

# PROCEEDINGS

of the

## Fifty-ninth Annual Session

of the

## West Fork Association

of

## Free Will Baptist Churches

Held with the

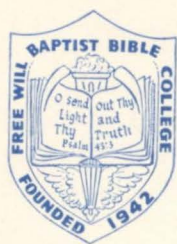
## Trinity Free Will Baptist Church

of

Fort Worth, Texas

August 31 — September 2, 1948

The Association will meet for its next yearly session on Tuesday night before the first Sunday in September, 1949 with the First Church of Dallas, Texas.



# FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

*Presented by*

Rev. John H. West

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## OFFICERS

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MODERATOR: Rev. H. Z. Cox.

ASSISTANT MODERATOR: Rev. Tiff Covington, Bellevue, Texas.

CLERK: Mrs. A. F. Ferguson, Rt. 1, Box 218A, Weatherford, Texas.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mrs. Catherine Cox, Dallas, Texas.

TREASURER: J. M. Inman, Buffalo Springs, Texas.

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## DIRECTORS

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FOREIGN MISSIONS: Rev. J. A. Brooks, 2003 Prairie Ave., Fort Worth, Texas.

HOME MISSIONS: Rev. Tiff Covington, Bellevue, Texas.

YOUNG PEOPLE: Rev. Wesley Calvery, Waco, Texas.

LADIES WORK: Mrs. Della Parham, Dallas, Texas.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Rev. M. L. Sutton, Rt. 3, Box 48, Arlington, Texas.

CHILDREN'S HOME: Rev. R. E. Conner, Bellevue, Texas.

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## COMMITTEES

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CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE: Rev. J. A. Brooks, 2001 Prairie Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas; Rev. M. L. Sutton, Rt. 3, Box 48, Arlington, Texas; Rev. R. E. Conner, Bellevue, Texas, Rt. 2.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE; Mrs. R. E. Conner, Rt. 2, Bellevue, Texas; Mrs. Della Parham, 3110 SeEVERS Ave., Dallas, Texas; Mrs. Catherine Simons, Dallas, Texas.

PROCEEDINGS

The fifty-ninth annual session of the West Fork Association of Free Will Baptist Churches convened with the Trinity Church, Fort Worth, Texas, August 31st. through Sept. 2nd. 1948.

TUESDAY NIGHT

The opening service of the association was called to order by the moderator, Rev. A. F. Ferguson.

Song service led by Bro. Royce Rippetoe.

Devotional: Sister Eva Conner, reading the 1st Psalm.

Prayer: Rev. M. L. Sutton.

Message: Rev. L. J. Foreman, reading the 142nd. Psalm.

Adjourned by prayer by Rev. J. A. Brooks, to meet Wednesday at 9:30 A. M.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING

Convened with singing.

Prayer offered by Rev. R. H. Rogers.

Devotional: Sis. Sylvia Burks, reading the 23rd. Psalm.

Prayer: Rev. Marion Gaines.

Business: The letters were called for.

The Credential Committee examined the letters.

The Moderator appointed a Committee on divine service. Appointed were: Sisters Maude Wier, Annie Mitchell, Maude McGuire.

Tommie Brower brought a special message in song.

Prayer: Sister Belle Hodges.

The Committee on divine service reported that, Rev. Wesley Calvery would bring the message at 11:00 o'clock.

Partial report of Credential Committee was read.

Motion to adopt the partial report of the Credential Committee.

Motion to amend the motion. (See report and amendment.)

Motion to recess for 10 minutes before the worship service.

Song service:

Prayer: Rev. Rex Weatherman.

Message: Rev. Wesley Calvery, Scripture reading, Acts 8: 26-35, his subject was "SOUL WINNING".

Dismissed by Rev. James Fuller by a prayer of thanksgiving for the bountiful dinner which the Host Church had prepared.

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WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The assembly was brought together with singing.

Prayer: Rev. H. Z. Cox.

Special message in song by Judy Eagleton.

A wonderful program was rendered by Rev. and Mrs. Rex Weath-

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erman and some of the children from our Childrens Home of Ringling, Okla.

A love offering of \$65.49 was received for our Childrens Home.

Motion to seat the delegates.

Motion that the church letters be read before the body.

There were letters from thirteen churches, and one petitionary letter.

Motion to proceed with the election of officers.

Rev. H. Z. Cox was elected moderator.

Rev. Tiff Covington, assistant moderator.

Mrs. A. F. Ferguson was elected clerk.

Mrs. Odis Simons, assistant clerk.

Bro. J. M. Inman was elected treasurer.

The association voted to accept the invitation of the 1st. church of Dallas.

Rev. R. E. Conner was elected to bring the introductory message.

Rev. M. L. Sutton was elected as alternate.

Rev. M. L. Sutton, who was the representative elected from our state association to represent the state of Texas at the Revision Committee which convened at Nashville Tenn. gave some information concerning the action of the Revision Committee.

Motion that we receive the information.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Services began with a wonderful musical program, presented by Bro. Royce Rippetoe and the singers of the host church.

Prayer by Rev. M. L. Sutton.

Special songs by the Stamps Friendly Four Quartett.

Message: Rev. Tiff Covington. Scripture reading Isaiah 9:67.

Subject: "Christ the Head of the Church."

At the close of the message the Moderator appointed the Resolution and Obituary Committees.

Those apointed were: Obituary Committee: Sisters Cora Cozart, Earl Eagleton Sr. and Bro. H. H. Killough.

Resolution Committee: Rev. R. E. Conner, Rev. M. L. Sutton, Rev. H. Z. Cox.

Dismissed by prayer by Rev. R. E. Conner.

### THURSDAY MONRING

Singing led by Rev. Wesley Calvery.

Prayer: Rev. H. C. St. John.

Devotional: Rev. R. H. Rogers, Scripture reading 1 Cor. 15:1-10

Report of Sunday School director was read and adopted. (See

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Reprts).

Report of director of Foreign Missions was read and adopted. (See Reports).

Motion to recess until the 11:00 o'clock hour.

The assembly came together for the service, with singing.

Prayer: Sister Edith Brooks.

Message: Rev. H. Z. Cov; Scripture reading: Acts 1:8-11. Text: "But Ye Shall Receive Power After that the Holy Ghost Is Come Upon You."

Dismissed with a prayer of thanksgiving for noon meal.

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Called to order by congregational singing.

A social song by: Rev.'s Ferguson, Sutton, Calvery, and Sister Catherine Simons.

The Moderator read the 126th. Psalm.

Prayer: Bro. H. H. Killough.

Report of director of Home Missions was read and adopted. (See Reports.)

Report of director of Woman's Auxiliary was read and adopted. (See Reports.)

Report of director of Children's Home was read and adopted. (See Reports.)

Treasurers' report was read and adopted. (See Reports).

Credential Committee was appointed.

Motion that Mrs. M. L. Sutton be recommended to the State Association to represent at the National Association.

Motion that the chair appoint the delegates to represent the West Fork Association, which convenes Tuesday night before the first Sunday in November, with the New Hope Church, Henderson, Texas. Those appointed were: Brothers H. H. Howard, H. H. Killough, Dale Smith, W. G. Taylor, Carlos McGuire, J. L. White, Alec Maricle, and Sisters Artell Cox, Julia Jackson, Carrie Covington, Irene Lane, Julia Brower.

Report of Resolution Committee read and adopted. (See Reports).

Motion to adjourn to meet with the Dallas Church, Tuesday night before the first Sunday in September 1949.

Dismissed by prayer.

Rev. A. F. Ferguson, Moderator.

Mrs. Jessie Ferguson, Clerk.

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### CHURCH LETTERS

BONNIE VIEW CHURCH, Dallas, Texas, to the West Fork Associa-

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tion when convened with the Trinity Church, of Fort Worth, Texas.

We send as delegates our beloved Bro. and Sis. James and Juanita Fuller whom we pray you to sit with you in your deliberations.

State of religion good. Members received this year 11. By baptism 4. No dismissals. No deaths. Total membership 29. Condition of prayer meeting fair. Condition of Sunday School fair. Average attendance 20. Officers 6, Teachers 3. Paid pastor \$108.00. Paid Evangelist \$35.00. Paid for home missions \$48.00. Paid for building and repairs \$120.00.

Pastor's name and address, Rev. J. S. Fuller, 3132 Beauchamp Dallas, Texas. Ministers belonging to our church. Rev. T. W. Nelson, 2115 Browder St. Rev. R. L. Shaver, 1145 Phenett Place, Rev. James A. Fuller, 514 Andrus St. Dallas Texas.

Done by order of Bonnie View Free Will Baptist Church assembled in conference Aug. 29th. 1948.

Moderator Rev. J. S. Fuller.

Mrs. Fuller, Clerk

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FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Weatherford, Texas, to the West Fork Association when convened with Trinity Church, of Fort Worth, Texas.

We send as delegates our beloved sisters, Julia Jackson, Leona Measures, Brothers Earl Ford, J. D. Bennett. Alternate Wanda Howell, whom we pray you will receive to aid you in your Godly deliberations.

State of religion good. Memembs received this year 19. 11 by baptism. 4 by statement. 4 by letter. Number dismissed 5. Number died 1. Total membership 72. Condition of prayer meeting fair. Yearly financial report from Sunday School \$389.77. Church offerings \$1,101.60. Special offerings \$36.70. Paid pastor \$1,157.50. Paid evangelist \$94.16. Paid foreign missions \$11.00. Home missions \$22.50. Unified program \$13.00. State association \$20.00. Miscellaneous expenses \$241.56. Amount brought forward last year \$96.18. Total offerings this year \$1,497.37. Balance on hand \$183.53. Building fund treasurer's report: Expenses \$1,571.85. Balance on hand \$46.10. Sunday School report: Condition of School fair. Enrollment last year. 46. Present enrollment 58. Classes 5. Number of teachers 5. Number of officers 2. Offerings \$389.77 transferred to general church treasurer. All finance handled by the church. Ministers in our church are: Rev. A. F. Ferguson, Rev. Jessie Ferguson, Rev. J. H. Measures, Rev. Verda Walker, which was recommended by the church, as ministers in good standing to the association, to

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receive minister's card.

Done by order of the First Free Will Baptist Church when in regular conference this 18th. day of August 1948.

Rev. A. F. Ferguson, moderator.

Mrs. Leona Measures, Clerk.

**PLEASANT MOUND CHURCH**, of Buffalo Springs, Texas, to the West Fork Association when convened with the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church of Fort Worth, Texas.

Greetings: We send as delegates from our church, Sisters Nettie McGowan, Cora Cozart, and N. O. Lamb, whom we pray you to recele to sit with you, and to aid you in your Godly deliberations. The following is a report of the work of our church for the fiscal year of Sept. 1947 to 1948. State of religion good. Memebbers received this year, 7. By baptism 5. By letter 1. By statement 1. Number died 1. Total membership 184. Financial report. Paid pastor \$1,078.35. Paid to association \$10.00. Paid for building and repair \$88.06. Paid to Home Missions \$151.55. Paid to Foreign Missions \$17.11. Paid to Unified Program \$60.00. Miscellaneous expenditures \$426.84. Total income \$1,941.42. Total expense \$1,831.91. Leaves balance \$109.51. Enclosed is \$5.00 for minutes. Pastor's name and address; Rev. Tiff Covington, Rt. 2, Bellevue. Texas. Names of ministers belonging to our church: Rev. Tiff Covington, Rev. Collie Harris, and Rev. W. W. Winters. Names of deacons in our church: Brothers J. T. Reeder, J. M. Inman, Ben White, and J. W. Broom. We extend an invitation to the West Fork Association to meet with us in 1949.

Done by order of the church August 21st, 1948, when in regular conference.

Moderator: Rev. Tiff Covington,

Church Clerk: Lucille Cozart.

P. S. We recommend Rev. Tiff Covington, Rev. W, W, Winters, and Rev. Collie Harris to the Association, and ask that they be given cards of recommendation from the Assiciation.

**New Hope Free Will Baptist Church**, Weatherford, Texas, to The West Fork Association of Free Will Baptists.

When convened at Fort Worth, Texas, we are sending our letter and enclosing two dollars. We pray that you will receive and recognize us. As we have been without a pastor for one year. As our church has gone down, but we are striving to carry on the work of the Lord. Some of our members have moved away. Total membership of fifty. Active members fourteen. But we have faith in the Lord and we believe our church will progress.



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We ask the prayers of this Association that the Lord will bless us in our effort to continue in the Lord's work. As we feel the need of the Lord's work in our community. We know that the Lord has blessed us here in the past 55 years this church has been established. We have now as our temporary pastor Brother A. J. Fielding, from Dallas, Texas.

This is done in order of conference. August 25th, 1948.

A. J. Measures, Moderator,  
Mrs. Rebecca Morris, Clerk.

First Free Will Church of Denison, to the West Fork Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church of Fort Worth, We send greetings:

We send as delegates Sister Ann Vankirk, Sister Julia Brouer, and Sister Lucille Hampton, who we pray you will receive to sit with you in your deliberations.

Statistics: State of religion, good. Members received this year, four. Dismissed, none. Number died, none. Total membership, 51. Condition of prayer meeting, good. Condition of Sunday School, fair. Average number of pupils, 38. Number of officers, 3. Number of teachers, 5. Paid pastor \$1,100.00, paid visiting ministers \$40.00. Foreign Mission \$9.70, Building and improvements \$300.00, Publication \$46.00 Pastor Rev. R. C. Hampton 222 E. Hull St. Other ministers belonging to our church are: Rev. Bob Sampson, Denison, Texas, Rev. C. C. Parris, Fort Worth, Texas.

Done by order of the Free Will Baptist Church of Denison assembled in conference August 18, 1948.

Moderator, R. C. Hampton  
Clerk, Cora Norie

We recommend that the ministers of our church receive the credential card for 1948. Rev. R. C. Hampton, Rev. C. C. Parris, Rev. Bob Sampson.

TRINITY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Fort Worth, Texas. 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 Trinity Free Will Baptist Church of Fort Worth, Texas, August 31, 1948.

Greetings: Brethern, we send to you as delegates from our church our beloved: Brother C. S. May, Chairman, Sister Bertha Eagleton, Brother Jack Lucas. Alternates Sister Juanita Powell,

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Mary Lowery and Emma Eagleton whom we pray you to receive to sit with you, and to aid you in your Godly deliberations. The following is a report of the work of our church for the fiscal year of September 1947 to September 1948: State of religion good. Members received this year: 33 by baptism, 16, by letter 17. Number dismissed 7. Total membership, 189. Condition of prayer meeting good. Sunday School: Condition of school good. Number of pupils last year 188. New pupils this year 70. Present enrollment 197. Number leaving the Sunday School 61. Number of classes 11. Number of teachers 12. Number of officers 2. Total offerings \$6,032.40. Total expenditures, \$96.02. Balance transferred to general church treasurer \$5,936.38. Number visitors 314. Number letters and cards written 561. Number telephone calls 1768. Number of visits made 2349. Total contacts 5678. Financial: Balance of cash on hand beginning of fiscal year, \$6,599.78. Income September 1947 through August 1948- Sunday School offerings \$6,038.75. Morning offerings 270.59 Evening offerings 431.49 Special offerings 168.34. Interest on savings account as building fund 100.89 Song books and study course Books sold 11.00. Total \$13,620.84. Disbursements: Paid pastor \$2,780.00. Paid Evangelist and supply minister 53.45. Paid Brother Royce Rippetoe, Choire dir. 975.00. Paid Sister Emma Eagleton, Pianist 445.00. Paid Sister Fannie McRimmon 366.50. Paid for building and repairs 4,683.45. Paid for publication as advertising 103.80. Paid for Sunday School supplies 96.02. Paid for church supplies (entertainment) 145.35. Paid for Foreign Missions 16.32. Paid for Home Missions 50.00. Paid to unified program 192.87. Miscellaneous expenditures 1,029.27. Total disbursements \$10,936.93. Balance, cash on hand and in bank 2,683.91. Personal contributions for home missions, July and August, 1948, \$57.00. Our church property is valued at \$10,000.00. Pastor's name and address: Rev. M. L. Sutton, Rt. 3, Box 48, Arlington, Texas. We recommend Rev. M. L. Sutton and Rev. Joe H. Haney for ministers' card. Deacons belonging to our church: J. W. Kirk, George Bassham, Jack Lucas, Wilford Harrison, E. E. Eagleton Sr., and J. P. Lowery,

Done by order of the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church when in regular conference this 4th. day of August, 1948.

Rev. M. L. Sutton, Moderator.

Mrs. Emma Eagleton, Clerk.

We cordially invite the West Fork Association to meet in our church in 1949.

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Texas, August 31, 1948.

We send as delegates our beloved Sisters Lutie Harrison, Odis Simons and Artelle Cox, whom we pray you to receive to sit with in your deliberations. State of religion good. Members received this year 7. Number baptised, 3. Number dismissed, 4. No died none. Total membership 83. Condition of prayer meeting good. Condition of Sunday School good. Average number of pupils, 44. Number of officers 2. Number of teachers 6. Paid pastor \$1,125.00. Paid evangelist 126.40. Home missions 124.31. Foreign missions \$15.00. For building and repair \$883.25. Property valuation 12,000.00. Amount enclosed for minutes, \$5.00. Balance in treasury 702.17. Pastor's name and address: Rev. H. Z. Cox, 1412 Beaumont St., Dallas, Texas. Names and addresses of ministers belonging to our church: Rev. A. J. Fielding, 2206 Vilbig Rd., Dallas, Texas, Rev. L. J. Forman, 2109 Gould St., Dallas, Texas, Rev. C. E. Toney, 2109 Gould, Dallas, Texas, Rev. W. V. Kennedy 4932 Columbia St., Dallas, Texas, Rev. Allen Gibson, Farmers Branch, Texas. We wish to recommend the following ministers as ministers of good standing: Rev. H. Z. Cox, Rev. A. J. Fielding, Rev. C. E. Toney, Rev. L. J. Forman, Rev. W. V. Kennedy and Rev. Allen Gibson.

Done by order of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Dallas assembled in conference this 4th day of August, 1948. We invite the next Association to meet with our church in 1949.

Rev. H. Z. Cox, Moderator.  
Mrs Odis Simons, Church Clerk

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FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH of WACO, to the West Fork Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Trinity Church at Fort Worth, Texas, 1948.

We send as delegates, our beloved sisters: Ramona Cottle, Betty Forde, and Wynell Hammonds whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your deliberations. State of religion, fair. Members received this year, 4. No. baptised, 2. No. dismissed, 30. No. died, none. Total membership, 31. Condition of prayer meeting, fair. Condition of Sunday School, good. Average number of pupils, 20. No. of officers, 6. No. of teachers, 4. Paid pastor, \$970.33. Paid evangelists, \$185.12. Home Missions \$17.27. Foreign Missions \$25.91. For building and repairs, \$104.63. For education \$21.59. Publication \$41.44. Amount enclosed for minutes \$5.00. Pastor's name and address, C. J. Hearron, 1705 South 11th. Names and addresses of ministers belonging to our church, C. J. Hearron, 1705 South 11th. Wesley Calvery, 1800 South 11th. The church voted to recommend its ministers: C. J. Hearron and Wesley Calvery.

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Done by order of Waco First Church assembled in conference, this 13th day of August, 1948.

C. J. Hearron, Moderator,  
Ramona Cottle, Clerk

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GARTMANS VIEW CHURCH, Comanche, Texas, to the West Fork Association when convened with the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church of Fort Worth, Texas.

We send as delegates our beloved Sisters Belle Easley, Maude McGuire, and Jack McGuire. State of religion good. Members received this year 12. Number by letter 2. By baptism 6. 4 reclaimed 4 baptised. Dismissed 5. Number died 1. Total membership 179. Sunday School good. Average number attendance 47. Number of officers 4. Number of classes 5. Number of teachers 5. Amount of offering in Sunday School \$260.80. Paid pastor \$385.80. Paid Evangelist 138.90. Paid for publication \$32.75. Paid for miscellaneous \$114.41 Home Missions \$61.11. To Association \$5.00. Flowers \$16.00 Value of church property \$5,000.00. Building fund \$718.82 Name of temporary pastor Bro. Ted Patton licensed, but not ordained. Names of ministers in our church. Rev. J. L. Brandon, and Bro. Ted Patton Names of deacons: Brothers W. A. Irby, P. J. Easley, Ted Patton, Bert McGuire and Carlos McGuire.

Done by order of the church when assembled in conference August 22, 1948.

Bro. Ted Patton, Moderator Pro-tem.  
Garland Collins, Church Clerk.

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FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH of Comanche, Texas, to the West Fork Association when convened with Trinity Free Will Baptist Church of Fort Worth, Texas.

Greetings: We send to you as delegates from our church, our beloved Sisters Sylvia Burks and Bernice Layman and Bro. W. A. Carlton, and Sister Irene Lane as alternate, whom we pray will receive to sit with you and aid you in your Godly deliberations. State of religion good. Members received this year 6. By baptism 1. By statement 5. Total membership 27. Condition of Sunday School good. Number of average pupils 39. Condition of prayer meeting good. Amount of offering in Sunday School \$92.54. Total expense \$42.34. Total in treasury \$50.34. Paid pastor \$220.00. Paid evangelist \$27.00 Home mission \$41.68. Foreign mission \$8.53. To Association \$22.03. Orphan's home \$5.50. General expenditures \$197.13. Balance on hand \$66.00 Total expenses \$521.87 For building fund \$39.39. We send for minute fund \$5.00. Our church property is valued at \$2,000.00

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Pastor's name and address: Rev. M. R. Gaines, Box 132, Comanche, Texas. Ministers' names, Rev. M. R. Gaines, Rev. Marion Savage, Deacons, Brother Raymond Lane, Brother Jess Williams and Brother H. S. Hughes. We recommend Rev. M. R. Gaines as the minister of the gospel be granted a card by said association.

Done by order of the church assembled in conference August 25, 1948. We invite the West Fork Association to meet with us in 1949.

Rev. M. R. Gaines, Moderator  
Wyona Gaines Clerk.

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New Salem Church, of Decatur, Texas, to the West Fork Association, when convened with the Trinity Church at Fort Worth, Texas.

We send as delegates our beloved Brother W. D. Phillips, Sisters Polly Anderson and Eva Conner, 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, 3, by baptism 1, by letter 2. One dismissed. Number died, none. Total membership 58. Condition of Sunday School good. Average number of pupils 35. Number of officers 5. Teachers 4. Classes 4. Amount of offerings \$784.34. Paid pastor \$545.34. Paid evangelist \$65.00, Paid for supplies \$15.00. Miscellaneous expenditures \$50.00. For missions \$106.00, To Association \$5.00. Balance \$98.00. Value of church property \$2,000.00. Pastor's name and address, Rev. R. E. Conner, Buffalo Springs, Texas. Names of ministers, Rev. R. E. Conner, Names of deacons, Brothers W. D. Phillips, J. W. Taylor and Fred Anderson. We ask that our pastor, Rev. R. E. Conner receive a card of recommendation.

Done by order of the church assembled in conference this 15th day of August, 1948.

Rev. R. E. Conner, Moderator  
W. D. Phillips, Clerk.

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First Free Will Baptist Church of Fort Worth, Texas, to the West Fork Association when convened with Trinity Free Will Baptist Church at Fort Worth, Texas.

We send as delegates our beloved Brothers Floyd Eudy, Frank Holding and Sister Frank Holding; alternates: Brother H. H. Killough and Sister Belle Hodges, whom we pray you will receive to sit with you to aid you in your Godly deliberations. Condition of Sunday School fair. The spiritual condition is good. Condition of prayer meeting fair. Members received this year 14. Members lost this year 1, by letter. Improvements on church \$7,249.81. Building of a six room

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parsonage \$5,700.00. Total cost of church and parsonage \$12,949.81. Total indebtedness \$3,000.00. Total receipts \$3,910. Total of \$2,962.24. Balance transferred from general fund to building fund \$948.15. Missionary work 75.51. Enclosed for Association fee \$5.00.

Pastor's name and address, Rev. J. A. Brooks, 2003 Prairie Ave., Fort Worth, Texas. Minister's names and addresses, Rev. H. C. St John, 1816 Bessie, Fort Worth, Texas. Deacons names, Brothers Frank Holding, Doc Barber, Jim Eudy, and H. H. Killough. Ministers' recommendation: This is to certify that Rev. J. A. Brooks and H. C. St. John are members in good standing and fellowship with the First Free Will Baptist Church of For. Worth, Texas.

Done by order of the church assembled in conference this 22nd day of August, 1948.

Rev. J. A. Brooks, Moderator,  
Frank Holding, Clerk.

South Side Free Will Baptist Church of Comanche, Texas, to the West Fork Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Trinity Church at Fort Worth, Texas, August 31st, 1948.

We send as delegate our beloved Brother R. H. Rogers, whom we pray you will receive to sit with you in your Godly deliberations.

State of religion good. Members received this year 9. Number by baptism 4. Number dismissed 3. Number died, none. Total membership, 46. Active members 30. Condition of prayer meeting, good. Condition of Sunday School good. Avrage number pupils 30. Officers 2, Teachers 4, Paid pastor, \$136.20 Paid evangelist \$22.60. Home missions 29.60. Foreign missions none. Church offerings \$271.67, Paid out \$178.40. Balance in treasury \$10.72. Building and repair \$402.21. Balance on hand \$22.91. For minutes 2.00,

Pastor's name and address, Rev. J. A. C. Hughes, Comanche, Tex, Names and addresses of ministers belonging to our church, Rev. J. A. C. Hughes, Comanche, Texas; Rev. R. Rogers, Box 740, Comanche, Texas, Rev. Mrs. Mae Rogers, Box 740 Comanche, Tezas, Rev. H. C. Fauks, Comanche, Texas. The church requests that our ministers be granted ministerial cards. Our church debt \$1,000.00 including interest. Insurance carried \$1,500.00,

Done by order of the church assembled in conference this 11th day of August, 1948.

Deacons belonging to our church, Brother Robert Potter, Broth r A. E. Benson.

Rev. R. H. Rogers, Moderator,  
Mrs. Vera Hughes, Clerk Pro-tem.

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First Free Will Baptist Church of Midland, Texas, to the West Fork Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church of Fort Worth, Texas.

We send our letter which we pray you will accept. Pastors name and address, Rev. Alpha Hughes, Comanche, Texas. Names and addresses of deacons belonging to our church, Brother F. D. Spratt, 711 East Florida Street, Midland, Texas; Brother Bert S. Olney, 1001 South Terrell Street, Midland, Texas. State of religion good. Members received this year 2. Numbers baptised none. Number dismissed none. Number died none. Total membership 4. Condition of prayer meeting good. Sunday School good.. Average number of pupils 15. Number of officers 2. Number of teachers 2. Paid pastor \$26.52. Paid on our building \$353.99. To Association \$2.00. Our church is known as the First Free Will Baptist Church of Midland, Texas, 1000 South Mineola Street, and being a new church standing alone; 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, Wednesday night, August 18th, 1948.

Bro. Bert S. Olney, Moderator Pro-tem,  
Sis. Giola M. Olney, Clerk & Treasurer.

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### REPORTS

We your Credential Committee report the following churches, sound of doctrine, in order, and in good standing: First Free Will Baptist Church of Waco, First Free Will Baptist Church of Comanche, First Free Will Baptist Church of Weatherford, Bonnie View Church of Dallas, Trinity Church of Fort Worth, First Free Will Baptist Church of Fort Worth, First Free Will Baptist Church of Dallas, Gartmans View Church of Comanche, New Hope Church of Weatherford, Pleasant Mound Church of Buffalo Springs, Sew Salem Church of Decatur, First Free Will Baptist Church of Denison, and petitionary letter oof Midland Church of Midland, Texas. South Side Church of Comanche with one exception, that H. O. Fawks be denied a minister's card.

Amendment to Credential Committee Report: Request that the Southside Church of Comanche, Texas, revoke the liscense of H. O. Fawks to preach the Gospel, until such time that he shall have made proper and sufficient satisfaction to the First Church of Weatherford.

Report of Obituary Committee: We your committee on obituary make the following repoort on the loss of our beloved membership

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as follows: Dott Church, Chilton, Texas, Bro. W. H. Calvery, Sister Opal Calvery, Trinity Church of Fort Worth, Sister Mary Wade, Pleasant Mound Church, Buffalo Springs, Nann Durbin. We recommend that the congregation stand in silent prayer in memory of our deceased co-workers.

Sister Cora Cozart.  
Bro. H. H. Killough  
Sister Bertha Eagleton

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Report of Resolution Committee: Resolution 1. Be it resolved that the West Fork Association extend a standing invitation to the Children's Home to present a program at our West Fork Association each year. Resolution Number 2. Be it resolved that this association extend a rising vote of thanks to Trinity Free Will Baptist Church for the nice way they have entertained.

Chairman: Rev. R. E. Conner  
Rev. H. Z. Cox  
Rev. M. L. Sutton

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Report of Director of Sunday School: Brethern: Our Sunday Schools are still marching ahead. More and more of our people are realizing the value of the Sunday School and more of our pastors are doing something substantial to promote this great cause. We are greatly encouraged that a National Sunday School Convention is now a reality and that it has the endorsement of our National Association. A Sunday School manual has been prepared and is now in process of publication. Our churches continue to enlarge their Sunday School facilities and procure better equipment. We are establishing study courses for our teachers and officers and a number of other ways and means which will soon bring forth fruit in the salvation of souls and building of our church membership. With our faces toward the goal of bigger and better Sunday Schools and trust in the God of our salvation let us go on to victory. Let us carry out to the fullest extent the three recommendations offered in last year's report, to Wit: 1—2—3, See Minutes of 1947.

Rev. M. L. Sutton

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Report of Director of Foreign Missions: We are glad to know that God is helping our people to prepare for the foreign mission work, and is opening up the way and field for them to work in. We recommend that we all urge our people to apply themselves and submit themselves to this call and will for carrying on foreign missions.

Rev. J. A. Brooks



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Report of Director of Home Missions: Amount of money raised for home missions by West Fork Association \$938.62. Number of revivals conducted in West Fork Association by State Missionary; 4 and assisted in 2. The West Fork Association has shown a greater interest in home mission work, as proven by our records. Several souls have been saved and a number reclaimed, also the membership has increased in churches where revivals were held, in absence of pastors. Recommendation: I recommend to this association that we approve a home missionary for this association. Since the field is large enough for one full time missionary, and that our churches adopt a systematic plan to finance this work.

Rev. Tiff Covington

Report of Director of Orphanage work: We report of the Children's Home as follows; Since the home is a joint home of the states of Oklahoma and Texas, which is a challenge to all Free Will Baptists, the needs of the children are a challenge to the attention of all of us. The home always provide the best of school facilities to be offered anywhere. But it gives more. It gives a moral and religious atmosphere that moulds and shapes their lives. So it is this task of making Christian homes for our destitute, homeless children, that our hands and hearts are set today. For this task today we make special appeal for larger contributions. Give, knowing that no worthier cause exists. Give, knowing that we can only hold in our cold dead hands what we give away. (A partial report of original report).

Mrs. Sylvia Burks, Clerk.

### West Fork Association Treasurer's Report:

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| Balance of bank account, January 8, 1947.....                                 | \$ 392.58        |
| Collected at Comanche, Gartman's View F. W. B. Church<br>September, 1947..... | 46.00            |
| Totals .....                                                                  | \$ 438.58        |
| Disbursements:                                                                |                  |
| September 26, 1948                                                            |                  |
| Free Will Baptist Childrens Home.....                                         | \$ 100.00        |
| Spring Dell F. W. B. Church, Dallas .....                                     | 100.00           |
| October 29, 1947, State Association                                           |                  |
| State Association .....                                                       | 20.00            |
| Sloan's Printery, 1,000 Minutes .....                                         | 48.00            |
| Total disbursements .....                                                     | \$ 268.00 268.00 |
| Bank balance at present .....                                                 | \$ 170.58        |

Chas. B. Wier, Association Treasurer

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Report of Director of Woman's Auxiliary: Brethern: we regret to report only one active woman's auxiliary in the West Fork Association of Free Will Baptists. ONLY ONE! Active members 12. Total income from Dues \$51.42. Total expenditures \$47.86. Balance in trasury \$3.56. Free Will olerings for needy \$10.00. The Lord has really blessed the efforts put forth by the women of the First Free Will Church of Dallas. What He has done for us, He can and will do for others. Free Will Baptist women, now is the time to awaken! Our Master is calling us to service, can we afford to say no? Brethern will you earnestly pray that the Lord will put this work upon the hearts of the women of this Association. May they go back to their respective churches with a greater zeal and determination to work for Jesus. May the report of the Women's Auxiliary be much greater in 1949.

Humbbly submitted for His sake,  
Mrs. Della Parham.

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### IS IT COMPLETE?

Please see that your associational letter is complete, so that the clerk may be able to tabulate all the facts of your church in the next associational minutes.

This is very important for the sake of your records. Remember, this is final after it is tabulated in our annual minutes.

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## CONSTITUTION

From long experience, we, the members of the Church of God (denominated Free Will Baptist), being regularly baptised upon a profession of our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches to perpetrate a union among us, and to preserve and maintain correspondence with each other, do therefore ordain this constitution for our better government.

Art. 1. MEMBERSHIP. This association shall be composed of members chosen by different churches of our union, not exceeding three messengers from each church. and upon producing letters, they shall be entitled to seats. All ordained ministers of said union shall be regular members, when present, by virtue of their office.

Art. 2. NAME. The members thus chosen and convened in the West Fork Association of the Church of God (denominated Free Will Baptist), being composed of sundry churches located in northern Texas. The association having no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor have and eccesiastical power over the churches, reserving the right to withdraw from any church becoming disorderly.

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Art. 3. **LETTERS.** Letters from the different churches representing are to express their number in fellowship, including the names and addresses of ordained and licensed ministers, the number received by experience, by letter of recommendation. or restored; the number dismissed or excluded, and those who have died since the last Association. The churches in sending in their letters may send obituaries of any who have died during the year, that we may keep a memorial of our dead.

Art. 4. **OFFICERS.** The Association shall have a Moderator, a Clerck and a Treasurer, who shall be elected at each annual session by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 5. **NEW CHURCHES.** Newly constituted churches may be admitted to the Association, which are to petition by letter and delegates, and if upon examination they are found to be orthodox and orderly, they may be received into the Association, the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 6. **QUESTIONS.** No question from any church shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it has been first discussed in its own church.

Art. 7. **MOTION** Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the members who made it.

Art. 8. **MINUTES.** The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of the Association in proportion to the number of members in each church, the distribution to be at the discretion of the Association.

Art. 9. **CLERK.** It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a regular file of the minutes of the Association in a book to be kept by the Association for the purpose.

Art. 10. **SIGNATURES.** The minutes of the Association shall be read, and corrected if needed, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the close of the Association.

Art. 11. **AMMENDMENTS.** Ammendments to this constitution may be made, when necessary, by a majority vote of the members present, notice having been given in writing, and recorded at the last previous session.

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## **FREE WILL BAPTIST ARTICLES OF FAITH**

1. **THE BIBLE.** The Scriptures of the Old and Sew Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

2. **GOD.** There is one living and true God, revealed in nature

as Creator, Preserver and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in the Scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, yet one God, infinite, wise and good, Whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore and obey.

3. CHRIST. Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature, truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified and is our everpresent Savior and Lord.

4. THE HOLY SPIRIT. The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. He is the Reprover, Comforter, Guide and Sanctifier of men.

5. THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD. God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires.

6. THE SINFULNESS OF MAN. Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherited a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to the years of accountability sin, and become guilty before God.

7. THE WORK OF CHRIST. The Son of God, by His incarnation life and sufferings, death and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith.

8. THE TERMS OF SALVATION. The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and the hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith, or unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Savior and Lord, with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

9. ELECTION. God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence, by faith in Christ men become His elect.

10. FREEDOM OF WILL. The human will is free and self controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit and live, or to resist them and perish.

11. SALVATION FREE. God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.

12. PERSEVERANCE. All believers in Christ, who through grace, persevere in holiness to the end of life, have the promise of eternal salvation.

13. **GOSPEL ORDISANCES. BAPTISM**, or the immersion of believers in water, and the **LORD'S SUPPER** are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel; **FEET WASHING**, an ordinance teaching humility, of universal obligation, and to be administered to all true believers.

14. **THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH**. The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments, for rest, worship, holy works and activities, and for personal communion with God.

15. **WAR**. War destroys the lives of the innocent, and is contrary to the New Testament, therefore, we are opposed to war.

16. **RESURRECTION, JUDGMENT, AND FINAL RETRIBUTION**. The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

17. **TITHING**. God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ indorsed it in the Gospel (Matt. 23:23), and the Apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him." (1 Cor. 16:2.)

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## **RULES OF ORDER**

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1. At every sitting of this Association, business shall be opened and concluded by prayer by the Moderator.

2. Ministers present are invited to seats, allowed to take part in debates on all subjects, and to vote.

3. Those who speak shall arise and address the Moderator. Personal reflections shall be avoided in all debates.

4. No motion shall be discussed without a second.

5. When a motion has been made and seconded, and a member opposes its discussion, the Moderator shall put the question, "Shall it be discussed?" If negative, the question shall be dismissed.

6. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken separately.

7. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded.

8. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the Moderator.

9. All questions shall be decided by a majority vote of all members present.

10. No member shall absent himself without special leave of the

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### Moderator.

11. The minutes shall be leasurly read and corrected, if necessary, before the close of the Association.

12. At all future sessions of the Association, arrangements shall be made to insure two sermons, or other devotional exercises equivalent thereto, during each day of the session, and the chair shall announce just before adjournment who shall fill the stand at the next meeting.

13. These Rules of Order shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after the organization of the Association.

14. Alterations may be made in these rules at any regular session of the Association.

