will receive to sit with you to aid you in your Godly deliberations.

State of religion, good. Members received this year, 5. By letter, 4, by baptism, 1. dismissed, 1. Died, 3. Total membership, 54.

Condition of prayer meeting, none. Condition of Sunday School, good. Average number of pupils, 25. Number of officers, 3. Teachers, 2. Classes, 2. Amount of offering, \$532.87. Paid pastor, \$394.87. Paid evangelist, \$81.00. Paid for publication, \$15.00. Paid for missions, \$45.00. To association, \$3.00. Total income, \$600.00. Total expenditures, none. Value of church property \$6,500.00.

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

Names of ministers and deacons belonging to our church. Ministers: Rev. Frank Lamar. Deacons: Brother W. D. Phillips, Brother J. W. Taylor, and Brother Fred Anderson.

We invite the West Fork Association to meet with us in the next session.

Done by order of the church when assembled in conference August 3, 1946.

Members died, Sister Sapha Harris, Rev. J. H. Haney, and Sister Martha Taylor.

Rev. Tiff Covington, Moderator
Brother W. D. Phillips, Clerk

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Comanche, Texas. To the West Fork Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, Greetings:

We send as delegates, our Sisters, Mrs. Sylvia Burkes, Mrs. Mary Hughes, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you to aid you in your deliberations.

State of religion, good. Members received this year, 4. Number dismissed, 13. Total membership, 27.

Sunday School; average number of pupils, 30. Number of officers, 2. Teachers, 5.

Paid pastor, \$111.00. Paid evangelist, \$32.40. Building and repairs, \$42.00. Publication, \$30.00. To association, \$3.00.

Ministers belonging to our church.: Rev. M. R. Gaines. Pastor's name and address, Rev. M. R. Gaines, Box 132, Comanche, Texas.

Done by order of the church when assembled in conference August 25, 1946.

Rev. M. R. Gaines, Moderator
Mrs. Ida Mae Brooks, Clerk

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GARTMAN'S VIEW FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Comanche, Texas. To the West fork Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, Greetings:

We send as delegates, our beloved Brother Willis Hasley, Sister Belle Easley, and Sister Maud McGuire. Alternates, Sister Brooks, Sister Georgia Mae Woolsey, and Sister Mary Lou Hasley.

Rev. J. A. Brooks has his membership with our church.

We had seven additions to the church; 2 by baptism and 5 by statement. We have had a decrease of 4; one by death, Sister Evada Vaughn; 2 by letter and one by erasure.

We have an average of 34 pupils in the Sunday School. Four classes, four teachers and five other officers. Our Sunday School expenses were; \$83.85 for lights, literature, and song books; \$12.50 for sprays. The Sunday School collections were \$125.05.

The church has paid the pastor, \$397.00. Paid evangelist, \$114.59. Home missions, \$62.00, Foreign missions, \$6.00. Orphanage, \$25.00. Free Will Baptist School, \$20.00.

We now have \$103.00 in the bank. \$77.90 in the Sunday School treasure.

The church voted unanimously to ask the association to convene with our church next year.

Rev. J. A. Brooks, Moderator

Garland Collins, Clerk

DOTT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Eddy, Texas. To the West Fork Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, Greetings:

We send as our delegates our beloved, Sister Nora Conaway, Sister Bobbie Edna, and Sister Pauline Maricle, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your deliberations.

State of religion, very good. Members received this year, 2. Baptized 2; dismissed, 2; died, 1. Total membership, 65.

Condition of prayer meeting, good.

Paid pastor, \$180.00 Paid evangelist, \$140.00 Home missions, \$20.00. Repairs, \$25.00. To the association, \$3.00.

Rev. J. A. Brooks, Pastor, Route 5, Weatherford, Texas.

Done by order of the Dott Church assembled in conference August 11, 1946.

Rev. J. A. Brooks, Moderator

Glendene Martin, Clerk

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Fort Worth, Texas. To the West Fork Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, Greetings.

Members received this year, 9; baptized, 4. Dismissed, 4; died none. Total membership, 189.

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Paid pastor, \$1,575.00. Paid evangelist, \$174.00. Building and equipment, \$329.08. Incidentals, \$409.17. Unified program, \$70.00. Home missions, \$109.05. Foreign missions, \$36.48. Total expenditures, \$2,702.80.

Ministers belonging to our church, Rev. C. B. Thompson, Rev. F. M. Bennett, Rev. J. B. Lovering.

We are glad to report our church in harmony and increasing in attendance.

Sunday School, Number of classes, 6. Officers and teachers, 8. Total membership, 47. Average attendance, 36.

Free Will Baptist League. Our League has just been organized and there isn't much to report. We have about twenty members and some of the number are very enthusiastic.

Women's Auxiliary. The auxiliary has been organized about two months. There are eight members, all very enthusiastic in the work. Their work consists of promoting the spiritual life of the church and community, caring for the sick, sending supplies to the orphans' home, etc.

Done by order of the church when assembled in conference August 21, 1946.

Rev. J. B. Lovering, Moderator
Doc Baber, Clerk Pro Tem

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Dallas, Texas. To the West Fork Association of Free Will Baptists, when convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, Greetings:

We send as delegates, our beloved, Brother Fielding, Sister A. Alderman, and Sister R. E. Conner, whom we pray you to sit with you in your deliberations.

State of religion, good. Members received this year, 14. Number baptized, 6. Number dismissed, 3. Died, 1. Total membership, 84. Condition of prayer meeting, good. Condition of Sunday School, fair. Average number of pupils, 55. Number of officers, 6. Number of teachers, 5. Paid pastor, \$900.00. Paid evangelist, \$75.00. Home Missions, \$35.00. Foreign Missions, \$35.00. Free Will Baptist Children's Home, \$50.00. For building and repairs, \$100.00. For education, \$25.00. For publication, \$50.00. To association, \$3.00.

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

Names and addresses of ministers belonging to our church. Brother L. F. Foreman, 2109 Gould, Dallas. Brother A. J. Fielding, 2206 Vilbig, Dallas. Brother H. Z. Cox, Buffalo Springs, Texas. Brother Allen Gibson, Route 5, Box 400, Farmers Branch, Texas. Brother W. V. Kennedy, 4930 Columbia, Dallas. Brother W. W. Riley, Fort Worth, Texas; and Brother Forest Walling Jr., 4049 Buene Vista,

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Dallas.

Done by order of the First Free Will Baptist Church, assembled in conference August 14, 1946.

Rev. R. E. Conner, Moderator

Mrs. Odis Simons, Clerk

PETITIONARY LETTER of the SOUTH SIDE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Comanche, Texas. To the West Fork Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church, Waco, Texas.

We send as delegates, our beloved Rev. R. H. Rogers, and Rev. A. E. Benson, whom we pray you will receive to sit with you, to aid you in your Godly deliberations.

Pastor's name and address, Rev. J. A. C. Hughes, Comanche, Texas.

Names and addresses of ministers and deacons belonging to our church. Ministers, Rev. R. H. Rogers, Comanche, Texas, and Rev. J. A. C. Hughes, Comanche, Texas. Deacons, Brother J. D. Hughes.

State of religion, good. Members received this year, 15. Number baptized, 0. Number dismissed, 1. Number died, 0. Total membership, 15.

Condition of prayer meeting, good. Condition of Sunday School, good. Average number of pupils, 25. Number of officers, 2. Number of teachers, 4. Paid pastor, \$125.00 Paid evangelist, \$36.00. For building and repairs, \$428.39. For publication, \$3.00. To association, \$2.00.

Our church is known as the South Side Free Will Baptist Church of Comanche, Texas, and since we are a new organization, we petition the West Fork Association to receive us into the body if you find us to be sound in doctrine in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Done by order of the church assembled in conference August 24, 1946.

Rev. J. A. C. Hughes, Moderator

Brother J. D. Hughes, Clerk

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE. We, your credential committee find all churches to be orthodox and orderly, and recommend that the reports be received and the delegates seated.

We also find the South Side Free Will Baptist Church of Comanche, Texas, who has petitioned the association for membership, to be orthodox. We therefore recommend that their report be received and that the delegates be seated.

Rev. J. A. Brooks, Chairman

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RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE. We your committee on resolutions make the following report.

Resolution number 1. Be it resolved that this association issue a Credential Card good for one year, to each minister in good standing in the association.

Resolution number 2. Be it resolved that this association recommend to each church and pastor that we consider seriously the work advocated by our directors of young people's work and Sunday School, and we urge that each church promote some plan for the young people's work.

Resolution number 3. Be it resolved that we, the pastor's and churches of this association start raising money in each congregation to build a camp to be used for ministers' conferences, young people's training schools, etc., and that said money be retained in the local church treasury until conditions will permit its use for building. The amount to be reported to the association each year.

Be it resolved that we invite the other associations of the state to join us in this worthy cause.

Resolutions number 4. Be it resolved that we extend to this church a rising vote of thanks for the spirit of fellowship and the royal hospitality given us during this association.

Rev. Tiff Covington

Rev. R. E. Conner

Rev. A. F. Ferguson

OBITUARY COMMITTEE. We, your committee on obituary make the following report in our loss of beloved membership, and by whose lives we have been greatly blessed.

Pleasant Mound Church, Buffalo Springs; Brother B. B. Brooks, Brother G. W. McGowen, Sister Jennie Cowley, and Sister M. C. Covington.

New Salem Church, Decatur, Texas; Sister Sophia Harris, Sister Martelia Taylor, and Rev. J. H. Haney.

Trinity Church, Fort Worth, Texas; Sister Lillie McFeely, and Sister Mary Buckner.

First Church, Dallas, Texas; Sister Maude Powell.

Dott Church, Eddy, Texas; Sister Bonnie Maricle.

Gartam's View Church, Comanche, Texas. Sister Evada Vaughn.

We recommend the congregation to stand in silent prayer for one moment, in memory of our deceased co-workers.

Rev. M. L. Sutton

Sister Carrye Covington

Rev. W. D. Horner

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REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Brethren, it is with a glad heart that I make my report to you. It is seldom that our people make so rapid progress in any one field as we have made in the field of Sunday School work this year. Every one of our churches have a greater desire to promote Sunday School work, and also a keener interest in developing a more efficient system. Some of our churches have taken steps toward these ends. The First Church of Weatherford has material on the ground with which to build a new auditorium and thus release their present one for a Sunday School building. Other churches are organizing new classes and providing places for them to meet.

But two of the greatest developments I have witnessed this year are the organization of a State Sunday School Convention which has met twice; once at Henderson, Texas, last November and again at the Trinity Church in August of this year. And the organization of a district Sunday School Association which was done at the First Church of Waco on the day preceeding this association.

With things like these in view, I urge the churches of this association to put forth a greater effort in the Sunday School work than ever before. I ask that each School recognize the office of Sunday School Director and that you solicit the help and advise of your Director and cooperate with him, or her, in every practical way.

Respectfully submitted

Rev. M. L. Sutton

Director of Sunday Schools

—o— REPORT OF WOMEN'S AUXILIARY WORK

There have been four women's auxiliaries organized this year.

They are as follows:

First Free Will Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, with 11 members.

First Free Will Baptist Church, Weatherford, Texas, with 7 members.

First Free Will Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, with 8 members.

Pleasant Mound Free Will Baptist Church, Buffalo Springs, Texas, with 12 members.

Total membership, 38.

This is a small per cent of the churches of this association. However, I feel that these four churches have made a splendid effort. They are enthusiastic in the work. Their chief aim is to help in the spiritual welfare of the church, by combining their efforts in prayer and studying the Scripture, also in carrying the Gospel into homes and visiting those who are sick and needy. There has been quite a contribution made to the orphans home at Ringling, Oklahoma in

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the way of canned fruits, vegetables, quilts, blankets, and pillows, as well as money.

We find some of the needs of this work is to realize that:

1. The Women's Auxiliary is a vital part of the whole church's life and activity. Adding in all its programs, supporting the spiritual work and advocating the giving of time, talent, and money to advance the cause of Christ at home and abroad.

2. It furnishes a study course in which the members may meet and study the purpose of missions, and the conditions that exist at home and in the foreign fields. It provides definite personal work for each other, closer fellowship and the privilege of helping others.

Mrs. Jessie Ferguson

Director of Women's Auxiliary

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF HOME MISSIONS

As Director of Home Missions for the West Fork Association of Free Will Baptist Churches, I wish to report as follows. That as an association we realize the need of a decided monument for Home Missions of the West Fork Association, and by prayerful and careful cooperation considerable progress has been made. The churches represented in this association have contributed the amount of \$474.35 to this monument, which we know is just a beginning of a greater work.

As your Director of Home Missions we recommend to this West Fork Association that each church take a part of the finance of this work and a full part spiritually that we may see more churches and greater churches in the state of Texas.

Rev. Tiff Covington

Director of Home Missions

REPORT OF PUBLICITY DIRECTOR

Brethren, as your director of publicity I wish to report that I have caused several church announcements to be published in our local papers.

I wish to recommend that the individual churches elect or appoint a reporter to send the news to the local paper, also to our Free Will Baptist Papers, that others may hear of our work, take courage and glorify God.

Respectfully submitted

Mrs. A. R. Liggett

Publicity Director

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DIRECTORS FOR NEXT YEAR

Foreign Missions
Home Missions
Young People
Ladies' Work
Sunday School
Orphanage

Rev. A. F. Ferguson
Rev. Tiff Covington
Rev. C. J. Hearron
Mrs. A. F. Ferguson
Rev. M. L. Sutton
Mrs. Della Pharm

DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

MONDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 26, 1946

The host pastor Rev. C. J. Hearron, opened the convention with a very good song service.

Rev. M. L. Sutton talked about the organization of Sunday School. Dismissed to meet again for Tuesday morning services at 9:30.

TUESDAY MORNING

Since there were not enough delegates present to organize a permanent organization; the body proceeded to organize a temporary organization.

Temporary officers were elected. Rev. M. L. Sutton was elected President and Sister Naomi Stom Secretary.

Motion carried that the chair appoint the Committee on Divine Service. The following were appointed: Rev. C. J. Hearron, chairman with Brother Ellis Calvery, and Sister Billie Jean Martin.

The Committee on Divine Service reported, asking Brother M. L. Sutton to preach the morning message.

Brother J. L. Bounds was elected as temporary vice-president.

General discussion of Sunday Schools and organization followed.

Motion carried to adjourn after singing a song, until the preaching hour.

Prayer by Brother J. L. Bounds.

The congregation came together with a song.

Brother Sutton delivered a good message, reading 1 Corinthians 15:56-58. Using a portion of the 58th verse as a text, "Be Steadfast and Unmoveable."

Dismissed for lunch.

Prayer by Brother C. J. Hearron.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

After a bountiful lunch the convention was called together with singing.

Brother M. L. Sutton led the devotional reading the eleventh chapter of Acts.

Prayer: Sister E. E. Eagleton.

When more delegates came in there were enough to go into a

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permanent organization.

Motion carried to proceed into a permanent organization.

Election of permanent officers.

Motion carried to elect by acclamation, Brother C. J. Hearron as president of the convention.

Motion carried to elect by acclamation, Brother Wesley Calvery as vice-president.

Motion carried to elect by acclamation, Sister Naomi Stom as secretary-treasurer.

Motion carried to elect by acclamation, Sister J. W. White as corresponding secretary.

Motion carried that the chair appoint a committee to draft the Constitution and By-Laws. The chairman appointed Rev. M. L. Sutton chairman, Sister E. E. Eagleton and Rev. J. B. Lovering.

Motion carried for the next District Convention to meet Thursday night before the third Sunday in May, 1947.

Motion carried that the Executive Board locate the place of the next convention.

Motion carried that the president authorize the plan of program for the next convention.

Motion carried for the chair to appoint a corresponding messenger to the West Fork Association. Sister Naomi Stom was appointed as corresponding messenger.

The body received as delegates; Bettye Ford and Mildred White from the First Church of Waco. Billie Jean Martin and Brother W. H. Calvery of Dott Church, Eddy, Texas. Sisters M. L. Sutton, E. E. Eagleton, and Naomi Stom of Trinity Church, Fort Worth, Texas,

Motion carried that the body petition the West Fork Association that the minutes of the Sunday School convention be printed with their minutes.

Motion carried that a free will offering be given to pay for the printing of the minutes. The amount of the offering was, \$6.70.

The Executive Board accepted the invitation of the Pleasant Mound Church at Buffalo Springs, Texas, for a meeting place of the next session of the convention.

Motion carried to extend to the host church and community, for hearty welcome, a rising vote of thanks.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet again Thursday night before the third Sunday in May, 1947 at Pleasant Mound Church, Buffalo Springs, Texas.

AUGUST 27, 1946

Report from the District Sunday School Convention to the West Fork Association.

When the body came together there were not enough to organize

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a permanent organization, so a temporary organization was organized.

Later when delegates from another church came in we had enough to organize a permanent District Sunday School Convention.

The following officers were elected. Brother C. J. Hearron, president, Brother Wesley Calvery, Vice-president, Sister Naomi Stom, Secretary-treasurer, and Sister J. A. White, Corresponding Secretary.

A committee was appointed to draw up By-Laws and Constitution. Although there are but three churches now; we are determined to go ahead. We will welcome all the other churches to help us in our work.

The time to meet next year is Thursday night before the third Sunday in May, 1947.

We are asking permission to have the District Sunday School Convention minutes printed with the minutes of the West Fork Association.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. C. J. Hearron, President,
Mrs. Naomi Stom, Secretary.

